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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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“Let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the livestock, and over all the earth and over all the creeping creatures that creep on the earth.” (Genesis 1:26)



As the High Holiday season comes to an end, this year, *Tav Shin Daled Peh*, ‘the year of the page’, we get to bring back an old ceremony. Members of the Board asked if we could Bless the Pets.

Truly, our neighbors are much more organized in this area, so I had to think about it. We have decided upon Sunday, October 22, as the day to Bless our Pets and by extension all animals. The details will follow.

As I think about that exciting day, both positive and with concerns, I remember in my life I have had dogs, Cinder, Lance, Siyyah (Blacky in Farsi), Turbo and Foxy 1 and 2, a Parakeet named Binder, a Parrot named Maimonides, and a turtle whose name I don’t remember.

I have seen dogs alert their masters to danger and protect them to the extent that they put their life on the line. Contrary to popular belief, I have been a witness to loving and caring and attentive cats. Truly the companionship of animals is well known; they give the kind of love that is unconditional.

In fact, the Hebrew word for Dog is *K’lev* which means, ‘Like the Heart’, due, I am sure,

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EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON

<http://www.templebethemet.com/home/upcoming-events/zoom-weekly-events/>

SHABBAT SERVICES - 7:00 PM

Also streaming on our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBqQ>

(Also on Zoom, see Page 13)

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Sunday, October 1, 2023 -11:00 AM

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - 7:00 PM

(Zoom link on our website)



PIZZA NIGHT RETURNS!

Friday, October 6, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Shabbat Services in the Sukkah - 7:00 PM

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SIMCHAT TORAH

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Yizkor - 6:45 PM

CELEBRATION BEGINS - 7:00 PM

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BLESS THE PETS EVENT

Sunday, October 22, 2023 - 11:30 AM

(See Rabbi Mark’s Column - Page 1)



BOOK CLUB

OCTOBER 25, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Don't Forget to Write,
by Sara Goodman Confino

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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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because of the examples above as well as many others.

Cat, in Hebrew is *HaTool*, which, I think is an acronym for *Hayyim, Torah And Lahoot* (Life, Learning and Passion). Almost everyone I have spoken to who owns a cat tells me that Cats let you know what they are thinking with 'exuberance'.

But, Torah says that we are to be rulers over all the animals. Even the ones we don't like. Last month, I was protecting our Pomegranate tree with socks to keep out the insects and the Squirrels. As I reached for one fruit, I saw one of the biggest spiders I have seen in a very, long time. I huffed on it to move, I puffed on it to leave via its web and it saluted me with one leg. So I decided to talk to it.

I said, "I don't want to get bitten and you don't want to die". Then I stuck out my sock covered hand; waited for it to climb on board and moved the spider to another branch.

I know, I am in the minority. I like spiders because they eat harmful bugs and they express to me the glorious wonderful magnitude of G-D's creation.

I want us to think of all animals that way. One of my great awe's with SCUBA diving was being with the creatures of the seas and observing how they lived their lives in such a different environment than my own. Sea crabs, Grouper fish, Octopi, and Barracuda, amongst others, I have had the honor to swim with.

The majesty of the Kingdom that we are to rule is infinite. We need to always live up to our responsibility from the smallest to the Gigantic, and treat the animals of the world with the honor they deserve. A small part of this will be the ceremony on the 22nd. More importantly, every day we need to be benevolent monarchs to our multi-legged, finned, winged, and tailed subjects.

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - October 2023

You would think that after the rush of the High Holidays we would all want to relax and take a long break here at Temple. Indeed, the month of Heshvan, which follows the month of the High Holidays, Tishrei, is the only month on the Hebrew calendar that has no holidays.



This year we mark the end of Sukkot with the return of Pizza Night and Shabbat services in the Succah. The next night is Simchat Torah, which officially concludes the High Holiday season. But we don't go quiet after that. Religious School is back in session so there is constant learning and activity. Later this month, on October 22, we inaugurate a blessing of the animals, which we hope will become an annual event. Rabbi Mark's column this month explains more about this. The event is appropriately timed to coincide with the Parashat Noach (Genesis 6:9-11:32), the story of Noah.

On October 25 the Book Club resumes after it's High Holiday break. This month we are reading Don't Forget to Write, by Sara Goodman Confino. After tackling the substantial Genesis 1948 (800+ pages) in July, and Mystery Midrash: An Anthology of Jewish Mystery & Detective Fiction in August, we turn to a more lighthearted novel this month.

Next month, Rabbi Mark will begin his Adult Education series focusing on Jews of the West. The November 14 session will examine the early western expansion. Rabbi Mark is very excited over his research for this series. Look forward to many interesting historical anecdotes to annotate his presentation. You'll meet people you didn't know were Jewish and discover ways Jews have influenced the history of the Western United States.

The Sisterhood is planning a Holiday Boutique for December 3, the week before Hanukkah begins. This has been very successful in past years and is always a lot of fun. It will be a great opportunity to pick up gifts for Hanukkah and maybe something for yourself as well!

We are planning on being at the Burbank Town Center during Hanukkah again to light their Hanukkiyah, and of course, we will have our own Hanukkah celebration here at Temple.

For January, we are preparing a show of Broadway-based musical performances under the direction of our Music Director, Robyn Kreisberg. Look for information regarding auditions for this program.

Looking forward, we are in the early stages of organizing a live auction event featuring artwork from the collection of our late friend and member Herb Murez.

Of course, there are Shabbat services every Friday night, Pizza Night the first Friday of the month, and holiday celebrations such as the multilingual Purim Megillah reading and Purim carnival in the spring. We are also looking at other activities during the year such as movie nights.

Is there something you would like to see us do? Do you have a special interest that you would like to share? Our best ideas come from the community and there are no bad suggestions. This Temple belongs to all of us, so help us meet your needs!

Finally, thank you to everyone who joined us for High Holiday Services, either in person or online. We appreciate your support and participation and look forward to seeing you at your Temple throughout the year.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



October Birthdays

Joseph Tanner	October 1
Miranda Goldstein	October 3
Isabel Frischman	October 6
William Frischman	October 7
Theida Salazar	October 15
Robin Klein Plesh	October 16
Flora Werner-Mendoza	October 16
Quinn Alexander Margolin-Moultrie	October 22
Lynda Feldman	October 24
Leona Zollman	October 25
Sarra Lerner	October 26
Ethan Cohen	October 29
Oliva Goldstein	October 30

We do not have a record of any anniversaries this month.

Zoom Information for Shabbat Services

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306033879?pwd=dFMxWIBIY09SNUVqSzAycUp0RjZRdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879

Passcode: 144071

Dial in: (669) 900 6833 US (San Jose) (408) 638 0968 US (San Jose)



A Very TBE Sukkot!

Friday October 6, 2023

Pizza Night 6:00PM*

Family Service 7:00PM

*Adults \$5, children free.



SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION!

Saturday, October 7, 2023

We complete the reading of our Torah and begin a new reading cycle. We'll march around the Temple singing and waiving flags, and unroll the scroll around the



SPEND THE EVENING AT TEMPLE BETH EMET

AS WE CONCLUDE THE HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON!

6:45 PM - Sukkot Yizkor service for those who need to say Kaddish.

7:00 PM - Simchat Torah Celebration begins!



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Betty Canter in memory of Rebecca & Miriam Lazofsky

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Another Masterful Performance!

Rabbi Mark Sobel

***Cantorial Soloist and Music Director Robyn Kreisburg
The Temple Beth Emet "L'Sha Na Na Tova" Choir:***

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Tanya Oldson

Warren Potter

Rabbi Mark Sobel

Ruth Tanner

Accompanyists David Goldstein, Piano and Ian Kranitz, Bass

Musical Talents:

Frank Watnick - Violin and voice

Barbara Harmon - Cello

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FROM THE SISTERHOOD TREASURER - Eileen Martin

The Sisterhood met on Sunday at 11 a.m. and is making plans for future projects. On December 3, 2023, we will have a Holiday Boutique from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM We will be selling household serving items from our kitchen, Judaica from our gift shop , books, craft items and baked goods. To prepare for that, at our next meeting on November 5, 2023, we will be cleaning out the Temple kitchen to see what is sellable and what will be taken to thrift shops. We had a great meeting and adjourned for lunch at a nearby Chinese restaurant.

We are relieved the Anne Berman, daughter of our Vice-President and former member of the Sisterhood is gratefully on the mend after a prolonged illness and hospitalization. Hooray for you Anne, we are all so happy you are better.

This Is Your Personal Invitation to Join Temple Beth Emet's Sisterhood

Sisterhood is a group of friends who work together for our Temple, our children, and our community, in a very tangible way. Our President,

We meet the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM. Please join us. Dues are only \$15 per year (commencing September of every year). Please fill out this form, cut it out and send it with your payment to: TBE Sisterhood, c/o TEMPLE BETH EMET, 600 N. Buena Vista Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505; or just leave it with the Temple Office.

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OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

At Temple October 6, 2023

Msgr Martin Keating	The Congregation
Stephen Merrill	The Congregation
Vaughn Verdi	Barry & Vicenta Verdi

At Temple October 20, 2023 (Continued)

October 1	Nosrat Hakakha	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	October 20
October 4	Millie Epstein	Jerry & Adrienne Everakes	October 21
October 6	Daria Grosberg	Samantha & Mitchell Blank	October 21

At Temple October 13, 2023

Anne Mundon	Cheryl Mundon	October 9
Nan Gold	The Congregation	October 10
Nosrat Hakakha	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	October 10
Conor Lynch	Neil & Vicki Margolin	October 11
Zeke Manners	Susie Manners	October 11
Joseph Schanzer	Lisa Gilman	October 11
Aaron Kleinman	Matt Kleinman	October 19
Irma Karchmer	Linda Mazur	October 12
Rabbi Albert Shulman	The Congregation	October 12
Sarah Solomon	The Congregation	October 14
Blanche Kranz	Jack & Linda Kranz	October 14

At Temple October 27, 2023

October 9	Fanny Rosenberg	The Congregation	October 22
October 10	Mary Reinhart	The Congregation	October 22
October 10	Bernard Cohen	Robert & LaVerne Cohen	October 22
October 11	Samuel Sopasnik	Judith Antelman & Marlene Flowers	October 23
October 11	Larry Weinfeld	Brad Weinfeld	October 24
October 11	William Aronoff	Naomi Aronoff	October 24
October 19	Eva Resnick	Fred & Margaret Bayer	October 26
October 12	Herman Shaffer	Felice McDaniel	October 26
October 12	Dora Bigley	Bruce & Pat Bigley	October 27
October 14	Dora Bigley	Robert Bigley	October 27

At Temple October 20, 2023

Ida Freemel	The Congregation	October 15
Berthold Kleinberg	The Congregation	October 15
Robert Charofsky	Mr. & Mrs. Don Spielvogel	October 15
Alan Shear	Phyllis Shear	October 18
Solomon Friedberg	Pamela Franklin	October 19

At Temple November 3, 2023

Aaron Kleinman	Matt Kleinman	October 29	
October 15	Jennie Nudell	Mayer Nudell	October 30
October 15	Eva Pandrowitz	Joel & Harriet Feinstein	October 30
October 15	Frances Rose	Marlene Dreyfus & Eileen Martin	October 30
October 18	Joseph Testa	Ann Testa	October 31
October 19	Henry Shapiro	Mayer Nudell	November 1

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TEMPLE BETH EMET BOOK CLUB

Conducted by Barbara Harmon.

Book Club was founded by Fran Bourne Johnson Z"L*

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Where: Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emeth of Burbank

When: **October 25, 2023 - 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88422348913?pwd=V1OrY1ZYV05VYzdNejJoK0VCcHUxZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 2234 8913 Passcode: 388498

Dial in Phone Numbers:

(669) 900-6833 US (San Jose) (346) 248-7799 US (Houston)

What book will we be reading?

Don't Forget to Write: A Novel, by Sara Goodman Confino

Synopsis:

In 1960, a young woman discovers a freedom she never knew existed in this exhilarating, funny, and emotional novel by the bestselling author of *She's Up to No Good*.

When Marilyn Kleinman is caught making out with the rabbi's son in front of the whole congregation, her parents ship her off to her great-aunt Ada for the summer. If anyone can save their daughter's reputation, it's Philadelphia's strict premier matchmaker. Either that or Marilyn can kiss college goodbye.

To Marilyn's surprise, Ada's not the humorless septuagenarian her mother described. Not with that platinum-blond hair, Hermès scarf, and Cadillac convertible. She's sharp, straight-talking, takes her job very seriously, and abides by her own rules...mostly. As the summer unfolds, Ada and Marilyn head for the Jersey shore, where Marilyn helps Ada scope out eligible matches—for anyone but Marilyn, that is.

Because if there's one thing Marilyn's learned from Ada, it's that she doesn't have to settle. With the school year quickly approaching and her father threatening to disinherit her, Marilyn must make her choice for her future: return to the comfortable life she knows or embrace a risky, unknown path on her own.





ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2023-2024

Presented by RABBI MARK H. SOBEL



JEWES OF THE WEST

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 - The Early West Expansion
Up from Mexico, West From New York

DECEMBER 12, 2023 - SEPHARDIC JEWS OF THE NORTHWEST
THE LURE OF THE SEA

JANUARY 19, 2024 - THE ALAMO AND PEDDLERS OF TEXAS
STEPHEN AUSTIN, ANTHONY WOLF, GALBA FUQUA AND
ISRAEL ZANGWILL










FEBRUARY 13, 2024 - THE CIVIL WAR
CAN WE GET THERE SOONER, MORRIE?

MARCH 12, 2024 - CALIFORNIA
THE GOLDENEH MEDINA?

All sessions begin at 7:00 PM—Open to the public.
There is no charge for this series, donations accepted.
Also available via ZOOM, meeting information on our website.



OCTOBER 2023 TISHREI/HESHVAN 5784

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 AM <i>Religious School Regular Session</i> 11:00 AM <i>Sisterhood Meeting</i>  Sukkot II	2  Sukkot III	3 7:00 PM <i>Temple Board Meeting</i>  Sukkot Sukkot IV	4 12:00 <i>Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom</i>  Sukkot V	5  Sukkot VI	6 6:00 PM <i>Pizza Night</i> 7:00 PM <i>Shabbat Services in the Sukkah</i>  Sukkot VII	7 6:45 PM <i>Yizkor Service</i> 7:00 PM <i>Simchat Torah celebration</i>  Shmini Atzeret Erev Simcha Torah
8 9:00 AM <i>Religious School Regular Session</i>	9	10	11 12:00 <i>Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom</i>	12	13 7:00 PM <i>Shabbat Services</i>	14
15 9:00 AM <i>Religious School Regular Session</i>	16	17	18 12:00 <i>Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom</i>	19	20 7:00 PM <i>Shabbat Services</i>	21
Chai Times Submissions Due						
22 9:00 AM <i>Religious School Regular Session</i> 11:30 AM <i>Blessing of the Animals</i>	23	24	25 12:00 - <i>Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom</i> 7:00PM - <i>Book Club</i> 	26	27 7:00PM <i>Shabbat Services</i>	28
29 9:00 AM <i>Religious School Regular Session</i>	30	31 				

Coming in November: *Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. Shabbat Services - Every Friday at 7:00 PM. Fri., Nov. 3- 6:00 PM - Pizza Night, 7:00 PM - Shabbat Services - Tues., Nov. 7 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting Tues. Nov 14 - 7:00 PM - Adult Education - Jews of the West - Wed. Nov. 29 - 7:00 PM - Book Club.*



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