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"The Temple With A Heart"

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"All that your hand finds to do, do it with your might"-
Eccl.9:10



Several weeks ago, I received a call from a gentlemen who was upset that at the January Burbank City Council meeting, 'Pro-Palestinian' protesters compelled the City Council to entertain a motion for an immediate cease fire in Gaza. The only council person who spoke against this idea was Zizette Mullins, who felt it was not in Burbank's interest to adopt such a resolution as the City Council represented all of Burbank's citizens. The Council tabled the motion until the May 21st meeting.

Since then, I have had one meeting with the City Manager, the Assistant City manager, Council Person Mullins, Mayor Schultz and members of Jewish Federation and the Burbank Human Relations Council.

We all expressed our concerns over the rise of Anti-Jewish acts since the war began. In fact, the Burbank Police Department is concerned as well. Two weeks ago, the Temple was visited, again, by Police Chief Albanez and Captain Cornils, who chided me because the Blum Hall door was not locked, even before services.

We are also being more vigilant! Before religious school, I stand by the open door as our

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Zoom Information For Recurring Events
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EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

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

SHABBAT SERVICES - 7:00 PM

On Zoom and streaming on YouTube.

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

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - 7:00 PM (Also on Zoom)

2024 DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 7:00 PM

A community commemoration of the Holocaust presented by:

The Burbank Human Relations Council

Featuring a presentation by **If You Heard What I Heard**

Burbank Temple Emanu El

1302 N Glenoaks Blvd. Burbank, CA

Please be aware that all attendees will be required to show ID to security to enter.

RSVP TO: <https://shorturl.at/bkAQ0>

PIZZA NIGHT!

Friday, May 17, 2024 - 6:00 PM

SPECIAL DATE!

TEACHERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

Shabbat Services - 7:00 PM



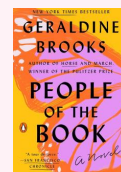
BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024 - 7:00 PM

People of the Book: A Novel,

By Geraldine Brooks

(See Page 8. Also on Zoom)



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 - 7:00 PM (See Slate Page 10)

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to us.

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*New Year's Day, President's Day,
First day of Pesach, Memorial Day,
Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

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Happy Mother's Day

If you have any suggestions or ideas
on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
email us at:

office@Templebethemet.com



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children enter.

Now, I have something for all of you to do!

In one of the discussions with Council person Mullins, I brought up the idea of a petition explaining our position vis a vis the Cease fire resolution. She thought it was a good idea. It is proactive, but not violent, involves all of the Burbank community, not just Jews, and is physically evident, not just violent verbiage!

My plan is to bring the petitions to the City Council meeting on May 21st in a large box and present the petitions, with the total count, i.e., the numbers of people who oppose the "cease fire resolution".

The resolution speaks of our concerns, both political and community wise. It also speaks, as I do, that to be part of Burbank means not only physically living here but workingly living here. Please sign it and then ask your friends, your adversaries, everyone who believes it is not Burbank's role as a city to make such a resolution and more importantly giving in to the violent protests of the 'pro-Palestinian' movement. This is not the Burbank way nor the American way. Further, it shows the world, how to protest, **PEACEFULLY!!!**

When you get signatures, bring them to Temple, either at services Friday nights, or to the office, Ralph is here Monday through Thursday 9-12. We are here Sundays 8:30- 1, at least.

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark

P. S. Thank you Jennifer Larkin for preparing the petition in its final form!!!!

(The petition appears on Page 4)





PRESIDENTS'S MESSAGE - May 2024

One of my favorite characters in California Jewish History is Joshua Abraham Norton, a 19th Century resident of San Francisco. He arrived in San Francisco in 1849 and became a successful trader in commodities and real estate. His success ran out in 1852 when he attempted to corner the rice market during a famine in China. He bought the entire shipment of rice on a vessel coming into San Francisco from Peru. Unfortunately, several other shiploads of rice came in from Peru at the same time and after protracted litigation Joshua went from one of the prosperous people in the city to a person of much reduced means.



Becoming disillusioned with the political and legal situation in the United States, he submitted a manifesto to the San Francisco Daily Evening Bulletin, which the paper published for the apparent amusement of its readers:

At the peremptory request and desire of a large majority of the citizens of these United States, I, Joshua Norton, formerly of Algoa Bay, Cape of Good Hope, and now for the last 9 years and 10 months past of San Francisco, California, declare and proclaim myself Emperor of these United States; and in virtue of the authority thereby in me vested, do hereby order and direct the representatives of the different States of the Union to assemble in Musical Hall, of this city, on the 1st day of February next, then and there to make such alterations in the existing laws of the Union as may ameliorate the evils under which the country is laboring, and thereby cause confidence to exist, both at home and abroad, in our stability and integrity.

—NORTON I., Emperor of the United States.

Following Napoleon's invasion of Mexico in 1863, he added "Protector of Mexico" to his title.

Emperor Norton continued to make official decrees calling for the reorganization of Congress, and even decreed that "Whoever after due and proper warning shall be heard to utter the abominable word 'Frisco', which has no linguistic or other warrant, shall be deemed guilty of a High Misdemeanor, and shall pay into the Imperial Treasury as penalty the sum of twenty-five dollars." His more percipient orders were for the construction of a bridge between Oakland and San Francisco and a tunnel under the Bay.

Emperor Norton issued his own currency, which was accepted for value by many of his subjects. On January 8, 1880, he collapsed and died on the corner of California and Dupont (now Grant) Streets. To save this colorful character from a pauper's grave, the Pacific Club, a local business organization, provided funds for a proper casket and burial. Although Joshua Norton was a Jew, the local Jewish community basically ignored his passing and internment, a snub for which our own Rabbi William M. Kramer later took the community to task in his 1974 book, *Emperor Norton of San Francisco: A look at the life and death and strange burials of the most famous eccentric of gold rush California*.

Emperor Norton was laid to rest in the Masonic Cemetery in San Francisco. In 1934 his remains were transferred to a grave site at Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Colma, California. Beginning at the start of the 20th Century, San Francisco banned new burials, and later directed the removal and reinternment of virtually all graves in the city, most of which now reside in Colma.

Last month Diane and I were in San Francisco, and I had the opportunity to visit the grave of this remarkable character in California Jewish history, who, thanks to the scholarly work of our late Rabbi Emeritus, has an everlasting connection to our Temple Beth Emet. I like to think Emperor Norton would have been a welcome member of our eclectic Temple family!

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



May Birthdays

Wesley Brody	May 2
Marla Goldberg	May 4
Jodessa Bayer	May 7
Dave Wertlieb	May 9
Sarah Watnick	May 13
Sadie Gallagher	May 15
Kevin Colton	May 19
Erica Bolotsky	May 23

May Anniversaries

Susie & Phil Berman	May 6
Philip Wolfson & Agnes Bertiz	May 26
Brian & Andrea McKinnon	May 30

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FROM THE SISTERHOOD TREASURER - Eileen Martin

The Sisterhood is having a quiet month while our members finish their tax returns and prepare for Passover. We wish you all *chag Pesach sameach*, a very Happy Passover.

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.

NAME _____

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May Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
At Temple May 3, 2024			At Temple May 17, 2024		
Jerry Trott	Dianne Bender	May 1	Alex Krone	Harriet Winnick	May 15
Ruth Friedman	Linda Mazur	May 1	Evelyn Jackman	Marcia Jackman	May 16
Milton Eliasoff	Susan Fields	May 1	Isak Korenstein	Janet Petroff	May 18
Ernest Abdo	Vicki Margolin	May 2			
Louis Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	May 3		At Temple May 24, 2024	
Esther Shagan Klien	Cheryl Mundon	May 3	Louis Altman	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	May 20
			Esther Shagan Klien	Cheryl Mundon	May 20
			Helen Pappert	The Cibrugatuib	May 20
	At Temple May 10, 2024		Abe Kranitz	Ian Kranitz	May 21
Beatrice Manners	Susie Manners	May 5	Adele Abdo	Vicki Margolin	May 26
Morris Silber	Jack & Linda Kranz	May 5			
John Eisinger	Congregation	May 6			
Alvin M. Toffel	Dorothy Matzkin	May 6		At Temple May 31, 2024	
Mario Guzman	Lila Tepper	May 7	Marc Goldwater	Terry & Helen Goldwater	May 27
Arthur Fields	Susan Fields	May 7	Eleanor Nemzer Marlin	Dorothy Matzkin	May 28
Minnie Rutkovsky	Martin Bibicoff	May 7			
Morris Tenney	Amy Belilove	May 8			
Alfred Ascherman	Hannah Cline	May 8			
Anna Nudell	Mayer Nudell	May 10			

CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

Planned Giving is a wonderful and loving way to ensure the legacy of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank and future generations. Planned Giving can be as simple as a bequest or a more complex financial arrangement which can provide many options and possible tax deductions for the donor.

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<http://www.templebethemet.com/social-action/donations/>



TEMPLE BETH EMET BOOK CLUB

Conducted by Barbara Harmon.

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

*Her memory will always be a blessing to us.



Where: Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

When: **Wednesday, May 29, 2024**
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

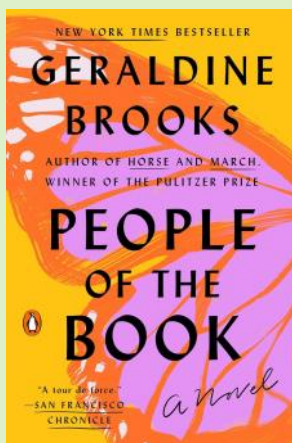
Dial in Phone Numbers:

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

What book will we be reading?

People of the Book - by Geraldine Brooks

Synopsis:



Inspired by a true story, *People of the Book* is a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity by an acclaimed and beloved author. Called “a tour de force” by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, this ambitious, electrifying work traces the harrowing journey of the famed *Sarajevo Haggadah*, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in fifteenth-century Spain. When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, to conserve this priceless work, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient binding—an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair—only begin to unlock its deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultranationalist fanatics.

Synopsis courtesy of Amazon



Yahrzeit Donations

Betty Canter in memory of Al Canter

Susan & Ben Fields in memory of Milton Eliasoff

LaVerne Cohen in memory of Fanny Kurland Cohen



*Purchasing a leaf on the **June Beck Tree of Life** in our Temple foyer is a wonderful way to give thanks when celebrating the birth of a child or grandchild, a milestone birthday or anniversary, a wedding, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, or any other simcha!*

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ORDERING INFORMATION AND PRICING.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please take notice that in accordance with the By-Laws of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, the Annual Meeting of the membership will take place on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Temple.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Nominated Slate of Officers for 2024—2025 Term

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of Officers and Directors of Temple Beth Emet for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 term:

President:	Ira Goldstein	Directors:	Donna Diamond
Vice President:	Ken Watnick		Tracy Martin
Secretary:	Diane Lewis-Goldstein		Theda Salazar
Treasurer:	Eileen Martin		Two Director Positions Currently Without Nominees

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor, however any person nominated must be available either in attendance or by phone to accept nomination. Members may nominate themselves. All members in good standing are entitled to vote at the election of Officers and Directors.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	4 9:00 AM Cooper Brody Bar Mitzvah
5 9:00 AM Religious School Regular Session	6 	7 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	8	9	10 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	11
12 9:00 AM Religious School Regular Session  Mother's Day	13  Yom HaZikaron	14  Israel Independence Day	15 	16 7:00 PM - Days of Remembrance at BTEE	17 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00 PM Teacher Appreciation Shabbat 	18
19 9:00 AM Religious School Final Session!	20	21	22	23	24 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00PM Shabbat Services	25 10:00 AM Chloe Solomon Bat Mitzvah
26  Lag BaOmer	27  Memorial Day	28	29 7:00PM - Book Club 	30	31	

Coming in May: Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Friday at Noon via Zoom. Shabbat Services - Every Friday at 7:00 PM. Fri., May 3 - 6:00 PM - Pizza Night, Shabbat Services - 7:00 PM - Tues. June 18 - 7:00 PM - Annual Membership Meeting Wed. June 26 - 7:00 PM - Book Club.



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- ♦ Must have a current California Drivers License
- ♦ Must drive to doctors appointments.
- ♦ Housekeeping for one bedroom apartment.
- ♦ Drive to Temple Beth Emet
- ♦ Employer lives in Van Nuys and is a 59 year-old woman - Member of Temple Beth Emet,
- ♦ Caregiver needed 6 days a week, 38 hours 37 minutes a week. Prefer Afternoons.
- ♦ IHSS will pay \$18.00 and hour.
- ♦ Willing to be flexible on hours.

**Jodessa
(818) 779-0677**

ZOOM INFORMATION FOR RECURRING EVENTS

Lunch With The Rabbi – Fridays 12:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86873080719?pwd=cjlzcWNZNnNFSXJSTGNTRWJIS0pOdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 7308 0719 - Password: 410358

Shabbat Services Every Friday at 7:00 PM

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

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879 - Passcode: 144071

Temple Board Meeting/Annual Membership Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85673588260?pwd=MzcvSEpqdVJ0b2VETHBCUkiSaVROdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 7358 8260 - Passcode: 558930

Adult Education Sessions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82466952111?pwd=akJnaHN1eFdQajNBVmNSNXNBMzhxdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 6695 2111 - Passcode: 907136

Book Club

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88422348913?pwd=V1QrY1ZYV05VYzdNejJoK0VCcHUxZz09>

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