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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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SHABBAT SERVICES - 7:00 PM

On Zoom and streaming on YouTube.

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

Zoom Meeting ID 954 3781 4440
Password: 773288

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - 7:00 PM

BOOK CLUB

Fleishman is in Trouble,
by Taffy Brodesser-Akner
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

7:00 PM
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SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES

STARTING MARCH 29, 2025 AT 10:30 AM

THE LAST WEEKEND OF EVERY MONTH
INSTEAD OF FRIDAY NIGHT

INCLUDES TORAH SERVICE

CAN'T MAKE IT FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER WORK?

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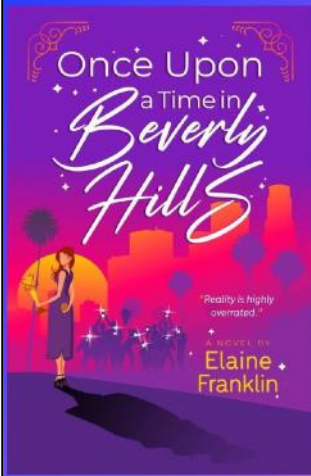
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★ Special Event: Come meet Elaine Franklin

Author of

Once Upon a Time in Beverly Hills

Elaine's wonderful book, which has received great reviews, is a fabulous blend of escapism, realism, and just plain fun. It features three best friends in their adventures through the glamour and pitfalls of society and showbiz spotlighting image, relationships, dreams, and desires.

The very first page will make you laugh out loud!

Sunday February 23rd, 7 p.m.

Join the fun at Temple Beth Emet
600 North Buena Vista Street, Burbank

Books will be available for sale and signing by the author.

*Special guest appearance by children's book author, Deanna Baron

★ Please mark you calendar and RSVP:

818-843-4787

★ Refreshments will be served



TEMPLE BETH EMET (HOUSE OF TRUTH) ORGANIZATION

Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Friday, Saturday & Sunday - closed

The office is closed in observance of the following holidays:

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

Call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to contact Temple Staff/Volunteers. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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Rabbi Janet Bieber
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Robyn Kreisberg

Rabbi Emeritus William M. Kramer Z"L*
*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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Editable article submissions, photos and feedback are encouraged and due by the 15th of the month and may be emailed to:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - February 2025

“Change is hard.” We often say that when faced with change. When you go to the grocery store and find they have rearranged the aisles you think you may never feel comfortable shopping there again. You think you are never going to remember where they put the soup, the cereal, the tuna. You think, “I’m going to starve!” But a few weeks later you are navigating the store like you’ve lived there for years. We think change will be hard, it will be disruptive, and that we will never feel comfortable again. But we quickly learn, we adapt, and then the unfamiliar becomes the familiar. Change is hard, until it isn’t.



When Rabbi Bieber first came to us, it felt to some of us that the changes she brought to our services would be hard. Her melodies were kind of the same we always used, but there were little differences. The cadence was a little different. Her melody sometimes went up when we went down, or went up then down when we were used to holding steady. We started doing things we hadn’t done before, and some things we had always done got left out. It wasn’t that we didn’t like it, it was just different, and we wondered if we could change.

When we started the Religious School term there was some concern -- our students had learned prayers with certain melodies, and now there were changes to those melodies. How could we do this to them?!

Rabbi Bieber didn’t make a wholesale change to our services or the melodies our students used, they were slight differences you might encounter whenever you went to services at another congregation. Once she explained how certain differences in the melodies were attributed to the fact that she was using the actual tropes for those prayers, we could see how they fit with what we heard when Torah and Haftarah portions were traditionally read. Other changes we quickly got used to, and we welcomed additions such as Rabbi Bieber’s original English verses to *Shalom Alechim*.

Not only has the congregation quickly adapted to the changes in our services, but with Rabbi Bieber, attendance at services has remained elevated compared to year.

And what about our students? They have adapted as well. In April we will have our first Bar Mitzvah under Rabbi Bieber’s preparation -- Finn! At a recent Shabbat service two of our students, Finn and Marley, attended. Finn led the congregation in the *V’ahavta* and both Finn and Marley helped lead the *Kiddish*.

Next month we will make another change. The last Shabbat of the month we will hold services on Saturday morning instead of Friday night. We know that sometimes it is difficult for people to come to a Friday night service after work or for families with children to come after a week of school. We also have some in our Temple family who no longer drive at night and do not want to ask for a ride. We hope that a Saturday service will be more convenient and attractive.

Our Saturday service will begin at 10:30 AM, which is not too early, yet which will conclude about noon. The service will include a Torah service, which we have not been able to do Friday nights due to time constraints. Our first Saturday service will be on March 29. We hope to see many of you there.

Change is hard, until it isn’t. One more change I want to remind you of: On Sunday, March 9 Daylight Saving Time begins. It may seem hard to “lose” an hour of sleep and deal with those clocks that need changing, but that extra hour of sunlight at the end of the day should more than make up for it!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



Our message to our neighbors following the power failure during the big winds



Bambi displaying the colors of Israel



The Temple President gives the announcements at Shabbat services



Shabbat Kiddish before our Oneg



Sisterhood President Marlene and Bunni chat with Rabbi Janet



Bambi chilling during services



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Hello and Shalom dear reader,

My name is Bruno Jean-Noël Litloff.

I am 58 years old now. I am a male French born and Jewish by my mother. Now, I'm also a naturalized American citizen. I live in the City of Burbank with my ex-wife Janine Forno for 30 years.

Currently I'm seeking from someone hopefully at this Temple for a live-in situation in addition to a salary. I have a current driver license and my own personal car. I'm available to drive a patient to his/her doctors appointments. If needed I know how to do some light house keeping. I worked with IHSS also.

My e-mail is the following: 120366@gmail.com. My cell # is (747) 316-9949.

Thank you so much for reading me, ☺ God bless you always,

Looking forward to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

☺ Bruno Litloff



February Birthdays

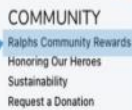
Evan Robert Feldman	February 12
Aleesa F Aronoff	February 15
Marlene Bobrowsky	February 20
Aiden Solomons	February 23

We have no record of anniversaries in January.



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*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!*



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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, February 26, 2025
7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom

What book will we be reading? **FLEISHMAN IS IN TROUBLE**, by Taffy Brodesser-Akner

Synopsis:

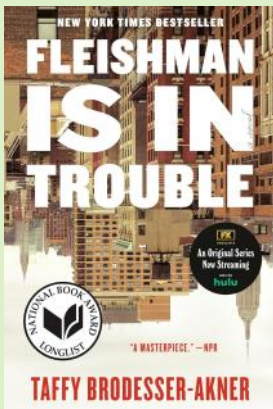
Toby Fleishman thought he knew what to expect when he and his wife of almost fifteen years separated: weekends and every other holiday with the kids, some residual bitterness, the occasional moment of tension in their co-parenting negotiations. He could not have predicted that one day, in the middle of his summer of sexual emancipation, Rachel would just drop their two children off at his place and simply not return. He had been working so hard to find equilibrium in his single life. The winds of his optimism, long dormant, had finally begun to pick up. Now this.

As Toby tries to figure out where Rachel went, all while juggling his patients at the hospital, his never-ending parental duties, and his new app-assisted sexual popularity, his tidy narrative of the spurned husband with the too-ambitious wife is his sole consolation. But if Toby ever wants to truly understand what happened to Rachel and what happened to his marriage, he is going to have to consider that he might not have seen things all that clearly in the first place.

A searing, utterly unvarnished debut, *Fleishman Is in Trouble* is an insightful, unsettling, often hilarious exploration of a culture trying to navigate the fault lines of an institution that has proven to be worthy of our great wariness and our great hope.

Alma's Best Jewish Novel of the Year • Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Prize for Best First Book

Synopsis from Amazon





Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
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The Temple Beth Emet Sisterhood focus on serving the Temple and the community. Membership in Sisterhood means making a commitment to living Jewish. By being a member, you become an active link in the history of our people. You serve as a role model for Jewish values. Each member blossoms in their own individual way as they experience the camaraderie of Sisterhood and share in service to the Jewish community.

FROM THE SISTERHOOD TREASURER - Eileen Martin



The Sisterhood met Sunday, January 19th and we had a great time. We conducted some business and then had a little birthday party for Sandy Cohen, one of our members. We even had cake and it was really fun.

The Sisterhood is now looking to the future to help the Temple. We are asking Michael Maldonado, our handyman, to fix the back of the doors leading to the patio and the Sisterhood will pay. We also discussed the Purim Carnival and our contribution. As in years before, we will pay for the bounce house. We also planned on having a mini boutique.

Our biggest future project is to clean out the room behind the kitchen and the closets. We contemplate that will take most of the coming year and we plan on taking at least one hour at each meeting to tackle that room. Anyone who wants to help, please let us know. It is a monumental task.

Our next meeting is February 16th at 10 a.m.



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Yahrzeit Donations

Naomi Aronoff, in memory of Lee Segal and Howard Segal

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Jerry & Adrienne Everakes, in memory of Miriam Everakes

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Coming in February: Shababt Services - Friday at 7:00 PM - Tues. Mar. 4- 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting
Wed. Mar. 26 - 7:00 PM - Book Club - Sat. March 29 - 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service Mar. 28)