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Chai Times

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Sermon for Purim 2025

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, ruler of the universe, who fights our battles, judges our cases, avenges our grievances, who fully repays all those enemies of our souls, and who brings us out of our suffering. Blessed are You, who delivers His people Israel from all who oppress them, Blessed are You, the God who redeems.



This is the blessing for after the reading of the Megillah. It takes for granted that we need and will always need, a champion, a redeemer and a savior who will keep us safe from those who would scheme against us, plotting to destroy us as the Jewish people.

From the very beginning of our 'Birth as a Nation,' we were subject to nefarious forces waiting to prey on the weakest of our community at the end of the processional march out of Egypt and into the desert. Then it was Amaleck who attacked the mothers with children and the elderly at the end of the lengthy column.

Today it has begun again to emerge with leaders who denounce us to the accompaniment of silence from our friends and neighbors. They keep mum because, just like in the 1930's Germany and Austria, they are fearful for their own safety and career security because they have elected Bullies who threaten and sycophants who comply, in place of leaders who

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SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAYS AT 7:00 PM EXCEPT LAST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH, THEN SATURDAY AT 10:30 AM
On Zoom and streaming on YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUqKFBgQ>
Zoom Meeting ID 954 3781 4440
Password: 773288

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 - 7:00 PM

PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

April 11, 2025

SHABBAT SERVICES APRIL 18, 2025

Yizkor Prayers and Special Oneg

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SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES

APRIL 26, 2025 AT 10:30 AM
NO SERVICE FRIDAY, APRIL 25
INCLUDES TORAH SERVICE



BOOK CLUB

Antisemitism in America: A Warning

by Sen Chuck Schumer
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 7:00 PM
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Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

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*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 - April 2025

“My father was a wandering Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers and sojourned there.” In Deuteronomy this is the beginning of the statement our people were to recite when bringing the offering of the first fruits to priests of the Temple in Jerusalem. It is a reminder that we were wanderers, strangers in the land of Egypt.



Several times in Torah we are enjoined to love and help the stranger, to avoid oppressing them, to welcome them among us. We are obligated to feed and clothe the stranger and to love them because “you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

Every year at this time we tell the story of how Joseph came to Egypt, how our people found themselves there, how we became enslaved, and how God appointed Moses to lead us after God delivered us from enslavement.

In return for this favor we are to welcome and give aid to the stranger, the refugee among us. It is in gratitude for our own deliverance. As American Jews we know the good fortune we enjoy because our parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents were allowed in to this country, and the tragedy that befell those of our family who were not.

Yes, our families came to this country legally, but that isn't because we held any special virtue, and the fact that there are many in this country that came to this country without the sanction of our immigration laws does not mean they lack virtue. United States immigration laws have been enacted and modified throughout our history arbitrarily or through prejudice, ignorance, or fear. The gates to our shores have been opened and closed against people of various ethnicities, nationalities, and cultures almost since our country's beginning. It seems almost arbitrary that my grandparents, poor Eastern Europeans fleeing poverty and prejudice, were welcomed in when there are those today fleeing the same kind of poverty and prejudice are deemed “illegal.”

To be sure, no one wants criminals who are undocumented persons roaming our streets committing crime and violence. By the same token, not one wants criminals who are citizens roaming our streets creating mayhem either!

And how can we complain that undocumented people are draining our resources when their children go to our schools, when we provide them with the basics of shelter and sustenance, when can afford to make financial concessions to the most privileged among us in our tax code? And what of those who were brought to our country as children? Raised here and knowing no other life? How can we say to them, “Go back home” when this is the only home why have ever known?

In Mishkan T'Filah, our siddur, we read:

Standing on the parted shores of history we still believe what we were taught before we ever stood at Sinai's foot; that wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt, that there is a better place, a promised land.

At Passover we must remember, we have reached this promised land by God's mercy. We must always seek to allay the suffering of the stranger, remembering that we ourselves suffered as strangers in ancient Egypt.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



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try to improve the world and our lives as a community.

We are now called to be vigilant. We are summoned back to the duty of witnessing and acting wherever we can to stem the flow of complacency and downright hiding from doing what is in our power to help the world right itself to goodness and compassion. Please be with me in the effort to preserve our freedom as Americans and Jews who care about individual rights, Medical and scientific advances, and the dissemination of facts and truth.

Please speak up whenever you are able.

MEMBER CHAI LIGHTS

April Birthdays

Barbara Harmon	April 9
Marlene Dreyfuss	April 16
Eileen Martin	April 16

We Have No Records of Anniversaries This Month



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR "MEET THE AUTHOR" EVENT

On Sunday night at 7:30, our Temple had the pleasure of hosting Elaine Franklin, the author of "Once Upon a Time in Beverly Hills" We had a great turnout and we sold quite a few of her books and made some money for the Temple. Bunni Jackman bought lots of refreshments from Portos and Tracy Martin also brought goodies and Frances Kaden brought a fruit tray. We have lots of leftovers for our onegs, so don't miss them. I also want to thank Jen Levine, Joanne Serin and her friend Miriam Schneider for helping clean up and put everything away. It was a wonderful evening!



Rabbi Bieber's family visited us for our Purim/Shabbat service



Rabbi and Marley at Purim



A special Oneg celebrating Rachil's birthday



Our Religious School put on a Purim Spiel



Diane blesses the Shabbat Candles



Myra makes a new friend at our first Saturday Shabbat service



Torah reading at our first Saturday Shabbat service



Rabbi Bieber action figure!



Lots of people came in costume to Purim!



TEMPLE BETH EMET BOOK CLUB

Conducted by Barbara Harmon.

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

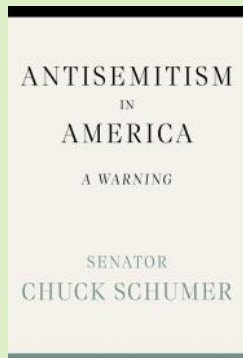
*Her memory will always be a blessing to us.



Where: Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

When: **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**
7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom

What book will we be reading? **Antisemitism in America: A Warning**, by Sen. Chuck Schumer



Synopsis:

In an urgent and personal new book, Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, the highest-elected Jewish official in America, sheds light on the Jewish American experience and sounds the alarm about the troubling resurgence of antisemitism.

For the first time in generations, antisemitism has become a daily reality in America, and it's getting worse. Jewish synagogues and their congregants are targeted and sometimes killed by extremists, Jewish students are harassed and attacked on campus, conspiracy theories about Jews have gone mainstream on social media, and debates over Israel have veered into dangerous territory. Senator Chuck Schumer tackles the historical, political, cultural, and international forces that have led to the alarming rise of antisemitism in America in the 21st Century.

ANTISEMITISM IN AMERICA: A WARNING is a timely work of nonfiction that illuminates his generation's Jewish experience. From Brooklyn in the 1960s to Harvard in the 1970s to the inside of a secure bunker on January 6, 2021, Schumer takes readers on a personal journey of how Jewish Americans like him have come to understand their history, their place in America—and why they worry about the future of Jewish life in America.

This book is a warning, informed by the lessons of history, about what can happen when the world's oldest hatred is allowed to rise unchecked.

Synopsis from Amazon



Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
Sisterhood

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 participated in Home Again and we had a great evening. Susie and Phil Beman brought homemade spaghetti, Joanne Serin brought fresh fruit and I brought a green salad and potato salad and cookies. We only met one family but the woman was nice with adorable little girls. The other family came too late but we heard they were grateful for dinner when they came in..

The Sisterhood will not have a meeting this month because of Passover. We hope everyone has a great holiday with their family. More plans next month.



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A NOTE OF THANKS!

* A note from **Tina Mosetis**, agent for **Elaine Franklin**, author of *One Upon a Time in Beverly Hills*, who spoke at TBE on February 23, 2025:

I want to thank you for so much for all the wonderful help I received from Eileen (Martin) on the author event. My client, Elaine, was so pleased to meet everybody and Eileen was just fantastic - she's such a terrific asset to the temple!

We couldn't agree more, Tina!



APRIL YAHRZEITS

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
	At Temple April 4, 2025			At Temple April 18, 2025	
Phyllis Mehlman	The Congregation	April 1	John Manocchia	The Congregation	April 22
Margot Palmer	Marlene Dreyfuss	April 1	Miriam Grunner	Shirley Abramson	April 25
Matilda Bayer	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 2	Esther Shagan Klein	Cheryl Mundon	April 26
Charles Jones	Lois Jones	April 2			
	At Temple April 11, 2025			At Temple April 26, 2025 (Saturday)	
Rachel Gil	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 11	Lucy Rafaeli	The Congregation	April 26
Anne Goldstein	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	April 12	James Sloves	Myra Sloves	April 29
Anna Osbaum	Marjorie Jacobs	April 16			
Paz Montalvo	Jodessa Bayer	April 17			
Elisa Gallay	The Congregation	April 19			



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	5 10:30 AM Finn's Bar Mitzvah
6	7	8	9	10	11 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	12  Erev Passover First Seder
13  Passover I Second Seder	14  Passover II	15  Chal Times Submissions Due Passover III	16  Passover IV	17  Passover V	18 7:00 PM Shabbat Services / Yizkor  Passover VI	19  Passover VII
20  Passover VIII	21	22	23	24	26 10:30 AM Shabbat Services	
27	28	29	30 7:00 PM Book Club 			

Coming in May Shababt Services - Friday at 7:00 PM, - Tues. May 6- 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting - Friday, May 16 - Lag B'aOmer. Wed. May 28 - 7:00 PM - Book Club - Sat. May 31 - 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service May 30)



Spring has sprung,
flowers are blooming,
seders are happening,
and we're wishing everyone
Chag Sameach, Happy Passover!

If you don't have plans yet,
join us for a special holiday

Passover Shabbat & Oneg on Friday, April 18, 2025

**7:00 PM Shabbat Service at Temple Beth Emet with
Rabbi Janet Bieber & Music Director Robyn Kreisberg,
followed by Passover Oneg Shabbat hosted by the Barlow Family,
featuring lotsa matzah, traditional and special matzah toppings,
Pesach Peach Cobbler, Macaroons, Chocolate Matzah & more!**

*Join
us!*



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




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