

May 2021



# Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank  
*The Temple With A Heart™*

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**“To continue boldly going where no one else’s Temple has gone ...even to home”** (apologies to *Star Trek*)



In a few days we will have our first in house Shabbat Service in over a year. It will be fantastic to be together again. So much better than cyber love. Because the pandemic is not completely eradicated there will be some restrictions. Friends who love Temple Beth Emet have worked very hard to get us ready and make for the comfortable home our “house of Truth” has always been. The rules will be listed elsewhere in this Chai Times.

Later on in the month is Shavuoth, the holiday of the giving of the Ten Commandments literally and extended to the entire Torah in Orthodox circles. Shavuoth literally means “weeks” because this holiday comes 7 weeks after Passover. Shavuah, the singular of Shavuoth is the Hebrew word for 7, the days of the week. Seven, as in the days of Creation, is the symbolic number for creation. So the Festival of Weeks actually means 7 creations. The concept of creation brings us to the question, what have we created? In the ancient Temple on Shavuoth First Fruits of animal and vegetable were brought to the Temple for the congregation

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## **In-Person Shabbat Services Resume May 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

**NOTE NEW EARLIER TIME**

Mask required - Social distancing observed.  
See Page 6 for guidelines.

## **Watch Shabbat Services on our YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUqKFBqQ?pbjreload=10>

New services posted every week, watch previous services.

## **Lunch with the Rabbi**

Every Wednesday at Noon

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

## **TEMPLE BOARD MEETING**

May 4, 2021 - 7:00 PM

via Zoom, meeting information will be on our website.

## **YIZKOR (for Shavuot)**

May 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM at Temple





# TEMPLE BETH EMET (HOUSE OF TRUTH) ORGANIZATION

## Religious Leadership

Rabbi Mark H. Sobel  
Music and Choir Director,  
Robyn Kreisberg

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

## 2019/20 Officers and Directors

### Officers

Ira L. Goldstein, *President*  
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Shirley Kirschenbaum K-1  
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Hayley Wood Social Studies  
2-3,4-5  
Robyn Kreisberg Social Studies 6-7, Music  
Joshua Sobel Confirmation 8-10,  
Hebrew 6-7  
Rabbi Mark Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class  
Robyn Kreisberg, Music

## Religious School Parents Association

Cherie Rye, President

## Committee Chairs

### Education

David Goldstein

### Membership

Barbara Bolter

### Ritual

Ira L. Goldstein

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Rabbi Mark Sobel

### Reach Out

Rabbi Mark Sobel

## Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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.

## CHAI TIMES

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly  
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photos and feedback are  
encouraged and due by the 15th  
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to:**

**[chaitimes@TempleBethEmet.com](mailto:chaitimes@TempleBethEmet.com)  
or delivered to the Temple office.  
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based on space available,  
relevant content, and at the  
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Officers and Directors.**

**Remember the sick, recovering and bereaved with cards, calls and visits.  
Please say prayers of *Refuah Sh'leimah* for:**

**Fran Bourne Johnson**

**Bailey Harrison**

**Orven Schanzer has been ill for some time now, may G-d grant him comfort  
and complete recovery.**

**Stuart Friedman has been ill. Let's join together in prayer for his improved  
and continued good health.**

**We pray for Maya Lee & wish her good health**

***Please call the Temple Office at (818) 843-4787 if a  
Temple Member is sick, recovering or hospitalized.***

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members, please call the office or  
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to see as evidences of creation.

We, can look at what our first fruits for this year of quarantine have brought. For sure, we as a congregation, have greater computer knowledge or at least Zoom knowledge. But more importantly we have a greater knowledge of who we are as people, as Jews and as Americans. We know we can work together and support each other. . We know we can do creative things. We bring both different ideas and ideologies together.

I really hope, that we continue to enjoy *Lunch With the Rabbi*, I know I do! The teachers have created a bond with the students that has borne the fruit of great knowledge of Hebrew and Jewish History as well as the delicious taste and flavor of teacher student rapport. Out of our enrollment of almost 30 students only two students left due to Zoom boredom. Our teachers made the program, interesting and fun for them. The created fruit, for me personally, was my greater respect for what our students go through as they prepare for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Their commitment to their Judaism is very strongly evidenced by how hard they practice and want to be a part of the planning of their ceremonies. Questions, questions, questions! Students, always remember! the ONLY dumb question is the one that's not asked!

But the most important creation of this pandemic year has been the ripe fruit of volunteerism on the part of our congregants, both for the congregation and to other need groups. We planted a multi-talented musical, audio, video crop at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that led us to a bumper crop of attendance at Hanukkah and Purim. Our Shabbat Services on Zoom and You Tube have help to flower into great views from people in other states. Instead of leaving the Judaic ground fallow as did some houses of worship we made sure our Temple blossomed and left the heady fragrance of commitment to our congregation, country and our people, fertile and vibrant. The seeds continue to bear fruit and are a nourishment to all. May that nourishment continue to energize and stimulate as pure organic food always does when it is replanted in our sanctuary!

B'ahava and Hag Sameach,  
Rabbi Mark

PS. Shavuoth Yizkor on Tuesday May 18 at HOME at 5PM



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - May 2021**



In the Saturday's Los Angeles Times there is a weekly feature L.A. Affairs. It features an essay from a brave contributor chronicling their experience in the dating scene in Los Angeles. Of course, there are several different dating scenes in our area depending on your age, history, sexual identity, and other factors. I can usually tell from the first couple of paragraphs how the writer's experience will end. Sometimes it concludes with a "happily ever after" story, sometimes a train wreck, sometimes the writer emerges battered and bruised but wiser. After reading these essays I generally say "I am so glad I'm not single."

A recurring theme is this: What starts out seeming to be a perfect match often does not turn out to be so and it is usually better to break off a doomed relationship sooner rather than later.

Such is the case with our recent hire of a new office manager. After the interview, we thought we had found the perfect person, but as is often the case with new love, soon it became obvious this was not going to be a good fit for either of us. Each of our expectations of the other were obviously misplaced and we parted ways in early April.

This leaves us in the difficult position of having your Temple President, Treasurer, and Secretary struggling to come to grips with learning Quickbooks for membership billing, banking, and bill paying. We have been consulting with Victoria, reading "For Dummies" books, and watching online videos, and we ask for your continued patience and understanding as we try to get things under control and turn our attention toward finding new staffing.

On a more positive note, this month we resume in-person Shabbat worship! Friday, May 7, will be our first Friday Night service with congregants since the pandemic shut us down last March. We are planning on live-streaming the service on our YouTube channel, and you can find the link on our website. You can also find the guidelines for attending services on page 4 of this issue, and on our website. Remember your masks!

Finally, I offer a heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Rabbi Mark, his Religious School faculty, our Religious School Parents Association, and its President Cherie Rye, our religious school parents, and especially our religious school students on a very challenging religious school term, which concludes this month. A former Temple Officer, Jim Mattis, of blessed memory, often said that anyone who brings a child to Temple Beth Emet for religious education has made a major contribution to our Temple. He could not have imagined how technology and creativity would enable our parents to "bring" students to us while staying at home. We look forward to resume in-person instruction this fall.

We hope all of you have either begun your vaccine regime or are planning on doing so soon. The sooner all of us are vaccinated, the sooner pandemic restrictions will ease and we can continue our progress toward a more normal life.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



Hello Temple Families,

As the school year and the Religious School year winds down, we're hopeful. CNN reports that Pfizer has petitioned the FDA for emergency use authorization of its vaccine for kids between the ages of twelve and fifteen. The rate of infection has continued to drop in Los Angeles. More of us are receiving vaccines and life seems to be creeping towards normal. We're not there yet, but much closer than we were last summer. Already, schools have opened for some in person instruction.



I asked my son how Religious School is going. "Good," he answered, typical of a teen his age. I prompted him for more details and learned that his bar/bat mitzvah class is learning the last prayer in their packet. With three weeks left of Religious School, he seems confident they will finish the entire packet. On Sunday mornings, I hear him and other students singing the prayers and reading from their text book, "Sedra Scenes." They have fun with it, getting into the characters for each other's benefit. The kids and their teachers have made the best of a difficult year.

LA County has lowered the age limit for vaccines to 16. Just in case anyone needs the information, this is excerpted from LA City Emergency Alerts:

- \* All L.A. County residents age 16 years and older, regardless of immigration status are eligible.
- \* No appointment needed. See below for locations.
- \* Vaccine is free, no health insurance needed.
- \* Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson available.
- \* Updated website: <https://corona-virus.la/VaxAlert>

Hoping you and your families are well.

-- Cherie



**TEMPLE BETH EMET - BOOK CLUB**



**Temple Beth Emet Book Club**  
Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson

**Book Club remains on hiatus.**

**KEEP READING!**



*Note – Service will begin at 7:00 PM*

*Seating will be limited to permissible capacity.*

*Guidelines subject to modification as conditions change.*

- Masks must be worn when entering the building and at all times while in the building.
- Temperature will be taken at the door. Persons with a temperature of 100.4° F or over will not be allowed to enter.
- Please do not enter if you are unwell or experiencing: fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed in several areas.
- Prayer books (*Siddurim*) will be handed out at the entry to the sanctuary. After services people will put their books on a designated cart. The books will be stored for at least two weeks between uses.
- Distance must be maintained between worshipers. People in the same household May sit together, as may those who are fully vaccinated (at least two weeks after last vaccination. Pews will be marked to encourage proper distancing.
- In accordance with CDC guidelines, we ask that congregants refrain from singing or responsive reading. The Torah will not be carried through the sanctuary. For those saying *Kaddish*, please stand at your seat and follow the *Kaddish* silently in prayer book (*siddur*) as the *Kaddish* is read.
- Rabbi Mark will make *Kiddish* from the *bimah*. At the conclusion of services, participants will be provided with pre-packaged *challah* and grape juice to take home. Food and drink may not be consumed on the premises.



**YOU'VE GOT MAIL**

**Join Temple Beth Emet Pen Pal Program** and make a new intergenerational friendship!

Temple Beth Emet has older members who are going through this tough time alone, and who may not have access to a community online. We also know there are many families with Religious school kids who would love to brighten someone’s day and foster some new friendships.

If you and/or your child would like to join this program, or if you are a Senior interested in a pen pal, please contact Laura Goldstein at [lauragoldstein25@gmail.com](mailto:lauragoldstein25@gmail.com) or call 818-468-1572.

Your contact information will remain confidential.



**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 PRESIDENT - Marlene Dreyfuss**

Although we can't meet or plan events during these times, all our members are always in our hearts and prayers. Please wear your mask, socially distance and STAY HOME as much as possible

***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 in Blum Hall. 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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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.

Speak with your legal and financial advisors as to the best way to structure your wills and estate planning to include the Temple in your current and future plans.

Information on Planned Giving can also be found on our website at:

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



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



# Yahrzeits - Honoring the Memory of Loved Ones

## MAY YAHRZEITS

Name:	Remembered by:	Date:	Name:	Remembered by:	Date:
<b>At Temple May 7, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple May 21, 2021</b>		
Milton Eliasoff	Susan Fields	May 1	Evelyn Jackman	Marcia Jackman	May 16
Jerry Trott	Dianne Bender	May 1	Sylvia Schuster	Linda Mazur	May 16
Ernest Abdo	Neil & Vicki Margolin	May 2	David Solomon	Barbara Flasher	May 16
Beatrice Manners	Susanne Manners	May 5	Isak Korenstein	Janet Petroff	May 18
Morris Silber	Linda & Jack Kranz	May 5	George David McCune	Sara McCune	May 19
John H. Eisinger	Congregation	May 6	Helen Pappert	Marilyn Pappert	May 20
Minnie Rutkovsky	Martin Bibicoff	May 7	Abe Kranitz	Ian & Loretta Kranitz	May 21
Alfred Ascherman	Hannah Cline	May 8			
Morris Tenney	Steve & Amy Belilove	May 8			
<b>At Temple May 14, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple May 28, 2021</b>		
Anna Nudell	Mayer Nudell	May 10	Fanny Kurkland	Robert & LaVerne Cohen	May 24
Joseph Frischman	William & Isabel Frischman	May 14	Belle Burns	Franklyn Burns	May 25
Gary Flasher	Barbara Flasher	May 15	Edith Liebgot	Howard Liebgot	May 25
			Marc Goldwater	Terry & Helen Goldwater	May 27
			Eleanor Marlin	Dorothy Matzkin	May 28
			<b>At Temple June 4, 2021</b>		
			Betty Kapson	Bruce & Pat Bigley	May 30
			Lyall W. Bowen	Barbara Klivens	May 31



## Yahrzeit Donations - Honoring the Memory of Loved Ones

Al Canter remembered by Betty Canter & Gail Arce

Arthur Fields remembered by Ben & Susan Fields

John Manochia remembered by Mary Manochia

Anna Osbaum remembered by Marjorie Jacobs

Roy Dietz remembered by Helen & Terry Goldwater

Paz Montalvo remembered by Jodessa Bayer

Anthony Mendez remembered by Elizabeth Postal

Charles Jones remembered by Lois Jones

(We are still retrieving last month's donations, thank you for your patience)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School	3	4 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting on Zoom  (Meeting information posted on website)	5 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	6	7 7:00 PM Shabbat Services at Temple and Live Streamed on YouTube	1
9 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School   Mother's Day	10   Yom Yerusheyim (Jerusalem Day)	11	12 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	13	14 7:00 PM Shabbat Services at Temple and Live Streamed on YouTube	15
16 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School  <b>Chai Times Submissions Due</b>	17   Shavuot I	18 5:00 PM Yizkor for Shavuot At Temple   Shavuot II	19 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	20	21 7:00 PM Shabbat Services at Temple and Live Streamed on YouTube	22
Erev Shavuot	23 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School Final Session of Term	24	25	26 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	28 7:00 PM Shabbat Services at Temple and Live Streamed on YouTube	29
30	31   Memorial Day					

**In-Person Shabbat Services Resume May 7 at 7:00 PM**  
**Yizkor for Shavuot - Tuesday, May 18 at 5:00 PM**  
**Next Month - Annual Membership Meeting - June 15 at 7:00 PM**



**Do You Have a Son and/or Daughter In College?**



Temple Beth Emet has started a program to connect with our students attending a College. We would like to help them to continue their Jewish way of life and offer them additional support. This way, they will always have an open line of communication with our Rabbi, should they have questions or need direction; and we will remind them of their link to Israel and to keep connected to the Jewish Community. After college, we hope to have them join our Temple, as an adult.

Please send an e-mail to [office@templebethemet.com](mailto:office@templebethemet.com) and give the following information:

- The name of the Student;**
- Class Level;**
- Address;**
- Name of the University, and;**
- If the Student is a member of any organization or club on campus.**

The Temple will send a care-package for each holiday, as a gift to the Student with a calendar of events at the Temple for each month. The Student will be invited to all events sponsored by the Temple. We would like to encourage the Student to return to the Temple as often as they wish; as the Temple would like to offer itself as a second home and place of Jewish learning. We look forward hearing from you!

**Tribute Cards**

Tribute cards are always in order for happy or sad occasions. These cards are a wonderful way to remember or honor someone.

Did you know that you can get on an automatic mailing to those in need of well wishes by contacting the office?

A card will automatically be sent from you in your name to those in need of healing and an amount of \$10 will be added to your bill each time a card is sent in your name.

**Contact the Temple Office at:  
818 843-4787**



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## Lunch & Learn Event

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> • 12:00 noon

Join us for lunch and learn more about The Heights.

To RSVP call 818.732.8450.

## The Heights AT BURBANK



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Havurah Simcha L'Chaim**

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Please call me to discuss it.

Ruth Glick [818 780 9134](tel:8187809134)



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