

September 2023



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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**"Born a Jew, Always a Jew! No matter where you pray, no matter what to Judaism you do!" (Medieval Jewish Scholar, Rashi)**



This year we are lucky, S'Lichoht, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkoht all fall in September. For us Ashkenazi, the start of saying 'I am sorry' to God and to people begins right after Labor Day, America's way of saying sorry to workers. Our Sephardic brethren began on August 16, with the beginning of the month of Elul. I guess they need more time to say they are sorry then we do.

Rosh Hashanah means "Head of the year" but is usually translated as New Year. However, we already have a New Year celebration at Passover time, how can we have 2 New Years? The Passover New Year, corresponds to our being free from slavery, for sure, one of the greatest events in the history of our people, the Exodus from Egypt, a hugely physical event. So now Rosh Hashanah! What event or events does it commemorate? Instead of one huge physical event involving death and then freedom, Rosh Hashanah commemorates many little deaths and then one big Freedom. The deaths did not take place over 250 years or one night, ala the Angel of Death, the deaths of our spirit and hence, soul, have taken place over the past year when from others we have been abused, gossiped about insulted, lied to, treated poorly, etc. and done the same to others. The spiritual freedom comes by doing many acts of Tzedakah

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON**

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

**SHABBAT SERVICE - 7:00 PM**

Also streaming on our YouTube Channel

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(Also on Zoom, see Page 11)

**TEMPLE BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - 7:00 PM

(Zoom link on our website)



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**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023\***

10:00AM to 1:00 PM

**\*First Day of Religious School @ 9AM**

**HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES:**

**SELICHOT**

Saturday, September 9 - 7:00 PM

**ROSH HASHANAH**

Friday, September 15 - 8PM

Saturday, September 16 - 10AM

**YOM KIPPUR**

Sunday, October 24 - 8PM

Monday, September 25 - 10AM

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\*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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## 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.

## CHAI TIMES

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank available at [www.TempleBethEmet.com](http://www.TempleBethEmet.com).

Mailed hardcopies are available for an annual TBE donation payable through the Office.

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

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

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שנה טובה *Shanah Tova!*



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(righteous behavior), especially now, going to others and directly asking their forgiveness and of course, to God, also asking to be forgiven. People often ask, if it is so important to ask people for forgiveness, why do we sit in prayer asking God for forgiveness? Because we know that God's celestial /spiritual ectoplasm flows in all of us. The term "created in the image of God" does not mean physical it means spiritual image. Because of that spirituality we capable of giving forgiveness and being forgiven. God is the glue that gives our people its uniqueness. Without the spirituality of God, what people call religion, all we are is a Hebrew/English Social club. The Community of Judaism without God makes us no better than the tribes of Neanderthals who hunted together to satisfy their animal needs.

This concept of God active and strong in our consciousness helps us appreciate God as the supernatural messenger who brings the message of forgiveness to those we cannot reach. How sad it is when someone passes away and we are mourning their passing and we say, "If only I had been kinder and more caring of that person and understood his situation". God helps us to deliver the message and for those away from us to receive the message that we need their forgiveness.

Judaism is a religion of dualities. Many of our prayers have two sides. One talks about light and darkness, one about the six days of the week, as one entity, and Shabbat. When we ask for forgiveness on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and we really mean it, God grants us the Spiritual Freedom we deserve because of our true apologies for errors that, perhaps, have embittered other people's lives.

The Spiritual side of others and ourselves is as important as the physical. While there are special restrictions on what we can eat on Passover to commemorate that freedom did not come easy, Sukkot's four species are to remind us of the 4 types of people we meet every day, the Etrog is the heart meaning learning and good deeds, the Lulav (Palm), one who does good deeds but doesn't know the spirituality of Mitzvoth, the Hadas (myrtle) who has learned much about Mitzvoth but does not put their knowledge into actions and the Arava (willow), who has not learned Mitzvoth and therefore does nothing for others. Why when we pray, do we hold all 4 species together? Because we know the world needs ALL types of people to be the wonderful spiritual lab it is.

All this spirituality comes to life when we march with and unfurl and read the Torah on Simhat Torah because we know of the great Spiritual Divinity that flows within us. I know my Godliness comes from God's image flowing through me. I pray I will be able anoint others with it!

B'ahava and Shana Tova and Hag Sameach,

Rabbi Mark



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - September 2023

Late last month our sanctuary was transformed into a comedy cabaret. Our own Jennifer Larkin put the evening together. The performers included the cast of the streaming TV series *Barbee Rehab*, the acts Landry and Summers, Future Ancestors, Nervana & Tackelbox. Individually, these people are Vanessa Bednar, Derek S. Orr, Christian Cintron, Shaun Landry, Hans Summers, Chris Compton, Stephen C. James, BJ Lange, Josh Tarriff, Mirage Thrans, Michel J. Siedlaff, Lauren Alvaraz, Bruce Locklear, and Amanda Joy Marshall.



While their material is not generally family-friendly, the troop kept their material Temple-appropriate will still being creative, entertaining, and funny. We enjoyed two hours of comedy skits and improv, including audience participation. Rabbi Mark, who is a card-carrying SAG member and no stranger to secular performance even took the stage, as did some of our children.

Character actor Edmund Gwenn is often credited with the deathbed statement, "Dying is easy, comedy is hard." Anyone who has stood up in front of an audience and tried to elicit a laugh will attest to that. If comedy is hard, improvisational comedy is even harder! All of us at Temple Beth Emet thank the professionals who donated their talents (and the swag bags, AND the raffle prize baskets!) as well as the members of the audience who bravely joined in the performance.

We also thank the members of the Sisterhood and the Board who provided snacks, sweets, soda, and water. It was a hot day, and while the air conditioning in the sanctuary worked, the unit in Blum Hall took the day off (thanks to an unlatched cover). A couple of fans kept thing tolerable.

Finally, a great big thank you to everyone who attended the fundraiser. Not only were we able to bring our diverse Temple family together for an afternoon of fun, but we also raised some money. In fact, it was one of the most successful fundraising events we have held!

Now that August is over, we turn our attention to the High Holidays. Robyn and the Temple Beth Emet La Sha Na Na Tova Choir have been practicing for weeks, Ralph in the office has been fielding inquiries about tickets and we will all be ready to welcome everyone to another warm and *haimish* High Holiday season. If you know someone in need of a place to spend the holidays, please have them call the office.

Selichot is Saturday, September 9, at 7:00 PM. This service is a spiritual "tune-up" for the Holidays and the night we change the covers on our Torahs to their High Holiday whites. Rosh Hashanah begins the following Friday night, September 15, at 8:00 PM. The entire schedule of services appears on the first page of this month's *Chai Times*.

I encourage everyone to make their submissions to the *Scroll of Remembrance* memorial book using the online form at <https://forms.office.com/r/WKrwyYgN7D> to assure the accuracy of your entries.

On behalf of myself, my family, the Board, and the staff at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, "*L'shana tova tikateivu.*" May we all be inscribed for a good year.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



## September Birthdays

Bruce Bigley	September 10
Naomi Aronoff	September 26
Chloe Lava	September 27
Bonnie Friedman	September 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>

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*Ruth Roth in memory of Max Becker*

*Peter Golper in Memory of Irving Golper and Mariam Pasternak*

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# SELICHOT

## THE HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON OFFICIALLY BEGINS

**Saturday, September 19, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

As the season changes from summer to autumn, our Torahs don their white High Holiday covers and we come together to begin the period of self-preparation for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. It is the time for the penitential prayers called Selichot (prayers for forgiveness).

As we greet the new year, please join Rabbi Mark and Cantorial Soloist Robyn Kreisberg at our contemporary Selichot service, beginning our traditional period of inner-personal reflection and contemplation.





**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**

We've resumed our monthly meetings, stay tuned for our activities starting after the High Holidays!



***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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## September Yahrzeits

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
<b>At Temple September 8, 2023</b>			<b>At Temple September 22, 2023</b>		
Gertrude Altman	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	September 4	Robert Wade	Sue Schohan	September 17
Armin Wolf	The Congregation	September 4	Lester H. Klein	Cheryl Mundon	September 19
Sam Bermack	The Congregation	September 5	Jerry Engelberg	The Congregation	September 19
Delores Flasher	Barbara Flasher	September 5	Evelyn Lewis	Ira Goldstein & Diane	September 20
Max Kapson	Bruce & Pat Bigley	September 6	Michael Liebgot	Howard Liebgot	September 21
Miriam Lazofsky	Betty Canter & Gail Arce	September 9	Lynn Cannon	Howard Liebgot	September 23
			Jennie Dacher	Ron & Merry Dacher	September 23
			Joe Murez	Herbert Murez	September 23
<b>At Temple September 15, 2023</b>			<b>At Temple September 29, 2023</b>		
Lynn Cannon	Howard Liebgot	September 11			
Sidney Friedman	Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	September 11			
Mildred Gold	The Congregation	September 12	Miriam Pasternack	Peter & Tammy Golper	September 25
James Mattis	The Congregation	September 13	Zina Lubow	The Congregation	September 28
Joyce Feinsilber	Bari Bucknam	September 15			
Joyce Feinsilber	Stacy & John Rivera	September 15			
Charlotte Krongold	Rhonda Kess	September 16			

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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.

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



### TEMPLE BETH EMET - BOOK CLUB

**Book Club is taking the month off for the High Holidays.**

**Keep reading!**





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 	5 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	6 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	7	8 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	9 7:00 PM Selichot Services  Selichot
10 9:00 AM Religious School Begins 10:00 AM Open House	11  PATRIOT DAY we will never forget	12	13 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	14	15 8:00PM Rosh Hashana Evening Services  Chai Times Submissions Due	16 10:00 AM Rosh Hashana Morning Services 
17 No Religious School Rosh Hashana	18	19	20 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	21	22 7:00PM Shabbat Services	23
24 9:00 AM Religious School 8:00 PM Yom Kippur Evening Service (Kol Nidre) 	25 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service 2:30 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Service/Yizkor/Neilah 	26	27 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00PM - Book Club	28	29  Erev Sukkot	30  Sukkot I

Coming in October: Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. Shabbat Services - Every Friday at 7:00 PM. Tues., Oct. 3 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting - Fri., Oct. 6 - 6:00 PM - Pizza Night, 7:00 PM - Shabbat Services/Yizkor Sat., Oct 7 - 7:00 PM - Simchat Torah Celebration. Wed. Oct. 25 - 7:00 PM - Book Club.



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Passcode: 144071

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