

March 2025



Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
"The Temple With A Heart"

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Temple Family & Friends,

In great joy, we invite you to join us on March 7 for the Shabbat Service and a special Oneg Shabbat to celebrate Rachil's Birthday hosted by Stacie & Alan Barlow, A.K.A. Rachil's Mom & Dad.

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-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ>
Zoom Meeting ID 954 3781 4440
Password: 773288

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 - 7:00 PM

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PURIM SHABBAT!



Friday, March 14 - 7:00 PM

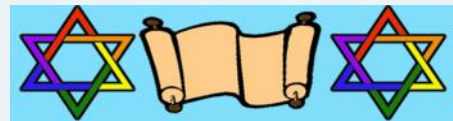
- ◆ Sunday School Kids' Purim Play!
- ◆ Megillah Reading!
- ◆ Costumes encouraged!
- ◆ Prizes for everyone in costume!
- ◆ Groggers!
- ◆ Purim Palooza Potluck Oneg!*

*For Purim Palooza Potluck Oneg Shabbat, please kindly bring an Oneg Shabbat treat to share, such as hamantaschen or other, and please bring item covered & ready to serve or arrive early to plate on temple platter/plate, then clean afterward DIY. What fun! Can't wait to celebrate together!



BOOK CLUB

Once Upon a Time in Beverly Hills
by Elaine Franklin
Wednesday, March 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
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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
Music and Choir Director,
Robyn Kreisberg

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

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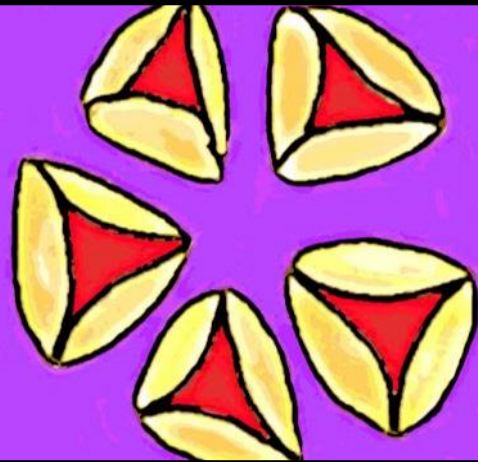
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office@Templebethemet.com



From Rabbi Janet

Ribono Shel Olam, Ruler of all that is good in our world.



What has happened to the ones who are making decisions in our country? What has changed their minds to create more pain, hunger, hurt and anger among us, the citizens of our great and noble country? Please, God do not abandon us in our time of need.

There are people who are refashioning rules, structure and long agreed upon norms, to convert our land of the free to the home of the oppressed. There are those with the intent to support a small cadre of men, who think they are the only ones who deserve a good life, with choices, medical care, education and even a place to call home. They are stealing our very way of life to ensure their right to rule us, as though we were serfs of old, taking away our very dignity that we hold so dear.

Help us to remain vigilant in the face of this inhumanity and blatant bullying of the powerless. Help us to find the power that we do have, to combat this onslaught of disregard for Your children of faith. We care for the poor and hungry. We care for the sick of heart and body. We are on the side of justice, and all the goodness we have come to rely on, from our traditions and customs that we have gleaned from your Torah and our history of overcoming hate and evil intent.

We recognize that there are those who intend to push us back to a time when all power was in the hands of the few. We have seen what happens when threats override the good, replacing it with arrogance and disregard.

Our world is on the precipice of the death of compassion. There is a growing blindness to the pain of others, and an expanding deference to those with wealth and the power. Please God, help us find the strength and fortitude to whether this storm and emerge victorious, creating anew the world that will find favor in Your eyes.



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!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - March 2025

Museums call it “deaccessioning.” It refers to the process by which a work of art or other object is permanently removed from a museum's collection to sell or otherwise dispose of it. Museums do it for many reasons. A piece may no longer be consistent with the institution's mission. A piece may not be in good enough condition to exhibit. Sometimes they just no longer have room to exhibit a piece. Items might be given to other museums, sold, returned to donors, or even destroyed or otherwise disposed of.



Just as people can find themselves with too much stuff, and I confess I have accumulated way too much, organizations can also find themselves with an overabundance of acquisitions. Our Temple has such an overabundance. We have a lot of artwork of various quality. We have a lot of books. We have a lot of school materials. We even have a lot of yarmulkes! As a result, our Temple can be said to be rather cluttered.

Recently, our Sisterhood undertook the task of clearing out some of that clutter from our storage room, behind the kitchen and some of the closets. It looks better, but they still have a big job ahead. There is an ancient expression dating back to the time of Aristotle: “Well begun is half done.” I don't think we are half done clearing out the excess at our Temple, but we are well begun.

One thing we need is people with a critical eye and the inclination to glean. I have to admit that I do not possess those talents. I'm one of those people who hang on to a scrap piece of wood, spare screws, and odd parts because I know I will need them some day. Of course, when that day arrives, I usually cannot find these things and end up going to the DIY hardware store to buy new items. I also buy a couple of spares to put away, because, well, just because. So I am reaching out to all of you for volunteers. Can you discern between treasure and trash? Do you know when enough is enough? Do you pride yourself in being ruthless when it comes to getting rid of stuff? If so, have we got a project for you!

Obviously this is not a one-person job, but we would really like to put together a committee help us get rid of some of the stuff that has been accumulating around Temple. We are not expecting quick miracles. As it is written in *Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of the Fathers) “You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.”

Spring begins on March 20, and it is time for us to do some Spring cleaning around the Temple. Help us to get started, so that when our Open Houses in August rolls around, we will be ready to welcome guests and new members to our Temple in time for the High Holidays. I promise, if you volunteer, I will resist the urge to say “maybe we ought to hang onto that, just in case.”

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



Margaret at Shabbat services with Felicia and Vincent in the background



Bambi sharing a bit of love with Rabbi's friend



Finn assists Rabbi during Shabbat services



Jen leads the candle blessing at Shabbat Services



Eileen coordinated bringing author Eileen Franklin to discuss her book *Once Upon a Time in Beverly Hills*



Author Eileen Franklin signing her book at our "Meet the Author" event



A nice crowd for our Meet the Author evening.



Eileen Franklin's son-in-law fills in for his wife Deanna Baron to discuss her children's book.



Marley and Rabbi lead Shabbat Kiddish



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

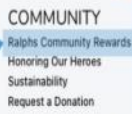
<i>Jack McKinnon</i>	<i>March 6</i>
<i>Rachil Barlow</i>	<i>March 7</i>
<i>Samantha Solomons</i>	<i>March 7</i>
<i>Nikole White</i>	<i>March 10</i>
<i>Jessica Berger</i>	<i>March 11</i>
<i>Cheyenne Goldfarb</i>	<i>March 16</i>
<i>Lucas Franklin</i>	<i>March 26</i>
<i>Charles Langer</i>	<i>March 28</i>

We are unaware of any March anniversaries

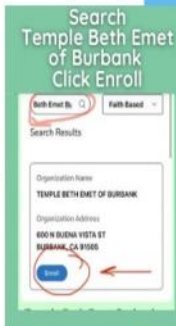


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*Purchasing a leaf on the **June Beck Tree of Life** in our Temple foyer is a wonderful way to give thanks when celebrating the birth of a child or grandchild, a milestone birthday or anniversary, a wedding, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, or any 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, March 26, 2025**
7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom

What book will we be reading? **ONCE UPON A TIME IN BEVERLY HILLS**, by Elaine Franklin
Subject of the recent "Meet the Author" event at Temple!

Synopsis:

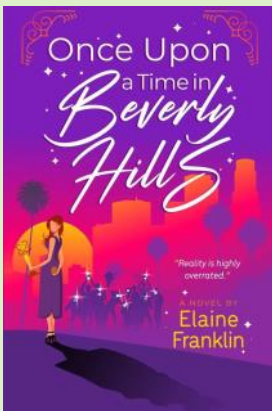
Overweight in Beverly Hills? That's a misdemeanor. Overweight in show business? Ahh, that's practically a felony, and JOANNA LEIGHTON, an interior designer on a local television show, semi-famous and fat, jokingly expects to be arrested at any time.

She's thrilled to hear that the show is going national, and crushed when told that she either loses a great deal of weight, quickly, or lose her job.

Depressed, she spies an extraordinary ring in an antique store, makes a wish, and asks to be skinny. Miraculously, her wish comes true, her body shrinks in a matter of weeks, the pounds vaporize like ice cream left out in the sun. At first it feels like champagne pouring through her heart.

Certain that everyone will be thrilled for her, she's stunned that her friends and family believe she has an eating disorder. Her marriage changes from relaxed and happy to emotionally charged, the television hostess wants her fired, and Joanna's world famous movie star client decides she's now worthy of his extreme private attention.

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 met Sunday, February 16th to begin cleaning out the room behind the kitchen and the closets. We got a lot done, but we still contemplate that it will take most of the coming to tackle that room. Anyone who wants to help, please let us know. It is a monumental task.



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MARCH YAHRZEITS

NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:			
			At Temple March 7, 2025		
Rabbi David Hoffman	Robyn Kreisberg	March 1	Harold Potter	Warren Potter	March 17
Herman Everakes	Jerry Everakes	March 3	Samuel Greenberg	Elaine Fishman	March 17
Viola Krone	Gerald & Harriett Winnick	March 4			
Ruth Levin	James Levin	March 5	At Temple March 21, 2025		
			At Temple March 29, 2025 (Saturday)		
			Frank Genereux	Beverly Genereux	March 25
			Esther Friedman	Judy Robins	March 26
At Temple March 14, 2025					
Nancy Colton	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Colton	March 9	Roy Dietz	Terry Goldwater	March 29
Leonard (Label) Hirsch	Joanne Serin	March 11	Leonard Goldfarb	Margaret Goldfarb	March 29
Morris Gold	The Congregation	March 12	Craig Weisman	Diane Weisman	March 29
Howard Segal	Naomi Aronoff	March 13			
Melvin Gordon	Stacy Rivera	March 13			
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Avrum Hirsh Hutter	Robyn Kreisberg	March 15			
Gertrude Weinfeld	Brad Weinfeld	March 15			



DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Donations

Harriet Winnick in memory of Viola Krone

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Donation

Kathleen Kreyns



MARCH 2025 SH'VAT / ADAR 5784

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9 9:00 AM Religious School 	10	11	12	13 Purim	14 7:00 PM Shabbat Services Purim Celebration 	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Chai Times Submissions Due</div>
16 9:00 AM Religious School	17	18	19	20 	21 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	22
23 9:00 AM Religious School	24	25	26 7:00 PM Book Club 	27	28	29 10:30 AM Shabbat Services
30 9:00 AM Religious School	31					

Coming in April: Shabbat Services - Friday at 7:00 PM, - Tues. April 1- 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting - Saturday, April 12 - Passover begins at sunset. - Wed. April 30 - 7:00 PM - Book Club - Sat. April 26 - 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service April 25)