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Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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FROM THE RABBI:

As we begin the month of Elul, it is traditional to recite daily the following Psalm:

Psalm 27, as translated by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

Yah! You are my light.

You are my savior.

Whom need I dread?

Yah, with you as my strong protector who can make me panic?

They are the ones who stumble and fall.

Even if a gang surrounds me my heart is not weakened.

When hateful bullies gang up on me, wanting to harass me, to oppress and terrorize me

If a battle is joined around me my trust in You is firm.

Only one thing do I ask of You, Yah:

Just this alone do I seek, I want to be at home with you, Yah, All the days of my life.

I want to delight in seeing You.

Seeing You when I come to visit You in Your temple.

You hide me in your sukkah on a foul day.

You conceal me unseen in Your tent.

You also raise me beyond anyone's reach

And now, as You have held my head high

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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-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ>

Zoom Meeting ID 954 3781 4440

Password: 773288

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 1, 2024 - 7:00 PM

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES:

SELICHOT AT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, September 12, 2025 - 7:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 22, 2025 - 8PM

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 10AM

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - 8PM

Thursday, October 2, 2025 - 10AM

PLANNING AN EVENT?

PARTY - MEETING - SEMINAR

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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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Monday - Thursday - 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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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*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - September 2025

Sometimes, usually when I am filling in for Rabbi on a Friday night, I will look out at the congregation and notice that most people are sitting further back in the sanctuary, leaving the pews in the front rather empty. "Everyone gets an upgrade to Business Class" I will announce, and motion for people to move forward. A few of you will accept the invitation, but many of you prefer to remain near the back. That's okay. But when you sit closer, you are closer to the "action" -- you are closer to Rabbi Janet and Robyn. You are also closer to the Ark. Does that mean you are closer to God? Maybe not, but I think when you are closer to the front, you are more engaged.



As we approach the High Holidays, it is a good time to think about our own engagement and involvement at Temple. Over the years, we have become a more intimate congregation, and that means each of us is a more prominent member of the Temple family. We contribute, of course, just by showing up, but our Temple can be much more than just a place to come and pray. This requires something more of each of us, though, and in the coming year we can all find new ways of contributing to keeping Temple Beth Emet a complete Jewish community -- a house of worship, gathering, and study.

Rabbi David Cohen, writing in the *Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle*, put it this way: "Why do synagogues matter? Simply put, they provide a place to meet three intrinsic human needs: the need to belong; the need to believe; and the need to become." He continued by noting that when we belong to other groups, such as sport leagues, professional organizations, or groups such as scouting, we relate to them as consumers. "The synagogue, however, is different; it's a community of covenant," he notes, "Where the consumer approach to community is transactional, the covenantal approach is relational."

Our Temple is not a club, not a group, not an activity, it is a family. At a recent Temple Board meeting we were discussing ways we can present ourselves to potential new members. We all agreed the most important asset our Temple has is our people. We are welcoming, we are friendly, and, we genuinely enjoy being with each other. The Board members joked that we are like the bar in *Cheers* -- everybody knows your name. We have another advantage -- unlike those big, fancy synagogues, we are small enough that newcomers don't get lost and there is no place to hide. Our little Temple With a Heart opens its heart to everyone, and we want everyone to make themselves at home.

As we begin a new year, may we all continue to enjoy everything that makes Temple Beth Emet the special, comfortable, loving family it is, may we find ways to enlarge our Temple experience, and may we be blessed to welcome new people to our family.

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

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



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despite the presence of my powerful foes I prepare to celebrate and thrill, singing and making music to You, Yah!

Listen, Yah, to the sound of my cry And, being kind, answer me!

My heart has said, I turn to seek you.

Your presence is what I beg for Don't hide Your face from me.

Don't just put me down, You who have been my helper.

Don't abandon me, don't forsake me, God my support.

Though my father and my mother have left me

You, Yah, will hold me securely.

Please teach me Your way.

Teach me Your way and guide me on the straight path.

Discourage those who defame me

Because false witnesses stood up against me belching out violence.

Don't let me become the victim of my foes.

I wouldn't have survived

If I hadn't hoped that I would see, yet, Your goodness, God, fully alive on earth.

So I tell you, my friends: you too hope to Yah! Be sturdy!

And make strong your heart. And most of all, keep hoping to Yah.





David shares a story at Shabbat services



Nice crowd for Shabbat!



Sometimes Ira gets a little animated during announcements



Robyn usually accompanies on piano during Shabbat services



Vicki accompanies when Robyn is away



Jen sponsored our first bagel brunch after Saturday services



Tracy, Paul, and Henry Bean at Oneg Shabbat

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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 will meet again after the High Holidays. Stay tuned for upcoming activities.



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September Birthdays

Naomí Aronoff September 26

Chloe Lava September 27

We do not have a record of any anniversaries this month.

Belated Happy Anniversayr to Rabbi Janet and Vicki August 25



SEPTEMBER YAHREITS

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
At Temple September 12, 2025			At Temple September 19, 2025 (Continued)		
Donald Goldstein	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	September 7	Lester H. Klein	Cheryl Mundon	September 19
James Mattis	The Congregation	September 13	Jerry Engelberg	The Congregation	September 19
			Evelyn Lewis	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	September 20
At Temple September 19, 2025			At Temple September 27, 2025 (Saturday service)		
Joyce Feinsilber	Bari Bucknam	September 15			
Joyce Feinsilber	Stacy & John Rivera	September 15	Jennie Dacher	Ron & Merry Dacher	September 23
			Miriam Pasternack	Peter & Tammy Golper	September 25



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July Yahrzeit Donations

Marcia Jackman - general donation

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SEPTEMBER 2025 ELUL/TISHREI 5785/5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 7:00 PM Board Meeting	3	4	5 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	6
7	8	9 Hollywood Bowl	10	11 	12 7:00 PM Shabbat Services Selahot Observed	13
14	15 <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	20
21	22 8:00 PM Rosh Hashanah Evening Services 	23 10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Services 	24	25	26	27 10:30 AM Shabbat Services
28	29	30				

Coming in October Shabbat Services - **Friday at 7:00 PM**, - **Wed. October 1** - 8:00 PM Yom Kippur Evening Services (Kol Nidre)
Thurs. October 2 - 10:00 AM - Yom Kippur Services - **Mon. October 6** - Sukkot begins at sundown. - **Tues. October 7** - Temple Board Meeting
Friday, October 17 - 7:00 PM - Simcha Torah at Shabbat Services
Saturday November 1 - 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service October 31)



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