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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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SEE US AT

Holiday IN THE Park

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025
5pm-9pm

W. MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD FROM
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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, November 4, 2024 - 7:00 PM



**Sunday,
November 2nd**
at 2:00 AM, will be
the time to turn your
clocks back one
hour. Don't forget to
"Fall Back!"



SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE SPECIAL DATES THIS MONTH!

NOVEMBER 1, 2025 - 10:30 AM
(NO SERVICES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31)

NOVEMBER 29, 2025 - 10:30 AM
(NO SERVICES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31)

SAVE
THE
DATE

Celebrating 10 Years

HANUKKAH IN THE FOOTHILLS

THURS, DECEMBER 18
DOORS 4:30PM

Elk's Lodge
10137 Commerce Avenue
Tujunga, CA 91042

Candle Lighting | Food | Music | Entertainment
Learn all about the Jewish Festival of Lights

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Religious Leadership

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.

2025/26 Officers and Directors

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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
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Your message will be forwarded to the
appropriate person.

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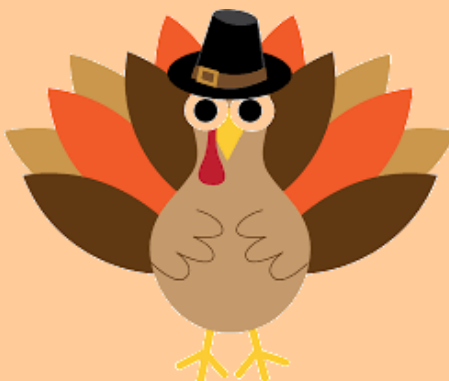
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Submissions will be published based
on space available, relevant content,
and at the discretion of the Editor,
Temple Officers and Directors.**

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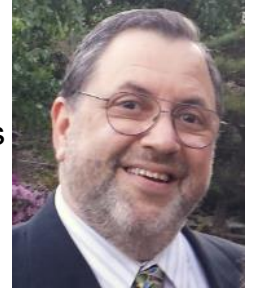
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on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
email us at:

office@Templebethemet.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - November 2025

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. I've heard the American Thanksgiving described as "a holiday dedicated entirely to food," but there is something that is good for the soul about a day to stop, reflect on one's blessing, enjoy a parade or football game, spend time with family or friends or even in solitude on a quiet autumn day before the rush of the end-of-year holiday season really begins.



We know that the American Thanksgiving holiday is largely patterned on the observance of Sukkot. According to some scholars, the Pilgrims lived for years among Sephardic Jews in Holland before coming to the new world and they brought the concept of deliverance and the commemoration of harvest to their celebration of gratitude.

We've never done one of those monster dinners with a dozen people or more or an extra table for guests. Our family gathering was always smaller and over the years has become more intimate, but it is still a special gathering. As the one who does most (read: all) of the cooking, I get to dictate the menu, and being a traditionalist, it is always the same. Aside from the fact that I am comfortable with the recipes and preparation, Thanksgiving means a turkey, dressing prepared a certain way, yams with marshmallows, the "classic" green bean casserole, and pumpkin pie.

In the days and weeks before Thanksgiving I see numerous recipes for "new takes" on Thanksgiving dishes. I don't have anything against "new takes" *per se*, but I put those suggestions aside for another day. For me, Thanksgiving food must be prepared in the classic manner.

Several years ago I came across a book by Sam Sifton, former restaurant critic for the New York Times, entitled *Thanksgiving: How to Cook It Well*. The book includes several recipes, none straying far from the traditional. Sifton also dictates the components necessary for a proper Thanksgiving:

And what exactly does that mean? It means there is going to be a turkey, and side dishes and dressing to go with it, and plenty of gravy as well. There is going to be a proper dinner table even if it turns out to be a slab of plywood over some milk crates covered by a sheet. There are going to be proper place settings for each person and glasses for water and wine. There are going to be candles. There will be dessert.

Sifton also is emphatic as to what does **not** belong. Salad. Along with appetizers or other things such as chips and nuts beforehand, salads "take up valuable stomach space." According to Sifton, "You can have your salad tomorrow."

I find Sifton's strict approach to Thanksgiving charming and even amusing, and I am even in agreement with the concept of elevating the experience of the day. Not everyone has the same feeling toward spending a day with family, some may not have, or even want, the opportunity to do so. But I hope all of us can find something to find comfort in and be thankful for this time of the year.

Diane and I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



Paul and Ernesto carry Torah



Chase does a reading on Yom Kippur



Bambi all dressed up for the High Holidays



Ira holds the Torah during Kol Nidre



Barbara plays Shviti on Yom Kippur



Alan takes an Aliyah



Sukkot Shabbat Services in the Sukkah



Rabbi Janet teaches about the lulav and Etrog at Sukkot Shabbat Services



Bunni and Bambi in conversation during Oneg



Marching with Torahs on Simchat Torah



THANKS FOR THE MELODIES!

APPLAUSE

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*THE TEMPLE BETH EMET COMMUNITY
TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN THANKING AND
FOLLOWING WHO MADE OUR
HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES SO SPECIAL!*

Music Director Robyn Kreisberg

Members of the Choir:

Margaret Goldfarb

Kathy Kreyns

Mark Nudelman

Vickie Sampson

Joanne Serin

Ruth Tanner

Instrumental:

Barbara Harmon, Cello



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



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**TOP QUALITY TALLITS FOR
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BAR & BAT MITZVAH

All with matching bag and kippot.

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MEMBER CHAI LIGHTS

November Birthdays

Emily Jayne Mintz-Kreyns	November 6
Shirley Abramson	November 11
Keith Goldberg	November 13
Joanne Serin	November 23
John Brody	November 24
Samantha Brody	November 25

November Anniversaries

Joel & Sarah Lava	November 11
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NOVEMBER Yahrzeits

Name: Remembered By: Date: Name: Remembered By: Date:

At Temple November 7, 2025

Frances Rose	Eileen Martin	November 4	November 21, 2025 (No Services)		
Frances Rose	Marlene Dreyfuss	November 4	Albert James Hanlin	Neil Margolin	November 21
Helen Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 6	Grace Fulop	Barri Bucknam	November 22
Hannah Davis	Marcia Jackman	November 8	Joan Feinsilber	Barri Bucknam	November 22
Sam Miller	Marlene Dreyfuss	November 9			

At Temple November 29, 2025 (Saturday Service)

At Temple November 14, 2025

Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 10	Dr. Edwin Butler	Mr. and Mrs. Neil Margolin	November 27
Celia Rothman	Sara Faden	November 13			
Stephen Abrams	Iris Abrams	November 14			



DONATIONS

Yahrzeit Donations

Marcia Jackman in memory of Hannah Davis

Naomi Aronoff in memory of William Aronoff

Marlene Dreyfuss in memory of Sam Miller

Neal Friedman in memory of Penny Friedman Buss

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



YOU ARE INVITED TO

MARLEY'S BAT MITZVAH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

AT 10:00 AM

TEMPLE BETH EMET OF BURBANK

600 N BUENA VISTA ST

BURBANK, CA 91505

WITH A PARTY TO FOLLOW



5:00 PM

THE BEVERLY GARLAND HOTEL

4222 VINELAND AVE

NORTH HOLLYWOOD

CA 91602



NOVEMBER 2025 HESHVAN/KISLEV 5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:30 AM Shabbat Services
2  Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4 7:00 PM Board Meeting 	5	6	7 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	8
9	10	11 	12	13	14 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	15 Chai Times Submissions Due
16	17	18	19	20	21 5:30 PM Holiday in the Park (No services at Temple)	22
23 30	24	25	26	27  Thanksgiving	28	29 10:30 AM Shabbat Services

Coming in December Shabbat Services - Friday at 7:00 PM, - Tuesday, December 2 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting
Sunday, December 14 - Hanukkah Begins at Sundown - Thursday, December 18 - 4:30 PM - Hanukkah in the Foothills
Saturday, December 20 - 10:00 AM - Marley Sachs Bat Mitzvah
Saturday, December 27- 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service December 26)



EDEN MEMORIAL PARK - BEST SITES

MOUNT OF OLIVES

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Lot 1725 Space H

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SPECIAL OCCASION?

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OR

BAGEL BRUNCH AFTER SATURDAY SHABBAT
SERVICES!

Contact the office.

*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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