

December 2025

Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

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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



FREE

Community Event

All Faiths Welcome

@HanukkahintheFoothills



MARLEY'S BAT MITZVAH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20,
2025, 10:30 AM

Everyone invited to attend

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-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBqQ>

Zoom Meeting ID 954 3781 4440
Password: 773288

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 7:00 PM

TEMPLE CHOIR PERFORMS

At Shabbat Services
December 12, 2025

HANUKKIYA LIGHTING

BURBANK TOWN CENTER

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE SPECIAL DATE!

DECEMBER 20, 2025 - 10:30 AM
(NO SERVICES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19)

FRIDAY SERVICES THE FOLLOWING WEEK,
DECEMBER 26, 2025 - 7:00 PM

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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

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Your message will be forwarded to the
appropriate person.

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members, please call the office or
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - December 2025

What if they gave a party and the whole city of Burbank showed up? Well, it seemed like that is what happened on November 21 at the Holiday in the Park street festival on Magnolia Boulevard, organized by the Magnolia Park Merchants Association (MPMA). Holiday in the Park started about 30 years ago, and in 2014 the MPMA took over the production. Originally it was a night when merchants along Magnolia stayed open late. The hot chocolate and cookies they handed out has largely been replaced by food trucks and street vendors, although if you know where to go you can still get a cup of cocoa and a candy cane or two. Now, Magnolia is closed between Buena Vista and Hollywood Way and the street is taken over by vendor and community organization booths. There is a car show, a Ferris wheel, and this year a free shuttle from the Buena Vista and Northwest Libraries.



This was our Temple's second year at Holiday in the Park. Our booth was lit up with string lights and battery lanterns hung with Hanukkah decorations of all sorts. We had bags to give out with dreidels, stickers, and Hanukkah gelt. Our table was draped with a Hanukkah runner and strewn with chocolate coins and topped with not one, but battery operated Hanukkiyahs. We had some flyers and Tracy collected emails from those who expressed interest in our Temple. Rabbi Bieber met and talked with passers-by. She really knows how to connect with people! Robyn came by with a keyboard and we sang some songs, Vickie was there with Bambi. Our booth was just about where it was last year, right in front of Pinocchio's Italian restaurant. Several of us split one of their pizzas before things got busy. There is a parking lot close by that allowed for a quick pack-up and exit at the end of the night.

One of our people remarked that our booth looked "10 times better" than the one of a certain other local synagogue!

Holiday in the Park is the kick-off for the holiday season in Burbank, coming the Friday before Thanksgiving. This year Hanukkah starts in the middle of December, and it will be busy this year! Our choir performed at Shabbat services on December 12. On Wednesday, December 17, we will be at Burbank Town Center at 6:00 PM to light the Hanukkiyah. Rabbi Bieber will lead the blessing and we will join together singing Hanukkah songs. December 18 is Hanukkah in the Foothills in Tujunga, starting at 4:30 PM. This evening of fun, food, and friendship is a community event organized by the Jewish community of the Foothills, and this is the 10th year of the event. Rabbi Bieber officiates at the event. Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 AM we will have Shabbat services and commemorate Marley's Bat Mitzvah. Marley has been attending services regularly and participating in the service as part of her studies with Rabbi Bieber. We are all very proud of her! We hope you will participate with us for these special events.

The holidays conclude at New Year's, and we look forward to seeing the Burbank Tournament of Roses entry in the Rose Parade, All Paws On Deck. The Burbank float is community built, and our Past-President Lisa is a volunteer every year. The float will be parked on the corner of Olive and Glenoaks starting Tuesday, January 6, 2026 for up-close viewing.

Wishing each and every one of you a very Happy Hanukkah and a wonderful 2026!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



Our booth at Holiday in the Park was stunning!



Diane and Joanne at Holiday in the Park



Tracy and Henry Bean check out a neighboring booth



Lisa and Rick stop by at Holiday in the Park



Marley's Bat Mitzvah is soon!



Bagel brunch after Saturday services has been a hit!



Rabbi and Robyn lead kiddish sponsored by the Barlows



Ira takes an aliyah . . .



. . . followed by Joanne



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.



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MEMBER CHAI LIGHTS

December Birthdays

Alan Cohen

December 7

Ira Goldstein

December 18

Iris Abrams

December 22

Diane Lewis-Goldstein

December 22

Rowan Epstein

December 26



DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

Name:	Remembered by:	Date:	Name:	Remembered by:	Date:
At Temple December 5, 2025			At Temple December 20, 2025 (Saturday)		
Harriet Modler	Peter Modler	December 1	Szerena Weber	Bea Satmary	December 14
Judith Kravetz	Iris Abrams	December 4	Joseph Steinmetz	Susan Levin	December 20
Leo Peckman	The Congregation	December 6	Edith Russell	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Becker	December 20
Fanny Sillman	Lois Jones	December 6			
At Temple December 12, 2025			At Temple December 26, 2025		
Norm Goodman	The Congregation	December 7	Sybil Factor	The Congregation	December 25
Golda Meir	The Congregation	December 8	Bessie Dash	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	December 27
Sylvia Rabin	The Congregation	December 10			
			At Temple January 2, 2026		
			Avraham Marco	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	December 31
			Albert Lassoff	Marva & Peter Felchlin	January 2



DONATIONS

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Jerry Dash in memory of Bessie Dash

*Lisa Gilman-Schanzer in memory of Laura Ambor-Schanzer and
Ruth Schanzer-Gilman*

Felice Levine in memory of Zina Schwartz

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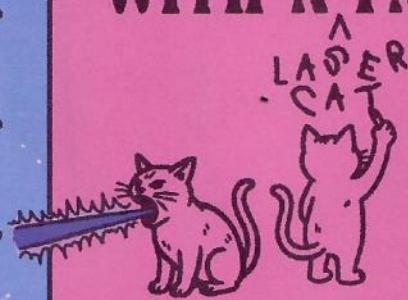
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

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



DECEMBER 2025 KISLEV/TEVET 5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 10:30 AM Shabbat Services
7	8	9 7:00 PM Board Meeting	10	11	12 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 10:30 AM Shabbat Services Marley Sachs Bat Mitzvah
						 Hanukkah VI
21  WINTER SOLSTICE  Hanukkah VII	22	23	24	25	26 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	27
28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve			

Coming in January Shabbat Services - Friday at 7:00 PM, - Tuesday, January 6 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting
Saturday, January 31- 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service January 30)



EDEN MEMORIAL PARK - BEST SITES

MOUNT OF OLIVES

(Sold Out Section)

Lot 1625 Spaces C and D

Lot 1725 Space H

Contact Lois Brenner

l.j.brenner13@gmail.com

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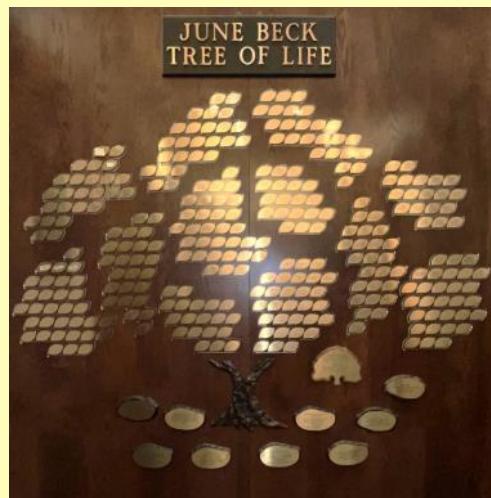
OR

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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