

April 2026



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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### **PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER!** **SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026—10:30AM TO 10:30PM**

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**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE  
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Marlene Dreyfuss  
Eileen Martin  
Jen Levine

Margaret Rose  
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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, April 7, 2026 - 7:00 PM**

### **SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE**

**APRIL 24, 2026 - 10:30 AM**  
(NO SERVICES FRIDAY, MARCH 27)

### **BAGEL BRUNCH TO FOLLOW!**

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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.

### 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

#### Officers

Ira L. Goldstein, *President*  
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Diane Lewis-Goldstein

## 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:**

**[office@TempleBethEmet.com](mailto:office@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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[office@Templebethemet.com](mailto:office@Templebethemet.com)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - April 2026

Shabbat services at Temple Beth Emet are always enjoyable. It's always nice to see others of our Temple family. Often, we get to meet new people, sometimes as guests of one of our regulars and sometimes those who have found us. While all are pretty well versed and comfortable with the service, Rabbi Bieber will often share a new prayer or melody. Rabbi's weekly Torah commentary is always well-researched, developed, and delivered, and there is always some new insight or interpretation included.



We've moved to celebrating festivals and holidays at the closest Shabbat rather than on the actual Jewish calendar date. It is more convenient for people on a Friday night or Saturday morning, and we get better participation.

We celebrated Purim during services on March 6. A lot of us arrived in costume. Aside from the traditional Purim personalities -- Queen Ester, Mordechai, etc. -- there were also some other creative characters. I even broke out my western wear. There was also a Purimspiel - a Purim Play written in the style of Dr. Seuss. And of course, plenty of Hamantashen afterward.

Later in the month we had a special treat -- after an abbreviated service our Choir members and Rabbi performed Broadway and film songs by Jewish composers. Everyone was wonderful, but I have to give a special shout-out to Tracy. She had laryngitis all that week. "First time in 13 years. Yes, I've been to the regular doctor, a Chinese throat herbalist and I'm doing what I can" she wrote in an email. But Burbank is a show business town, and as we know, in show business "the show must go on." Not only did she go on, she killed it! Tracy sang *What I Did For Love* from *A Chorus Line*. The song is about an artist's love for her art, Tracy's love came through strong and clear.

Not only was the performance a success on its own, it also was a fundraiser for the replacement of our sanctuary heating and cooling system. We raised a not-insignificant amount. Unfortunately, it is nowhere near enough.

Next month we are doing a restaurant fundraiser at the Panda Express on Pass and Oak, in the Von's center. It will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 10:30 AM to 10:30 PM. You will need the flyer, which is available on our website or on page 5 of this issue, or you can order on the Panda Express app using the fundraising code 3859506. Our Temple will receive 20% of the sales.

When my family first joined Temple Beth Emet there was actually a collection at Shabbat services. It was just a basket set up at the back of the sanctuary. Rabbi Kramer said it was "for those who feel the need to give." We don't do that anymore, but if you feel the need to give, the Temple certainly has a need to receive! And you don't have to wait for Shabbat. You can donate anytime, day or night, using the PayPal button on our website even if you don't have a PayPal account. Or you can go old-school and send a check (which saves us the PayPal fees).

They say April showers bring May flowers. Well, April donations bring December heat in the sanctuary! That may not rhyme, but it will be more comfortable.

-- IRA L GOLDSTEIN, President



Our Purimspiel Players



Tracy gets the streaming started



Bambi in costume for Purim too!



Robyn dressed for Purim



Vicki and Staci



Don't mess with Mark!



Bambi loves a snack after services



Vicki and Rabbi after our Broadway/Hollywood performance



Our talented Broadway/Hollywood Performers



A busy oneg after our Broadway/Hollywood Shabbat



Flowers for Rabbi from a couple she wed!



Fundraiser for  
**Temple Beth Emet of Burbank**

20% of event sales will be donated  
Fundraising to maintain our temple's  
services and address crucial building  
repairs.



**When**

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**  
**Time: 10:30 AM to 10:30 PM**

**Where**

**Panda Express located at:**  
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**How to Order**



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April Birthdays

Barbara Harmon	April 9
Marlene Dreyfuss	April 16
Eileen Martin	April 16

We Have No Records of Anniversaries This Month



# Yahrzeits - Honoring the Memory of Loved Ones

## APRIL YAHRZEITS

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
<b>At Temple April 3, 2026</b>			<b>At Temple April 17, 2026</b>		
Anne Goldstein	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	April 1	Anna Osbaum	Marjorie Jacobs	April 16
Phyllis Mehlman	The Congregation	April 1	Paz Montalvo	Jodessa Bayer	April 17
Margot Palmer	Marlene Dreyfuss	April 1			
Charles Jones	Lois Jones	April 2	<b>At Temple April 25, 2026 (Saturday)</b>		
Matilda Bayer	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 2	Elisa Gallay	The Congregation	April 19
			John Manocchia	The Congregation	April 22
			Esther Shagan Klein	Cheryl Mundon	April 26
			Lucy Rafaeli	The Congregation	April 26
<b>At Temple April 10, 2026</b>			<b>At Temple May 1, 2026</b>		
Rachel Gil	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 11	James Sloves	Myra Sloves	April 29



## DONATIONS

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*Myra Sloves in memory of James Sloves & Shawn Sloves*

*Marlene Dreyfus in memory of Margot Palmer*

*Robyn Kreisberg in memory of Rabbi David Hoffman*

*Hilary Maloney in loving honor of wedding service performed by Rabbi Janet*

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




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Erev Passover First Seder	2  Passover I Second Seder	3 7:00 PM Shabbat Services  Passover II	4  Passover III
5  Passover IV	6  Passover V	7 7:00 PM Board Meeting  Passover VI	8 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class  Passover VII	9	10 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	11
12	13	14	15 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	16	17 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	18
19	20	21	22 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	23	24	25 10:30 AM Shabbat Services
26	27	28	29 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	30		

Coming in May Shabbat Services - Friday at 7:00 PM, - Tuesday, May 12 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting  
 Sunday, May 17—10:30 AM to 10:30 PM - Panda Express Fundraiser—Thursday, May 21—Shavuot starts at sunset  
 Saturday, May 30 - 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service May 29)



*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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