

May 2026



Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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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, May 12, 2026 - 7:00 PM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 0 7:00 PM

(Nominated Slate of Officers and Directors Will Be Posted on the Website and Sent Via Email)

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE

MAY 30, 2026 - 10:30 AM

(NO SERVICES FRIDAY, MARCH 27)

BAGEL BRUNCH TO FOLLOW!

HEBREW READING/JEWISH LITERACY

NOW WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Everyone welcome, no matter what your level of experience.



SPECIAL APPEAL TO FUND A NEW HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR OUR SANCTUARY!

This is a big expense and we need the assistance of the entire Temple community. You can use the Paypal payment link on our website, no Paypal account is necessary.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE A SUBSTANTIAL DONATION

Marlene Dreyfuss
Eileen Martin
Jen Levine

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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*

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

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Ira L. Goldstein, *President*
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CHAI TIMES

Chai Times is the free, monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank available at 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 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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Happy Mother's Day

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can better serve our members, please call the office or email us at:

office@Templebethemet.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - May 2026

A Challenge To Our Community:

As everyone knows by now, the heating system in the sanctuary needs to be replaced. It is a big expense and we just cannot pay for it right now. For a couple of months now we have been asking members of our community to contribute. We have received some nice contributions, but so far, the total donations are very far from what we need. The air conditioning works, so we should be able to put off the work for the next several months, but eventually it will turn cold again, so we really need to ramp up our fundraising.



It has been our tradition not to announce the amount of a donation from any particular person, but we have received donations of \$250.00, \$150.00, \$100.00, and so on. One of our members approached me and suggested a challenge to the community to match one of our existing donors. We talked about how to come up with a figure that was meaningful, and we think we have a good suggestion.

According to *gematria*, the system of assigning numbers to Hebrew letters, and then adding up the numerical values of letters in a word, the value of *chai*, which is life, is 18. The number 18 is significant also in that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, are mentioned together in the Torah 18 times. There are 18 "commands" in the Torah regarding the building of the *Mishkan*, the holy Tabernacle. (Our prayer book is *Mishkan T'filah*, Dwelling Place for Prayer.) Then there is the number 7. In Judaism 7 denotes completeness, holiness, and perfection. The creation of the world took 7 days. Seven times 18 = 126. Therefore, our suggested donation is \$126.00.

If each of our member families contributed \$126.00 toward the sanctuary heating system we would only have about half of the total expected cost. We hope many of you could go beyond that figure, but we also recognize some of you may not be able to contribute that much. But \$126.00 is a good place for each of us to start in evaluating our ability to help us raise what we need for this project. It isn't an insubstantial amount, but neither is it an unreasonable request. It is going to take the entire Temple family to raise what we need. We are a warm, welcoming community, but we need to the Temple to be physically warm when the weather changes!

Hard to Say Goodbye To One Family:

One family that has helped to make our Temple a warm and welcoming community is the Barlows -- Alan, Stacie, and their daughter Rachil. They have always contributed their time, energies, and creativity to Temple Beth Emet. Stacie has often applied her catering skills to make our oneg shabbats beautiful and delicious. She is also thoughtful of the dietary needs of some of our members, and always made sure that when she set the oneg table there was something there for everyone. The Barlows have been thinking about relocating for some time, and even put their plans on hold for some time when Rabbi Janet and Vickie came to us. But they have found their place in Eureka, and we bid farewell to them at Shabbat services on April 3. And of course, Stacie arranged the oneg! We are sad to see them go, but we wish them all the best in their new home, and of course we reminded them that they always have a home here.

-- IRA L GOLDSTEIN, President



Bambi and Rango get to know each other.



Wishing the Barlows well on their move to Eureka. We will miss you!



Stacie's last oneg was magnificent!



David on curtain duty AND reading.



Rabbi Janet blesses the congregation.



Kathy strikes a pose at services.



Vickie on guitar as Bambi relaxes.



Jen takes an alliyah.



Henry Bean would rather ride.



Tracy carries Torah at Shabbat Saturday service.



Mark does the candle blessing.



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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Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
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MEMBER CHAI LIGHTS

May Birthdays

Vickie Sampson	May 4
Jodessa Bayer	May 7
Dave Wertlieb	May 9
Sarah Watnick	May 13
Kevin Colton	May 19

May Anniversaries

Susie & Phil Berman	May 6
Philip Wolfson & Agnes Bertiz	May 26



May Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
At Temple May 1, 2026			At Temple May 22, 2026		
Ernest Abdo	Vicki Margolin	May 2	Esther Shagan Klien	Cheryl Mundon	May 20
Esther Shagan Klien	Cheryl Mundon	May 3	Helen Pappert	The Congregation	May 20
			Abe Kranitz	Ian Kranitz	May 21
At Temple May 8, 2026			At Temple May 30, 2026 (Saturday)		
Beatrice Manners	Susie Manners	May 5	Adele Abdo	Vicki Margolin	May 26
At Temple May 15, 2026					
Alex Krone	Harriet Winnick	May 15			



DONATIONS

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Marcia Jackman – general donation for Rabbi Janet

Marcia Jackman in memory of Evelyn Jackman

Paul Arthur Hartel donation for Temple heating system.

Robert & LaVerne Cohen in memory of Fanny Kurkland Cohen

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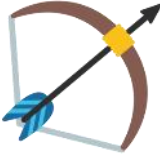




Planned Giving is a wonderful and loving way to ensure the legacy of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank and future generations. Planned Giving can be as simple as a bequest or a more complex financial arrangement which can provide many options and possible tax deductions for the donor.

Speak with your legal and financial advisors as to the best way to structure your wills and estate planning to include the Temple in your current and future plans.

Information on Planned Giving can also be found on our website at:

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




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	2
3	4	5  Lag B'Omer	6 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	7	8 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	9
10  Happy Mother's Day	11	12 7:00 PM Board Meeting	13 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	14	15 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	16
17 Panda Express Fundraiser 	18	19	20 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	21 Erev Shavuot	22 7:00 PM Shabbat Services 	23
24	25  31 Memorial Day	26	27 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	28	29	30 10:30 AM Shabbat Services

Coming in June Shababt Services - Friday at 7:00 PM, - Tuesday, June 2 - 7:00 PM - Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, June 27 - 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service June 26)



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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