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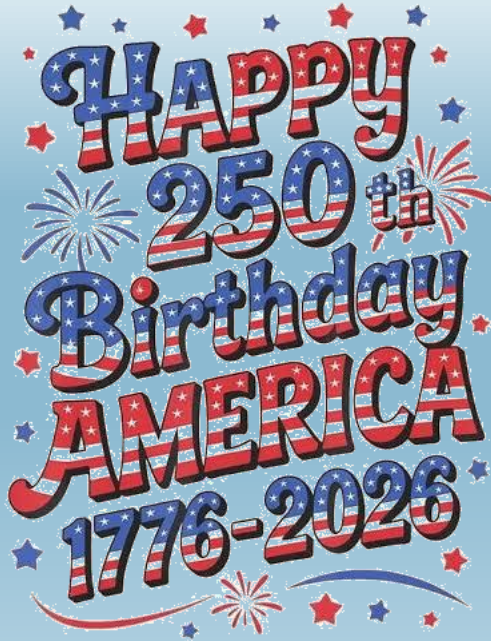
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SHABBAT SERVICES

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

NEXT TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE

JULY 25 - 10:30 AM

(NO SERVICES FRIDAY, JULY 24)

BAGEL BRUNCH TO FOLLOW!

HEBREW READING/JEWISH LITERACY

NOW WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Everyone welcome, no matter what your level of experience.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2026- 2027

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HOLLYWOOD BOWL TICKETS ARE HERE!

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INSTALLATION SHABBAT Friday, July 10, 2026—7:00 PM



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
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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
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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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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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office@Templebethemet.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - June 2026

When I was in a business network organization there was one member who had the practice of reading aloud the *Declaration of Independence* every July 4th. The words of Thomas Jefferson are stirring and we should remind ourselves of their impact regularly, but the text, written in late 18th Century English, does present some barriers to understanding.



Diane and I recently visited the Frazier Kentucky History Museum in Louisville. They had an exhibit Pursuit of Happiness, exploring how everyday people worked towards freedom and pursued happiness in their own ways. One display was a translation of the *Declaration of Independence* into modern language. With Independence Day approaching, I thought I'd share this "translation." I think Jefferson would approve.

The 13 states of America have discussed this and we are in agreement.

Sometimes it is necessary and natural for a group of people to declare independence from another group. This is what's happening now as we claim the separate and equal rights we deserve. Of course, a break-up this big deserves an explanation. So let us explain why...

We believe it is obvious that all people have the right to equal treatment and have God-given rights that cannot be taken away. These include a right to live, a right to be free, and a right to seek happiness.

It is government's job to protect these rights, and the Only way a government gets its power is from the people It exists to help.

If a government fails to protect the rights of its people, those people can change it or replace it with a new government that does a better job of serving their safety and happiness.

Still, people should be careful and wise and not rush to replace governments over small and trivial matters. People will usually suffer under a bad government rather than act to change their situation.

But sometimes things get really bad and a government works against the rights of its people in order to control them entirely. This is when it is necessary for people to replace their government and create a better future.

We have reached that limit. We have decided that enough is enough and we are ready to move on by breaking free of what has been forced upon us.

King George III is a tyrant who wants complete control over us. Here's a list of things he's done to prove our point:

He won't approve useful laws the people need.

He won't allow individual colonies to pass laws without his permission. Many of these are very important to us but, he ignores us.

I some cases he won't pass our requested new laws unless we give up representative government. Only a tyrant would want to take this right of self-governing away from people.

King George has called legislative meetings in far-off places that are difficult for us to get to. This means people can't afford to attend, so in effect, we have no say or choice in the meetings.

He shut down local legislatures who strongly stood up to him (with manly firmness) on behalf of the people.

He won't let us elect new leaders, or reform local legislatures. We believe this power can't be taken away by anyone so it is in the hands of the people. Until this is settled, we are less safe from threats inside and outside of our borders.

In trying to limit the number of people in these states, he has not allowed immigrants to come to America to become citizens and own land.

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Lisa and Rick visit with Margaret at the Oneg



Vickie has a word with Bambi



Diane sharing a laugh during services



Cathy assists Rabbi Janet at Kiddish



Cathy and Valerie in the house



Patricia does a reading



Rabbi and Vicki's friend Diane takes an alliya



Paul and Henry Bean at Oneg



Award-wining "consession stand" at Movie Night



Vickie with her mom's Oscar



Vickie introducing her short films



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He has taken control of our court system.

He is the only person who can pay judges, which creates a conflict of interest for them.

He has sent lots of officials to harass us, and we have to pay for them.

Even when there is no war happening, he has kept his soldiers here.

He says we should obey his military rather than our own government.

He lets British Parliament make laws for us without our permission. Here are some of those laws:

We must house British soldiers in our homes.

Some of those soldiers were not brought to justice for the murder of Americans

We are not allowed to trade with anyone else in the world besides Great Britain

We are taxed without our permission or representation:

We have no right to a trial by jury

Some of us have been taken overseas to be tried for crimes we did not commit

Great Britain took complete control over our neighbor, Quebec, and they intend to do the same thing here.

We have lost control of our own colonial governments and laws.

Our legislators have lost power, instead we must only do only as the British say.

He has given up responsibility for our safety and we are no longer under British protection. Instead, the King has attacked us.

He has attacked our ships, burned our towns and ruined lives.

The King has hired foreign mercenary armies to continue the tightening and destruction.

No civilized king should act so cruelly.

He has captured our own citizens and forced them to fight against us.

He is also inciting attacks from both from our own citizens and the Native Americans who live nearby.

We have asked many times for things to change, but have been ignored. A king who acts like this is unfit to rule free people.

We have told our fellow British citizens about how their government has treated us since we immigrated here.

We have tried to remind them of the common bonds we share, yet they too have ignored us. So we must treat them like anyone else - enemies in war or friends in peace.

As the Representatives of the United States of America, in the name of the people who live here, we officially proclaim that our United Colonies are now free and independent states. From now on, we have no political connection with Great Britain.

As independent states, we have the power to make war, peace, alliances, trade deals and anything else we so desire.

We pledge our support of this declaration and each other with our very lives.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Independence Day.

-- IRA L GOLDSTEIN, President



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July Birthdays

Joel Lava	July 4
Sarah Lava	July 5
Finn Lava	July 6
Tracy Martin	July 15
Ezra Bergstein	July 21

July Anniversaries

Dan Werner & Flora Werner-Mendoza	July 20
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HOLLYWOOD BOWL 2026

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For tickets, call the office at (818) 843-4787

No charge for tickets, donation requested.

Take the Bowl Shuttle or Park and Ride for a stress-free trip to and from the Bowl.
Bring a picnic dinner and maybe a bottle of wine (or two) for a wonderful evening with friends.

Wednesday, July 8 8:00 PM	Wilkins Conducts Bernstein & Ellington Scenes of women's suffrage, tender lullabies, and vibrant city streets make up this American mosaic. Various works, including: BERNSTEIN — <i>Three Dance Episodes from On the Town</i> ELLINGTON — <i>Harlem</i> Los Angeles Philharmonic, Thomas Wilkins, Conductor
Tuesday, August 4 8:00 PM	Mendelssohn & Haydn MENDELSSOHN — <i>Violin Concerto</i> HAYDN — <i>Symphony No. 104, "London"</i> Los Angeles Philharmonic, Louis Langrée, Conductor Marc Bouchkov, Violin
Thursday, August 27 8:00 PM	Rachmaninoff & Adams John ADAMS — <i>Short Ride in a Fast Machine</i> RACHMANINOFF — <i>Piano Concerto No. 2, Symphonic Dances, Op. 45</i> Los Angeles Philharmonic, Gemma New, Conductor Jeneba Kanneh-Mason, Piano
Tuesday, September 8 8:00 PM	Los Angeles Ballet at the Bowl REVUELTAS — <i>Janitzio</i> , GERSHWIN — <i>Who Cares?</i> COPLAND — <i>Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo</i> , MONCAYO — <i>Huapango</i> Gabriela ORTIZ — <i>Kauyumari</i> Los Angeles Philharmonic, Carlos Miguel Prieto, Conductor Los Angeles Ballet

PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS ARE EVEN MORE LIMITED THIS YEAR!

For more concert and transportation information go to www.hollywoodbowl.com or call
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July Yahrzeits

Name:	Remembered by:	Date:
At Temple July 3, 2026		
Samuel Sillman	Lois Jones	July 2
At Temple July 17, 2026		
Betty Marco	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	July 14
Barbara Golper	Peter & Tammy Golper	July 14
Dee Segall	The Congregation	July 14
Sylvia Aronson	The Congregation	July 15
Leonard Kravetz	Iris Abrams	July 16
Abe Goldstein	Ira Goldstein and Diane Lewis-Goldstein	July 18



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	2	3 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	4 AMERICA 250 Independence Day
5	6	7	8 7:00 PM—Hebrew Reading and Jewish Literacy Class	9	10 7:00 PM Shabbat Services Installation	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	31	

*Coming in August: Shababt Services - Friday at 7:00 PM
Saturday August 29- 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service (No Friday Night Service August 28)
OPEN HOUSE(s) - TBA*



*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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