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In these unprecedented times, the way we gather has needed to be different. We are still holding services and finding ways to come together as a community. Please stay connected with us at tberochester.org, where you can find up-to-date information and content

Shacharit:

Sunday: 8:30 am

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am

Rosh Hodesh: 7:15 am

Secular Holidays: 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday-Friday: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Shacharit:

Shacharit: 10:00 am | Torah Reading: 10:30 am

Shabbat Mincha:

7:56 pm



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Zoom links can be found at www.tberochester.org/calendar/

Mondays -The Week's Insight: Parsha in Depth

This weekly class will give a deeper look into the Parsha, with insights into traditional and modern commentators. Contemporary lessons will help actualize the Torah and make it relevant in one's daily life. *10:00 am | Zoom*

Thursday April 22- Bake with Beth El: S'mores Pie

This April for our monthly baking series we will come together as a community (virtually) to bake S'mores Pie in time for Lag B'omer with our guest host. Purchase a kit complete with all you need to bake, or just tune in with your own supplies. It's the Jewish way, come bake and nosh with us! *6:30 pm | Zoom*

Sunday April 25- Garden Clean Up

Bring your tools and help us clean up the Temple Beth El garden. *11:00 am | TBE*

Sunday April 25-Briskin Cantor-in Residence Concert

We welcome DANIELLA RISMAN, lyric soprano, H.L. Miller Cantorial School of the JTS Graduate, and the 22nd recipient of the Richard W. Briskin Cantor-in-Residence Award. *3:00 pm | Zoom and In-Person*

Friday April 30 -Lag B'Omer Family Service & Friday Night Dinner

Our Friday Night Dinners are back! We invite our families with school-aged children to join us in person for a special Lag B'omer Shabbat service led by Rabbi Jeremy Winaker. We'll have services around the bonfire followed by a delicious picnic dinner. *\$18 Adult | \$10 child | Max Household \$50*
5:30 pm Bonfire & S'mores; 6:00 pm Family Service
6:30 pm Dinner

Saturday May 1- Hike & Havdallah B'yachad

Join us at TBE at 7 pm for a light hike and enjoy each other's company and the great outdoors. We will then do Seudah Shelishit and Mincha/Maariv at 8 pm, followed by a havdalah b'yachad (together). *7:00 pm | TBE*

Sunday May 2- Tefillin Primer with Rabbi Bitran

Join Rabbi Bitran for a refresher on how to put on and the meaning behind Tefillin. *9:30 am | Zoom*

Sunday May 2- Rainbow Creation Stations

Bring your family to TBE for fun rainbow themed activities in honor of Lag B'omer. *10:30 am | TBE*

Wednesday May 5- Bat Mitzvah

As some of our animals lovers may know it's bat season! Come do a mitzvah for these fuzzy critters at TBE and learn more about the role they play in our ecosystem and how we can help them. *4:30 pm | TBE*

Sunday May 16-Butterfly Release & Sustainability Wildlife Garden Kick Off

Come to TBE for some ice cream and stay for our butterfly release. We will celebrate the spirit of transformation from Passover to Shavuot by releasing butterflies raised from caterpillars and renewing our efforts to sustain the beauty of nature. *12:00 pm | TBE*

Sunday May 16-Annual Meeting

Join us for a dairy dessert and learn all about this past year. Help us recognize staff, our volunteers of the year, and hear from our President about his year on the job. *5:00 pm | TBE and Zoom*

Sunday May 16-Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Following the annual meeting we will commence our educational journey. Stay with us through the evening as we hear from Rabbi Bitran, Rabbi Winaker, Hazzan Levin, and our other guest speakers. *7:00 pm | TBE*

RABBI'S CORNER

The two Torah portions we read this Shabbat are Tazria and Metzora. They both deal with topics that do not have direct implications for our lives: laws of purity and impurity, with a significant section dedicated to laws pertaining to the metzora, a person suffering from a skin disease.

According to what is written in these portions, a person who suffers from various kinds of skin diseases must undergo a complicated process of purification that includes periods of quarantine of varying lengths of time. At the end of the process, he/she is supposed to bring a sacrifice to the Temple.

What is being discussed is an "illness" of a spiritual nature, so the attitude about it stems from a certain outlook on the person, on society and on the relationship between body and soul. Judaism understood that in some cases the health of spirit helps and heals the body. At the same time Judaism understood then need to preserve the health of the community isolating the individual but keeping an eye on the recovery and return to live with the rest. The two Torah portions although far removed from what medicine is today, present a most interesting view where the spirit and body can heal together.



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