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Mission Statement

Temple Beth El is a vibrant and inclusive community of Jews who join together for prayer, education, celebration, mutual support and comfort, tikkun olam and acts of loving kindness. We are guided by Torah and the principles of the Conservative movement. We are committed to our community, the State of Israel, and Jews around the world.

Vision Statement

Our vision is that Temple Beth El will be an inspiring center of Conservative Judaism in which meaningful experiences and memories take root and grow.

Values Statement

We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation. We value and respect each congregant and his or her personal journey in Judaism.

We foster a sense of connectedness with our community. We value participation in all aspects of synagogue and Jewish life.

Our congregation will be here for the entire Temple family now and for future generations.

Welcome!



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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Shacharit:

Sunday: 8:30 am
Monday–Friday: 7:30 am
Rosh Hodesh: 7:15 am
Secular Holidays: 8:30 am

Mincha/Ma'ariv:

Sunday–Friday: 6:00 pm



SHACHARIT ZOOM LINK:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6p5ky6h>
Call-in: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 846 8881 5480



MINCHA/MA'ARIV ZOOM LINK:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6d78zxs>
Call-in: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 841 5194 9603



SHABBAT SERVICES

Pesukei dezimra: 9:30 am
Shacharit: 10:00 am
Torah Service: 10:30 am

Mincha/Ma'ariv:

1 hour and 15 minutes
prior to sunset

All Shabbat information can be found on our website:
<https://www.tberochester.org/pray/shabbat-services/>

LIVE STREAM LINK:

<https://www.tberochester.org/live-stream/>



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been an honor to serve as president of Temple Beth El these past three years. As my term winds down, I wanted to take a few minutes to reflect on some significant accomplishments that I believe will lead our synagogue to a bright future.

We continue to emerge from the isolation of the pandemic. The congregation is coming together again, for worship, celebration and learning opportunities. We are ready to launch a search for a new senior rabbi now that Rabbi Bitran has announced his desire to step back.

Driving all this forward will be our 2023 Strategic Plan. The four task forces focused on the areas defined within the plan have been hard at work these last few months.

- The Welcoming and Engaging task force is seeking to create an environment in which congregants and newcomers feel unconditionally welcome and want to engage in synagogue life.
- Key Staffing is working to ensure the synagogue has the personnel and volunteers in place to help TBE achieve its engagement and educational goals.
- Communications is focused on establishing guidelines and practices to improve transparency and enhance two-way communication between the congregation and its leadership. (In other words, letting everyone know what's happening and when.)
- Preserving and Advancing Conservative Judaism in Rochester is learning how people want to observe, celebrate and embrace our faith - honoring our history while planning for the future.

It's an ambitious plan, but one I'm confident can be carried out and will lead to success.

Leading the charge going forward will be Evan Spindelman, who has agreed to take on the role of president starting with our new fiscal year. Evan, whose father Norman, of blessed memory, also served as TBE president, has done a superb job as our treasurer and brings to the role a deep commitment to our congregation.

TBE is in good hands, and I wish Evan and the incoming board (to be announced later this spring) and our professional staff the very best.

Matthew Ryen

Outgoing TBE Board President



FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR RABBI

Elijah and the Seder

We are told that at the Seder table of a great Hassidic rabbi, one of his disciples was asked to open the door for Elijah the prophet. When he returned from opening the door, everyone noticed that the Chassid's face was quite pale. When asked why he was so moved, he responded, "When you open a door in the rebbe's house, the possibility is strong that Elijah will come in, and I was afraid."

The Rabbi heard these words and responded, "You don't have to be afraid. When Elijah will come in, he will come not through the door, but through your heart."

Why was Elijah chosen as our most important, albeit invisible, Seder guest? What aspects of our tradition associate him with Passover? What does it mean Elijah will come through our hearts?"

The most obvious answer is historical. Elijah staked his life in the struggle against idolatry in ancient Israel. The king and queen of Israel had betrayed the faith of their ancestors and had succeeded in establishing the worship of the Canaanite fertility gods. Most of the true prophets were slain by the king. But Elijah demonstrated a supreme courage and zeal that designated him forever as a forerunner of the Messiah, as one who would herald the redemption of all humankind. Thus, Passover, the festival of Jewish freedom, is connected with Elijah, the prophet of ultimate, universal freedom.

Yet there was another role which rabbis assigned to Elijah, less awesome, but more human. The Bible says of Elijah that "he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers." Before the coming of Passover, we read this verse as we prepare for the celebration of the Seder because the greatest of the responsibilities of Elijah will be the reunion of families, the joining of husbands and wives, of parents and children. In Jewish legend, it is Elijah who, under different guises and always unrecognized, appears and reappears to reconcile those whose bitterness had split asunder. It is in this role, even more so than as a harbinger of Messianic times, that Elijah "enters our hearts." Passover is uniquely a family festival when grandparents, parents, children, and relatives reenact ancient rituals and "eat history". The first instructions given to the people of Israel to observe the Passover Festival state: "It shall come to pass when your children shall say unto you, 'What this service means to you' and you shall tell the story to your children." If the head of the household is the King (or Queen) of the Seder, then the star of the performance is the child. The whole test of that night is to build a pathway to a child's heart.

Amid our concern about Israel and world peace, personal success, and fulfillment, Judaism teaches us that there is a foundation upon which human life itself either becomes blessed or loses its possibility for regeneration, and that foundation is the family. We have the obligation and privilege to communicate our heritage to our young, to respond to them, and to share with them the values so precious to us. Therefore, we hope for the coming of Elijah because he is a symbol of the reconciliation of the generations.

When the generations understand each other, when the young are willing to learn from the experience of their elders, and when elders are willing to draw faith and hope from the enthusiasm and sincerity of the young, then indeed, will we have reached the age of fulfillment. Elijah's presence reminds us that redemption involves not merely leading people out of slavery, but bringing people back to each other - leading all gathered around the Seder table back to the mutual love and appreciation that are the dearest possessions of free men and women. May Elijah enter our homes, but more importantly, may he enter our hearts.

Silvana, Ethan, Lara and I express our very best wishes for a joyous Passover to each of you. May you and your loved ones share in the blessings of this season.

Pesach Kasher V'Sameach

Rabbi Leonardo Bitran



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After a very successful fall and winter of events, celebrations and programs, we’re heading into spring and summer with another full TBE calendar. We have Purim celebrations, a community Passover seder, special Shabbat dinners, Briskin Cantor in Residence Weekend, Keshet and BE.WISE events, b’nai mitzvah, Needy Ego Arts Festival, congregational meetings and more. How can you keep track of it all, make sure you don’t miss out on something you want to attend? That’s what we’ve been working on.

Our new weekly email offers the highlights of what’s going on at our synagogue, both news and events. It comes out every Thursday morning with the top news you need to know, and links to more information on our website.

Speaking of our website, www.tberochester.org is your go-to source. Not only does it have a full calendar of events, you can also find the times for daily and weekly services, as well as links to our virtual services.

Under the “Learn” tab is the latest information on Keshet and BE.WISE as well as other educational opportunities for congregants. Click on the “Act” tab, and you’ll find a full draft of our 2023 Strategic Plan, news on our support for Israel as well our Life and Legacy Program that supports TBE.

“Celebrate and Honor” is home to information on our annual events, a listing of Mazel Tovs to our fellow congregants, and list of upcoming yahrtzeits. (More information on specific family yahrtzeits is available by signing in to your account from the website.)

And we hope you’ll spend some time looking over the information under “Get Involved,” home to the Sisterhood and Men’s Club pages as well as our new Volunteer data base, your chance to sign up to help TBE whenever and however you can, be it once a week, once a month, or once a year.

All the information you need, just a click away. We’re looking forward to seeing you often this spring and summer.

Deborah Zeger

Deborah Zeger

WHERE TO FIND CONTENT



Yahrzeits You should have received an email or letter stating when the Yahrzeit of your loved one will be observed according to the Jewish calendar. Names will be read on the Shabbat dates listed below, prior to the actual Yahrzeit. Kaddish is also recited at Ma’ariv (evening service) on the night on which the Yahrzeit begins and at Shacharit (morning service) and Mincha (afternoon service) on the day of the Yahrzeit. Actual dates can be found on your Shulcloud account or by calling the office at (585) 473-1700. **The monthly list of daily yahrzeit dates can be found at <https://www.tberochester.org/celebrate/yahrzeits/>**



DONATIONS Temple Beth El is very grateful for every donation we receive. Your support enables us to provide ongoing services and programs to the congregation and community. **Donations will now be posted on our website monthly at <https://www.tberochester.org/celebrate/donations/>**



VOLUNTEER Give your time and talents to help at Temple Beth El throughout the year. **Find opportunities and initiatives at www.tberochester.org/meet/volunteer/**



MAZAL TOV We are happy to pass along news about our congregants and community. Share yours by calling the office at (585) 473-1770 or by emailing communications@tberochester.org. **Mazel Tovs can now be found at www.tberochester.org/celebrate/mazaltov/**



COMMUNITY EVENTS & CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES Temple Beth El programs and candle lighting times for Holy Days and Shabbat can be found by month and date **starting on page 26 and/or at <https://www.tberochester.org/celebrate/calendar/>**



YOUTH & FAMILY UPDATE

Shalom!

The first half of the school year has been an incredible time for Keshet and BE.WISE. As the seasons change, there’s more and more to learn and experience for all of us.

Keshet is bursting at the seams! Each classroom is full this year and we wouldn’t have it any other way. Getting to watch the kids grow from little 2-year-olds to confident 4-year-olds is a gift. BE.WISE is growing just as fast, allowing us to facilitate quality Jewish education to many different groups of students. Introducing new teachers and opportunities to support such a large number of students is the best problem to have.

Enrichment opportunities for Keshet students are offered every day with special programs occurring frequently. Some of our favorites have been Sukkot with My Special Guest, Keshet Thanksgiving, inviting parents to Shabbat Sing, and giving families educational opportunities about raising a young child. Coming up soon is our Purim celebration and Popsicles with Parents! We are looking forward to bringing our community together for these fun times.

We have been working hard on professional development to give our staff and teachers the best tools for any situation. This includes workshops on dealing with difficult conversations, how to identify and discuss bullying, and courses on infant and early childhood mental health. It is so important to us to be ready for whatever the world can throw at us—and as we all know, it can be anything!

BE.WISE has finished two successful minimesters this school year with much to show for it. We have monthly student showcases to help students get comfortable with the bimah and leading prayers, as well as our weekly Kehila where we all come together for activities and prayer. Soon we will have an incredible opportunity to learn about the Holocaust from the *Survivors* the Play, and talking to the actors about antisemitism throughout history, all aimed at middle school-aged children.

As the spring and summer approach, we’re excited for all the fun that’s on the calendar. To get involved, check out the website for all upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer. We’re always appreciative of the support. Reach out to any of us here at Temple Beth El with questions, concerns, or just to say hello.

L'Shalom,

Mandi Warner

Mandi Warner



TBE EDUCATION

BE. WISE: JEWISH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

BE.WISE, (Beth El wisdom, identity, spirituality, enrichment, engagement, education) is the "Choose your own adventure model" of supplementary Jewish education. This flexible program is geared for children ages k-8, and offers experiential learning opportunities. Core courses include individualized Hebrew instruction, Jewish heritage and Israel, history, Jewish identity and T'filah and Rituals. Elective classes change frequently with offerings including Jews in the News, Culinary Judaism, and Jews in Motion.



Registration Open Now!

For more information contact
Mandi Warner at 473-1770
or mwarner@tberochester.org
or visit
<https://www.tberochester.org/learn/bewise/>



Keshet Preschool, a Jewish early childhood program, is dedicated to serving the entire Rochester community. In a warm loving environment, through play, your child will gain a love of Jewish and secular learning as well as develop his/her social-emotional skills.

**Registration for Fall 2024
Starts March 1**
www.tberochester.org/lifelong-learning/keshet-preschool





Purim 5784

**FAMILY HAVDALAH & PURIM CELEBRATION
WITH REFRESHMENTS**

MARCH 23 | 6:45 PM | TEMPLE BETH EL

FULL MEGILLAH READING

MARCH 23 | 8 PM | TEMPLE BETH EL

MARCH 24 | 8:30 AM | TEMPLE BETH EL

PURIM CARNIVAL @ JCC

MARCH 24 | 3–5 PM | LOUIS S. WOLK JCC



JUNE 24–AUGUST 9

No camp July 1–5

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

*Early Bird Rates Through April 1**



Themes may include: Into the Wild, Messy Art, Stars and Space, or Splashtacular.

Find more information and sign up at www.tberochester/learn/camp-keshet/

**See online for early bird qualifications*



MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club of Temple Beth El
Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life

A Men's Club Minute from Club President Howard Ressel

Every year, the Men's Club proudly sponsors a variety of events and activities. We're always thinking about—asking you for your ideas about—new programs. By the time you read this, you'll have heard Silvana Backman's presentation as the first speaker in our new post-Shabbat services program, *Getting to Know Us: Members' Stories*. So many TBE members have fascinating, unexpected stories to tell about their lives. We're happy to give them the opportunity to tell those stories, and hope you enjoy the series—and the accompanying special Men's Club Kiddush. See below for future program dates.

Among our more traditional programs are the World Wide Wrap (tefillin instruction for everyone interested) and Men's Club Shabbat (this year March 9th). Thanks to everyone who participated.

In April, look for Yom HaShoah candles in the lobby. Distributing Yom HaShoah candles is an annual program sponsored by the national Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Make sure you take one, light it, and display it. Now it's more important than ever.

Looking ahead to the summer, our annual meeting (on June 9) will again include a speaker and a special event for kids. We're also planning another outing to a Red Wings Baseball Game. Last year's was one of our most successful and enjoyable out of building programs in a long time. We'll let you know the date as soon as it's set.

As always, feel free to contact me at Mensclub@tberochester.org about anything Men's Club: questions, complaints, or ideas for speakers, programs etc.

Howard Ressel
President

Upcoming Events

MARCH

9 Men's Club Shabbat

APRIL

6 Getting to Know Us:
Members' Stories

MAY

6 Yom HaShoah
(get your candles)

18 Getting to Know Us:
Members' Stories

JUNE

9 Annual meeting
with speaker (and
joint kids event)

JULY

Red Wings Outing

Join Us! SEVENTH ANNUAL JOINT GOLF OUTING

IN MEMORY OF JAY COHEN



TEMPLE BETH DAVID



JULY 29, 2024 | WILDWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

8:30 AM | REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, TEAM PICTURES

10:00 AM | SHOTGUN TEE START

4:00 PM | HORS D'OEUVRES

GOLF, BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND HORS D'OEUVRES \$150.00

REGISTER ONLINE AT: WWW.TBEROCHESTER.ORG/GOLF

OR CALL: TEMPLE BETH EL OFFICE: 585-473-1770

TEMPLE BETH DAVID OFFICE: 585-266-3223

Needy Ego

ARTS FESTIVAL

AUGUST 25

10 AM–4 PM
TEMPLE BETH EL
139 WINTON ROAD SOUTH,
ROCHESTER NY

Everyone is invited to enjoy a day of art, music, and boutique shopping as Temple Beth El is transformed into an outdoor arts and crafts marketplace.

Rain or shine!

Proceeds to benefit the
Ilana Finkelstein Art Fund
at Temple Beth El



SISTERHOOD

When women support each other,
incredible things happen.

All Sisterhood meetings and programs are
open to the entire Temple Beth El family.

Semi-Annual Calendar

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
PAD Party	3 Board Meeting 10 AM	No meeting; Everyone's prepping for Pesach!	4-5 Regional Conference in Toronto 12 Board Meeting 10 AM	2 Board Meeting 10 AM	tba PAD Party 2 Board Meeting 10 AM	11 Board Meeting 10 AM

More dates to remember:

APRIL 22 & 23 Seders

AUGUST 25 Needy Ego Arts Festival; artist registration starts in March

FAQs—Are Sisterhood programs only for Sisterhood members?

NO. Sisterhood is organizing these
programs. Everyone can help run,
and participate, in everything.

Check the Sisterhood Newsletter or Temple website for up-to-date program details.

YES, the Just Judaica Gift Shop is Open for Business! NO, we are not closing!

There's a nasty rumor going around that we will be closing. That's nonsense. Our Gift Shop is important to our temple, and to the Rochester Jewish community. Sisterhood is proud to spearhead this unique service that strengthens us all. Consider joining the team. Contact Gail to discuss opportunities at gailfink49@gmail.com.

Just Judaica, our Temple gift shop, is the largest retail Judaica Gift Shop in western and central New York. The money we make goes back to the congregation, as Shiva packages, Care Packages to our temple members confined at home/hospital, Chumashim gifts for Bat/Bar Mitzvahs, Gifts to students, and much more.

Many items in our shop are created by artists and craftspersons for us, and not available on the internet. We use our wholesale buying power to offer you below-internet prices. Plan your own personal shopping experience—call Lynda (585-314-8288) or Iris (585-739-2428) to set up yours. **Regular shopping hours are Wednesdays 3-5 pm.**

Our Gift Shop has items appropriate for all our Judaic needs. For example, we have a large selection of Mezzuzahs, Tallit, and we've just received a large selection of Candlesticks. We sell high quality personalized Kippot and Ketubahs at below-internet prices. For holidays, here's unique Passover gift idea—the **"613 Recipes"** cookbook, a collection of recipes generously shared by the Temple Beth El Family, published by us in 2016. There's a chapter with more than 40 pages of Passover recipes. Stop by and take a look. For more information about our Gift Shop, contact Gail at gailfink49@gmail.com.



Sisterhood Mission Statement

Our mission is to strengthen and unite the women of Sisterhood and support them to understand and perpetuate Conservative/Masorti Judaism in the home, synagogue and community and reinforce their bonds with Israel and Jews worldwide.



20s & 30s

This is a welcoming place for Jews in their 20/30s. Jewish and non-Jewish partners are always welcome to join! Parents may bring children under the age of 2.

Join the 20s & 30s on Facebook for information on all upcoming events at www.facebook.com/TBE2030. To join the 20s & 30s mailing list, send an email with your information to communications@tberochester.org.

Pi Day Hamantaschen Bake

MARCH 14 | 6:30 PM

Nosh, drinks, discussion about Jewish mysticism, candle craft to finish off havdallah kits.

Earth Day Event

APRIL 21 | 1PM

Local Synagogue Architecture Tour

MAY 19 | 1PM

Annual Eric Weiner Memorial Event

JUNE 9



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Passover Schedules and Information





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Passover

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 PM.....Bedikat Chametz at home

MONDAY, APRIL 22 (1ST SEDER)

7:00 AM.....Morning Minyan & Seudat Mitzvah
11:04 AMLast Time For Eating Hametz
12:00 PM.....Biyur Hametz (Burn the Hametz)
6:00 PM.....Mincha/Maariv for Yom Tov
7:43 PM.....Passover begins—light candles

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 (1ST DAY/2ND SEDER)

9:00 AM.....Morning Services for First Day of Passover
Noon.....Kiddush Lunch
6:00 PM.....Mincha
6:30 PM.....Second Seder at Temple Beth El
8:45 PM.....Light Candles

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 (2ND DAY OF PASSOVER)

9:00 AM.....Morning Services for Second Day of Passover
Noon.....Kiddush Lunch
6:00 PM.....Mincha
7:25 PM.....Holy Day Ends

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 & FRIDAY APRIL 26

7:15 AM.....Morning Minyan
6:00 PM.....Mincha/Maariv

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:30 AM.....Shabbat Services
Noon.....Kiddush Lunch
7:35 PM.....Mincha
8:50 PM.....Shabbat Ends

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 (HOL HAMOED PASSOVER)

8:30 AM.....Morning Minyan
6:00 AM.....Mincha
7:50 PM.....Light Candles

MONDAY APRIL 29 (7TH DAY OF PASSOVER)

9:00 AM.....Morning Services for
Seventh Day of Passover
Noon.....Kiddush Lunch
6:00 PM.....Mincha
8:52 PM.....Light Candles

TUESDAY APRIL 30 (8TH DAY OF PASSOVER)

9:00 AM.....Morning Services for
Eighth Day of Passover
11:00 AMYiskor
Noon.....Kiddush Lunch
6:00 PM.....Mincha
8:53 PM.....Holiday Ends



PLEASE
JOIN US
FOR OUR
ANNUAL

Second Seder

APRIL 23, 2024

6:00 PM | MINCHA

6:30 PM | SEDER

Our menu will include matzah ball soup, roasted chicken, brisket, kugels, and fresh vegetables and dessert.

Vegetarian/Vegan options available!

Adults (13 years and older):

_____ \$65 per person

Kids' Meals (12 and younger):

_____ \$25 per person

**Sign up at www.tberochester.org
to reserve your meal today!**

**Prices increase April 15
Adult \$75 | Child \$30**





Passover

INFORMATION

For a more complete Passover guide prepared by the Rabbinical Assembly which includes guidelines for koshering a kitchen, please visit: [rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide](https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide).

EREV PESAH SIYUM

The sunrise to sunset *ta'anit* (fast) *bekhorim* (of the firstborn), which occurs on the day before Passover, is the only fast that applies to just a segment of the community: all males who are the firstborn children in their families (if the firstborn child is female, the first son born after her is not obligated).

There is a widely practiced exemption: On the principle that fasting is prohibited on a joyous occasion, Judaism allows for anyone who attends a religious feast to forego fasting. It is customary to hold a celebratory meal on the completion of study of a tractate of rabbinic literature, called a *siyyum* (conclusion). So the sages initiated the practice of studying the end of a tractate after morning services on Erev Pesah followed by a celebratory meal.

At 7:00 am Monday, April 22, the firstborn in each family is invited to the Siyum B'khorim. Following the meal, there is an opportunity to burn your family's remaining hametz in a bonfire in the TBE Garden.

IS IT KOSHER FOR PASSOVER?

Passover has its own special rules of kashrut. On Pesah, Jews are forbidden from owning or consuming hametz (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt).

Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (*kitniyot*) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above *kitniyot*.

PERMITTED FOODS:

A. The following foods require no kosher l'Pesah label when purchased before or during Passover: fresh fruits and eggs, fresh fish (whole or gutted), fresh or frozen kosher meat other than chopped meat, whole (unground) spices and nuts, including whole or half pecans (not pieces), pure black, green, or white tea leaves or teabags, Nestea regular and decaffeinated unflavored tea, coffee (unflavored regular), baking soda and bicarbonate of soda.

B. The following items may be purchased before Pesah without a Pesah hekhshe but if bought during Pesah require a kosher l'Pesah label: white milk, 100% pure fruit juice, filleted fish, frozen fruit (with no additives), pure white sugar (with no additive), olive oil (extra virgin only), non-iodized salt, quinoa (with no additional ingredients).

C. The following products require reliable ("kosher l'pesah") certification (regular rabbinic supervision is not sufficient), whether purchased before or during Pesah: all baked goods (matzah, Pesah cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzfel meal, and any other products containing matzoh), herbal teas, canned tuna, wine, vinegar, liquor, decaffeinated coffee and tea, dried fruits, oils, frozen uncooked vegetables and all frozen processed foods, candy, chocolate-flavored milk, ice-cream, yogurt, cheeses, butter, and soda. Any processed food bought during Pesah must have a ("kosher l'Pesah") certification.

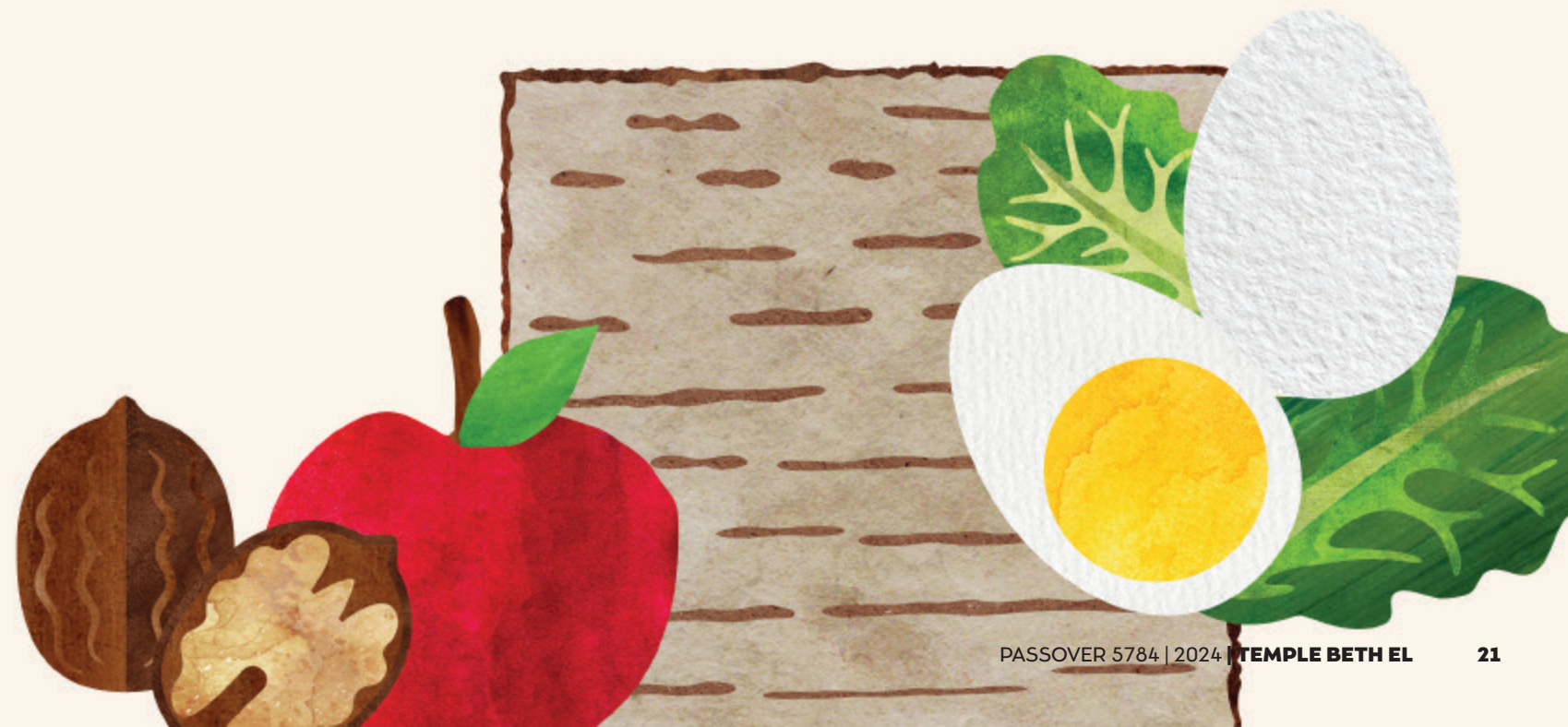
D. Any detergents, cleaners, etc. which are not a foodstuff and which are not eaten, may be used for Pesah and do not require a special label. These items include: isopropyl alcohol, aluminum products, ammonia, coffee filters, baby oil, powder and ointment, bleach, charcoal, candles, contact paper, plastic cutlery, laundry and dish detergent, fabric softener, oven cleaner, paper bags, plates, wax paper, plastic wrap, polish, sanitizers, scouring pads, stain remover, and bottled water with no additives.

E. Medicines: Prescription medicines are permitted. Non-prescription pills and capsules are permitted, for liquid medications, check with your rabbi.

BEDIKAT HAMETZ

One of the required holiday ceremonies is Bedikat Hametz, searching for leaven. On the night before the first seder, Sunday, April 21, we conduct a candle-lit search through our home to ensure that no hametz is still present. It is a brief ceremony in which the entire family can and should participate.

1. Make sure that all hametz has been removed or locked away with the exception of what will be needed for the morning.
2. Carefully hide some crumbs of bread. This is to insure that the blessing and the ceremony will not be performed in vain.
3. Take a candle, a feather or brush, and a box or cloth for the crumbs, and recite this blessing:
Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melekh haolam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu al biur hametz.
Blessed are You, Adonai our G-d, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with the commandments and commanded us to remove all leaven.
4. Perform the search and gather up all the crumbs. Tie them in a bundle which will be burned the next morning. Feel free to (safely) burn it on your own, or use the bonfire at Temple Beth El following morning minyan.
5. Recite the following: *All manner of leaven which is in my possession, that I have not seen or removed shall be annulled and void of any ownership and considered as the dust of the earth.* (The Aramaic for this can be found in the front of your Haggadah.)
6. On Monday, April 22 at or before 12:00 pm, burn the leaven and recite the formula below:
All manner of leaven which is in my possession, that I have seen or not seen, that I have removed or not removed, that I have destroyed or not destroyed shall be annulled and void of my ownership and considered as the dust of the earth. (The Aramaic for this can be found in the front of your Haggadah.)



TO SELL YOUR HAMETZ

The Torah prohibits the ownership of hametz (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt) during Passover. Ideally, we burn or remove all hametz from our premises which may be done through donations to a local food pantry. In some cases, however, this would cause prohibitive financial loss. In such cases, we arrange for the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew and its repurchase after Passover. You can arrange for this sale of your Hametz by sending the following form to Rabbi Bitran at the Temple office **no later than Friday, April 19.**

It is customary to include a donation to provide Maot Hittin funds for Passover supplies for the needy. Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El which will be contributed to Maot Hittin on everyone's behalf.

Form is also available on our website at www.tberochester.org/celebrate/passover/

Dear Rabbi Bitran:
Please act as my agent for this sale of any hametz on my premises.

Name _____

Address _____

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A YOM HASHOAH REMEMBRANCE CONCERT:

Celebrating Jewish Culture
through Classical Liturgical Music
and Yiddish Art Song

MAY 2, 2024 | 7:30 PM

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC, HOWARD HANSEN HALL

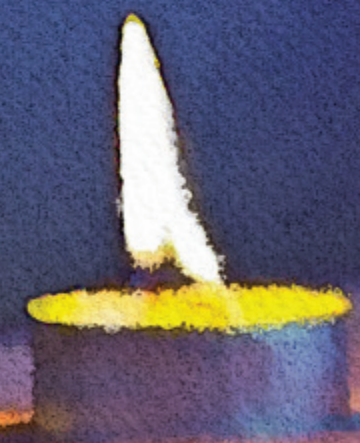
A Lecture Recital by pianist Hannah Harnest,
together with invited guest Hazzan Jonathan Kohan and Eastman Students.



HANNAH
HARNEST



HAZZAN
JONATHAN KOHAN



Join Us!

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 11 | 6:30 PM

MINCHA | 7:30 PM

FOLLOWED BY DINNER (SHAVUOT)

Join us for the installation of new Board Members and Officers, Dinner, and Erev Shavuot.

SHAVUOT

JUNE 11

6:30 PM: Annual Meeting
& Erev Shavuot

7:30 PM: Mincha

8:30 PM: Tikkun Leil Shavuot

JUNE 12

9 AM: Shavuot Services

NOON: Kiddush Lunch

6 PM: Mincha

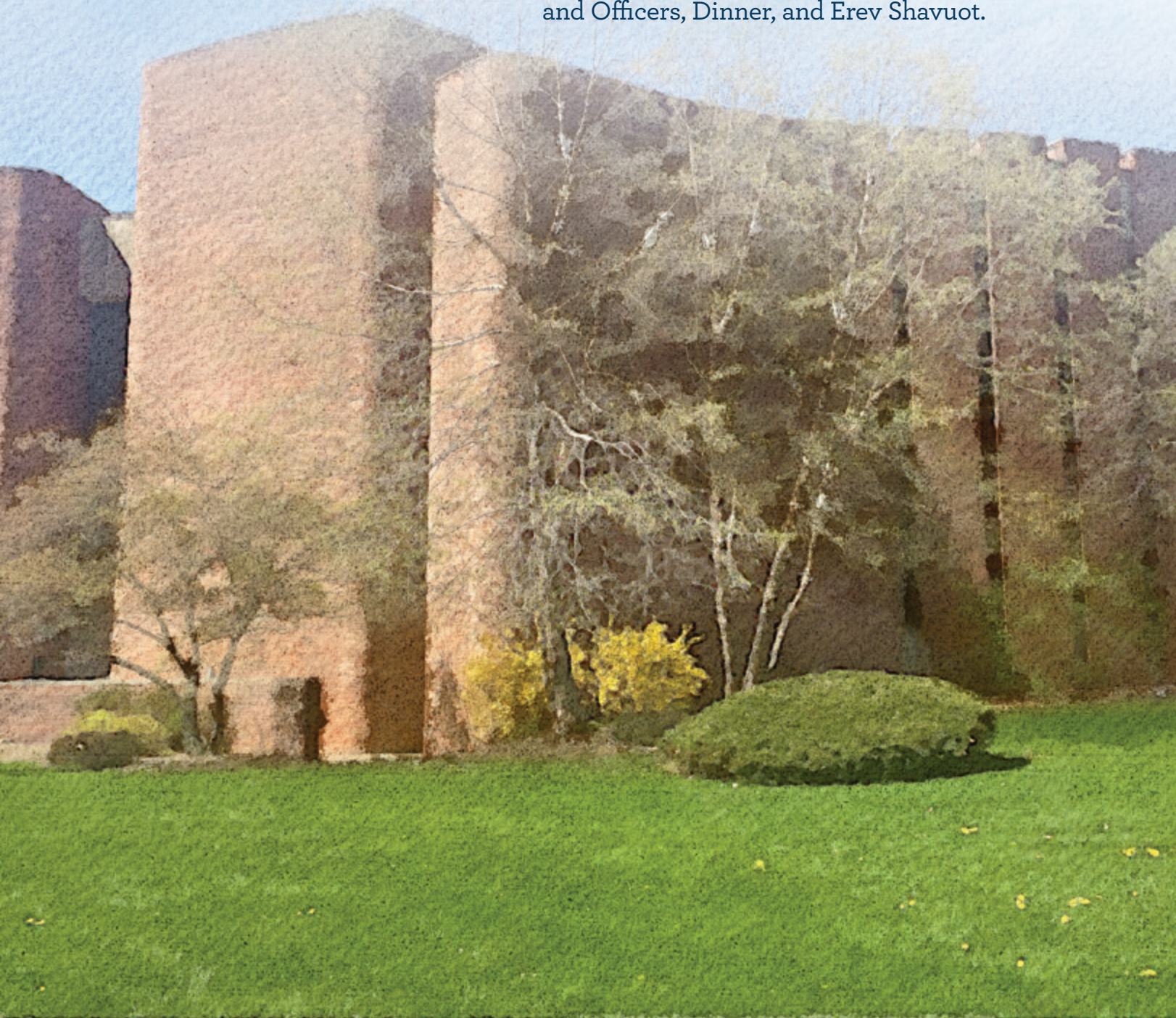
JUNE 13

9 AM: Shavuot Services

11 AM: Yizkor

NOON: Kiddush Lunch

6 PM: Mincha Maariv





March

ADAR I/ADAR II

MARCH 9

9:30 AM Men's Club Shabbat and K-2 BE.WISE Showcase
10 AM Tot Shabbat

MARCH 14

6:30 PM 20s/30s Pi Day Hamentashen Baking

MARCH 15

6 PM Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein
7 PM Shabbat Dinner

MARCH 16

9:30 AM Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein
6:45 PM Mincha
7 PM Seudah
7:45 PM Ma'ariv
8 PM Havdalah & Irish-Yiddish Pub Sing with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

MARCH 17

9:30 AM *Survivors* the Play for BE.WISE students & their families grades 5+

MARCH 18

6 PM Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein
7 PM Shabbat Dinner

MARCH 22

6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

MARCH 23

9:30 AM Shabbat Services with Hazzan Austerklein
6:30 PM Mincha
6:45 PM Seudah & Family Purim Carnival
7:45 PM Ma'ariv
8 PM Havdalah, Megillah Reading



MARCH 24



3-5 PM Purim Carnival @ JCC



MARCH 30



9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Zakalik



Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

 **1** 5:42 pm
 **2** 6:44 pm

 **8** 5:50 pm
 **9** 6:52 pm

 **15** 6:59 pm
 **16** 8:01 pm

 **22** 7:07 pm
 **23** 8:09 pm

 **29** 7:15 pm
 **30** 8:18 pm

*Mincha begins 1 hour
& 15 minutes before
Shabbat ends.*



April

ADAR II/NISAN

APRIL 12

6 PM 2024 B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Spring Fling Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Shabbat Dinner

APRIL 13

9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Clar with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

APRIL 19

6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

APRIL 20

9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Michael Morgenstern with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

APRIL 21

1 PM 20s/30s Earth Day Event
11 AM 3 & 4 Grade Family Program - Siddur Ceremony

APRIL 22

Passover 1st Seder

APRIL 23

6 PM Mincha
6:30 PM Passover 2nd Seder



APRIL 26

6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan



APRIL 27



9:30 AM Shabbat Services with Hazzan Kohan and BE.WISE 5 & 6 Grade Showcase

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

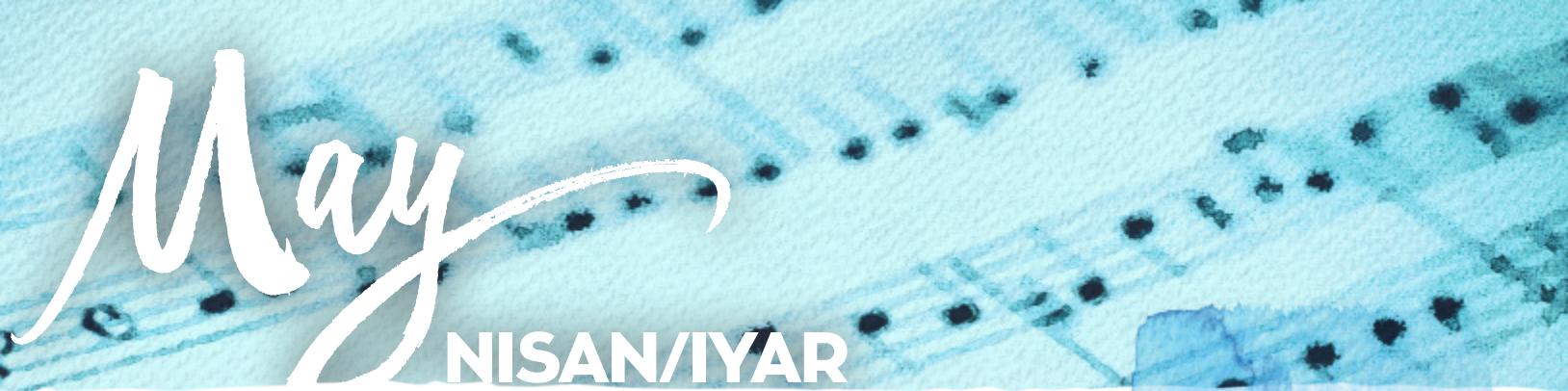
 **5** 7:23 pm
 **6** 8:27 pm

 **12** 7:32 pm
 **13** 8:35 pm

 **19** 7:40 pm
 **20** 8:45 pm

 **26** 7:48 pm
 **27** 8:50 pm

*Mincha begins 1 hour
& 15 minutes before
Shabbat ends.*



- MAY 1

6:30 PM

2024 B'nei Mitzvah Chametz Fest (Pizza Dinner)
- MAY 2

7:30 PM

Yom HaShoah Lecture Recital at Eastman
- MAY 3

6:30 PM

Musical Shabbat Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
- MAY 4

9:30 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Elbaz with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
- MAY 10

Richard W. Briskin Cantor in Residence Weekend

6 PM

Shabbat Services

7 PM

Dinner
- MAY 11

Richard W. Briskin Cantor in Residence Weekend

9:30 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Sol Gebell

7:45 PM

Mincha

8 PM

Seudah

8:45 PM

Ma'ariv

9:06 PM

Havdalah
- MAY 12

Richard W. Briskin Cantor in Residence Weekend

6 PM

Concert
- MAY 14

Keshet Popsicles with Parents
- MAY 17

6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

7 PM

Shabbat Dinner
- MAY 18

9:30 AM

Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein
- MAY 19

1 PM

20s/30s Temple Tour
- MAY 25

9:30 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Michael Schochat with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

- 3

7:56 pm
- 4

8:58 pm
- 10

8:04 pm
- 11

9:06 pm
- 17

8:11 pm
- 18

9:13 pm
- 24

8:18 pm
- 25

9:20 pm
- 31

8:24 pm

Mincha begins 1 hour & 15 minutes before Shabbat ends.

June IYAR/SIVAN

- JUNE 1

9:30 AM

Bat Mitzvah of Lily Liberman with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
- JUNE 8

9:30 AM

Bat Mitzvah of Raena Rohatch
- JUNE 11

6:30 PM

Annual Meeting and Erev Shavuot
- JUNE 12

9 AM

Shavuot Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein
- JUNE 13

9 AM

Shavuot Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein
- JUNE 14

6 PM

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

7 PM

Dinner
- JUNE 15

9:30 AM

Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein
- JUNE 24

Camp Keshet Begins

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

- 1

9:26 pm
- 7

8:29 pm
- 8

9:31 pm
- 14

8:33 pm
- 15

9:34 pm
- 21

8:35 pm
- 22

9:36 pm
- 28

8:35 pm
- 29

9:36 pm

Mincha begins 1 hour & 15 minutes before Shabbat ends.

July

SIVAN/TAMUZ



Watch tberochester.org
for pride events

JULY 1-5 No Camp Keshet

JULY 13
9:30 AM Pride Shabbat

JULY 20
9:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Tobin Metz

JULY 29
8:30 AM Annual Golf Tournament with Temple Beth David

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

5 8:34 pm
6 9:34 pm

12 8:31 pm
13 9:31 pm

19 8:26 pm
20 9:26 pm

26 8:19 pm
27 9:19 pm

Mincha begins 1 hour
& 15 minutes before
Shabbat ends.

August

AV/ELUL

AUGUST 10
9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Miguel Stanton

AUGUST 12
8 PM Mincha/Maariv and Eicha
8:15 PM Tisha B'av Fast Begins

AUGUST 13
7:30 AM Shacharit
2 PM Mincha
6 PM Mincha/Maariv
8:52 PM Tisha B'av Fast Ends

AUGUST 25
10 AM Needy Ego Arts Festival

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

2 8:11 pm
3 9:11 pm

9 8:02 pm
10 9:01 pm

16 7:52 pm
17 8:51 pm

23 7:41 pm
24 8:42pm

30 7:29 pm
24 8:30 pm

Mincha begins 1 hour
& 15 minutes before
Shabbat ends.

Join Us for 2 WEEKENDS WITH HAZZAN MATT AUSTERKLEIN

MARCH 15–16

FRI, MARCH 15

6 PM: Musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner

SAT, MARCH 16

9:30 AM: Shabbat Services with Hazzan Austerklein

5:30 PM: Mincha, Maariv, Havdallah and inspiration
with Hazzan Austerklein

8 PM: Irish Yiddish Pub Sing featuring HIMSELF
and Hazzan Austerklein



MARCH 22–23

FRI, MARCH 22

6 PM: Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

SAT, MARCH 23

9:30 AM: Shabbat Services with Hazzan Austerklein

6:47 PM: Mincha, Maariv, Havdallah and inspiration with Hazzan Austerklein

7 PM: Purim Carnival

REGISTER ONLINE
FOR DINNER AT
WWW.TBEROCHESTER.ORG

YIDDISH-IRISH PUB SING

MARCH 16 | 8-10 PM | TBE

Come grab a pint and sing a song with Hazzan Matt Austerklein & local Irish band HIMSELF as we host a special Yiddish-Irish Pub Sing. Festive beverages and snacks will be served as we explore shared themes in Jewish & Irish culture.



Join Us for the
25th Anniversary!

**RICHARD W. BRISKIN
CANTOR-IN-RESIDENCE
WEEKEND**

MAY 10-12

We welcome
Gedalia Penner,
tenor and student at the H.L. Miller
Cantorial School of the Jewish
Theological Seminary and 24th
recipient of the Richard W. Briskin
Cantor-in-Residence Award.

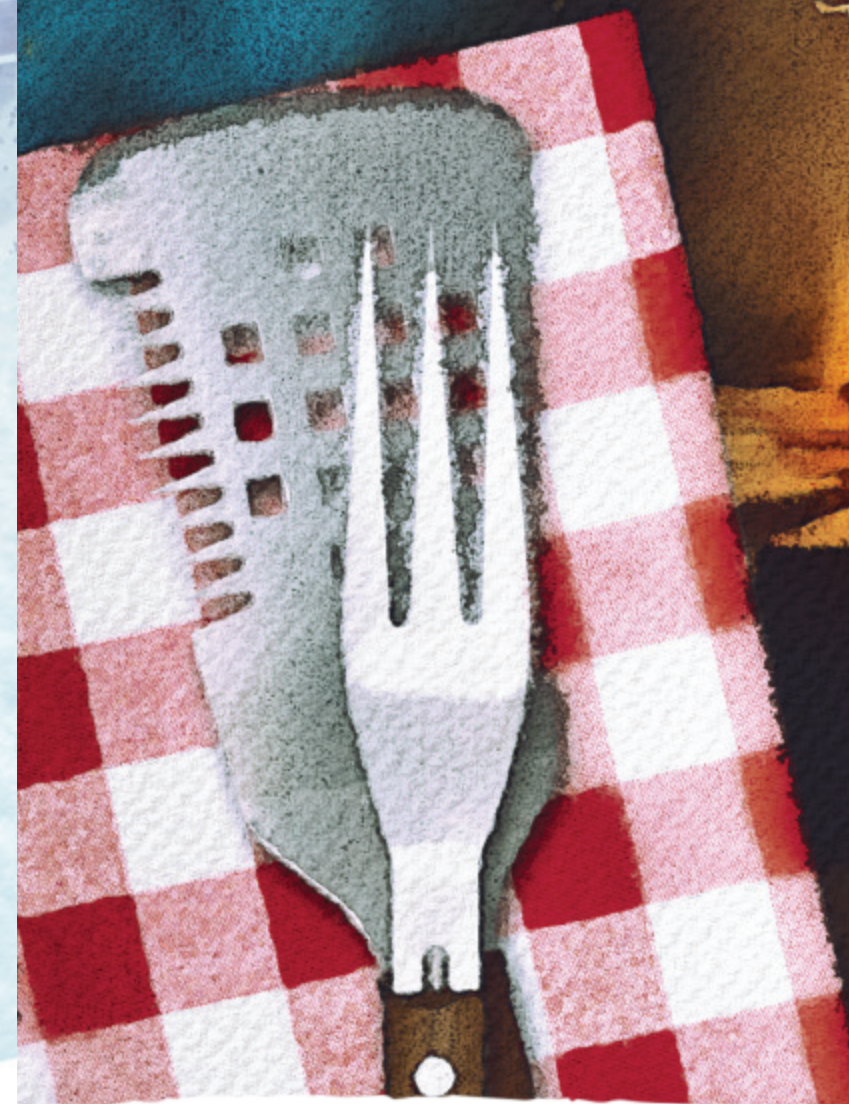


Keep an eye on www.tberochester.com for more information!

**JOIN US
FOR A
LAG B'OMER
BBQ &
BONFIRE**

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Join us for a special Lag B'Omer bonfire,
with hot dogs, chips & watermelon!



WATERMELON WEDNESDAY

JUNE 26
JULY 10, 17, 24 & 31
AUGUST 7

1 PM | TBE PLAYGROUND

Join other families with young children
every Wednesday this summer!

**no Watermelon Wednesday on July 3*



TISHA B'AV

AUGUST 12
8:00 PM: Mincha/Maariv and Eicha
8:15 PM: Fast Begins

AUGUST 13
7:30 AM: Shacharit
2:00 PM: Mincha
6:00 PM: Mincha/Ma'ariv
8:52 PM: Fast Ends





Please join members of the Temple Beth El family who have already made the additional commitment to our congregation by becoming members of the Pillar Society.

For more information contact Deborah Zeger at the Temple Beth El office at 473-1770 or by email to dzeger@tberochester.org.

“The world stands on three things:
on the Torah, on the service to God,
and on deeds of loving kindness.”
Ethics of the Fathers

Fulfill the Mitzvah of *G’milut Chasadim* (deeds of loving kindness) by supporting our synagogue. Members of the Pillar Society make annual commitments over and above full membership dues to help ensure the well-being of our synagogue. As a member of the Pillar Society you will be instrumental in preserving the future of Temple Beth El for generations to come. In appreciation of your exceptional commitment, which is also recognized as a contribution to the High Holy Day Appeal, you will receive the following additional benefits:

- All Pillars Receive:**
- Recognition as a Contributor to the High Holy Day Appeal
 - Apples and Honey Sponsorship
 - Invitation to the Annual Pillar Event
 - Honored at Pillar Society Shabbat
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| YACHAD UNDER 40
(\$1,000-\$1,499) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ¼ page in Remembrance Book | KOACH
(\$5,500-\$9,999) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full page in Remembrance Book• 6 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration) |
| CHAI
(\$1,500-\$2,999) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ¼ page in Remembrance Book• 2 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration) | OHR
(\$10,000+) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full page in Remembrance Book• 8 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration)• Reserved High Holy Day seating |
| SHOMER
(\$3,000-\$5,499) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ½ page in Remembrance Book• 4 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration) | |



from one
generation
to the next...

for our
future.



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Our legacy donors are individuals and families who wish to ensure that TBE remains an enriching community for generations to come. We continue to seek meaning together. Please consider making a legacy gift today.

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Yes, I would like to support Temple Beth El by making a 3 year commitment to the Pillar Society for the New Centennial, in the amount of: \$_____ a year.

Name_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

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