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Happy Hanukkah!

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Hanukkah Schedule Inside



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.

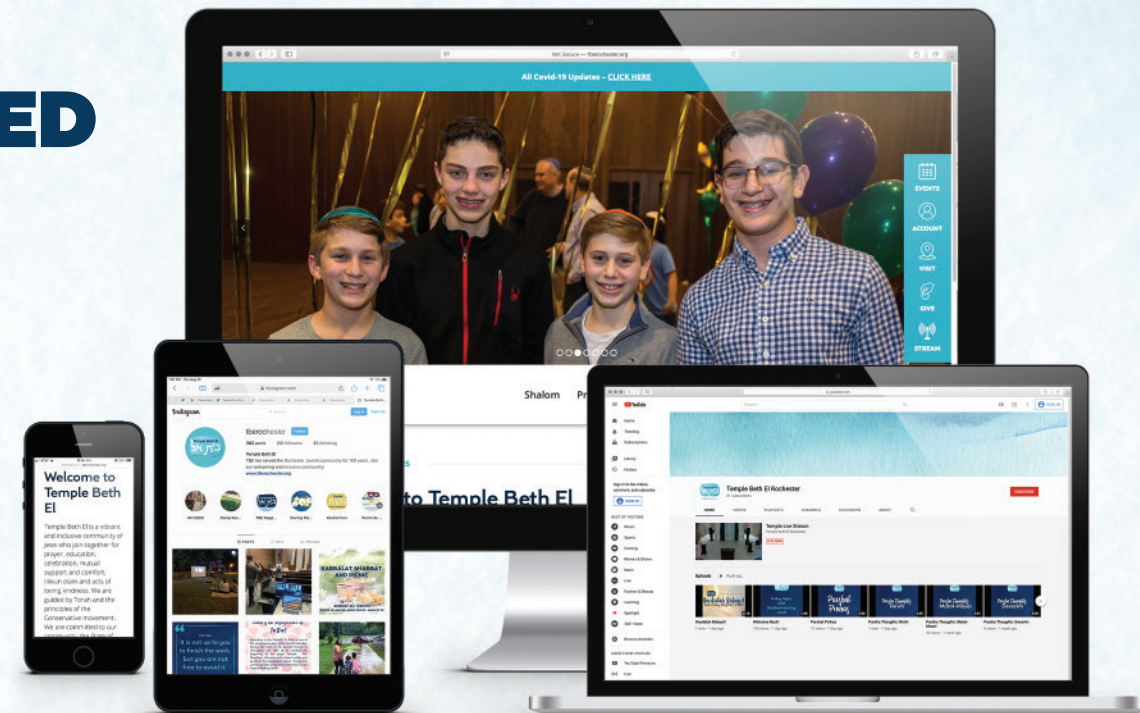
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STAY CONNECTED

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 via the zoom links below and at **tberochester.org**, where you can find up-to-date information and content.



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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



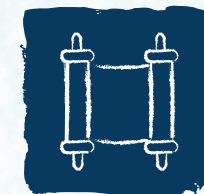
SHACHARIT ZOOM LINK:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6p5ky6h>
Call-in: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 846 8881 5480

Mincha/Ma'ariv:

Sunday–Friday:6:00 pm



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



ZOOM WITH THE CONGREGATION:
<https://tinyurl.com/y23h7qh8>
Call-in: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 858 5167 5893

Mincha/Ma'ariv:

45 minutes prior to sunset



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

Temple Beth El
בית אל

Hanukkah Candle Lighting Schedule

**We will be lighting the candles at 6:15 pm except on Friday 12/11
when it will be at 4:00 pm**

12|10: Light up the Night - *drive-through candle giveaway*

12|11: Tots, Tops and Shabbat - *Tot Shabbat with Dreidel giveaway*

12|12: Havdalah and Hanukkah - *Hot Cocoa with Besamim (spices)*

12|13: Winter Wonderland - *Our BIG HANUKKAH BASH
outdoor winter village vendors, scavenger hunt, Shira Kline and more*

12|14: Feeling Gelty - *Gelt Giveaway*

12|15: Latkes and Legacy - *Drive-through latkes in honor of our
Life & Legacy Donors.*

12|16: Spirit of Hanukkah and 20/30s Drive through - *Vodka and Latkes*

12|17: Dogs n' Donuts - *Bring your dog and get a donut*



FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR RABBI

HISTORY IN PERSPECTIVE: HANUKKAH AND THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

During the two centuries before the Maccabean revolt (168-164 BCE), Greek culture had challenged traditional Jewish ways of life. Greek replaced the local languages (Hebrew and Aramaic) in Israel, and Jews began interpreting Jewish culture and tradition to remake Judaism into a subculture of the Greeks. Close to the end of the second century BCE, Hellenizers of the Near East (especially the Seleucid ruler Antiochus Epiphanes) conducted a violent persecution of the Jews, outlawing the Jewish faith and attempting to force, among other things, the worship of Zeus. They attempted to transform the Jerusalem priesthood and Antiochus IV Epiphanes sold the office of the high priest to Jason, the highest bidder. Later, the right to live Jewishly according to the precepts of Torah was taken away, and Jews became second-class citizens in their own country. Foreign idolatrous worship was introduced into the Temple of Jerusalem in the last month of 167 BCE. Shabbat and Jewish Festivals were violated, brit milah (Jewish Circumcision) outlawed. Kashrut was abolished and the penalty for violating these ordinances was death. All these aforementioned events set the stage for the Maccabean revolt.

Under Judah the Maccabee (hammer), the Jewish armies defeated the Seleucid generals. Judah and his soldiers entered the Jerusalem Temple on the 25th of Kislev. They purified the Temple and reorganized the sacrificial system. Judaism was restored to the nation and a new celebration in the Jewish Calendar was born, the festival of Hanukkah. Unfortunately, despite several years of fighting Greek culture, the same Maccabees of the Hasmonean Dynasty became Hellenized over time! They gave power to each one of the different Jewish sects that existed at the time. Some power went to the Pharisees, and some to the Sadducees. Each sect sought to control how priests would minister in the Temple. Each group responded and adopted Greek customs. The result of that ferment affected the future of Judaism greatly. In the year 70 CE, the destruction of Jerusalem was complete. Titus, the future Roman Emperor, had starved the city for months. At the end of July, they broke through the walls and, according to historian Josephus, the Romans killed over a million Jews in their conquest.

Fast forward two thousand years of silence and Diaspora. The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered near Qumran in 1947. It has been frequently asserted, without any real archaeological evidence, that while Jerusalem was agitated by different Jewish sects, the Dead Sea Scroll Sect had left Jerusalem in order to continue their unique way to practice Judaism and preserve the sacred writings of Torah and Prophets, and that they founded Qumran sometime after 150 BCE. Qumran served as the religious center of the sect, and the scrolls were written by scribes living at Qumran. Today there is a growing recognition in the field that the archaeology of Qumran is ultimately irrelevant to the question of sectarian origins. More recent views question whether Qumran functioned as either a religious or scribal center. New evidence points to a group of Maccabee supporters, and therefore the Dead Sea Scrolls may not as a whole predate Qumran. It was most likely a group of the militant enemies of Hellenism in the 170's and later supporters of Judah the Maccabee in the mid-160's BCE who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls. This latest theory makes the Maccabees, Hanukkah, and the Dead Sea Scrolls part of the same historical event. I am sure new discoveries will give us more information (light) about the relationship between Hanukkah and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Please receive my best wishes to you for a joyous Hanukkah celebration.

Rabbi Leonardo Bitran

*Subscribe to Rabbi Bitran's
youtube playlist "Parsha
thoughts"*



FROM OUR HAZZAN

A conversation I frequently have at some point in training b’nei mitzvah students (and parents), relates to the approach necessary to deliver an “appropriate” level of work and quality in the offering of prayers and the reading of Torah and Haftarah. On the one hand, our prayers and readings (since the rabbis effectively turned reading Torah into prayer) are modeled after the Temple Rite, which required the sacrifice of the finest grains and unblemished animals. This striving for perfection permeates the psychology of Judaism in worship (and probably elsewhere in our lives).

On the other hand, when we read Torah, our tradition teaches that there should be gabbaim standing on either side of the reader, like two angels, to make corrections and “help” in perfecting the reading. The message is clear: We must strive for perfection, but also be accepting of assistance and open to correction in the service of God.

Having come through a very different and very challenging High Holidays this year, it is so clear how the pursuit of perfection and the acceptance of imperfection are not necessarily at odds with one another. The congregation and the synagogue professionals and staff worked and struggled together toward seemingly impossible goals. The end result may not have been perfect, but the intention and level of striving toward heaven was, I hope, acceptable. The experience will surely propel us forward and have a positive impact throughout the coming year.

One project that Rabbi Bitran mentioned from the bimah was a special version of the **Untaneh Tokef prayer**, arranged and recorded along with my wife, Emily Levin, Jonathan Allentoff, and our “TBE Chamber Orchestra.” As I thought about how (and what) to prepare for the High Holidays this year, I couldn’t help but think of my many friends and congregants who had experienced personal loss this year, but because of COVID had not been able to attend funerals, sit shiva, or otherwise mourn through traditional Jewish practices. Or the family and friends of these people who were likewise unable to comfort their loved ones in the ways that they would have liked. Like grieving a loved one, there is no perfect formula. The grief never completely subsides, but we offered our best in their memory.

L’hitraot,

Hazzan Randall Levin



EARLY CHILDHOOD UPDATE

Shalom,

There was no greater joy than welcoming over thirty five children back on September 9 and having a building full of children after going 200 days without any. Classrooms that had Purim bulletin boards now have signs of Fall and a lot of laughter. The past few months have been nothing less than delightful!

With the new normal, we have successfully accomplished a virtual Apples with Abba, virtual Etrogs with Ima, and a virtual Parent Open House. The curiosity from our two year olds and Pitzel children and excitement from our threes and fours was something our photos did not do justice in capturing! Parents truly got a glimpse of their children’s day, and they were able to interact with their children in a different light. We even had grandparents Zoom in from a different country! Crisis often brings new opportunities, and this was definitely one of the highlights of our new adventures. Through conversations with the teachers and parents, we concluded that for next year or whenever things do go back to normal, we can use technology to bring out of state relatives into our school to see our children.

November and December have so much to bring! We are going to be having parent-teacher conferences that will be done via Zoom. Parents are going to have the opportunity to meet with their child’s teachers about their progress and performance. This will be done during the Keshet school day, and it will be another opportunity to bring parents into the school without it being in person.

Our three and four year olds will have a unique experience, as their classes will be doing a unit on democracy, elections, and voting. This will help tie current events into real-life experiences for the children. They will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite snack by casting a ballot, as well as several other activities that revolve around the elections and voting process. By using made up candidates, children’s books, and various experiences, the children will have fun while learning about what is going on in our current lives.

Hanukkah this year will be one for the record books. We will once again bring parents in virtually and celebrate with stories, games, and parties. The children will have the same quality learning that they always have done, and they will be given experiences such as tasting latkes, playing dreidel, and lighting the menorah, all in aCOVID-safe manner.

Not only have we had a great start to Keshet, we also have successfully kicked off our K-2 cohort with our Jewish education program. Amy Ressel and Melinda Yanoff are excited to come back virtually to educate your children and create new opportunities for engagement. Stay tuned for more information about the evolution of our new program!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions! I look forward to sharing more with you about our programs for our youngest congregants!

L’Shalom

Mandi Warner



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'd like to give a big shout out and huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers, staff and congregants who helped prepare for and participated in our High Holy Days services and celebrations. I'm grateful too for all of the positive feedback, and suggestions received from so many of you.

As we move into the fall and winter months and anticipate the need to be indoors more we are continuing to create new ways we can be together as a community, yet be separate and safe at the same time.

From the comfort of your home you can expand your Jewish knowledge with us. Rabbi Bitran will be exploring the parsha of the week on Mondays at 10 a.m. and looking at what it means to keep a Kosher home in a modern world on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. And, Temple Beth El is sponsoring the ScholarStream, an initiative of the RA, USCJ, JTS and Ziegler, so you can study with Rabbis from across the country on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in November and December. Classes are free of charge to all TBE members. See page 10 for class topics and login information.

We hope you will participate with us in the Shabbat Project, November 6-7 when Jews from all over the world will come together virtually to experience the magic of Shabbat. We are prepping for observance of Shabbat with a Challah bake on Thursday November 5 at 6:30 pm. See page 25 for full details.

Always a highlight in December is our annual Hanukkah celebration. This year we will be Home for Hanukkah but will also celebrate together outdoors all week with drive by Menorah lightings every night at 6:15 (earlier on Friday the 11th) and at our winter wonderland Hanukkah party on Sunday December 13th in our parking lot. You will also be able to participate in all Hanukkah celebrations via zoom if you prefer. Watch for details.

We look forward to being together with you in person when we can and in spirit when that isn't possible. Be sure to stay in touch and keep your comments and suggestions coming!

Happy Thanksgiving & Hanukkah!

Debbie Zega

Debbie



LIMMUD REIMAGINED...

We are just a few weeks into our new Jewish Education Program, Limmud Reimagined, which is entirely virtual. We are focusing on teaching 3 core subjects, as determined by our research results: Jewish Values, Hebrew (reading), and Prayer Hebrew (T'fillah). We are excited that our teachers will be using dynamic and engaging techniques in their online classes. In order to make Jewish learning relevant in our students' lives, we will be offering opportunities to use the skills they are taught in class during special Friday night and Saturday morning services. The first Shabbat experience will take the first week of November with Challah baking on Thursday evening, a quick Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday and an opportunity for a virtual Havdallah service on Saturday night. See page 25 for details.

We miss seeing everyone's smiling faces in person, but getting to touch base virtually is the next best way to stay connected as a kehillah (community). We'll be offering more family programs virtually and in person if safe. Watch for program details and January class registration information coming soon.



KIDDUSH TO GO

\$300 | SERVES ~25 PEOPLE

STANDARD MENU (ALL ITEMS CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO YOUR PREFERENCES)

- Bagel
• Lox
• Options: Whitefish, Tuna or Eggsalad
• Cookies/Pastries
• Cream Cheese
• Napkins & Utensils
• Water Bottle/OJ



A special todah rabah (thank you) to Gabby, Lara, and Jenn, who volunteer their time every week to help prepare our Kiddush To-Go and organize generally. Thanks for helping make us a Kehillah Kedosha (holy community).



WELCOME OUR HALUTZIM ADVISOR

My name is Maddy Rosenbaum and I'm excited to be the new Halutzim advisor!
A little bit about me:
I grew up in Rochester with my parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister.
I went to Hillel School grades K-8, and Brighton Highschool grades 9-12.
I received my bachelors degree in speech pathology at Stern College in NYC, and lived there for about 5 years (4 years of school + 1 year of working).
I moved back to my hometown last summer and am currently studying for my masters degree in speech pathology at Nazareth College.
I love listening to, and making music, playing with dogs, and working with children!
I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children! Please feel free to reach out and introduce yourself. My email is: mrosenbaum@tberochester.org
Halutzim is TBE's Youth Group for 3-4th graders!

For more information call 473-1770
or visit tberochester.org

Insight Weekly: Parsha In Depth

EVERY MONDAY STARTING NOVEMBER 2 | 10 AM

This weekly class gives a deeper look into the Parsha, insights will include traditional and modern commentators. Contemporary lessons will help actualize the Torah and make it relevant in one's daily life.

It's Not Your Bubbe's Kitchen

NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 2, 9 | 6:30 PM

Six Wednesdays starting November 4 at 6:30 pm via Zoom and in person. Rabbi Bitran explores what it means to keep Kosher in the modern world. Half hour sessions, weekly.

Challah Bake

NOVEMBER 5 | 6:30 PM

In a time of separation, let's unite in true Jewish spirit and bake challah together. Mix, knead, shape, and bake the world's most heavenly dough. And don't miss our special SUPRISE GUEST!

Pay \$18 to get supplies and goodies or bring your own to watch virtually. Sign up at www.tberochester.org

Kab Shab

NOVEMBER 6 | 5:30 PM

Join us for a hybrid Kabbalat Shabbat led by Rabbi Jeremy Winaker.

Havdallah Babayit

NOVEMBER 7 | 6 PM

Please join us with a candle, a cup of wine, and spices. Let's sing along together and have a memorable evening. Hosted by the DeCoursey family

JTS Scholar Stream

TUESDAYS | 8 PM

Join JTS scholars as they uncover the hidden context around biblical figures and important eras in Jewish history.

- 11/10: Dr. David Fishman on how religious pre-Holocaust Eastern European Jewry actually was—or wasn't.
- 11/17: Dr. Alan Cooper on why we stopped caring about Moses's descendants.
- 12/1: Dr. Sarah Wolf on how foreign the beit midrash would feel to the early Rabbis.
- 12/8: Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky on what the Bible really had against Jezebel.

Equity, Forgiveness and Intersectionality

WEDNESDAYS | 10 PM

Join Ziegler faculty as they explore issues related to race, gender equality, intersectionality, and building a democracy of the future. Download the full descriptions for each Ziegler session here.

- 11/11: Rabbi Cheryl Peretz will examine the centuries old Jewish march towards gender equality and justice.
- 11/18: Rabbi Dr. Elliot Dorff will explore the concept of communal forgiveness.
- 12/2: Rabbi Dr. Gail Labovitz on what Exodus has to teach us about intersectionality.
- 12/9: Rabbi Dr. Aryeh Cohen on building a multiracial democracy.

SCHOLARSTREAM

AN INITIATIVE OF THE RA, USCJ, JTS, AND ZIEGLER



20/30s F.R.I.E.N.D.S giving

NOVEMBER 19 | 7-9 PM

Join us for a viewing of 4 of the best thanksgiving themed Friends™ episodes with appetizers and a bonfire to keep us warm. How you doin'?

Rochester Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26 | 11:00 AM

For nearly 150 years, Rochesterians of different religious traditions have joined together for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service. This year, we'll continue this tradition of coming together and promoting the wellbeing of our broader community by holding the service on Zoom.

Tot Shabbat

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21 | 9:30 AM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 | 5:00 PM

Rabbi Jeremy Winaker will be leading Tot Shabbat via zoom. November we will focus on thankfulness and gratitude and in December we will focus on the light of Hanukkah.

Plug Into Peacefulness

NOVEMBER 19-22

The team that brought you Outside the Box is pleased to be doing a special Shabbaton Weekend! TBE will be participating so stay tuned for our offerings!

What turned Hanukkah into one of the most Joyous Jewish Celebrations?

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 | 6:30 PM

Three Thursdays, starting December 3, at 6:30 pm via Zoom and in-person.

Join Rabbi Bitran as he discovers that Greek culture and Jewish culture DO mix.

Week One: Which way do we remember best, history or Miracle?

Week Two: Master the candle lighting.

Week Three: Merry Hanukkah - when Hanukkah doesn't fall on December 25th.

Hanukkah Candle Lighting

DECEMBER 10-18

see page 4 for more details.

Hanukkah Party

DECEMBER 13 | 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

See page 23 for more details.



20/30 Vodka and Latkes (to go)

DECEMBER 16 | 7 PM

Light the candles with Rabbi Bitran and take some vodka and latke to go!

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B'NAI MITZVAH



LEOPOLD MARKMAN

Bar Mitzvah Date: November 7, 2020

Parents: Amy Bach & John Douglas Markman

Grandparents: Ira Markman, z"l Muriel Markman, and Bonnie & Gilbert Bach

Leo Bach Markman is a seventh grader at The Harley School. He enjoys running, football, basketball, swimming and laughing with his friends. He likes to question and debate with family. But he also enjoys relaxing with video games and his dog Lily. He is a dedicated Bills fan and thinks this could be the season of victory.



ELI CHARATZ

Bar Mitzvah Date: December 19, 2020

Parents: Sonya & Seth Charatz

Siblings: Leah Charatz

Grandparents: Pearl & Philip Charatz, Muriel Smith, and Samuel Smith, z"l.

Eli is a 7th grader at Barker Road Middle School. He loves sports and especially enjoys baseball and basketball. He completed his first half marathon this summer. Eli also enjoys watching football and baseball, hanging out with friends, chilling with his dog Boomer, and spending time with his family. Eli looks forward to celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah with friends and family.



MAZAL TOV

To **AMY & HOWARD RESSEL** on the engagement of their daughter Kate Ressel to Gabe Legett. And Mazal Tov to the grandparents of the bride, Judy Ressel & Lenny Ressel, z"l and Janice Rosenfeld & Marvin Rosenfeld, z"l.

To **HILLARY SHULMAN-LAMPELL AND MARC S. LAMPELL** on the engagement of their daughter Stacey Alana Lampell to Ryan Michael Levine. And Mazal Tov to Stacey's sister, Elysa Lampell and to the grandparents, Dvorah E. Shulman and Henry L. Shulman, z"l and to Ryan's parents, Arlene & Ira Levine.

To **SHARON BRODSKY** on the birth of her grandson, Luke Arlen on June 28, 2020. And Mazal Tov to parents, Marshall Brodsky & Jessica Randle.

To **NANCY & LEON GOSSIN** on the marriage of their daughter, Anna Gossin to Josh Maiman on August 15, 2020. And Mazal Tov to Josh's mother, Jacqueline Berger.

To **CHERYL & ROBERT ANDLER** on the birth of their grandson, Leo David Golub-Sass on September 6, 2020. And Mazal Tov to parents, Deborah & Yoni Golub-Sass; big sister, Mia Golub-Sass; and grandparents Ellen Golub & Steve Sass.

To **MICAL RAZ & ALAN VAILLANCOURT** on the birth of their son, Hillel David Vaillancourt on September 25, 2020. And Mazal Tov to siblings Eli, Leora & Amalia.

To **PETER LOVENHEIM** on the birth of his granddaughter, Mollie Chaya Goldfarb on September 27, 2020. And Mazal Tov to parents, Sarah Lovenheim and Zachary Goldfarb of Washington, DC.



HAZAK USY

for Seniors, continues to take a COVID 19 break! As people over 65 years old we know that we are highly susceptible to the Pandemic. We wish all of you a Happy Hanukkah and look forward to the time when we can all be together for learning, socializing and a NOSH!

Welcome New & Returning Members

Elysa Lampell
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MEN'S CLUB

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

Breakfast Program

DATE & TIME TBA
TOPIC TBA!

You've probably heard about this miserable little bug* that's been going around town—and the world—forcing the postponement or cancellation of all sorts of programs and events. That's why we can't tell you when our next actual breakfast program will be, or what it'll be about.

But no bug can keep a good Men's Club down! We hope to bring you some virtual events, and will let you know about them through the usual channels (TBE emails, flyers, etc.) as soon as plans are set.

We've already had a few of them. We presented a webinar on "Music During COVID-19" with Hazzan Levin, Jonathan Allentoff, Hazzan Weis from the Cantor's Assembly, and music producer Jay Levin. We also participated in the wonderful FJMC Virtual Retreat with fellow Men's Club members from synagogues across the country. At our first virtual annual meeting, we installed our new slate of officers for 2020-2021:

Co-Presidents: Samuel Miller and Alan Ginsberg
VP General programs- Joe Meyers
VP Special programs – Bruce Green
VP Communications- Sid Rosenzweig
VP Membership- Jonathan Allentoff
Treasurer- Mike Allentoff
Secretary- Howard Ressel

*Question for the scientists among us:
Can a virus be called "a bug?"

We invite you to join or renew your Men's Club membership today and share in the fellowship that comes from enriching the life of our synagogue and serving our greater community. This year's dues will be voluntary, but we'll very much appreciate any donation.

And now, more than ever, we need your ideas! What new programs would you like the Club to present? What new things can we do to support our Temple? What can the Club do to enrich your life? Just email one of us (see list below). Even better, bring your thoughts to our monthly board meetings, currently held at 10:00am on the first Sunday of each month on Zoom. Email Samuel Miller sim5@buffalo.edu, Alan Ginsberg alan@amg-planning.com, or Jonathan Allentoff, jonallentoff@aol.com and we'll send you the link.



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Shanah Tova Umetukah

Have a Good and Sweet New Year.
May you be able to cope with all the trials and tribulations of the Covid pandemic.

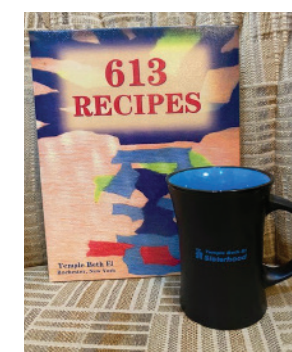
Can Sisterhood help? If you need help, have ideas for how Sisterhood can support our congregation during this strange time, or just want to say hi, please call Gail at 473-6855 (evenings).

Torah Fund

Thank you to all who responded to our Torah Fund request for donations to our Torah Fund project. You are truly wonderful to continue to help others during this difficult time. We really appreciate your support.

At this time the Torah Fund office is closed, so the 2020-21 pin is unavailable. For those who have requested cards, they are also unavailable. As soon as the pin and cards become available, I will include them in your order. So stay tuned. This has been a trying year and hopefully will get better.

It's not too late to contribute to Torah Fund this year. Help us ensure a strong future. For details, contact Abbey Rasnick at 244-8554 or abbeyras@gmail.com. Join us!



Recipes for Hanukkah

Are you bored, looking for something to do while trapped at home? Hanukkah is coming! The first Chanukah candle will be lit on Thursday night, Dec 10th. Here are a couple of great Hanukkah specialties, taken from Sisterhood's own "613 Recipes" cookbook. Give them a try, and let us know how you like them. By the way, the "613 Recipes" cookbook is available at our Gift Shop. If you'd like a copy, give us a call, and we will arrange for pickup or drop off.



Yes! We are still open, by appointment only. Hours are available when the office is open. For an appointment, or to get your a copy of the "613 Cookbook". Call Lynda (385-3562), Iris (244-3947), Peggy (797-9005) or Gail (473-6855).

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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.

TODAH RABBAH CONTRIBUTIONS* TO TEMPLE BETH EL FUNDS THAT ARE WORTH MENSCHEN-ING

Every contribution to a Temple Beth El Fund is worth menschening. However, we can only publish those that are \$10 or more. The contributions listed were received between July 25, and October 21 2020. If your contribution is not listed, please call the TBE Office, we will correct it in the next KOL issue.

2019/20 KESHET NURSERY SCHOOL Donation
George Jacobstein

2020/21 KESHET NURSERY SCHOOL
For the Yahrzeit of Harold Schwartz
Phyllis Kasdin

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In honor of October Simchas
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In memory of Saul Marsh
Daniel & Rina Chessin
For the Yahrzeit of my brother in law Max Glassman
Joanne Prives
In memory of David Flaum
Julie & Mitch Nusbaum and family

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In honor of the hard work of Debbie Zeger and the clergy to bring the High Holy Days to all
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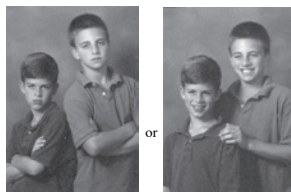
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**NOVEMBER 7
6:00 PM**

Havdalah (הבדלה) [HA-V-DAH-LAH] (NOUN): Havdalah is a ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat (weekly), or a Yom Tov (holiday). It involves wine, light, and spices. Although the sabbath is considered ended when there are 3 stars in the sky, we can do this beautiful ceremony to inspire us during the weekdays too.

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Shabbat & Events Calendar **NOVEMBER**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div> <div>14 HESHVAN</div>	<div>2</div> <div>15 HESHVAN</div>	<div>3</div> <div>16 HESHVAN</div>	<div>4</div> <div>17 HESHVAN</div>	<div>5</div> <div>18 HESHVAN</div>	<div>6</div> <div>19 HESHVAN</div> <div>4:37 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>7</div> <div>20 HESHVAN</div> <div>PARSHAT VAYERA</div> <div>SHABBAT ENDS* 5:39 pm</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah of Leopold Markman</div> <div>Havdallah Babayit</div>
	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth		It's Not Your Bubbe's Kitchen	Challah Bake	Kab Shab	
<div>8</div> <div>21 HESHVAN</div>	<div>9</div> <div>22 HESHVAN</div>	<div>10</div> <div>23 HESHVAN</div>	<div>11</div> <div>24 HESHVAN</div>	<div>12</div> <div>25 HESHVAN</div>	<div>13</div> <div>26 HESHVAN</div> <div>4:29 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>14</div> <div>27 HESHVAN</div> <div>PARSHAT CHAYEI SARA</div> <div>SHABBAT ENDS* 5:32 pm</div> <div>Ziegler Scholar Stream'</div> <div>It's Not Your Bubbes Kitchen</div>
	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth	JTS Scholar Stream				
<div>15</div> <div>28 HESHVAN</div>	<div>16</div> <div>29 HESHVAN</div>	<div>17</div> <div>1 KISLEV</div>	<div>18</div> <div>2 KISLEV</div>	<div>19</div> <div>3 KISLEV</div>	<div>20</div> <div>4 KISLEV</div> <div>4:23 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>21</div> <div>5 KISLEV</div> <div>PARSHAT TOLDOT</div> <div>SHABBAT ENDS* 5:27 pm</div> <div>Tot Shabbat</div> <div>Plug Into Peacefulness</div>
	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth	JTS Scholar Stream	Ziegler Scholar Stream	Plug Into Peacefulness 20/30s F*r*i*e*n*d*s-giving	Plug Into Peacefulness	
<div>22</div> <div>6 KISLEV</div>	<div>23</div> <div>7 KISLEV</div>	<div>24</div> <div>8 KISLEV</div>	<div>25</div> <div>9 KISLEV</div>	<div>26</div> <div>10 KISLEV</div>	<div>27</div> <div>11 KISLEV</div> <div>4:19 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>28</div> <div>12 KISLEV</div> <div>PARSHAT VAYETZEI</div> <div>SHABBAT ENDS* 5:24 pm</div>
Plug Into Peacefulness	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth	JTS Scholar Stream	Ziegler Scholar Stream	Interfaith Thanksgiving	THANKSGIVING	
<div>29</div> <div>13 KISLEV</div>	<div>30</div> <div>14 KISLEV</div>		<div>It's Not Your Bubbe's Kitchen</div>			
	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth					

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		JTS Scholar Stream	Ziegler Scholar Stream It's Not Your Bubbie's Kitchen	What turned Hanukkah in one of the most Joyous Jewish Celebrations?		
<div>6</div> <div>20 KISLEV</div>	<div>7</div> <div>21 KISLEV</div>	<div>8</div> <div>22 KISLEV</div>	<div>9</div> <div>23 KISLEV</div>	<div>10</div> <div>24 KISLEV</div> <div>HANUKKAH 1 CANDLE</div>	<div>11</div> <div>25 KISLEV</div> <div>HANUKKAH 2 CANDLES</div> <div>4:17 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>26 KISLEV</div> <div>HANUKKAH 3 CANDLES</div> <div>PARSHAT VAYESHEV</div> <div>SHABBAT ENDS* 5:23 pm</div> <div>Havdalah & Hanukkah</div>
	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth	JTS Scholar Stream	Ziegler Scholar Stream It's Not Your Bubbie's Kitchen	What turned Hanukkah in one of the most Joyous Jewish Celebrations?	Tots, Tops & Shabbat	
<div>13</div> <div>27 KISLEV</div> <div>HANUKKAH 4 CANDLES</div>	<div>14</div> <div>28 KISLEV</div> <div>HANUKKAH 5 CANDLES</div>	<div>15</div> <div>29 KISLEV</div> <div>HANUKKAH 6 CANDLES</div>	<div>16</div> <div>1 TEVET</div> <div>ROSH HODESH TEVET</div> <div>HANUKKAH 7 CANDLES</div>	<div>17</div> <div>2 TEVET</div> <div>HANUKKAH 8 CANDLES</div>	<div>18</div> <div>3 TEVET</div> <div>HANUKKAH DAY 8</div> <div>4:18 pm</div> <div></div>	<div>19</div> <div>4 TEVET</div> <div>PARSHAT MIKETZ</div> <div>SHABBAT ENDS* 5:25 pm</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah of Eli Charatz</div>
Winter Wonderland Hanukkah Party	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth Feeling Gelty	Lots o' Latkes	20/30s Vodka and Latke (to go) Spirit of Hanukkah	Keshet Virtual Hanukkah Party What turned Hanukkah in one of the most Joyous Jewish Celebrations?		
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	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth			CLOSED		
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	Insight: Weekly Parsha In Depth			CLOSED NEW YEARS EVE		

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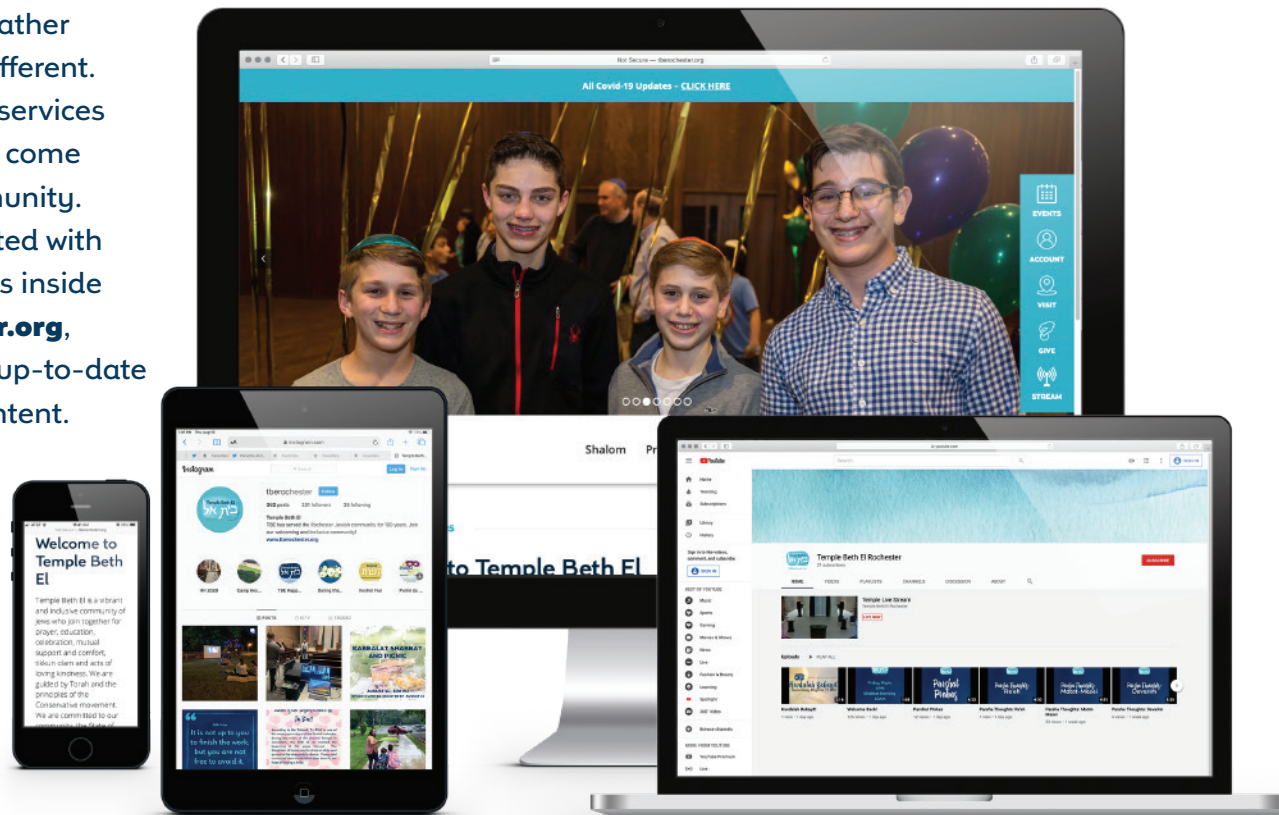
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