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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.

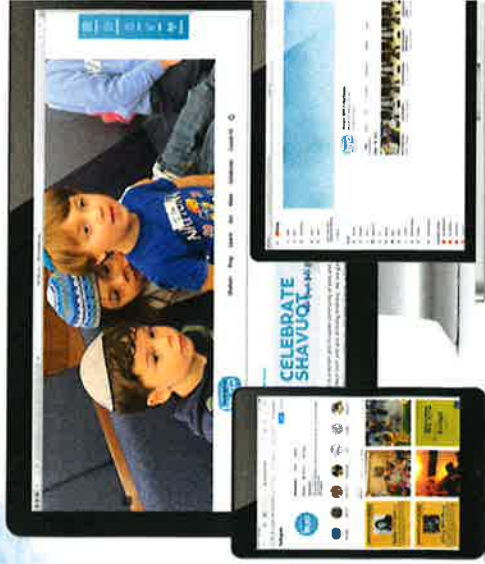
Welcome!



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STAY CONNECTED

Stay connected with us at www.tberochester.org, where you can find up-to-date information and content.



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

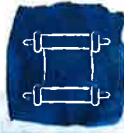


Mincha/Ma'ariv:

Sunday-Friday: 6:00 pm



MINCHA/MA'ARIV ZOOM LINK:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6d78zxx>
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

LIVE STREAM LINK:

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

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The approach of a new year is a good time to reflect on the past year, as well as look ahead to the coming year.

At Temple Beth El, we have focused this year on finding new ways to better connect with you, to help you engage with the many programs, activities and experiences we offer. We did that because in the survey and focus groups we conducted as part of our 2023 Strategic Plan, that was what congregants told us they most wanted from the leadership and clergy of Temple Beth El. We started by hosting a series of very well-attended congregational meetings at which I offered an update and took questions. We're hoping we can hold such meetings again this year. You'll be hearing much more about the strategic plan in the coming months, but let me hit a few highlights.

This year, we welcomed both Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am to share space in our building. From the start, we have actively collaborated with these two synagogues to create a vibrant and multi-faceted approach to religious services and programs. We have worshiped together, attended events together, and we look forward to having members of those congregations join us at some of our holiday services. And we look forward to more opportunities and collaborations, as we work to become a center for Rochester's Conservative Jewish community.

Helping us achieve that goal, and many others, we are incredibly fortunate to have been awarded a \$1.1 million grant, paid over 3 years, from the The Max & Marian Farash Foundation. This extremely generous grant will be used in a variety of ways, such as ensuring that we have the clergy and staff needed to provide the level of service our congregation is entitled to expect. Included in that we will be offering innovative and meaningful programming and services, attracting new members while more actively engaging existing congregants, and looking for even more ways to collaborate with other synagogues and organizations across Greater Rochester and beyond.

We are deeply appreciative of the faith that The Max and Marian Farash Foundation has shown in our synagogue by awarding us what will be a game-changing grant.

To further protect our financial future, Temple Beth El plans to embark on an Endowment Campaign. Stay tuned for details on this and many other future plans.

I look forward to working with my fellow officers, including new officer Lisa Tellem and new board members Valerie Chufo, Ellen Konar and Rachel Musker. And I thank those whose terms have ended, including officer Alison Fogel, Leslie Crane and Leah Goldman.

Wishing each and every one of you a happy, healthy and prosperous 5784!

Matthew Ryen
TBE Board President



FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR RABBI

Memories, Youth and a Bigger Tent at Temple Beth El

I have unforgettable memories of my hometown and its 50 Jewish souls praying together in a small room filled with pictures of my ancestors hanging on the walls. I remember my elders leading services. I was very proud of my dad, of blessed memory, and his Tekiot Shofar using his old black straight Turkish Shofar. I was in awe listening to his reading of Mafrei Jonah and how that honor was given to him year after year until the last Yom Kippur of his life. But not everything was led by the elders of my congregation, there was a deliberate effort to integrate youngsters to participate in the service. We were asked to read, partake, sing and learn the Sephardic melodies of those beautiful "gizmorim" (traditional liturgical songs praising God) that have now been taken out of the Mahzor. We even had a youth competition to see who would last fasting the entire day. That deliberate effort to integrate youth into the High Holy Day service is something I grew up admiring and wondering if that was a local tradition or something that happened in other communities around the Jewish world; something invented or something that originated in history.

To my surprise, I was able to dig out a beautiful parable from the Dubno Maggid that illuminated my inquiry.

"Dubno Maggid spoke to the youngsters of his community, charging them to do their part in the High Holy Day service. He told them: 'A man, accompanied by his young son, once traveled on a long journey. Whenever they came to a difficult spot, the man raised the boy onto his shoulders and carried him over the difficult terrain. One day they arrived at a city encircled by a wall. The gates were locked. It was the evening and they were exhausted. Noting some small windows on one side of the walls, the father turned to his son and said: My son, until now I have been kind to you, caring for you. Now I have no recourse but to ask you to be kind enough to climb the walls and enter the city through that little window. Turning to the youngsters, the Maggid said: Dear children, most of the burdens of life are upon the shoulders of your elders. We have the responsibility to clothe and feed you. Not so on this awesome day of *teshuvah* (repentance) because we are afraid the gates of Heaven will be locked and our prayers will not be able to enter the gates. But you, who are pure of transgression, your prayers, said in earnestness from the depths of your hearts, will enter through the little portals until they reach God's throne. In this way, perhaps you will also be able to come before the Heavenly throne.'"

Youth at Temple Beth El will enable us to create new memories and attract young clergy. With their precious voices reading Torah as in years past they will climb the heavens to bring our supplications on the holiest day of the year.

Let us all have more and more young members at Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and even Sukkot to augment our understanding of what it means to start a New Year with a renovated spirit, where everybody is included and where each one of us helps make our tent bigger and open to Temple Beth David, Temple Beth Am, BHEI and you!

From my family to yours—Silvana, Ethan and Lara join me in wishing you a Happy New Year.

L'Shanah Tova Tikatevu ve tichatemu.

Rabbi Leonardo Bitran



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The message came through loud and clear from the Strategic Plan focus groups: Our congregants want to know more about what's happening at Temple Beth El and we need to do a better job of sharing information in a timely, accessible manner.

We take that message as a real positive. Our congregants are interested because they care about the synagogue. They want to engage, and we need to provide the information to make that possible.

We began building on that immediately with a series of well-attended congregational updates, something we hope to offer again in the coming year. And we took an in-depth look at how we can improve the many ways we communicate with our members, including this newsletter, emails, text messages, social media, our website and, of course, by telephone.

Based on a survey of members conducted last spring, we've made some important changes that we hope deliver information how and when you want it.

Our new weekly email, sent out each Thursday, offers a mix of Temple Beth El, Rochester Jewish community and other news and event information, linking to even more information on our website.

This issue of the Kol also demonstrates a change. We will now be printing and mailing the Kol twice a year—one issue with all the information you need to plan for the High Holy Days and a second arriving in late winter with information about Purim, Passover and spring/summer events. Both issues will also be available digitally on our website (www.tberochester.org).

We will continue sending out emails with information about Yahrzeits and will also include monthly Yahrzeit lists on our website. Donations will continue to be acknowledged with an email and thank you letter and also will now be posted to our website monthly.

Condolence notices will continue to be sent out immediately when we are notified.

We know many of you enjoy receiving a regular printed bulletin in the mail. But the reality is that the production time required to create a quality product makes it challenging to provide timely, accurate information.

Which brings me to my last point. **While it's very important that we communicate with you, it's equally important that you communicate with us.** We want to know how we're doing, how you want to engage with your synagogue, what Temple Beth El can do to make your experience here enriching and fulfilling.

Here's to a new year and a new spirit of two-way communication.

Deborah Zeiger

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 yahrzeit dates can be found on your Shulcloud account or by calling the office at 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/>**



B'NEI MITZVAH

We welcome Hazzan Penny Myers as our new B'nei Mitzvah Director. She will be creating programming and opportunities for B'nei Mitzvah students to participate in services and will be the primary tutor for all B'nei Mitzvah starting with our 2024 B'nei Mitzvah cohort, with whom she is already working. **Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah and programs will be listed on our website monthly at <https://www.tberochester.org/learn/bnei-mitzvah/>**



MAZAL TOV

We are happy to pass along news about our congregants and community. Mazal Tavs that are shared with us can now be found at <http://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/date **starting on page 14 and/or at <https://www.tberochester.org/celebrate/calendar/>**

YOUTH & FAMILY UPDATE



Shalom!

After a beautiful summer with record-breaking camp enrollment, we are gearing up for a brand new school year in both Keshet and BEWISE. We have grown significantly in both schools, having to add more sections of classes to BEWISE and once again, needing to have extra Keshet classrooms.

Our summer highlights: We welcomed a few new Watermelon Wednesday guests, kicking off with our beloved Moreh Josh from Tikva Music. Then we welcomed Spike from the Rochester Red Wings, Grace and Grins puppetry, PJ Library and a few other great guests! Watermelon Wednesdays engaged a lot of young families, and helped us to partner with more members of the community.

We are looking forward to a full year ahead of education, enrichment, and engagement for all ages. Keshet students will once again have opportunities such as Sukkot with my Special Guest. We will offer longer and more detailed parent-teacher conferences, and several other community engagement opportunities. We will be having monthly parent programs that are followed by Shabbat Sing, so families can join our dynamic school on Shabbat. Young families can decorate the Sukkah, dance with the Torah for Simchat Torah, and have plenty of opportunities to celebrate the High Holidays.

As BEWISE Kicks off, we have several events planned for our school-aged children and families. We will be having monthly Shabbat dinners featuring various age groups, monthly BEWISE Shabbat showcases, and monthly family programs. Our goal this year is to help make our students comfortable in the main sanctuary as well as build on their comfort level on the bimah. We are also looking to continue building community among the age cohorts through family programs and special events such as Sukkot at Clubhouse Fun Center again. We will be working with the other synagogues to engage cohorts of all ages for events out in the community.

Our teens will once again have the opportunity to Sukkah hop! On October 4, we will have a limo tour of all three synagogues' sukkahs. The students will have a progressive meal and have the chance to bond with other teens. This will once again be a collaboration with other synagogues. Stay tuned for more information.

We are always looking for parents to get involved and help! Please let me know if you want to volunteer for the High Holy Days or join a committee, help plan an event, or just help out for an hour. We are always appreciative of your support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me about ways that Temple Beth El can help engage and support your family.

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.

**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.

Register now:

www.tberochester.org/lifelong-learning/keshet-preschool





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

As we begin a new year and a new season, the Men's Club wishes you a Shana Tova and a healthy, happy year ahead. Every year, the club sponsors a variety of events and activities including:

Sunday Breakfast Programs—Sukkah put up/take down—World Wide Wrap—Super Bowl Party—Men's Club Shabbat—Yellow Candle Program—Baseball Outing—Golf League

We sponsor them, but they're open to everyone. Our goal is to develop programs that reach all members of the TBE family and even extend that reach to all members of the Jewish community. As this issue of KOL goes to press, we're planning a full schedule for the new season. But we're always looking for new programming ideas, so please let us know what ideas you have, and what appeals most to you. For specific dates and details about our events, stay tuned to the usual channels: TBE and Men's Club emails, flyers, announcements from the bimah, the TBE website, etc. As soon as we know, we'll let you know!

One thing we do know: one of the Club's most important contributions to TBE is our annual putting up and taking down the beautiful TBE sukkah (which we bought for TBE a few years ago). We're always happy to get help, but this year could be especially challenging. Usually we have a weekend day to work on, but this year Yom Kippur is Monday, September 25, and Sukkot starts on Friday night, September 29, so we'll need "weekend volunteers." Please think about joining us. The work takes about two hours and we promise you lots of schmoozing and laughing (and maybe a little noshing). Again, please check the usual sources for the latest information.

In the meantime, we invite you to join or renew your Men's Club membership for next season. Dues are only \$36.00, and they help pay for all we do. Send your check payable to Men's Club of Temple Beth El to Temple Beth El - Men's Club, 139 S. Winton Rd. S., Rochester, NY 14610 or use PayPal at <http://www.tberochester/men/mensclub/>. Make sure you include your name, address, phone, and email.

Our Executive Committee this year has some new members, and we welcome our brothers at Temple Beth David and others in the community that may want to join us as members of the Temple Beth El Men's Club, regardless of your background and how you choose to connect with your community.

Finally, one of the greatest gifts you can give the Jewish community and TBE—and one of the greatest mitzvahs you can do—is to help make a minyan. We're one of the only synagogues in the area that offers services twice daily: weekday mornings at 7:30AM (7:15AM on Rosh Chodesh); weekday evenings at 6:00PM; plus morning and evening services on Shabbat and Sundays. We also help make minyan in the homes of people observing shiva. Please consider becoming a "minyanaire." Attend a minyan once a week, once a month, whenever you can. You don't need to read Hebrew. You just need to be there. Help keep TBE a home of spiritual strength and social engagement. You'll be surprised how good it will make you feel!

Feel free to contact me with any Men's Club questions, ideas, or complaints: Mensclub@tberochester.org.

Howard Ressel
President



SISTERHOOD

When women support each other,
incredible things happen.

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

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Shanah Tovah
(no events)

OCTOBER

1 Board Meeting
10 AM

5 Torah Fund
Lunch

NOVEMBER

5 Board Meeting
10 AM

DECEMBER

1 Board Meeting
10 AM

10 Hanukkah
Party

JANUARY

1 Board Meeting
10 AM

13 Sisterhood
Shabbat

FEBRUARY

4 PAD Party

Torah Fund Luncheon in the Sukkah OCTOBER 5

Support the Torah Fund Campaign to help ensure that Rabbis and other professional clergy continue to provide services to our synagogue. A decorative pin and our luncheon are two ways we say thanks to those who generously give at the donor level (\$180 or more). Contact Abbey at 585-244-8554 to become a Donor. Check our Sisterhood Newsletter for program details.

Just Judaica, our Temple gift shop, is the largest retail Judaica gift shop in western and central New York. Many items are created by artists and craftspeople for us, and not available on the internet. We also sell high quality personalized kippot and ketubahs at 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 2-4 PM

Hugs Baskets

A new exciting Sisterhood program!

Do you know a member of Temple Beth El who is ill or confined for an extended time, and might appreciate a HUG? We've developed a basket of goodies to help make their day a little better.

Two ways to volunteer:

1-Do you know of member of Temple Beth El who is ill or confined for an extended time, and might appreciate a call, visit and Hugs Basket. We are relying on "word of mouth" to learn about them.

2-Volunteer to be part of our Hugs Basket assembly and delivery group. Email Gail at gailfnk49@gmail.com; put Hugs Basket in the subject. Let us know your recommendations for candidates. Let us know if you'll help us with deliveries



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

20/30s parents are welcome to bring their children under the age of 2.

Round Challah Bake
AUGUST 30 | 6:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah discussion led by Josh Klein
SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17 | 11:30–12:30

Tashlich at Lock 32 Brewing, led by Josh Klein
SEPTEMBER 21 | 7PM

Yom Kippur, discussion with Josh Klein
SEPTEMBER 2 | 11:30 - 12:30

Simores in the Sukkah
OCTOBER 4 | 7PM

Spooky, Spiritual, Havdallah
NOVEMBER 4 | 6:30 PM

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

Low-Key Latkes
DECEMBER 14 | 6:30 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by Shabbat Dinner
JANUARY 1 | SERVICES 6 PM, DINNER 7 PM

Future events to include shabbat craft day to create shabbat kits.



As we approach the High Holy Days, please consider contributing to our annual High Holy Day Appeal.

This is more than just a request for financial support, which we rely upon as a non-for-profit organization. It's also an opportunity for you to perform the mitzvah of Tzedaka, the religious obligation to do what is right and just, which Judaism emphasizes as integral to living a spiritual life.

Among performing deeds of justice, Tzedaka is perhaps the most important obligation Judaism imposes. The Talmud teaches that Tzedaka is equal to all the other commandments combined, and one who gives tzedaka is acting righteously.

Your support also makes it possible for us to provide ongoing services and programs to the congregation and to the community. Whether you attend services regularly or occasionally, celebrate holidays at Temple or at home, have simchas or sorrows, your Temple Beth El community is here for you every day. We hope you will consider joining us more often this year, for daily minyan, Shabbat services, classes with Rabbi, Shabbat Dinner, Hanukkah party and candle lighting, Purim Megillah reading, Passover Seder—whatever appeals to you most.

We all have our own traditions at this time of year, please consider making Tzedaka, through a contribution to Temple Beth El's High Holy Day Appeal, one of yours.

You can make your High Holy Day Appeal contribution online at www.therochester.org/support or by returning the pledge card you receive in the mail.



September

ELUL 5783-TISHRI 5784

- SEPTEMBER 4**
Office closed for Labor Day
- SEPTEMBER 8**
6 PM Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
7 PM Shabbat Dinner
- SEPTEMBER 9**
9:30 AM Shabbat Morning services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
8:30 PM Selichot Music for the Soul
- SEPTEMBER 10**
9:30 AM First Day of BE.WISE
12:30 PM Welcome back picnic followed by
Scape Goat Yoga
2024 B'nei Mitzvah cohort lunch
- SEPTEMBER 20**
5 PM Hassidic Stories for the High Holy Days with Josh Klein
- SEPTEMBER 21**
7 PM 20/30s Tashlich at Lock 32
- SEPTEMBER 26**
9:30 AM Raise the Sukkah
- SEPTEMBER 27**
4-6 PM Decorate the Sukkah
- SEPTEMBER 29**
6 PM Erev Sukkot Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
7 PM Dinner in the Sukkah

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

- 1 7:27 pm
2 8:27 pm
8 7:15 pm
9 8:14 pm
15 7:02 pm
16 8:01 pm
22 6:49 pm
23 7:46 pm
24 6:46 pm
29 6:37 pm
30 7:36 pm

Mincha begins 1 hour & 15 minutes before Shabbat ends.



October

TISHRI-HESHVAN

- OCTOBER 2**
6 PM 2024 B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Mincha/Maariv and Dinner in the Sukkah
- OCTOBER 4**
4-6 PM BE.WISE Snacks in the Sukkah
6 PM Teen Sukkah Hop
7 PM 20/30s Smores in the Sukkah
- OCTOBER 5**
6:30 PM Tequila, Tacos & Tango in the Sukkah
- OCTOBER 7**
7:15 PM Family Simchat Torah Program
- OCTOBER 9**
9:30 AM Take Down the Sukkah
- OCTOBER 12**
6:45 PM Keshet Open House
- OCTOBER 15**
11 AM 5-6th Grade Family Program
- OCTOBER 20**
6 PM Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein in honor of Hazzan Emeritus Martin Leubitz
7 PM Shabbat Dinner
- OCTOBER 21**
9:30 AM Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

- 6 6:24 pm
7 7:23 pm
13 6:12 pm
14 7:12 pm
20 6:01 pm
21 7:01 pm
27 5:51 pm
28 6:51 pm

Mincha begins 1 hour & 15 minutes before Shabbat ends.

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NOVEMBER 3
6 PM 2024 B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner

NOVEMBER 4
9:30 AM Shabbat Services Featuring BE.WISE K-2nd grade Showcase
6:30 PM 20/30s Spooky Spiritual Havdalah

NOVEMBER 10
6 PM Musical Shabbat Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
7 PM Shabbat Dinner

NOVEMBER 11
9:30 AM Shabbat morning services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

NOVEMBER 12
11 AM 3rd & 4th grade Family Program

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

3 **5:41 pm**
4 **6:42 pm**

10 **4:33 pm**
11 **5:35 pm**

17 **4:26 pm**
18 **5:29 pm**

24 **4:21 pm**
25 **5:25 pm**

Mincha begins 1 hour & 15 minutes before Shabbat ends.

DECEMBER 3
9:30 AM BE.WISE K-2 Family Program

DECEMBER 7
6:15 PM Light the Menorah First Night of Hanukkah

DECEMBER 8
4 PM Light the Menorah Second Night of Hanukkah
6 PM Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
7 PM Shabbat Dinner

DECEMBER 9
9:30 AM Shabbat Services featuring 2024 B'nei Mitzvah Cohort and Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
5:30 PM Havdallah and Light the Menorah Third Night of Hanukkah followed by Hanukkah Concert

DECEMBER 10
6:15 PM Light the Menorah Fourth Night of Hanukkah

DECEMBER 11
6:15 PM Light the Menorah Fifth Night of Hanukkah

DECEMBER 12
6:15 PM Light the Menorah Sixth Night of Hanukkah

DECEMBER 13
5:45 PM Light the Menorah Seventh Night of Hanukkah
Annual TBE Hanukkah Party

DECEMBER 14
6:15 PM Light the Menorah Eighth Night of Hanukkah
20/30's Low Key Latkes

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

1 **4:18 pm**
2 **5:18 pm**

15 **4:17 pm**
16 **5:18 pm**

22 **4:20 pm**
23 **5:21 pm**

29 **4:24 pm**
30 **5:26 pm**

Mincha begins 1 hour & 15 minutes before Shabbat ends.

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- JANUARY 13**
9:30 AM Shabbat Services featuring BE WISE 5 & 6th grade Showcase
- JANUARY 14**
9:30 AM BE WISE Mitzvah Day
- JANUARY 15**
9 AM Keshet Day of Service
- JANUARY 19**
6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services
7 PM Shabbat Dinner
- JANUARY 26**
6 PM 2024 B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner
- JANUARY 28**
9:30 AM K-2 Family Program

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

🕯️ 5	4:31 pm
🕯️ 6	5:32 pm
🕯️ 12	4:38 pm
🕯️ 13	5:40 pm
🕯️ 19	4:46 pm
🕯️ 20	5:48 pm
🕯️ 26	4:55 pm
🕯️ 27	5:58 pm

Mincha begins 1 hour & 15 minutes before Shabbat ends.

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- FEBRUARY 3**
9:30 AM Shabbat Services featuring BE WISE 3 & 4th grade Showcase
6 PM PJ Havdalah
- FEBRUARY 9**
6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services
7 PM Shabbat Dinner
- FEBRUARY 10**
6 PM 2024 B'nei Mitzvah Cohort Havdalah Happening & Dessert
- FEBRUARY 11**
9:30 AM World Wide Wrap
Men's Club Super Bowl Sunday Watch Party

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

🕯️ 2	5:05 pm
🕯️ 3	6:09 pm
🕯️ 9	5:14 pm
🕯️ 10	6:18 pm
🕯️ 16	5:24 pm
🕯️ 17	6:26 pm
🕯️ 23	5:33 pm
🕯️ 24	6:35 pm

Mincha begins 1 hour & 15 minutes before Shabbat ends.

All events and times are subject to change. For more information call 473-1770 or visit www.tbroschester.org



Needy Ego ARTS FESTIVAL

AUGUST 27 | 10 AM-4 PM

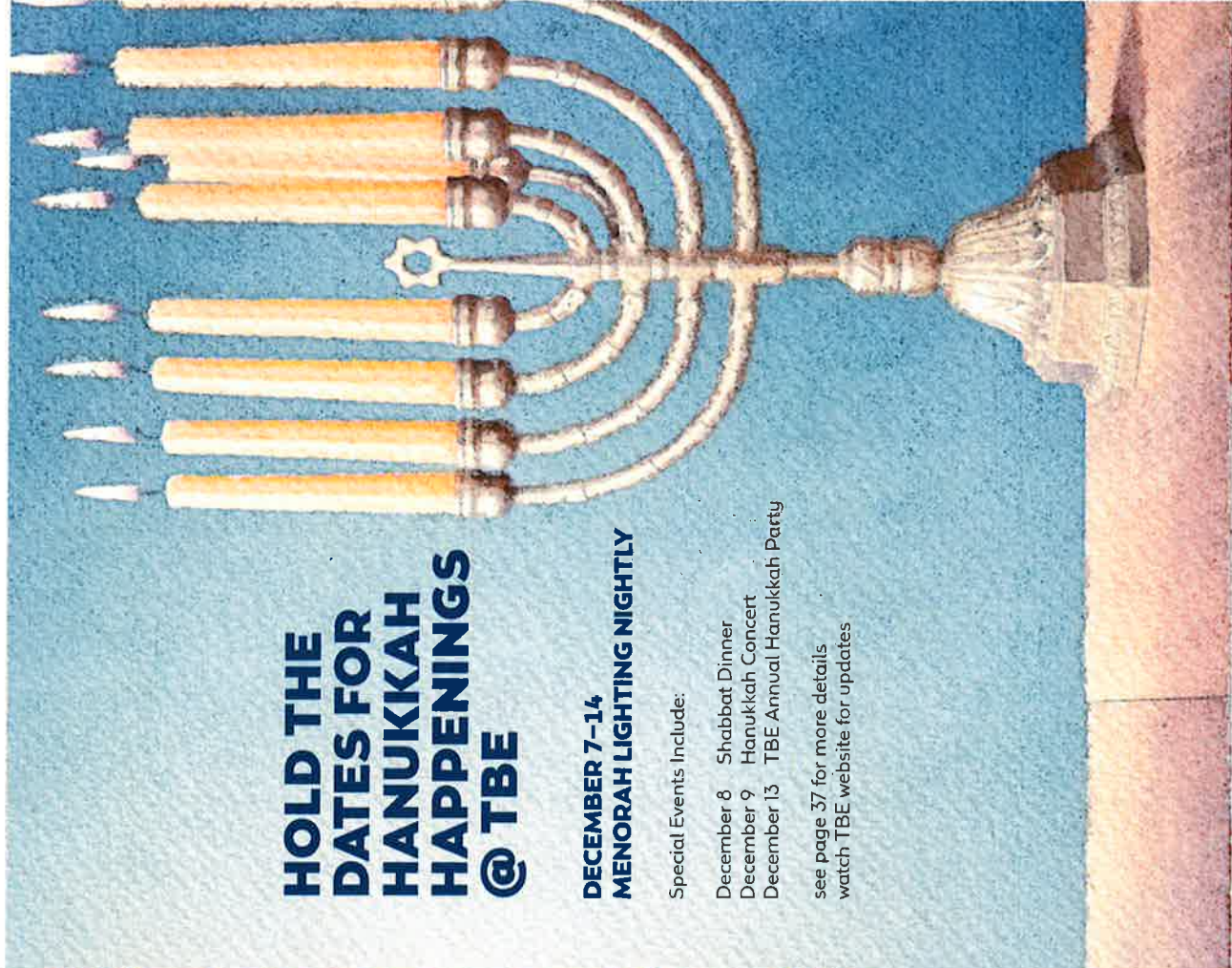
TEMPLE BETH EL

**139 WINTON ROAD SOUTH,
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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
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HOLD THE DATES FOR HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS @ TBE

**DECEMBER 7-14
MENORAH LIGHTING NIGHTLY**

Special Events Include:

December 8 Shabbat Dinner

December 9 Hanukkah Concert

December 13 TBE Annual Hanukkah Party

see page 37 for more details
watch TBE website for updates



**“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

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.

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- 1/4 page in Remembrance Book

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- 2 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration)

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- 1/2 page in Remembrance Book
- 4 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration)

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- Full page in Remembrance Book
- 6 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration)

OHR (\$10,000+)

- Full page in Remembrance Book
- 8 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration)
- Reserved High Holy Day seating

**from one generation to the next...
for our future.**



For Over a Century Temple Beth El has continued to play a unique role in the Rochester community providing a place where Jewish tradition and Innovation combine and where we share the most meaningful events in our lives. TBE is the place that offers anyone the opportunity to find their own spirituality and meaning.

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.

For more information about supporting Temple Beth El's future please contact
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If you have made provisions for Temple Beth El in your estate plans, or would like more information about doing so, please let us know by providing the information requested here. We would be honored to include you as a member of the L'Dor V'Dor Society and recognize your commitment.

☐ If I have made provisions in my will, I would like to be recognized as a member of the L'Dor V'Dor Society.	Name _____
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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 _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Address _____	Email _____		
Phone _____	☐ YACHAD ☐ CHAI ☐ SHOMER ☐ KOACH ☐ OHR		
My check for \$_____ is enclosed			
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Please charge for my first installment of \$_____	☐ VISA ☐ DISCOVER		
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