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**High Holy Day Issue with
Schedules and Information**





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



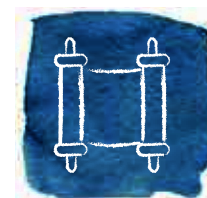
SHACHARIT ZOOM LINK:

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



MINCHA/MA'ARIV ZOOM LINK:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6d78zsx>
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 Havdalah

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

My name is Evan Spindelman, and it is my pleasure to succeed Matt Ryen as president of the Temple Beth El Congregation. First and foremost, I want to express my thanks to Matt for the hard work he did over the past three years. I have enjoyed working with him as synagogue treasurer, and I hope to meet the high standards set by Matt and my other predecessors in this position.

For those who don’t know me, I have been a member of Beth El all of my life. I have witnessed many changes that have happened over the years, many of which I believe have been quite positive. We have become a more inclusive congregation, so that all of our members can experience a welcoming Jewish community. And we have welcomed the members of two other synagogues—Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am—into our building, creating a new home for Conservative Judaism here in Rochester. We have also reached out to the greater Rochester community, committing our time and attention to a variety of activities, including Asbury First Community Outreach Center.

It has been hard to witness events, both domestically and globally, that have affected Jews at home and abroad touched off by the events of October 7th. But I am grateful for Temple Beth El, which strives to be a warm and welcoming space to its members and to the community. We have created a safe space here where we gather together to worship, to celebrate and to support one another. My goal going forward is to continue Temple Beth El’s mission of inclusion and continue our commitment to our community, the state of Israel, and Jews around the world.

We hope to continue to grow our membership and our local Jewish community footprint as we move into the future by making strategic decisions to maintain not just the services and programs here at Beth El, as well as to continue the stewardship of this property as our spiritual home for many years into the future. I hope that commitment inspires all of us to participate with both our time and financial support, especially now through the High Holy Days, to make this a reality.

We want every congregant to feel that they are welcome and valued, and invited to engage with each other and what the synagogue has to offer. One way we can do that is through volunteering. This year, we introduced Volunteer Central, an easy, online way to sign on to the many volunteer opportunities here at Temple Beth El. As a TBE volunteer you will meet people, forge friendships, and play a valuable role in strengthening our community.

My personal journey at TBE has strengthened me personally and spiritually. I am so grateful that the Temple is part of my life, and that I now get the opportunity to lead us into the future.

Evan Spindelman
TBE Board President



FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR RABBI

Days of Awe, 5785

Knowing the current situation in Israel I wondered about how we will celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Israel left the Gaza Strip in 2005. Israel did not build a fence around Gaza. They left behind a population that could have built a peaceful and prosperous country. Instead, in a short period, they started firing missiles at Israel.

Hamas, who took over the government of Gaza in 2007, was and is committed to the destruction of Israel. As we all know, on October 7 last year, as we were celebrating the festival of Simchat Torah 5784, terrorists poured into Israel from Gaza. They murdered more than 1200 Israelis and kidnapped more than 200. Gaza is a place where evil dwells.

Are there righteous people in Gaza? Of course, probably the vast majority. But they are subject to their Hamas rulers, who conduct military operations from the midst of civilian populated centers. As someone put it, “Israel uses missiles to protect its population, Hamas uses its population to protect its missiles.” Gaza is a place where decent, innocent people suffer for the sins of their political leaders.

In Israel by contrast, Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are committed to the concept of tohar haneshek, purity of arms. That means every effort must be made to minimize civilian casualties while achieving a military objective. The challenge is how to deal with that evil while maintaining our sense of justice. Sadly, this is extremely difficult in Gaza.

So what is there for us to hope for in the New Year? First, we wish for peace in Israel. We hope all hostages will be returned and we wish the Palestinians wisdom to choose their leaders and skills to build a better future.

From our rabbinic sources, I suggest we learn from the Hebrew concept of *Ometz Lev*, which can be directly translated as heart strength. It is a spark of strength within you that you can always access.

Ometz lev, courage, is a core Jewish *middah*, an ethical and spiritual trait that we naturally have as beings created in the Divine image. There is much to be vexed by in today’s world. During the difficult days of WWII and the Holocaust, Rabbis and Jewish leaders suggested people not be afraid: “*al tira avdi Ya’akov*, do not be afraid, my servant Jacob. Behold the days come that I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel...”

Chazak veematz are the only words Moses offers Joshua as his successor. "Be strong and of good courage." If you are overwhelmed, think of your inner strength. In every generation, our tradition teaches us to muster our courage.

We need to be bold and creative, and then act. That is the heart strength, *Ometz Lev*, required to face the darkness of today.

And let us all remember that these Days of Awe are here for us to lift our courage, faith, and compassion. Our world needs that heart-strength of ours. Our resilience despite the obstacles is required, and finding ways to work together even as we are apart is essential. Hemingway writes in his Farewell to Arms, “Life breaks all of us. Some grow strong at the broken places.” That is heart strength, *Ometz Lev* to everyone.

My wish for the New Year is that you will come to shul to regain that *Ometz Lev*. The prayers in the Mahzor, the melodies of High Holy Day prayers, and the company of other Jews will bring that *Ometz Lev* we all need.

Silvana, Ethan, Lara and myself wish you a better New Year and a renewed spirit forged from the wisdom of Judaism.

Shannah Tovah Tikatevu V’Tichatemu. Tizku l’Shanim Rabot, Tovot U’Neyimot.

Rabbi Leonardo Bitran



FROM HAZZAN AUSTERKLEIN

Keeping Our Arms Up

Jews are tired. Summer break may provide us with relief—variety, relaxation, camp, vacation, and the great outdoors. Yet I don’t have to tell you the many reasons—political, social, and cultural—that still might be wearing us down.

But I’m also here to tell you that there is an antidote. And I feel privileged as a cantor to have it be one of my specialties.

For the last fifteen hundred years, cantors have been identified in Judaism as warriors in the great battle for our souls. This harkens back to the Book of Exodus, in which Moses went out to oversee the Battle at Rephidim against Israel’s great enemy, Amalek. An eighth-century rabbinic text, *Pirkei D’Rabbi Eliezer*, identifies the cantor’s task with this critical moment of struggle:

“Moses said to Joshua: Choose men for us, houses of the fathers, men who are mighty in strength and valor, and go forth and do battle with Amalek. Moses, Aaron, and Hur stood on a high place, in the camp of Israel, one on his right hand, and one on his left (Ex. 17:10, 12). Therefore we learn that the cantor is prohibited to officiate unless there are two are standing with him: one on his right and one on his left.”

Our medieval sages leaned on this image of Moses as cantor and made sure that assistants would stand by him on these holy days. These Jews believed strongly in the mystical power of prayer against the evil forces that we face. Under their leadership, liturgical poetry and its cantorial champions flourished and the oldest melodies of Ashkenazic prayer chant took form—melodies which we still sing together on the High Holidays. Even though these Jews were ever in the shadow of violence and hatred, they marshaled their moral force to conquer the satan, the forces of sin within, on their long heroic quest towards spiritual grandeur. And the image of Moses with his brother and friend holding up his arms? It became one of the narrative inspirations for the *meshorerim*—the original Jewish choir.

But almost as great as the power of prayer is the power of song. In this way, Moses, Aaron, and Hur are a model for how the cantor and his musical assistants to inspire people with music towards joy.

Joy is the antidote. Serving G-d with joy, doing mitzvot with joy, helping one another with joy—these are what help keep our arms up during those long battles. As the cantor, I am honored to fill the Mosaic role at Temple Beth El, marshaling us all in music and prayer. But the truth is that I am too weak to do it alone. I need each of you, whether as musicians, singers, or in the congregation, to hold my arms. For we will only prevail when we hold each other up.

May this new year be redeemed by joy, and by the way that we hold each other up—in song and in life.

Matt Austerklein



ADULT EDUCATION AT TBE

Adult education is offered on Thursday evenings at Temple Beth El. Instructors design quality, thought provoking lessons on Jewish content across a wide array of topics. Classes are taught by Jewish educators and clergy from Temple Beth El, local Rabbis and visiting scholars. Congregants can request stand-alone lessons or series on various subjects and in a variety of teaching styles. Participants will hear lectures, engage in chevruta and share in discussions on the most relevant issues in the modern Jewish world. Classes are enhanced by cutting edge educational technology and pedagogical theories. Hebrew literacy classes for beginners are also available. Join us for conversations on Israel, mitzvot, Jewish history and more!



HAZZANUT AT TBE

We are taking a different approach to Hazzanut at Temple Beth El.

This year we have contracted with Hazzan Matthew Austerklein and Hazzan Jonathan Kohan who will be here on a regular basis to lead our congregation in prayer.

Their schedules are listed below:

HAZZAN AUSTERKLEIN:
AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 1
SEPTEMBER 6–8
OCTOBER 2–6
OCTOBER 11–12
NOVEMBER 8–10
FEBRUARY 7–9
MARCH 15–16
MARCH 28–30
APRIL 25–27
MAY 16–18
MAY 30–JUNE 3
JUNE 6–8

JONATHAN KOHAN:
SEPTEMBER 12–29
OCTOBER 15–27
APRIL 10–20



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Synagogue is so much more than a place to pray. It is a place to find community in good times and in difficult times. In a world that is increasingly antisemitic, it is more important than ever that we have a safe space where we can focus on our common Jewish heritage and support each other spiritually and emotionally.

As I reflect on the year we are ending and prepare to enter a new year, I am focusing on my gratitude for this space. I am grateful for the Jewish community that I have here at Temple Beth El. This congregation has been my Jewish home for more than 35 years. It is where I have raised my family, celebrated simchas, and found comfort in times of sorrow and loss.

The Max and Marian Farash Foundation has made much of what we do at Temple Beth El possible with an incredibly generous 3-year grant of \$1,010,000. This grant has enabled us to lean into our vision for the future in ways we would not have otherwise been able to do. Farash has also provided us with a grant to explore the feasibility of an Endowment fundraising campaign which will help make our congregation more financially independent in the long term. We are also grateful to the Farash Foundation and our Program Officer, Michael Zimmerman, for their advice and support as we work together to prepare Temple Beth El and our Jewish community for a successful future.

The Temple Beth El Foundation was set up by Jay Birnbaum z”l and other TBE leadership nearly 20 years ago, to ensure funding for youth education and programming at Beth El. Now under the leadership of Sara Ressler, the TBE Foundation now contributes \$100,000 a year to the TBE budget, providing our congregation’s youth with innovative and creative educational and social experiences.

The Jewish Community Federation supports our synagogue in many ways. We are especially thankful to Roc Strong and Mark Henderson for their guidance and financial contributions that keep our facility safe.

We are also grateful to those who notice things that need to be done and take it upon themselves to make it happen! The Hecker family and Howitt Levinson family, for example, joined forces this year to provide funding to upgrade and make our downstairs bathroom facilities fully accessible and more up-to-date.

I want to express my thanks to all of the congregants, volunteers, donors, and funders, who continue to work individually and together to create the vibrant, caring, and spiritual community that is Temple Beth El. You have my gratitude and the appreciation of our entire congregation!

Wishing all a *Shana Tovah u Metuka*.

Todah Rabah!

Deborah Zeger

WHERE TO FIND CONTENT



Yahrzeits You should receive 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, 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. **Mazal Tavs 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 38 and/or at www.tberochester.org/calendar/**



YOUTH & FAMILY UPDATE

Shalom!

Before beginning the school year, I am reflecting on a wonderful summer that we had with our young congregants and families. We brought in a variety of Watermelon Wednesday guests including Spikes from the Rochester Red Wings, Jessica and Chris Ottnod, authors of *Lumo’s Wish*, fan favorite Butterfly Kids Yoga, and so much more. We also had our first ever Shabbat at the Strong Museum of Play. Our program included play time, prayer, and a Shabbat dinner– all at one of Rochester’s best locations for kids! It was our first time doing this, and it certainly will not be the last.

We are excited to begin the school year with several new students and families, as well as many familiar faces. Our teaching staff includes fan favorites, as well as teachers who have moved here from Israel to make Rochester and Temple Beth El their home. We piloted an enrichment class last year called *Tiny Thuah*, meaning movement, and are excited to welcome instructor Rotem Haddas back to our program to work her magic. The class is a Hebrew through Movement program which takes place during our Keshet day. We will also be introducing a few new enrichment activities, one which revolves around Jewish music from around the world. Soccer Shots and Butterfly Kids Yoga will return, as they continue to benefit our students in remarkable ways.

I am thrilled to be working with Director of Congregational Learning, Stephen Papkin in several capacities. I will be overseeing the Kindergarten through second grade in our innovative religious education program, and we are also introducing some K-2 programs. Last year, through a generous grant from the Jewish Community Federation of Rochester, we collaborated with Temple Sinai and Temple B'rith Kodesh to find new ways to bring our students in grades 3 and up together. Our goal is to do smaller-scale programs for the younger students to get them ready for the larger cohort, and give them similar experiences as we provide for their older friends and siblings.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to discuss how we can help get your family involved in all that Temple Beth El has to offer for our early childhood population! I’m always looking for volunteers and new ideas, and look forward to hearing from you.

L'Shalom,

Mandi Warner
Youth & Family Director



CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING UPDATE

Shalom!

My name is Stephen Papkin and I am thrilled to join the Temple Beth El family as the Director of Congregational Learning! I am a native of Rochester, New York and grew up with close ties to Rochester's Jewish community. I love living here, down the road from my older sister and cousins. When I'm not at Temple Beth El, I can be found bass fishing, kayaking or spending quality time with Ruby, my pit bull terrier. I also enjoy exercising and volunteering with at-risk youth. Rochester's live music scene, the nearby Finger Lakes, and Rochester's vibrant Jewish community make it the perfect place to live! I grew up in the Conservative movement as a member of Temple Beth David, and I participated in the National Federation of Temple Youth as a teenager, including holding a regional board position. After high school, I traveled to Israel to volunteer with at-risk youth and spent a year in communities near Kiryat Gat and in Ramle. Later, I completed BJE Lainer's Jewish education internship and earned an undergraduate degree from Reichman University in Herzliya. I spent five years living in Israel and I loved it—I return as often as possible, including four weeks of volunteer work this past winter. After returning to the United States to work in Jewish education, I taught at Hillel Community Day School, where I also served as Head of Judaic Studies. I have also spent time working in Ithaca, New York as the Jewish Student Life Coordinator for Ithaca College Hillel. Being a Jewish professional fills my life with meaning, and I feel lucky every day that I wake up and get to come to work at such an amazing job!

As part of my position as Director of Congregational Learning, I have been working towards developing adult education opportunities as well as teen engagement programs for the Temple Beth El community. A major part of the educational philosophy that will guide our congregational learning will include making Judaism as accessible as possible through Hebrew literacy. We will also focus on how to make Judaism relevant to the individual, as well as giving historical context to the Judaism that we practice today. Our BE.WISE program will help children and families at Temple Beth El to approach Jewish living and learning with joy and excitement. Families will have the chance to embrace our shared culture as a community, with fun family programs throughout the year and celebrations of the academic achievements of our students. An ever-improving curriculum will help learners to reach their full potential as we meet the needs of every student. Teenagers who have already become B’nei Mitzvah will have the opportunity to work or volunteer as a madrich in our Religious School program, which will include deeper Jewish learning, development of school-wide programming, and collaboration with other local Jewish youth groups. These experiences as madrichim, coupled with the reinvigorated youth group at Temple Beth El, will help to develop the next generation of Jewish leadership.

I am looking forward to all of the amazing learning, celebrating and community-wide engagement that lies ahead! Temple Beth El is a very special community and the future is looking bright. Have a wonderful holiday season, and please feel free to come say hi when we see each other at shul!

Director of Congregational Learning



TBE EDUCATION

BE. WISE:

JEWISH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

BE.WISE, (Beth El wisdom, identity, spirituality, enrichment, engagement, education) offers quality supplementary Jewish education. This comprehensive program is geared for children from grades Kindergarten through Seventh grade, and offers Madrichim programs for students in Eighth grade and high school. Core courses focus on building Hebrew literacy while building connections to Jewish tradition. Students learn about Israel, Jewish history, Jewish identity, Tefillah and the chagim. Elective classes change frequently with offerings including Judaism in Art, Culinary Judaism and Jewish Music.

For more information contact
Stephen Papkin at
spapkin@tberochester.org



TEEN EDUCATION AT TBE

Starting the year before their B'nei Mitzvah, students at Temple Beth El join a cohort of other B'nei Mitzvah students with ceremonies scheduled in the same calendar year. Students and families spend this time learning about the process of becoming an adult in the Jewish community. They also come together to celebrate, pray and have fun together throughout the cohort experience.

After their B'nei Mitzvah cohort year, students are eligible to join BE.WISE's Junior Madrichim program. As Junior Madrichim, students will have the opportunity for higher Jewish education, social events and to help in our BE.WISE classrooms for volunteer credit. Students in high school get to plan Madrichim programs, and will have the opportunity to get paid as full fledged Madrichim. Madrichim will design and run their own lessons in BE.WISE classrooms, tutor students and bond with other Jewish teens during special events.

In addition to this, BE.WISE experienced teenagers will have the opportunity to attend USY (United Synagogue Youth) events. Spending time both in synagogue and on special programs around the region, Temple Beth El's teenagers will have fun together, create social action projects, and collaborate with other Jewish teen groups around Rochester. Laser tag, sukkah hopping in a limo, and kayaking on the Finger Lakes are only a few of the exciting programs that we have coming up.

For more information, reach out to Stephen Papkin
at spapkin@tberochester.org or call the office at (585)473-1770.



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 their social-emotional skills.

Learn more at:
www.tberochester.org/learn/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. This year should be very exciting as we continue to grow and expand our new programs. For example, many TBE members have fascinating, unexpected stories to tell about their lives. So we started our post-Shabbat services series, **Members Stories: Getting to Know Us**. It's been very successful and will continue through the new year. Of course we'll also continue our popular traditional programs, including Men's Club Shabbat, World Wide Wrap Tefillin Instruction for Religious School Students and Adults, our Sunday Breakfast-and-Speaker programs, our annual baseball outing, and, coming up fairly soon, putting up and taking down the beautiful TBE Sukkah.

We hope you'll join us for some or all of these activities. Naturally we'd love you to join or renew your Men's Club membership. But you're welcome to just participate.

I'm happy to be serving one more year as Men's Club President and look forward to our transition to new leadership for 2025/2026. But nothing would be possible without the help of the entire Executive Committee and all our volunteers.

Thank you!

Feel free to contact me at mensclub@tberochester.org about anything Men's Club, especially questions or ideas for new programs.

Howard Ressel
President

MEN'S CLUB OF TEMPLE BETH EL 2024-2025 JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I'm interested in: _____

Send completed form with \$36 check payable to Men's Club of Temple Beth El to:
Temple Beth El – Men's Club,
139 S. Winton Road South,
Rochester, NY 14610

Or, pay via PayPal at <https://www.tberochester.org/meet/mens-club/>



World Wide Wrap



SISTERHOOD

When women support each other,
incredible things happen.

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

Calendar

OCTOBER

Torah Fund
Event

DECEMBER

Hanukkah Party

JANUARY

18 Sisterhood
Shabbat

FEBRUARY

Tu B'Shevat
Seder

MARCH

PAD Party

JUNE

Sisterhood
Annual Meeting

AUGUST

PAD Party

Check our bi-monthly **Sisterhood Newsletter** for current programs.

Not receiving our Newsletter? Send an email to gailfink49@gmail.com, and we will add you to our distribution list. You don't have to be a Sisterhood member to receive the Newsletter. Check the Sisterhood Newsletter or Temple website for up-to-date program details.

Sisterhood Shabbat

JANUARY 18, 2025

Join us as we celebrate **Sisterhood's 105th Anniversary**. Sisterhood Shabbat 2024 was an outstanding, warm, energetic time, full of smiles, hugs, singing, and happy feelings. Please help us make Sisterhood Shabbat 2025 even more wonderful. All we need is you.

Would you like an honor (Aliyah), perhaps opening or closing the ark, or doing an English reading? Would you like to read Torah or Haftorah? Would you like to learn how? There is plenty of time to learn.

If you'd like to participate, please contact Gail Finkelstein at gailfink49@gmail.com.

Think Torah Fund

Torah Fund Benefactors are wonderful women who take an active leadership role in support of Torah Fund. They help to preserve, promote and perpetuate Conservative/Masorti Judaism by giving to the Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League. Torah Fund provides scholarships and projects at the Jewish Theological Seminary and other graduate Jewish Studies schools.

Support the future of Judaism by supporting our future Rabbis, Hazzans, and Jewish professionals. Give to Torah Fund today.

Join Sisterhood

Please Join Today!

Your membership is important! Our programming relies on your membership. The more members we have, the more we can accomplish.

Please mail your Name, Email, Address, and Phone number, along with \$36 annual dues (July 2024-July 2025) to Temple Beth El Sisterhood, 139 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14610. Or drop off the information and your check at the Temple office, and save a stamp.

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 so much more.

Many items in our shop are created by artists and craftspersons for us, and not available on the internet. We use our 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.

We have an outstanding selection of Mezzuzot and Tallit, and items for every Jewish holiday. Need a wedding present or baby gift?—this is the place. We sell high quality personalized Kippot and Ketubahs at below-internet prices.

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. All times are subject to change.

Jewish Federation Opening Event
SEPTEMBER 26 | 5 PM

Challah Bake
SEPTEMBER 29 | 7 | 2 PM

20/30s Tashlich
OCTOBER 8 | 6:30 PM

20/30s Havdalah in the Sukkah
OCTOBER 19 | 6:30 PM

20/30s Latke Cooking Class
DECEMBER 19 | 6:30 PM

BE.WISE & 20/30s Mitzvah Day
JANUARY 19 | 10 AM

Watch for more winter and spring programs in collaboration with other area groups!



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High Holy Day Schedules and Information

WELCOME 5785

As we prepare to enter a new year, 5785 in the Jewish calendar, we look forward to welcoming new and familiar faces to Temple Beth El.

Hazzan Jonathan Kohan will once again kick off the High Holy Days for us with our traditional Selichot concert and service on Saturday, September 28th. In addition to dedicating new individual memorial plaques, we will also be re-dedicating the Beth Joseph Center plaques that have recently been installed in our lobby.

Hazzan Matt Austerklein will be joining Rabbi Bitran on the bimah in the main sanctuary to lead services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We have enjoyed Hazzan Austerklein's occasional participation in our services in the past and look forward to welcoming him for Shabbat services on a more regular, monthly basis this year.

We are excited to formally introduce our new Director of Congregational Learning, Stephen Papkin. He is working closely with our Youth and Family Director, Mandi Warner, and together they have created many new opportunities for all ages to engage in educational activities at TBE throughout the year. The next few pages highlight their High Holy Day programs, and we look forward to seeing you there.

As always, please offer a warm welcome to Temple Beth David and Temple Beth Am members who will be with us during the High Holy Days. Services in the Chapel will be led by Temple Beth David's Rabbi Silbert.

It's our hope that High Holy Day services and activities at TBE will offer you the opportunity to pray, observe, meditate and reflect in a way that is personal and meaningful. Our traditional High Holy Day services will take place in the main sanctuary, with alternative services and/or programs for young adults (20s & 30s), teens and youth and family, led by Stephen Papkin and other leaders in our community.

If you are unable to join us in person, we will stream services from the main sanctuary. You can find all information and links on our website.

All of the details for High Holy Days observances at TBE are listed in the pages ahead and on our website www.tberochester.org. TBE staff and volunteers are always here to help you meaningfully prepare for the High Holy Days. Please reach out to us in the office for more information and answers to your questions at 585-473-1770.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu!



SECURITY AT TBE FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Security is a high priority at Temple Beth El amid concerning antisemitic incidents, not just during the High Holy Days, but every day. ***Here are some of the measures we have taken to ensure the highest level of safety at TBE:***

- Tickets will be distributed and required for admission for High Holy Day services and events. In the event that you forget your ticket there will be membership lists our guards can check and ID will be required, however your entry to the building will be delayed.
- Security guards are always at our entrances whenever there are services or other large gatherings. They are equipped with metal detectors that will be used randomly and as deemed necessary.
- Our congregants who serve as ushers inside the building receive in depth, in-person security training.
- We have a strong relationship with the Rochester Police Department. Their patrol cars routinely visit our parking lot and we have requested that they do so more frequently during High Holy Day services.
- We work year-round with RocStrong, an initiative of the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Rochester, that keeps us apprised of any potential risks and helps ensure our building has the necessary structures and technology to keep us all safe.

Here's what you can do to help keep our building and congregants secure:

- Comply with security measures put in place—remember your tickets.
- Never open the door for anyone, whether you know them or not—that is the guard's job.
- Be aware of your surroundings, note the nearest exit and/or secure place to hide if necessary.
- If you see something, say something to security guards and/or ushers. All official security guards and ushers will have name tags with Temple Beth El logos.
- Do not distract security guards from doing their jobs by chatting with them while they are working. Of course, it is appropriate to say hello and thank them.
- In case of an emergency try to remain calm. Follow instructions of security guards, TBE staff and ushers.

Securing our congregation is something that we take very seriously. We look forward to having you join us in our building throughout the holidays and the year ahead, knowing that we can gather in pride, in love, and in safety.



HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Main Sanctuary

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 PM.....Mincha Service
7:00 PM..... Seudah
7:30 PMMa'ariv
7:45 PMHavdalah
8:00 PM..... Selichot Service

ROSH HASHANAH

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

6:00 PM.....Mincha & Ma'ariv
6:30 PM.....Candle Lighting

**ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**

8:30 AM.....Shacharit
9:40 AM.....Torah Service
10:40 AMShofar Service
11:00 AMSermon
11:45 AM.....Hineni Musaf
5:30 PM.....Tashlich at Lake Riley
6:00 PM.....Mincha & Ma'ariv
at Lake Riley
7:29 PM.....Candle Lighting*

**ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

8:30 AMShacharit
9:40 AMTorah Service
10:40 AMShofar Service
11:00 AM.....Sermon
11:45 AM.....Hineni Musaf
1:00 PM.....Kiddush Lunch
6:00 PM.....Mincha & Ma'ariv
6:27 PM.....Candle Lighting*

**Candle lighting from a pre-existing flame.
For more information, see page 31.*

FAST OF GEDALIAH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:50 AM.....Fast starts
8:30 AM.....Shacharit
6:00 PM.....Mincha
7:16 PMFast Ends

KOL NIDRE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:15 PMCandle Lighting
6:30 PMKol Nidre Service

YOM KIPPUR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM.....Shacharit
10:20 AM.....Torah Service
11:45 AM.....Sermon
12:00 PM.....Yizkor
12:40 PM.....Hineni Musaf
3:00 PM.....Study Session
4:30 PM.....Mincha
5:45 PMNeila
7:14 PM.....Concluding Shofar Blast
and Break Fast

**All Services taking place
in the Sanctuary will be
available to stream at
[www.tberochester.org
/live-stream/](http://www.tberochester.org/live-stream/)**

SELICHOT: AN EVENING FOR THE SOUL

SEPTEMBER 28

Featuring Hazzan Jonathan Kohan, Rabbi
Leonardo Bitran, Jonathan Allentoff, and the
Temple Beth El Strings & Choir

6:30 PM..... Mincha Service
7:00 PM..... Seudah
7:30 PM..... Ma'ariv
7:45 PM..... Havdalah
8:00 PM Selichot Service

Dedication of 2023-24 memorial plaques and
rededication of Beth Joseph Center memorial
plaques

Dessert Reception

*Sponsored by the Sheinfeld and
Gorin Families in Memory of Trudy
& Al Sheinfled z"l*

**Streaming available at
www.tberochester.org/live-stream**

SCAPE GOAT YOGA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 12:30 PM
AT TEMPLE BETH EL

Our goat yoga class will be infused with Jewish learning about the High Holy Days, just as Yom Kippur has historically involved a goat being released into the wilderness after having the sins of the community placed upon it.

Learn simple yoga poses in this class while goats play around you. This not only improves your physical and mental health but also offers a new way to connect with the world.

Registration required at \$5 per person.
Register online at www.tberochester.org/goat-yoga

Light lunch and water will be provided.
Please bring a yoga mat or towel for yoga class.



KEVER AVOT (CEMETERY) VISITS WITH RABBI BITRAN & HAZZAN KOHAN

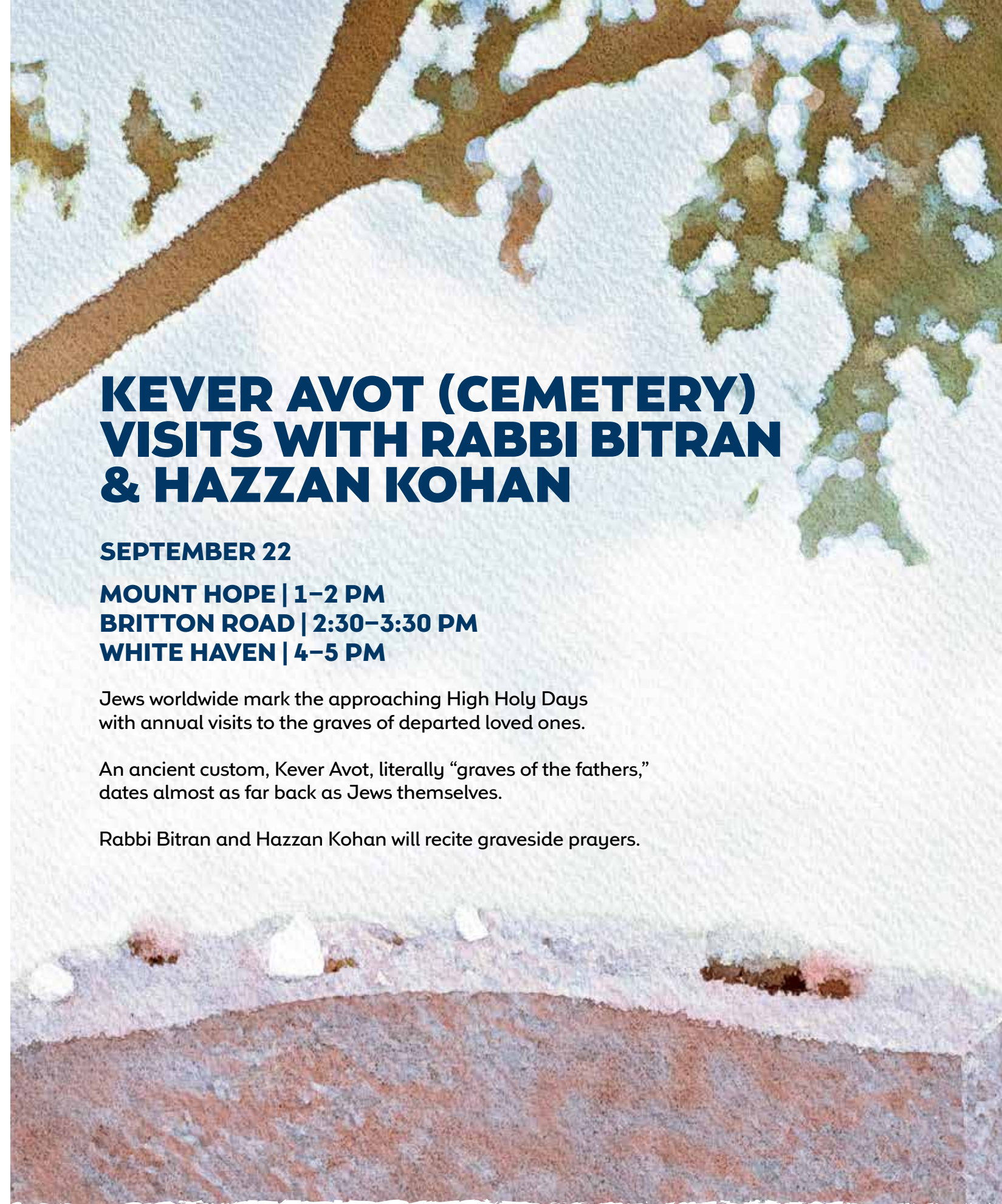
SEPTEMBER 22

MOUNT HOPE | 1–2 PM
BRITTON ROAD | 2:30–3:30 PM
WHITE HAVEN | 4–5 PM

Jews worldwide mark the approaching High Holy Days with annual visits to the graves of departed loved ones.

An ancient custom, Kever Avot, literally “graves of the fathers,” dates almost as far back as Jews themselves.

Rabbi Bitran and Hazzan Kohan will recite graveside prayers.



USHER IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A “SWEET” GIFT OF APPLES & HONEY!

Please consider making a contribution of \$54 to sponsor the annual Apples & Honeycake for the congregation. This is a wonderful way to wish friends, family, and TBE members a joyous New Year. **Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El, 139 Winton Road South by September 25, 2024**

Yes, I (we) would like to wish the entire Temple Beth El family a Shanah Tovah!

Name(s) (as I/we would like to be listed):

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is my \$54 check to Temple Beth El
Forms available online at www.tberochester.org/hhd/

LULAV & ETROG

To order a Lulav & Etrog simply return the form below with your payment to the Temple Office by **September 25, 2024**. You may pick up your Lulav and Etrog at the Temple Beth El Office **October 14 & 15**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/We want _____ set(s) of Lulav and Etrog at \$54.00 per set (Total \$ _____).

Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El.

Forms available online at www.tberochester.org/hhd/



HIGH HOLY DAY HONORS

At the High Holy Days we once again renew our commitment to growing as an inclusive congregation that celebrates diversity. We look forward to seeing more congregants participate in our Shabbat, High Holy Days, and Festival services.

If you would like an honor during services for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, or Simchat Torah, we invite you to contact Temple office at 473-1770 or email ckonuksever@tberochester.org by **September 28, 2024** if you wish to be included in our services.

CONGREGATION & FAMILY TASHLICH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 5:30 PM | LAKE RILEY

Join TBE members as we cast off our sins together, followed by Mincha & Ma'ariv at Lake Riley.

20/30 SOMETHINGS TASHLICH

OCTOBER 8 | 6:30 PM | LOCATION TBA

Join the 20/30s Somethings as we cast off our sins together in discussion with Stephen Papkin



CLERGY FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS



RABBI LEONARDO BITRAN

Rabbi Bitran grew up at the Sephardic Synagogue in Santiago, Chile. Influenced by his parents and religious leaders he began leading religious services on Shabbat and High Holy Days at Bar Mitzvah age. He attended the School of Economics at the University of Chile, the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires and The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York.

He has served as Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth El since 2013.



HAZZAN MATT AUSTERKLEIN

Hazzan Matt Austerklein is honored to join Temple Beth El after serving with distinction at pulpits in Bethesda, Maryland, Akron, Ohio, and Sarasota, Florida. Hazzan Austerklein is a well-known educator and musicologist, and is currently finishing his PhD dissertation in Jewish Studies at Halle-Wittenberg University. He is the editor of three books, and the author of dozens of articles on Jewish Music. Hazzan Austerklein is passionate about nigunim, and leads musical events and services that center the voice of the congregation.

Hazzan Austerklein lives in Akron with his wife, Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein, and their two children, Georgie & Beatrice.



CANTOR JONATHAN KOHAN

Born in Buenos Aires, Jonathan Kohan is an ordained Cantor and Jewish Studies Professor, as well as an advanced Rabbinical Student at the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary “Marshall T Meyer.” He holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Buenos Aires and a Master's degree in Jewish Studies from the Hebraica University of Mexico. Additionally, he was a fellow at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Institute of Israel and a Visiting Scholar in Holocaust Music at Clark University in Worcester, MA. A classically trained lyric tenor, Cantor Kohan has served as a Cantor and Jewish Studies Professor for over twenty years in various congregations and schools in Argentina and the US.

ROSH HASHANAH ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Apples & Honey Cake will be served under the awning downstairs following services. Sponsored by all who contribute to Apples & Honey.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

All are welcome for a complimentary kiddush lunch.

YOM KIPPUR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Break Fast following the concluding Shofar blast at 7:14pm.



HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

ROSH HASHANAH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Young Family Service..... 10:00–10:30 AM

Snack & Activity 10:30–11:00 AM

Appropriate for children ages pre-k to 2nd grade

Youth & Family Service 10:30–11:30 AM

Appropriate for children ages 3rd–6th grade

YOM KIPPUR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Young Family Service..... 10:00–10:30 AM

Snack & Activity 10:30–11:00 AM

Appropriate for children ages pre-k to 2nd grade

Youth & Family Service 10:30–11:30 am

Appropriate for children ages 3rd–6th grade

SUKKOT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Young Family Service..... 10:00–10:45 AM

Snack & Activity 10:45–11:30 AM

Appropriate for all ages

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Family Celebration..... 6:30 PM

Appropriate for all ages

*Youth & Family Services will
be led by Stephen Papkin.*

A parent-staffed break room will be available for youth and families during all holidays with curated holiday appropriate activities for those needing a break from services. To volunteer to staff a break room, contact Stephen or Mandi, or sign up at Volunteer Central at www.tberochester.org/volunteer.

Note: 7th graders are encouraged to attend services in the main sanctuary.

Teen topics: Teens are invited to meet and mingle from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM for informal reflections and conversations on Rosh Hashanah (both days) and Yom Kippur, led by Jade Selch.

Locations for all services will be posted in the lobby and announced via email prior to the High Holy Days.

For more information on youth and family services and programs, please contact Mandi Warner at mwarner@tberochester.org or Stephen Papkin at spapkin@tberochester.org.

BABYSITTING

Complimentary babysitting is available for children ages 18 months to 7 years old at the following times:

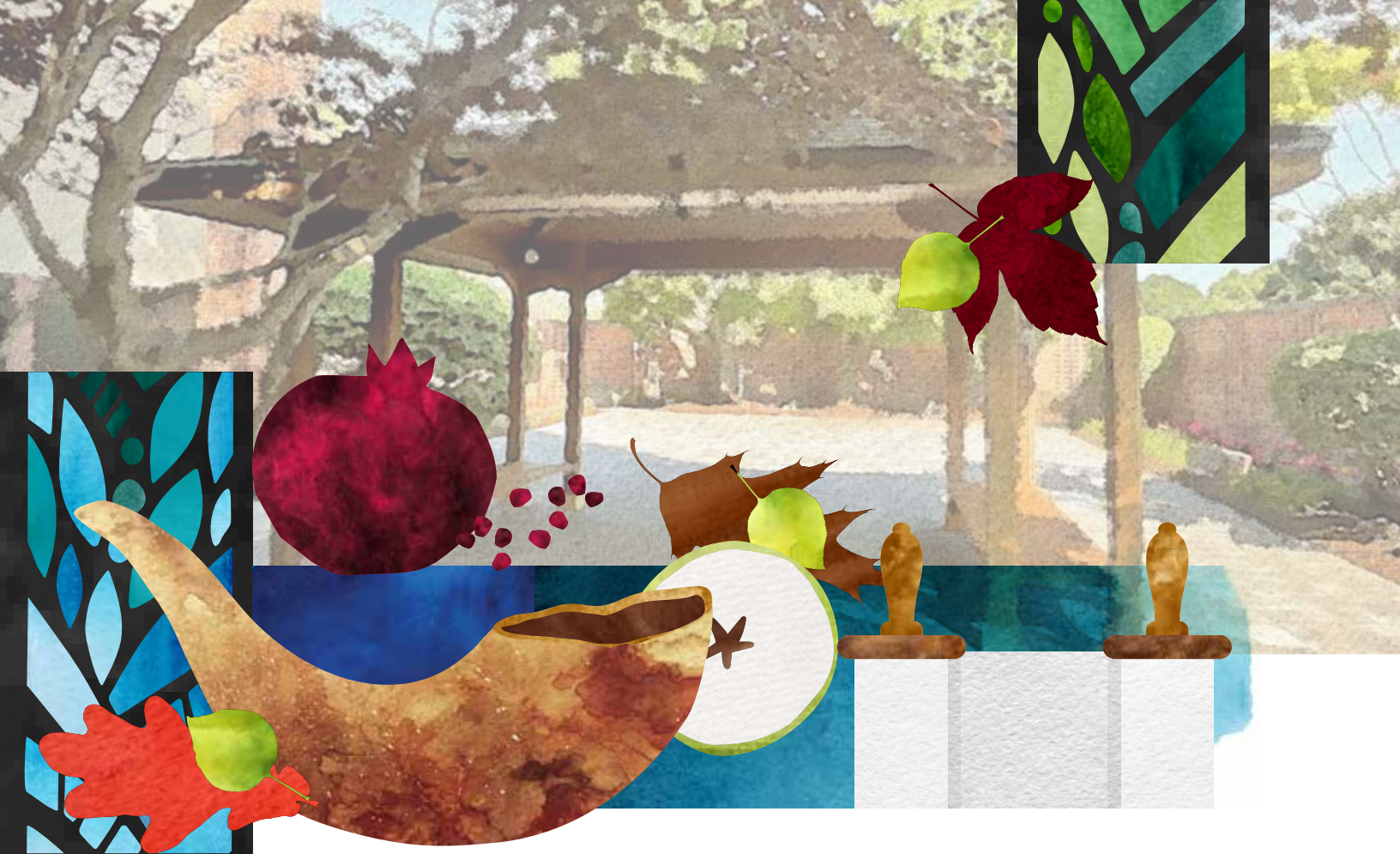
Rosh Hashanah (both days) 9:30 AM–1 PM

Yom Kippur 9:30 AM–2 PM
5 PM–7:15 PM

Registration is required. Please sign up by September 28, 2024.
Forms are available at www.tberochester.org.

For more information, contact Mandi Warner, Youth and Family Director at mwarner@tberochester.org or 585-473-1770





YOUNG ADULTS (20s & 30s)

Gather in the garden tent for a guided holiday discussion led by Director of Congregational Learning Stephen Papkin

- ROSH HASHANAH**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
11:30 AM–12:30 PM
- TASHLICH**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 6:30 PM
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED
Tashlich with a discussion led by Stephen Papkin
- YOM KIPPUR**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
11:30 AM–12:30 PM

All are welcome to join for services before and/or after.

There is no cost to attend High Holy Day Services. Tickets will be required. Register online at tberochester.org.

For more information, reach out to Stephen Papkin at spapkin@tberochester.org or call the office at (585)473-1770.

PREPARING AN ERUV TAVSHILIN

When Yom Tov falls on a weekday, cooking is permitted, but only to prepare food for that particular day. On Shabbat all cooking is forbidden. Therefore, preparing food for a Shabbat that follows a Friday Yom Tov presents a difficulty.

To allow cooking for Shabbat on the preceding Friday Yom Tov:
On Thursday before Yom Tov, perform the ritual of ערוב תבֿ שילין *eruv tavshilin*, the combining (ערוב *eruv*) of the cooking for Yom Tov and Shabbat.

- Start the Shabbat cooking Thursday afternoon, following this procedure:
1. Before Yom Tov begins, take two prepared foods, customarily a baked food (e.g., חלה *challah*) and a cooked food (e.g., a hard-cooked egg or a piece of cooked chicken or fish).
 2. Recite the בֿרָכָה *berakhah*

ברוך אתה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל מִצְוַת עֶרֶב.

*Barukh attah adonay, eloheynu melekh ha'olam,
asher kiddeshanu bemitsvotav vetsivvanu al mitsvat eruv.*

3. In a language you understand, recite a declaration that cooking for Shabbat was begun before—and will be completed on—Yom Tov.

בְּעֶרְוֵב הַזֶּה יְהִי מֵתָר לָנוּ לְאִפּוֹת וּלְבִשָּׁל וּלְהַטְמִין,
וּלְהַדְלִיק נֵר, וְלַעֲשׂוֹת כָּל-אֲרָכֵינוּ מִיּוֹם טוֹב לְשַׁבָּת,
לָנוּ וּלְכָל-יִשְׂרָאֵל הַדְּרִים בְּעִיר הַזֹּאת.

By means of this combining (*eruv*), we are permitted to bake, cook, warm, kindle lights, and make all the necessary preparations for Shabbat during the festival (*yom tov*), we and all who live in this city/locale.

4. Set aside the two foods for eating on Shabbat during the day. The cooking for Shabbat may now be completed on Yom Tov.

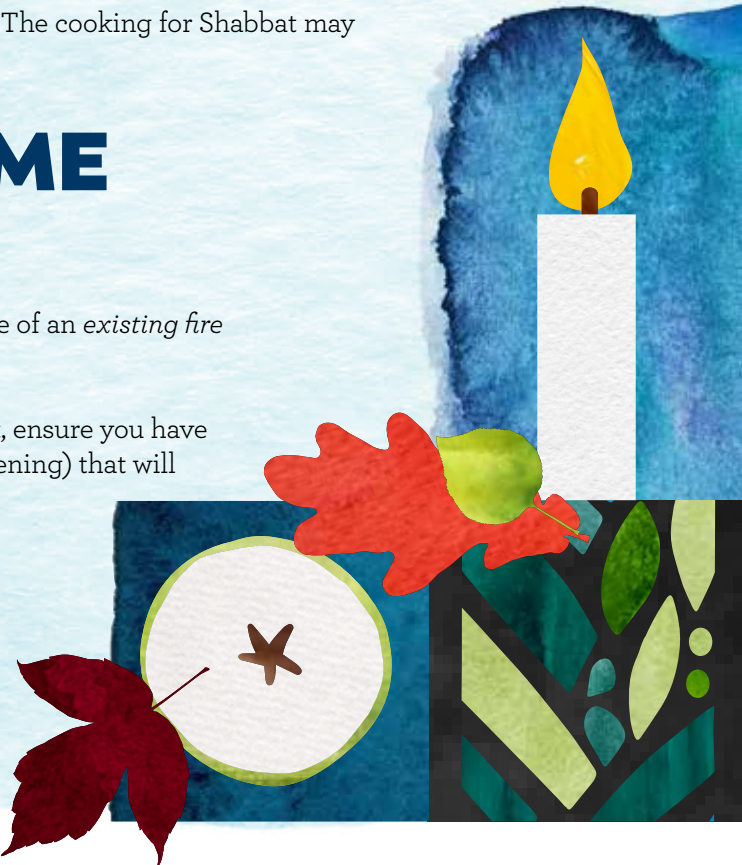
PREPARING A FLAME FOR YOM TOV

On Yom Tov, kindling a *new fire* is not permitted; however, the use of an *existing fire* for cooking or other purposes is permitted.

To light candles for Day 2 of Yom Tov (Friday night) and Shabbat, ensure you have a fire burning before candle-lighting time for Day 1 (Thursday evening) that will continue to burn until Shabbat candle-lighting time.

- For example:
- A burning candle that lasts for more than 25 hours
 - A pilot light on a gas range (not a gas range with an electronic starter)

*Information from Luah Hashanah 5785 by
Rabbi Miles B. Cohen and Leslie Rubin*





SUKKOT SCHEDULE

SUKKOT

EREV SUKKOT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

4:00 PM..... BE.WISE Family Program
6:00 PM..... Mincha & Ma'ariv
6:06 PM..... Candle Lighting

FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 AM..... Shacharit
12:00 PM..... Kiddush Lunch in Sukkah
6:00 PM..... Mincha & Ma'ariv
7:06 PM..... Candle Lighting*

SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 AM..... Shacharit
12:00 PM..... Kiddush Lunch in Sukkah
6:00 PM..... Mincha & Ma'ariv
6:03 PM..... Candle Lighting*
7:00 PM..... Dinner in the Sukkah

KOL HAMOED SUKKOT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM..... Shabbat Services
12:00 PM..... Kiddush Lunch in Sukkah
5:30 PM..... Mincha
6:00 PM..... Seudah in Sukkah
6:45 PM..... Ma'ariv
7:03 PM..... Havdalah

KOL HAMOED SUKKOT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 AM..... Shacharit
6:00 PM..... Mincha & Ma'ariv

KOL HAMOED SUKKOT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 &
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:15 AM..... Shacharit
6:00 PM..... Mincha & Ma'ariv

CONCLUDING DAYS

OF SUKKOT

HOSHANAH RABBAH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 AM..... Hoshanah Rabbah

EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:55 PM..... Candle Lighting
6:00 PM..... Mincha & Ma'ariv

SHEMINI ATZERET &

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 AM..... Shacharit
11:00 AM..... Yizkor
12:00 PM..... Kiddush Lunch in Sukkah
6:00 PM..... Mincha
6:30 PM..... Family Celebration & Ma'ariv
6:55 PM..... Candle Lighting*

SIMCHAT TORAH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 AM..... Shacharit
9:45 AM..... Hakafof (Torah Parade)
12:00 PM..... Kiddush Lunch
5:52 PM..... Candle Lighting*
6:00 PM..... Mincha & Ma'ariv

**Candle lighting
from a pre-existing
flame. For more
information, see
page 31.*

RAISE THE SUKKAH WITH MEN'S CLUB

OCTOBER 13 | 9:30 AM

Help frame the Sukkah and add the schach (roof) with the Men's Club
Join our "construction crew" and be part of this important mitzvah.

FAMILY SUKKAH DECORATION

OCTOBER 13 | 1 PM

Come create and hang decorations in our Sukkah while enjoying
snacks with your friends. All ages welcome!

TAKE DOWN THE SUKKAH WITH MEN'S CLUB

OCTOBER 27 | 9:30 AM

Help take down the Sukkah with the Men's Club.



SHABBAT DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 6 PM

Join Temple Beth El to welcome Shabbat under the sky with a Kabbalat Shabbat Service in the chapel and dinner in the Sukkah.

6:00 PM Mincha
6:03 PM..... Candle Lighting*
7:00 PM..... Dinner

Registration Required at
www.tberochester.org

**Candle lighting from a pre-existing flame.
For more information, see page 31.*



SIMCHAT TORAH FAMILY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Celebrate Simchat Torah with your family and friends at Temple Beth El.

6:00 PM Mincha
6:30 PM Family Celebration & Ma'ariv
6:55 PM..... Candle Lighting*

**Candle lighting from a pre-existing flame.
For more information, see page 31.*



HIGH HOLY DAY REGISTRATION

Registration and tickets are required for all attending services.
Sign up by September 30, 2024 at www.tberochester.org

To register for guests or family members please complete and return this form to the Temple Office.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Temple Beth El has been committed to serving our community's religious, social and cultural and Jewish education needs for more than 100 years. If you would like to join the Temple Beth El community please contact our Executive Director, Deborah Zeger, or cut a membership application at www.tberochester.org



L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu!

We Wish you a Happy New Year!

Rabbi Leonardo Bitran & Silvana Bacman
Deborah & Mark Zeger
Hazzan Emeritus Martin Leubitz & Lisa Kasdin
Hazzan Matt & Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein
Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
Mandi & Paul Warner
Stephen Papkin

Roberta & David Feldman
Gerald Gamm & Charles Towles
Howard & Rachel Goldberg
Matt & Erinn Ryen
Aviva & Arie Schochat
Evan & Monique Spindelman
Martin & Lina Spokony
Lisa & Dan Tellem



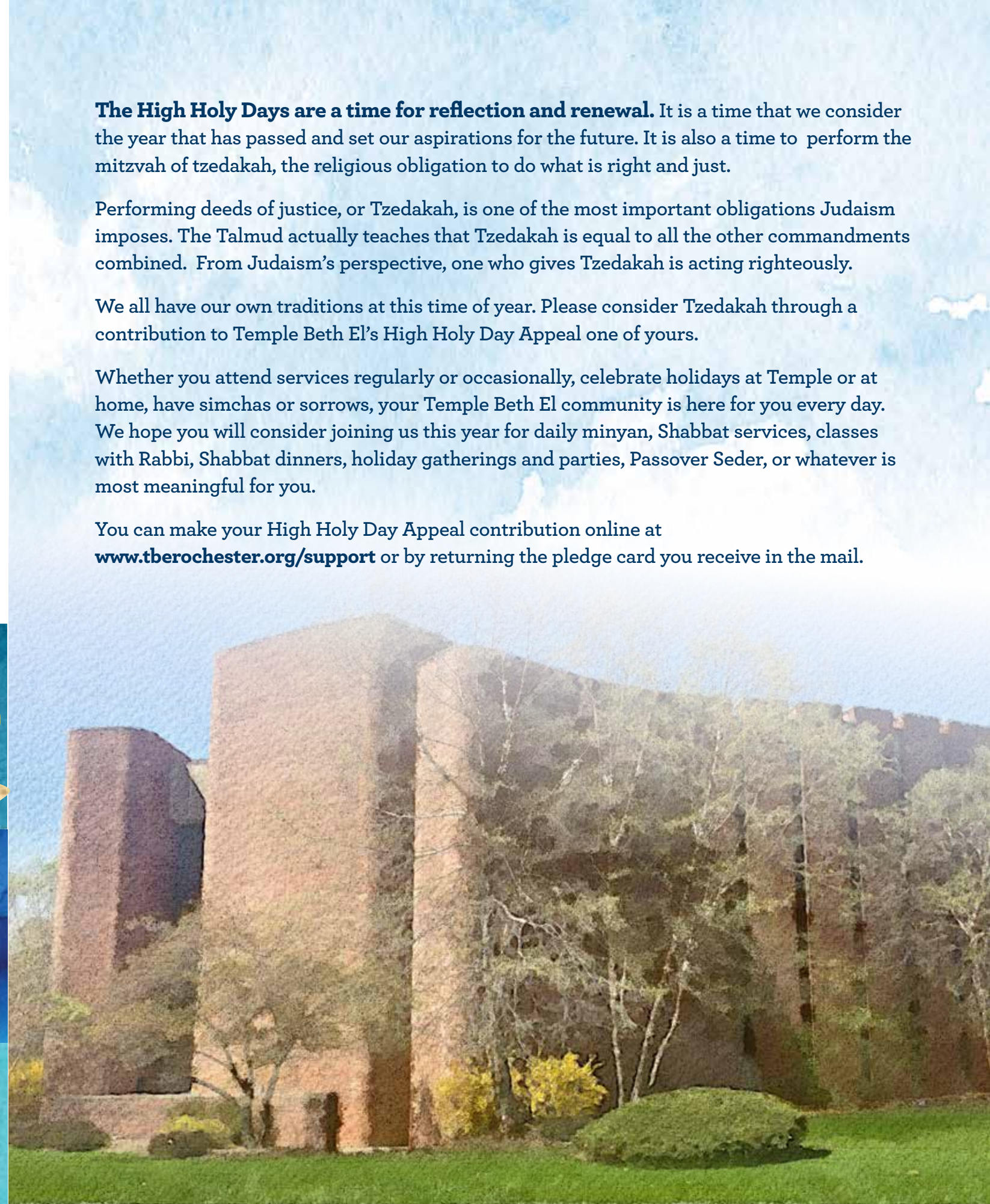
The High Holy Days are a time for reflection and renewal. It is a time that we consider the year that has passed and set our aspirations for the future. It is also a time to perform the mitzvah of tzedakah, the religious obligation to do what is right and just.

Performing deeds of justice, or Tzedakah, is one of the most important obligations Judaism imposes. The Talmud actually teaches that Tzedakah is equal to all the other commandments combined. From Judaism's perspective, one who gives Tzedakah is acting righteously.

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

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 this year for daily minyan, Shabbat services, classes with Rabbi, Shabbat dinners, holiday gatherings and parties, Passover Seder, or whatever is most meaningful for you.

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



September

ELUL 5784

SEPTEMBER 3

10 AM Keshet Meet and Greet

SEPTEMBER 4

8 AM First Day of Keshet

SEPTEMBER 6

5:30 PM Shabbat Schmooze with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Noah Saks with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

SEPTEMBER 8

9:30 AM First Day of BE.WISE

SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Kaleb Kleinberg with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Noah Ressler & Leo Ressler
with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

SEPTEMBER 22

1 PM Kever Avot with Rabbi Bitran & Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
at Mount Hope Cemetery

2:30 PM Kever Avot with Rabbi Bitran & Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
at Britton Road Cemetery

4 PM Kever Avot with Rabbi Bitran & Hazzan Jonathan Kohan
at White Haven Cemetery

SEPTEMBER 26

5 PM Jewish Federation Opening Event

SEPTEMBER 27

6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

7 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 AM Shabbat Services with Hazzan Jonathan Kohan

8 PM Selichot: An Evening for the Soul

SEPTEMBER 29

12:30 PM Scape Goat Yoga

2 PM 20/30s Challah Bake

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

6 7:17 pm

7 8:17 pm

13 7:04 pm

14 8:03 pm

20 6:52 pm

21 7:50 pm

27 6:39 pm

28 7:38 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.tberochester.org*

October

ELUL 5784 –TISHRI 5785

OCTOBER 2

6 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah—Mincha & Ma'ariv

OCTOBER 3

8:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Day 1

5:30 PM Tashlich and Mincha & Ma'ariv at Lake Riley

OCTOBER 4

8:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Day 2

OCTOBER 8

6:30 PM 20/30s Tashlich

OCTOBER 11

6:30 PM Kol Nidre Service

OCTOBER 12

9 AM Yom Kippur Services

OCTOBER 13

9:30 AM Raise the Sukkah

1 PM Family Sukkah Decorating

OCTOBER 16

4 PM BE.WISE Family Program

OCTOBER 17

9 AM Sukkot Services

6 PM Erev Sukkot—Mincha

OCTOBER 18

6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7 PM Dinner in the Sukkah

OCTOBER 19

6:30 PM 20s/30s Havdalah in the Sukkah

OCTOBER 23

7 AM Hoshanah Rabbah

OCTOBER 24

9 AM Shemini Atzeret Services

6:30 PM Simchat Torah Family Celebration

OCTOBER 25

9 AM Simchat Torah Services

OCTOBER 27

9:30 PM Take Down the Sukkah

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

2 6:30 pm

3 7:29 pm

4 6:27 pm

5 7:25 pm

11 6:15 pm

12 7:14 pm

16 6:06 pm

17 7:06 pm

18 6:03 pm

19 7:03 pm

23 5:55 pm

24 6:55 pm

25 5:52 pm

26 6:53 pm

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



November

TISHRI-CHESHVAN




NOVEMBER 2
12:30 PM Member's Stories Kiddush Talk

NOVEMBER 8
6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Hazzan Matt Austerklein
7 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner

NOVEMBER 9
9:30 AM BE.WISE Showcase with Hazzan Matt Austerklein

NOVEMBER 15
5:30 PM Shabbat Schmooze with Rabbi Leonardo Bitran
6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

- | | | |
|---|-----------|----------------|
|  | 1 | 5:43 pm |
|  | 2 | 6:44 pm |
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|  | 8 | 4:34 pm |
|  | 9 | 5:36 pm |
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|  | 15 | 4:27 pm |
|  | 16 | 5:30 pm |
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|  | 22 | 4:22 pm |
|  | 23 | 5:25 pm |
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|  | 29 | 4:18 pm |
|  | 30 | 5:23 pm |

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December

CHESHVAN-KISLEV

DECEMBER 8
10 AM Men's Club Breakfast

DECEMBER 13
5:30 PM Shabbat Schmooze with Stephen Papkin
6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

DECEMBER 14
9:30 AM BE.WISE Shabbat

DECEMBER 18
6 PM Hanukkah Party

DECEMBER 19
6:30 PM 20s/30s Latke Cooking Class

DECEMBER 25
6 PM Hanukkah: First Night

DECEMBER 26
6 PM Hanukkah: Second Night

DECEMBER 27
4 PM Hanukkah: Third Night

DECEMBER 28
6 PM Hanukkah: Fourth Night

DECEMBER 29
6 PM Hanukkah: Fifth Night

DECEMBER 30
6 PM Hanukkah: Sixth Night

DECEMBER 31
6 PM Hanukkah: Seventh Night

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

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|  | 6 | 4:16 pm |
|  | 7 | 5:22 pm |
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|  | 13 | 4:17 pm |
|  | 14 | 5:23 pm |
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|  | 20 | 4:19 pm |
|  | 21 | 5:26 pm |
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|  | 27 | 4:23 pm |
|  | 28 | 5:30 pm |

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January

TEVET-SHEVAT

JANUARY 1
6 PM Hanukkah: Eighth Night

JANUARY 10
5:30 PM Shabbat Schmooze
6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

JANUARY 11
9:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Leo Marsh

JANUARY 18
9:30 AM Sisterhood Shabbat



JANUARY 19
10 AM BE.WISE & 20/30s Mitzvah Day



JANUARY 20
9 AM Keshet Day of Service



JANUARY 24
6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services
7 PM Shabbat Dinner



JANUARY 25
9:30 AM B'nei Mitzvah Shabbat
12:30 PM Member's Stories Kiddush Talk

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

 **3** 4:29 pm
 **4** 5:36 pm

 **10** 4:37 pm
 **11** 5:43 pm

 **17** 4:45 pm
 **28** 5:51 pm

 **24** 4:54 pm
 **25** 5:59 pm

 **31** 5:03

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February

SHEVAT

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


FEBRUARY 8
9:30 AM Shabbat of Love with Hazzan Matt Austerklein



FEBRUARY 9
9:30 AM World Wide Wrap

FEBRUARY 16
4 PM BE.WISE Tu BiShvat Seder



FEBRUARY 21
5:30 PM Shabbat Schmooze
6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

 **1** 6:07 pm

 **7** 5:13 pm
 **8** 6:16 pm

 **14** 5:22 pm
 **15** 6:25 pm

 **21** 5:31 pm
 **22** 6:33 pm

 **28** 5:40 pm

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SHABBAT SCHMOOZES

5:30PM

SEPTEMBER 6 | WITH HAZZAN MATT AUSTERKLEIN

NOVEMBER 15 | WITH RABBI LEONARDO BITRAN

DECEMBER 13 | WITH STEPHEN PAPKIN

JANUARY 10

FEBRUARY 21

No registration necessary, just drop by for light refreshments and conversation before Shabbat begins.



SHABBAT DINNERS AT TEMPLE BETH EL

SEPTEMBER 27 | WITH HAZZAN JONATHAN KOHAN

OCTOBER 18 | IN THE SUKKAH

NOVEMBER 8 | WITH HAZZAN MATT AUSTERKLEIN

JANUARY 24

FEBRUARY 7 | WITH HAZZAN MATT AUSTERKLEIN

Please register for dinners online at tberochester.org or by calling the office at (585) 473-1770.



HOLD THE DATES FOR HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 1

MENORAH LIGHTING NIGHTLY

All lightings at 6 PM
(with exception of Friday, December 27 | 4 PM)
20s/30s lighting: December 29

HANUKKAH PARTY

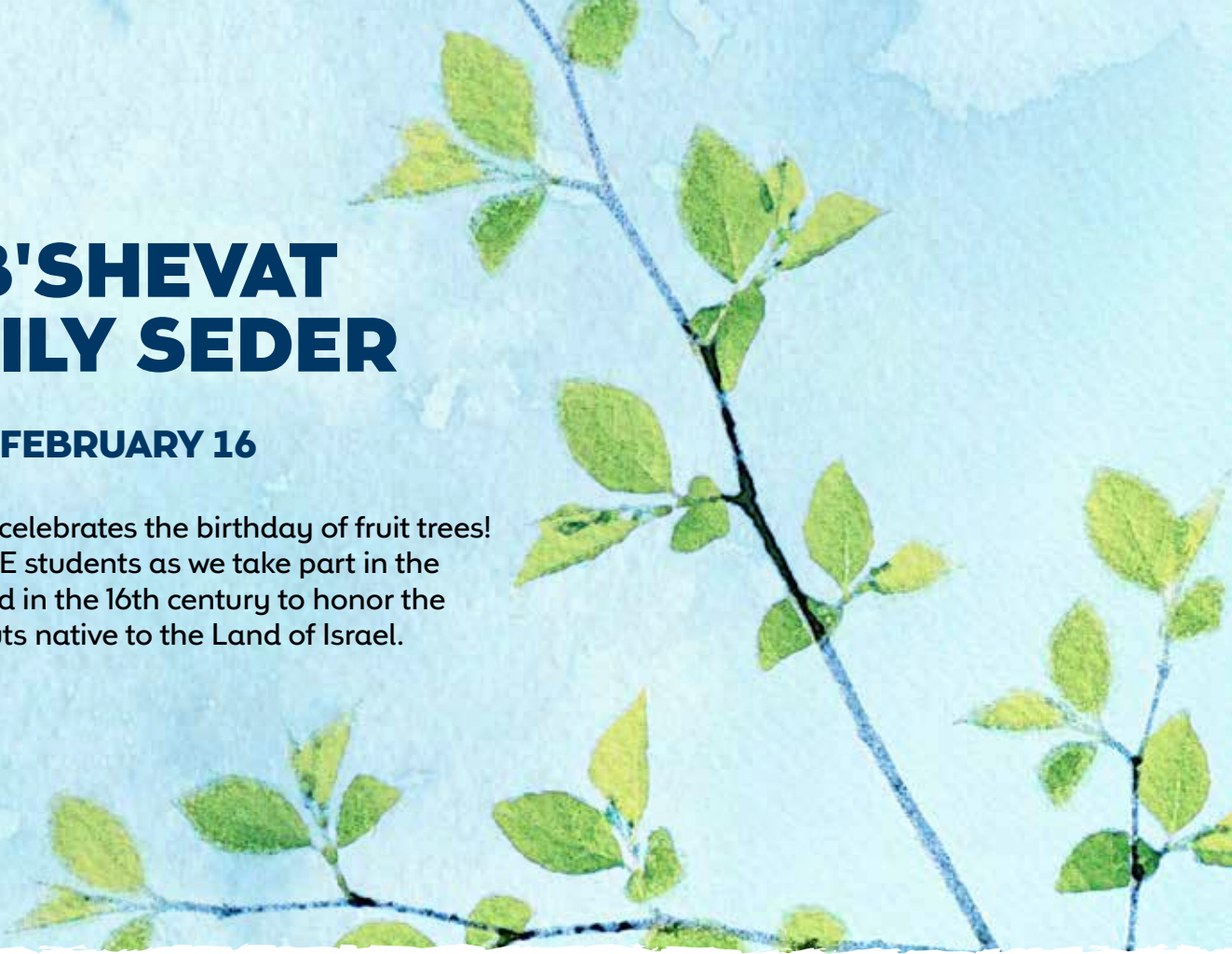
December 18 | 6 PM



TU B'SHEVAT FAMILY SEDER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Tu B'Shevat celebrates the birthday of fruit trees! Join BE.WISE students as we take part in the seder created in the 16th century to honor the fruits and nuts native to the Land of Israel.



VOLUNTEER CENTRAL

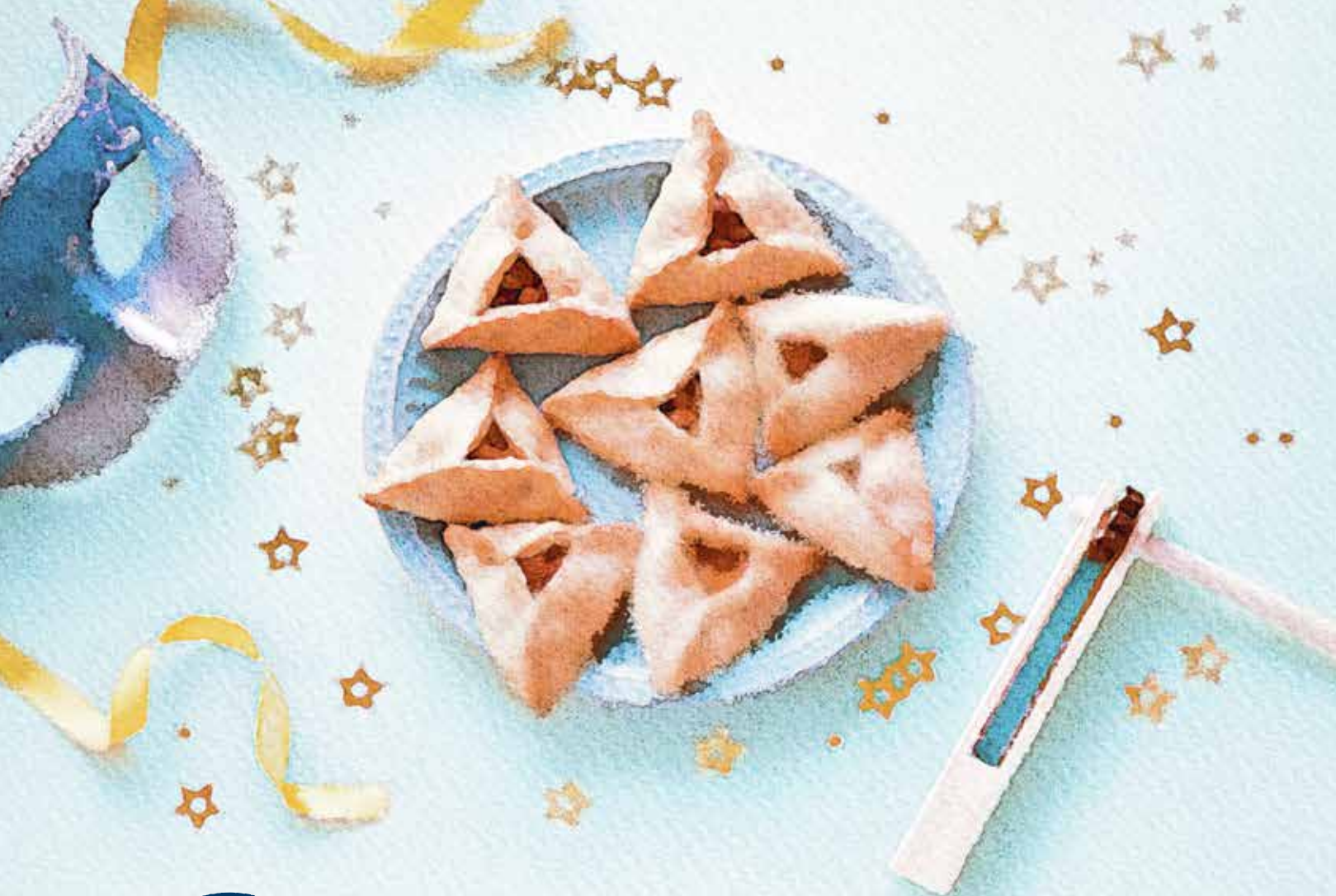
Discover meaningful opportunities and make a difference in our community through volunteering! TBE depends on volunteers just like you.

Volunteer Central is the best way to connect you with volunteer opportunities at Temple Beth El, as well as to social action programs in the community.

Interested? Just fill out the Volunteer Central form on our website and we will work with you to find the best opportunities.

Learn more at www.tberochester.org/volunteer.





SAVE THE DATES!

Purim 5785

MARCH 13

Megillah reading and Purim celebration

MARCH 14

Megillah readings

MARCH 16

Community Purim Festival

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ARTS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

10 AM–4 PM

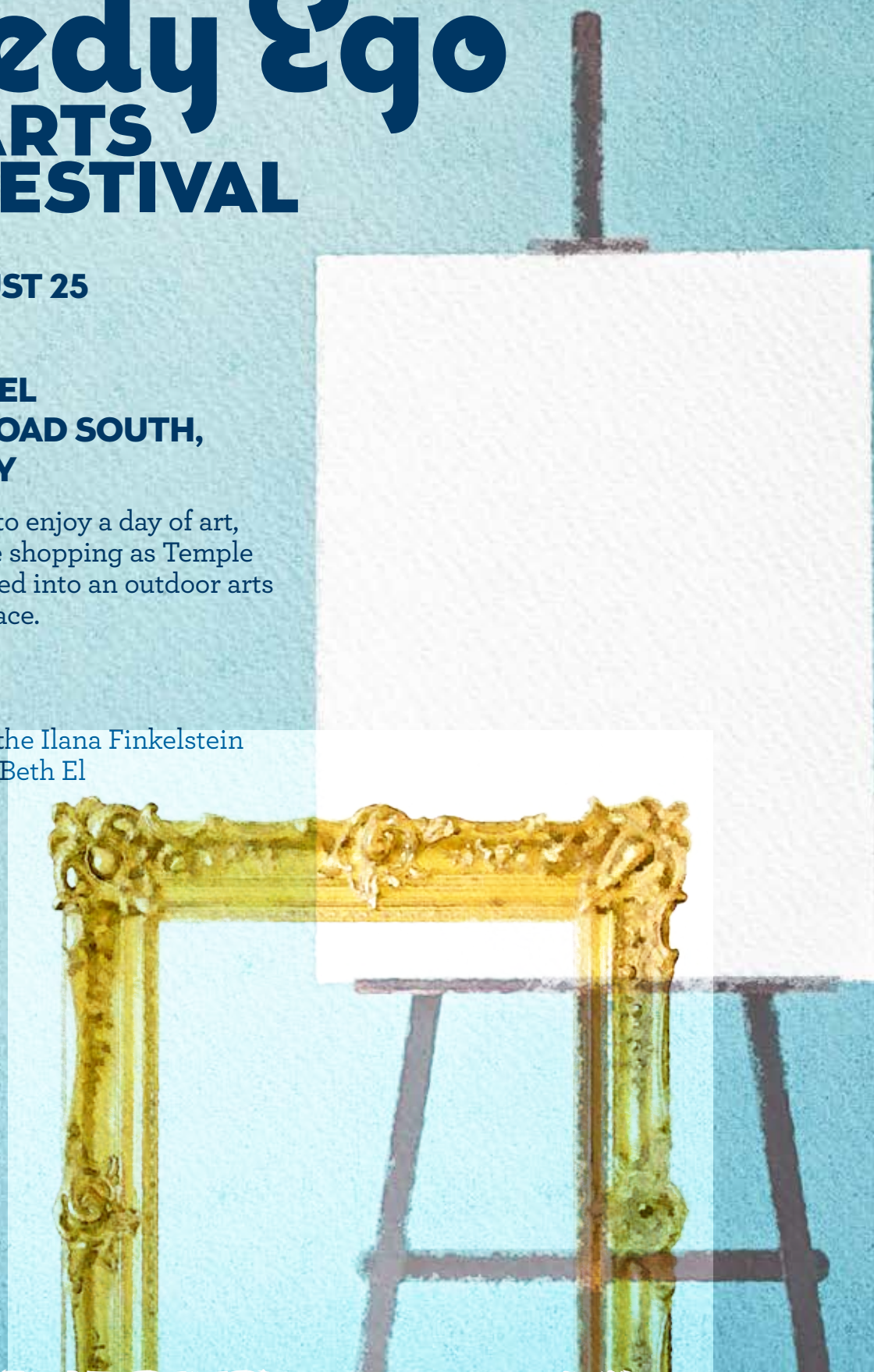
TEMPLE BETH EL

**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





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

YACHAD UNDER 40
(\$1,000-\$1,499)
• 1/4 page in Remembrance Book

CHAI
(\$1,500-\$2,999)
• 1/4 page in Remembrance Book
• 2 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration)

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(\$3,000-\$5,499)
• 1/2 page in Remembrance Book
• 4 Tickets for 1 event (ie: Friday Night Live, Hanukkah Party or Purim Celebration)

KOACH
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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



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to the next...

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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_____

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☐ YACHAD ☐ CHAI ☐ SHOMER ☐ KOACH ☐ OHR

__ My check for \$_____ is enclosed

__ Please bill me: __Annually __Quarterly __Monthly

__ Please charge for my first installment of \$_____ ☐ ☐ ☐

Card #_____ Expires _____ Signature_____

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<input type="checkbox"/> I/We would like more information on becoming part of the L’Dor V’Dor society	Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I/We wish to receive more information about how to make a planned gift	Address: _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> I/We wish to be listed as member(s) of the L’Dor V’Dor society	Phone # _____
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