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**Just
show up**

Purim Celebration

Monday, March 9

- Megillah reading at 6:30 pm
- Celebration to follow

Get ready to perform the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah and celebrating at the best Purim party in town! There will be supervised children's activities in collaboration with the PJ Library of Western Massachusetts during the service in the library.

The theme this year is "superheroes." All of us, young and old, have our favorite superhero, so please come dressed in costume. We will serve superhero food and drinks. Please bring a box of macaroni and cheese. You may use it as a grogger and we will donate it to Rachel's Table after the event. Don't miss this annual fun night at TBE.

Cantor Morton Shames Sanctuary Rededication

Saturday, March 14

- Musical Shabbat Service at 10:00 am
- Concert with Noah Aaronson at 7:30 pm

Please join us on March 14 as we celebrate the completion of the sanctuary renovation! Joining us for this important congregational moment is Noah Aronson, a soulful, energetic musician and singer. Noah Aronson is known for his unique, engaging

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World-Renowned Journalist & Author Bari Weiss to Speak at Bill & Lynn Foggie Great Issues Lecture Series Sunday, May 3 at 4:00 pm

Temple Beth El is pleased to announce that this year's Bill & Lynn Foggie Great Issues Lecture Series will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 4:00 pm. The keynote speaker will be accomplished journalist and author Bari Weiss who will discuss "What Does the Fight Against Anti-Semitism Mean for All Americans?"

Sadly, anti-Semitism is nothing new around the world and here in the United States. However, there are certainly ebbs and flows throughout history, and at the moment, we are experiencing a new and troubling flow. According to the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) most recent audit of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States, 1,879 acts were recorded in 2018. That was an increase of 21 incidents from 2017 and up 48% from 2016 and 99% from 2015.

Why is this increase happening now? What does it say about the state of affairs in the United States where Jews thought they were safe and could live a prosperous life...only to be back at the front of the scapegoating line.

Bari Weiss is an op-ed staff editor and writer at the *New York Times*, who writes about culture and politics. She was an op-ed and book review editor at *The Wall Street Journal* before joining the *Times* in 2017. She has also worked at Tablet, the online magazine of Jewish politics and culture. She is a native of Pittsburgh and graduated from Columbia University in 2007. Her first book, *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*, was published in 2019 and will be available for purchase at the event.

Bari Weiss will address the fight against anti-Semitism and why it is so important for Jews, but also for our broader nation. The fight against anti-Semitism is a symptom of an increasingly expansive

set of intolerant beliefs that are sweeping the nation. Weiss will discuss the dynamics that underpin this phenomenon and explain what it means for

Jews but also the country and how we can counteract this pervasive form of hate.

Please join us for this critical presentation and subsequent conversation. The event will begin at 4:00 pm with a reception with Bari Weiss and refreshments, and she will begin speaking at 4:30 pm. You won't want to miss this timely and insightful presentation. We hope to see you there!



The Bill & Lynn Foggie

**Great Issues
Lecture Series**



The deadline for the **May/June** issue is Friday, **March 20**.

Please email all articles or photos to communications@tbespringfield.org.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Volunteer Program Helps Reduce Isolation of Older Adults

Sue Kline

An outreach program launched in 2018, Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) brings a meaningful social connection not only to those in our community feeling isolated and alone — but also to a corps of compassionate volunteers who visit regularly to fill a void in people’s lives. To participants, a friendly visit can be a lifeline. To volunteers, it’s a precious opportunity to brighten someone’s life...” I get so much more than I give,” says TBE volunteer Mona Holtman.



The seeds of the program were planted by Rabbi Amy Katz, Pastor

Pam McGrath of the First Church Longmeadow, and others who saw that the issue of loneliness among elders extended well beyond the bounds of any single organization. They recognized the value of building one-on-one relationship and sought assistance from their network of area professionals.

Glenmeadow took the lead in securing a grant of \$5,000 from the Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc. to launch N2N in 2018, a grant amount increased to \$7,000 in 2019. Along with Temple Beth El, First Church of Christ, and Glenmeadow, partners include the Longmeadow Senior Center and the Spiritual Services and Clinical Pastoral Education Department at Baystate Medical Center.

A number of TBE members are among the first of about 20 volunteers. For some, it’s the answer they’ve been seeking. “When I used to visit my father in assisted living and a nursing home in Florida, I was struck by how many folks were inactive and had few visitors,” said TBE volunteer Jay Falik. “I decided back then that when I had more time I would engage with folks who needed companionship. It felt like a calling.” Fast forward to his retirement. One day at minyan he noticed a flyer about Neighbor to Neighbor — and called immediately to sign up.

“Sadly, the needs are greater than anticipated,” said Sophie Plotkin, who, as a Springfield College master’s degree candidate interning at Glenmeadow, has been asked to help run N2N among her other responsibilities. “So our goal in 2020 is to attract more volunteers.”

Program team leaders and facilitators like Rabbi Katz encourage participation, provide training, and pair volunteers with a person desiring companionship. Volunteers reach out to their assigned “match,” visiting at least monthly in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or private residences. According to Glenmeadow’s CEO and President, Anne Thomas, “The relationships they create are an antidote to isolation.”

In addition to making their visits, volunteers convene at monthly meetings with program leaders to talk about their experience, ask questions, bring up concerns, learn about helpful approaches, and celebrate. According to Rabbi Katz, “Sometimes we learn at those meetings that a match isn’t working and can make a change.” While matches tend to be based on some common area of interest — such as a mutual love of music or history or card games — that doesn’t have to be the case. Jay Falik said he could not be more different from his current match, which hasn’t mattered at all during their weekly get-togethers. “Recently my friend was hospitalized,” said Falik, “and I visited almost every day. We appreciate each other.”

Falik’s message to aspiring volunteers who feel in their hearts that they can do more: “By making a difference in someone else’s life, you end up enhancing your own life.”

To refer an older adult or become a Neighbor to Neighbor volunteer, contact Rabbi Amy Katz at Temple Beth El at 733-4149.

זמני תפילות Worship Schedule

Weekday Mornings

Monday through Friday 7:00 am
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Evenings

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday 5:45 pm

Shabbat Worship

Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm*
Shabbat morning 9:30 am
Shabbat afternoon 6:00 pm

Purim

Monday, March 9
Service and Megillah Reading 6:30 pm
Purim Celebration 7:45 pm

Tuesday, March 10

Service and Megillah Reading..... 6:45 am

Rosh Hodesh Nisan

Thursday, April 26
Morning Service..... 6:45 am

Passover Begins

**Wednesday, Evening, April 8 &
Thursday, April 9**
No Evening Services

Rosh Hodesh Iyar

Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25
Morning Service..... 6:45 am

*Please note: Beginning Saturday, March 21, our Mincha services will resume on Saturdays at 6:00 pm.

Off the Bimah

מהבימה

Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz

Cantor Shames (ז"ל) and I used to love to talk about the American Jewish community. He would often regale me with stories of the past, telling me about his early years at Temple Beth El. He fondly recalled directing the choir, choosing appropriate music and crafting worship experiences for the congregation. I especially remember his describing the organ, and trying to help me appreciate the beauty of the service. Because I grew up in a synagogue very similar to Temple Beth El, and because my cantor was a good friend of Cantor Shames, our conversations were so comfortable and familiar.

One of my favorite questions to ask Cantor Shames was about how the musical scene of the American Jewish community has changed over the years. Often we would listen to three or four versions of a particular prayer and Cantor would help me to understand how the composition of the music reflected the composer's approach to worship. Cantor also reminded me that certain music inspired more participation from the congregation.

As we gather to rededicate the Cantor Morton Shames Sanctuary on March 14, it is fitting to celebrate with one of the most talented musicians of the 21st century. Noah Aronson is a soulful, energetic composer and performer. Like Cantor Shames did in his time, Noah understands what the congregation craves and he knows how to inspire deeply meaningful worship. Please see the article on page 1 for details, and join us as we continue to honor our past and build our future.

Join Us for an Interfaith Passover Seder

Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm

Our friends from the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow will join us at TBE for the second in our series of joint educational holiday programs. Many of our Christian neighbors have heard of the Passover seder but are not familiar with the format, stories, foods, etc. This is an opportunity for them to learn about some of our rituals and taste some of the Passover delicacies. This will be an interactive and educational event, and the food will be tasty, too! Please note that dinner will not be served, just the traditional seder plate items.

There is no charge to attend; however, reservations must be made by March 24. Call the temple office at 733-4149 to R.S.V.P.

Hesed Kitchen

This monthly program has provided many of our congregants with delicious and home-made food after an illness or following the loss of a loved one. Volunteers are invited to join Rabbi Katz in her kitchen to help prepare comfort food such as soup, kugel, bread, etc. which will be frozen and delivered to our members when the need arises. If you would like to help with this effort, please call the TBE office at 733-4149 for upcoming dates.

Scholar-in-Residence for Shavuot

Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 pm at Sinai Temple

Friday, May 29 following services at TBE
Shabbat, May 30 Torah study at Sinai Temple and after Kiddush lunch at TBE

Rabbi David Ellenson, the Chancellor Emeritus of the Reform Movement's Hebrew Union College, will join us for Shavuot. He is an outstanding scholar and teacher. Mark your calendars now—you won't want to miss this very special opportunity!

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and deeply soulful approach, and he is considered one of the most sought after Jewish musicians in North America. Besides earning a degree in Jazz Composition and Piano from Berklee College of Music, Noah has studied Judaism at Hadar and Boston Hebrew College.



Noah Aaronson

Currently Noah lives in New York City and tours year-round, visiting communities nationwide and abroad. In addition to touring, Noah is on the faculty of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He also teaches Jewish music, leadership, ritual and worship in a variety of settings to rabbis, cantors, educators and songleaders.

The day's festivities are as follows:

On Shabbat morning we will rededicate the Cantor Morton Shames Sanctuary, highlighting liturgy which focuses on Torah, community and sacred space. Services are from 10:00 am - noon and will be followed by a Kiddush lunch.

On Saturday evening the entire community is invited to join us in a musical celebration to commemorate this special occasion.

While the Ritual Committee is planning the Shabbat morning service, we are grateful to Margie Berg and her committee who are planning and coordinating the entire day's festivities. Members of the committee include Ann Guttman, Susan Shaker, Rhonda Goldberg, Susan Firestone and Michelle Anfang.

There is no charge for any of these festivities, but please contact the temple office at 733-4149 or office@tbespringfield.org to let us know you are coming so we can plan appropriately.



**From the
Director of
Education**
Caryn Resnick

Tot Shabbat Programs

Our Tot Shabbat programs are for families with young children. Join Marlene Rachelle and her guitar on the third Friday night of each month and the first Shabbat morning of each month. The programs include music, prayer, body movement, dancing, and more! This program is for families with children ages 7 & younger.

Friday Night Tot Shabbat

March 20

(No program in April due to Passover and School vacation)

Our Friday night Tot Shabbat program meets from 5:15- 6:45 pm. Dinner and socializing is from 5:15-6:00 pm. The musical program takes place from 6:00-6:45 pm. This program for families with children ages 7 and younger is growing in popularity. On the third Friday of each month, families come together to enjoy a Shabbat dinner, followed by lively and fun singing and dancing, facilitated by Marlene Rachelle. This program is open to our Temple Beth El families and the community. There is no fee for this program, thanks to the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

Please contact Caryn Resnick for more information at cresnick@tbespringfield.org.

Tot Shabbat at TBE



youth and children

ילדים ונוער

Sandi Kupperman Learning Center



Shabbat Morning Tot Shabbat

March 7 & April 4

The Shabbat morning Tot Shabbat program meets in the Katz Family Library from 11:00-11:45 am. Participants are invited to stay for Kiddush lunch following the program.

Shabbat Morning Education at the SKLC

March 7 & April 4

Children in grades K-2 are invited to a program of prayer, music, drama and yoga with Morah Helene from 10:00 - 11:45 am. There will be a Junior Congregation program for children in grades 3-7 with Caryn Resnick from 10:30-11:30 am. Parents are invited for coffee and conversation which will be facilitated by Rabbi James Greene. Participants are invited to stay for Kiddush lunch following the program.



Youth Group News

Max Rubin & Sammi Rubin
YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Kadima

The Kadima youth group had a lot of fun at IT ropes course in January and snowtubing in February. We are planning a children's activity booth at the Purim celebration and we will attend the show "Blue Man Group" at the Bushnell in April.



USY

We have a really exciting spring coming up with our chapter events, and we have plenty of regional events to look forward to as well! On March 9 we will be running a booth at our super Purim celebration - all of the USYers are psyched to show off their costumes! Purim is always a special time with USY - we love to celebrate with the Beth El community, and we love nothing more than having fun while we help out!

In April we will be going to see the famous Blue Man group at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford! This event is especially exciting because we will be joined by Temple Beth El's Kadima chapter, so the next generation of USYers will see what it's like once they reach high school. The Blue Man group show is going to be one of our most exciting events of the year, and we can't wait to see them!



Rev. Aminia teaches our students about the tallit.



Rabbi Katz leads a discussion about anti-Semitism with our 6th and 7th graders.

A Memorable Friday Night Tot Shabbat Experience

Steve Weiner

Caryn Resnick and I were in the vestibule of our synagogue on Friday, January 17, 2020, at approximately 6:00 p.m.

We both were concerned that a Tot Shabbat dinner had been meticulously planned but that very few attendees were there. You know that sinking feeling - I planned a party but nobody showed! I then remembered that the "fan fest" with the Red Sox was in town and that traffic was going to be difficult. A group of boys played in one area on the floor, and another group here and there engaged in "free play" as the room began to fill up. There were numerous attendees—in the words of my grandson, "so many." Marlene, our Tot Shabbat leader, is a rock star. It doesn't matter if you are an immature man of 60 or a kid of 2, she is exactly what the doctor ordered for the recharge of batteries that parents with young families, grandparents or anyone needs.

Regardless of whether you bring in a child, grandchild or yourself, you have to come see Marlene boost the energy in the room and make the parents, grandparents and those who are present dance and celebrate.

The result of Marlene's creative efforts was that our children "shimmered" like a beautiful glass of wine or Shabbat candles.

Meital did the tradition of Shabbat dinner right with delicious challah, chicken, rice (how Sephardic), salad and cookies!

Caryn's roles included the traditional Jewish Mom - "would anybody like more chicken?" As an extraordinary educator, she supervised the festivities. Without her organizational skills and dedication, the evening could not have been as great of a success.

In my heart, I saw Gene Baker (z"l) watching with a smile on his face. He would be glad we are not merely surviving; we are flourishing.

My Experience with USY

Olivia Smith

My family joined Temple Beth El and I became a Bat Mitzvah in 2015. I attended some Kadima events and in 9th grade, I joined USY. My first USY experience was Encampment in August, which was a week-long program at Camp Ramah in Palmer when I was going into my freshman year of high school. I've attended every summer since that time. Before I attended my first USY Encampment, I was very nervous because I didn't know anyone and thought it would be boring for me because everyone would have already had their friend groups. However, I was wrong, and I made so many friends. My favorite part of Encampment was the friends,

the activities, the learning experience that came with it, and of course, being all together for Shabbat as a Jewish community! I was even given an *aliyah* my second summer back! I attended several regional events where I met more Jewish teens and was invited to join the leadership weekend at Camp Ramah. At this Board convention, we did a lot of educational learning and we broke up into chapters and talked about our chapter board and how to improve it and to make it stronger.

I went to TBE one night to talk to some people in my chapter. I realized that I wanted to really help my chapter grow. I helped organize a Saturday night event at TBE and invited my friends from out-of-

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Adult Education

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Book Discussion Group News

Liz Marinelli, Librarian



The book group will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 am to discuss *The Collector's Apprentice* by B.A. Shapiro. Abandoned in 1922 Paris when she is

wrongly accused of theft, 19-year-old Paulien changes her identity and is swept up in the art world of Gertrude Stein and Henri Matisse while working to recover her father's stolen collection.

In April we will take our annual break from reading to enjoy a film. On Wednesday, April 22 we will watch the documentary *Streit's Matzo and the American Dream*.

For more than 90 years, the Streit's matzo factory on the Lower East Side churned out 40 percent of the nation's unleavened bread. This fascinating narrative includes details about the history of the area and stories about members of the Streit family and their employees. We will meet earlier than usual at 10:00 am in order to have enough time to view the film.



Here are a few of the latest additions to the library:

- *All This Could Be Yours: A Novel* by Jami Attenberg. From a best-selling author comes a tale of family secrets revealed in the heat of a New Orleans summer.
- *Family Papers: A Sephardic Journey Through the Twentieth Century* by Sarah Abrevaya Stein. A historian uses the correspondence of one Sephardic family to tell the story of their journey from Greece across the continents and how they were nearly destroyed by the Holocaust.

• *The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything In Between*. An entertaining, illustrated encyclopedia of all things Jewish that covers culture, religion, history, habits, language and more.

Scholar-in-Residence Program Features Shalom Hartman Educator Dr. Tal Becker

Friday, March 27 & Shabbat, March 28



TBE is pleased to invite you to a special Scholar-in-Residence program with outstanding Jewish educator Dr. Tal Becker. He is a senior fellow at the Shalom

Hartman Institute in Jerusalem where he leads educational initiatives on Israel and the Jewish world. In this capacity, Dr. Becker is a leading member of the Institute's "Engaging Israel" series which is the premier educational program on Israel engagement in North America that is working to strengthen and re-imagine the relationship between Israel and World Jewry. Dr. Becker is also the legal adviser of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is one of the longest-serving officials in Israeli peace efforts, and has been a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team in successive rounds of negotiations. With over two decades of experience on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges, Dr. Becker has operated as a key negotiator and behind the scenes representative for Israel in a wide variety of contexts.

Among numerous previous positions, Dr. Becker has been a senior policy advisor

to Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs, a lead negotiator and drafter in the Annapolis and Kerry peace talks, director of the International Law Department at the Israeli Foreign Ministry, counsel to Israel's UN Mission in New York, an international law expert for the Israel Defense Forces, and a senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. He earned his doctorate from Columbia University and, among numerous scholarly awards, is the winner of the Rabin Peace Prize and the Guggenheim Prize for best international law book for his book *Terrorism and the State*.

This Scholar-in-Residence program is made possible by: Susan and Bill Firestone, Diane Troderman, Susan and Marc Goldman, the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Western Massachusetts, Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, Sinai Temple, and an anonymous donor.

The schedule is as follows:

• Friday, March 27

6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat service

7:00 pm - Shabbat Dinner

8:00 pm - Presentation: "The Place of Israel in American Jewry"

The Shabbat dinner, provided by Catering by Meital, includes: lemon chicken; roasted potatoes; field greens with apples, grilled grapes and pecans; green beans with roasted red peppers; and flourless chocolate cake. The cost is \$18 per person. R.S.V.P. to the TBE office by March 23. We regret that we will be unable to accommodate walk-ins.

• Shabbat, March 28 - TBE's Sisterhood Shabbat

9:00 am - Torah Study at Sinai Temple: "Three Perspectives on Justice"

12:45 pm - Presentation at TBE after lunch: "The Future of the Israeli-Palestinian Relationship"

Lunch & Learn

Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25, and April 29 at 12:00 pm

Join us in March and April as we continue our weekly Lunch and Learn. We will continue to watch *Srugim*, an Israeli sitcom that deals with the life of five religious

singles, in their thirties, who reside in Jerusalem. The series offers a glance into the lives of intelligent and educated young men and women who can't quite find their place. The title of the show is a reference to the crocheted *kippot* that are worn by modern Orthodox men in Israel.

Srugim originally aired in Israel between 2008-2012. The show won five Israeli Academy of Film and Television Awards. Each week we will watch an episode or two and we will discuss important issues about Judaism, Orthodoxy, Israel and so much more. Feel free to JUST SHOW UP, any time!



Sundays, March 1, 8, 22, 29, and April 19 & 26 at 9:00 am



We continue to read *Pirke Avot*, a wonderful collection of ethics compiled around 200 CE. It is one of the best-known and most-cited Jewish texts. Newcomers are welcome—no previous knowledge is required.

Please Join us at the Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast & Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 15 at 9:15 am

The entire congregation is invited to join us at the 12th annual Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast to honor Jody Smith (*z"l*) for his many volunteer contributions to TBE. This event raises funds for the Nechamen/Chernick Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for member children to attend Jewish summer camp and educational programs. TBE helps parents afford these important opportunities, and studies have shown that children who attend these programs stay more connected to their religion and heritage. Following the breakfast, everyone is welcome to stay for the Annual Meeting which will begin at 10:30 am.

The breakfast menu includes: bagels, lox, cream cheese and all of the fixings; egg casserole; assorted sweet pastries; yogurt; fresh fruit; orange juice; coffee and tea.

Make your reservations early and save with our early-bird discount! The cost to attend the breakfast is \$10 per person through March 6; \$15 per person after this date.

Carol's Beit Café

Cantor Elise Barber

Saturday evening February 1st was wonderful. We celebrated Carol's Beit Café for the 9th year in a row. A few years ago, it was named after our beloved congregant Carol Resnick (*z"l*).

The Goldberg-Peck family generously shared their home and delicious food, providing a lovely, *haimish* environment. The performers were fabulous! In addition to giving their music, they shared their loves and personalities which were infectious.

Even though Brian Bender, a well-known musician and music teacher in the valley, has worked at Beth El before, he had never been the accompanist for the Beit Café until this year. He was impressed! He also loved how eclectic the evening was. Most of the time when one goes out to hear music, there is just one style, but we had pop, classical, jazz, folk, opera, Old Time, and Sephardic. Brian loved getting to play and listen to many different genres in one evening.

My husband was extremely impressed with our congregants. Afterwards he said, "Was that saxophone player really your congregant or did you hire him to come play?" and "Esta was amazing!"

It was truly a great evening. We had Isabel Baxter Paris both singing and playing Middle Eastern percussion, Hannah Adler on violin, Mark Barowsky playing saxophone, Efraim Weinbarber and Rabbi Ben Weiner on piano, Dennis Gordan singing, Rabbi Ben Weiner on banjo, Cantor Martin Levson singing and playing guitar, Heather Wasilewski singing, Esta Farkas on piano, Mary Tenenbaum all the way back from West Roxbury playing viola, Curt Freedman on the bass flute (and sharing some great background on the songs), and Franklin Nichols (Ilyse Ross's boyfriend) playing piano and singing. I wish we had time to shout "Encore!" at the end of each

performance and hear a little more.

It wasn't just the hosts and performers that made it a great night. The people who attended were so supportive. It was fun to watch teens reconnecting and everyone talking and getting to know each other. There was great energy in the house.

Thank you. Looking forward to Carol's Beit Café 2021! (See photos, page 15)



Sisterhood Toiletry Donations - Antonia at the YWCA shelter receives our latest donations. There is a great need for personal toiletries for women and children who often arrive there with few belongings. The shelter is not able to receive small sample or hotel-sized items. Thank you all for your continuing support of our social service project.

Upcoming Sisterhood Events Paid-Up Membership Tea

**Sunday, March 8 from 3:00-5:00 pm
at the home of Rabbi Katz**

All TBE Sisterhood members who have paid their dues for 2020 are invited to this entertaining and delicious program. Rabbi Katz will make heroines in the Megillah come to life — an event not to be missed!

Dues must be paid by February 28, 2020 R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, March 4 to Membership Chairperson Mona Holtman at mbhscribe2@gmail.com or (413) 535-7212.

Sisterhood Shabbat

March 28 at 9:30 am

Please join us as the women of our congregation lead Shabbat morning services. The Sisterhood will be sponsoring Kiddush lunch that day, after which, Dr. Tal Becker will discuss "The Future of the Israeli-Palestinian Relationship" as part of our Scholar-in-Residence program (See page 6).



Pesah Schedule 2020

Fast of the first born

Wednesday, April 8..... 7:00 am
Dispose of hametz by 10:00 am

Erev Pesah (First Seder)

Wednesday, April 8 (No Service)
Candle Lighting..... 7:06 pm

1st Day/2nd Evening Pesah (Second Seder)

Thursday, April 9 (Counting the Omer Begins on 2nd Evening)
Morning Service..... 9:30 am
(No Minḥa Service)
Candle Lighting..... 8:15 pm

2nd Day Pesah

Friday, April 10
Morning Service..... 9:30 am
Kabbalat Shabbat Service..... 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting..... 7:09 pm

Hol HaMoed Pesah

Sunday, April 12-Tuesday, April 14
Morning Services..... 6:45 am
Evening Services 5:45 pm

7th Evening Pesah

Tuesday, April 14
Evening Service..... 5:45 pm
Candle Lighting..... 7:13 pm

7th Day/8th Evening Pesah

Wednesday, April 15
Morning Service..... 9:30 am
Evening Service/Yizkor..... 5:45 pm
Candle Lighting..... 8:22 pm

8th Day Pesah

Thursday, April 16
Morning Service/Yizkor..... 9:30 am
Minḥa..... 5:45 pm

Hametz

Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz



Searching for the Hametz

Tuesday, April 7

Here's how to search for hametz: on the night before the first seder, the Mishnah ordains a formal search for leaven in the home, called *bedikat hametz*. The following blessing is recited, "*Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who sanctified us by commanding us to remove all the hametz.*" Then you search for hametz, moving from room to room. The house is darkened. The individual conducting the search carries a candle or flashlight, a wooden spoon, and a feather. As pre-placed pieces of bread (usually ten) are discovered, they are swept onto the spoon with the feather. When the search is completed, a special statement of nullification is recited, indicating that the house is now free of hametz.

This ceremony reflects a serious commitment to the traditional laws of Pesah and is an impressive experience for young children.

Burning the Hametz

Wednesday morning, April 8

In the morning after searching for the hametz, tradition calls for a simple ceremony in which the hametz gathered the previous evening is burned. The person burning the hametz says, "*All hametz in my possession, which I have not seen and have not removed, shall be nullified and be ownerless as the dust of the earth.*" In traditional homes, this is done before 10:00 am, after which no hametz is eaten.

Selling of the Hametz

Jewish tradition tells us that we are to avoid owning or deriving benefit from wheat, barley, oats, spelt, or rye.

While the law calls for the physical removal of all personally-owned leaven from the home, the rabbis realized that this practice would impose a financial hardship upon those families who had substantial amounts of hametz in their households. Therefore, the custom evolved of simply placing all leaven in a secluded part of the home.

Traditionally upon selling hametz before Pesah, Jews donate to *Maot Hittin* (money for wheat). These funds are used to help Jews in need of money for celebrating the holiday. Rabbi Katz administers this fund. Mark contributions "Passover Fund" and return the form below to TBE.

Selling of the Hametz Form

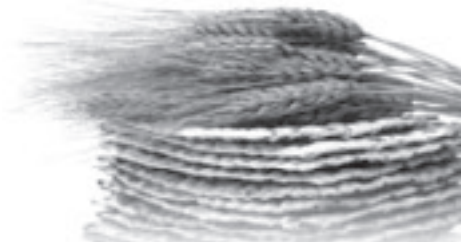
I _____ hereby authorize Reverend David Aminia or Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz to act as my agent in 2020 to sell any hametz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be (at home, place of business, car or elsewhere) in accordance with Jewish law.

Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Contribution to *Maot Hittin* \$ _____



Is This the Year for a New Haggadah?

Rabbi Amy Walk Katz

It's that time of year again. Spring is in the air, families are making their seder plans and matzah is on sale. Besides planning your menu (which usually isn't that hard for me because I serve the same thing almost every year), there is another important decision on your hands: the Haggadah. The Haggadah is a major determinate in how your seder will turn out. Long or short, funny or serious, traditional or modern. There is a Haggadah for everyone out there, little children included. I am sharing a review of a few Haggadot that I really like.

I encourage you to think about who will be joining you at your seder table. It is important to use the right Haggadah for your guests. The purpose of the evening is to talk about the Exodus from Egypt. To reflect on what God did for our people, when we were enslaved. And to ponder how this sacred story of ours should guide us today. The rabbis are clear — the goal is not to read the Haggadah from beginning to end. The goal is to engage in meaningful discussion about freedom and slavery. About God and our relationship and duty to serve God.

I could never review all the Haggadot that are available for you to use. I am reviewing a few of my favorites which have made seders at my home more interactive, more meaningful and more fun! What more could you ask for?

I really hope that as you prepare for the seder you will feel free to turn to me with questions or concerns.

The Really Fun Family Haggadah

by Larry Stein

This is an excellent basic Haggadah for preschool and elementary school age children. The Haggadah includes fun songs, transliterations, and ways to engage children in the conversation. It focuses on the basic story — we were slaves, we cried out, God heard our cry and redeemed us. The classic songs are there. But many of the rabbinic tangents are not included in

this Haggadah. I used it with my family for years. The children at the table loved it because the Haggadah was interactive and included children's activities; the adults enjoyed a focused retelling of the Passover story.



A Different Night Compact Edition: The Family Participation Haggadah

by Noam Zion and David Dishon
This is my family's basic Haggadah. The full traditional text of the Haggadah is included, as are many wonderful commentaries. It includes interesting art and tips for telling the story of the Exodus. The Hebrew songs that we sing are transliterated and the English is accessible to all! This manageable Haggadah is great!

A Night to Remember: The Haggadah of Contemporary Voices

by Noam Zion and Mishael Zion
This Haggadah includes the traditional texts and much more. Whether you make your seder short or long, this Haggadah includes many suggestions for making it more interesting, interactive and accessible. The contemporary commentaries are



fantastic and allow for great discussion. In addition, it is illustrated by internationally acclaimed Israeli artist Michel Kichka.

If you are willing to spend some time thinking about how you want to shape your seder, this Haggadah will provide great resources. My family and I have used this for years and we love it.

I would be remiss if I did not include other Haggadot which are newer. They are fantastic resources for you and your family:

In Every Generation: A PJ Library Family Haggadah

PJ Library has created a Haggadah just for families. This one is designed to help families with young children enjoy a Passover seder together. All the traditional elements of the seder are included. The text is abbreviated and includes explanations to make it easier for everyone to participate. A digital and print version of this Haggadah will be available soon. Contact www.pjlibrary.org.

The New American Haggadah

by Jonathan Safran Foer and Nathan Englander
The New American Haggadah was praised as a momentous re-envisioning through prayer, song, and ritual of one of the oldest, most timeless and sacred stories — the Exodus! Featuring a new translation of the traditional text by Nathan Englander and provocative essays by a collection of major Jewish writers and thinkers, it was received not only as a religious text, but as a magnificent literary and artistic achievement. I have never used this Haggadah at my seder, but I have enjoyed the essays and have taught some of the commentaries.

Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel

Koren Publishers recently published the first Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel, conceived and written by Batman comics creator and Jewish cartoonist Jordan B. Gorfinkel, and illustrated by Israeli artist Erez Zadok. The Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel integrates a brand new, modern translation into sophisticated and super-fun sequential art that brings the epic story to life. The graphic novel is presented alongside the traditional Haggadah. In addition, it includes how-to instructional cartoons depicting all the



rituals. While I have never used this Haggadah at a seder, I suspect that it will engage guests of multiple generations and diverse backgrounds.

Balaboosta

Marge Robinson

I hope you enjoy the following Vegetarian (Vegan) Chili along with the Quaker Oats recipe for Cornbread, which have been served at a couple of the Program Committee's Dinner and a Movie events.

If you would like to share a favorite recipe with the congregation, please email it to communications@tbespringfield.org.

Veggie Chili

Corn or canola oil
4 cans beans (kidney, pinto, black beans, chickpeas, etc.)
2 chopped onions
1 chopped green pepper
2 cloves sliced garlic
21-40 oz. canned diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, or combination
4 tbsp. chili powder (or 1 tsp. chipotle chili powder)
1 tsp. cumin
½ - 1 tsp. cayenne (red) pepper (optional)

Heat oil over medium heat. Saute onions, green pepper and garlic (do not brown) in large pot. When peppers are getting soft, add remaining ingredients. Simmer ½ hour.

Cornbread

1 cup yellow or white corn meal
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 - 4 tbsp. sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 cup milk
1 egg, beaten
¼ cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease 8-inch square pan with solid vegetable shortening or non-stick spray. In large bowl, combine corn meal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add milk, egg and oil. Beat until fairly smooth, about 1 minute. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake in preheated oven for 20 - 23 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Community Events

אירועים בקהילה

Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Monday, April 20 at 7:00 am

Our community's Yom HaShoah commemoration will be held on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 pm at Congregation B'nai Torah. The keynote speaker will be Esia Friedman. She is a native of Vilna, Lithuania, who survived concentration camps and has been a Holocaust educator for decades.

This event is co-sponsored by the Springfield JCC, the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, Temple Beth El, Congregation B'nai Torah, and Sinai Temple.

TBE Members Can Save on Airport Parking

Do you have travel plans? Z Airport Parking in East Granby, CT offers our members discounted parking rates, and Temple Beth El benefits as well. It's a win-win! Visit www.zairportparking.com and use the Promo Code TBE. Make your parking reservation through this portal and receive a discounted rate of \$5.95 per day, with the 7th day free (plus the added 10.6% airport access fee and 6.35% state tax that all airport parking companies must charge). This rate is lower than the regular rate of \$7.95 plus fees and tax.

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to save money, and help your synagogue at the same time!



USY EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

town to attend. The turnout wasn't all that we were hoping for, but that gave us more of a chance to improve. I think the people who came really enjoyed it and had fun. This past December, I was very lucky to be able to attend USY International Convention in Ontario, California. This was such an amazing experience! I was so nervous to go because I knew there was going to be about 1,000 Jewish teens there and I knew my friends would know a majority of them because they had attended previous ICs. When I got there, I stayed close to my friends, but then I realized I needed to socialize in order to make more friends. I ended up leaving IC with a bunch of new friends from places like Canada, California, Florida, etc. At IC, we went to Los Angeles, Hollywood, we had educational meetings, we prayed, we had a dance, we even had musical Shacharit which is Shacharit but with a band. It was so cool! The services were different than Regional Convention services because they were surrounded by different people and everyone was so energetic.

When the convention was over, a group of us stayed at a hotel in Pasadena, California. I really enjoyed post-con because I was with the people from my region/branch plus a couple of people from Canada. We spent Shabbat together. We also went to Beverly Hills and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. During our free time, we all went into the hot tub at night. This was probably my favorite part of the whole convention because we didn't have our phones because it was Shabbat, we were present and we had a lot of laughs. It was such an enjoyable moment and a night to remember. Even Joyce Juda, our regional advisor, was out there with us laughing!

I am a senior at East Longmeadow High School and I really hope to keep all of my USY friends once we graduate. I recommend joining USY because you meet a bunch of Jewish teens your own age who may hopefully become lifelong friends. You get the educational experience, and you are surrounded and loved by a Jewish community. Not only a community, but a family who you'll remember your whole life.

מעגלי חיים

Cycle of Life

For everything there is a season.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Scott Burstein

April 4
Parashat Tzav - Shabbat HaGadol

Scott Spencer Burstein is the son of Elysa and Jeffrey Burstein and the brother of Marissa. Scott and his family live in Longmeadow. Scott is the grandson of Susan and Jeffrey Honig of Wantagh, New York. He is also the grandson of Ruth Burstein of West Palm Beach, Florida and the late Merwyn Burstein. Scott is lovingly named after Elysa's Aunt, Susan Levy, and Jeffrey's grandmother, Sylvia Burstein.

Scott is currently a 7th grader at Williams Middle School. He previously attended Heritage Academy for Kindergarten until 4th Grade and Blueberry Hill School for 5th Grade. You can always find Scott in front of a hockey net stopping pucks, as he has been a goalie for many years. He is currently the goalie for the Springfield Capitals team. Scott also enjoys cheering on his favorite New England teams; the Red Sox, Patriots, and of course, the Bruins! Scott also looks forward to spending time with his extended family and friends.

For his mitzvah project, Scott has been collecting various articles of winter clothing to be donated to the Springfield Rescue Mission. Scott feels strongly that all children should be dressed appropriately throughout the year and

has donated clothing to this organization before. However, when he thought about the idea that many young children do not have winter jackets or gloves to keep them warm on cold winter days, he knew he had to do something! He took a big cardboard box and decorated it, placed it in the lobby of the SKLC, and talked to the children at Hebrew School about the importance of helping others who may not be as fortunate. The Springfield Rescue Mission was so appreciative of the bags of clothing Scott has already delivered and Scott is not stopping anytime soon! Please continue to bring in your donations to the SKLC lobby.

shalom! welcome!

שלום

A warm welcome to our new members:

Carl & Sandra Silverman
Joshua & Heather Penn & Family
Arkadi & Tatyana Zak & Family

מזל טוב
mazel tov!

Cantor Elise Barber & Rabbi Benjamin Weiner on the recent adoption of their daughter, Batya.

Harriet & Rick Fingeroth on the birth of their grandson, Eitan Murray Fingeroth. He was born on December 10 to Ari & Tammar Fingeroth of Washington, DC.

Abbie & Meyer Weiss on the birth of their grandson, Max Cooper Stambovsky. Max was born on December 28 to Melissa & Jayson Stambovsky of Westport, Connecticut.

Thank you from Mila Miazga

Dear Congregants:

Thank you so much for coming to the temple on January 10 to honor me. It was nice to see you all. The gifts are gorgeous and I will treasure them forever. Thank you!

With all my love, Mila

תודה רבה
todah
rabbah
thank you

IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

To our Haftarah Readers:
Max Chorowski, Adele Miller,
Ray Possick, Ellen Ratner,
Debbie Lieberman, Maxine Bernstein,
Fred Brownstein, Emily Anfang

To our Service Leaders:
Dennis Gordan, Nechama Katan,
Ellen Elfman

To our Shabbat Greeters:
Phyllis Altman

SPECIAL NOTES

Special thanks to **Allen Mackler** for providing coffee to the minyan for the last year or more; **Jacob Shammash** for donating funds to the minyan four times a year for many years; and **Jackie Brickel** for donating a new coffee pot to the minyan.

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in honor of Cantor Barber's new daughter

If you are interested in sponsoring a Kiddush lunch to commemorate a special event, please contact Ralph Ritchie at the temple office at 733-4149.



Barukh
dayan
ha-emet
ברוך דין האמת

Praised is the
true judge.

We mourn the loss of the following members or loved ones of members from December 1 through January 31.

Doris Chase

Melvin Lavin

May Mally Rosenbaum
Mother of Jane Mally Rome

Dr. Milton Dalitzky
Husband of Martha Dalitzky

Linda Schwartz
Wife of Joel Schwartz

Adelaide (Addie) Firestone
Mother of William Firestone

Harold Okun
Brother of Martha Dalitzky

SKLC
Shabbat
May 2

TEMPLE BETH EL
Save the Date

May 2

Please join us as our religious school students lead services.

Joseph Seigel, beloved father
Alan Seigel

Abraham Neurick Goodman, beloved father
Bern Goodman

Sarah Goodman, beloved mother
Bern Goodman

Leonard Leblanc, beloved father
Tina Smith

Keith Kitchener, beloved husband
Marcy Mekler

Melanie Kitchener Winn, beloved daughter
Marcy Mekler

Helene Lapidus, beloved mother
Marcy Mekler

Madeline Haase, beloved mother-in-law
Carol Hasse

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Dr. Malcolm Freedman

Tessie Goldberg, beloved mother
Jack Godlberg

Alan Goldberg, beloved son
Jack Goldberg

Louis Goldberg, beloved grandfather
Jack Goldberg

Richard Caplin, beloved father
Bill Caplin &
Mary Jenewin-Caplin

Constance Bramson, beloved mother
Liz Bramson

David Bramson, beloved father
Liz Bramson

Irma Goldsmith, beloved mother
Heidi Goldsmith

Sylvia Allen, beloved aunt
Carole & Harvey Gloth

Solomon Bean, beloved father & father-in-law
Selma & Bernie Milstein

Rosalyn Plotkin, beloved sister & sister-in-law
Selma & Bernie Milstein

Mollie Bean, beloved mother & mother-in-law
Selma & Bernie Milstein

Rebecca Milstein Goldstein, beloved mother & mother-in-law
Bernie & Selma Milstein

Helen Goldband, beloved mother
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Tessie Presser, beloved mother
Jay Presser

Martin Levine, beloved father
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Ida Zippin, beloved mother
Al Zippin

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Marcus B. Wolfset

Jerry Fishman, beloved husband
Barbara P. Fishman

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Barbara P. Fishman

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Dorothy Shaker

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Charles Reiter

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Milton Dalitzky

Molly Neigher, beloved sister
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Harriet Colton Dufault, beloved sister
Miriam Mackler

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June Okun

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Larry Mackler

Harry Mackler, beloved father
Larry Mackler

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David Shrair

Samuel Barden, beloved husband
Adele Barden

Ellenore B. Levander, beloved mother
Dr. Victoria Levander Luftman

Alfred Hirsch, beloved father
Sydney & Jerry Hirsch

Sol Friedlander, beloved father
Robert Friedlander

Samuel Fagin, beloved father
Patti Fagin Bassell

Kathy Goodman, beloved sister
Perry Kittredge

Sandra Fagin, beloved sister-in-law
Patti Fagin Bassell

William Okun, beloved father
Gary Okun

Sarah Kerlinsky, beloved mother
Goldie Newman

Ian David Wacks, beloved son
Phil & Vicki Wacks

William Okun, beloved husband
June Okun

Dr. Teresa Benzwie, beloved cousin
Stephen A. Koplín

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Phillip Stone

Erma Schneiderman, beloved mother
Gail Stone

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Morris Ledewitz, beloved father
Dr. & Mrs. Howard Ledewitz

Audrey Chase, beloved sister
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Rick & Harriet Fingeroth

Anna Chain, beloved mother
Shirley Shepro

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Al Zippin

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In memory of Herman Katz
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In appreciation of Rabbi Katz
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A special thanks to Rabbi Katz for her kindness during my recovery
Debbie Peskin
In memory of Ruth Auerbach and with appreciation to Rabbi Katz for her support
Harry Auerbach & Su Auerbach & families
In honor of Mila Miazga and her years of service
Rhoda Mandell

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Mazel tov to Cantor Elise and Rabbi Ben on the arrival of their daughter
Mark & Ellen Gold
Judy & Ted Ingis
Phyllis Levenson
Sydney & Jerry Hirsch
A special thanks to Cantor Barber for her kindness and thoughtfulness during my recovery
Debbie Peskin
Wishing Cantor Elise continued good health and mazel tov to her and her family on the arrival of their daughter
Selma & Bernie Milstein

TREE OF LIFE
Leaves for the Tree of Life may be purchased for \$250 and stones may be purchased for \$2,500 to honor a friend or family member. Please contact Ralph Ritchie at 733-4149 if you would like to order a leaf or stone.

Yahrzeit Plaques
A yahrzeit plaque was recently purchased for:
Eleanor L. Freedman

Yahrzeit plaques are a fitting way to remember a loved one's yahrzeit in perpetuity. They are displayed in the temple lobby each year during the week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375. If you would like to purchase a plaque, please contact Reverend David Aminia at 733-4149.

SHABBAT ZIMRAH

Please note that there will be no Shabbat Zimrah on Friday Nights in March and April. Please join us on Shabbat morning, March 14 at 10:00 am for a special service with Noah Aaronson in our sanctuary.

Our next Shabbat Zimrah service will be held on Friday, May 8.

What's Happening @ Temple Beth El

Programs for Children

SKLC Classes – Monday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 27 and Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 29 at 3:00 pm

B'Yahad – Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, April 2, 30 at 6:30 pm

Shabbat Morning Tot Shabbat – March 7 & April 4 at 11:00 am

Friday Night Tot Shabbat – March 20 at 5:15 pm

Babysitting – March 7 & April 4 from 10:00 am to end of services

Adult Education Programs

Katz Family Library Book Club – Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 am & April 22 at 10:00 am

Cuppa Joe – Sunday, March 1, 8, 22, 29 & April 19, 26 at 9:00 am

Lunch & Learn – Wednesday, March 11, 18, 25, April 29 at 12:00 pm

Interfaith Passover Seder – Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm

Scholar-in-Residence Programs with Tal Becker & Sisterhood Shabbat – Friday, March 27 & Saturday, March 28

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Tea – Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 pm at the home of Rabbi Katz

Programs for All Ages

Megillah Reading & Purim Celebration – Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm

Sanctuary Rededication – Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 am

Concert with Noah Aronson – Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 pm

Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast – Sunday, March 15 at 9:15 am

Shabbat Dinner – Friday, March 27 at 7:00 pm

Social Action Programs

Loaves & Fishes – Wednesday, March 4 & April 1 at 11:45 am

Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church – Sunday, March 22 & April 26 at 4:45 pm

Meetings

Annual Meeting – Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 am

Board of Trustees – Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm

Shabbat Information

March 6 – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 5:29 pm

March 7 – Shabbat T'tzaweh, Havdalah 6:29 pm

March 13 – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 6:37 pm

March 14 – Shabbat Ki Tissa, Havdalah 7:37 pm

March 20 – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 6:45 pm

March 21 – Shabbat Va-yakhel/P'kudei, Havdalah 7:45 pm

March 27 – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 6:53 pm

March 28 – Shabbat Va-yikra, Havdalah 7:53 pm Sisterhood Shabbat

April 3 – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 7:01 pm

April 4 – Shabbat Tzav, Havdalah 8:01 pm Scott Burstein's Bar Mitvah

April 10 – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 7:09 pm

April 11 – Intermediate Day Passover, Havdalah 8:09 pm

April 17 – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 7:46 pm

April 18 – Shabbat Sh'mini, Havdalah 8:46 pm

April 24 – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 7:24 pm

April 25 – Shabbat Tazria/M'tzora, Havdalah 8:24 pm

Office Closings

April 9 – Passover

April 10 – Passover

April 15 – Passover

April 16 – Passover

Help Feed the Hungry in Our Community



Rabbi Katz invites our members to join her to serve lunch at the Loaves and Fishes Community Kitchen, located at Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut Street in Springfield on **Wednesday, March 4** and **Wednesday, April 1 at 11:45 am**. There's no need to prepare any food ahead of time—just show up with a gallon of whole milk, and help serve the hungry in our community.

Please join us on **Sunday, March 22** and **Sunday, April 26** to prepare and serve dinner at Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church, 797 State Street in Springfield. Food can be cooked at home or purchased. Contact our Social Action Chair, Susie Rosenberg, at pawssgr@comcast.net to sign up so she can coordinate who will bring different items.

Previously at TBE

Carol's Beit Café

See story, page 7.



Family Education at the SKLC

On January 5, our students challenged their parents to a game of Kahoot which included Jewish trivia questions. The students organized the event, including creating the questions. The evening concluded with a deli dinner. A good time was had by all! Both the parents and the children enjoyed the game so much that we are planning another event in the spring.



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