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2025 Pesach Schedule

Pre-Passover Preparations:

Thursday, April 10th - Fast of the First Born

7:00 am Morning Minyan (*in-person and on Zoom*)

Followed by Siyyum & breakfast (learning session & breakfast to exempt firstborns from fasting)

After sunset: Bedikat Chametz (Search for leaven)

Friday, April 11th - Bi'ur Chametz (Dispose of chametz)

Saturday, April 12th - Bittul Chametz (Nullification of chametz)

Passover Schedule:

Saturday, April 12th - Erev Pesach

1st Seder at Homes (there will be no evening services)

8:39 pm Candle Lighting from pre-existing flame

Sunday, April 13th - Pesach Day 1 (Yom Tov)

10:00 am Shabbat & Yom Tov morning service (*in-person and on Livestream*, Livestream 10:00 am - 12:30 pm)

(Note start time change)

2nd Seder at Homes (there will be no evening services)

8:40 pm Candle Lighting

Monday, April 14th — Pesach Day 2 (Yom Tov)

10:00 am Yom Tov morning service (*in-person and on Livestream*, Livestream 10:00 am - 12:30 pm)

(Note start time change)

No in-person Mincha

8:40 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah (*on Zoom ONLY*)

Tuesday, April 15th – Thursday April 17th - Pesach Days 3-5 (Chol Ha Moed)

7:15 am Shachant morning service (*in-person and on Zoom*)

6:00 pm Evening service (*in-person and on Zoom*)

Friday April 18th — Pesach Day 6 (Chol Ha Moed) and Erev Shabbat and Yom Tov

7:15 am Shachant morning service (*in-person and on Zoom*)

6:00 pm Shabbat Ma'ariv Service (*in-person and on Livestream*, Livestream 6:00 - 7:00 pm)

7:45 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 19th — Pesach Day 7, Shabbat and Yom Tov

9:30 am Shabbat morning service (*Livestream* 9:30 am - 12:30 pm)

No evening service

8:45 pm Candle Lighting from a pre-existing flame

Sunday, April 20th — Pesach Day 8

9:30 am Yom Tov morning service (*in-person and on Livestream*, Livestream 9:30 am - 12:30 pm)

10:45 am (approximate) - Yizkor

8:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah (*Zoom only*)

Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/7316333673>

Livestream:

<https://player2.streamspot.com/?playerId=f8214582>



February 27, 2025

Dear Friends:

As we prepare for Pesach, our attention turns in particular to two important mitzvot: providing for the poor, and getting rid of all hametz. As for hametz, I suggest these three standard methods:

1. Use up as much as possible, especially *hametz she-b'ayin*, "things that look like hametz," e.g. pasta, bread, cakes, cereal.
2. Give away whatever you will notsume. Unopened packages may be contributed to the TBT Food Barrel before Thursday, April 10th; sealed packages may be given to non-Jewish friends and neighbors.
3. For *hametz* that you cannot give away or that would cause financial hardship to give away (e.g. bottles of liquor), fill out the form below, and I will serve as your Transfer Agent to execute a contract to:
 1. Sell (transfer legal title of) said foods to a non-Jew (as of Friday April 11th at 10:00 am) and
 2. Rent cabinet storage space in your home to the same non-Jewish person, so s/he does not have to physically move it off your premises before Pesach.
 3. If the non-Jewish person wants to back out of the deal after Pesach, I will arrange for title to revert to you after the holiday.

Note: Because Passover begins when Shabbat ends on Saturday night April 12th, you should designate *hametz* that you will be eating from Friday afternoon through Shabbat morning, which are not covered by this sale. All *hametz* not included in the sale should be eaten before 10:45 am on Shabbat morning. Whatever is not eaten must be removed from the home by 11:50am Shabbat morning. It may be destroyed on Shabbat by flushing down a toilet, or throwing it into a public garbage.

This is also the season for collecting and distributing Ma'ot Hittim, money to help the poor buy Passover food and supplies. Members of our community are counting on your generosity.

You can return this form to the office or email it to rabbirich@btzbuffalo.org by Thursday, April 10th. You can also complete the form online at <http://www.bit.ly/hametz5785>

With best wishes for a joyous Pesach.

Rabbi Sara Rich

I authorize Rabbi Sara Rich to act as my agent and sell all hametz in my possession as of the morning of Friday, April 11th, 2025 (except that which you have designated to eat from Friday afternoon through Shabbat morning), as well as to lease the spaces in my home where chametz is located.

My name is _____

Address(es) where hametz is located _____

Signed _____ Date _____

I am pleased to enclose a voluntary donation of \$ _____ to the TBT Ma'ot Hittim Fund. You may also make a donation to the Ma'ot Hittim Fund through our website at btzbuffalo.org

*We gratefully acknowledge donations in observance of
the following Yahrzeits*

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From The Rabbi

We have a rare situation this year (occurring just 12% of the time!), with the Passover Seder beginning on a Saturday night. We need to complete our preparations before Shabbat, but with the seder not starting until the evening, Shabbat itself is in a strange state of limbo. Normally we search for chametz (leaven) the night before the seder and destroy it that morning. We also refrain from eating matzah on the day of the seder, so that we build up our appetite to savor our first bites of matzah during the seder.

What then does this mean for Shabbat? Here are the main details to keep in mind:

- ◆ Bedikat Chametz (Search) takes place after sundown on Thursday April 10th.
- ◆ Bi'ur Chametz (Dispose) takes place by noon on Friday April 11th. However, do not yet recite the formula of Bittul Chametz (Nullification).
- ◆ The sale of chametz takes effect Friday morning for all of your chametz except any that you chose to set aside to eat on Friday night or Shabbat morning.
- ◆ For Friday night dinner, you may eat challah or other chametz, just watch those crumbs!
- ◆ Any remaining chametz should be consumed by 10:45 AM on Shabbat morning.
- ◆ Anything not eaten should be must be removed from the home by 11:50am Shabbat morning. Since we are limited with the ways that we can destroy chametz on Shabbat, you can flush small amounts of chametz down a toilet (if it won't mess up your plumbing) or throw it into a public garbage.
- ◆ When you eat or dispose of your last chametz, you then recite the Bittul Chametz (Nullification) formula.
- ◆ Alternatively, you can eat your last chametz on Friday, and use egg matzah for your Friday night meal and throughout the day on Saturday.
- ◆ When you light candles on Friday night, light a Yahrzeit candle that will last until the next evening. You can then use this flame to kindle the Passover candles on Saturday night.

Timing also presents a challenge for those of us who are not night owls. Traditionally the Seder begins after dark because that is when the Israelites left Egypt, and this is especially important on Shabbat, because we cannot shorten the length of Shabbat to move into the next day, even if it is another holiday.

This year, Shabbat does not end on April 12th until 8:36 PM, which is a late start to the seder, and prohibitively late for young children. Based on a teshuva (responsum) written by Rabbi Joshua Heller for the Conservative Movement's Committee on Jewish Law & Standards, I recommend the following: Recite kiddush on the first cup of wine, but skip the blessings for Havdalah (the blessings that end "borei me'orei haesh" and "hamavdil bein kodesh l'kodesh") that are included for Saturday night. Proceed with your seder, but try to coordinate so that you reach the second cup of wine around 8:20 pm. At this point, use the pre-existing flame to light your Yom Tov candles, and after blessing the second cup of wine, also recite the Havdalah blessings. You can then continue with your seder and your meal.

I am happy to answer any questions you have.

Most importantly, may you celebrate in good health, with family and friends, enjoying the sweet taste of freedom!

Rabbi Sara Rich



Lunchtime Torah Express
with Rabbi Sara Rich

Weekly on Tuesdays, 12:00-12:30 PM
Bring your favorite Torah commentary as we study the weekly Parsha together!
On Zoom Only. One time pre registration is required at www.bit.ly/tbtxpress

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Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM

We will recite the daily prayer service, followed by Psalms and Prayers for Healing for ourselves and for loved ones in need of healing.

For more information call Rabbi Rich at 716-838-3232 or email rabbirich@btzbuffalo.org

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PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025
10:30 AM - Noon**

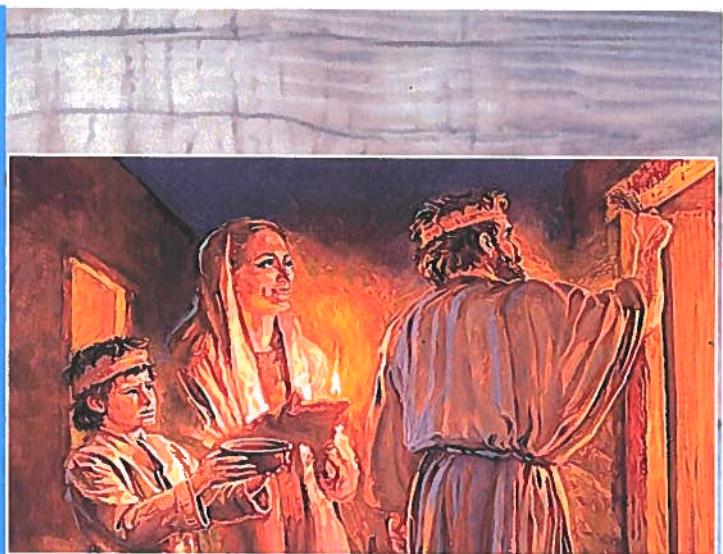
At Temple Beth Tzedek

1641 North Forest Road, Williamsville NY 14221

Donations can also be dropped off any time the building is open.

Canned goods and other unopened non-perishable food items or paper products are needed to help local communities in need.

This is a perfect time to clean your cupboards of chometz for Passover - Make cleaning a Mitzvah!



Join your friends and Temple Beth Tzedek's Kesher Inclusion Outstretched Arm

for a celebration of
Passover Seder traditions!

**Sunday, April 6, 2025
10:30 AM - Noon**

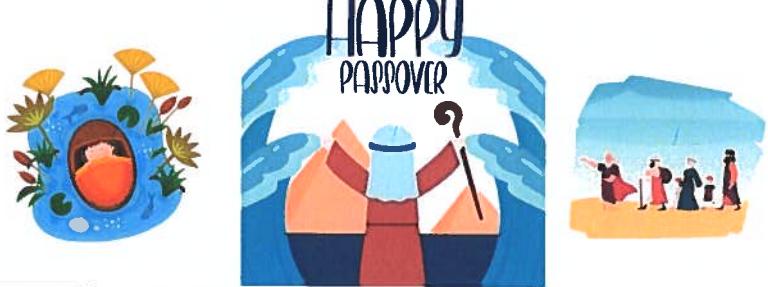
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This event is in person, with a Zoom option <https://bit.ly/oaPasso>

People of all ages and abilities are invited, please let us know if you need accommodations to make this experience meaningful.

**RSVP by March 30th to the TBT Office
email: RSVP@btzbuffalo.org or 716-838-3232**



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From the President

When I was very young, my grandparents and parents had no idea they were creating lasting memories for me, my sister Michele, and our cousins Lynn and Susan. Passover at my Bobie (that's how she spelled Bubbie) and Zadie's house left a lasting impression on me. While my Zadie, my father, and Uncle Benny were at Shul, my Bobie my mother, and my aunts—Ann, Jean, and Shirley—were bustling around the small Shoreham kitchen, heating up dinner and putting the finishing touches on the preparations for our Seder and meal. The table was set with special Passover china, silverware, and glasses. Even as children, we could tell these dishes were different from the everyday ones.

When the men returned from Shul, they would have their schnapps, and we'd all take our seats at the table. Zadie, with a large pillow behind him, would sit at the head of the table. Each of us had a Maxwell House Haggadah in hand. The entire Seder was conducted in Hebrew, and the children were allowed to sip some Mogen David wine, while the adults enjoyed Malaga wine. It was a very traditional Seder, and when Zadie went to wash his hands, we'd sneak off to hide the afikomen in the grand piano.

The Seder seemed to stretch on for hours. We eagerly waited for the door to be opened for Elijah, sitting very still as we imagined Elijah entering and drinking the wine. Bobie, with help from Aunt Jean and Aunt Shirley, served an unforgettable meal. The delicious aromas of Passover food filled the house, and the table was filled with many courses and an abundance of dishes. Dessert consisted of tea and a variety of beautiful baked goods, sponge cake, along with dried fruits and nuts still in their shells.

Dinner couldn't be complete until Zadie searched for the hidden Afikomen. When he couldn't find it, we'd strike a deal, allowing us to finish the Seder. Afterward, during Chol HaMoed, Aunt Jean would take the us to a toy store, where we could choose toys from Zadie.

Bobie and Zadie never realized how these simple moments with us would become cherished memories that would last a lifetime.

After Zadie passed away, new traditions began. Time changes, but our memories remain forever. I hope everyone at your Passover table is creating precious memories for all the kinderlakh.

For many years now, my sister Michele and Lance have hosted our Passover Seder. Below is one of the recipes I make every year. It may not be my Bobie's recipe, but it's one of Lance's Passover favorites.

This Farfel Recipe was submitted by Muriel Narotsky to the Shaarey Zedek Kosher Kitchen 2 cookbook. I have made a few changes.

Passover Farfel

1 large onion chopped in small pieces
1/4 cup oil
3 1/2 cups Matzo Farfel
16 1/2 ounces of chicken or vegetable broth
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 tsp. paprika
Salt as needed

Sauté onions in oil until tender, using a large skillet. Add Matzo Farfel and stir until lightly browned.

Combine seasoning and broth. Add slowly to the skillet and cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until all the liquid is absorbed.

Hag Sameach!

Beth Kassirer



Temple Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 3 PM

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Sister of Marcia Saran

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Uncle of Rochelle Sanders
Uncle of Harvey Sanders

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Brother of Patrick Farrell
Uncle of Joey Farrell



Marcia & Norman Weiss on the marriage
of their granddaughter,
Miranda Weiss, to Chad Kirkorsky.



Can you sponsor a Kiddush?

Or enhance a kiddush to add something special along with our usual bagels and cream cheese?

Call or email Kim in the office to speak about it!
kjones@btzbuffalo.org or 716-838-3232.

Sponsoring a Kiddush is a special way to honor a birthday, an anniversary, a birth, to observe a yahrzeit, or recognize any special event in your community or family.

It's also a great way to do something special for shul from you!



The Women's Network would like to thank everyone who has so generously given to our book and toy drive! Your donations have made a noticeable difference at the Erie County Family Court Children's Center.

The Center has asked us to expand our drive as they are gearing up for summer and some exciting renovations to their space. We want to help them!

The Center is calling this a "Wish List" but we want TBT to help make it a "Let's Do It List!"

To the right is a list of items that the Center has asked us to work on gathering donations of for them.

Please email Pam Cohen at pamcohen@verizon.net if you can help with any of these items. We will work with you on delivery options!

We Are Collecting

Kid-Friendly Paints
Paint Brushes
Thick Crayons
Larger Size Construction Paper
Paper Plates
(in different sizes)
Google Eyes
Popsicle Sticks
Stickers

Toy Cars
Board Games
Large Puzzles
Sensory Table Items

A Small Flatscreen TV
- this can be used as long as it is in good condition
Paint Easels
A Nintendo Wii Console
- with Just Dance & Wii Sports
- with working controllers



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Norm Weiss

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Myra Werbow

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From The Women's Network

In Judaism, inviting guests to a Passover Seder is a cherished tradition rooted in the value of hospitality (Hachnasat Orchim). The Haggadah, read during the Seder, begins with an invitation to the hungry and needy, reinforcing themes of freedom and community. This practice honors the Exodus story. It reminds participants of their ancestors' hardships and the importance of inclusion. Welcoming guests fosters unity, strengthens our Jewish identity, and ensures the holiday's lessons are shared across generations.

The value of Hachnasat Orchim is discussed in Pirke Avot in the following teaching. "Let your house be open wide. Treat the poor as members of your own family." Our Synagogue is also considered our home. Let's remember to reach out to guests as well as newcomers

to our 'Beit Knesset' and help to make each person feel a part of our inner circle.

The Women's Network would like to thank Linda Steinhorn. We appreciate all of her efforts in sending beautiful Torah Fund Purim cards.

We want to thank all those who worked on our outstanding March program that welcomed Michelle Cameron, author of "Napoleon's Mirage."

Myra Werbow and I wish each of you a joyous and sweet Passover.

~ Sharon Jacobs

The TBT Women's Network invites you to

Join us for a tour of the night sky!

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

From 3:30-5 PM

At the Williamsville North High School Planetarium

1595 Hopkins Rd, Williamsville, NY 14221

**Guests & Friends
are welcome!**

**Rides can be
arranged if needed.**



Cost is \$10 per person.

RSVP by April 18th to

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Mah Koreh B'CRS? (What's Happening at CRS)

The month of April is a short one for CRS students and their families. The preparation for Passover includes learning the mitzvot, blessings and songs associated with it and participating in Tikkun Olam opportunities. CRS students will be making Holiday cards to be sent to Jewish service members worldwide through the Jewish Soldiers Project. Passover cards and full seder meals will be delivered to our senior friends at Amberleigh Senior Living through the Better Together program. Our Madrichim coordinated and will implement a fun Passover celebration of activities for the whole school!

The Community Religious School is excited to partner with HERO and welcome a guest speaker to present about the Holocaust to the students in grades 6,7 and Madrichim.

Our 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATIN OPENS SOON! Check out our website at www.CRSBuffalo.com

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TEMPLE BETH TZEDEK WOMEN'S NETWORK



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

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Susan Recoon at
srecoo@roadrunner.com

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JUNE 21

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VIDEO YAHRZEIT BOARD

We have a video yahrzeit board that displays virtual plaques the week of the yahrzeit. You can purchase a physical memorial tablet to be placed on the wall in the courtyard (along with the virtual plaque on our board) the cost is \$600.

What you may not know is that you can have a short biography about your loved one and a picture on the virtual yahrzeit board. This can be accessed through the search function on the board or through the link on our website and weekly announcements email. It also will be displayed the week of the yahrzeit, along with the virtual plaque. The cost for the biography and picture is \$180.

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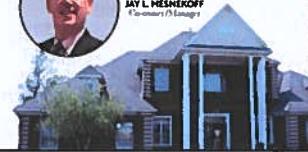
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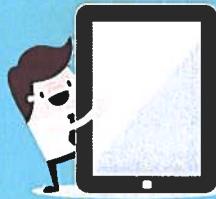
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April 11	7:35 pm	April 12	8:35 pm
April 18	7:43 pm	April 19	8:45 pm
April 25	7:51 pm	April 26	8:55 pm
May 2	7:59 pm	May 3	9:00 pm
May 9	8:07 pm	May 10	9:10 pm
May 16	8:17 pm	May 17	9:15 pm
May 23	8:21 pm	May 24	9:25 pm
May 30	8:28 pm	May 31	9:30 pm

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April Calendar

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3 Nisan	2 4 Nisan	3 5 Nisan	4 6 Nisan 5:30 PM PJ Library Shabbat	5 7 Nisan 10:30 AM Junior Congregation
6 8 Nisan 10:30 AM - Noon Food Drive 10:30 AM - Noon Kesher Passover Program	7 9 Nisan	8 10 Nisan 7 PM Board	9 11 Nisan 7:30 PM Membership	10 12 Nisan	11 13 Nisan Siyum	12 14 Nisan Search for Hametz
13 15 Nisan Passover	14 16 Nisan Passover	15 17 Nisan Intermediate Day	16 18 Nisan Intermediate Day	17 19 Nisan Intermediate Day	18 20 Nisan Intermediate Day	19 21 Nisan First Seder
20 22 Nisan Passover	21 23 Nisan	22 24 Nisan 4PM Women's Network at TBT 7 PM JCC Book Festival	23 25 Nisan 7:30 PM House Men's Club: Guy's Night Out	24 26 Nisan	25 27 Nisan	26 28 Nisan 10:30 AM Tot Shabbat
27 29 Nisan 4:30 PM Synagogue Skills with Rabbi Rich	28 30 Nisan	29 1 Iyar 7 PM Officers	30 2 Iyar			