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2024 Pesach Schedule



Sunday, April 21st — After sunset: Bedikat Chametz (Search for leaven)

Monday, April 22nd — Erev Pesach, 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)

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

7:48 PM Candle Lighting

Tuesday, April 23rd — Pesach Day 1 (Yom Tov)

10:00 AM Shabbat & Yom Tov morning service (in-person and on livestream)

(Note start time change)

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

8:49 PM Candle Lighting

Wednesday, April 24th — Pesach Day 2 (Yom Tov)

10:00 AM Yom Tov morning service (in-person and on livestream)

(Note start time change)

No in-person Mincha

8:50 PM Ma'ariv & Havdalah (on Zoom ONLY)

Thursday, April 25th — Pesach Days 3 (Chol Ha Moed)

7:15 AM Shacharit morning service (in-person and on Zoom)

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

Friday April 26th — Pesach Days 4 (Chol Ha Moed)

7:15 AM Shacharit morning service (in-person and on Zoom)

6:00 PM Shabbat Ma'ariv Service (in-person and on livestream)

7:52 PM Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 27th — Pesach Day 5/Shabbat Hol Ha Moed Pesach

9:30 AM Shabbat morning service

8:55 PM Ma'ariv & Havdalah (on Zoom ONLY)

Sunday, April 28th — Pesach Day 6 (Hol HaMoed)

8:30 AM Shacharit – morning service (in-person and on Zoom)

6:00 PM Mincha and Festive Ma'ariv (in-person and on livestream)

7:55 PM Candle Lighting

Monday, April 29th — Pesach Day 7, Yom Tov

9:30 AM Shacharit – Yom Tov morning service (in-person and on livestream)

5:00 PM Study Session with Rabbi Rich (in-person only)

6:00 PM Mincha & Festive Ma'ariv (in-person and on livestream)

8:56 PM Candle Lighting

Tuesday, April 30th — Pesach Day 8, Yom Tov

9:30 AM Yom Tov morning service (in-person and on livestream)

10:30 AM (approximate) - Yizkor

No in-person Mincha

9:00 PM Ma'ariv & Havdalah (Zoom only)

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

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





Please put your name inside your tallit bag.

Some weeks we find one that has been left behind and we don't know who should be notified to come get it. A simple card with your name and number tucked inside will make it much easier to return your tallit should you leave it behind.

Our shul library is not accepting book donations at this time. This will enable us to catalog the collection as expeditiously as possible.



Thanks for your understanding!



The special congressional election falls on April 30th, the last day of Pesach. Plan ahead and order your absentee ballot now from: <https://elections.erie.gov/Absentee> Early voting will also be available at multiple locations from April 20th-28th.

Service times

WEEKDAY

Sunday Shaharit	8:30 AM
Mon-Fri Shaharit	7:30 AM
Daily Ma'ariv	6:00 AM

SHABBAT

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 PM
Shaharit	9:30 AM

GATHERING TIMES FOR MA'ARIV & HAVDALAH

April 6	8:30 PM
April 13	8:35 PM
April 20	8:45 PM
April 27	8:55 PM
May 4	9:00 PM
May 11	9:10 PM
May 18	9:15 PM
May 25	9:25 PM
June 1	9:30 PM

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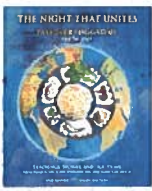


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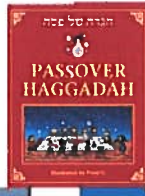
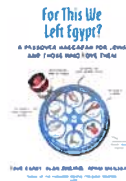
Haggadah Show & Tell

Wednesday, April 10 2024
5-6 PM
At Temple Beth Tzedek



Bring a favorite Haggadah to this learning session. We will explore the different ways the Passover story is told in different Haggadot.

You will leave with new pearls of wisdom to share at your Seder.



Happy Passover

Come for a taste of Passover Seder traditions!
Keshet Outstretched Arm Passover
Sunday, April 14, 2024
10:30 AM - Noon

In the Temple Beth Tzedek Social Hall

Can't make it in person? Join us on Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89428392448?pwd=acL0hZfUgM4s9AKEjRIKcJdP40QZ0S.1>

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

RSVP by April 5th to the TBT Office
RSVP@btzbuffalo.org or 716-838-3232



PASSOVER DRIVE-UP

SUNDAY APRIL 14TH, 2024
10:30 AM - NOON

Donate canned goods and other non-perishable food items to communities in need.



CANNED GOODS

בית תצדק
TEMPLE BETH TZEDEK

Vaccination Clinic



SUNDAY
MAY 5, 2024
9:30 AM - NOON

Vaccines Available:
Covid - 19
TDAP
Prevnar 20
(the pneumonia shot)

RSVP to
cappuccino.marcia@gmail.com
to reserve your vaccine!

The CDC has recommended that those over 65 receive another Covid vaccine this Spring. It is not a new vaccine, it is an additional one to the one received in the fall of 2023.

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

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From The Rabbi

What We Can Learn from a Sheet of Matzah

It's Matzah Time! Whether you prefer Manischewitz, Yehuda or Osem, the time has come to stock up on our favorite humble unleavened bread. While much of our efforts during the week of Passover go into figuring out how to transform matzah into more tempting culinary creations, we have an opportunity to learn from, perhaps even be inspired by, matzah in its plain form.

The commandments to eat matzah and to refrain from eating leavened bread appear in multiple places in the Torah. The first mentions are in Exodus 12. In preparation for the Israelites' liberation from slavery they are given the instructions for observing Pesach. These include the sacrificial lamb, eating matzah, and refraining from eating hametz for seven days. The matzah becomes the symbol for the Israelites' hasty exit from Egypt, and their lowly status prior to redemption.

Over the generations our Torah commentators have offered additional lessons to help us make meaning from the commandments to eat matzah and to refrain from eating hametz during Pesach. Here are a few that I find particularly meaningful:

Hurrying to do Mitzvot: Where the text of Exodus 12:17 urges "You must be vigilant regarding the matzot," Rashi explains that this vigilance is so that they do not come to be leavened. He quotes Rabbi Yoshiah who suggests we do not read the Hebrew as "matzot," but actually as "mitzvot"! (There is some room to play with the Hebrew because the consonants are the same). Just as we do not allow the matzah to leaven, so we do not allow a mitzvah to leaven. Rather if the opportunity comes to you, do it immediately.

Rabbi Yoshiah reminds us that we should not delay in doing what is right, especially when directly presented with the opportunity.

Acknowledging What We Can't Control: Although there is much that as Jews we are obligated to do, spending a week without eating hametz helps us to accept that we are not fully in control. HaEmek HaDavar explains the commandment in Exodus 13:3 "You shall not eat chametz" as teaching us that "Matzah does not benefit from the stratagems of human hands, to rise the dough any more than bread and water- which were created by the Blessed One." In other words we do not add to the basic ingredients of matzah, and we are compelled to be nourished by the result. We remember that there are times in life when we must live within the limits with which we are presented.

Our Responsibility Towards Others: The matzah represents the lowest point for the Israelites, and the incredible feats that God performs to free them from bondage. Rabbi Judith Hauptman teaches that matzah is the symbol of our past experience, and a reminder for today. She writes "We celebrate our own freedom by rededicating ourselves to free others who are still enslaved. This is the great moral lesson of Passover. And it is triggered by looking at the flatbread on the seder table and letting it jog our memory." Unlike the slice of toast on our plates throughout the year matzah demands moral action.

I hope these teachings enrich and inspire your Chag HaMatzot. Wishing you a Chag Kasher v'Sameach!

Rabbi Sara Rich

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From the President

Whenever I'm in the building I notice the many acts of kindness. There are people who hold open the doors. People who help others find prayer books or pages. Those who help pull out and push in chairs, help fold talleim, hang up coats, get coffee, offer seats next to them, read to our little ones, and those who do so much more. Being kind is contagious. It makes me happy to see this contagion spreading through the congregation.

We share pride that our building is welcoming to all with its universal design and our Keshet Committee's extraordinary efforts in outreach. Now each of us needs to be sure we are really being warm and welcoming. Let me share a story. When my family was very new to Western New York we went to a Shabbat dinner at a different shul. We approached a table and asked if we could join them and were told that the seats were saved. The same thing happened at the next table. Feeling hurt and unsure, we found an empty table and sat with our backs to the room. Soon the table filled in with a family with older children including a little boy.

They were warm and welcoming. We felt included in the community.



Fast forward more than 40 years. Our then about to leave for college teen at that dinner table had grown up and took a job with Jewish Family Services in Denver. She was given a booklet to read and was told that the information therein was her guidebook to doing her job. It contained the recent population study of their community. Finishing the booklet, she noticed the name of the author and wrote to him to ask if he was the same person as that little boy at a Shabbat dinner in Niagara Falls a long time ago. Yes, that little boy grew up to become an expert on Jewish populations. They have now reconnected, each in a new role but each remembering that long ago meeting. As the International President of Women's League, Julia Loeb says "the stranger is the friend you haven't met yet." Please help us make those strangers who come to our events feel welcome.

I've often been amused that our calendar has us buying baking supplies to make hamantaschen and other goodies to share with family and friends for Purim, just to turn around a few short weeks later to clean all chametz from our homes to prepare for Pesach. We juggle our Jewish calendar with the secular one, hoping that school breaks will coincide with our holidays, hoping the weather is good for us to travel or for guests to arrive. We live in divided worlds; our Jewish world and our secular one. Whichever foot you are standing on in our two worlds Larry joins me is wishing you a sweet and special Pesach.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Linda

Linda Boxer, President

It is never too early to shop for Passover. Besides all of the food to prepare, you cannot forget several important items needed for your table.

Haggadah	Matzah Plate
Seder Plate	Ten Plagues
Kiddush Cup	Afikomen Bag
Mayim Cup	Saltwater Container

Where to buy these products for your Seder? Right at TBT from our shop! We are happy to meet with you any time that Temple is open except during Shabbat.

Chag Sameach
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In memory of May Pleskow
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In memory of Demory Williams
Myra Werbow

May 10 -11, 2024

A special Shabbat at
Temple Beth Tzedek
with two Great
Events!

Isaac Klein Scholar in Residence
featuring Rabbi Rachel Isaacs
and the Installation of Rabbi Sara Rich

Mark your calendars now!

More details coming soon!





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The Ritual Committee and the Board have approved ordering new *Siddur Lev Shalem* for Shabbat and Festivals for our use in Temple! This gives you the opportunity to celebrate and honor the legacy of your loved ones and/or the installation of Rabbi Rich with a meaningful tribute.



Consider dedicating a *Siddur Lev Shalem* in honor of or in memory of a cherished family member or friend. Each dedication will be recorded with a bookplate, a reminder of your support for Temple Beth Tzedek and of the one you have chosen to acknowledge. Each volume dedicated for use in the sanctuary is \$54. However, if you would like to dedicate 10 books or more, the cost is \$50 per book.

Please let us know if you would like to order a copy for home use, priced the same as those dedicated for use in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your support of this exciting change within our synagogue!

Please note that bookplate dedications cannot be made in the name of more than one person/event on the same bookplate. For example, you cannot make one dedication both for the installation of Rabbi Rich and in the name of a loved one who has passed away on the same bookplate.

Please print the name of the person that you would like to honor on the bookplate, along with any relevant dedication for them such as "in honor of", "in memory of", or "on the occasion of".
(example: In Honor of Rabbi Sara Rich on the Occasion of Her Installation)

Total Number of Bookplates Ordering: _____

Number of *Siddur Lev Shalem* Ordering for Home Use: _____

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Requestor's Name _____

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Brother of Harvey Littman
Uncle of Ezra Littman

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Mother of Bonnie Chary
Mother of Andrea Cherenzia
Mother of Allan Steinberg

May Pleskow

Mother of Cheryl Pleskow
Mother of Deborah Pleskow
Mother of Lisa Kassow
Mother of Mark Pleskow

Charlotte Krebs

Mother of Barry Krebs
Mother of Jeffrey Krebs
Mother of Cindy Powers

Selma Freedman

Marshall Lipman

Husband of Sondra Lipman
Father of Howard Lipman
Father of Brian Lipman
Father of Craig Lipman
Grandfather of Eric Lipman



Brittany & Rob Taylor on the birth of
their son, Issac Jonathan Taylor!

Lori & Armand Morrison on the birth
of their grandson Issac Jonathan Taylor!

From The Men's Club

Welcome to April!

Your TBT Brotherhood is excited to have some spring in our step after a somewhat topsy turvy winter as far as the weather. But we're not going to let this month "pass over" without having some fun together.

First, thank you to everyone who participated in our Men's Club Shabbat on March 30, and especially to our coordinator, Dr. Gil Wolfe. It was a wonderful opportunity to show the diversity of our skills and knowledge, and the importance of having a thriving club in which we support one another. This is what Brotherhood is all about.

We're looking ahead to some great programs in the coming weeks. For starters I want to assure everyone that the members of your Men's Club don't have an axe to grind, but we do have one to throw! We'll be going axe-throwing in April, mixed in with a little Jewish learning to boot. We're calling it Hops, Chops, Hagbah and Halakha! Come out and try one of the newest and increasingly popular local activities, by testing your throwing skills at a target. Don't worry if you haven't done it; it's safe and carefully monitored in a controlled area. But it's fun as well. And while we're at it, learn how to properly lift a Torah both physically and halachically. (No, we're not actually bringing a Torah.)

If you don't like that, then we'll be doing something that might be more up your alley later in the month. Your bowling alley that is. Join us for a Sunday afternoon at Transit Lanes with your friends from TBT. Spare us any excuses, because they don't strike us well, so just pin this one on your calendar when you get the notice.

In May we'll take a walk on the wild side, as Gil Wolfe leads us on a nature hike. We had a great time exploring with him last year so don't trail behind on this one.

And on June 9, we're partnering with the Women's Network for our rescheduled brunch and speaker program. Dr. Richard Laub will be regaling us with tales about his archaeological dig in Western New York and the new book he wrote about his experiences and discoveries. If you miss this, I've got a bone to pick with you.

Bad jokes aside, we've got lots of adventures in store for you and we want you to join us. This is your Men's Club, open to all ages, so come be part of a network of guys spanning all of North America. You won't find anything like it!

See you in shul or at an event near you.

Jonathan Epstein



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March 28, 2024

Dear Friends:

During the next few weeks 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. All *hametz she-b'ayin* must be gone from your house before Pesach.
2. Give away whatever you can not (or will not) consume. Unopened packages may be contributed to the TBT Food Barrel before Thursday, April 18th; opened packages may be given to non-Jewish friends and neighbors.
3. If you own hametz products that "do not look like" hametz and you can not afford to give them away (whiskey, for example), you may 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 Monday morning, April 22, 2024) and
2. Rent cabinet storage space in your home to the same non-Jew, so s/he does not have to physically move it off your premises before Pesach.
3. If the non-Jew wants to back out of the deal after Pesach, I will arrange for title to revert to you after the holiday.

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 Sunday, April 21st. You can also complete the form online at www.bit.ly/hametz5784.

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 Monday, April 22, 2024, 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

**Attention
Homebound
Seniors &
Caregivers**

JFS is launching a new Bikur Cholim visitation program with the goal of decreasing feelings of loneliness and isolation amongst our special needs/aging TBT community.

This non-clinical program, whether it be for yourself or your loved one, helps promote positive emotional wellness, through feeling more connected to the community.

These visits can occur over the phone or in-person, weekly/bi-weekly or monthly. In addition to Bikur Cholim visits, JFS also offers assistance navigating social services (for example, SNAP/HEAP applications).

Give our JFS Liaison, Jamie Goodwin a call to get set up with your first visit.

She can be reached directly at 716.336.0641



Mah Koréh B'CRS?

(What's Happening at CRS)

From Einav Symons

As we are all in Passover mode, the students at CRS will be celebrating Pesach on April 14th, our only in school day this month. The students have been practicing the Four Questions and traditional Passover songs with Shira Zack and Morah Zahava. We know all our families will be celebrating Passover in a meaningful way!

Learning at CRS does not just occur at the Religious School location on Sundays. Thanks to the wonderful partnership between CSS, TBT and TBZ the students have opportunities to connect with all three synagogues. This month, the students and their parents are invited to visit the Cofeld Museum at TBZ. Age appropriate activities led by experienced docents will highlight the treasures that are housed at this museum. A CRS Friday night service will also take place this month at TBZ.

I wish all of you a Chag Pesach Sameach!

CRS is an inclusive pluralistic Community Religious School that inspires Jewish identity, literacy, and values. We foster an environment where leadership, lifelong friendships and family connections thrive. Family programs are scheduled for each grade to follow this year's theme of M'dor L'dor.

For more information on our academic program for students Pre-K through 7th grade, our Madrichim program for 8th-12th graders, or to become a supporter, please contact Einav Symons, the CRS Director at 716-574-6016. Please check out our website www.crsbuffalo.com for updates.



Rabbi Yonina Foster Ph.D. with Jewish Family Services will be offering two groups this month.

The Caregiver Group will meet on ZOOM ONLY Thursday, April 11 @ 11:00 AM.

We'll chant to ground and center ourselves and share where we're at. We'll learn a little Torah for well-being as you maneuver with love this challenging journey you find yourselves on.

The second group complements Rabbi Rich's Wednesday evening Healing Service, Rabbi Yonina is offering a Healing Circle, April 15th, Monday morning at 11:00 AM. Tune into Zoom for this Circle.

If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Yonina at yfoster@jfswny.org or call (716) 331-5313.

If you have ideas for additional support or mental health and wellness groups, please reach out.

the Matzah Ball

May 16, 2024
6:30 - 10pm

Temple Beth Zion
805 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209

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Healing Service

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

From The Women's Network

Oh my, what a busy time we have had in the past month. I am giving a huge thank you to Pam Cohen who gave up her Sunday to help me bake the quiche for our Purim Shpiel brunch, and many thanks to our President Linda Boxer for being our supervisor in the kitchen making sure we obeyed all the dietary laws.

I was joined in the kitchen observed by Brenda Rosen who was also the kitchen supervisor, and Pam Cohen and Jackie Korchowsky helped make the delicious items that were put out for Kiddish on Saturday March 16th. Special thanks to Pam who worked all day on March 16th to make our Kiddush happen. She is truly a special friend. Rusty Zackheim, Pam Cohen and I purchased a beautiful sheet cake for the March 16th Kiddush; because we all share the same birthday. Celebrating our birthdays together is always such a treat! I wish that more people would also celebrate their birthdays with us at the temple.

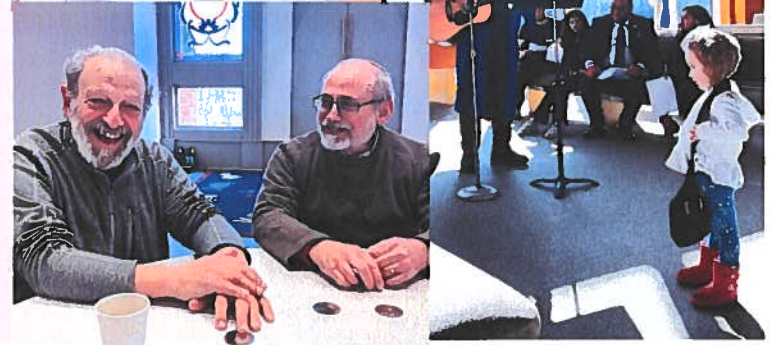
Our Purim Shpiel was enjoyed by a live audience and was live streamed for those not able to attend in person. We had a good turn out and everyone enjoyed themselves. What a great cast we had this year! Cantor Spindler as King Achashverosh, Zahava Fried as Queen Esther, Yaakov Fried playing the villainous Haman, Glen Pincus as Mordechai, Ezra Rich our Narrator, and me as Queen Vashti. Last but by no means least, Miriam and Sivan Rich played the most delightful guards you have ever seen. Behind the scenes Pam Cohen was our Stage Manager and Mistress of Props. Jacob Sherman made us a beautiful flyer. Y'asher Koach to all and many thanks to all those who supported us.

After brunch Miss Sivan Rich drew the winning ticket for the sweater raffle. The winner was K. Fassal! She is a volunteer at the Jacobs Medical Center and helps teach medical students how to give bad news to cancer patients. This is a program that was introduced to many of us by Jan Presser. All the volunteers in this program are cancer survivors, so it is truly special that our sweater winner helps with this program.

Coming up on Tuesday, April 9th at 10:30 AM Pam Buyer will be hosting a Passover Seder for Women. Light refreshments will be served including some Charoset that will be made during the demonstration part of the program. Make sure that you reserve your spot early, the cost is just \$18! Email Pam Buyer at pamelabuyer@gmail.com to save your seat.

On Sunday, June 9th we will host the rescheduled joint Men's Club and Women's Network program that was postponed from February. This program will be presented by Dr. Richard S. Laub who will be recounting his paleontological and archeological work on a local dig in Byron Ny. Dr. Laub has been the curator of Geology at the Buffalo Museum of Science for thirty-eight years. Linda Barat and Jonathan Epstein are chairing this program. Brunch will be served and the cost is \$18. Please watch for the flyer with more Information in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,
Rachel Anderson - President



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Returnable bottles and cans, oh my!

Did you know that we have a Temple Beth Tzedek account at Millersport Recycling Bottle and Can Redemption Center? Those nickels add up to help with funding our youth programming. After our recent drive-up event, we collected over 1000 bottles and cans to return.

The Millersport Recycling building is on Millersport Road, corner of North Westfield, in the Grover Cleveland Plaza, one building down from Natalie's Restaurant. Millersport Recycling accepts all bottles and cans, not just certain brand name bottles and cans. No need to run from store to store to make your returns. Millersport Recycling gives not for profits an extra 1% to the dollar amount from bottles and cans that are turned in.

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VIDEO YAHRZEIT BOARD

As many of you know we have a video yahrzeit board that displays the virtual plaques the week of the yahrzeit. If you would like to purchase a physical memorial tablet to be placed on the wall in the courtyard (along with the virtual plaque on our video board) the cost is \$600. What you may not know is that you have the capability of adding a short biography about your loved one and a picture. 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 automatically the week of the yahrzeit, along with the virtual plaque. The cost for the biography and picture is \$180.

For more information on ordering or information on how to see a sample of this, please contact Kim Jones in the synagogue office at 716-838-3232.



Thank you to those who have ensured Temple Beth Tzedek's future. To join contact Marcia Goldstein cappuccino.marcia@gmail.com or 716-432-2936



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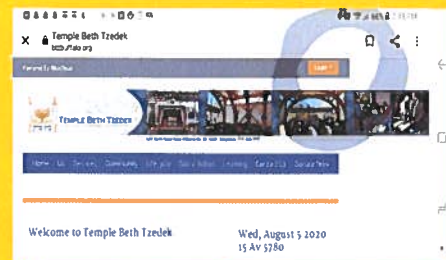
We have several bins in the synagogue by the coat racks for collection of wool socks, non-perishable food, and other items as requested for our community. Please remember there are always people in need in our community. We thank you for your help!

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If you have open charges on your account, you can make a credit card payment or make additional donations.



DASH'S RECEIPTS FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE WOMEN'S NETWORK

Our Dash's receipt program has emerged as an unqualified success. In case you are unaware of how this amazingly painless fundraiser works- here's the plan. Simply save your Dash's receipts. Turn them into the synagogue office when convenient. We collate them and take them back to Dash's office. They then send us a generous rebate check. Thank you very much for your efforts. Thank you for asking your friends and neighbors to assist in this wonderful program.



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April 19	7:44pm	April 20	8:45pm
April 26	7:52pm	April 27	8:55pm
May 3	8:00pm	May 4	9:00pm
May 10	8:08pm	May 11	9:10pm
May 17	8:16pm	May 18	9:15pm
May 24	8:22pm	May 25	9:25pm
May 31	8:29pm	June 1	9:30pm

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April Calendar

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 22 Adar 2	2 23 Adar 2 7:30PM Ritual	3 24 Adar 2	4 25 Adar 2	5 26 Adar 2	6 27 Adar 2
7 28 Adar 2	8 29 Adar 2	9 1 Nisan 10:30AM WN Women's Passover Seder 12PM Torah Express 5 PM Torah Talk 7 PM Board	10 2 Nisan 5-6 PM Haggadah Show & Tell 7 PM Membership	11 3 Nisan 7 PM Keshet	12 4 Nisan	13 5 Nisan
14 6 Nisan 9:15-10:45 AM Ganainu 10:30AM-12PM Keshet Passover Program	15 7 Nisan	16 8 Nisan 12PM Torah Express 1PM WN Board 5 PM Torah Talk	17 9 Nisan 7 PM Finance	18 10 Nisan 7:30 PM Adult Ed	19 11 Nisan	20 12 Nisan
21 13 Nisan	22 14 Nisan	23 15 Nisan OFFICE CLOSED	24 16 Nisan OFFICE CLOSED	25 17 Nisan	26 18 Nisan	27 19 Nisan
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28 20 Nisan 9:30-11 AM Mishpacha Passover	29 21 Nisan Passover	30 22 Nisan OFFICE CLOSED Passover				