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of Temple Beth Tzedek

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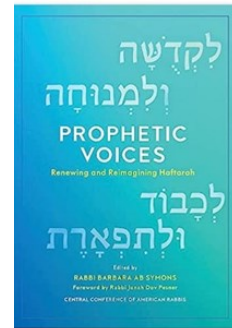
Rabbi Barbara Symons

to our congregation for Shabbat Morning Services,
September 2, 2023, to speak on
Haftarah Ki Tavo, Isaiah 60:1-22.



Rabbi Symons is the editor of Prophetic Voices,
Renewing and Reimagining Haftorah.

Her talk will highlight the profound
relevance of Haftarah to our daily
lives. Rabbi Symons has served
Temple David in Monroeville, PA
since 2006 and is deeply involved in
interfaith and community work.
She is the sister-in-law of our member,
Dr. Andy Symons.



Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

An enhanced kiddish will follow.

Donations to defray expenses are appreciated.

Women's Network of Temple Beth Tzedek 1641 North Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Women's Network Opening Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 Dinner 6:30 pm
Temple Beth Tzedek's Social Hall

Meet — Greet — Get To Know
RABBI SARA RICH

Dinner Cost:
\$30.00 WN Members
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Sunday Shahrut 8:30 am
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Daily Minha/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm

SHABBAT

Kabbalat Shabbat 6 pm
Shahrut 9:30 am

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From the Rabbi

Finding Consolation

I am so honored to offer you my first Shofar column as your Rabbi, and to celebrate together this new beginning. My joy for our new relationship is fitting for this meaningful time in the Jewish calendar.

We are in the period between Tisha b'Av and Rosh HaShanah, and it is a time of consolation. While, on Tisha b'Av, we experience the lowest depths of shame for our historic actions, which led to the destruction of the Temple and our exile from Jerusalem, we quickly thereafter are reminded that we are in eternal relationship with God. While we take three weeks, from the 17th of Tammuz to Tisha b'Av, to focus on the calamities that befell our people, and the role that our people played in bringing these on, we take the next seven weeks, more than twice as long, to seek comfort from the God that we just finished imagining as so angry and disappointed with us.

To facilitate our reconciliation, each Shabbat during these seven weeks, we read a special Haftarah of consolation. These portions all come from a section of the book of Isaiah that focuses on the experiences of exile and return. There is a complexity in these Haftarot to the messages of consolation. Although there are some explicit messages of comfort, the equivalent of a blanket and warm cup of tea, most of the verses are less about feeling good, and more about the expectations God has for the Israelites moving forward.

For example, we read the following in Isaiah 55:2-3, the Haftarah for Parashat Re'eh:

Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
Your earnings for what does not satisfy?
Give heed to Me,
And you shall eat choice food
And enjoy the richest dishes.
Incline your ear and come to Me;
Hearken, and you shall be revived.
And I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
The enduring loyalty promised to David.

The Israelites are commanded here to get their priorities straight. God is clear that the Israelites have not lost their capacity for going astray, even after the destruction and exile that they experienced. However, God does not give up on them. Instead, God reminds them that if they prioritize following God's commandments over other temptations, then the covenant will endure.

This is the comfort that Isaiah's words offer us today. Like our ancestors, we struggle to focus on that which we know is good, and like our ancestors, we suffer from the frailty of our commitments. But let us take comfort, that we always have a path back to God. Supporting one another, in holy community, we can return to our covenant, and to its reward.

Rabbi Sara Rich



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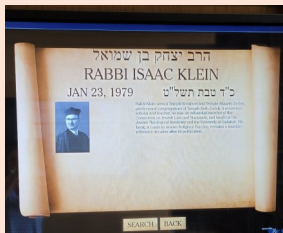
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From the President

Have you ever stayed up too late reading just one more chapter in a book? Have you ever finished reading a book, sighed with contentment, and yet felt frustrated that there wasn't more to read because you want to know what else is going to happen? That could describe what is happening at Temple Beth Tzedek. By the time you read this message, Rabbi Sara Rich will be our rabbi. Please welcome Rabbi Rich. Many of us know Rabbi Rich, or know of her from her community involvement, or call her a friend. I wonder what will be written in our next chapter and I'm excited to see what our future will hold.

Please join us at services and come see the next months and years unfold as we create new chapters in the history of Temple Beth Tzedek. And please join me in the hope that this next chapter will be a very long one.

Shalom,
Linda

Linda Boxer, President



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**Heidi and Sheldon Yellen on the marriage of their
daughter Kayla Yellen to Ignacio Martinez.**

**Barbara and Jack Yellen on the marriage of their
granddaughter Kayla Yellen to Ignacio Martinez.**



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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday
9:00 AM - 3 PM

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7 PM
at Temple Beth Tzedek

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A Dairy Dessert will follow Candace's talk.

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Where: Temple Beth Tzedek

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Happy Anniversary Tuesday Book Group

From Rusty Zackheim

Happy 19th or 20th anniversary to our Tuesday Book Group! It may have been 2003 or 2004 and I was President of Temple Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood. Women's League for Conservative Judaism, our umbrella organization, had just published a study guide called "*Etz Chayim He*" to be used as a study guide to prepare adults for a Bat Mitzvah. I ordered a copy and invited the women of the congregation who wanted to learn - not just prepare for a Bat Mitzvah - to join us on Tuesday morning when we studied with the rabbi. Thus began our Tuesday group! There were usually between 10 and 20 women who attended. Judy Carrel became our first adult Bat Mitzvah. Our class was a study and discussion group. Although sponsored by Sisterhood, it has always been open to all women of the congregation.

Fast forward to 2008 and we became Temple Beth Tzedek. We continued the class on Tuesday morning with our interim rabbi, Rabbi Conn. He led us in discussion and text study. If he was not available, we self led a discussion on that day.

Rabbi Netter joined us in 2009 and we continued studying texts of his choosing - mostly biblical and text related to liturgy. He read portions to us and we discussed the ideas presented, often relating the topic to current events. Sometimes our discussions were heated but always informative. Our sessions continued on Tuesdays at 10 AM. Our group has always been open to all and is a fluid group as our members come and go.

Then the most recent iteration of our Tuesday Book Group was born. With a series of interim rabbis, we became creative. We began to choose the books that we would read or topics we would discuss. Our criteria became that the book either had to have Jewish content or was written by a Jewish author. Rabbi Silberschein "hooked" us on reading about Rabbi Akiva, our book list is too long to include here but is very inclusive. We have read about Jewish holidays and famous and not so famous Jewish people. We read about Abraham Lincoln and the Jews, novels about the Catskills, Hedy Lamar (who was a Jewish spy), and many books about the Holocaust. We are presently reading "*First Friends*" by our own Gary Ginsberg. Our upcoming books include "The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton" and "The Women of Rothschild".

We are a unique book club. We read aloud the story and discuss it when we have questions or information to share. Everyone participates, but has the option to just listen if they choose not to read. We fluctuate between 10 and 20 people. We meet on zoom most Tuesdays from 10 - 11. Ladies may purchase their own copy of the book or get it from the library. We try to meet in person during the better weather, but we do have people joining us from outside the area so we meet on zoom most of the time.

This is a very brief history of a continuing program at TBT. Please feel free to join us if you are interested. Send me your name and email address and I will send you the zoom link.

Rusty Zackheim, 716-634-6028, irisz@aol.com

From the Men's Club:



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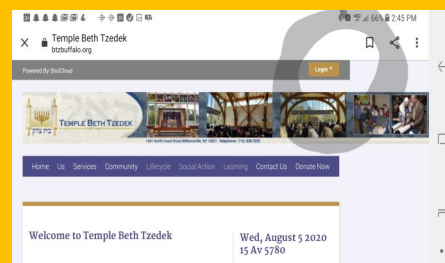
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August Calendar

(Subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 14 av	2 15 av 4:00p Chaverim	3 16 av	4 17 av	5 18 av
6 19 av 10:00a Brotherhood Brunch Honoring Cantor Spindler	7 20 av	8 21 av 7:00 p Board	9 22 av 7:00p Evening with Candace Vogel 7:30 Membership	10 23 av 7:30p Keshet	11 24 av	12 25 av
13 26 av	14 27 av	15 28 av 6:30p Sisterhood Opening Board	16 29 av 7:30p Finance	17 30 av 7:30p Adult Ed	18 1 elul	19 2 elul
20 3 elul 11:30a Brotherhood BBQ and Bisons	21 4 elul	22 5 elul 6:30p Sisterhood Program "Meet the Rabbi"/Dinner	23 6 elul 4:00p Chaverim 7:00p House	24 7 elul 8:00 p Youth Ed	25 8 elul	26 9 elul
27 10 elul	28 11 elul	29 12 elul 7:00p Officers	30 13 elul	31 14 elul	Sept. 1 15 elul	Sept. 2 16 elul