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Please make donations no later than March 10, 2024.

Forms for this were sent in December.
If you will be out of town or choose not to receive a basket,
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Questions?

Contact Marcia Goldstein at
cappuccino.marcia@gmail.com or at 716-432-2963.

Need a new form?

Contact the TBT office at 716-838-3232.

From The Ritual Committee

Upon recommendation of the Ritual
Committee and an affirmative vote of the
Board at the February 12th meeting,
we will soon retire our well-worn
Sim Shalom siddurim and purchase the
newer Lev Shalem books.

Lev Shalem follows the format of
our High Holiday machzorim and
has been widely adopted by other
Conservative synagogues.

Its language has been modernized and its
transliterations are more plentiful than in
the Sim Shalom siddurim.

Watch for opportunities to dedicate books
for use in the synagogue and to buy books
for your home use.

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

March 2	6:50 PM
March 9	7:00 PM
March 16	8:05 PM
March 23	8:15 PM
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From The Rabbi

Queen Esther Was a Vegetarian?!

& Other Lesser-Known Facts About Purim

With credit to My Jewish Learning,: <http://www.myjewishlearning.com>

Purim is a familiar, nostalgic holiday, during which we read the topsy-turvy story of our victory over Haman's proposed destruction, and celebrate with food, drink, song, generosity, and joy. But as we know with all Jewish topics, there is always more to learn! One of my favorite Jewish educational websites, MyJewishLearning.com, which I highly recommend for their articles on all Jewish topics, presented this list of lesser-known facts about Purim.

Our Purim Megillah reading theme this year is "Game Show Night." Enjoy reading these facts, and try to remember them – perhaps you'll be asked about them again on the big night!

1. Esther was a vegetarian (or at least a flexitarian).

According to midrash, while Queen Esther lived in the court of King Ahasuerus, she followed a vegetarian diet consisting largely of legumes so that she would not break the laws of kashrut (dietary laws). For this reason, there is a tradition of eating beans and peas on Purim.

2. You're supposed to find a go-between to deliver your mishloach manot, the gift baskets traditionally exchanged with friends and family on Purim. The verse in the Book of Esther stipulates that we should send gifts to one another, not just give gifts. As a result, it's better to send your packets of goodies to a friend via a messenger, than to just give them outright. This of course works very well with our synagogue mishloach manot program where volunteers deliver gifts straight to the home!

3. The Book of Esther is one of just two biblical books that do not include God's name. The other is Song of Songs. The Book of Esther also makes no reference to the Temple, prayer, or other Jewish practices.

4. The Book of Esther, which many scholars theorize is fictional, may be an adaptation of a Babylonian story. Some scholars argue that the Book of Esther adapted stories about these pagan gods — Marduk becoming Mordecai and Ishtar transformed to Esther — to reflect the realities of its own Jewish authors in exile.

5. Purim is celebrated one day later inside walled cities than it is everywhere else. The Book of Esther differentiates between Jews who lived and fought their enemies for two days within the walled, capital city of Shushan and those who lived in unwalled towns, where only one day was needed to subdue the enemy. The Rabbis determined we should make that same distinction when memorializing the event. Accordingly, if a person lives in a city that has been walled since the days of Joshua (circa 1250 B.C.E.), as Shushan was, Purim is celebrated on the fifteenth of the month of Adar, a day referred to as "Shushan Purim."

Rabbi Sara Rich



Temple Office Hours:

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

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Reservations are required by March 10th.
Contact Rachel Anderson - rachand74@outlook.com

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A Purim Message



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A Purim Message



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From the President

Connections. Are you, too, playing this new game? We in the Jewish Community play a version of Connections we call frequently call Jewish Geography. These connections were very apparent when Larry and I went to Maryland to celebrate our granddaughter's high school graduation. Friday, at the reception following the completion of the siyyum, I noticed someone I had never met in person, but recognized as another attendee at Women's League Zoom calls. Having introduced myself, we learned that her youngest grandchild and my eldest grandchild are in the same class.

Connections. Saturday morning, attending Shabbat services, we got into conversation with the people seated in front of us. They used to live in San Diego and wondered since we were from Buffalo if we knew their rabbi, Matthew Earne. Of course we do. He attended the Kadimah School and was active in USY with our daughter. His family belonged to one of our predecessor congregations. Connections. At the graduation on Sunday, my husband sought out the dean of students who has the same last name as his grandmother's maiden name. That was not a connection, but it was an interesting conversation. Weeks ago, a reading list was shared with the participants of the Tuesday Morning Book Group. One author on that list had a surname very similar to my grandfather's made-up name. I shared that information with my cousin who bears the immigration altered family name. My cousin read the book, contacted the author last week, and guess what? He thinks we are mishpacha. Connections. However, we play the games, Connections or Jewish Geography, we are interwoven in a community. At Temple Beth Tzedek our goal is to welcome newcomers to the 'family' and to maintain the ties we already have.

That being said, come connect with us. Come to services. Come to daily minyan, morning and evening, and stay a bit longer on Wednesday after evening minyan, for a short healing services. Come to our programs. Connect. Each of us is a single thread in the fabric of Temple Beth Tzedek. When we are together, that fabric is stronger and more vibrant.

Have you sent your mishoach manot gifts to fellow congregants? Ordered a Hamantash-a-gram? Bought Hamantaschen to benefit youth activities? Sent Purim greeting cards offered by Women's Network? Bought a raffle ticket to win a hand knit sweater? The drawing will be at the Sound of Purim spiel sponsored by the Women's Network. Made your reservations to attend? If not, why not? Deadlines are approaching; don't be late. Join the celebration of a happy holiday. We hope to see you at the Megillah reading Saturday evening March 23rd. Because Purim begins Saturday evening, this year's megillah reading will be geared toward adults. Come. Connect. Join us. Be part of the Temple Beth Tzedek family.

On February 20th, we held a congregational meeting to agree to sell our corner lot to the Jewish Federation so Federation can spearhead the mighty task of bringing a new group home to fruition. Yasher koach to Janet Gunner who has worked so tirelessly to get us to this point. Once we transfer the property to Federation, we will continue to support the project as good neighbors should. The congregational meeting was one step in a large and arduous process. My thanks to all who have had input in this process, especially to Steve Bengart who serves at our legal counsel for this project. Watch for information on how you can be part of the campaign to build this new home.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Linda

Linda Boxer, President



The Directory

The directory committee has spent countless hours striving to be sure the data contained within the 2024 Directory is correct. The eighth edition of the Temple Beth Tzedek Directory is nearly complete, and will be printed and out to you very soon. Each directory is a labor of love and a lot of hard work goes into its production. We hope you will use the directory to connect with other congregants as we build community and make new connections.

Additional copies of the 2024 directory may be purchased for \$10. Keep one at home, in your car, and one in your office.

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From The Women's Network

I'm always happy when March is here. For me it is the harbinger of spring. Birds are beginning to return and wake us in the morning with their beautiful songs. Even though there is still a chance for the occasional snowstorm we know that it won't stay around for long.

In February we needed to reschedule our program featuring Dr. Richard Laub. The program recounting his paleontological and archeological work on a local dig in Byron, Ny has been rescheduled to June 9th. Mark your calendar and watch for the flyer with all the details!

Purim is almost here and once again Women's Network is having a Purim Shpiel. This year it is entitled "The Sound of Purim." Yes, members of our cast will be singing parodies to well known songs from, you guessed it, "The Sound of Music". We have a wonderful and exciting cast and you will not want to miss this program. Many members of the cast are making their debut this year. We are inviting the entire congregation to join us for this program. We will be live streaming the shpiel for the out of towners and those who cannot make it to shul. In addition, our live audience will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious brunch consisting of the choice of quiches with salad, hamantaschen and drinks for the very reasonable price of \$20.00. When you place your reservation at rachand74@outlook.com please indicate your choice of quiche so we know how many to make. The deadline for reservations is March 10th.

We will be drawing the raffle of the hand knit sweater at the Purim Shpiel. If you haven't purchased your raffle tickets now is the time to do it. Gentlemen, this could be a lovely gift for your wife or grown daughter, and if you're as old as me an adult grandchild would appreciate it as a beautiful gift. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. The proceeds will help Women's Network to continue all the good work that it does for our temple and the wider community as we support many charities. Please send me an email telling me how many tickets you would like to purchase and I will leave them at the office in an envelope with your name on it.

Ladies, our temple president Linda Boxer will be installed as President of International Northeast Region of Women's League International Northeast Region at the conference on May 5th & 6th in Toronto. It would be so nice to have a contingency of Women's Network members to support her as she receives this prestigious honor. We are planning on getting a 12-person vehicle so we can all travel together and Women's Network of TBT will offer a stipend towards the overall cost. Please let Rusty Zackheim or me know if you are interested in joining us ASAP so we can take advantage of the early bird pricing. We have a few seats left in the rental vehicle. If you have never been to one of these conferences you will find that they are extremely interesting, educational and spiritual. It also provides the opportunity to meet and make new friends from around our area. Please consider joining us. One thing for sure, you will have fun.

Rachel Anderson, President



The beautiful cards are a wonderful opportunity to send Purim greetings, while supporting both Women's Network and the Women's League For Conservative Judaism's dedicated Tzedakah, Torah Fund, which in turn supports the education of our rabbis and cantors.

Why you should support Women's Network:

- Women's Network paid Temple Beth Tzedek's commitment to the Federation's security fund, enabling TBT to receive grant money for enhancing our safety in these turbulent times.
- Women's Network bought a second Stop the Bleed Kit for Temple Beth Tzedek, again enhancing our safety.
- Women's Network offers scholarship funds to our college youth and our campers.
- Women's Network provides shiva bags, with the items needed upon returning from the cemetery, to families who have suffered a loss.
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**Please PRINT your list and mail it,
together with your check, payable to
Women's Network, to:
Linda Steinhorn
330 Patrice Terrace
Williamsville, NY 14221.**

Deadline is March 11th to insure adequate time for mailing.

Women's Network is here for the women of our congregation.

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- Buy cards.
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Women's Network Sweater Raffle

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Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM

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



TEMPLE BETH TZEDEK



Caregiver Group

Honor and respect of our loved ones are deeply held Jewish values. So, too, is caring for ourselves. We, deserve the love and support we offer those for whom we care. Come fill up your own cup. We'll share brief Jewish texts, stories, offer insights and sing meditative songs.

Facilitator Rabbi Yonina from JFSWNY welcomes all caregivers to come and share their stories.

Come join us at Temple Beth Tzedek in the Minyan Room.

**In person and on Zoom
(link on the synagogue website)**

**Upcoming dates are on SUNDAY:
February 18, 2024 @ 10:45 am - 12:00 pm
March 10, 2024 @ 10:45 am - 12:00 pm**

**Contact Rabbi Yonina at yfoster@jfswny.org
or call (716) 331-5313**

JFSWNY is here for you.

From The Men's Club

Shalom!

It was a bit of a mixed bag for us last month, as we along with Women's Network had to postpone our planned brunch and speaker, Dr. Richard Laub, due to a confluence of circumstances – including both organizers being sick, and the Federation Super Sunday program on the same morning.

We apologize to those who were planning to come, but we hope you'll be able to make it for our rescheduled date on June 9. We deliberately pushed it off until the spring so that not only would there be no conflicts, and would allow those of our members who winter in Florida to be able to join us. So please look out for more information as it gets closer! Once again, Dr. Laub will be speaking about his experiences leading an archaeological dig in Western New York for the Buffalo Museum of Science, and the discoveries and conclusions he reached. We're looking forward to it, no bones about it.

Meanwhile we took a cue from our member Scott Herman as we got together to shoot pool at Bison Billiards at Eastern Hills Mall on Feb. 25. Enjoying each other's company and friendship, sinking more than a few balls and partaking of

some refreshments in the process. We don't want to get behind the 8 ball on social activities so we'll look to do more of these kinds of fun events. Stay tuned for bowling and axe-throwing in the coming weeks!

And to give you something to look forward to this month, Men's Club Shabbat is March 30! Your brothers will be leading Shabbat morning services from start to finish as we show our skills and strength, and energize our shul. The service is being coordinated and organized by Dr. Gil Wolfe, and he's looking for participants now so reach out now to let him know.

Finally, if you're not already a member of Men's Club, ask yourself why not? This isn't the Men's Club of old, but a fraternity of guys that love to get together with each other and do fun and enriching things. We'll eat well, drink well, play hard, and party hardy. All ages welcome and encouraged, and we want to be even more creative. That's how we maintain our youth. So come on in, check us out, and sign up now. Email me at jepstein@fjmc.org for more information.

Jonathan D. Epstein

Mah Koreh B'CRS?

(What's Happening at CRS)

From Einav Symons



Celebrating together brings our community together. Whether it is the teachers, Madrichim, students or the many volunteer parents it is always exciting to see smiling faces of our CRS community! One of my favorite moments was when a couple of parents who volunteered together realized that they have a shared history and many common friends. When parents get involved they act as role models for their children and gain personally from the experience. Thank you to our parent volunteers!

March is a busy month. We welcome Gon Erez who will lead a 2-part workshop on the situation in Israel for grades six and seven students and their parents. In February we had Mr. Ezra Rich speak to our students about his personal connection to Kinder Transport. Being a community school and being able to draw on the great resources we have within our community is truly a blessing!

This year with Purim falling on a Sunday the students at CRS will have an opportunity to dress up, hear the Megillah, prepare Mishloach Manot and partake in a Mishteh (feast). All the Mitzvot of Purim will be fulfilled, along with Maot L'evyonim (giving charity) to start our day!

I hope that the evil ones in our world who are so intent on our destruction to meet Haman's fate.

Wishing all a Happy Purim!

For more information on our academic program for students Pre-K through 7th, 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 registration and updates.

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VIDEO Yahrzeit BOARD

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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.



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.

If you return your own bottles and cans to Millersport Recycling, ask that they credit the Temple Beth Tzedek account. Need a pick up? Contact Steve Lippa.



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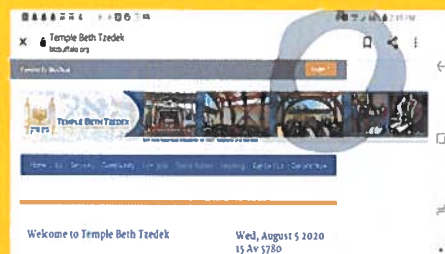
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Please remember there are always people in need in our community. We thank you for your help!



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April 5	7:28pm	April 6	8:30pm
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March Calendar

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3 23 Adar 1	4 24 Adar 1	5 25 Adar 1 Noon - Torah Express 5 PM - Torah Talk	6 26 Adar 1 6 PM - Healing Service 7 PM - WN Board on Zoom 7 PM - Finance	7 27 Adar 1	8 28 Adar 1	9 29 Adar 1
10 30 Adar 1 Daylight Savings 10:30 AM - Noon - Caregivers Support Group	11 1 Adar 2	12 2 Adar 2 Noon - Torah Express 5 PM - Torah Talk 7 PM - Board	13 3 Adar 2 6 PM - Healing Service 7 PM - Membership	14 4 Adar 2 7 PM - Keshar	15 5 Adar 2	16 6 Adar 2
17 7 Adar 2 10 AM - 1 PM WN Purim Program "the Sound of Purim"	18 8 Adar 2	19 9 Adar 2 Noon - Torah Express 5 PM - Torah Talk	20 10 Adar 2 6 PM - Healing Service	21 11 Adar 2 7:30 PM - Adult Ed Fast of Esther	22 12 Adar 2	23 13 Adar 2
24 14 Adar 2 9:15-10:45 AM - Ganainu Keshar Purim Program	25 15 Adar 2 Shushan Purim	26 16 Adar 2 Noon - Torah Express 5 PM - Torah Talk 7 PM - Officers	27 17 Adar 2 6 PM - Healing Service 7:30 PM - House	28 18 Adar 2 8 PM - Youth Ed	29 19 Adar 2	30 20 Adar 2 Brotherhood Shabbat
31 21 Adar 2 9:30 - 11 AM Mishpacha						