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**Just
show up.**

Arvi Roffe to Be Honored at Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast

Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 am



Arvi Roffe

TBE members are invited to the annual Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast when we'll honor Arvi Roffe for his outstanding volunteer work. The breakfast raises funds for the Nechamen/Chernick Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for children of our members to attend Jewish summer camp and educational programs in Israel. The morning minyan will be held in person (and on Zoom) at 9:00 am that day, followed by the breakfast. There will be plenty of raffle prizes to raise money for the Nechamen/Chernick Scholarship Fund. Afterwards, everyone can stay for TBE's Annual Meeting, which will start at 10:30 am (see article on page 7).

The menu includes: bagels, lox, cream cheese and veggies; egg and cheese bake; fruit, yogurt, muffins & cookies; coffee, tea & juice. The cost is \$15-25 per person (sliding scale). Volunteers are needed to help set up. If you are able to volunteer, please email the TBE office at office@tbespringfield.org.

Arvi moved to Western Massachusetts in 1997 when he was a Marine stationed at Westover Reserve Base. He became involved in our local Jewish community, teaching Hebrew, Torah studies, and "History of the Holocaust" to 8th graders at Sinai Temple, while davening at Temple Beth El and Yeshiva Academy. Shortly thereafter, he became a member of TBE, where his family has found a spiritual home ever since.

After returning from the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan in 2009, Arvi became a regular at TBE, attending minyan and weekly Shabbat services. He joined the TBE Board of Directors in 2016, and he currently serves as Chair of the Security Committee. Although his focus has been making TBE safer and more secure, he often volunteers to lend a helping hand wherever he can. During Covid he assisted with lining the parking lot with appropriate spacing for our outdoor services.

Arvi also helps set up for High Holy Day services, and stands in as an usher when needed. He worked closely with Sonia and Steve Ross in building a solid security policy, active shooter plan, and worked to provide preliminary findings for TBE's recent security grant.

Arvi is also active in the community as a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America and Freemasonry. Over the years, he has served as the Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 275 in East Longmeadow, President of East Longmeadow's Masonic Lodge Board of Directors, as well as its Master Mason and Senior Lodge Officer, and is a Shriner.

In 2015, Arvi retired from 22 years of military service (12 years Enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and 10 years as a Naval Officer). He currently works as Project Director with Anthem Health and lives in East Longmeadow. Arvi commented, "My beautiful wife and best friend of 23 years, Brigid, and I have two phenomenal children, Ethan and Emma, who both celebrated their Bar and Bat Mitzvah at TBE."

Rolling Out the Red Carpet at Our Purim Celebration!

Saturday, March 23 at 6:45 pm

We're rolling out the red carpet — join us for our Hollywood-themed Purim celebration! The Red Carpet, the glamour, the glitz, the memories and the fun! Refreshments, games, mitzvah-making and more! Come in costume — so many to choose from: actors, writers, composers, films and characters. If you don't have a costume, that's fine, too. TBE's Purim celebration is not to be missed!

Here's the schedule:

6:00-6:45 pm - Program led by Marlene Rachelle for families with children ages seven and younger

6:45 - 7:45 pm - Purim party

7:45 pm - Havdalah

8:00 pm - Megillah reading

Starting on March 13, Mishloach Manot will be available for pick up during regular business hours



Can You Love a Bubi You Never Hugged?

Rosaline F. Barron, MD

Editor's Note: Ros Barron gave these remarks when she sponsored Kiddush lunch last year.

Friends, I'm sponsoring today's Kiddush in memory of my grandmother, Feyga Zam. My Bubi Feyga Kaufman married Yaakov Zam and lived in Olyka, Ukraine, a town of over 5,000 Jews. In their first 10 years they did not have children and people said "what a shame — the couple would have to divorce." Then came one girl and five boys.

Yaakov, my grandfather, died in the 1918 flu pandemic, leaving Feyga a widow with many mouths to feed. There was no welfare and the children were always hungry. My



Feyga Zam

father recalled looking with his brothers into the window of a cousin's wedding where they were throwing the leftovers to their dogs instead of offering it to them. Shtetl life wasn't

all "Fiddler on the Roof" easy. My father Shlomo, who could read Torah at age 4, wore rags on his feet at age 14 because he had no shoes. But Feyga rebuilt the entire business and they became well-to-do

and built the only brick house in Olyka even as the war began to unfold.

The Nazis invaded in 1941 and created a ghetto. Life in the ghetto was brutal. Some days there was no bread or bread laced with paint or sand... Execution for bringing back an onion into the ghetto! My father escaped the killing pits, protested in vain to the Judenrat and then decided to escape to the forest. First, he built a bunker in the ghetto for the family that ultimately hid 35. Imagine being a 62-year-old woman and having to escape to live in a forest without shelter! She got lost and my uncle found her and carried her on his back to safety. They lived in holes they dug in the ground. But the winters! Some of the family froze to death in the forest. Children died. My father sought refuge for the family and they were hidden in a potato cellar by a Ukrainian police chief, Ivan, whom I succeeded in getting recognized by Yad VaShem as Righteous among the Nations.

When they emerged from the bunker, they were among only 20 survivors of the 5,000 of their town — 99.5% of the Jews of Olyka had been massacred. They — what was left of them — were the only family of Olyka to survive. One son and two grandchildren died in the war.

The family tried to resume life in Poland. But one day my father's student came running up to him saying "Mr. Zam, Mr. Zam they just killed my father!" Pogroms had erupted with Poles killing the few surviving Jews. Today in Poland it is a crime to say Poles killed Jews in the Shoah. So, they left for the Displaced

Persons camps in Germany and ultimately came to the US.



Feyga Zam Family

Feyga raised a family devoted to Jewish life. My Bubi once exclaimed when she first saw Revere Beach: "Keek vi a grousse mikveh!" Look what a giant mikveh! She died nine years after liberation just before I was born. My Bubi was the rock of the family, beloved. "Achat Meira, Ateret Roshenu" my father wrote on her stone — "one from a city, the crown on our heads." Her final words: "Sie stolz!" Be proud of who we are! And we are!

Can you love a Bubi you never hugged? Yes, just like you can love a child you never held. I am who I am, I fight for Israel every day because of this remarkable woman, my namesake, Feyga Zam z"l.

And let me add, as many of you know, I came to this wonderful Jewish community so I could be a Bubi who hugs her grandchildren!

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer babysitting for children ages 2-5 from 10:00 am - noon on the last Shabbat of each month.

It will be held in classroom number one and supervised by Hannah Wald, the preschool teacher at B'Yachad, our community religious school. Upcoming dates include: March 30, April 27, and May 25.



Community Yom HaShoah Observance

Speaker: Professor Ilan Stavans

Sunday, May 5 at Sinai Temple



Yossi Klein Halevi to Highlight Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

See page 10 for more details

Friday, May 10 & Shabbat, May 11



Rabbi Amy S. Wallk

At the end of December as the secular year was coming to an end, I noticed I could not write or say “Happy New Year.” My heart was heavy and it seemed tone-deaf to utter these words. Hamas “celebrated” the New Year by launching a barrage of rockets into Israel. Meanwhile, there were 250,000 Israelis displaced from their homes and well over 100 hostages were still in Gaza. The number of wounded and killed soldiers were increasing daily — and so many homes, businesses, farms, and communities were utterly destroyed.

In general, I don’t care so much about New Year’s Eve — so it was easy for me to “sit out” the holiday this year.

I am writing this column on January 2 and am expecting that you will be reading it just a few weeks before Purim. So it makes sense that Purim and New Year’s Eve are on my mind. As many of you may know, I will be taking a six-week Sabbatical between February 15 and April 1. My plan for the six weeks is to travel to Israel. Besides visiting my youngest daughter who has recently drafted into the Israeli army, I will be volunteering for Israel Food Rescue and Sar El.

As I prepare to travel to Israel, I can’t help but ask myself — what will it be like to celebrate Purim in Israel? Under normal circumstances Purim is fantastic in Israel. Whether in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, whether

in a grocery store or in synagogue, it doesn’t matter. There is a Mardi Gras-like atmosphere throughout the country. Joy, laughter and humor are in the air!

I can’t help but ask myself: How will Israelis — who are literally fighting for the future of our homeland — celebrate Purim? As so many are suffering, can Israelis dress their children in costume, cheerfully engage in spirits and song and celebrate with community?

I do not know how the news will unfold from the time of writing to the publication of the Tekiah — and yet I know Israelis will be facing profound existential challenges and the future is perilous. And so, I know the questions I pose today will be relevant.

While I have no idea how Purim will be celebrated in Israel this year, what I do know is that throughout Jewish history, tragic events and circumstances have coincided with Purim. We are all too familiar with unspeakable destruction and dread. But we are a people that can celebrate our history and our special relationship with God despite the horror that surrounds us.

PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, April 22

No Evening Service (First Seder)
Candle Lighting 7:22 pm

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 am (in person & livestream)
No Evening Service (Second Seder)=
Candle Lighting 8:26 pm

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 am - Rabbi Wallk Teaches on Zoom

Sunday, April 28

5:45 pm Evening Service on Zoom
Candle Lighting 7:28 pm

Monday, April 29

10:00 am (in person & livestream)
5:45 pm Evening Service on Zoom
Candle Lighting 8:34 pm

Tuesday, April 30

10:00 am - Rabbi Wallk Teaches on Zoom
5:45 pm Evening Service on Zoom
8:36 pm Havdal

PASSOVER DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Dietary laws and traditions are very complicated for Passover.

Those who would like to explore the Passover halacha and other customs should contact Rabbi Amy Wallk at rabiwallk@tbespringfield.org.

Selling Your 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. If you pay by check, please note “Hametz Passover Fund” in the memo section and return the form to Temple Beth El. The deadline to sell your hametz is **Monday, April 22 at 10:00 am.**

Selling of the Hametz Form (Clip and return form to Temple Beth El).

I _____ hereby authorize Reverend David Aminia or Rabbi Amy Wallk to act as my agent in 2024 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: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Contribution to *Maot Hittin*: \$ _____



Preparing for a Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 am at Sinai Temple

Do you get nervous thinking about the seder? Besides worrying about the menu — do you worry about which Haggadah you should use and how you will engage everyone at the seder table? We have the answer for you!

Cantor Elizabeth Shammash will join us for an in-person program, teaching us new tunes and helping us to think about how we can create a seder that is fun and meaningful for your family and friends. Cantor Shammash will bring something for everyone!



Cantor Elizabeth Shammash

Cantor Shammash grew up at TBE. The daughter of a mother with roots in Latvian Jewry and a Baghdad-born father of Babylonian Jewish tradition who emigrated to American in 1947, she feels the proud inheritance of two rich Jewish lineages. She has served as Hazzan in the Philadelphia area since 2007, and she works with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, mentoring rabbis and cantors in Jewish mindfulness practices.

Join us at Sinai Temple for an evening of singing, learning, and reflecting on what makes a great seder. If you would like, please bring your favorite Passover dish: desserts, side dishes, charoset, or whatever seder dish you want others to taste. Please bring one copy of the recipe to share.

R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 5. You may register online or call Temple Beth El at (413) 733-4149. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at llaudato@tbespringfield.org.

This program is sponsored by Temple Beth El and its Sisterhood, and Sinai Temple.

Pre-Passover Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 19 at 7:00 pm

Step away from your house cleaning and cooking for the holiday!

The menu includes:

- Challah and grape juice
- Garden salad with vinaigrette dressing
- Honey garlic chicken breasts
- Potato Bourekas
- Steamed green beans
- Assorted cakes and cookies
- Hot and cold beverages

The dinner is catered by Yosi Kitchen. Feel free to bring a bottle of kosher wine to share with your table.

This dinner will follow the 6:00 pm in-person Kabbalat Shabbat service. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, April 11.

The actual cost of the dinner is \$24 per person. We want to make it as affordable as possible for our members, so we are offering a sliding scale from \$20-36 per person. If you are able to contribute more than \$24, this will allow us to help those in our community who need a subsidy. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

From the Director of Communal Life and Learning & Advisor to B'Yachad

Caryn Resnick



I am happy to hold the role of Advisor to B'Yachad, our Community Religious School. Despite the challenges, my aim is to make the learning experiences meaningful, engaging, and relevant to the lives of the students. At the heart of our robust curriculum are our dedicated educators who serve as the backbone of our school. Working alongside our qualified and inspiring teachers is a pleasure, given their personal love for the subjects that they teach.

We share the same clear goal — we strive to nurture educated Jews who are dedicated to their values and connected to the Jewish community. The impact of our Religious School education goes beyond academics; we want to build a strong sense of Jewish identity, values, and community among our students. Through exploring Judaism's teachings, students hopefully will gain an understanding of their cultural heritage, and develop a moral compass and tools to be able to navigate the diverse world as they grow older.

In essence, we want to help raise *menschen!*

Having successfully completed study units on Mitzvot, Achrayut (responsibility), and antisemitism, we are excited about the upcoming Shabbat module and Israel module for the remainder of the school year. Additionally, we will learn and celebrate the holidays of Purim, Passover and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

In March, a special Shabbat service and dinner is planned for fifth, sixth and seventh grade families. This will give our students an opportunity to participate in the service and demonstrate their acquisition of prayer reading skills.

One aspect of our school that holds a special place in my heart is family tefillah. Witnessing families come together in the sanctuary before class on Sunday mornings is heartwarming. The service is led by Rabbi Master and Rabbi Wallk, and I cannot think of a better way to begin the day and to help people find their individual way to becoming familiar with the liturgy. And, since I firmly believe that parents are their children's best Jewish educators, what a wonderful time and place to role model for their children. Kudos to all of the parents who participate with their children!

I want to also acknowledge and thank the people who serve on the Board of Education. This group of volunteers includes parents, lay leaders and Rabbis Wallk and Master. The board sets the school's strategic direction, provides oversight and ensures that the school is operating with its values, vision and mission.

Todah rabah (thank you) to everyone who has worked to make our new Community Religious school the success that it is!



Ben Gundersheimer, MISTER G

Shabbaton with MISTER G

Shabbat, May 4

A Shabbaton is an event or program of education, and usually celebration, that is held on a Shabbat. Sometimes a Shabbaton is a whole weekend and sometimes it is just for the day. We have had several different types of Shabbatonim at TBE and we are excited about the one occurring this spring.

On the Shabbat morning of May 4, we will have our adult service at 10:00 am. We will also have a family service for families with children of all ages led by Marlene Rachelle at 11:00 am.

From 11:30 am-12:15 pm, the adult congregation and the families will join together for brunch.

At 12:15 pm, we will be entertained by MISTER G (Ben Gundersheimer), a Latin Grammy Award-winning artist, author and educator. Hailed as “a bilingual rockstar” by The Washington Post and “irresistible” by People magazine, he was originally dubbed MISTER G by his young students while pursuing a Masters of Education degree.

Acclaimed as one of the world’s most widely distributed Jewish artists for children, Ben performs internationally for JCCs, festivals and cultural institutions. His virtual Hanukkah concert was broadcast to all 170 JCCs in North America in 2021 and 2022.

PJ Library commissioned Ben to write and produce two albums of original music, The Mitzvah Bus (Parents’ Choice Gold Award Winner) and Seeds of Shalom.

Whether performing at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, a

Jewish day school in Mexico City, or a sold-out Hanukkah concert in London, Ben’s dynamic, interactive bilingual performances aim to dissolve borders and foster cross-cultural connections.

MISTER G works to inspire children, families and educators with innovative Jewish arts programming which fosters global citizenship and environmental awareness through the power of music, movement, language, and literacy.

Mark your calendar for this special Shabbat at TBE!

Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 15 & April 12

5:30 pm service

6:00 pm dinner

Shabbat, March 2 & April 6

11:00-11:45 am service

Kiddush lunch to follow

If you are a family with children ages seven and younger, then Tot Shabbat at TBE is the place you want to be on the first Saturday morning and the third Friday night of the month.

Marlene Rachelle leads us in song, prayers, storytelling and body movement. You will experience ruach (spirit) at its best! Join us for lunch or dinner following the service.

This is a great opportunity to strengthen existing friendships and meet new people. Watch the weekly TBE Connection email to register to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Resnick at cresnick@tbespringfield.org.

TBE Solidarity Mission to Israel

A group of 22 participants, including TBE members, clergy, and friends, are anticipating their journey to Israel in late March to volunteer and show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in our Jewish homeland. They will have the unique opportunity to hear from survivors and rescuers from the Nova Music Festival, receive political updates from speakers, and much more.

“Although I’ve been to Israel a dozen times, most recently last spring, this will be a very different trip for me. I feel compelled to be there to bear witness to the atrocities of October 7 and to volunteer in any way I can. The needs are so great due to the lack of available labor, as so many people are serving in the IDF, and most of the foreigners who worked on the farms have left the country, commented Debbie Peskin.

Volunteers Needed to Help Feed the Hungry

We need people to join the cadre of TBE volunteers to provide and serve a meal each month for 45-50 people at the South Congregational Church, 45 Maple Street in Springfield. Our next date is Sunday, March 24 at 4:30 pm.

Alissa and Steve Korn have generously provided funding so that we can purchase a prepared main dish. We need people to prepare or purchase the food, including any of the following items to go along with the main dish: salad with dressing, fruit, dessert, granola bars, milk, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. We also need people to serve at the church. Typically, we need 4-5 people to do the plating/serving each time. This is a great family opportunity, and it is a most rewarding experience!

Liz West and Jan Burke-Allen are coordinating these efforts. If you would like to join our group of volunteers, please contact Lisa at llaudato@tbespringfield.org or 733-4149.

The Art of the Holocaust

Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm

This is the third session of our three-part Zoom series with Dr. Simon Sibelman. Watch the TBE Connection email for the link.

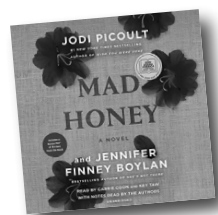
“A survivor fears he or she may be the last to remember, the last to warn, the last to tell the tale that must be told in its totality before it is too late,” remarked Elie Wiesel. But is it possible to recount that history “in its totality”? What about the millions of silenced voices? Some of the Jewish victims turned to art in order to communicate what they suffered, what they experienced. The third lecture in this series will focus on the art of the Holocaust, that which was created in the living hell during those dark years and works that emerged in the aftermath.

Katz Family Library Book Group

Wednesday, March 27, May 1 & May 29 at 10:30 am

The book group will meet via Zoom on **Wednesday, March 27 at 10:30 am** to discuss *Mad Honey* by Elizabeth Graver. This novel was a Good Morning America Book Club pick.

A soul-stirring novel about what we choose to keep from our past and what we choose to leave behind, from the



New York Times bestselling author of *Wish You Were Here* and the bestselling author of *She's Not There*.

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels

like to start over. Her picture-perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side.

She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father's beekeeping business.

Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start.

And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him, too. With Ash, she feels happy for the first time. Yet at times, she wonders if she can trust him completely. . . .

Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she would be lying if she didn't acknowledge the flashes of his father's temper in Ash, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he's hidden more than he's shared with her.

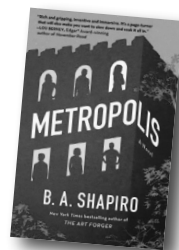
Mad Honey is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.

The selection for the meeting on **Wednesday, May 1** is *Metropolis* by B.A. Shapiro.

Six people, six secrets, six different backgrounds. They would never have met if not for their connection to the Metropolis Storage Warehouse in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

When someone falls down an elevator shaft at the facility, each of the six becomes caught up in an intensifying chain of events.

We meet Serge, an unstable but brilliant street photographer who lives in his storage unit; Marta, an undocumented immigrant finishing her dissertation and hiding from ICE; Liddy, an abused wife and mother

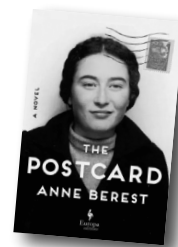


who recreates her children's bedroom in her unit; Jason, a former corporate lawyer now practicing in the facility; Rose, the office manager, who takes illegal kickbacks to let renters live in the building; and Zach, an ex-drug dealer and now the building's owner, who scans Serge's photos as he searches for clues to the accident.

But was it an accident? A murder attempt? Suicide? As her characters dip in and out of one another's lives trying to find answers and battling societal forces beyond their control, B. A. Shapiro questions the myth of the American dream and builds tension to an exhilarating climax.

On **Wednesday, May 29**, we will discuss *The Postcard* by Anne Berest.

Winner of the Choix Goncourt Prize, Anne Berest's *The Postcard* is a vivid portrait of twentieth-century Parisian intellectual and artistic life, an



enthraling investigation into family secrets, and poignant tale of a Jewish family devastated by the Holocaust and partly restored through the power of storytelling.

January, 2003. Together with the usual holiday cards, an anonymous postcard is delivered to the Berest family home. On the front, a photo of the Opéra Garnier in Paris. On the back, the names of Anne Berest's maternal great-grandparents, Ephraïm and Emma, and their children, Noémie and Jacques—all killed at Auschwitz.

Fifteen years after the postcard is delivered, Anne, the heroine of this novel, is moved to discover who sent it and why. Aided by her chain-smoking mother, family members, friends, associates, a private detective, a graphologist, and many others, she embarks on a journey to discover the fate of the Rabinovitch family: their flight from Russia following the revolution, their journey to Latvia, Palestine, and Paris. What emerges is a moving saga that shatters long-held certainties about Anne's family, her country, and herself.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 am

All TBE members are invited to join us for our Annual Meeting, to be held immediately following the Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast at 9:30 am. Committee members will give reports and updates on temple activities that have occurred over the past year, and will announce plans and goals for the upcoming year. Members will have the opportunity to vote on the slate of officers and new directors. Please see the slate of officers and directors on page 11.

Asset Mapping FAQs

Michelle Anfang

Since our recent communication with the congregation announcing our “clean-up” project, many of you have reached out to me with questions about this project. I suspect that there are many others who haven’t written who also have questions – so here is some background.

What is Asset Mapping?

Asset Mapping looks to identify natural partners in the neighborhood and local community that could ultimately share space in the building to help sustain and preserve a congregation’s property and its mission. Partners for Sacred Places writes: The Asset-Mapping event will generate new and vital information for Temple Beth El as it plans for the congregation and buildings’ role in the future of its neighborhood. Partners will lead a series of structured conversations with key leaders from the synagogue to process findings regarding Beth El’s mission, current engagement with the surrounding community, and history within Springfield. These discussions will chart the course of the building’s future so that it can continue to be a vehicle for the synagogue’s mission in sustainable and effective ways. At the end of the strategic

visioning process, Beth El will have clear goals for how the synagogue’s property can be strengthened and preserved for the mutual benefit of the congregation and the community, including new strategies for financial stewardship and property management.

Why is Temple Beth El doing this now?

The size of the local Jewish community has been declining for decades, and the proportion of young families joining synagogues has also been declining nationally. Over the years many efforts have been made to address membership and the need to increase revenues. Here are a few initiatives:

- Try a Synagogue – meant to increase membership at all local synagogues.
- Merge with B’nai Jacob
- Merge religious schools of TBE and Sinai
- Decrease clergy support (we have a part time cantor and part time ritual director, previously FT)
- Decrease administrative support (we have two fewer full-time staff than five years ago)
- Decrease maintenance staff (all part time now)
- Increase dues
- Fundraisers, like our Centennial Celebration and Rabbi’s Crystal Celebration
- Increase electronic communications, reducing mailing expenses.
- Increase application for grants and other outside sources of revenue/support
- Rental of the school wing to Viability

Despite these efforts, the continued yearly operational deficit has become a critical issue that the Board determined needed to be addressed in a new way. We could not count on cuts to the budget, or miraculous increases in revenue to close this gap. Partners for Sacred Places is a nationally recognized experienced group that has helped many congregations just like us sort out how to preserve our congregation and its resources in this time of declining participation. Their focus on preserving the mission and values of the congregation was critical to the Board’s decision to move forward with them.

Are there plans to sell Temple Beth El?

Congregations throughout the country — and in our local area — are facing the prospect of right-sizing their campuses. At this time, the Board is committed to exploring any and all ways to STAY in our beautiful and historic building. This may mean sharing our spaces in unique ways or developing our property to generate revenues. Maintaining our core mission and values will always be a consideration in any partnership.

How are the artifacts and contents of the storage rooms being evaluated?

The Asset Mapping requires that we prepare our building to show off its best aspects. The space and rooms that we have will be best viewed if they aren’t full of 50 years of stuff! What is this stuff?

- Old siddurim that need to be placed in a geniza
- Boxes of books brought in by congregants for geniza
- Old robes, sheet music
- B’nai Jacob records
- Photos, paintings, drawings related to the construction of the synagogue
- Arc curtains and other fabric pieces

We are methodically looking at all the contents and sorting them among things that need to be in a geniza, things that are disposable with no historic value, and things that have historic meaning. We are working with the Springfield Historical Museum to archive some of our papers (many of which are in the basement and not yet being sorted through).

How will congregants be involved?

This congregation will be invited to look through the geniza material and other items, and to keep items that are personally meaningful.

In March, the congregation will be invited to tour our entire building as a preview of the Asset Mapping.

On April 7, the congregation is invited to attend the Annual Meeting and the Nechaman/Chernick breakfast.

Finally, I will continue to write updates and am always happy to hear your feedback and ideas.

DONATIONS תרומות

This list includes all donations of at least \$10 received from October 1 - December 31, 2023.

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Judith Shelasky
Phyllis Levenson

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Yahrzeit of Janet Weiss
Richard, Meryl, Matt, and Loren

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HIGH HOLY DAY PLEDGE

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In honor of Dr. Laurie Weinberg
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In memory of Arnold Barr
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In appreciation of Rabbi Walk for her support & guidance
Annette K. Levine
In appreciation of Rabbi Walk for officiating at Mike Ritzen's burial
Laura Broad on behalf of "Team Mike"
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In honor of Rabbi Walk's unceasing efforts in educating the community about Israel
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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 David Aminia at 733-4149 if you would like to order a leaf or stone.

Yahrzeit Plaques

In memory of my mother, Corine (Corky) Barowsky
Mark Barowsky
In memory of my husband, Marc L. Goldstein
Janine Goldstein

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 yahrzeit plaque, please contact Reverend David Aminia at 733-4149.



Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration with Yossi Klein Halevi

How the Jewish World Has Changed Since October 7

Friday, May 10 and Shabbat May 11

Each of these talks will address different aspects of the important question: what comes next both in Israel and in America?

All events are open to the entire community. Registration is requested, so that we can plan for food and security.

Temple Beth El

Friday, May 10

Services 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm (Dinner reservations are required)

Cost of the dinner \$20 - \$36 (The cost of these dinners does not cover our expenses; we are grateful for those who are able to help subsidize the dinners) **Yossi Klein Halevi to speak at 7:45 pm (Just Show Up, even if you don't attend services and dinner).**

Sinai Temple

Shabbat Morning, May 11

Torah Study 9:00 am

Reservations are requested so that we have enough food! Open to the entire community

B'nai Torah

Shabbat Morning, May 11

Services 9:00 am

Yossi will speak at 12:15 pm after Kiddush Lunch

Reservations are requested so that we have enough food! Open to the entire community

Flowers for Passover Fundraiser

Passover will be here soon. Order beautiful flowers for your seder table. You can also send flowers to show someone you're thinking of them, or just to brighten someone's day. You'll be helping the SKLC at the same time! Please see the prices below:



BOUQUET OF FRESH FLOWERS
\$20
(order three or more bouquets for \$18 each)



FLORAL CENTERPIECE
\$40



GLASS CUBE
\$60

The deadline to place orders is **Friday, April 12**. Flowers can be picked up on **Monday, April 22** between **9:00 am - 2:00 pm**.

SPONSORSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Breakfast Sponsorship - We have an in-person morning minyan, followed by breakfast, on a monthly basis, on Rosh Hodesh (the beginning of each Hebrew month). Sponsoring these breakfasts is a wonderful opportunity to remember a beloved family member or special person in your life, or in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, or just because you want to! The breakfast can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. Upcoming dates for Rosh Hodesh include:

- Adar II - Monday, March 10 at 7:00 am
- Nisan - Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 am

Kiddush Lunch Sponsorship - Enjoying a leisurely Shabbat lunch together is a wonderful way to schmooze with your TBE friends, make some new friends, and create community. Sponsorships are also available for these lunches, which can also be as simple or elaborate as you wish. If you don't want to sponsor a specific lunch but would like to help us provide food on an ongoing basis, please consider joining our Kiddush Club with a donation of \$180. We are also looking for volunteers to help in any way with these lunches: shop for food, set and decorate tables, etc.

For more information about sponsoring a breakfast or Kiddush lunch, or to volunteer to help, please contact Executive Director Sonia Wilk at swilk@thespringfield.org.

B'YACHAD STUDENTS HAD FUN LEARNING DURING OUR SHABBAT STUDY UNIT



Above: Students having fun making challah.

Right: Making spice balls at our Havdalah party.

Below: Families socializing at the Havdalah party.

Bottom: Students participating in a Shabbat seder.



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- Noah Stahl, 3-year term
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- Tovy Kamine, 1-year term

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- Bill Radner, 1-year term

No vote needed for the following

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- Arvi Roffe
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We thank you for your service!

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A VERY HAPPY PASSOVER!**