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MICHAEL ROSE KNOPF, SENIOR RABBI

Take Some Time for Your Soul

A few weeks ago, at Kiddush lunch following Shabbat morning services, we enjoyed a cocktail called the “New Fashioned (Name),” a playful take on the classic Old Fashioned. Inspired by that week’s Torah portion, Parshat Va-Era, it referenced the new name God reveals to Moses — a reminder that revelation is always unfolding. Our friend Dr. Barry Erner lovingly crafts fun and educational cocktail creations like this each and every week; an illustration – perhaps a prototypical example – of the spirit of joy, creativity, and connection you’ll experience when you show up for Shabbat at TBE.

Shabbat is already Judaism’s most powerful tool for nourishing the soul and fostering community. As Rabbi Elie Kaunfer recently put it in his book *Empowered Judaism*, Shabbat is ultimately “a day of encounter” — an opportunity to experience the Divine within ourselves, beyond ourselves, and reflected in the people around us. But too often, we don’t take full advantage of that opportunity.

I get it. We’re busy. Even (maybe, ironically, especially) on Saturdays. Or, conversely, Saturday is our day to not be busy — to relax, to recharge, to stay in comfy clothes and avoid obligations. We budget our time carefully, and for many of us, fostering spirituality and connecting with community are but two of any number of competing priorities. And that’s if we even agree with the premise that coming to shul actually facilitates spiritual nourishment and communal connections. Many of us associate Shabbat services with having to get dressed up just to sit quietly in an uncomfortable pew for hours on end. Who has time for that?!

The good news is that Shabbat doesn’t have to be that way. And we are actively working to reshape the Shabbat experience at Temple Beth El into something vibrant, welcoming, and deeply meaningful. Drawing inspiration from thriving congregations like B’nai Jeshurun in New York and IKAR in Los Angeles — along with our own community’s unique spirit — we’re focused on making Shabbat the heart of congregational life at TBE, building deeper relationships across generations and fostering a sense of belonging, spiritual engagement, and social justice action.

Here’s what that looks like:

- **New and diverse prayer experiences** – From our new (traditional-style) Roots and (“Rising Song”-inspired) Koleinu Shabbat evening services, to special musical experiences like Hawaiian Shabbat, to reviving familiar favorites like Shabbat in the Round and Praying the Margins, we’re developing worship experiences that make the tradition come alive for people of all backgrounds, ages, and stages in meaningful, engaging, and inspiring ways. And we’re also making services more intimate and communal,

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KATIE KAPLAN, CANTOR

All That Glitters An Evening of Opera and Song

What do Carmen, La Boheme, Gianni Schicchi, Candide, and Lakmé all have in common? Well, you will be able to hear famous arias and duets from all of them and more at the upcoming Norma and Milton Mann Cantor’s Concert on Sunday April 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Temple Beth El.

Choosing a theme for the annual Cantor’s Concert is always a fun undertaking. In my years at TBE we have had *Telling Our Stories Through Song* with Nefesh Mountain, *The Long and Winding Road* for my Installation, *Zamir Chorale and Zamir Noded*, *Some Enchanted Evening*, and this year our concert will be *All That Glitters: An Evening of Opera and Song*. This concert will feature the sparkling gems of beloved and recognizable opera arias and songs. Many of you know that my background is in classical vocal performance and that my very first career involved singing in regional opera companies and teaching private voice lessons before I embarked more formally into teaching and then the cantorate. I have always wanted to share the music of this style and genre with our congregation. With the exception of a couple of prayers on the High Holidays, the opportunity to sing opera with full voice at the synagogue is a rare occurrence and one that I’m looking forward to with delight!

Joining me for this concert are three wonderful musicians, Cantor Daniel Mendelson, Talya Smilowitz, and Scott Stein.

Ever since the first time that I heard Cantor Mendelson sing at a Cantors Assembly conference in L.A. in 2021, I hoped to bring him to TBE for a concert. His masterful technique and ease in singing Hazzanut and opera dazzled when he sang duets in a performance with his father Cantor Jack Mendelson.

Talya Smilowitz is one of my soul sisters in song. She and I performed a similar concert at her shul, Congregation L’dor Vador in Oyster Bay, Long Island this past December and we had such fun. Talya’s background is also in classical voice and she studied at Julliard and Manhattan School of Music. She serves as cantor at Congregation L’dor Vador and also teaches voice, acting, and yoga and you are sure to be charmed by her presence and phenomenal voice.

Scott Stein is a gifted pianist and all-around mensch who I’m thrilled to be welcoming to TBE. He is a sought-after collaborator, working in many genres from musical theater to rock, country, cantorial and choral music. He serves on the faculty of the cantorial schools at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

At this 2025 Cantor’s Concert we will be honoring Lisa and Jeff Manheim. Lisa was the president of TBE when I was hired, and I’ve had the opportunity to witness her

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commitment, dedication, and love for TBE firsthand for several years. She and Jeff have given so much of themselves to support our community and I look forward to celebrating them and lifting them up through song.

Please reserve your tickets early and plan to join us at the concert!

Cantor Katie Kaplan

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leading from floor level and creating space for dialogue.

• **An intergenerational and family-friendly environment** – A new play space for kids in the back of the sanctuary encourages young families to attend and participate. Tot Shabbat is returning, and we’re working on other ways to make Shabbat welcoming and accessible for all.

More opportunities to connect and engage – Through regular, lively Shabbat dinners and lunches; thought-provoking discussions; increased lay participation in services — fellow congregants leading prayers, chanting Torah, sharing Divrei Torah – we are thinking creatively about how Shabbat at TBE can grow into a true community hub.

We are especially excited for **Shabbat Across America on Friday, March 7**, a chance to unite with thousands of Jews across the country in celebrating Shabbat together. And the very next day, we are launching **Shabbat Lab**, a new monthly opportunity to engage with our tradition and with one another in creative ways, providing multiple points of entry and access for people of all backgrounds, ages, and stages. Our inaugural Shabbat Lab on **Saturday, March 8** will feature parallel services: our traditional Sanctuary service and the return of our “Praying the Margins” service.

I’m certain that showing up for Shabbat at TBE will enrich your life and strengthen our community. You’ll hear children playing and praying. You’ll connect with others. You’ll sing along with beautiful music. You’ll eat good food and stretch your mind. You’ll drink “L’chaim, to life!” and find refuge from a turbulent world, leaving reinvigorated for the week to come.

This week, I’m inviting you to take some time for your soul by showing up for Shabbat. Experience for yourself what Shabbat at TBE can be and is becoming. And if you feel moved, contribute — whether with your time, talent, or treasure — to help us continue cultivating our sacred community together.

Come and see: Shabbat at TBE is the place to be. I can’t wait to see you there!

Rabbi Michael Knopf



SEEKING SHABBAT GREETERS

Do you like getting a warm “Shabbat Shalom” as you enter shul on Saturday morning?

Our greeting program has been extremely well received. To keep this program going, we need volunteer greeters like you.

For more information Contact Eric Sigman at esigman1@gmail.com

Thanks for helping make Temple Beth El a warm and welcoming place to be.

LISTENING TOUR GATHERINGS

Rabbi Knopf is eager to get to know our TBE members and learn about their experiences at TBE as well as their ideas for our congregation’s future.

If you’d like to attend and/or host one of these “Listening Tour Gatherings” (“LTG’s”), please email Lisa Manheim (lisago1@gmail.com), who has generously offered to help coordinate these LTG’s.

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WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US ON SHABBAT MORNINGS

We warmly welcome you to show up for services on Shabbat in whatever way is meaningful to you. A reminder: you don't have to attend services to come for lunch on Shabbat! Services begin at 10 am, and we get to lunch around 12:15 pm. You can also show up for and/or leave services any time:

- From 10 until about 10:30 am, we sing the joyous and soulful melodies of P'sukei D'zimrah, the preliminary service.
- From about 10:30 to 10:45 am is the morning service, Shaharit (including greatest hits like Shema and the Amidah).
- We take the Torah out at about 10:45 am, and chant from the Torah and Haftarah portions until about 11:30 am.
- The D'var Torah (sermon) takes place around 11:30 am.

Between 11:45 am-12:15 pm, we conclude the service with Musaf, Aleinu, and Adon Olam (we always invite children up to help lead some of these final prayers, and any kid who helps lead gets to pick a prize from the Rabbi's "Tchotchke Chest"!).

And for those who wish to partake, you are welcome to make a "L'chaim!" with us on a beverage of your choosing (whether alcoholic or non-alcoholic) after services. I can personally guarantee good bourbon, an awesome and creative signature cocktail based on the weekly Torah portion, and even better schmoozing!

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JOSHUA HAMMERMAN, RABBI EMERITUS

On One Foot In Hebrew, "Future" can be a Verb



As we await the end of a long, cold winter, so many are struggling to confront an uncertain future. So how does the Hebrew word for future teach us how to face it?

The word is "Atid," and it is so prevalent in modern Israeli Hebrew that the chief opposition party, led by Yair Lapid, is called "Yesh Atid," "There is a future."

The word Atid can be both a noun and an adjective. As a noun, it means, of course, "future." As an adjective, it can mean "planned." And so much more – this one word teaches us to aim for a destination and plan how to get there - and then, what to do when we've arrived.

Take a look at this entry from a biblical lexicon.

עָתִיד 'āthiyd, aw-theed'; from H6257; prepared; by implication, skilful; feminine plural the future; also treasure:—things that shall come, ready, treasures.

Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon [?]

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STRONGS H6264:

Abbreviations

† **עָתִיד**. [H6259 **עָתִיד**] **adjective** ready, prepared; —

1. absolute **עָתִיד לְכִידוֹר** Job 15:24 a king ready for the onset; plural **עָתִידִים לַיּוֹם** Esther 3:14 ready for the day, so Esther 8:13 Qr (Kt **עָתִידִים**).
2. ready = skilled **הָעָתִידִים עָרָר** Job 3:8 those skilled in rousing Leviathan.
3. prepared = impending (compare Late Hebrew = future), feminine plural **וְחֵשׁ עָתִידָת** Deuteronomy 32:35 the impending things are hastening (|| **קָרוֹב יוֹם אֵידִם**).
4. prepared = stored up, **וְעִתְדוֹתֵיהֶם** Isaiah 10:13 Kt (Qr **וְעִתְדוֹתֵיהֶם**, to differentiate it from above) and their stores have I plundered.

As we can see, an essential element in facing the future, in Hebrew, at least, is *preparation and skill*. That could involve preparing by storing supplies, a good idea in a time of great financial uncertainty. But it can also mean storing our *sanity* and setting aside anger and grief. We need to be honing our skills to be ready for the challenges that are coming.

The genius of Hebrew is that the three root letters for Atid can also form verbs. The reflexive form of the verb brings us the word "Mit-ated," "to intend."

And what is the future but the product of all our intentions? But Judaism also accounts for unintended consequences. As the Yiddish saying goes, "Man plans, and God laughs," a line inspired by [Proverbs 16:9](#):

Mortals may plot out their course, but it is GOD who directs their steps.

But, in the audacious spirit of a people that never takes "because God says so" for an answer, the reflexive verb for Atid remains, for all time, "to intend." We're not allowing God to take away our intentions, even if God often messes up our anticipated results.

Our pasts are littered with good intentions gone bad, but we can't possibly face an uncertain, scary future

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SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Night services are held at 7:00 pm

Shabbat Morning services are held at 10:00 am

Our services may be seen on livestream

<http://www.tbe.org/tbe-live/>

All are welcome!

MEN'S CLUB

MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Men's Club is accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year. The deadline to submit an application is April 11, 2025.

[Click here](#) for information and the application.

YELLOW CANDLES

Volunteers will be needed to deliver Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles before April 23, 2025. Details to follow.

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

Men's Club Shabbat will be held on April 26, 2025. Details to follow.

CELEBRATE SPECIAL OCCASIONS ON SHABBAT MORNING

Celebrate a birthday with our TBE family! We warmly invite you to celebrate your birthday with the congregation on Shabbat morning. During that service, we will invite you for a celebratory Aliyah. We hope you will share in that joyous moment. If possible, please let us know ahead of time which Shabbat you'll be attending, and we will gladly provide you with an Aliyah at that time. Please also note that we are proud to continue marking special milestone birthdays with personal blessings in addition to this new ritual. If you fall into that category, you may contact Eileen H. Rosner at rosnereileen@gmail.com to make the appropriate arrangements.

Celebrate an anniversary! On behalf of the entire congregation, we invite you to celebrate your wedding anniversary with the congregation with an Aliyah on Shabbat. If possible, please let us know ahead of time which Shabbat you'll be attending, and we will gladly provide you with an Aliyah at that time.

While it is most certainly not expected, if you would like to elevate your birthday or anniversary celebration and the congregation's joy by helping to sponsor Kiddush on the Shabbat of your Aliyah, we would be most grateful for your generosity. Please call Mindy Rogoff at 203-322-6901, ext. 301 or office@tbe.org.

Special Occasion?

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or

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(emailed every Friday morning)

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without a degree of intentionality.

There's one final twist. Another derivative of the three-letter root is *Atud* - a he-goat, fit for sacrifice. You can also see references in biblical dictionaries to other grown animals, like a well-developed horse, fit for battle. In more general terms, it can also imply readiness or preparedness, reflecting a state of being set apart for a specific purpose. In the sacrificial system of ancient Israel, the he-goat was a significant animal, symbolizing atonement and purification. What does that have to do with the future?

Here's where I think the word *Atid* ultimately leads us. We are not merely meeting up with an unknown and scary future these days. We are approaching a crossroads for each of us. Each of us has been set apart for a special mission, like the goat - we've been prepared by the solid, moral values that our parents and teachers taught us. We are ready, we are facing the task with pure intentions. The he-goat in us is ready for whatever sacrifices we might be called upon to make. And the horse in us is at full gallop, ready for battle.

We've been set apart for a specific purpose. Not to be sacrificed, like the goat, but to make sacrifices, and not to allow ourselves, our country and our planet to be consumed by hate and greed.

So, the future is a verb, and the action prescribed involves planning, preparation, readiness and focus. "To future," then is to be prepared... with intentionality.

In the words of Winston Churchill, "Have no fear of the future. Let us go forward into its mysteries, tear away the veils which hide it from our eyes, and move onwards with confidence and courage."

The sun is about to rise on a new day.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

Wishing all of you a happy Purim and Passover. Stay in touch - email me at joshuah@tbe.org or contact me via my Substack - and by all means, join the thousands of new subscribers who receive my newsletter, at <https://rabbijoshuahammerman.substack.com/>

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Beth El Cares focuses on chesed and tzedakah by helping the poor and unfortunate through mitzvot, both in our synagogue and the greater Stamford community. We welcome volunteers! This is the work we are currently engaged in. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these endeavors, please contact the person listed.

Reyut (Friendship): Committed to serving the needs of those in our TBE community, including friendly visits, assistance with errands and transportation, Shabbat bag delivery to hospitalized patients. Contact Melanie Massell at reyut@tbe.org or 203-274-1708.

Project Ezra: Providing pre-shiva meals to the bereaved in the congregation. Contact Joy Katz at joyakatz@yahoo.com or 203-329-3359.

Serving the homeless: Help prepare and serve food — you can do either or both throughout the year. Contact Julie Rosenberg at [julierenbergsip@gmail.com](mailto:julierosenbergsip@gmail.com) or 203-273-6794.

High Holiday Food Drive: Contact Sharon Turshen at 203-323-3872

Christmas dinners at local homeless shelters: Contact Julie Rosenberg at [julierenbergsip@gmail.com](mailto:julierosenbergsip@gmail.com) or 203-273-6794.

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Allan Lang at 203-327-6418
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Thank you!

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YOUNG FAMILIES AT TBE

TeeBeEs Havdalah
January 25, 2025



On Friday night, March 7, 2025 hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — Shabbat!



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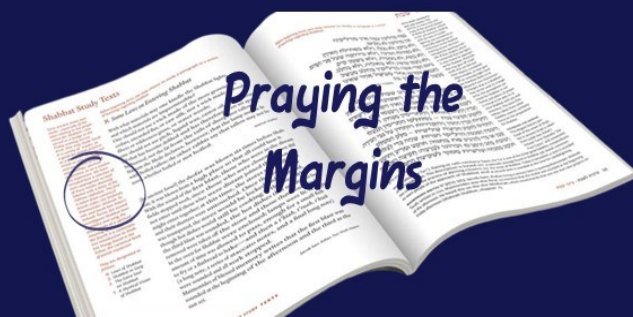
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Shabbat Lab

Shabbat, March 8, 2025

9:45am: Coffee and bagels

**10:15-11:45am: Praying the Margins Service
in the social hall**



**10:00am-12:00pm: Main Sanctuary Service
in the sanctuary**

12:00-1:00pm: Kiddush/Lunch

**1:00pm: Sacred Days: Exploring the Holidays
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On Saturday, March 8, Rabbi Knopf will lead the discussion on the holiday of Purim.

You are also invited to attend the Shabbat service at 10:00 am and/or the Kiddush lunch prior to the class. Class will start at approximately 12:45 pm.

Registration is requested at tinyurl.com/purim3-8-25

All backgrounds are welcome. No prior knowledge is necessary.



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Todah Rabah – Lehitraot

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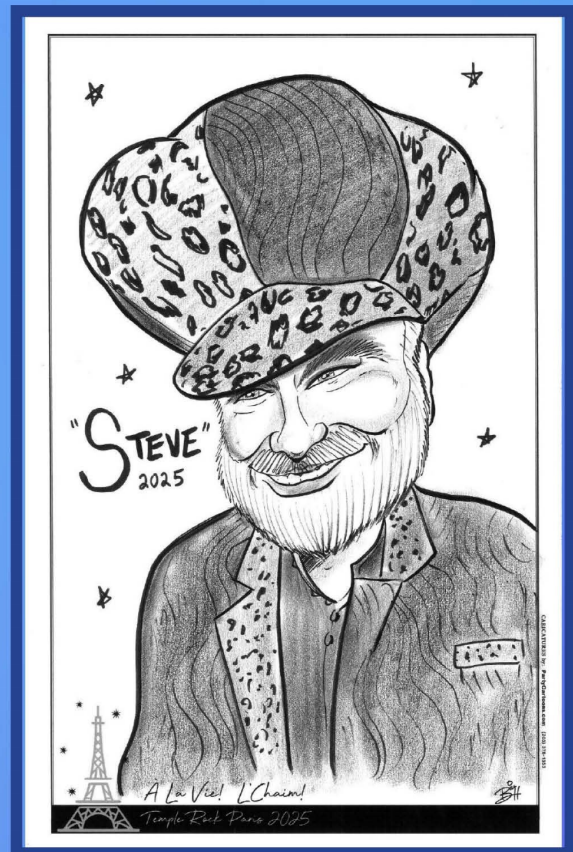
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Sunday, March 9, 2025
1 to 3 pm

Light Bites & Sweet Treats
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Honor Steve and Lieba!

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Thursday, March 13

Congregation Beth El, Norwalk

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Join together for

It's a Wicked Purim

5:00pm: Wicked fun activities for children of ALL ages

6:00pm: FREE Community dinner for EVERYONE

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ROOTS SHABBAT

Friday, March 14, 2025

Friday, April 5, 2025

7:00 pm

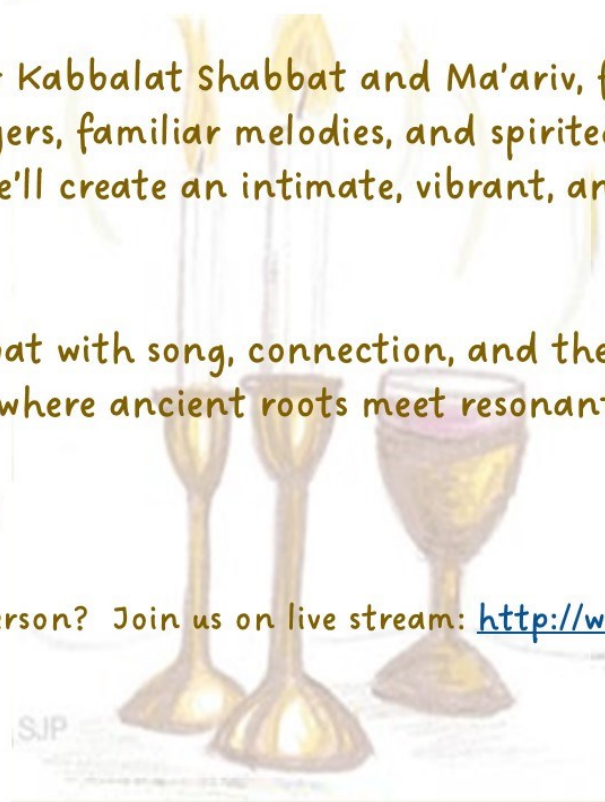
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Through a fuller Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv, focused on traditional prayers, familiar melodies, and spirited congregational participation, we'll create an intimate, vibrant, and uplifting atmosphere.

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with Sisterhood!

Get your creative juices flowing! You don't have to bring anything. Guided instruction by Sarah King, local artist and art educator. Just show up ready for fun and we'll have everything from art supplies and instruction, to wine, a signature cocktail created especially for the evening, and light refreshments.

Let your inner Van Gogh loose and create memories and a masterpiece!

Where: Temple Beth El - 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford, CT
When: March 17, 2025 @ 7pm
Cost: \$36 by March 7th
Contact: Cathy Bernstein cjbernste15@gmail.com or (203) 253-2438
I would like to create: a canvas
 a tote bag
Register: www.tinyurl.com/paint3-17

Let's play mah jong!



TBE Sisterhood invites you to a fun night!

Beginners and advanced players welcome.
Bring your friends - members and non-members.

We have instructors and refreshments!!!

Tuesday, March 18 and April 22 at 7:00pm

In-person only in the TBE social hall.

Fee: \$5 per person to cover security cost.

PLEASE RSVP, so we know how many tables we need, to
Fran Ginsburg at ginsstamf@gmail.com or
203-979-9570.

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Mediterranean Shabbat

Friday, March 21, 6:00pm

Led by Rabbi Michael Knopf
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Featuring a quartet of fantastic musicians:
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Marc Phaneuf, and Peter Slavov



The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with
a lite-bite of falafel and hummus!

The service begins at 7:00 pm followed
by a special dessert oneg.

Please RSVP so we know how much food to order:

<https://tinyurl.com/hummus3-21>

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HIAS REFUGEE SHABBAT

Temple Beth El welcomes guest speaker Ruth W. Messinger



Ruth W. Messinger served as President of American Jewish World Service (AJWS) from 1998 to 2016 and is now the organization's inaugural Global Ambassador. She continues her work advocating for oppressed, persecuted and poor communities worldwide, engaging rabbis and interfaith leaders to learn about global justice issues and speak out for change. Ruth also works as a social justice consultant and facilitates learning for rabbinic students and women social justice entrepreneurs.

In addition, Ruth focuses currently on supporting immigrants and asylum seekers in New York, helping them build new lives after fleeing oppression.

Before her tenure at AJWS, Ruth had a 20-year career in public service, including roles as a New York City Council member and Manhattan Borough President. She was a strong advocate for children, public education, campaign finance reform, LGBTQ+ rights, neighborhood development, and small business support. She remains deeply involved with urban issues and politics.

She is married to Andrew Lachman, a retired educator, and has three children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Shabbat, March 29, 2025

**Shabbat service begins at 10:00 am
and Ruth will address the congregation.**

A Kiddush Luncheon and panel discussion will follow.

Click here to register: www.tinyurl.com/refugee3-29

All are welcome.

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The Installation Weekend of Rabbi Michael Knopf

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Friday, May 2

7 p.m.

Shabbat Service and Special Oneg Gathering

Saturday, May 3

10 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service featuring
Rabbi Knopf's Installation Ceremony,
Congregational Luncheon and Panel Discussion

8 p.m.

Havdalah and Community Service Project

Sunday, May 4

9 a.m.

Morning Minyan

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Brunch and Learn: Adult Learning Session

Time TBD

K'Tanim Closing Celebration

SALE OF HAMETZ FORM 2025/5785

I, _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Michael Knopf to act as my shaliach (representative) and empower him (or any agent operating on his behalf) to sell all hametz owned by me, or in which I have a share, whether it is in my possession, being shipped to me, or stored elsewhere, as of 10:00 a.m. on April 12, 2025. This includes any stocks or shares in corporations or businesses that buy or sell hametz. (The term, "hametz," is understood according to the Rabbinic definition of leavened food and is to include all types of such food or liquids in pure or mixed forms). Since the buyer must have free access to the hametz he purchases, I also agree to authorize him to rent those premises in which these foods are stored and agree to keep these items separated and to seal them off. This sale is to be concluded in accordance with all the requirements of Jewish law and the terms of the general authorization contract used by the Rabbi for this purpose. Stores engaged in the sale of hametz during Passover are excluded.

Estimated value of my hametz foodstuffs and liquids _____.

My signature below legally grants Rabbi Knopf, or his agent, the power to act on my behalf in this matter in accordance with both halachic regulations and the laws of Connecticut and other states. I agree to abide in good faith by the results of this sale without any reservations, either expressed or implied.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Name _____

Home address _____ City, State _____

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Other addresses _____

IMPORTANT!

To be valid this letter must be received by April 10, 2025.
You may email your form to rabbiknopf@tbe.org, or mail to:
Rabbi Michael Knopf, 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford, CT 06902



Temple Beth El's Sisterhood's mission is to connect all women in the TBE community and to enrich our lives through social, spiritual, philanthropic and personal growth programming. Here are some fantastic and enriching events coming up!

Paint and Sip: Sisterhood will be sponsoring a Paint and Sip evening on Monday, **March 17**. Unleash your inner artist with a fun evening, creating a painting on canvas or a tote bag, guided by artist Sarah King.

Tuesday Mah Jong Nights: Attendance at our Tuesday Mah Jong nights has been growing! Both experienced players and newbies to the game are welcome! Come join us on **March 18** and **April 22** at 7pm to play!

Passover Food Orders: As Passover gets closer, Sisterhood will again be offering congregants the opportunity to purchase a delicious selection of food from W Caterers for your seders. More details will be forthcoming!

Clothing Drive: Time to clean out your closets! Sisterhood's next Clothing Drive will be on **Sunday, April 27** from 9am -2pm. Get your spring cleaning done and drop off all your old clothes, shoes, handbags, linens, etc. More detailed information will be included in a separate flyer. Tax donation forms will be available.

Sisterhood Shabbat: Sisterhood Shabbat, chaired by Fran Ginsburg, is scheduled for **May 10**. There are many ways to participate! Let Fran know (ginsstamf@gmail.com) if you would like to participate by reading from the Torah, having an English reading, opening the Ark, reciting a Hebrew prayer, or having an aliyah.

Curtain Call Theater Outing: Our final Curtain Call theater outing of the year will be to see "A Jukebox for the Algonquin" on Thursday, **May 15**.

Want to become more involved with Sisterhood? We'd love to have you! Just reach out to Sisterhood co-Presidents Juli Harris (203-324-1433) or Nancy Kapchan (203-435-0389) or email us at sisterhood@tbe.org.



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- Paver Walkway Campaign
- Beth El Cares
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- Goldberg Scholarship Fund
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- Project Ezra
- Religious School Fund
- Frank and Rose Rosner Memorial Fund
- Security Fund
- Shabbat Bags
- Youth Fund

MEMORIAL PLAQUES



Inscribe the names of your loved ones on a plaque in our Chapel foyer along with a light to commemorate their *yahrtzeit* and *yizkor* observances throughout the year.

For details, contact Mindy at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

TREE OF LIFE



A beautiful way to commemorate a special occasion is to purchase a "leaf" on our beautiful "Tree of Life" sculpture adorning our Temple lobby. There are many more leaves available for your own personal inscriptions.

The following categories are still available:

Triple Chai	\$1,000
Silver Leaves - Gold Border	\$750
Silver Leaves (very few remaining)	\$250

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Questions? Contact Linda at 203-322-6901, ext. 302 or lindar@tbe.org.

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DID YOU KNOW?

TBE offers free family membership for the first year to any member's child on the occasion of his or her marriage. For more information, contact Mindy Rogoff at 203-322-6901, ext. 301.



CRITICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BUILDING ONE COMMUNITY (B1C) IN STAMFORD

B1C has a terrific tutoring program for elementary students but doesn't have enough tutors. 14 volunteers (adults or teenagers) are needed on Monday - Thursday from 4:30pm-5:45pm. The kids speak English so you do not need to speak another language but Spanish or French would be useful. Each volunteer works with up to three children.

Volunteers must commit to a minimum of three consecutive months for one session a week, have basic technology skills and familiar with how math is currently taught at the elementary level. Teenagers must be 16 years of age or older. To volunteer, register on the B1C website at <https://building1community.org/engage/volunteer-form/> and indicate it is for the Homework Club. You can also contact Margarita Zimmerman, B1C's Volunteer Director at mzimmerman@b1c.org

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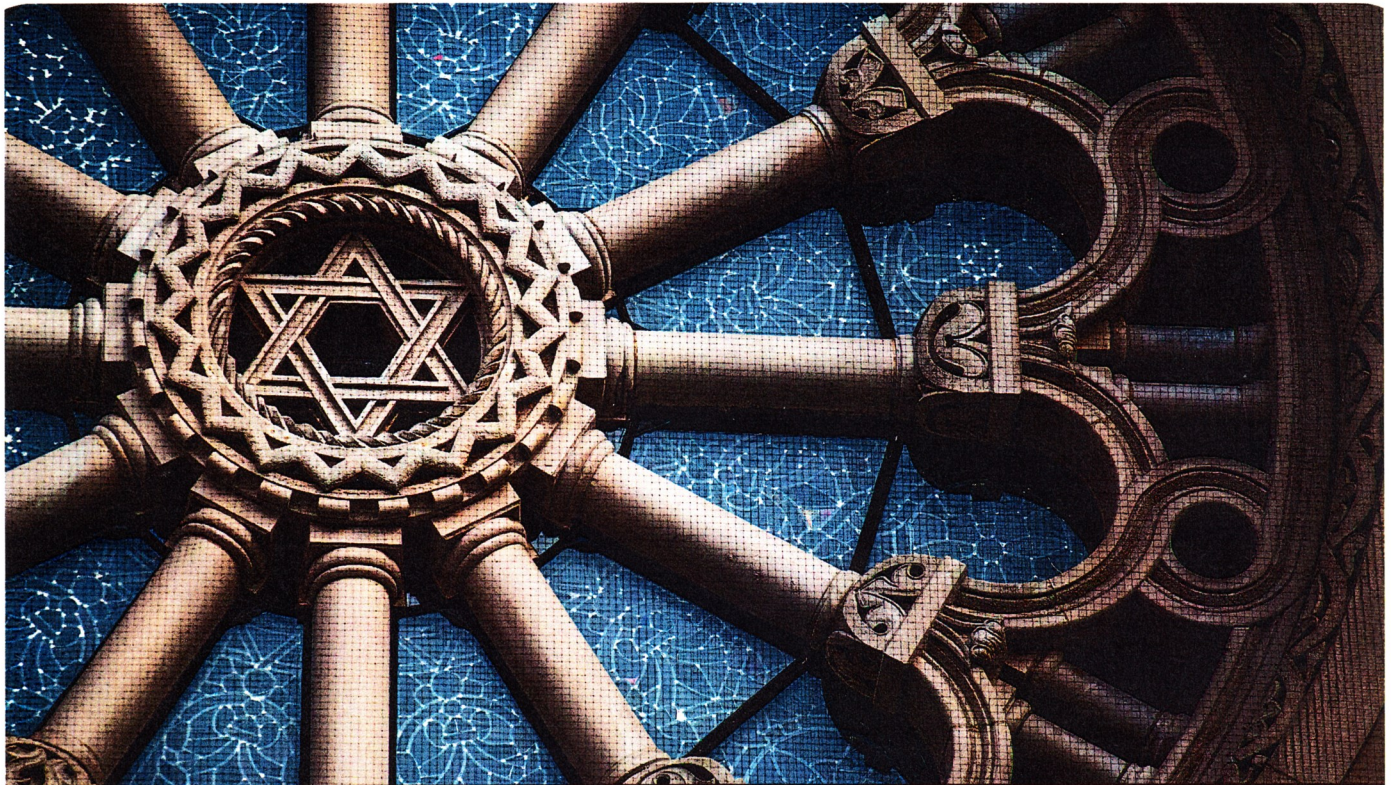
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