



Beth Israel Bulletin

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 3RD:
PASSOVER YIZKOR
SERVICE

APRIL 8TH:
YOM HASHOAH
SERVICE

APRIL 16TH:
YOM HA'ATZME'UT
SLIDE SHOW

ALL SERVICES
ON-LINE
(ZOOM)



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FROM THE RABBI

For the last year we have done services entirely from my living room. All Shabbat services have been on Friday nights. Now, we are beginning to make a few changes.

In the coming months we will be celebrating a Bar and Bat Mitzvah. As part of the preparation for this, we want our incipient young adults to experience Torah services before their big days. With that in mind, we will be doing some of our Zoom services on Saturday morning instead of Friday evenings, and will include a Torah service. Obviously, this will require us to be on Zoom from the sanctuary. In this process, we will also be able to test out some of the technology for hosting the celebrations over Zoom.

Our first in sanctuary service, with myself and a student (and possibly Eva) present, will be Saturday April 3, at 10:00 AM. This is the seventh day of Passover, so it will also be our Yizkor service.

We have another Saturday service planned for April 24 (again at 10:00 AM). As is our custom, we will not have Friday evening services those weeks.

At this point, we are not allowing any congregants to be physically present at the services, though there is a committee forming to begin to look at when and how that might happen.

We have other events happening this month as well. On Thursday, April 8, at 7:00 PM, there will be a Yom HaShoah service on Zoom. The same service link we regularly use will work for this.

On Friday, April 16, during Shabbat services we will have a slide show of some sights (sites?) of Israel in honor of Israel Independence Day.

As the weather warms and more of us are vaccinated, it feels like there is a reawakening of the world. That the time when we are once more able to gather in person is drawing closer. I very much hope that this is the case. As we have throughout this pandemic year, we are being guided by the science and the law. That we are now able to begin asking the questions of when and how we can gather is real progress. Nonetheless, we are not out of the woods yet.

As we think about gathering, there remain issues we will need to address of access and equity (much as our larger American society is struggling with these issues). Know this: we, in leadership, very much want to be gathering in person. I, as the rabbi, very much would like to be able to see you all face to face again. This year has been incredibly hard for all of us.

And so, as we move through this month, and are hopefully experiencing the budding of the trees by month's end, we are hoping that we will be moving towards a new normal. Even so, we remain aware that changing circumstances will guide our actions, and together, we will see how the future unfolds.

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Schedule of April Services



Apr. 3, Saturday, 10:00 am Shabbat Morning/Seventh Day Passover/Yizkor Service (Zoom)

Apr. 8, Thursday, 7:00 pm Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Service (Zoom)

Apr. 9, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service (Zoom)
Shmini (Lev. 9:1 - 11:47)

Apr. 16, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service with Yom Ha-atzme'ut (Israel Independence Day) Slideshow (Zoom)
Tazria-Metzora (Lev. 12: 1 - 15:33)

Apr. 24, Saturday, 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Services (Zoom)
Achrei Mot-Kedoshim (Lev. 16:1 - 20:27)

Note: No Services on Friday: April 2nd, 23rd and 30th.

Y A H R Z E I T S

April 3, 2021

Bert Copeland
Frances Oberman
Harvey Taub
Sara Cohen
Harry Liebowitz
Aaron Merkel
Frieda Haas
Otto Haas

April 9, 2021

Sara N. Egelson
Joseph Max Feinberg
Rae Zeeman
Solomon J. Schiff
Hilda Gabor
Zvi Gretz
Jack Mark
Dorothy Sondra Futterman
Meta London Merkel
Freda Goldman Livingston
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April 16, 2021

Isabel Berger Landsberg
Charles Fine
Abraham Joshua Bibliowicz
Jesse V. Levy
Leah Bolker
Alice Cohen Krinovitz
Samuel Lipschutz
Frances Benson
Abe Goldman
James Sachs
Frank Hutner
Crandall Clark
Moses Selig
Eve Lack
Abraham Markstone

April 24, 2021

Marion Piafsky
Solomon Winkler
Max Morris
Beverlee Kaifetz Finkelstein
Sara Levy Gordon
Maynard Levy
Richard Rome
Gertrude Balkan
Arthur Schwoner
Anna Lavine
Linda Braunstein
Dora Cohen
Otto Menkle
Beth Fine Kaplan



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Notes from the prez....Over the years, I've acquired a lot of learning and like many of you have titles and letters behind my name. Yet, one of the best lessons I've learned came from my newly married daughter as we were discussing the annoying habits of husbands. Yes, gentlemen, you can be annoying at times.

Lea reminded me that there are some things you accept because it is the "price of admission" verses a "deal breaker", the things that dissolve a relationship.

For example, socks on the floor is the cost of admission. Infidelity may be a deal breaker. Each couple, each situation, each relationship has a cost of admission and a deal breaker.

Walking the floor all night with a colicky baby is cost of parenthood. Having your heart fill with unbounded joy as you walk down the aisle with your soulmate is the cost of love.

So, I got to thinking. What is the cost of admission to be a member of the Beth Israel Temple tribe? What are

you willing to "pay" to be part of deep historical Jewish roots in the North Country of New York? To have a Jewish religious school covering tots to confirmation classes? To have a full time Rabbi at hand? To have services continued during the pandemic? To marry and bury in a temple and be laid to rest in a Jewish cemetery? To have seders, Channukah parties, sukkot, book clubs, adult education, onegs, lectures, and a library? How much is a beautiful sanctuary worth; a place where one can pray, meditate, worship, grieve, or just sit peacefully?

We get so wound up in our own gvetching, we lose sight of the bigger picture. So you don't like zoom, the Rabbi's sermons, the new president, the color of the walls, etc. It may be just the cost of admission to be part of community of Jews in the Adirondacks: truly a very special group.

Ba'ruch Hashem,

Beth B.



YENTA

Doug (Chaves) & Debra (Good) are still settling into their new digs. Enjoying the variety of shops and restaurants. The baby is heading to the Bahamas for a week with Mamia to see Dada. This is giving a little rest and an opportunity to visit the north country. Their house remains on the market.

Congratulations to Sgt. Christine Young, (daughter of George and Carol Staves) on her retirement March 23rd, from Sunmount DDSO in Tupper Lake after 32 years of service. Mozal Tov. Don't forget to send Yenta a note to share!



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- Thank you to the Rabbi for making me feel welcome at Torah Study.

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