The Shofar



Temple Beth El Israel

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April 2023 NISSAN / IYAR 5783

SAVE THE DATES...

April 5th Temple Seder

April 14th Yom HaShoah Service

April 15th MST860 Holocaust Torah Celebration

Please note all events are subject to cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control and health & safety concerns

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From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson

April is the month of many special moments. Within one month we will celebrate Pesach and the unique meal known as the seder. Many of us have wonderful memories of singing Dayenu, hunting for the elusive afikomen, counting the days till we could have bread again, showing off how to eat a tuna sandwich on matzah and not dropping most of it on the floor at school lunch.

Then it turns far more serious as we observe Yom HaShoah, the commemoration of the Holocaust and on the 14th and 15th, the entrance walk of

MST860 with all the pride we can accumulate surrounded by many members of the community walking with us as the orphan Torah scroll of Czechoslovakia takes its place as part of this Jewish community during the service of remembrance of the Shoah. The following week we celebrate Israel Independence Day.

It is quite a month for all of us. We have started a new adult education class and invite you to join. Yoga classes have begun, and the classes are helping many achieve strength, dexterity and confidence. Come, try it!

We are a community beginning a climb out of Covid-19 lethargy and we are reclaiming our position as the "go to" destination for the Jewish community of St. Lucie County. TBEI is on the move and we hope you will join us as we march the Torah to its new home on Shabbat morning April 15, and equally that you will join in our march to new resilient strength as the hub of a reinvigorated, welcoming, positive Jewish community with a vision, a purpose and a plan.

We hope you can help us, join with us as we move forward, matzah in hand, reliving the beginning of the trek from Egypt our ancestors took to create a new vision. I look forward to greeting each of you as we march forward.

In the meantime, Oy! Gefilte fish!! Oy matzah!!! Oy vey! More matzah. Come - be part of it all.

First seder is Wednesday April 5. Whether you celebrate at home or here with us in the Temple, Chag Sameach.

Rabbi Bruce



The President's Communication Corner

ביחד

April is going to be a busy month...

Beginning with the Temple Seder on April 5th, the Yom HaShoah service on April 14th and our much anticipated celebration on April 15th when we welcome our Holocaust Torah to our building with a community-wide event. Let's all support our Temple by attending our functions.

Thank you to all of you that have so generously donated to both the Holocaust Torah fund and the Ukraine fund we have been collecting for. We will continue to collect as long as there is a need for our help.

Our recent Sisterhood Neil Zirconia tribute show was enjoyed by all who attended.

Please save the date for our next semi-annual **Congregation meeting on May 13th**. The details for this meeting will be sent our shortly.

Wish everyone a Happy Passover!!

We're in this together, let's stay healthy and safe together.

Faith



You're Invited!!!!

Join Rabbi Benson on Thursday mornings at 10 AM for our Torah Study class & discussion on ZOOM

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Greetings from the Sisterhood!

As I write this spring is finally here.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Shabbot Across America potluck, it was an enjoyable and delicious dinner.

Once again, and back by popular demand, our recent show on March 18th with Neil Zirconia in his tribute to Neil Diamond, was extremely entertaining and we had a great time. Thank you to Sue and Ferne and committee for a lovely dessert after the show.

By the time you read this our Women's Seder will have come and gone. I am sure you enjoyed it and again, thanks to Sue Schlein and her "crew".

Remember, the Temple's Seder is April 5th. Tickets are still available if you call the Temple by April 1st.

Please make every effort to join us on April 14th, as we commemorate Yom HaShoah and on the 15th as we welcome our Holocaust Torah to TBEI. Please join us for our upcoming events.

We mourn the passing of Sheila Marks longtime member of both Sisterhood and TBEI.

Wishing everyone a happy Passover.

Evelyn and Eve



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BROTHERHOOD NEWS:



Watch the mail $\sim \sim \sim$

Yom HaShoah Memorial Candles were sent out.

Be a part of the Brotherhood Yom HaShoah commemoration at our service on April 14th.

Hope to see everyone at Friday Night Services.

Jeff Kreiss, President

Join the Brotherhood and our Temple family as we march with our MST860 Holocaust Torah on Saturday, April 15th.

We will be gathering at the Seacoast Bank Building at 9:30 a.m.





For more information about what's happening in the Temple go to templebethelisrael.org



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JOIN US APRIL 15 TO WELCOME THE TBEI HOLOCAUST TORAH

Since January monthly articles in the Shofar have addressed Discrimination, Antisemitism, the Holocaust, the annihilation of the Jews of Bavaria and Moravia and the rescue of the Czech Holocaust Torahs. All of this has been an introduction to this month's march as part of the ceremony to welcome Czech Holocaust Torah MST860 to Temple Beth El Israel. On April 14th we will commemorate Yom Hashoah with a special Service. Brotherhood will continue their program of providing Yom Hashoah Memorial Candles to Temple members and guests.

On April 15th we will carry the Torah from the Seacoast Bank parking lot, down Bethany Drive to the Temple. We will be accompanied by invited guests from the community, City and County law enforcement and private security. Those who cannot make the walk are encouraged to be at the Temple entrance by 10:30 to welcome the procession. Once inside the Temple we will have a special Service comprised of music, prayers, responsive readings and messages all designed to bring the community and our newest member together and to spread the message:

This abomination has happened more than once to humanity, and can happen again if we are all not vigilant in opposing those who would divide us with hateful rhetoric.



Our Holocaust Torah Cover and the Yad that has been designed especially for this Torah.





April Birthdays

6	llene Sobel	
14	Andre' Tarraf	
16	Susan Redman	
21	Eleanor Berman	
25	Murray Green	
26	Lewis Honig	
28	Lynne Cohn	



April Anniversaries



2	Janet & Gary Soloshatz
16	Susan & David Schlein
18	Jaquie & Matthew Fromer
29	Jill & John Argenziano

מזל טוב

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed in the Shofar contact the Temple office and ask to have your special day included.

PLEASE.....

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SAVE THE DATE

Our next semi-annual Congregation meeting will be on Saturday evening, May 13th, 2023

Save the date and watch for further details about this meeting.

Please make every effort to attend.

We need to have a quorum to conduct the meeting.





The Brotherhood is once again distributing Yom HaShoah candles in anticipation of our service commemorating this unforgettable event.

Join us on Friday, April 14th at 7:30 p.m. for our Yom HaShoah service and light your yellow candle on Tuesday, April 18th in memory of all who perished.





Upcoming Friday night Torah service will be on the following date:



May 5th

Wednesday, April 26th

PASSOVER FRUITED FARFEL KUGEL

(Sue Schlein's delicious recipe)

4 cups matzo farfel

1 cup apple juice

6 eggs

3/4 cup sugar

1 stick melted margarine

1 can crushed pineapple - drained

1 can peaches (drained) plus 2 teaspoons juice

1 can mandarin oranges - drained

1 cup seedless raisins

Rind of 1/2 lemon plus 2 teaspoons juice

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

Vanilla



Place farfel in large bowl

Add 1 cup boiling apple juice, beat eggs, add sugar and margarine, beat again.

Add egg mixture to farfel, add remaining ingredients and mix.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a casserole dish.

Pour pudding into <u>hot</u> casserole dish.

Bake 1 hour at $33\overline{5}^{\circ}$.



YOM HASHOAH

April 18, 2023



Light a yellow candle to remember those who perished.

NEVER AGAIN! "To forget would not only be dangerous but offensive, to forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time....Not only are we responsible for the memories of the dead, we are responsible for what we are doing with these memories. For the dead and the living, we must bear witness."

Holocaust Survivor Elie Wiesel

Seventy-seven years have passed since the Nazi concentration camps were liberated and the Holocaust that claimed the six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, Temple Beth El Israel once again will join Jews throughout the United States and around the world by participating in the **Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle Holocaust Commemoration** to keep alive the memories of the Six Million who perished.

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle is modeled after a traditional Jewish Yahrzeit memorial candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning. The wax reminds us of the yellow arm bands that Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime.

As the years pass, the memories of those who were victims in this ultimate hate crime must not diminish. We encourage your family to light a yellow candle on the night of Wednesday, April 27, 2022, and join as thousands of Jewish families light their Yom HaShoah candles. This action will continue to increase the awareness of the Holocaust and help perpetuate our commitment to our people – particularly, since recently, with the marked increase of anti-Semitism.

The memory is important! The number of Holocaust survivors is rapidly diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny that the Holocaust happened gain strength. Sadly, a study conducted last year reported that 22 percent of millennials (23 to 38 years old) say they haven't even heard of the Holocaust.

Temple Beth El Israel Brotherhood will distribute a Yom HaShoah yellow candle to each Temple family. Please join us in lighting this candle in memory of our six million brothers and sisters who perished.

In addition, we encourage you to attend our Holocaust Memorial Yizkor Service led by Rabbi Benson on Friday, April 14th, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar and save the date.

Thank you for your participation,

Temple Beth El Israel Brotherhood

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Save the dates

April 5th ~ ~ Temple Seder April 14th ~ ~ Yom HaShoah Service April 15th ~ ~ Holocaust Torah Community event

May 6th ~ ~ Guest speaker & video <u>after</u> our Saturday morning service May 20th ~ ~ Trivia

May 26th ~ ~ Kugel Bake off June 11th ~ ~ Spaghetti/Bingo

Be a part of our Temple family Participate in our functions Friday night Candle Lighting Schedule:



April:

7	7:22 pn
14	7:25 pn
21	7:28 pn
28	7:32 pn

Lighting the Shabbat Candles:

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Baruch ata Adonay, Eloheynu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitz-votuv, v'tzivanu l'hadlik nayr shel Shabbat.

Praised are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through the Mitzvot, and enjoined upon us the kindling of the Shabbat lights.



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We had a wonderful show starring Neil Zirconia performing and joined by some of our audience





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Some of our Ohel Moed students made Hamantashen for Purim this month.



THE STAMP CORNER ~ ~ By Ellis Bromberg

WHY A HANUKKAH STAMP IN APRIL?

No, Hanukkah has not been moved to April -- but the U.S. Hanukkah stamp issued in 2022 has an important connection to a Temple Beth El Israel event this month.

The stamp features a beautiful design from a wall-hanging created by Jeanette Kuvin Oren, one of the world's foremost contemporary artists specializing in Judaic art. And we are proud that the cover for TBEI's Holocaust Torah, which we will welcome to the Temple in a special march and program on April 15, was also designed by Kuvin Oren!

Since 1984, she has been commissioned by more than 450 synagogues, community centers, day schools, and camps across the United States, Canada, South America, and the Caribbean. She is best known for one-of-kind Torah covers, Ark curtains, wall hangings, glass Ark doors, mosaics, stained glass, chuppahs, ketubot, and paper cuttings. Kuvin Oren also designs synagogue interiors.

For the stamp, her original fiber-art was hand dyed, appliqued, and quilted to form an abstract image of a hanukkiah. Kuvin Oren says the blue and purple colors represent the sky, the greens and browns represent the earth, and the yellows and oranges represent Hanukkah itself. She says "I like to think that this stamp honors the joy and light of Hanukkah, love of Judaism, and the beauty of stamps." This is the eighth new design since the first U.S. Hanukkah stamp was issued in 1996.

Kuvin Oren worked closely with Rabbi Benson and our Holocaust Torah committee to design a unique and moving image for the cover that will be a very special and meaningful addition to TBEI's collection of ritual art objects. We can't wait to see it when it's revealed to the Temple community and public for the first time on April 15!





Jeanette Kuvin Oren designed the 2022 U.S. Hanukkah stamp, and the Torah cover for TBEI's Holocaust Torah

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Tickets must be purchased by April 1st.

Our Monthly TBEI Library Book Review.....by Sheilah Korinow



This month, we await the arrival of Passover. It brings with it the story of our leaving the land of Egypt and includes culinary delights to remind us of what happened to our People. Who is not happy to see a seder table set for Passover with beautiful dishes, meaningful symbols, and of course, special foods we eat? With that in mind, I will offer you a couple of recipes for Passover

from a cookbook I reviewed last year - L'Dor V'Dor, from Temple Beth Tikvah of Connecticut. I thought you might enjoy viewing a few Passover recipes you might not have seen before.

Glazed Chicken Wings on A Matzah Bed

5 Matzah

3 eggs

salt and pepper

About 20 chicken wings

Glaze

1 tsp. garlic powder

4 T. oil

1/3 cup water

1 tsp. paprika

4 T. honey

1 T. maple syrup

Break the matzah and cover with warm water; let stand for 5 minutes and squeeze dry. Mix the matzah with the eggs, salt and pepper. Grease a heat-proof dish and line with the matzah mixture. Cut each wing apart at the joints: discard wing tips or save to use in soup. Mix all of the glaze ingredients; Arrange the wings on the matzah bed and brush them with the glaze. Roast for an hour in a medium- high oven. Baste frequently and turn the wings once after 30 minutes.

Last year, I shared with you a recipe for Israeli Charoset. Here is one for Greek Charoset.

20 large dates, chopped

3/4 C. walnuts, ground

1 C. raisins, chopped

1/2 cup almonds, chopped

Trace of grated lemon peel

Red wine

Combine the fruit and nuts. Add the wine to bring it to the desired consistency.

There you have it. Two new recipes to try. They both seem to be fairly easy to make. By the way, if you do include them during Passover, let me know what you thought. That way, I can pass on your comments to others. One more note. With honey included in the recipes, you can also use them for Rosh Hashanah. Two birds with one stone, as they say!

VOTER ALERT

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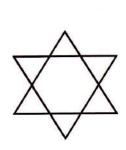
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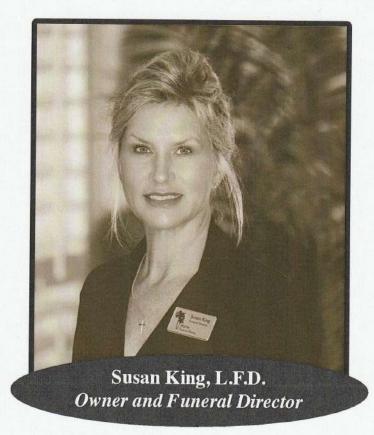






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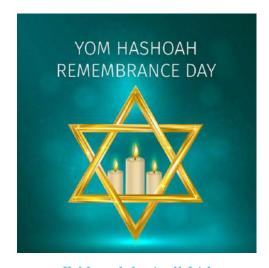






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