

# April Newsletter



**Consecrated for the Crossing**  
**— Joshua 5 —**

**April 1st-April 30th 2026**

**Congregation Temple Beth'EL**

# PRAYER LIST

**Rabbi Deborah Bowen**  
**Rabbi Buna Bowen**  
**Zaken J. Gibson**  
**General Mother Gloria Gibson**  
**Lady Keturah Laadt**  
**Zaken Parker**  
**Rabbi David Best Sr.**  
**Lady Rita McClam**  
**Lady Jean Seymour**  
**Sis. Abiyah Williams**  
**Natan McClam**  
**Congregation Temple Beth'EL**  
**Rabbi J. Rhodes**  
**Shepherd Mother Nellie Harris**  
**Dimona "The Village of Peace"**  
**The Commonwealth of Israel**

*MI SHEBEIRACH avoteinu v'imoteinu,  
Avraham, Yitzchak v'Yaakov, Sarah, Rivkah,  
Rachel v'Leia-ah, hu y'veireich et hacholim  
[names]. HaKadosh Baruch Hu y'imalei  
rachamim aleihem, Itachalimam ul'rapotam  
ul'hachazikam, v'yishlach lahem m'heirah  
r'fuah, r'fuah sheleimah min hashamayim,  
r'fuat hanefesh ur'fuat haguf, hashta  
baagala uviz'man kariv. V'nomar: Amen.*

MAY THE ONE who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless and heal those who are ill [names]. May the Blessed Holy One be filled with compassion for their health to be restored and their strength to be revived. May God swiftly send them a complete renewal of body and spirit, and let us say, Amen.

מי שברך אבותינו ואמותינו,  
אברהם, יצחק ויעקב, שרה, רבקה,  
רחל וליאה, הוא יברך את החולים  
[names]. הקדוש ברוך הוא ימלא  
רחמים עליהם, להחלימים ולרפאתם  
ולהחזיקם, וישלח להם מהירה  
רפואה, רפואה שלמה מן השמים,  
רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף, השתא  
בעגלה ובזמן קרוב. ונאמר: אמן.



happy  
**Birthday**

**Emah Grace Stanley**  
**Heberto Weaver**  
**Jennifer James**  
**Reuben Aronoff- Green**  
**Zechariah Witherspoon**  
**Elder Uriel Nemesís**  
**Lady Hannah Witherspoon**  
**Elder Obadiah Register**  
**Elder Stephen Scott**  
**Elder Isaiah Parker**  
**Emah Mary McClam**  
**Lady Inez Woods**  
**Chase Layton**  
**Kenneth Gladden, z"l**



# PARSHIYOT

Pesach I / פֶּסַח א' /

2 April 2026 / 15 Nisan 5786  
Exodus 12:21-51 / Numbers 28:16-25

Shmini / שְׁמִינִי /

11 Apr 2026 / 24 Nisan 5786  
Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Tazria / תְּזַרְיֵעַ /

18 Apr 2026 / 1 Iyyar 5786  
Leviticus 12:1-13:59

Metzora / מְצַרְעַ /

18 Apr 2026 / 1 Iyyar 5786  
Leviticus 14:1-15:33

Achrei Mot / אַחֲרֵי מוֹת /

25 Apr 2026 / 8 Iyyar 5786  
Leviticus 16:1-18:30



## Membership Fees

Spiritual Leader, Rabbi -\$500.00  
Spiritual Leader -\$200.00  
Rabbis -\$100.00  
Rabbanit -\$50.00  
Elders -\$50.00  
Ladies of Dignity -\$25.00  
20 yrs. old and up -\$10.00  
Birth - 19 -\$5.00

Everyone 70 and older is exempt from membership dues.\*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Men's Retreat  
April 30, 2026- May 3, 2026

Rabbi and Dr. Bowen's 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
July 24-26, 2026

CTB 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Every Third Sabbath

## Upcoming Feast Dates

### Shavuot

Thursday, May 21, 2026 -  
Friday, May 22, 2026

### Rosh Hashanah

Erev Shabbat, September 11-  
Shabbat Day, September 12,  
2026

### Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 20, 2026-  
Monday, September 21, 2026

### Sukkot

Erev Shabbat, September 25,  
2026- Erev Shabbat, October  
2, 2026



# Passover and The Feast of Unleaved Bread,

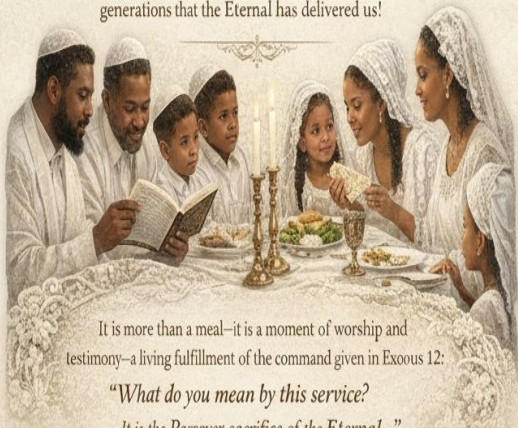
April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ April 8<sup>th</sup>

— EXODUS 12:25-27 —

“And it shall come to pass, when you come to the land that the Eternal will give you, according as He has promised, that you shall observe the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, which is the Passover of the Eternal, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.” — EXODUS 12:25-27

*The Seder is a tradition that came from Scripture.*

On this night, we eat the matzah and bitter herbs as a service—a worship moment—because this is the night we testify to the generations that the Eternal has delivered us!



It is more than a meal—it is a moment of worship and testimony—a living fulfillment of the command given in Exodus 12:

*“What do you mean by this service?*

*It is the Passover sacrifice of the Eternal...”*

*Scan the QR code to have access to your Pesach need to know.*

7 days filled with worship, community and excitement.



# CTB's Annual Matzo Ball

April 5th, 2026

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VENDORS!

WE PROVIDE THE TABLES



FASHION SHOW

FAMILY FEUD

MANY MORE INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

FOR MORE INFO & VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

CONTACT:  
**Abigail Evans**  
(484) 213-5482

LOCATION:  
**CONGREGATION  
TEMPLE BETH'EL**

## Bresha Grimmage Passover Cookies

### Cookie Prices

 Single Cookie:	\$2.00
 4 Cookies:	\$8
 12 Cookies:	\$22
 20 Cookies:	\$36
 25 Cookies:	\$44
 50 Cookies:	\$80
★ Party Pack:	-\$55

### Flavors:

Strawberry • Strawberry Banana  
Lemon • Banana Walnut  
Snickerdoodle • Banana  
Almond



Bulk pricing available for parties & events. Larger orders must be purchased as listed packages.

# Bare Faced Naturals

Chametz-Free Skincare for Passover

Passover isn't only about the chametz we eat, but also what we put on our skin.



All Natural Products  
For Sale Through Passover!

Crafted with care, our all-natural products are Chametz-Free and perfect for Passover.



# ZIPPORAH'S PASSOVER DELUXE DESSERTS!!

Handcrafted, Dairy-Only Treats for the Season



## OUR PASSOVER OFFERINGS

- **PASSOVER PIES**  
(Incl. Free Vanilla Ice Cream):  
Sweet Potato (\$34) & Apple (\$34)
- **ARTISAN ICE CREAM:**  
Butter Pecan (\$16) - Culturally significant, reinvented for Passover
- **PASSOVER COOKIES**  
(\$22/batch; \*3+ batches -> \$18/batch\*):  
Cinnamon Sugar, Strawberry Thumbprint, & Walnut

Cash App \$ZipporahWitherspoon, Venmo @ZipporahWitherspoon, Apple Pay (215) 490-8773, Cash



## ORDERING & PICKUP:

To order for multiple nights, please place multiple orders. **All desserts are Dairy.** Order by **Tuesday, 3/31** for timely pickup. Pickups on Wed 4/1, Shabbat 4/4, and Sun 4/5.

SCAN TO ORDER



ZIPPORAH WITHERSPOON'S KITCHEN:  
Made with love and appreciation for your support.

\*Please include 'Passover Desserts' in memo.\*

*Sabri's*  
**Kosher for  
Passover**  
SALAD DRESSING

**SALAD  
DRESSING**

Avocado Ranch

Citrus Honey

OG Thousand Island

**\$11**

FOR A 16oz JAR



**KOSHER FOR  
PASSOVER  
KITINIYOT  
FREE!**



**Fruitaments  
Refreshers**

*NATURAL... FRESH... DELICIOUSLY GOOD!*

Strawberry/Banana

Pineapple, Green  
Apple & Ginger

Simply  
Watermelon

Mixed Fruit

Watermelon Mango

**TEXT OR CALL RAY TO ORDER**  
**267-663-6207**

**\$5 each or  
5 or more -  
\$3 each**



# THOSE BEING CALLED TO THE TORAH

July 18, 2026 Amara Simpson

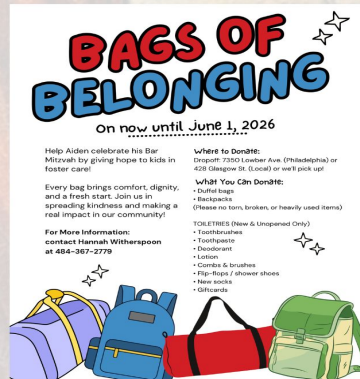
July 25, 2026 Aiden Witherspoon

August 15, 2026 Jeremyah Twiggs

October 17, 2026 Heaven Purnell

November 14, 2026 Rebecca LaPrince

December 26, 2026 Uriel Gleaton



# 25

*The Seeds That Were Planted  
Are About to Spring Forth*

Isaiah 61:11

CONGREGATION TEMPLE BETH'EL  
*invites you to join us in the celebration of*

**Rabbi Debra A. and Dr. Earl Bowen's  
25th Anniversary**

July 24-26, 2026

*We look forward to worshipping with you.*

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