



The Clarion



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FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER.....

Dear Temple B'nai Emet Family,

When you receive this, Passover, *Pesach*, is very likely to have just begun or is about to start. I strongly recommend you take another look at the Passover schedule I sent in last month's *Clarion* and by email for a number of special opportunities to engage with our community and with tradition. Even though the official Q&A session is essentially done by the time you are reading these words, I remind you that I always welcome questions. Please don't be a stranger in contacting myself or the TBE office.

(Also, please remember to save the date: Friday, May 22, 2026, we will be holding 9:30 am services for the Festival holiday of *Shavuot*, in addition to our regular Sabbath services. More details to come in next month's article.)

As of the time I write this, much of the world, especially Israel and the United States, is still at war with Iran, and that very well may still be true by the time you receive this. Some of you by now have heard me talk about how our hopes and fears can, and often should, go beyond our differences: We all want a better, more peaceful world. Our hearts go out to innocent people that are threatened, injured, or killed, especially including our greater Jewish family (and literal personal families!) in Israel and elsewhere, but also including innocents the world over that may be harmed. And we still do not know what tomorrow will bring and can only guess as to what is the right path forward.

These are daunting thoughts, but there is comfort in being honest about what we do not understand. Jews have a lot of theories about what happens when we die, and

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our tradition teaches that there is so much more to come beyond life as we know it, but, ideally, we are also honest that we do not know what that “more to come” really is. And there are things in this life that defy our understanding. The Holocaust is less than a century old, and I am fairly certain that a century or two from now, we will still be trying to wrap our minds around how we suffered so much destruction and agony, as humans and specifically as Jews, and how God could allow a world in which it could happen. And the establishment of the State of Israel not long after, and the struggles and sacrifices that still involves, represent such a dramatic turn for our people exiled for millennia that I highly doubt any of us could truly comprehend what it has meant and continues to mean.

The calendar days to come give us moments to think about these things that are so obviously beyond our full understanding—but that nonetheless demand our attention. Like the other major Festival holidays, Passover’s last day in synagogue (Wednesday, April 8, 2026) features *Yizkor*, a time to remember close ones whose presence we can no longer experience in this world—even, perhaps especially, during our moments of joy. Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day (from sunset, Tuesday, April 13 through daylight of Wednesday, April 14, 2026) demands our recognition of the unthinkable tragic, perhaps prompting ourselves to ask what we can do for a better world. And Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day (from sunset, Monday, April 20, 2026 through daylight of Tuesday, April 21, 2026) and Yom HaAtzmaut, which immediately follows (from sunset April 21, 2026 through daylight of Wednesday, April 22, 2026) challenge us to contemplate the wonder and the conflicts of the modern State of Israel and its history, as well as our prayers that it serve a redemptive purpose for ourselves and for the world.

Throughout every moment of these times, I ask that we come together as much as we possibly can. Yes, I do mean that literally—as in, I want you to come to our synagogue. *And* I mean that in a larger sense as well—as in, I want us all to feel and act as though we are all in this together, because, truly, we are. Current events or the Hebrew calendar may ask us to think about death, our people’s struggles, or the larger purpose of the Jewish mission in the world. As we have these thoughts, we are entitled to our individual beliefs and opinions. At the same time, we are obligated to remember the humility and curiosity that our religion requires. We cannot solve the world’s problems, or even our own individual problems, alone. We need God, and we need each other.

I wish us all a Chag Sameach, a joyous Festival, throughout our Passovers, and a brighter future ahead.

With love and hope,
Michael Feldman

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello to everyone,

Passover is upon us come and we look forward to you joining us at services. Don't forget we have Zoom for those that can't make it. Please visit our website: templebnaimet.org for up to date information on all services and activities. We also appreciate your continuous support for our Temple - your donations are very important. We also have a Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Please feel free to donate to this fund as well.

I feel at this time the Purim story is still relevant. Reading superficially, the Purim story follows a familiar theme today. The wicked Haman plotted to exterminate the Jews. Luckily, Ester had become Queen and plotted to eliminate Haman. She courageously spoke up, the villain was destroyed, and the Jews were saved.

Purim has passed but we must still be vigilant in day and age because we still have Haman in our time that still want to eliminate the Jews.

On Feb 14, 2026 a plot was discovered to kill Jews in Manchester UK (United Kingdom, England) Two ISIS members were planning to massacre Jews in the city of Manchester They planned to use automatic weapons to inflict the most damage. Thank G-d the plot was stopped just like during the time of Haman. Be vigilant, be aware and may G-d watch over us.

Ricardo Aespuro

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Mike Blank	April 1st
Louis Danoff	April 1st
Lija Olesen	April 2nd

Beatrice and Louis Danoff April 7th
Carol and Luis Esquenazi April 16th



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Judith Perez – Happy Birthday. From Janis and David Kramer.

Jeanette Dickman – Get well. From Luba and George Gelmis, Sandy Olesen, Rachel Wu, Janis and David Kramer, Elvia and Ricardo Aespuro.

Mike Smith – Condolences the loss of his beloved Wife Barbara. From Judi Tefft.

**TO YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY**



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YORZEITS

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

Leopold Budka	April 3-4
Mathilda Cicurel	April 3-4
Philip Cohen	April 3-4
Rose Fagin	April 3-4
Elsie Fechser	April 3-4
Gwendolyn Mildred Olesen	April 3-4
Jack Palotnik	April 3-4
Abraham Pilnick	April 3-4
Jacob Tankelson	April 3-4
Sam Jake Weiss	April 3-4
Jacob Greenberg	April 4-5
Hodl Harris	April 4-5
Joe Gale	April 5-6
Meyer Hyatt	April 5-6
Meyer Miller	April 5-6
Julia Schwartz	April 5-6
Sophie Schwartz	April 5-6
Herman Adler	April 6-7
Robert Bukshpan	April 6-7
J. Roger Fechser	April 6-7
Ida Garber	April 6-7
Sarah Rosenfeld	April 6-7
Louis Smith	April 6-7
David G. Tarlow	April 6-7
Melvin Yaruss	April 6-7
Ida Frank	April 7-8
Beatrice Cohen	April 7-8
Morey Loeb Gold	April 7-8
Julius Kirschbaum	April 7-8
Morris Pike	April 7-8
Yacov Cicurel	April 8-9
May Goldberg	April 8-9
Shirley Harris	April 8-9
Perry J. Hasson	April 8-9
Rachel Spring	April 8-9
Frances Woodman	April 8-9
Motel Finkelstein	April 9-10
Sheindel Finkelstein	April 9-10
Adela Hessing	April 9-10
Michael Katz	April 9-10
Sarah Novicoff	April 9-10
Simon Schwartz	April 9-10
Edward Solomon	April 9-10
Jeanette Stearns	April 9-10

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

Harry Hyman Applebaum	April 10-11
Isidore Hess	April 10-11
Larry Jacobson	April 10-11
Harry Lichtbach	April 10-11

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH CONT.

Leah Black Simon	April 10-11
Anna Harris	April 11-12
Deborah Kleeger	April 11-12
Getrude Marx	April 11-12
Tillie Stern	April 11-12
Seymour Unterberger	April 11-12
Jack Cohen	April 12-13
Rabbi Eugene Gottesman	April 12-13
Natalie Schwab	April 12-13
Rose Zaretsky	April 12-13
Sheia Blank	April 13-14
Harry Finegold	April 13-14
Elsie Fink	April 13-14
Jennie Fink	April 13-14
Ann Garber	April 13-14
Mary Latter	April 13-14
Evelyn Miller	April 13-14
Molly Weiss Rogers	April 13-14
Isadore Brook	April 14-15
Michael Cherroff	April 14-15
Pauline Klugman	April 14-15
Scott Lawrence Dickman	April 15-16
Abram Kaminsky	April 15-16
Esther Levey	April 15-16
Philip M. Plotkin	April 15-16
Peter Shapiro	April 15-16
Samuel Yarrish	April 15-16
Donald Bukshpan	April 16-17
Henry Jaro	April 16-17
Lillian Raif	April 16-17
Arthur Schuster	April 16-17
Rivka Warheit	April 16-17

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

Max Bernstein	April 17-18
Manuel Chesler	April 17-18
Sarah Katzman	April 17-18
Rose Light	April 17-18
Myrna Mandel	April 17-18
Rhea Belle Orgin	April 17-18
Herman Rosenbaum	April 17-18
Bernice Trunk	April 17-18
David E. Glatt	April 18-19
Pearl Holtz	April 18-19
Martin Krause	April 18-19
Samuel Lipson	April 18-19
Maurice Werner	April 18-19
Benjamin Brown	April 19-20

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH CONT.

Benjamin Frolove	April 19-20
Morris Globerson	April 19-20
Anna Greenberg	April 19-20
Gertrude Reimier	April 19-20
Sharon Lynn Saltzman	April 19-20
Albert Applebaum	April 20-21
Vera Aznoff	April 20-21
Sarah Frolove	April 20-21
Sarah Goltz	April 20-21
Leo Katz	April 20-21
Jacob Pulver	April 20-21
Louis Resnick	April 20-21
Kate Rotstein	April 20-21
Mary Slavins	April 20-21
Ethyl Miriam Snyder	April 20-21
Gizella Stewart	April 20-21
Benjamin Warheit	April 20-21
Zelda Brown	April 21-22
Carolyn Fishman	April 21-22
Max Hagler	April 21-22
Rose B. Kolb	April 21-22
Louis Krasne	April 21-22
Fannie Rosen	April 21-22
Florence Walshok	April 21-22
Max Zuckerman	April 21-22
Becky Abrahams	April 22-23
Albert Esquenazi	April 22-23
Shirley Hoffman	April 22-23
Clara Hasson	April 22-23
Sarah Horwitz	April 22-23
Bessie Kronenfeld	April 22-23
Isaac Kuperman	April 22-23
Mollye R. Trossman	April 22-23
Nicholas Blum	April 23-24
Blanche Cebrover	April 23-24
Joel Finer	April 23-24
Nathan Globerson	April 23-24
Jack Honig	April 23-24
Joseph Rappaport	April 23-24

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

Goldie Benjamin	April 24-25
Tobia Cominsky	April 24-25
Jacob (Zelig) Ducker	April 24-25
David B. Orshoff	

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH CONT.

Esther Schulman	April 24-25
Abraham Slutzky	April 24-25
Clara Slutzky	April 24-25
Moses B. Smith	April 24-25
Rose Smith	April 24-25
Isaac Wiener	April 24-25
Pauline Wolfisch	April 24-25
Samuel Cicurel	April 25-26
Sidney Kaye	April 25-26
Marvin Selcer	April 25-26
William Trunk	April 25-26
William B. Wahnish	April 25-26
Isidoro Bali	April 26-27
Samuel Fink	April 26-27
Dora Schwartz	April 26-27
Anne Slayton	April 26-27
Miral Chernick	April 27-28
Ida Goodwin	April 27-28
Joseph Jacob Hasson	April 27-28
Sadie Rose	April 27-28
Philip Schlagel	April 27-28
Jennie Pilnick Shusterman	April 27-28
Delva Simon	April 27-28
Sarah Reva Smith	April 27-28
Frank Zisman	April 27-28
George Benjamin	April 28-29
Helen Bradlyn	April 28-29
Bill Cutler	April 28-29
Ida Halperin	April 28-29
Henrietta Harris	April 28-29
Betty Levinson	April 28-29
Victor Shaevitz	April 28-29
Yetta Stone	April 28-29
Harry Cramer	April 29-30
Betty Feuerstein	April 29-30
Max Helfand	April 29-30
Sylvia Lamden	April 29-30
Harry S. Landy	April 29-30
Rose Paskil	April 29-30
Harry Prager	April 29-30
Nathan Roth	April 29-30
Anne Yarrish	April 30-May 1

Elisheva's Corner

LOVE LETTER TO TBE

My need for expression to all of you that I have had the privilege to walk side by side as we grow in spirit, intellect and otherwise has been a fractious feast of pomegranates, honey, herbs, and a dash of humor. I have silently watched as all the tribe of the shul have kept their candlelight on and I have grown to be proud to be a congregant of a small synagogue with its walls containing the darkness and light of faith.

I know some of us proclaim to be a cultural Jew, or a secular Jew; sometimes religious Jew and a few times Ashkenazi or Sephardic Jew and as my heart has wrestled with the separation, I know one thing we all are the same as our RNA and DNA attest to it. Our road to believe or not to believe comes down to one speckle of our truth: humans will have doubt, are sometimes doubtful and yet this road is the only road that brings about illumination in the form of growth.

I hope that our venture to get to know each other is flourished in the hope that I honor every one of you and thank you for showering me with wisdom and love.

I cannot wait to hear from Steve Dickman's words of wisdom in our May edition.

Shalom
ELISHEVA

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Schedule of Services



Saturday morning services continue to be conducted through **ZOOM** and now **IN PERSON** starting at **10:00 am**. If you would like to join services via **ZOOM**, contact the Temple office **(626) 545-2053** and give Val your email address. You will then receive the **LINK** to join services.

Candle Lighting Time

“Beautify the Sabbath and
Your Home”



April 3.....6:57
April 10.....7:02
April 17.....7:08
April 24.....7:13

APRIL

- 2nd – Pesach (Passover) Day 1 – **Services 10:00 am**
- 4th – Pesach (Passover) Day 3 - **Services 9:30 am**
- 5th – Special Temple B’nai Emet learning “Chol HaMoed”
Morning services **9:00 am**
- 8th – Pesach (Passover) Day 7 -Temple B’nai Emet morning services
(including Yizkor) – **Services 9:30 am**