

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dear Friends,

The temple leadership recently met to discuss how to proceed with all our services, events, and programs amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic. Due to CDC guidelines limiting the number of people who should gather, and out of an abundance of caution, Temple Beth El leadership has decided not to hold in-person programs for the time being. Services, Torah School and Torah Study will all be shifted to a virtual setting. Some programs like Taus Lectures, Salon Concerts and Cooking with the Cantor will be postponed. New virtual programs are being scheduled.



Even though we will not be meeting in person, please know that Temple Beth El staff are all available and working hard to provide support and create a wide range meaningful programs for people of all ages, backgrounds and interests.

### **Congregational Support**

I have been absolutely blown away by the number of people who have offered to make phone calls or deliveries to fellow congregants. If you would like to participate in our phone tree or know of anyone who might, please let us know as soon as possible. If you are stuck at home and need help getting a prescription or something from the store, please give us a call. While we can't guarantee that someone will be able to meet everyone's needs, we will try our best.

### **Pastoral Support**

Please know that clergy is available if you need to talk, or if you need other support. We take confidentiality very seriously.

## Community Offerings

Although we are not meeting in person, we are pleased to have a robust offering of virtual get-togethers. These include social events, as well as opportunities for learning, prayer, meditation, healing, cooking, art, and musical uplift. These programs will be available to you through the video conferencing application **Zoom**. This software works on any smartphone, tablet or computer, and will not cost you anything. Each event has its own unique link. Simply click on the link, download Zoom, and you will be added to meeting. The first time you use zoom, please leave extra time to set it up. If you experience any problems in using it, please watch [this video](#) or contact one of the volunteers on our newly formed Tech Team, listed below. If you would like to join the Tech Team, contact the TBE office.

Zoom enables participants to see one another's faces and to engage in conversation. Through using this app, we hope to create virtual community gatherings that will connect us to old and new friends alike. We are still adding to our zoom offerings and have created a special "Virtually TBE" google calendar of these events, which can be accessed [here](#).

The calendar and our Constant Contact emails are the best way to have up to date information about our virtual offerings.

For now, we are pleased to invite you to participate in any of the events below. The information on Shabbat Services will be in tomorrow's email.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Cassi Kail

## Tech Team

These amazing folks have volunteered to take calls from anyone having trouble using Zoom:

Gale Swartz  
Andrea Lawrence  
Eric Imley

Lillian Imley  
Shoni Gramcko  
Karyn Zafran

## Upcoming Virtual Programs



### **Zoom Torah Study**

Study from home with Rabbi Cassi Kail

**Thursdays at Noon**

Join us to explore the weekly Torah portion. No experience is necessary. You can attend the class by [clicking this link](#) when class begins.

### **Breakfast & Storytime with Cantor Ilan**

**Fridays at 9 a.m.**



Kids, join Cantor Ilan on Zoom for Storytime by [clicking the bookworm](#).



### **Let's Speak Hebrew Course taught by TBE Educator, Racheli Morris**

**We welcome you to a fantastic opportunity to increase your use of conversational Hebrew.**

**Next Session is Sunday, March 22**

**New Time: 2:00 p.m. via Zoom [click here](#) when class starts to attend.**

#### **Subjects include:**

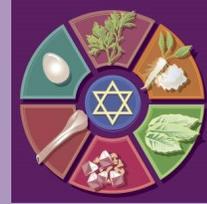
- Introductions and personal information
- Ask and answer simple questions about places of residence, family, daily schedule, etc
- Useful Hebrew for traveling in Israel

*Suggested Donation of \$250*  
**Everyone is welcome**

*Class is generously sponsored by Dr. Tracy and Eric Imley*

## **Passover Plates**

**Tuesdays, March 24, 31 and April 7  
3:00 p.m. on Zoom and Facebook Live**



Chefs extraordinaire Eliot Swartz and Cantor Ilan help with Passover cooking in a 3 session virtual class on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#). Click the link for your preferred platform at the time class starts.

## **Cantor's Corner**



**Tuesdays at 7 p.m.**

Join Cantor Ilan for music on Zoom by clicking [here](#).

## **Coffee Talk with Rabbi Cassi**

**Wednesdays at 1 p.m.**

Grab a cup of coffee and join Rabbi Cassi for a mid-day chat. [Click here to join the conversation.](#)



## **From our Jewish camps:**

**Mondays at 9 a.m.**

Mifkad Boker (morning ritual) with Camp Newman

**Tuesdays at 8 p.m.**

Sci-Tech Tuesdays with Sci-Tech West

**Thursdays at 7 p.m.**

Siyum (learning) with Camp Newman

**We will add links to the Virtually TBE calendar when we get them.**

## These events are postponed until we can hold them in person:

Live Band Karaoke Party  
Saturday, March 21

Cooking with Cantor  
Sunday, March 22

Taus Lecture with Rabbi Sarah Bassin  
Tuesday, March 24

ROMEOS and Jewliettes Luncheon at Think Cafe  
Wednesday, March 25

Sisterhood Circle of Service Luncheon  
Sunday, March 29

## Other Ways to Get Involved



### Board of Directors Nominations

**If you are interested in nominating someone, including yourself, to the Temple Beth El Board of Directors, please contact Nominating Chair, Marvin Belzer.**

Note: If you are not selected by the nominating committee and wish to be considered, you may submit your nomination to [president@bethelsp.org](mailto:president@bethelsp.org) by **May 15th. To do this you must be eligible to be a board member.**

The two main requirements are being a member in good standing of TBE and not having anyone in your household currently on the Board of Directors. Your nomination must be supported by signatures from five different member households if you are not selected by the nominating committee.

Please contact TBE Co-Presidents, [Gale Swartz and Eric Imley](#) with any questions.



## **Helping to Send Your Child to Camp** **Camperships Available! APPLY NOW!** **Deadline is March 31**

Sisterhood Camperships and the Bill Gren Campership Fund are available to our TBE Torah School students who need financial assistance to attend a Jewish summer camp. Please email or write a note to request these scholarships.

For Sisterhood Camperships, please contact Susan Goldstein here.

For the Bill Gren Campership Fund, please contact Linda Gren.

First-time campers can receive scholarship grants up to \$1000 from One Happy Camper. [Click here for the website.](#)

**Please remember that URJ Camp Newman will match ALL TBE Scholarship Money dollar for dollar. URJ Six Points Camps will match up to their cap.**

### **NEW FAMILY CAMP OPPORTUNITY!**

New opportunity for prospective families to try out camp together at URJ California Family Camp hosted by 6 Points Sci-Tech West and URJ Camp Newman!

**July 30 through August 2**  
**at Cal Lutheran University**

This is a 3-night taste of summer camp for campers entering K-5th grade - and their parents and/or grandparents and siblings!

[To register and for more information, please click here.](#)



**TBE is officially on Instagram ~**

Please find us at

<https://www.instagram.com/tbesanpedro/>

@tbesanpedro

Hashtags: #tbesanpedro #tbetime #tbeisforeveryone

Also, **please send photos** for our Facebook and Instagram page to:  
[communications@bethelsp.org](mailto:communications@bethelsp.org)

## Sisterhood



### Help TBE's Caring Community

Caring for one another is our obligation as Jews. By responding to the calls of our fellow TBE members is a way for each of us to reply "*Hineini*" here I am.

**The Caring Community Committee** reaches out to congregants when there has been a death in the family, when a ride is needed for a medical procedure, or a meal after a hospital stay. **But Without You, We Are One Volunteer Short!**

The Caring Community invites you to help us realize our goal of having every congregant be a member of our Caring Community. The Caring Community is an unusual committee, because to be a "member," you only need to be a member of TBE. When we are made aware of a congregant in need you will receive an email from a Caring Community chair, asking for your help. Please respond if you can, when we perform a mitzvah for others, we strengthen them, our entire community and ourselves.

To join the committee or for more information, please contact Gail Burch.

## Lifelong Learning

### Ten Minutes of Torah

TBE is delighted to partner with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) to bring opportunities for Jewish study right to your inbox. Five days a week, the URJ publishes Ten Minutes of Torah, a daily email.

**Sign up today.** Be sure to include our congregation's name and location. It only takes 10 minutes to get started on a lifetime of Jewish learning. Begin today!



## Support TBE



## **Donate to Temple Beth El**

**Make a donation online by clicking [here](#).**



### **Tribute Card**

Send a Tribute Card to recognize an event of someone who is important to you! The Sisterhood will send your wishes - on marriage, birth, b'nai mitzvah, bereavement, get well, and more - for \$4.00 per card.

Contact Audrey Stempel to order a Tribute Card.