



**April
2025**

Temple Talk

**3 Nissan—2 Iyar
5785**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Zoom only	5 <i>Vayikra</i>
6	7	8	9	10 Adult Education 7:30 pm Zoom	11 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Zoom only	12 Shabbat HaGadol Passover 1st Seder <i>Tzav</i>
13 Passover 2nd Seder Tonight Omer 1	14	15	16	17 Adult Education 7:30 pm Zoom	18	19 Shabbat Service 10:00 am Yizkor In-person & Zoom
20	21	22 	23	24 	25 <i>Final Weekend Celebration</i> Shabbat Service 7:30 pm In person only	26 Shabbat Service 10:00 am In person only <i>Shemini</i>
27	28	29	30  Israel Memorial			

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April 2025 Shabbat & Yizkor Services

Friday	April	4	7:30 pm
Friday	April	11	7:30 pm
Saturday	April	19*	10:00 am
Friday	April	25	7:30 pm
Saturday	April	26	10:00 am

- * Please Note: Shabbat services during the first 2 weeks in April will be on Zoom only.
- * The April 19 Yizkor service will be both on Zoom and in-person.
- * Final Shabbat services on April 25 and 26 will be in-person only. There will be no Zoom.

Check the weekly Shabbat e-mail messages to confirm dates and times. Service dates and time can also be found online at: www.tbioffice.org



Shabbat Candle Lighting Times April 2025

Friday	April	4	7:29 pm
Friday	April	11	7:36 pm
Saturday	April	12	8:37 pm*
Sunday	April	13	8:38 pm*
Friday	April	18	7:44 pm
Saturday	April	19	8:45 pm*
Friday	April	25	7:51 pm

*Candle lighting times for Pesach

President's Message



A wise man once told me that our Temple would run out of members before we ran out of money. That was, indeed, correct. This is the reason why we are officially closing the doors of our beloved Temple on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Thereafter, until May 31, 2025, we will be removing all religious objects, Judaica and other possessions. On Sunday, May 25 at 11 am there will be a burial ceremony at TBI's cemetery of religious objects such as prayer books and tallit, in addition to all individual yahrzeit plaques which have not been claimed by family members.

When I was in the midst of my "2-year term" (1996-2009), the Temple had moved from Shaw Avenue in McKeesport to Cypress Drive in White Oak. At that time I commented on the 3 necessary elements of a successful congregation. A congregation needs a religious leader, a permanent residence and an active membership. We have been blessed with all 3 elements to this day. However, the membership numbers keep declining due to the passing and the aging of our membership. Moreover, the number of potential members in White Oak and its vicinity has dwindled to a dozen or so. Four of the five members of our Executive Committee no longer live in White Oak. There are no future generations to assume leadership of our Temple. Sadly, it was time to make that momentous decision to close.

As I promised, when we held the congregation meeting to vote for closure, we proceeded with dignity, and in an orderly fashion. We have retained the services of our full-time Rabbi, Rav Howie Stein, to the date of closure. We have retained the services of a cantor and cantorial soloist for all services. Granted, getting a Minyon for weekly and festival services has been a struggle, even counting Zoom participants. Nevertheless, weekly Shabbat services have been available for all who wish to participate. In addition, Rabbi Stein continues to hold classes and is available for pastoral services and life-cycle events.

Temple B'nai Israel has been on a glorious and wonderful journey for 113 years. Granted, there have been bumps in the road, but overall, it has been a beautiful journey. It is truly awesome to realize the thousands of people whose lives were positively influenced by this Temple, either personally or through their family's affiliation over the course of 113 years.

Thus, our final weekend is not an event of sadness, but a celebration of the wonderous life of the White Oak – McKeesport Jewish community. It is a time to reminisce with friends and relatives, and to consider the happiness and enrichment engendered by your worship and education at TBI.

For myself, I have so many people to thank for mentoring me, advising me, and supporting my leadership over so many years. Many of these dear friends are now deceased. However, the memory of their fellowship and good works will live on in my heart and the minds and hearts of so many others.

Also, the staff and Board members and others who are with us to celebrate this finale have my deepest gratitude and thanks for helping to keep this ship afloat, regardless of the countless obstacles which we faced over the years.

As a result of your efforts, this Temple will live on through the fond memories of so many. Further, the Temple will live on through our magnificent new website. Most importantly, our labors have ensured the Temple Cemetery will be maintained and operated with dignity in perpetuity.

B'Shalom,
Louis Anstandig

Rabbi's Message



L'hitra'ot

It is bittersweet for me to write this column, for the last issue of Temple B'nai Israel's *Temple Talk*. I will miss so many things about being a part of this community—the learning and praying in which we have engaged, the laughing and crying together at life's various passages, and most of all the relationships with which I have been blessed. I know that wherever our individual journeys take us, we will at the same time have left something of ourselves behind and taken much with us for having been a part of this congregation.

At times of transition with their attendant anxiety, I am reminded of something my father would say to me whenever I suffered from the teen angst of the moment, “The more the world changes, the more it stays the same.” Or to quote Ecclesiastes, “There is nothing new under the sun.” While the current situation feels new to us, previous generations of Jews have faced significant upheaval in their communities. It is perhaps, as my father would say, the true common connector across time and location.

As we adjust to the new normal with the closing of Temple B'nai Israel, we will undoubtedly have left something of ourselves behind. This is true of every passing; I always feel the presence of my past students whenever I teach new ones. There is “a time for weeping and a time for laughing, A time for wailing and a time for dancing.” Beyond the reminder that the current situation will pass and we will have times for celebration, Ecclesiastes reminds us that only because of our weeping we can laugh, and only because of our wailing we can dance. We must embrace both sides of life in order to fully embrace either one. So, my hope for all of you is to not focus on what we are losing, but rather on what we can gain in the future.

In Hebrew, there are two ways to say goodbye. The first is *shalom*, which also means both hello and peace, rooted in a sense of wholeness. Rather than a sharp break, such a farewell expresses our hope that we will carry that sense of wholeness with us as we go from this place. Indeed, we carry pieces of each other with us as we go, contributing to the sense of intimate wholeness that peace signifies. In particular, we go *l'shalom*—to or for peace, rather than *b'shalom*—in peace, which connotes the final rest that awaits us all. And so, I bid each of you *lekh l'shalom*—go towards peace.

The other way we say good-bye in Hebrew is *l'hitra'ot*. Although the dictionary translation will come up as “good-bye”, it comes from the root “to see” and has more the sense of “until we meet again.” The world is so interconnected today, and technology allows us to so easily bridge the physical distance between us, that I have no doubt we will see each other again. Although Temple B'nai Israel will no longer operate as an organization, my hope and my prediction is that our relationships will persist.

I have been deeply moved by my time with all of you; I have been rewarded and enriched in ways I could not have predicted when I first came to White Oak five years ago. You have welcomed my family and me into your community and into your lives with generosity and warmth, and we are all deeply grateful for the relationships we have established. We will miss all of you greatly and will always carry these past years in a special place in our hearts.

L'hitra'ot chaverai—until we meet again, my friends.

Rabbi Howie Stein

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Sharing Good News!

The Executive Committee of Temple B'nai Israel is pleased to share with everyone that our property on 2025 Cypress Drive was successfully sold.

The closing was completed at the end of March. The new owners, Kucich Development LLC, has plans to remodel the building and to create an event and banquet center. Temple will be able to stay on as renters of the building until the end of May. We wish Heather and Brandon Kucich much mazel (luck) in their new venture.



April Birthdays and Anniversaries
will be acknowledged during our Shabbat service
on Friday, April 11

Birthdays

Barry Frishof, Diane Bendix, Scott Apter, Ken Allen,
Gary Gaal, Lou Anstandig, Rae Miggantz,
Steve Mayer, Steve Kelin

Anniversaries

Terry & Len Young
Marcia & Steve Klein

Names in bold, italic are celebrating special years



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Donna and David Tyson, *in memory of Donna's mother, Vivian Fischer*
Gail and Harvey Wine, *in memory of Gail's father, Harry Kimmelman*

Important Updates & Information on Final Weekend Celebration

We are all excited and pleased that so many of our Temple members and friends, from near and far, have decided to join us for our Final Weekend. This will indeed be a memorable reunion and celebration of Temple B'nai Israel's 113 year glorious history.

Sharing some important last minute updates & information:

- ◆ You have been hearing about the new Temple website for many months now. ...So nu? When will you be able to finally view this website? On Saturday night, at the final dinner, we will have a laptop set-up for everyone to preview the website. Dick Leffel and Tony Arnowitz will be available to answer questions and help you navigate through the site.
- ◆ During the Friday night Oneg, Saturday during the Kiddush lunch, and Saturday night at Stratigos, you will have the opportunity to view and bid on some of the beautiful artwork and Judaica that the Temple has accumulated over the years. Temple will accept both checks and credit card payments.
- ◆ On Saturday afternoon, after the Shabbat lunch, we have made arrangements for you to visit the “old Temple” on Shaw Ave. The building will be open from 2 to 3:30 pm.
- ◆ Because our tradition does not look favorably upon cemetery visitation on the Shabbat, Ron Kendal and Gary Gaal from our Cemetery Committee, will be at Elrod Cemetery from 10 am—noon to answer any questions.
- ◆ And finally, this is a reminder that if you would like to have the *yahrzeit* plaque(s) for a family member, please contact the Temple office. Dick Leffel will be at TBI on Sunday morning April 27 from 9—11 am to meet with any one who wants their plaques that weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yahrzeits from 1 Nissan—5 Iyar 5785: March 30— May 3, 2025

If the name is printed in **Bold**, a Yahrzeit Plaque will be illuminated in the Sanctuary on the date the name is read.

Yahrzeit names observed week of: March 31

Alexander Gaal : Nisan 2 : 3/31/2025
Dora Weiss : Nisan 2 : 3/31/2025
Melvin Tuckfelt : Nisan 2 : 3/31/2025
Bernard Goodman : Nisan 3 : 4/1/2025
James Leib : Nisan 3 : 4/1/2025
Margaret Glick : Nisan 3 : 4/1/2025
Mollie Gelb : Nisan 3 : 4/1/2025
Sadye Bondy : Nisan 3 : 4/1/2025
Sidney Mendlowitz : Nisan 3 : 4/1/2025
Edward Goldberg : Nisan 4 : 4/2/2025
Herbert Seigle : Nisan 4 : 4/2/2025
Ida E. Keller : Nisan 4 : 4/2/2025
Phillip Fenster : Nisan 4 : 4/2/2025
A.H. "Bam" Angerman : Nisan 5 : 4/3/2025
Esther Flores : Nisan 5 : 4/3/2025
Alan Fleischman : Nisan 6 : 4/4/2025
Ethel Moskowitz : Nisan 6 : 4/4/2025
Lee Goodman : Nisan 6 : 4/4/2025
Emanuel Weiss : Nisan 7 : 4/5/2025
Leo Seigle : Nisan 7 : 4/5/2025
Lillian C. Finkel : Nisan 7 : 4/5/2025
Thelma Zimmet : Nisan 7 : 4/5/2025

Yahrzeit names observed week of: April 6

Ida Horshman : Nisan 8 : 4/6/2025
Adolph Burnstein : Nisan 9 : 4/7/2025
Breine Weiss : Nisan 9 : 4/7/2025
Dorothy Leah Katz : Nisan 9 : 4/7/2025
Isador Steiner : Nisan 9 : 4/7/2025
Ron Silverblatt : Nisan 9 : 4/7/2025
Rosa Weiss : Nisan 10 : 4/8/2025
Esther Apter : Nisan 11 : 4/9/2025
Harriet Rubinstein : Nisan 11 : 4/9/2025
Henry Gelb : Nisan 11 : 4/9/2025
Sophia Israel : Nisan 11 : 4/9/2025
Lillian Palkowitz : Nisan 13 : 4/11/2025
Max Moritz : Nisan 13 : 4/11/2025
Morris Fetters : Nisan 13 : 4/11/2025
Dorothy Bortz : Nisan 14 : 4/12/2025
Joyce Lebowitz : Nisan 14 : 4/12/2025
Murray Knopf : Nisan 14 : 4/12/2025
Sarah Rubenstein : Nisan 14 : 4/12/2025

Yahrzeit names observed week of: April 13

Charles Schwartz : Nisan 15 : 4/13/2025
Hobart Darling : Nisan 15 : 4/13/2025
Robert Lloyd Klein : Nisan 15 : 4/13/2025
David Feldman : Nisan 16 : 4/14/2025
M. Louis Roman : Nisan 16 : 4/14/2025
Sadie Morantz : Nisan 16 : 4/14/2025
Samuel Kaplan : Nisan 16 : 4/14/2025
Anthony Baum : Nisan 17 : 4/15/2025
Bessie Lebowitz : Nisan 17 : 4/15/2025
Marie Moses : Nisan 17 : 4/15/2025
Robert Rosenberg : Nisan 17 : 4/15/2025
Sidney Israel : Nisan 17 : 4/15/2025
Jack Klein : Nisan 18 : 4/16/2025
Louis Mendlowitz : Nisan 18 : 4/16/2025
Rose Beck : Nisan 18 : 4/16/2025
Arthur Mermelstein : Nisan 19 : 4/17/2025
David Rubenstein : Nisan 19 : 4/17/2025
Joseph Zimmet : Nisan 19 : 4/17/2025
R. E. Kaplan : Nisan 19 : 4/17/2025
Harry Kohn : Nisan 20 : 4/18/2025
Harry Weiss : Nisan 20 : 4/18/2025
Lois Weaver : Nisan 20 : 4/18/2025
Mildred Linzer : Nisan 20 : 4/18/2025
Samuel Seigle : Nisan 20 : 4/18/2025
Bruce Herron : Nisan 21 : 4/19/2025

Yahrzeit names observed week of: April 20

David Katz : Nisan 22 : 4/20/2025
Ida Berkovitz : Nisan 22 : 4/20/2025
Ida Brown : Nisan 22 : 4/20/2025
Joseph Ruben : Nisan 22 : 4/20/2025
Sarah Blumenthal : Nisan 22 : 4/20/2025
A. M. Amper : Nisan 23 : 4/21/2025
Mark Keller : Nisan 23 : 4/21/2025
Rebecca Brown : Nisan 23 : 4/21/2025
Harry Kimmelman : Nisan 24 : 4/22/2025
Ida Samuels : Nisan 24 : 4/22/2025
Marlene Kohn : Nisan 24 : 4/22/2025
Israel Rudoy : Nisan 25 : 4/23/2025
Lily Rosner : Nisan 25 : 4/23/2025
Ella Zukerman : Nisan 26 : 4/24/2025
Eva Kalchstein : Nisan 26 : 4/24/2025

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Yahrzeits from 1 Adar—29 Adar 5785: March 1—March 29, 2025

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Yahrzeit names continued from week of: April 20

Jacob Herron : Nisan 26 : 4/24/2025
Rose Fisher Weiss : Nisan 26 : 4/24/2025
Sidney Weiss : Nisan 26 : 4/24/2025
Tony Burnstein : Nisan 26 : 4/24/2025
Anna Darling : Nisan 27 : 4/25/2025
Betty Shermer : Nisan 27 : 4/25/2025
Miriam Weisband : Nisan 27 : 4/25/2025
Sarah Reidman Nimberger : Nisan 27 : 4/25/2025
Arthur Engelman : Nisan 28 : 4/26/2025
Bennie Chotiner : Nisan 28 : 4/26/2025
David Tobe : Nisan 28 : 4/26/2025
Lillian Grossman : Nisan 28 : 4/26/2025

Yahrzeit names observed week of: April 27

Alexander Goldberg : Nisan 29 : 4/27/2025
Anna Levine : Nisan 29 : 4/27/2025
Betty Escovitz : Nisan 29 : 4/27/2025
Hartley J. Mann : Nisan 29 : 4/27/2025
Joseph Zwibel : Nisan 29 : 4/27/2025
Louis J. Roobin : Nisan 29 : 4/27/2025
Nancy Martin : Nisan 29 : 4/27/2025

Names continued from week of: April 27

Allen Broff : Nisan 30 : 4/28/2025
Cindy Mayer : Nisan 30 : 4/28/2025
Helen Guggenheim : Nisan 30 : 4/28/2025
Lena Wechsler : Nisan 30 : 4/28/2025
Leonard Miller : Nisan 30 : 4/28/2025
Mickey Darling : Nisan 30 : 4/28/2025
Ricky Kohn : Iyar 1 : 4/29/2025
Carole Fisher : Iyar 2 : 4/30/2025
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Eva Goldberg : Iyar 4 : 5/2/2025
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Sarah Lebson : Iyar 4 : 5/2/2025
Herman Levine : Iyar 5 : 5/3/2025

*May their memories continue to be a blessing
ז"ל*

We Remember

*In the rising of the sun, we remember
In the blowing of the winds, we remember
In the opening of the buds, we remember
We remember*

*In the blueness of the sky, we remember
In the rustling of the leaves, we remember
As the year starts and it ends, we remember
We remember*

*When we're weary and need strength, we remember
When we're lost and sick at heart, we remember
When we've joys we yearn to share, we remember
We remember*

*So long as we live
They too shall live
They are now a part of us
As we remember
We remember
WE REMEMBER*

Refuah Shlema—רפואה שלמה

**A Prayer of Healing and
Return to Good Health**



Gary Gaal * Sondra Mendlowitz

*May the source of strength,
Who blessed the ones before us,
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing,
and let us say, Amen.*

Yiddish (or Hebrew) 101

"Yasher Koach" (ישר כוח)

comes from the Talmud (Shabbat 87a) and is a shortened version of "Yishar Kochacha" (ישר כוחך). It literally means "may your strength be strength", but is often translated as "way to go!" or "more power to you!"

Adding a New Tradition to Your Seder— More Questions—Ma Nishtana ?

Four Questions

מה-גשמתה הלילה הזה מקל-הלילות:
שבכל-הלילות אנו אוכלין חמץ ומצה. הלילה הזה כלו מצה:
שבכל-הלילות אנו אוכלין שאר ירקות. הלילה הזה מרור:
שבכל-הלילות אין אנו מטבילין אפילו פעם אחת.
הלילה הזה שתי פעמים:
שבכל-הלילות אנו אוכלין בין יושבין ובין מסבין.
הלילה הזה כלנו מסבין.

The Exodus story is the master narrative of the Jewish people. It is a universal story of overcoming oppression and standing for freedom.

Beyond that, it is the source of three core beliefs:

- The obligation to care for the stranger;
- The radical leap required to worship an abstract deity that cannot be heard, seen, or touched;
- The idea that every person is made in the sacred image of God.

These are the guideposts for facing the challenges of our present and our future. As we gather for Passover to share the story of our liberation, we will be praying for the safe return of those still held hostage, for a return of peace throughout the world; for seeking justice; and finding peace in our hearts for all those who suffer.

When we sit down to our Seder tables this year, as in every year, we will read, "This year we are slaves. Next year, may we all be free." We must use our freedom to wrestle with the crisis in Israel and Gaza and struggle with cases of injustice and oppression around the world. Passover reminds us that it is our duty to stand for all those who are unable to stand for themselves.

Let's look to adding new meaning to one of the important elements of our Seder—the 4 glasses of wine.

First Cup—Awakening



The Passover story began with an awakening when Moses saw the burning bush and recognized that he was being called to lead his people from slavery to freedom.

May this first cup of wine be our awakening, calling us to resist the pervasive inequality in our world today and to pursue freedom for all.

Question: *What injustices are you awakening to this year—either in your own life or around the globe?*

Second Cup—Solidarity



The first cup of wine awakened us to injustice and to our capacity to bring about change. The second cup is the first step toward realizing that change.

We raise our glass in solidarity with all those who experience injustice around the world and dedicate ourselves to bringing freedom together as allies.

Question: *With whom would you like to grow in solidarity this year? What can you do to deepen those relationships?*

Third Cup—Action



The third cup of wine is our call to action. We commit on this Seder night to acting on our values for freedom for all:

- * We will not stand idly by
- * We will stand up, speak out and protest inequity and hate
- * We will act on our belief that change is possible

Question: *What is one tangible commitment that you can make to advance justice?*

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More Questions—Ma Nishtana ?

Fourth Cup—Freedom



We conclude the Seder with a final cup of wine, symbolizing the final arc of our journey from slavery to freedom tonight.

We savor this taste of redemption and will carry it forward into our lives, we continue on the journey toward freedom for all.

Question: *What is one moment you've had this past year that felt like a small piece of redemption? How does that feeling motivate you to work to bring freedom to all?*

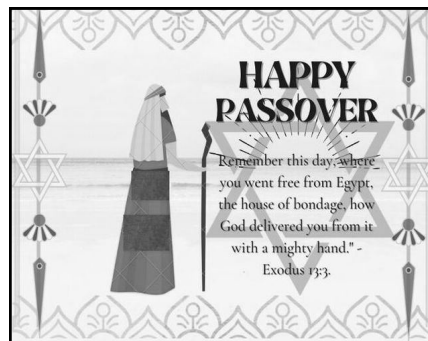
...And perhaps a Fifth Cup—Justice



Traditions for the **Fifth Cup**—A new ritual to bring social justice to your Seder table. This ritual reminds us that we were once slaves in Egypt and inspires us to act in the ongoing fight for justice and *tikkun olam*, to repair our broken world.

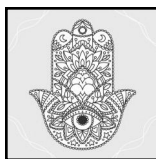
Choose one or more of these ideas to add to your Seder dedicated to advancing freedom:

- ◆ Add a new food or other symbolic object to your Seder plate—you may be familiar with adding an orange for women's rights. How about an olive to represent peace? Or a feather for the ability to rise above oppression?
- ◆ Place an empty "Fifth Cup" in the center of your Seder table. Ask each person to pour a small amount of their own wine to help fill the cup, representing their commitment to do their part to build a better world.
- ◆ Open your door to symbolically "welcome the stranger". Make a firm commitment to aid and be an ally to people seeking refuge from persecution around the world.
- ◆ Raise up women's role in history. Fill a cup for Miriam along with the one for Elijah, and ask everyone at your table to share a story about a powerful woman who has fought for freedom and inspired them to do the same.



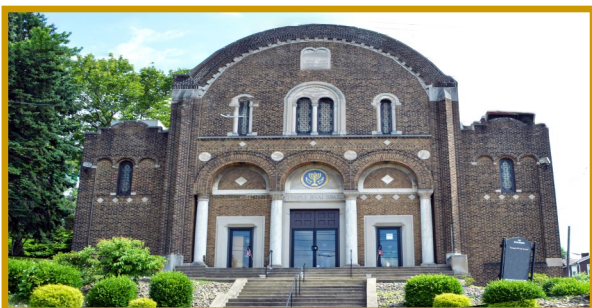
תפילת הדרך Tefilat HaDerech

May we be blessed as we go on our way
May we be guided in peace
May we be blessed with health and joy
May this be our blessing—Amen.



May we be sheltered by the wings of peace
May we be kept in safety and in love
May grace and compassion find their way
to every soul—May this be our blessing.

Amen, amen—may this be our blessing, Amen



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