

# The ShoFar

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## 2017/5777 Passover Schedule

<b>Monday, April 10</b>	<b>Fast of the Firstborn</b>
7:00 a.m.	Shaharit (morning service), Siyum, and Breakfast
6:00 p.m.	Minha Ma'ariv (evening service) First Seder in Homes
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b>	<b>First Day Pesach</b>
10:00 a.m.	Shaharit (morning service)
6:00 p.m.	Minha Ma'ariv (evening service) Second Seder in Homes
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	<b>Second Day Pesach</b>
10:00 a.m.	Shaharit (morning service)
8:15 p.m.	Minha Ma'ariv (evening service)
8:38 p.m.	End of Yom Tov
<b>Thursday, Friday April 13, 14</b>	
7:15 a.m.	Shaharit (morning service)
6:00 p.m.	Minha Ma'ariv (evening service)
<b>Saturday, April 15</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Morning Service
7:30 p.m.	Minha Ma'ariv
<b>Monday, April 17</b>	<b>Seventh Day Pesach</b>
9:00 a.m.	Shaharit (morning service)
6:00 p.m.	Minha Ma'ariv (evening service)
<b>Tuesday, April 18</b>	<b>Eighth (final) Day Pesach</b>
7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.	Shaharit
10:30 a.m.	Yizkor (approximate time)
8:15 p.m.	Minha Ma'ariv (evening service)
8:46 p.m.	End of Yom Tov



## *From Your President*

*Lisa Wallenfels, President*

This message will be short and sweet, as there is Pesach cleaning to be done! I am sure you are all doing the same thing at your homes. It is certainly a big job, but it is a labor of love. It is all I know because it was how I was raised. Everything I know about being a Jewish wife and mother, I learned from my mom--the best. I am grateful every minute of every day for all that she has taught me and all I continue to learn from her.

It is really quite satisfying to prepare for Pesach. I am sure I am not the only one who should have gotten rid of that bottle of salad dressing or ketchup from the back of the fridge last August. Now is the time to trash the almost-empty bag of tortilla chips that has been in the cabinet for far too long. The house is never as clean as when it is ready-for-Pesach clean.

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Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

As you read this column, *Pesach* is literally hours away. Each of us, to whatever standard of observance we adhere, is preparing for the holiday in our own unique ways. Some are cleaning and ridding their homes of 'chomtez'; some are attending a 'siyyum' for the first born, reminding us of when *Adonai* smote the first born Egyptians; others have favorite foods (mine is *matzohbrei*....carbohydrates be damned!) and still others have fond memories of years gone by, retelling the story of the exodus from Egypt (via the *haggadahs* commanded, just as if we were freed ourselves).



But there is another, deeper meaning for me besides the incredibly powerful *seders*, delicious foods and the all too infrequent family celebrations together. It is also a time to reflect on the age old admonition, "*Kol Yisrael arevimzehba-zeh*". "**All Israel is responsible for one another.**" I am so blessed to have good health, a loving family and friends, meaningful work within the Jewish community for my hands to perform and the opportunity to pursue my varied interests in a country that allows for diversity, individuality and nonconformity.

There are Jews within our borders and outside of them who do not enjoy such freedoms and liberties. Whether by accident, choice or circumstance, they cannot enjoy the same privileges I do and may not be able to seek the same opportunities I can, and so I am forever cognizant of my riches.

I take note of my bounty and pledge some of my resources to the age old custom of "*MaotHittin or Maot Chittim*" (literally translated, "*wheat money*"), assisting the less fortunate in fulfilling the *mitzvot* of eating *matzoh* on *Pesach* and drinking four cups of wine at the *seders*. My wife and I say all the time that if we were ever fortunate enough to win the lottery (sadly, we don't usually play it) we would do two things: we'd travel more, since travel is learning and growing and, we'd be much more philanthropic (not necessarily in that order).

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## Project Beit Tefilah: Designing a Synagogue

*Our team of architects, engineers and construction managers is busy at work continuing with the development of plans to present to the Town of Amherst. But if you were not at synagogue on March 4, 2017, you missed a chance to hear the D'Var Torah presented by Harvey Sanders on March 4, 2017 for Parshat Terumah. This is an excerpt from that presentation.*

The parshah of Terumah and its haftarah are both about the construction of sacred spaces – both the portable mishkan and the Temple in Jerusalem. G-d can be in a portable mishkan or a permanent Temple. It reminds me of the nursery song – “G-d is here. G-d is there. G-d is surely everywhere.” If G-d is everywhere, then surely we can create a sacred space wherever we are. What did Jacob say after he awoke from his dream of the ladder in Genesis 28, v. 16? “Surely the Lord is present in this place, and I did not know it!” So I’m sure that G-d is on North Forest just as much as G-d is on Getzville Road – maybe even without as much background highway noise.

This got me to thinking – what is a synagogue and what does it look like?

First, what is a synagogue? In some communities, the synagogue is solely a place of prayer and education. In others, it serves as a community center, with comprehensive programs and social services that were not available elsewhere.

The mishkan was a simple A-framed tent, closed on three sides. It is considered the earliest shelter for worshipping our G-d. The Temple in Jerusalem, on the other hand, was much more elaborate. It was designed as a place where the public accessed only the outer courts with interior courtyards being more limited in access until the Holy of Holies, which was limited to the High Priest. A synagogue, on the other hand, is a communal space to serve the community.

I went back and looked at a book in my study that I have among my Project Beit Tefilah papers: Synagogue Architecture in America by Henry and Daniel Stolzman. The authors note:

Throughout their long and rich existence, Jews have constructed synagogues to serve as the social and religious centers of their communities .... Historically, the synagogue is considered to have a three-fold purpose. First, it is a house of worship (beit tefilah). It is also a beit kneset or “house of assembly.” Lastly, the synagogue is a beit midrash, or “house of study.” These three functions are at the heart of what makes a synagogue a synagogue.

Our design is intended to support all three of these functions. A beautiful new sanctuary, a large room for assembly, and numerous spaces throughout to facilitate study.

It is these functions of the synagogue that make it a synagogue, more so than its exterior façade. According to Stolzman, there are no real architectural requirements for synagogues. There is no iconic synagogue shape. American synagogues have been built in virtually every architectural style from history. Our decision to design a synagogue in the spirit of the wooden synagogues of Poland of the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries is described by Stolzman as “express[ing] a quest for authentically Jewish forms.”

Modern synagogues tend to fit into one of two categories – either institutional modernism that incorporated religious art to give the building religious appeal, or metaphorical design that use symbolic and/or abstract motifs to evoke the religious. One example of the latter is Frank Lloyd Wright’s design for Beth Shalom in Elkins Park, which is shaped like a pyramid – Wright described it as a “traveling Mount Sinai.” Here, we are trying to be metaphorical with some of the shapes we are using, while being practical with our multi-purpose use of space.

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Our house is fine; it's served us well for 38 years; our cars? They are merely vehicles that transport us from place A to place B; clothing or jewelry? We can only wear one set of clothes at a time and since we only have 10 fingers and one neck each, how many should we adorn with a ring or necklace? However, being able to help our fellow Jew live a more full, Jewish life, that's truly rewarding and worthy of our increased capacity for giving.

So what's the point of this month's column? Simple; I'm asking you to find a way to give meaningfully to the Jewish charity of your choice at this crucial time in American Jewish history and during this holy time of year. I'd love it if you gave to TBT in honor of, or in memory of, someone dear to you or for no particular reason other than to support our outstanding programming and services. But just as it is important that you belong to a synagogue (and be counted among *Klal Yisrael*) it's also important to support Jewish causes and institutions. "Give generously", as the saying goes to whatever Jewish organization moves you. The good work they do will be sustained and enhanced and "*Ahm Yisrael*" (the People of Israel) will be strengthened immeasurably by your gifts AND you will be fulfilling the counsel of "*Kol Yisrael arevimzehba-zeh*". All Israel is responsible for one another."

From my family to yours, "*a Ziessenv'Kasher Pesach*"!

*From Your President continued*

Spring in general and Pesach in particular is a time for new beginnings. The trees are budding. The birds are flying back, and they wake us long before the alarm goes off each morning. The sun stays with us for longer and longer each day. These are all symbols of a fresh start. Getting rid of chametz from our homes in preparation of Pesach is symbolic of ridding our souls of all that weighs us down. It takes so much more energy to be angry than to be happy. We should all seek to use our energy in only positive ways—to be the best version of ourselves that we can be, and to find a way to lift others up who are feeling low and are in need of our support. Let us all embrace the season and find peace and joy in every day.

From my family to yours, I wish you a most joyous Pesach. I look forward to seeing you in shul.

**SIMCHA SHABBAT – April 1, 2017**  
**Celebrating March and April events**

*Birthdays*

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David A. Serure (by Daniel & Ida Serure)  
Joshua Daniel Serure (by Daniel & Ida Serure)  
Linda Steinhorn (February, also by Mitch & Shari Steinhorn)  
Lev Werbow (by Myra & Allan Werbow)  
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Step father of Sheldon Pressman

*Womens Network*

Judith Brownstein, President

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we had a joint brunch with the brotherhood as we watched the film "The Gefilte Fish Chronicles" a documentary about a large multi-generational family as they prepare for their annual Seder celebration. It brought back many similar memories for those who came.

We will enjoy an outing on Tuesday, April 24 to Forest Lawn Cemetery. More details will follow. On Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Mothers and Others Dinner and fashion show.

Our Judaica Shop has many discounted Items. Please remember to see our Passover merchandise, as well as your other needs. You can contact Linda Linsky, Bobbie Vishner, Myra Werbow or Carolyn Kershanbaum from our directory or through the synagogue office to schedule an appointment.

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*Service Times*

**WEEKDAY**

Sunday *Shaharit* 8:30a  
Mon-Fri *Shaharit* 7:30a  
Daily *Minha/Maariv* 6:00p

**SHABBAT**

*Kabbalat Shabbat* 6:00p  
*Shaharit* 9:00a  
*Minha-Havdallah*

April 8 7:15p  
April 15, 22, 29 7:30p

**REFA'ENU**

May 4 7:30p

**SPECIAL SERVICE TIME:**

**MAY 5—Congregational Dinner at  
6:00 pm with Siddur Dedication during  
services beginning at 7:00 pm**



## Project Beit Tefilah continued

At its simplest, a synagogue is a shelter to facilitate the public reading to the Torah. But if you are going to have a shelter, a synagogue, you will have at least two things – an ark and a bimah – and traditionally also a Ner Tamid. The ark is often raised above the main floor and on the eastern wall facing Jerusalem. Frequently, behind the doors of the ark, there is a curtain – reminiscent of the curtain of the Holy of Holies. The bimah, from where the Torah is read and services are led, is usually made of wood. I'll talk more about wood more later. The Ner Tamid – eternal light – is usually made of bronze or brass and it hangs above the ark. But while the ark and bimah were previously raised high on a stage reserved for the clergy and honored participants, newer designs are lowering them to bring them closer to the congregants. This notion of closeness is an important theme.

Traditionally synagogues created sanctuary spaces that were a refuge from the daily world, for example using stained glass to let in light but keeping the focus on what was going on inside. More modern synagogues are conforming to the contours of the site and/or incorporating the natural environment with views of scenery or nature. Our sanctuary design is intended to give us a feeling of being among nature, with views of trees that we hope will be more reminiscent of the Shabbatons at Beaver Hollow, than of our daily commute on the Youngman.

When I look at the contents of the mishkan as described in this week's parshah, it helps orient me to what we want to accomplish with Project Beit Tefilah. I look at the ark of the mishkan – wood covered with gold on the inside and out. The common interpretation is that the gold was on the inside and outside because it is not just important how you look on the outside but also what you have on the inside. But it was not just made of gold. At its core, it was made wood, for its strength and the symbolism of coming from something that grows. The Torah is often called Etz Hayyim – the Tree of Life. Our sanctuary design features a lot of wood, which we hope will connect the trees outside to the wood inside.

I think of the table of showbread – which was a table with shelves to store and display the loaves for each day of the week. It served two functions – both to display and also a practical function of storing something that was used. The priests ate the loaves that were stored there. In our community court, we will have many display cases – but largely for practical purposes, for example storing library books for us to read and gift shop items to purchase and take home. I think of the altar, the tables for the incense and the Menorah. G-d described to Moses that the Menorah had a fire that was white, red, black and green. That sounds magical. I read something interesting about

the purpose of the light of the Menorah – which is echoed in the Ner Tamid of today. After all, if G-d is the light of the world, then why should we be the ones to provide light? Why doesn't G-d just provide the light? G-d acknowledges that G-d does not need our light. Numbers Rabah, 15:5, shares a parable to explain why.

A sighted man and a blind man were walking on the way. The sighted man said to the blind man, when we enter the house, please kindle the lamp and give me light. The blind man replied that when they were on the road, the sighted man supported him and accompanied him to the house. The sighted man provided the assistance of the blind man. He didn't understand why the sighted man was now asking him – the blind man, for the light. The sighted man answered – to relieve you of any obligation to me for having accompanied you on the road. So I asked you for light.

In other words, no matter how little we think we can offer or how little we may think others need what we have to offer, we can still offer something and we can graciously accept the help of others. Making our new home accessible and providing opportunities for those with special needs is an important part of our design for the new building. This is part of who we are at TBT. Respecting the dignity of others is at the core of our mission.

With everything we are trying to accomplish, it can be difficult to balance all of the competing goals. But when I re-read the Parshah, it centered me. Chapter 25, v. 8 says "Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." The Hebrew verb *Le-Sha-Chen* - is often translated as dwell. But it can also be translated as reside, inhabit or abide. All very long-term words. G-d was not going to make a short-term visit. One of the aspects of G-d, the Shechinah, comes from the same root. So when we build the sacred space, G-d will not just visit, but will take up long-term residence in a manner in which G-d's essence would be part of that sacred space and we can feel close to G-d.

Our mission statement is consistent with this – it starts: "Together we serve G-d". That's our goal – to serve G-d and be connected with G-d through prayer, mitzvot, study and by nurturing our community. Our new building will nurture our community by being accessible, warm and welcoming. It will inspire prayer through the beauty of the sanctuary and the view of the surrounding nature. It will have special places to engage in study and perform mitzvot. And for the bean counters among us, it will be more cost efficient, improving our bottom line and help keep our budget closer to being balanced.

As we build our new building, let's remember this is not just about bricks and mortar, but about a sacred space that will bring us closer to G-d. May it be G-d's will – *KaynY'HiRatzon*.

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*May the memory of the righteous be a blessing*



The flow of resumes picked up in the last month, but not as much as we would have liked. We evaluated each candidate based on a review of their resume to determine whether we thought the candidate seemed like a good enough fit to have a telephone interview. Some we identified as suitable for telephone interviews; others we did not. We have completed some phone interviews. To date, they have been informative but not productive. We still have some telephone interviews scheduled between now and Passover, with candidates whose resumes are more impressive than those with whom we have spoken to date.

I spoke with the head of the RA Placement Commission earlier this month to express our dissatisfaction with the number of applicants from whom we had heard up to that point. He agreed the number was low, so we changed us to a Category B congregation, allowing rabbis with only 3 years of experience to apply, expanding our applicant pool. We have been disappointed that we have not received resumes from any such candidates; when I checked recently, I found (much to my surprise and for reasons I have not yet been able to ascertain) the change had not been made. It has now been made, so candidates from that category may now find us to be an attractive opportunity. As we continue our search, we look forward to a surge in those applicants that will include some who display an excellent fit with our needs.

In the meantime, we are hopeful that one or more of the candidates we have yet to interview on the phone will be someone we will want to invite for a face-to-face visit with the committee, to get to know the candidate better, and for the candidate to get to know Buffalo, Jewish Buffalo, and especially us better. If our mutual interest continues after a face-to-face interview, the next step would be to schedule a Shabbat visit for the congregation to meet the candidate.

While we continue to be hopeful about the search, if and when the committee concludes that we are unlikely to find a suitable candidate during this search cycle and that the congregation should extend the search for a permanent rabbi till next year, we will so inform the President and Board so they can decide how to proceed in the interim. As I said last time, please be patient; we will share with you what information we can along the way.

Stay tuned for Search Update #5.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 13 nisan	10 14 nisan	11 15 nisan	12 16 nisan	13 17 nisan 10:00 am Women's Network Board Mtg	14 18 nisan	15 19 nisan
16 20 nisan	17 21 nisan	18 22 nisan	19 23 nisan	20 24 nisan 7:30 pm Adult Ed.	21 25 nisan Congregation dinner—Shayna In town	22 26 nisan
23 27 nisan Yom Hashoah Prog. Gesher in Session 3:30 pm Weinberg Shayna in Town	24 28 nisan	25 29 nisan Women's Network Outing 7:00 pm Officers Gesher in Session	26 30 nisan	27 1 iyar 7:30 pm Youth/Ed	28 2 iyar	29 3 iyar Jr. Congregation
30 4 iyar Gesher in Session Mishpacha						

May 3 – 7:30 pm Ritual Committee  
May 4 – 7:30 pm Refa'enu  
May 5 – Congregational Dinner at 6:00 pm, services at 7:00 pm with Siddur Dedication  
May 6 – Bar Mitzvah of Jarrett Ruttenberg

May 10 – Congregational Meeting  
May 12 – Congregational Dinner at CBS