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BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2026

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT
March 2nd- EREV PURIM
March 13th-Shabbat Across America
April 2nd-Seder
April 24th.- Shabbat Israel

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12 Adar-13 Nissan

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Fri., March 6/17 Adar

Candle Lighting 5:35

Sat., March 7/18 Adar

KI TISSA SHABBAT PARAH

Fri., March 13/24 Adar

Candle Lighting 6:43

Sat., March 14/25 Adar

VAYAKHEL/PEKUDEI

SHABBAT CHODESH

Fri., March 20/2 Nissan

Candle Lighting 6:51

Sat., March 21/3 Nissan

VAYIKRA

Fri., March 27/9 Nissan

Candle Lighting 6:58

Sat., March 28/10 Nissan

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SHABBAT HAGADOL

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

SPRING

It seems that the weather drives us to think of many different things. We either look forward to its results or we wish it to pass quickly. Since winter is usually cold in our area, we want it to be over so that spring can return.

As we look forward to Passover, we think of the weather. We hope that it brings warm sunshine, pretty flowers and spring. We wish that all the snow has melted by then, the days become longer, and the sunshine feels warm to our skin.

We, at Temple Emanu-El, are excited about the thought of spring. We are planning a beautiful seder that will bring us together and enjoy this traditional activity. We are also planning a new idea that is known as Shabbat with Israel. We decided to have an Oneg Shabbat Friday evening service that will bring us closer to the State of Israel. We both need the idea of peace and tranquility in our difficult world.

Please join us for this special event and encourage us to continue having similar programs.



RABBI'S MESSAGE

Shalom & Blessings of Peace

March into Spring with Joy, Liberation, and Global Impact!

As the vibrancy of spring has not yet begun to awaken around us—covered in snow as we are—our Jewish calendar points towards two incredible holidays, offering us moments of deep joy, reflection, and communal celebration. I am inclined to believe that the flowers will bud this spring just like they have in previous years.

This March 2026, both Adar II and Nisan, the one and only, land in that Gregorian month. We live in two cultures with two calendars; we discuss Torah and the prospects of the Seahawks. Even though I lived in New England for 26 years, I understand now for the first time that since I was a Jets fan in my youth, it was upon me to root for the Seahawks. Go Seahawks! Time for a confession: I was watching Homeland during the Super Bowl.

Our Joyous Purim Celebration

We look forward to our joyous, topsy-turvy Purim celebration! Indeed, on the evening of Monday, March 2nd (the 14th of Adar II), we will gather for our communal Purim Se'udah, read the Megillah, delight in hamantaschen, and fill our sanctuary with hooting and hollering as we recall how we were saved from annihilation at the hands of antisemitic tyrants. That's always fun! If we don't laugh, we'll cry—and since we don't want to cry, we laugh!

Purim festivities will continue through Tuesday, March 3rd (and until March 4th in Jerusalem, Israel and Shushan, located in the modern-day city of Susa, or Shush, as the locals call it).

Why Two Days of Purim?

You might wonder why Purim is sometimes observed on two different days. The Megillah teaches us that while Jews in unwalled cities celebrated their salvation on the 14th of Adar, those in the walled capital city of Shushan celebrated on the 15th. This tradition extends to this day: cities that were walled from the time of Joshua, like Jerusalem, observe Purim on the 15th, known as Shushan Purim.

I recall, as a yeshiva student in Israel, observing Purim on the 14th in Ma'alot Dafne and then accepting an invitation for Shushan Purim in the Rova Yehudi (the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem) on the 15th. It was at the apartment of a Mekubal (Kabbalist), Rabbi Sheinberger, who made a great effort to provide English translations of Kabbalistic works by the Baal HaSulam—Yehuda Ashlag (1885–1954) or Yehuda Leib Ha-Levi Ashlag (Hebrew: —הוֹדָה לֵיב הַלְּבִי אַשְׁלָג) to impressionable youth such as myself back in the early 1980s. I still have those books, and only now, after many years, am I revisiting them through the lens of an additional forty years of learning and life experience.

A Special Birthday and Passover Preparation

This year, a very special personal milestone coincides with our preparations: my birthday falls on Tuesday, March 31st, which is also the day of Bedikat Chametz—the ceremonial search for leaven in our homes that evening. And no fooling, the First Seder will be held on the evening of Wednesday, April 1st, followed by the Second Seder on the evening of Thursday, April 2nd. We are excited to gather again as a community for our communal Seder on the second night of Passover.

We Are the Leaven in the Bread

This brings about a final thought for now: We, the Jewish people, comprise approximately 0.2% of the world's population. It's a tiny percentage. Yet, when we consider a trace amount of leaven having the power to cause the entire dough to rise, we realize we too are like the leaven in the bread.

Leaven is a living enzyme, dynamic and transformative. Yeast is a single-celled microbe classified within the Kingdom Fungi. The most well-known species, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, has been utilized by humans for thousands of years in the production of bread, beer, and wine. Yeast is a complex biological entity that exhibits all the characteristics necessary to be scientifically defined as alive.

We too have all the characteristics of being considered scientifically and spiritually alive. Our ideas are vibrant; our culture is profoundly life-affirming. We are small, but our impact on every field of human endeavor is undeniably massive. It's not our numbers but the liveliness of our essence that matters the most! How fortunate are we, and how pleasant our heritage!

אש្ចרינו מה טוב חלקנו, Ma Tov Chelkainu!

Schmooze a little, Eat a little, Learn a lot.

On Shabbat, February 7, 2026, Rabbi Shaul Praver presented a program on musical selections used with prayers. This presentation was special because our rabbi is also a cantor. It is a real delight to join a service filled with cantorial renditions of the prayers. That was evident in his comments.

TO BE CONTINUED.....

February- Andrew Platizky will present I'm Dead. What comes next? Jewish belief in the After-life

March- Roger Platizky will present Two Gay, Jewish Playwrights' Response to AIDS.

April- Paloma Martinez Jimenez will present Jewish by Choice.

May- Bennett Carlin- TBA

June- Alan Smulen- Jewish Composers -Part 2

Temple Emanu-El 5786-2026 Mechirat Hametz Form

Passover (Pesach), commemorates the story of the Exodus, and the Israelites' freedom from slavery in Egypt. Passover begins on the 15th day of the month of Nisan in the Jewish calendar and is celebrated for eight days.

The children of Israel are forbidden to own any type of hametz,(leaven) during Pesach from Wednesday, evening, April 1,2026 until sunset of Thursday, April 9, 2026. The form below authorizes Temple Emanu-El's Shaul Praver to act as an **agent** for the sale of hametz to a non-Jew. The hametz is stored away until after the Pesach holiday.

Please complete the form below for Temple Emanu-El by Friday, March 27th

I, _____ (Print full name), do hereby authorize Rabbi Shaul Praver to act as my **agent** to sell, transfer, and assign all **HAMETZ** and Leaven of whatever kind or nature, which I possess or in which I may have an interest wherever situated in my main residence. Residence: _____

Business: _____ or any place, without reservation, limitation, or possession.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of the month of _____ the year of 2026.

Signature _____

CHARITY OPTION

Enclosed please find a check for \$ _____ made out to Temple Emanu-El for **Kinyan Halipin** , Power of Attorney, limited to the above items in honor of the Passover mitzvah of **Maot Hittim**, charity for the needy.

Thank you for your continued support and we, at Temple Emanu-El wish you and your family a warm and HAPPY PASSOVER holiday. Hag Sameach!

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Please send tributes and payments directly to the Temple or call 201.436.4499

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**TO: THE SUSSKIND FAMILY – IN LOVING MEMORY OF BEVERLY SUSSKIND"ץ
BELOVED MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER.**

**FROM: ELLEN & BILL BRODERICK,
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HARRIET & DEBBY WERNER, DAVIDA LAWSKY**

YAHRZEIT DONATIONS...

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Doris Altschuler

BELOVED:

Uncle

Uncle

Mother

Aunt

Brother-in-law

Grandmother

Mother



SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA AND CANADA



FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

6:00PM

R.S.V.P

March 4th.

30 people Limited Seating

Name_____

Date_____

Number of people_____

Amount_____

PASSOVER SEDER

Thursday, April 2, 2026 6:00PM

R.S.V.P. March 25, 2026 \$75.00 per person

30 people limit

Name_____ Date_____

Number of people_____

Appetizer: (Choose one) Gefilte fish_____ Salmon_____

• Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms - quinoa and vegetables_____

• Beef Stuffed Cabbage - sweet & sour sauce_____

• Brisket - sweet barbecue sauce_____

YAHRZEIT

March 1-7/12-18 Adar I and II

Dr. Morris Tepper, Abraham Liebeskind, Frank Schapiro, Ruth Zinader, Saul Steinert, Ben Grunstein, Henry Tucker, Celia Konigsberg, Harry Chirsan, Abraham Levine, Clement Slutsky, Benjamin Feldman, Murray H. Silverman, Max Rosenblatt, Anne Trambitsky, Dr. Charles Larkey, Phyllis Levine, Ida Turkish, Anna Freeman
ADAR II- Max Sall, Sadie Egenberg, Fannie Grunstein, David Jacobs, Rose Gross, Shirley Shimshak, Anna Golush, George Naylor

March 8-14/19-25 Adar

Samuel Bedrick, Irma D. Levine, Ida Ruth Leslie, Morris Solomon, Hyman Hockstein, Lena Hockstein, Milton Tucker, Nathan Ripps, Solomon Cooper, Hyman Posner, Harry Sonkin, Pearl Herman Gollin, Claire Rosenhahn, Georger Blitzer, Gertrude Sommer, Anna Rubine, Gussie Gurland, Lillian L. Silverman, Joel Shapiro, Pauline Goodman
ADAR II-Mabel G. Wiess, K. Jacob Sandler, Philip Bronstein, Harry Halperin, Stella Rogow, Harry Gottesman, Olga Fleher, Charles Grotsky, Doris Altschuler, Benjamin Margulies, Morris E. Soloway, Rose Pollak, Herbert Rosenblatt

March 15-21/26 Adar-3 Nissan

Norman Resnick, Henriette Melinker, Rebecca Alte Stroll, Ethel Wachsman, Sarah Goodman, Anne Temkin, Ida Zinader, Emma Rosenthal, Nat Shemin, Saddie Eicken, Harry N. Lazarus, Ted J. Abramson, Sydney Gleich, Alexander Kohn, Paul Scharf, Harriet Glush
Adar II-Julius Sager, Benard I. Gold, Eva Levine, Samuel Sheps Levine, Sarah Lebovit, Bertha Schindler, Hinda Rosenblatt, Regina Resnick
Nissan-Mary Miller, Isaac Sklar, Celia Sklar, Rachel Marshak, Perry R. Bronstein, Fannie Cooper, Arthur Archie Fishman, Clara Herman

March 22-28/4-10 Nissan

Jacob Kessel, Betty Ruth Hollander, Charles B. Solomon, Rose Schnitzer, Helen Tart, Henry Borrower, Esther Newman, Harry M. Perlberg, Henry Epstein, Flora Garfinkle, Bashe Rose, Adolf Largmann, Joseph Hockstein, Samuel Block, Lenore Weiss, Abraham Isaak Zynger, Marcia Ripps, Beatrice Koenig, Moishe Wolf Polevoy, Michael Lazarus, Anna Slutsky, Morris Hock

March 29-April 4/11-17 Nissan

Elizabeth Gold, Dr. Nathan Epstein, Rose Wind Goodman, Nathan Zinader, Isador M. Konigsberg, Max Oxe, Philip Sall, Della Levine, Joseph Sigman, Anna Schaffer, Lottie Chodash, Louis Adler, Nathan Strassman, Bertha Samuels, David Bradley Thompson, Anna Ripps, Esther Feldman, Harris Barowitz

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	<i>2 EREV PURIM</i>	<i>3 PURIM</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9 BOARD</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13 SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20 First day of spring</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
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