



TEMPLE EL EMETH BULLETIN

March 2026 11 Adar—13 Nisan 5786



From my desk ~ Homes filled with blessings

This winter has been the coldest so far this century. All of Florida has been subjected to near or just below freezing temperatures, and snow (!) in the ‘panhandle’. The playground across the street from where I am staying is empty; parents find it too cold to come out and watch their children play. And forget about outdoor dining, which, even in January, is always available. (Ohio has experienced temperatures below 0, but Ohioans are more used to *bitter* cold than Floridians are to even *mild* cold). So, residents are safely ensconced in their homes with the heat on.

The record breaking cold, and absence of people on the street has triggered my thoughts about the importance of having a warm home to shelter us. A heated home is a blessing we sometimes fail to recognize. Indeed, a home -warm and safe -is the bedrock of our lives. Without one, we become homeless- God forbid. And, Florida has its share of homeless as well. Florida has opened its warming centers to all who need them.

These extreme conditions, and the resulting lack of people on the street has prompted my thoughts about our homes. Of course, helping the homeless is a mitzvah. But, we need not wait to help the homeless to say words of appreciation about our own homes. Indeed that is precisely the function of the “House blessing” or Birkay ha-bayit, which hangs in many Jews’ front hallways. It goes like this:

בְּרַכַּת הַבַּיִת:
בְּרַכַּת הַשַּׁעַר לֹא יִבּוֹא צָעַר.
בְּרַכַּת הַדִּירָה לֹא תִבּוֹא צָרָה.
בְּרַכַּת הַדְּלֵת לֹא תִבּוֹא בְּהֵלָה.
בְּרַכַּת הַמַּחֲלָקָה לֹא תִבּוֹא מִחֲלוּקָת.
בְּרַכַּת הַמְּקוֹם תִּהְיֶה בְּרַכָּה וְשָׁלוֹם.

Blessing for the home:

Let no sorrow come through this gate.
Let no trouble come in this dwelling.
Let no fright come through this door.
Let no conflict come to this department.
Let there be blessing and peace in this place.

This lovely prayer was probably written by Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum around the year 1800. A much earlier sentiment about Jewish values characterizing a home was written by King Solomon, in his Book of Proverbs (24:3-4):
A house is built by wisdom, and is established by understanding;
By knowledge are its rooms filled with all precious and beautiful things.

A warm, safe home is a blessing. A warm, safe home suffused with Jewish values is a double blessing. And a warm safe home filled with Jewish values and blessed with the gifts of serenity and peace is a triple blessing. May this triple blessing come upon your home and mine.

Rabbi Seth Sternstein

Friday Evening (5:45 PM) and
Saturday Morning (10:00 AM)
Services are *HYBRID*
Monday and Thursday Evening
(5:45 PM) Services are *VIRTUAL*

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, March 6 th	6:01 PM
Friday, March 13 th	7:09 PM
Friday, March 20 th	7:16 PM
Friday, March 27 th	7:24 PM

HAVDALAH

Saturday, March 7 th	7:00 PM
Saturday, March 14 th	8:08 PM
Saturday, March 21 st	8:16 PM
Saturday, March 28 th	8:23 PM

Hybrid
Board of Directors
Meeting
Wednesday
March 4th
7:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS MONDAY—THURSDAY

9 AM—4 PM
(Afternoons by appointment)
FRIDAY

Rabbi Sternstein Office Hours

Tuesday 10:00 AM—7:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM



Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 8, 2026

Passover

Dear Friends:

We are pleased to invite you to our Temple El Emeth Second Seder on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 pm. Rabbi Sternstein will lead the Seder. It includes a full Kosher for Passover dinner catered by Jeffrey Chrystal Catering of Youngstown. A full member's basic reservation cost is \$60.00 per person. **Please make your reservation(s) by March 23, 2026.**

Sponsors help us underwrite the actual cost to the synagogue, and permit us to invite, at a much reduced cost, those who may be financially unable to pay for a reservation in full. Sponsorship is deeply appreciated, as we say in the Haggadah:

"Kol dichfin yetei v'yeychol"; ("All who are hungry, let them join us to eat.")

Seder Sponsors' names will be published at the Seder.

Seder sponsor levels. Please check your selection below:

	Matzah Ball Muncher	\$125.00	(Includes 1 Complimentary reservation)
	Brisket Backer	\$180.00	(Includes 2 complimentary reservations)
	Charoset Champion	\$360.00	(Includes 3 complimentary reservations)
	Afikoman Angel	\$500.00	(Includes 4 complimentary reservations)

Please make checks payable to Temple El Emeth and mail to 3970 Logan Way, Youngstown, Ohio 44505

Thank you for your support!

Rabbi Seth Sternstein

Elyse Silverman, Program Director

PASSOVER SCHEDULE—PESACH 5786 (All Passover Services are In-Person Only)

Bedikat Chametz
Tuesday, March 31st
After 8:30 PM

Friday, April 1st
Chametz is traditionally burned by 10:30 AM

First Day
Thursday, April 2nd
10:00 AM—Pesach Services

Second Night
6:00 PM—Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:30 PM—Second Seder begins at El Emeth

Second Day
Friday, April 3rd
10:00 AM—Pesach Services

CHOL HAMOED ~ INTERMEDIATE DAYS
Saturday April 4 – Tuesday April 7

Seventh Day
Wednesday, April 8th
10:00 AM—Pesach Services

Eighth Day
Thursday, April 9th
10:00 AM—Pesach Services
11:45 AM—**YIZKOR**

Passover ends—8:36 PM



Times subject to Change

PROGRAMMING

The Youngstown Area Jewish
Community is cordially invited to our

PURIM CELEBRATION

at Temple El Emeth

Monday, March 2, 2026



**6:00 pm Complimentary
Hot Dog and Salad Bar dinner
7:00 pm Megillah Reading**

- Everyone is invited to come in costume !
- Prizes for all children!
- Creations by Balloon Artist Joe Sullivan
- Music by TKO Klezmer Band
- El Emeth Sisterhood's delicious Hamantashen

**No charge for dinner but reservations are
requested by February 27th.**

Please RSVP to 330-759-1429



TEMPLE~GRAMS

Temple-Grams for March & April

Temple-Grams are \$1.00 for each. The Temple office will not accept any telephone orders. If you know of someone's special Simcha, please let the Temple Office know. Mail your check for the total amount made out to: **Temple El Emeth.**
Please be sure to have your Temple-Gram money to the office at *least one week before the birthday or anniversary!*

_____ Mark & Irina Perlman

March 10th

25th Anniversary

_____ Stephan & Jodi Stoyak

April 12th

45th Anniversary

_____ Michael & Nina Clayman

March 24th

30th Anniversary

_____ Rosemarie Torem

April 13th

Special Birthday

_____ Kimberly Knofsky

April 9th

Special Birthday

_____ Myra Benedikt

April 24th

Special Birthday

Please **print your name** the way you want it to appear on the Temple-Gram

Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ Temple-Grams

Please mail to El Emeth Sisterhood, 3970 Logan Way, Youngstown, Ohio 44505

Programming

TORAH TUESDAYS WITH RABBI STERNSTEIN

Tuesday, March 10

Tuesday, March 24

11:00 am

Please call the office if you plan to attend



SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE & KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Services begin at 10:00 AM

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 12th



Programming



Mark your calendar....

Shabbat evening Service at Levy Gardens

Friday afternoon, April 17, 2026

4:00 pm

Service sponsored by Temple El Emeth & led by

Rabbi Seth Sternstein

Thank you to our Hamantashen bakers

Paula Ferguson
Debbi Grinstein
Lisa Mirman
Elyse Silverman
Doreen Spiegle

Terri Anderson
Bettina Clebone
Alice Franklin
Terri Kaback
Jodi Stoyak



Sisterhood

Mark Your Calendars!

El Emeth Sisterhood's

54th Annual

Donor Luncheon

Honoring Lisa Mirman

Thursday

May 28, 2026



SISTERHOOD

TORAH FUND
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
 CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

This month we celebrate Purim. It is a time of celebration and remembrance of a victory over the Persian rulers in the 5th century BCE. It is also a time to give a 'mitzvah'. Why not give to the Torah Fund to support our learned institutions that help to perpetuate our future and keep our faith alive.
 Sincerely, *Louise Kline, Torah Fund Chairman*

Mazel Tov!

- ◆ To **Phillip and Laura Silverman** on their daughter, **Addison** qualifying State Diving Competition in Canton, Ohio. Addison is the granddaughter of **Harry and Elyse Silverman** and the great granddaughter of **Estelle Silverman**.

MAZAL TOV TO THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN MARCH		MAZAL TOV TO THOSE CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY IN MARCH	
1 Daniel Malkin	26 Bettina Clebone	10 Mark & Irina Perlman	25 th
6 Doreen Spiegle	28 Stephan Stoyak	23 Sam & Rochelle Miller	46 th
11 Lillian Weiss	30 Carol Gottesman	24 Michael & Nina Clayman	30 th
12 Rick Marlin	JJ Silverman	27 Eric & Laurel Chevlen	38 th
17 Beth Finesilver		30 Bill & Myra Benedikt	57 th
23 George Aron			
25 Ron Kessler			

February 2nd



Barb Wilson reading a Tu B'Shevat story to the children at the PJ Library El Emeth hosted.

The children and parents enjoyed a pizza dinner and making grass pets for the holiday.

Programming

LIBERTY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
at Churchill United Methodist Church
89 Churchill Hubbard Road—near Belmont Ave.
Friday, March 6, 2026
9:30 am —12 pm



Call the Temple office and we will pass your name on to the Pantry chairs

COFFEE AND KIBBITZ Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 11:00 am

Join us at 11:00 am after walking for coffee and kibbitzing with friends....or just come for the the chance to catch up with everyone!

Walking is optional!
RSVPs appreciated—330-759-1429



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT TEE

- Saturday, April 11, Kiddush Luncheon following services
- Friday, April 24, Shabbat service and dinner with Israeli guests
- Saturday, June 6, Sisterhood Shabbat
- Friday, July 10, Musical Erev Shabbat service outdoors at the Roth's
- More to come...



Recently Chaplain John Chittock and members of American Legion Post 737 attended a Shabbat morning service at Temple El Emeth and gave a very powerful and moving presentation marking the anniversary of this event. It was an honor to have them with at Temple El Emeth and know that they are committed to preserving these stories for generations to come.

Shown in the photo is Rabbi Seth Sternstein and Chaplain John Chittock



Y A H R Z E I T S

February 28—March 6 11 Adar—17 Adar

Benjamin Altshuler*
 Phillip Berkowitz*
 Lillian Markowitz Berman*
 Rachel Braff*
 Martha K. Braunstein*
 Edna Katz Buntman*
 Ronald Burdman*
 Bess Chawenson*
 Beverly Ann Chevlen*
 Nikki Christie
 Rebecca Copperman*
 Samuel Crow*
 Israel Darsky*
 Mildred Dietz
 Sarah Eisenstot*
 Bessie Evzovitch*
 Fannie Fendrich*
 Isadore L. Feuer*
 Rose K. Frankle*
 Arthur H Friedman*
 Frances Greenberg
 Sheldon Lee Hollander*
 Lillian Holtzman*
 Fran Heyman Iseman
 Harvey Itzkovitz*
 Fannie Jacobson*
 Susan Smith Kanterman*
 Lillian Katzman*
 Maurice P. Kaufman*
 Elena Kostinsky*
 Jacob Levy*
 Albert A. Lockshin*
 Mordechai Magidson*
 Mashe Malkoff*
 Stanley A. Malkoff*
 Neil Manson
 Sally Miller*
 Gershon Mirkin*
 Elinor Moritz*
 Edith Peskin*
 Mary Polonsky Pianin*
 Helen Quint*
 Jacob Regenstreich*
 Andrew H. Rheuban*
 Martha Rubin*
 Dorothy U. Schwebel*
 Henry Solomon*
 Risa H. Solomon*
 Doris Spector*

February 28—March 6 11 Adar—17 Adar

Sadie Goldie Wilkof*
 Leo Wilkoff*
 Clara Yutkin*

March 7—March 13 18 Adar—24 Adar

Ethel Ackerman*
 Rose Goodman Bahm*
 Florence Passell Bodanis
 Ruth Dorothy Cohen*
 Sarah Cohen*
 Beverly Shinefeld Farbstein*
 Fannie Frank*
 Myra Freisinger
 Norman Garfield*
 Lillian S. Goldberg*
 Herman Gossoff*
 Isaac Green*
 Rose Green*
 Max Hansburg*
 Aaron Harr*
 Minnie Harskovitz*
 Lawrence Hirschl*
 Sara B. Itts*
 Renee Jacobson
 Zelda Kamisar*
 Rose Kanfer*
 Sophie L. Katzman*
 Harry Kaufman*
 Inga Kinast*
 Fay Kirkorsky*
 Saul X Kramer
 Leah Labow*
 Susan Mark Lenchg
 William Levitin*
 George Livingston*
 Max Lustig*
 Naomi Mirkin*
 Anne Oblonsky*
 Hattie Regenstreich*
 David Rogovin*
 Jack Sarbin*
 Charles Fox Schermer*
 Charles Schlosser*
 Minnie Shwartz*
 Bruce Silver*
 Murry Silvershein
 Harlan Small*

March 7—March 13 18 Adar—24 Adar

Jack Tamarkin*
 Jean Wexler*
 Isaac Wilkoff*
 Ralph Yarov*

March 14—March 20 25 Adar—2 Nisan

Jordan Alexander Aron
 Martin Blau
 Eva Braff*
 Max Braff*
 Sam Buntman*
 Sam Burach*
 Schneiur Zalman Chaimovitz*
 Betty Engel Cherwonsky*
 I. Harold Chevlen*
 R. Lyle Dillon
 Ruth Shagrin Elder*
 Joseph Friedman*
 Bertha Gateman*
 Lillian Malkoff Harshman*
 Samuel Heyman*
 David Hodesson*
 Yisroel Hollander*
 Mary Cohen Ipp*
 Sarah Miller Jacobson*
 Fred Joffin*
 Louis Katz*
 Miriam Fish Katz*
 Stanley A. Katz*
 Abraham Kinast
 Louis Klafter*
 Bert Kline*
 Leah Levy Kline*
 Jacob Knight*
 George Lauer*
 Nathan David Levington*
 J. Newman Levy
 Ita Lichtenstein*
 Murray A. Nadler*
 Albert Nelson*
 Morris Ortman*
 Dov Ber Pianin*
 Harry Pincus*
 Esther Dayan Politi*
 Anna Robins*
 Julia C. Sauber*
 Victor Silverman*

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 who have
 Memorial
 Plaques



Y AHRZEITS

March 14—March 20 25 Adar—2 Nisan

Violet Benjamin Silvershein*
 Esther Fried Silverstein*
 Louis Skolnick*
 May Kuhn Small
 Bess Wine Stoler*
 Benjamin Ungar*
 Jean Rosenbaum Wagman*
 Bernice Mirkin Wagner*
 Marlene Wexler*
 Milton Wolkoff
 Oscar Ziff*

March 21—March 27 3 Nisan—9 Nisan

Ned Americus
 Bernice Goldich Baker*
 Deena Weisz Benson*
 Anna Brill*
 Kate Brown*
 Alec Cheloff*
 Elsie Cohen*
 Doris P Easton
 Gertrude Eichenbaum*
 Jacob Eidelman*
 Joseph Eisenstot*
 Mildred Engel*
 Mose Frankle*
 Frieda R. Goldberg*
 Rosa Goldman*
 Dorothy Greenberg*
 Norman Haber*
 Morris Hoffman*
 Charlotte Kalus*

March 21—March 27 3 Nisan—9 Nisan

Dora Katz*
 Dora Kauffman*
 Libby Kaufman*
 Mike Lackey*
 Irving Manello*
 Mildred Mendelson
 Ethel Nichol*
 Lillian Raven*
 Henrietta Rheuban*
 Yetta Rheuban*
 Dave Roth*
 Harry Rulin*
 Susan Weiss Schonberger*
 James Edward Schwartz
 Robert Schwartz
 David Simon*
 Lawrence Sisman*
 Manuel Smith*
 Joseph Stolufsky*
 Dina Vaysman
 Rebecca Wagman*
 Iris Weiss*
 Louis Wiss
 Sigmund J. Yarmy*
 Stella Zeigler

March 28—April 3 10 Nisan—16 Nisan

Louis Norman Budin*
 Louis Deutsch*
 Matilda Dick*
 Rebecca Drabkin*
 Irving Freed*

March 28—April 3 10 Nisan—16 Nisan

James Gianokas
 Samuel L. Giber*
 Ruth Cohn Glick*
 Serena Glicksteen*
 Stella E. Goldich*
 Sylvia Goldich*
 Karen Grodin
 Martin Gross*
 Roslyn Kaplan*
 Sarah M. Katz*
 Julia Klafter*
 Ralph B. Klein
 Dora Mandel Lauer*
 Anna Levington*
 Ann Lewis*
 Mark Malkin*
 Morton Aaron Malkin*
 Shirley Malkoff*
 Abraham Pianin*
 Adel Prizant*
 Abraham Rheuban*
 David Robins*
 Howard Schwartz
 Irving Schwebel*
 Louis Sharlet*
 Abraham Sniderman*
 Fannie Sniderman*
 Victor Sperling
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Donations

Y AHRZEITS

In Loving Memory of

**Rhea Schwartz
James Schwartz**

By Martin Solomon

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In Loving Memory of

**Beloved father, David Sidney
Schwebel**

By Bruce & Suzyn Schwebel Epstein

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In Loving Memory of

**Daniel Meritz
Bernard Rose**

By Brad & Judy Levy

DONATIONS

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In Loving Memory of

Neil Manson

By Sherri & Gary Clayman

Inga Kinast

By Terri & Steve Anderson

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By Polly Stein Flesher
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Naomi Mirkin

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By Carol & Dave Mirkin

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Jerry Malkin

Seth Malkin

By Michael Malkin & William Moore
& Family

Blessed Grandfather, Martin Blau

By Rochelle & Sam Miller

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory of

Karen Grodin

Joel Grodin

Dave Roth

Pauline Roth

Miriam Fish Katz

Sam Katz

By Terry & Sam D Roth

Mildred Engel

By Susan Morgensztern

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Mildred Dietz

By Alice Franklin

Helen Quint

By Paula Quint

Gustav Fish

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David Strutin

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Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory of

Naomi Mirkin

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Ethel Ackerman

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Bruce Silver

By Paula (Silver) & Jerry Muir

Jean Wexler

By Marshall & Judy Wexler

Morton Aaron Malkin

By Kevin & Sandi Henchar

Ronald Burdman

Louis Deutsch

By Bonnie & Lee Burdman

32nd ANNUAL HOLOCAUST WRITING, ART, & MULTIMEDIA CONTEST

STUDENT HOLOCAUST WRITING, ART AND MULTIMEDIA CONTEST

“WHEN TIME STOOD STILL: THE FATE OF JEWISH FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES DURING THE HOLOCAUST”

Presentation of contest awards will be made during the Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration at noon on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at the Mahoning County Courthouse. All are also invited to the Shoah Memorial Service on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Contact the JCRC at 330.746.3250, ext. 108 for further information.

The deadline is Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

**Submit submissions via email to Nancy Sentelik at the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation,
nsentelik@jewishyoungstown.org.**





Temple El Emeth

Passover Second Seder

Thursday evening, April 2, 2026

Mincha at 6:00 pm

Seder begins at 6:30 pm

Join your El Emeth family for a traditional Passover Seder led by Rabbi Seth Sternstein and a Kosher for Passover dinner catered by Jeffrey Chrystal Catering.

Paid reservations must be received no later than March 23, 2026

TEMPLE EL EMETH PASSOVER SECOND SEDER—THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

NAME	Full Member & Out-of-Town Guest		Associate & Non-Member In-Town Guest		Children Ages 7 - 12	Children Ages 0 - 6
	Brisket \$65	Salmon \$60	Brisket \$80	Salmon \$80	\$18	No Charge

- ◆ Menu for children under 12 years—Chicken Tenders with Potatoes.
- ◆ Vegan Meal Required? _____.
- ◆ Nut Allergy? _____.
- ◆ Seated with _____.

(We make every effort to accommodate requests, but cannot guarantee.)

Please return Reservation form with payment due at Temple El Emeth by Monday, March 23rd

Temple El Emeth
3970 Logan Way
Youngstown, Ohio 44505

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May this Purim bring you joy, laughter, and a renewed sense of community. As we celebrate the courage of Esther and the triumph of light over darkness, may our hearts be filled with gratitude, generosity, and unity.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Chag Purim Sameach – a holiday overflowing with sweetness, blessings, and peace.

Rabbi Sternstein wishes to be in contact with anyone in our congregation who (G-d forbid) is ill. Please call the Rabbi directly, **914-960-4653**, and/or the Temple El Emeth office, **330-759-1429**, as soon as possible, if you know of someone ill. Please do *not* assume that someone else has informed the Rabbi or office. Even if we receive multiple calls, it is much preferable to our missing vital information.

We thank you for your help.

The Deadline for the
April Bulletin is
March 16th

