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ON ONE FOOT

I hope you'll be able to join me for the launching of *Mensch•Marks* on March 28 at 7:30 PM. On that day, I'll talk about how the book came about and read some pertinent parts. Pre-purchased and signed copies will be distributed then, and books will be also be available for sale. The book will also be launched at the Grace Farms Interfaith Seder on April 16. Below is a press release.



If Rabbi Joshua Hammerman has his way, the word *mensch* will become as popular as that other Jewish favorite, the bagel. According to Hammerman, being a *mensch*, an exceptional human being, transcends any other accomplishment. The award-winning journalist, and veteran spiritual leader, believes there's nobility in normalcy, especially in these tumultuous times, which is why he's written *MENSCH•MARKS: Life Lessons of a Human Rabbi* (HCI; April 2, 2019).

Mensch is a term that has gone beyond its basic definition—a human person—and has become a shining symbol of how simply being human in today's world. Hammerman presents 42 brief essays that mirror the 42 stops that the Israelites made as they wandered in the desert. These stories, full of the joy, sorrow, messiness and redemption of everyday life, are designed to lead us out of our own wilderness toward realizing of our own promise as a better person.

Hammerman shares his own *mensch•marks*, the life experiences he's navigated, as stepping stones to spiritual maturation, encompassing failure and forgiveness, loving and letting go, finding deeper meaning in work and holiness in the ordinary moments of everyday life, as he shares challenges that have honed his soul. In the rabbi's inimitable style, he draws invigorating lessons from how the Hindu god of dance helps anchor his workweek, how the diverse cast in a high school production of *Fiddler on the Roof* forced him to challenge his own views on intermarriage, and the temptation of the forbidden Oreó™.

He knows the truth we all share—being a morally evolved human being actually means to be fallible and imperfect, even as we strive to do better. Being a *mensch* means seeking justice tempered with compassion, understanding our human connection, serving a higher cause and living with dignity and integrity.

Rave reviews are streaming in. Author Abigail Pogrebin calls *Mensch•Marks* an "addictive volume," adding, "Each chapter is its own gem, and every story becomes a reader's personal challenge." Daniel Gordis says the book "offers us a window into a deeply-lived life." Legendary broadcaster Bob Costas says, "Throughout, we find a graceful writer, a wise and gentle soul," and historian Jonathan Sarna calls the book "a master-class in what it means to be a *mensch* from one of the nation's most gifted rabbi-writers."

In a time when every measure of civility is being overturned, being a *mensch* may be the only measure of character that truly matters. "If by sharing what I've learned, I can add a modicum of human connection in a world overflowing with cruelty, loneliness and deceit, then I'll have done my job," says Rabbi Hammerman, forever the optimist, who believes that we can turn things around, one *mensch* at a time.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman



THE HAZZAN'S VOICE

Since retiring in 2002, I have had the opportunity to visit many varied congregations in my area. Some Conservative congregations are very traditional with women participating in every aspect of synagogue life. Some are very much to the left.



A liberal Conservative congregation, close to my home, limits the number of prayers in each service, similar to a Reform congregation. They don't allow the use of instruments on Shabbat morning, but allow instruments on Friday night.

Once-a-month a folk group performs with multiple instruments and singers. All participants are from the congregation except me. Fortunately, some of the instrumentalists are professional players. One is also a noted composer, noted for his Jewish music. This young composer in this group honored by the Reform cantorate, is a protégé of Hazzan Charles Davidson known to us as the commissioned composer of selections for me and our Junior Choir. I, for a while, sang with this group and what interested me was their musical repertoire.

Some numbers were new in the Jewish music world. Some were popular melodies set to prayer, others were composed within the group.

This approach is not new, and is becoming more prevalent across the country in Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist congregations. It is appealing to all ages, primarily to younger people.

The B'nai Jeshurun congregation in Manhattan, some 40 years ago, was responsible for revitalizing this approach to B. J. services.

The Hazzan of IKAR, a congregation in Los Angeles, was quoted as saying, "Music of a prayer needs to be like the sound track of a movie in the capacity to move and inspire congregants to get up, stand up and protest for social change." The congregations services incorporate Sephardic and Mizrahi-style drumming, chanting and droning with what the Hazzan called a "catchy melody on top," as a way of giving people a sense that they are entering into the uncharted psychological territory and transcending the every day. "The music," he explained, "is a catalyst to effect personal and communal change."

I do not suggest this approach as of yet, but the IKAR's Hazzan's suggestions are for future thought and consideration.

Since my spinal surgery in October, I have been going through a difficult time. Presently, I am living in an assisted living home in Rockville, Maryland. HOWEVER, my voice has not changed since you last heard me at Beth El. I am being called to do services and concerts. I am keeping up through multiple Jewish publications with the Jewish world and especially the Jewish music world.

B'ezrat Hashem, with the help of the Almighty, may this continue and continue.

My heartfelt wishes are with you all.



Hazzan Sidney Rabinowitz



SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICES



MARCH

Friday, March 1

Family Kabbalat Shabbat led by 3rd and 4th grades 5:45 p.m.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Congregational Shabbat Dinner 6:45 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, March 2

Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

Kids-in-the-Round for ages 4-8 11:00 a.m.

Friday, March 8*

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, March 9

Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

ZACHARY PRICE, BAR MITZVAH

Friday, March 15

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, March 16

Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

MATTHEW GOODMAN, BAR MITZVAH

ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20 - PURIM

Megillah Reading for Families 5:30 p.m.

Purim Carnival 6:30 p.m.

Purim for Adults 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, March 23

Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

SAWYER PRICE, BAR MITZVAH

Friday, March 29*

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, March 30

Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

JESSE KALT, BAR MITZVAH

ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

APRIL

Friday, April 5*

Chocolate Seder Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, April 6

Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

SAMANTHA BRADLEY, BAT MITZVAH

Friday, April 12

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, April 13

Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

JACOB DAVIDSON, BAR MITZVAH

ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Friday, April 19

EREV PASSOVER

No Kabbalat Shabbat Service

First Seder

Shabbat, April 20 - First Day

Shabbat/Passover Services 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 21 - Second Day

Passover Services 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 26 - Seventh Day

Shabbat/Passover Services 9:30 a.m.

Passover/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, April 27 - Eighth Day

Passover/Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor

Temple Beth Eli

from



HAPPY PURIM!

*Babysitting available 7:15-9:15pm in the Clubhouse

MAZAL TOV TO...

Ruth Haendler on the birth of a granddaughter, Violet Eve, born to Kristin and Michael Haendler

Danielle Dalgin-Cohen and Jason Cohen on the birth of a son, Thaddeus Samson, and to the proud grandparents, Judy Dalgin and Norman Suchin.

Kathy Mandel on the birth of a granddaughter, Giuliana Marie, born to Kira Terreson and Josh Mandel.

Ellen Bromley and Tom Gizicki on the birth of a grandson, Samson Sunny, born to Liz and Matt Bromley.

Lori and Bruce Tobin on the birth of a granddaughter, Olive Scout born to Erika and Andrew Tobin.

Julie and Remi Rosenberg on receiving the Young Leadership Award from Chabad of Stamford.



Share your family's simcha (marriage, birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah of a child or grandchild) and other joyous event. Just contact the TBE office at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

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Do you like getting a warm "Shabbat Shalom" as you enter shul on Saturday morning?

Our greeting program has been extremely well received. To keep this program going, we need volunteer greeters like you.

Interested? Contact Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz at devrajaffe@gmail.com

Thanks for helping make Temple Beth El a warm and welcoming place to be.

BETH EL CARES

Beth El Cares focuses on *chesed* and *tzedakah* by helping the poor and unfortunate through mitzvot, both in our synagogue and the greater Stamford community. We welcome volunteers! This is the work we are currently engaged in. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these endeavors, please contact the person listed.

Reyut (Friendship): Committed to serving the needs of those in our TBE community, including friendly visits, assistance with errands and transportation, Shabbat bag delivery to hospitalized patients. Contact Melanie Massell at reyut@tbe.org or 203-324-7190.

Project Ezra: Providing pre-shiva meals to the bereaved in the congregation. Contact Joy Katz at joyakatz@yahoo.com or 203-329-3359.

Serving the homeless: Helping prepare and serve food — you can do either or both — to the homeless at New Covenant Center in Stamford on the fifth Thursday of each month. Times are 2:30-4:15 pm and 4:15-5:30 pm. Contact Amy Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

High Holiday and Passover food drives: Contact Ken Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-962-1491.

Christmas dinners at local homeless shelters: Contact Amy Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

If you have your own idea for a Beth El Cares project, please contact Ken Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or call 203-962-1491.

REYUT - FEBRUARY 19, 2019

"Life After Disruption"

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman, Dr. Mara Hammerman and Roni Lang, LCSW



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BAR MITZVAH

March 9

ZACHARY PRICE

Son of Randi and Craig
 Brother of Ruthie
 Attends Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
 Mitzvah Project: Sandy Hook Promise



March 16

MATTHEW GOODMAN

Son of Jeffrey and Beth
 Brother of Benjamin
 Attends: Scofield Magnet Middle School
 Mitzvah Project: Little Wonder and Leveling the Playing Field



March 23

SAWYER PRICE

Son of Caren and Glenn
 Brother of Hudson
 Attends Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
 Mitzvah Project: Friends of the Ferguson and Reading Partners



March 30

JESSE KALT

Son of Carin and Greg
 Brother of Eli
 Attends Scofield Magnet Middle School
 Mitzvah Project: Project Music in Stamford



April 6

SAMANTHA BRADLEY

Daughter of Jessica and Jonathan
 Sister of Grant
 Attends Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
 Mitzvah Project: Schoke JFS Kosher for Passover Food Drive



April 13

JACOB DAVIDSON

Son of Amy and Aron
 Brother of Benjamin
 Attends Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
 Mitzvah Project: Sandwiches and Smiles, CT Food Bank



DID YOU KNOW?

TBE offers free family membership for the first year to any member's child on the occasion of his or her marriage. For more information, contact Steve Lander at 203-322-6901, ext. 304.



ADULT EDUCATION

SEMINAR on ESTHER with VANESSA AVERY March 7 at 12:00pm



The book of Esther is an undeniably rich source for spiritual searching — searching out ways to survive in the world, searching for God, searching for courage, searching how to find success when it seems so unlikely. But the book and its holy day of Purim have raised many objections throughout the years. There are indeed many grey areas within the book of Esther that have put its inclusion in the biblical canon into question. Using the popular theory of Rene Girard, this seminar will explore how the book reveals the stages of scapegoating violence, and how one might navigate or counteract this unloving system.

Dr. Avery has 20 years of experience in higher education and organizational consulting. With a PhD from the University of Exeter, Masters degrees from Yale Divinity School and King's College London, and a Bachelor's degree from McGill University, she has taught and consulted for universities, healthcare institutions, and corporations around the nation. Her work, no matter the context, is to open minds, reduce bias, and to create inclusive, diverse, dialogical, and thriving cultures. Vanessa is currently Lecturer in Interfaith Engagement at Yale Divinity School and the Director of the Sharing Sacred Spaces Initiative for Sacred Space International. Vanessa's book, *The End of Violence*, is due out next year from Michigan State University Press.

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www.thebigeventspace.com

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NEW CLASS IN FORMATION

Many people have been inquiring about starting a class to learn synagogue skills, prayer and basic Judaism. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Hammerman at rabbi@tbe.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GABBAI?



Training available!



Please contact Rabbi Hammerman at rabbi@tbe.org.

**TEMPLE BETH EL
CELEBRATES
SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA**

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

**5:45pm: Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Led by the Religious School 3rd and 4th grades**

**6:45pm: Congregational Shabbat
Chicken Dinner**

(There will be vegetarian and kid friendly options including plain pasta and garlic bread.)

**7:30pm: Congregational Kabbalat Shabbat
Service**

led by Rabbi Hammerman and Cantor Fishman

**RSVP: TINYURL.COM/
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or call 203-322-6901 x301**

RSVP by Monday, February 25

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\$25 per adult, \$8 per child age 3-13

\$65 maximum per family

RSVP after February 25

\$30 per adult and \$11 per child

\$75 maximum per family

(maximum applies to the immediate family only, grandparents and extended family members not included)

No charge for children under 3

**MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT
MARCH 2, 2019 - 9:30am**

Services will be led by members of the Men's Club followed by a sit-down lunch.

Sponsored by the TBE Men's Club

*Special D'var Torah by
Deborah Riegel*



Ms. Riegel will speak about Jewish National Fund's work in developing communities in the Negev.

Deborah Riegel is President of the Jewish National Fund's Tri-State Board and a member of Makor, JNF's National Ambassador group. She practices real estate law in New York City and is an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School.

ALL COMMUNITY AND CONGREGATION MEMBERS WELCOME: WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN.

Special Occasion?

Sponsor The Shabbat E-announcements
(sent every week via e-mail)

The Shabbat Announcements
(distributed each Shabbat at the Temple)

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(e-mailed every Thursday night)

All three publications for \$72

All sponsors will be acknowledged at the beginning of each of these announcements and also listed in our bi-monthly Bulletin.

Call Mindy in the office at 322-6901 ext. 301.

TBE Kids-in-the-Round Shabbat Service

Please join us

Saturday, March 2, 11:00am

for a special TBE Kids-in-the-Round Shabbat Service

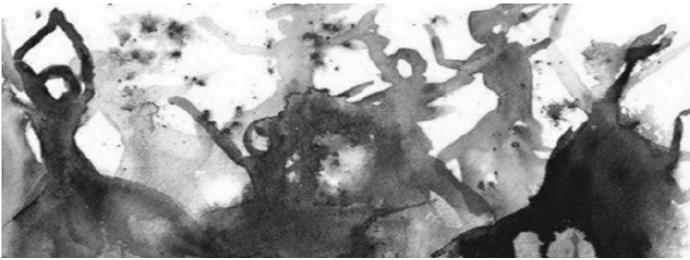
led by Cantor Magda Fishman

This program is for families with children age 4 to 8 with siblings welcome.

This service will be held in the library, followed by a special, congregational sit-down Shabbat luncheon.

You don't need to be a TBE member to participate. There is no charge.

Questions? Contact Jami Fener at youngfamilies@tbe.org or Lisa Gittelman Udi at eddir@tbe.org



Please join us for the 2019/5779

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SEDER: CELEBRATING OUR STRENGTH

Hosted by Temple Beth El

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

5:15pm: Doors Open 5:30pm: Dinner
6:30pm: Seder Begins

LED BY CANTOR MAGDA FISHMAN

with musicians Beth Styles, Aleksandra
Mogilevich, and Efrat Shapira

This event is graciously supported
by TBE Sisterhood.

Register online: tinyurl.com/womensseder19
or call the TBE office at 203-322-6901 x301

Early Bird Rate: \$36 per adult and \$18 per child
13 and younger if you register before March 18
\$45 per adult and \$25 per child 13 and younger
after March 18

This event is open to the community.
You do not have to be a TBE member
to participate.

Questions? Contact us at office@tbe.org or
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Happy and Sweet Passover*

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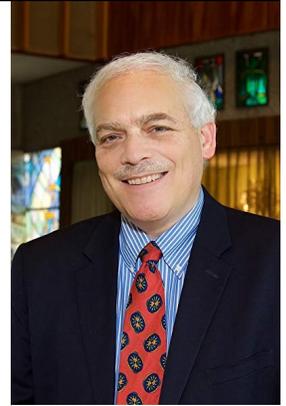
Mensch• Marks

Life Lessons of a Human Rabbi



WISDOM FOR UNTETHERED TIMES

Joshua Hammerman



MARCH 28

7:30pm

at TBE

Join us as Rabbi Hammerman launches his new book, *Mensch•Marks*. Rabbi Hammerman will talk about how the book came about and read some pertinent parts.

Pre-purchased and signed copies will be distributed then, and books will be also be available for sale.

All are welcome.

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The **Ladies Night Out** dinner theater and show at Curtain Call to see "Wedding Belles" in January was a tremendous success with 35 TBE women and friends (half the theater) relaxing, seeing old and making new friends (see photos). Todah Rabah to **Karen Resnick** for an Oscar-winning performance organizing this event!



Todah Rabah to the Sisterhood volunteers who helped serve lunch and greet congregants at the fabulous Men's Club Shabbat on March 2 (names unknown at time of printing).

Join us on March 24 to hear Historian **Mark Albertson** speak about the extraordinary life of Golda Meir. Refreshments at 9:30 am followed by the lecture. Todah Rabah to **Karen Resnick** for organizing the lecture.

Passover this year falls on April 19 (Friday evening), continuing through April 27. To help prepare for your **Passover Seder needs**, in **mid-March**, Sisterhood will once again send out a form for you to place your order for delicious kosher Passover foods. Todah Rabah to **Betty Baer** and **Mindy Rogoff** for their time in organizing this Sisterhood fundraiser.

Sisterhood's **Spring Bling & Fling** will take place on Sunday, **April 28** at 9:30am. We like to refer to this as **What's in your Closet? – Part II**. Please consider donating your new, almost-new or gently-used costume jewelry, scarves, handbags and accessories which Sisterhood will in turn sell for cheap to raise money for future TBE and Sisterhood programs. We already have several enthusiastic volunteers helping to sort through and label the donations. (Remember the joy of rummaging through your mother's closet when you were younger?). Stay tuned for further details in future emails. Please email sisterhood@tbe.org with any questions you may have or if you would like to donate a few items – the blingier, the better! Other upcoming events in the spring include (details in future emails):

- Co-funding with the Men's Club of the **Purim Carnival** inflatables, games, cotton candy and popcorn.
- Sponsorship of **Mediterranean Shabbat musical service** in the spring.
- June 2 – **Mah Jongg Tournament!**
- **Sisterhood Shabbat and Luncheon** - Saturday, **June 8** led entirely by women. We have Torah, Hebrew and English readings – something for everyone! If you are interested in participating, please contact Leslie Heyison at lheyison@gmail.com or 203-964-9386.

Keep your eyes out for Sisterhood updates in the weekly Shabbat announcements.

*On behalf of Sisterhood, with appreciation and joy,
Leslie Heyison, TBE Sisterhood Board President*

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Card messages include Mazel Tov, New Baby, Get Well, Sympathy, Friendship and Thank you. Cost is \$3 per card or \$20 for seven cards. A new pin is created each year for a donation of \$180. Purchase from the TBE gift shop or directly from Suzanne Stone, suzanneshorn@yahoo.com, 203-866-2273.

Immigration: Separating Fact from Fiction

Find out what's happening on the national and local level. Discuss ways TBE can get involved through service, action and advocacy.



Featuring Catalina Horak, executive director of Building One Community and Aleksandr Troyb, Esq., an immigration attorney

Sunday, March 31, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

at Temple Beth El

A light breakfast will be served.

Sponsored by the TBE Immigration Task Force

TBE NOMINATING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Temple Beth El's By-Laws provide for representation from the congregation on the Nominating Committee.

If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee for the Board of Trustees for 2019-2020 or know of someone who is interested, please contact me at danalhorowitz@gmail.com or at 203-321-0018.

Dana Horowitz, Secretary
TBE Board of Trustees

TEMPLE BETH EL PURIM FAMILY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

PURIM FAMILY SERVICE

5:30pm

MEGILLAH READING! COSTUME PARADE!

PURIM CARNIVAL

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE!

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Friday, April 5



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6:00pm Chocolate Seder

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\$12 per child 3-12 years old, \$16 per adult

**\$55 maximum per family
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Please go to this URL to RSVP:

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If you are unable to RSVP online, please call the TBE office at 203-322-6901.

Geared toward families with children 5th grade and younger. (6th grade and older students are invited to help with set up and clean up. Teen volunteers do not have to pay to participate and will have their own "After Party.")

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Steve Sosnick (mssosnick@att.net)
Fund-Raising Chair

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January 12, 2019



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APRIL 1, 2019**

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Sunday, January 13

We were joined by Senator Richard Blumenthal.





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SALE OF HAMETZ FORM

I, _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Joshua Hammerman to act as my shaliach (representative) and empower him (or any agent operating on his behalf) to sell all hametz owned by me, or in which I have a share, whether it is in my possession, being shipped to me, or stored elsewhere, as of 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2019. This includes any stocks or shares in corporations or businesses that buy or sell hametz. (The term, "hametz," is understood according to the Rabbinic definition of leavened food and is to include all types of such food or liquids in pure or mixed forms). Since the buyer must have free access to the hametz he purchases, I also agree to authorize him to rent those premises in which these foods are stored and agree to keep these items separated and to seal them off. This sale is to be concluded in accordance with all the requirements of Jewish law and the terms of the general authorization contract used by the Rabbi for this purpose. Stores engaged in the sale of hametz during Passover are excluded.

Estimated value of my hametz foodstuffs and liquids _____.

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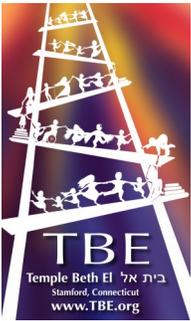
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