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"Let all who are hungry come and eat.
Let all who are needy come and share."
- Passover Haggadah

Dear Friends,

With Passover fast approaching, there are a few important announcements to share.

Please join us at Temple Beth El's Passover Seder table on Tuesday, March 26th! Join us as we will retell the story, sing songs, drink wine, eat Matzah and celebrate freedom. You will enjoy a delicious, catered Passover meal too! Tickets are \$55 for Temple members, \$60 for friends & guests, and \$20 for children. Reservations are due by Monday, March 18th and payment must be made in advance.

Every year, we are each charged with fulfilling the commandment to remember the exodus from slavery. As we begin our preparations for Passover and look forward to attending Seders with families and friends, we cannot help but think of those who may not be as fortunate as us.

It is an annual tradition at Temple Beth El to hold our Matzah Fund Campaign (Maot Chittin) to help the needy to fulfill the mitzvah of celebrating Passover. We respectfully ask you to consider making a donation, which will be used to provide some holiday comfort to those in need. Please send your contributions to the Temple office as soon as possible, so the funds can be distributed well in advance of the start of Passover.

Another preparation for Passover is the selling of chametz, or leavened products, which may remain in your home during Passover. The Torah prohibits us from owning any chametz during Passover. By selling the chametz, it will no longer "belong" to you, thus helping to ensure that your home is Kosher for Passover. In a normal business transaction, someone pays you for something that you sell. In the case of selling chametz, however, it is customary to make a donation to Tzedakah to pay someone a symbolic amount for buying our chametz. The good news is that we may eat the chametz after Passover!

This year, Rabbi Sruli will be facilitating the selling of our chametz. To sell your chametz, please return the attached form to the Temple, by 11:30 AM on Monday, March 25th, along with your donation. .

We wish you a very happy, healthy, and Kosher Passover.

Sincerely yours,

Craig Bassett
President