



Dear TBE Community and Friends,

After over a year of physical separation, TBE lay leaders and staff are feeling cautiously ecstatic to share the following announcements with you. We are cautious because we know that if the vaccination campaign stalls, or if the proliferation of the virus around the world creates variants that our vaccines cannot overcome, everything can change in an instant. However right now, we are doing our very best to embrace how ecstatic we are to be making real plans to experience the profound sense of joy we feel when we can be physically together as a community.



Thank you for standing firm in your commitment to our TBE community during these dark times, may we look forward to ever brighter days to come.

Sincerely,

Kate Shalvoy  
Executive Director

## In-Person Kabbalat Shabbat

### In-Person Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Every Friday · 5:30pm

Susan T. Goldberg Courtyard

Led by Rabbi Carolyn Braun



We are pleased to announce that, beginning May 21, TBE will be offering **weekly in-person Kabbalat Shabbat services, weather permitting!** Services will take place in the beautiful Susan T. Goldberg Courtyard and will start with a weekly schmooze party at 5:00pm before services start at 5:30pm! We will be providing beverages, so dust off your social skills, gather up your *ruach* (spirit), and come on down!

**Details:**

- **When:** Every Friday evening - 5:00pm schmooze, 5:30pm services
- **Where:** Susan T. Goldberg Courtyard
- **Masks:** Masks are to be worn by attendees ages 3 and up. Masks may be pulled down to take a sip of your drink during schmooze time.
- **Seating:** Seating will be available for all attendees, but shaded seating is limited.
- **Inclement Weather:** Every Friday, we will send out an email (by 2pm) indicating if services will occur or not; in the event of inclement weather, services will be cancelled.
- **Registration:** Though registration is not required to attend services, it will help us plan and expedite the check-in process.

Shabbat morning services and morning minyan will continue to be held on Zoom only for the time being.

Questions? Email [office@tbemaine.org](mailto:office@tbemaine.org).

Thank you to the Reopening Task Force - Sara Kahn-Troster, Kate Shalvoy, Rabbi Braun, Zoe Levine Sporer, Sandra Kornblum, Fred Barlow, Dave Carney, and Tom Berman - for helping develop the protocols that will make this possible.

[Register Here](#)

## Social Kashrut



We're thrilled to announce Social Kashrut, an exciting new initiative aimed at strengthening TBE's commitment to inclusion. In the video below, you will hear our leadership explain in their own words what exactly Social Kashrut means, and what it means for us as a congregation. By clicking the buttons below, you will be able to read the introduction to Social Kashrut and the Communal Agreements in full. Please join us as we embark on this journey!



### What is Social Kashrut?

### Communal Agreements

Thank you to the Social Kashrut Task Force - Josh Rosen (Chair), Rabbi Braun, Allison Weiss, Eli Mellen, Judy Gatchell, Zoe Levine Sporer, Lorin Troderman, Lauren Fridling, and Kate Shalvoy - for developing the Community Standards Guidelines. A special thank you to Josh Rosen for drafting versions of the Guidelines and developing the rollout plan alongside Kate Shalvoy.

## Large Sanctuary Renovation

In preparation for what we hope will be a gradual return to indoor, in-person services in the coming months, we are in the process of doing a limited renovation of the large sanctuary to accommodate weekly Shabbat evening and morning services.

Thank you to the Sanctuary Transition Task Force - Rabbi Braun, Judy Gatchell, Joan Levy, Dave Carney, and Kate Shalvoy - for re-envisioning the Sanctuary space, a project that will help us take advantage of the grandeur of our building while keeping the feeling of Shabbat services intimate.

Stay tuned for more details about these exciting changes as they become available!



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