



Executive Director's Message

Well Spring is finally here, and it is time to look ahead.

As I mentioned last month, we have evolved our templeinlima.org website to become the main portal for all things Temple Beth Israel-Shaare Zedek. In just the past 3 weeks, there has been an uptick in visits to our site, with many of these visits being first timers. Several of these unique visitors have requested information from us on membership, collaborative engagement opportunities within the community or just to learn more about Judaism or their Jewish heritage. Additionally, we have taken steps to ensure that our site appears first even when they don't know exactly the website address by using their search key words that drive them to our site. We are always adding new content and welcome your suggestions

Our Temple Passover Seder will be held on Friday April 15, 2022. We need each of you to RSVP to the forthcoming invitation email as quickly as you can, but no later than Sunday April 10, 2022. This will be both an in person and online event. As many of you are aware, given the energy and excitement of the increasingly large in-person services and social events, it is wonderful to be able to come together face-to-face.

Please, if you can, try to come. We need each of you present who can be present with us; each of us makes this community whole by our presence. Each of us brings something unique and irreplaceable. Bring your family and perhaps a guest. We need you, and we need each other! This year's Seder meal is mostly potluck: We are looking for 3 meat dishes (chicken, fish, and brisket), a roasted carrot dish, a roasted potato dish, and a roasted broccoli and cauliflower dish. The matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, and dessert (flourless torte, sherbet, and coconut macaroons) are taken care of by catering. Please reach out to us when you RSVP to find out which part of our meal we still need to have prepared."

Best Regards-

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joel Oster', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joel Oster
Executive Director