



# RABBI'S RAMBLINGS...

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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Shalom,

## **Rochester Response to Massacre in Christchurch, New Zealand**

With memories of last November's massacre at Congregation Tree of Life, in Pittsburgh, still fresh in our minds, we were horrified to learn on Friday morning about the murder of 50 Muslim worshippers in their mosques, in Christchurch, New Zealand.

We as Jews know all too well what it is like to be in the crosshairs of white supremacists. Although we were not the victims this time, it nonetheless felt painfully familiar and far too close for comfort. However, precisely because we so cherish the freedom to create community and to gather together in prayer, Jews stood tall and gathered in strength at the Islamic Center of Rochester on Sunday morning. We gathered not only to honor our fallen Muslim sisters and brothers, but also in order to say to our neighbors:

"We value community so much that we are willing to protect yours with ours."

As Abraham responded to God's call, we said: "הִנְנִי – We are here."

Click here if you are interested to see some of the local press coverage:

<https://www.wxxinews.org/post/people-various-faiths-gather-islamic-center-rochester-show-their-support>

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh has opened an [emergency relief fund](#) for individuals who would like to donate to support the Muslim community in Christchurch, New Zealand.

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### Do you have extra room around your Seder table?

Would you like to host other Temple Beth David member(s) in your homes at the First Seder, on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>? Following on the heels of the extremely successful "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbos?" event earlier this month, we're eager to try the formula of inviting each other into our homes, this Pesach!

Click on this link and let us know how many seats you're offering!

<https://goo.gl/forms/TIX8N3PUqYMzf8Nn2>

(In case you have any difficulty with this link, you can also e-mail me directly at:

[rabbi@tbdrochester.org](mailto:rabbi@tbdrochester.org) )

חג פורים שמח – Best wishes for a Happy Purim to all,

Michael

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## PURIM THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 20 – Thursday, March 21, 2019



*Megillah* reading: Wednesday, March 20, 7:00pm at  
Temple Beth Am (downstairs from Temple Beth David)

## SHABBAT THIS WEEK

Friday, March 22 – Saturday, March 23, 2019



Candle lighting: 7:06pm  
Shabbat ends: 8:09pm

Torah reading: *Parashat Tzav*  
Triennial Year 3: Ex. 8:1 - 8:36