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Passover, First Seder, Monday, April 14
14 Nisan 5774

“As it is said, You shall tell your children on that day.”



A Ziessen Pesach!



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

By Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

How Memorable Will Your Seder Be? Creating Seder Memories

When you think back on the Passover Seders of your childhood, what stands out the most? Is it fond memories of quality family time spent together? Or is it being famished waiting for the family meal to begin? Do you fondly think back on moments of family laughing and singing together? Or do you remember

being bored at the prospect of reciting the entire *Haggadah* line by line in Hebrew and English? Is your recollection of happy moments searching for the *Afikomen*? Or the trauma of being the child who never found the *afikomen* and therefore never got the big prize?

What kind of memories will you create for your children or grandchildren this year?

The Passover Seder of a generation ago was not all that inclusive. Generally it was aimed at satisfying the needs of one person – the *zayde* or grandfather who was leading it. It was aimed at an audience of one – and the rest of us were permitted to listen in if we behaved.

Today we have a very different perspective. We want our *sedarim* to be as inclusive as possible. But the cast of characters who gather at a contemporary Seder is as complex and wide ranging as is the nature of Jewish life today. Creating a Seder that speaks to the committed and the uncommitted, the young and the old, Jewish and non-Jewish, highly motivated and the antagonistic, believers and disbelievers – well the list goes on and on – and the task to create one program for everyone is challenging to say the least.

We want to help. I will be leading a Seder Seminar on Tuesday April 8 at 8 PM as part of my Sisterhood Rabbinic Seminar – it is open to the congregation. I hope you will join me as I share a lot of ideas about how to make your Seder special.

Here are some simple guidelines that I will explore and that can help make your Seder a memorable success:

Remember – it is not about you. Unlike *zayde* of old – who did not really think much beyond his own needs – the more you take into account the specific needs of your guests the more successful a Seder you will have. If there will be children – make sure there are enough children friendly parts – songs, magic tricks, play acting, games – these things will engage the youngest participants at your Seder. But, remember the adults as well! What kind of adults are coming? If you have committed and knowledgeable people – do your homework – and have some sophisticated parts to explore and discuss. If there are non-Jews, make sure there are parts that will make them feel comfortable and included. Adjust the content of the Seder to meet the needs of the participants. If someone just had a baby or just got married or lost a loved one – this night will be very different from all other nights – be sensitive to where they are at and what their special needs are this Passover.

The successful Passover Seder begins long before everyone sits down at the table on Monday evening April 14. Make sure the family is involved in every aspect: from searching for the *hametz* on Sunday evening, to the burning of the *hametz* on Monday morning, (We have a bonfire at 10:00 AM on Monday morning April 14 – at the back of the shul parking lot). Even preparing the Seder plate can include others. Kids can help grate the *maror*

(bitter herbs), burn the *z'roa* (shank bone), roast the egg and prepare the *haroset*. Have everyone participate in the cleaning process by being responsible for the de-hametzification of their own rooms. Yes, spreading around the responsibility may mean that you will not be as efficient in your Passover preparations – but remember you are creating memories as much as you are preparing your home.

Whoever is leading the Seder must also prepare! The single greatest mistake is not giving any advance thought to the content of the evening. Too many families open the *haggadah* on page one – and that is the first thought they give to what follows. There are many family friendly *haggadahs* on the market today. It is also possible that you might use different *Haggadahs* around your table – and invite people to share from their unique perspectives. There are traditional *haggadahs* and feminist *haggadahs* there is even a *haggadah* for those recovering from substance abuse.

Just as one must use a variety of material to appeal to varied audience, so must one use a variety of techniques: Questions are the best way to encourage children's involvement. "If you were a slave in Egypt, how would you feel?" and, "If you were leaving Egypt what would you bring with you." A fun game is to go around the table and have each person mention the one thing they would take with them as they were leaving Egypt and the next person has to recite the list of what everyone said before adding his or her own item. Older kids can be asked questions like: "The Israelites were persecuted because they were different – how are we different? Why is it important to be different in today's world?" Guests at your Seder should be encouraged to ask questions at all times. **There is no such thing as getting off the topic at a Seder.** The side trips are usually much more rewarding than the planned expeditions! And remember you don't have to do it all. Assignments can be shared with guests in advance.

The notion of *dayenu* (enough) – can be a relevant jumping off point for our "consumer driven culture". We live in a world of more, more, more. Have everyone around the table share something that they have had enough of... or too much of.

Singing is an important aspect of a successful Seder. Most kids learn Seder songs at religious school – make sure you know what they have learned and give them opportunity to share what they know. Children love to act things out – create opportunities for acting out stories from the *haggadah* rather than just reading them from the text.

Don't be afraid to be unconventional – I know someone who removed all the furniture from their living room and had all the guests sit around on pillows on the floor to create a mid-eastern mood. Remember the goal is to be memorable.

The Seder is about tradition – but we should not be afraid to be creative in thinking up new and exciting ways to transmit that tradition. And remember tradition is not only about what happened thousands of years ago – feel free to have people share their own family traditions and memorable Seders from their own childhood.

Passover is all about telling the story from one generation to the next. We have been doing it for thousands of years – and if you take the challenge seriously your Seder can be a vital link in making sure we will be telling the story for thousands of years more.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Richard Levine

In a few weeks time, we will all be gathering with our family, friends, or community members at our Seder tables to recite the story of the Israelite's escape from Egypt. A story of redemption, liberation, and freedom, the Passover narrative

resonates differently for many people. Some use it as an example of the strength of the Jewish people found through community and faith. Others link our legendary tale to contemporary struggles for civil rights, social justice, and women's equality. I particularly enjoy the festive meal—a time to gather with my family and eat delicious food prepared by my mother (known as baba to her nine grandchildren). As my extended family joins together to read the story of exodus, I am reminded of the mandate to teach the Jewish narrative to our children, so they can know it, reflect on it, and eventually pass it down to the next generation. However you choose to reflect upon the Pesach story, I hope you will remember its centrality to the Jewish people's struggle for independence and self-actualization.

Member spotlight: Lewis Bartell

Lew Bartell and his family have been invaluable members of TBS for over 15 years. Lew has served and continues to serve on many committees and has been on the Executive Board for the past three years. Lew is also recognizable on shabbat for his vibrant tallis, created by his mother. What you may not know is that the security grant TBS has received has been due to the diligence and time he has put into the project. TBS is a safe community because of him. Thank you Lew!



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Travel highlight: Anne Frank House

Throughout the centuries, Amsterdam has been home to many notable Jewish people. Baruch Spinoza, a



seventeenth-century philosopher, found intellectual sustenance here, though the local Jewish authorities excommunicated him for his radical ideas and his seeming tendencies toward secularism. The individual who has undoubtedly most captured our collective imagination is Anne Frank. When I visited the annex in which she, her family, and another family, lived in hiding I was most surprised by how peaceful the view out the windows was. I saw trees and a city alive the same view Anne undoubtedly had when she could sneak views of the outside world. For her, though, this serene façade was overshadowed by a society filled with vitriolic hatred, creeping suspicion, and the shadow of deportation and death. Her memory, captured in a famous diary and a preserved hiding space, allow us to peek into her life; more importantly, I think, is its ability to show us how far we have come. For many lucky European Jews, the journey to the United States was a story of exodus from a land of oppression to one of freedom and opportunity. I hope we can all reflect upon this message this Pesach, remaining grateful for our ability to live, work, and pray free from fear, understanding that the sorrowful past rendered permanent by the secret annex must be remembered, and ever optimistic about the future as embodied in the hopes of children like Anne Frank.

From the Levine family and tbs community, I wish you and your loved ones a meaningful pesach.

Join us on April 11

Pre-Pesach

Friday Night Live!

Dinner - 7:00 PM

Museum Opening - 7:30 PM

Friday Night Live! - 8:00 PM



FROM THE DESK OF RABBI SCHLOSBERG

Ha Lachma Anya: Helping Others In Need

Some food-for-thought (*hametz*-free, of course!) as we gather around our Pesach seder tables in a couple of weeks...

Ha lachma anya (literally “this is the bread of affliction”) is a declaration that we say as we start the story of the Pesach seder. We say it as we raise the *matzah*, reminding ourselves that we eat *matzah* to appreciate our freedom, for our ancestors were freed from slavery. We recite: “*kol dichfin yaytay v’yaychul; kol ditzrich yatay v’yifsach*,” or “Let all who are hungry, come and eat; let all who are in needy, come and share the Pesach meal.”

One part of *ha lachma anya* that has always confused me is the repetition in it. Why do we need to say BOTH “Let all who are hungry (*dichfin*) come and eat” AND “Let all who are needy (*ditzrich*) come and eat?” Aren’t we basically saying the same thing in both of those statements?

While it may be true that many of us associate being needy with being poor or hungry, what many commentators claim is that when we invite all who are hungry (*dichfin*), we invite the poor, those who are literally without food. Of course, it is a commandment to help feed them. But, when we invite those who are needy (*ditzrich*) we invite those who are in need socially, emotionally, and spiritually - those who do not want to recite the Pesach *seder* alone. According to Rabbi Joseph Soloveichik in *A Night to Remember: A Haggadah of Contemporary Voices*, “*Kol ditzrikh* refers to one who is alone, who has a lot of Matza and wine but no home or family... They might be millionaires; it is completely irrelevant. Whoever is in need should come and celebrate.”

When I’ve read this prayer in the past, I’ve always thought that “the hungry” and “the needy” were one group of people. But I realize now that they are not. Instead, our invitation to those who are hungry and those who are in need is an invitation to two types of people. More broadly, *ha lachma anya* inspires us to think about all types of people with all sorts of needs in our community – those who are hungry, yes, but also those who are sick, those who are without homes or families, those who are lonely and could use a little sunshine to brighten their day.

This coming **May 4th**, together with Temple Sinai, we will be part of **Mitzvah Day**. Mitzvah Day is a ½ day dedicated to doing what *ha lachma anya* inspires us to do – to think about others in our midst who need our help. Mitzvah Day, which will take place at Temple Sinai (just up the road) from 8:30 – 12:30, will be full of various ways that we can help others...and we need your help!

We need volunteers for the day! We need people to donate blood, to volunteer at a pizza dance party for special needs teens, to clean-up a local 9/11 community garden, to do arts & crafts projects with children, to deliver hot meals to those who are in need...and so much more! **If you are interested in volunteering even for a small portion of the morning**, please contact Tammy Fisher at tfisher@optonline.net or Pam Cott at plc1059@aol.com. This is especially a great way to volunteer together as a family, to complete a bar/bat mitzvah project, and for teens to receive credit for community service hours. I hope you will join me on May 4th to help others in our community who are in need.

In the meantime, I wish all of you a meaningful and joyous Pesach. And this time, when you recite *ha lachma anya* at your seder, may it inspire you to consider others who are in need, with all types of needs.

Chag sameach,

Rabbi Schlosberg

MITZVAH DAY IS COMING!

Join our Roslyn Community as
Temple Beth Sholom and Temple Sinai
partner for a day of “good work”

**Sunday, May 4, 2014
At Temple Sinai**

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

We have many projects and we need volunteers and project captains. Part or whole day shifts are available.

We are collecting items for donation such as:

Travel sized toiletries
Non-perishable food & snack items
New and gently used clothing
Baby items
All books for baby, children, teens & adults
Blankets, towels and sheets

For more information please contact
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FROM MBS

By Gila Hadani Ward, MBS Director

Much as we try to deny it – Passover is coming. One of the big challenges for those of us who have teenagers at our Seder or teenagers of our own is keeping the teens engaged during the Seder. Sure, when they are little

kids, they enjoy the songs, the art projects and the telling of the story. But as teens – how do we prevent an evening full of sullen looks, eye rolling and texting under the table?

Rabbi Jim Rogozen of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism wrote a great article entitled, “We’re great with the little kids, but how do we engage teens at the Passover Seder?” I share with you excerpts here. Good luck and hag sameach!

I offer a few suggestions.

Welcome them to the seder:

- Acknowledge that they are not little kids anymore
- Let them know they have a lot to teach others
- Tell them that their questions are welcome
- Let them know that they are welcome to take time out if they want
- Ask in advance what they are comfortable leading/singing/reading. This might best be done in private.

Think through how to handle the Four Sons. Most haggadot portray the second son (the rasha – wicked one) as a teenager! Adults tend to joke about the teenage years; teenagers don’t find this funny at all.

Ask teens to teach something to younger children at the table. You’ll be fascinated to hear what they’ve picked up over the years, and how they translate seder concepts. If they are involved in USY or Ramah they probably have some new songs and melodies to share.

Use some of the major events of the teenage years (bar/bat mitzvah, obtaining a driver’s license, extending curfew) to

explore the intersection of freedom with responsibility. Encourage adults to interact with teens in authentic, genuine ways. Asking questions and being a good listener show that you value their presence and their opinion. If they teach you something new, thank them!

Show them that their presence at the seder matters. When little children need to leave the table for a while, don’t automatically assign the teens as babysitters.

Create a context in which teens feel welcome and valued. When they recite the words, “In every generation each person must feel as if s/he went out of Egypt,” teens should feel that they were redeemed, that they count, that they matter. What a grand boost for their self-esteem and evolving Jewish identity for them to see themselves as an important part of the Jewish community. This year at Pesach, let’s put our teens back in the spotlight.

Temple Beth Sholom Youth Programs At-A-Glance April 2014

(does not include Hebrew High School Sessions,
Gimme 10 or Stepping Up Teen Philanthropy Project)

Friday April 4 – Sunday April 6
Chazak USY Divisional Kinnus
Merrick Jewish Center

Monday April 7
“Stepping Up” Teen Philanthropy Bake Sale
6:30 – 8:30PM
Come support our teens and the good work they do.

Tuesday April 8
Machar (Grades 4 and 5) Program Night
6-7:15PM \$4

Thursday April 10
Kadima (Grades 6 and 7)
Program Night
6-7:15PM \$4

USY (Grades 8-12) Program Night
7:30 – 9PM

Friday April 25 – Sunday April 27
METNY USY Regional Convention
And 8th Grade Experience
Hudson Valley Resort

For More Information on any of these great programs
Contact Dan Risner at drisner@tbsroslyn.org
or 621-2288 x160

Be part of the dedication!

We will be dedicating already purchased bricks for the courtyard in our Early Childhood and Lifelong Learning Center on

Saturday, June 7, 2014 following services

For more information, contact:
Rebecca Altman at rebrub4@aol.com or
Rachel Schor at rschor1234@gmail.com

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Donna Bartolomeo, Executive Director

Nursery Schools (now known as Early Childhood Centers) sure have changed over the years. When my children were nursery school age we sent them to the Temple nursery school. They played, did some arts and crafts, sang songs, learned about the Jewish holidays and came home. Every Friday Ms. Brethel and Mrs. Luca's class comes into my office to share the events of their week with the office staff, the Rabbi, and sometimes a member who just happens to be there. The children sing songs and tell us about what they learned during the week. Sharon Solomon works with the four-year-olds in Hooray for Hebrew, so many times they will let us know what new Hebrew word, phrase or letter they have learned. Of course we end with cookies and a "Shabbat Shalom."

I am always amazed at how much we do with these children. They learn Hebrew, science, yoga and music. We are blessed with a wonderful Early Childhood Director, Helayne Cohen, and fantastic staff.

This past week the children from this class as well as Mrs. Rudman's class, Mrs. Denis' class and Mrs. Sullivan's class all came in to show us their Purim costumes. Now this might not seem like much to you, but it is a wonderful break for the staff to spend a few minutes with these adorable, happy children.

Passover starts on Monday, April 14. There will be a pre-Pesach dinner on Friday, April 11 at 7pm. Leave your kitchens and your pre-Pesach preparations and bring your families to join us for Shabbat dinner. Please make your reservations in advance by calling the office at 516-621-2288. There will be a new museum exhibit opening at 7:30pm followed by Friday Night Live services at 8pm.

Happy Passover

LIBRARY NEWS

By Julie Gittlin, Librarian

If you're looking for a great read, stop by the Library and check out Aliya by Liel Leibovitz. This book is an amazing exploration of the values and beliefs that inspired three Jewish- American families to leave the United States for Israel. Aliya examines how these ideas apply to the Jewish- American community at large and how they have evolved in each generation. Leibovitz brings a new life to Israel in each section of his book. As Leibovitz traces "aliya" from the 1940's to the present, he brilliantly describes the experience of moving to Israel, with all the requisite triumphs and challenges. Through vivid storytelling, he draws readers into each character's story.

DAY CAMP NEWS

By Jayson Rubin, Camp Director

With just over two months until camp, the snow has melted and the weather is warming up. At one point, we thought that we were going to have to run winter activities at camp!! Planning for the summer is in full swing and what a fun summer we have planned! With great new activities, amazing new trips and unbelievable special events, the summer of 2014 is shaping up to be the best ever!



If you haven't decided on your summer plans, or have friends interested in camp, the time to enroll is now! Our next open house will be held on Sunday May 4th from 10am-12pm. Come and see what all the excitement is about!!



To learn more visit our website at www.bethsholomdaycamp.com or give us a call at 516-621-9257.

We are seeking sponsors for our marketing and advertising long range plans. We need your help to bring our message out to the community. Please call our Executive Director, Donna Bartolomeo at 621-2288 and help bring our message to those who are unaffiliated and are looking for a new future.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

By Pam Cott & Tammy Fisher, Social Action Co-chairs

Thank you for making "Feeding Your Neighbors Interfaith Response to Hunger Food Drive" a huge success. Because of your generosity TBS was able to participate in the collection of over 2,000 food items which benefitted Hatzilu's Kosher food pantry and M'yad L'yad. Thank you for all of your support!

B'NAI MITZVAH



ELI WEINER
Son of
Ceci & Stuart
April 5



CHLOE YADEGAR
Daughter of
Sharona Yadegar & David Yadegar
April 26

Join our Early Childhood Center Director
for a special time for you and your child

Temple Tots
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Temple Beth Sholom

 401 Roslyn Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
(For ages 6-24 months old)

We will learn, play and enjoy a pre-Shabbat sing-a-long together
...challah and grape juice included!

10:00am-11:00am, Thursdays
December 5 & 19, January 2 & 16,
March 6 & 20, April 3 & 24 and May 15 & 29

Questions, please call the Early Childhood Center
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Sharon Solomon, Religious School Director

The Religious School students are engaged in hands-on activities relating to the approaching Passover holiday. The teachers have reviewed the story of the haggadah and explained the traditional seder. As you walk down the hallways of our school, you feel the holiday in the air as the songs and melodies are sung.

The child love singing the Ma Nishtana and especially the Dayeynu.

Passover reminds us of our struggle as a people and of the time when we became a nation. Each and every Jew is obligated to feel as though he or she actually was a slave in Egypt. This communal responsibility and history of bondage gives us cause for remembrance and celebration. The Passover haggadah, literally 'the telling,' incorporates



passages from the Torah and other Jewish writings including Talmud and Midrash. Although the exact date of its



writing is unknown, we do know that the basic elements were available over 2000 years ago. The original haggadot were included as parts of the prayer book; the earliest stand-alone ones come from thirteenth century Spain and were handwritten.

I would like to recommend some of my favorite haggadot that my family uses. My Very Own Hagaddah by Judith Groner and Madeline Wilker introduces young children to Passover symbols and ideas. You may also want to try a family participation haggadah; A Different Night by Noam Zion and David Dishon. This family haggadah provides a variety of experiences including stories, commentaries and activities. This hagaddah has served my family in such a meaningful way. There are many haggadot that can offer experiences for your family.



This month we have a very special **Shabbat Family Study** experience **on Friday night, April 11th**, for grades **Bet (2nd) through Zayin (7th) grade**. This Shabbat Family Study will focus on the holiday of Passover. We encourage all of our families to participate in this meaningful program which will include a Pre-Passover Dinner and a Friday Night Service.

Have a wonderful and sweet Passover!

Sharon Solomon

Mitzvot of the Month

April – Kosher for Passover Food Drive and donations to the Friends of the IDF

TBS Religious School hosted Friends of the IDF recently and students had the opportunity to meet with the Israeli soldiers. Pictured here are the Gimel and Zayin students."



April Highlights:

Fri 4/4	Bet & Gimel Class Shabbat Service & Dinner at 6pm
Sat 4/5	Mishpacha Minyan, Mini Minyan
Tues 4/8	Machar Youth – grades 4/5 6:00 – 7:15 pm
Thurs 4/10	Kadima Youth – grades 6/7 6:00 – 7:15 pm
Fri 4/11	Shabbat Family Study Service & Dinner – "Passover Experience"
Sun 4/13	No Religious School for entire week
Mon 4/14	Erev Passover – Seder #1
Tues 4/15	Passover – Seder #2
Sat 4/19	No children's services
Wed 4/23	TBS Religious School office re-opens
Fri 4/25	Shabbat a Lot for ECC, Gan & Aleph
Sat 4/26	Minyan Yeladeynu, Mini Minyan
Sun 4/27	Hay trip to Masbia Soup Kitchen
	Yom HaShoah evening ceremony
	Vav/Zayin
Mon 4/28	Yom HaShoah



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Helayne Cohen, Early Childhood Center Director

As I write this article, I am looking out the window at the snow that is still piled high, wondering when it will finally melt after an extremely long, snowy and cold winter. Hopefully, as you are reading this, there are signs of Spring - trees budding, crocus popping up, grass turning green and birds chirping. All in time for



Decorating Shaloch Manot Bags

Mordechai. Fortunately, the joy doesn't end, because we are now learning about another hero - Moses. Our children will be experimenting with flour to understand the concept of leavening. Their sand tables will be converted into the



Purim Celebration

are looking forward to inviting our families to be our guests at a family seder where we will all read from a special Haggadah, eat symbolic foods including matzah, charoset, maror, parsley, and of course, marshmallow twists and jelly rings (courtesy of and with special thanks to Mr. Milton Radutsky). Together with Rabbi Lucas, Rabbi Schlosberg



Purim Celebration

start your own traditions with loved ones. Pesach provides opportunities to include children in so many ways. Do some spring cleaning together, search for chametz, cook a special holiday treat together. Have a "child friendly" seder. Give children a chance to get up and move around during the

evening. They can reenact the Jewish slaves leaving Egypt on their way to freedom. Ask them what they would take with them if they had to leave their homes quickly. Place symbols of Passover on your table including frogs, bugs, and beasts - and don't forget to sing child friendly songs. Passover board books for the youngest children are always a welcome addition to the table!

My fondest Passover memories: watching a table at my grandparent's house that generally sat eight, miraculously become a table that could accommodate 18 and the assembly line of my mother and her sisters washing and drying the dishes after each course. Oh, and course, the great Afikomen search with my cousins. Enjoy making and preserving your own special memories.



Purim Celebration

After all the work, it is an incredible feeling to sit back, enjoy your family and know that you are a part of what has kept the Jewish people alive for over 3000 years. From our ECC family and my own family to yours, we wish you a very happy and healthy Pesach.

Our "Art in the Afternoon" fundraiser was an enormous success thanks to our incredible children, their families, our staff, and all of you who supported this event. Thank you for always supporting our school.



Purim Celebration

April Highlights:

Friday, April 11
Preschool Seder Parents Invited - 9:30 AM (Early Dismissal)

Monday, April 14-Tuesday, April 22
Passover & Spring Recess (No Classes)

Friday, April 25
Grandparents/Special Person's Day
(For our 3 & 4 year olds)

Friday, April 25
"Shabbat Together" 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM - Toddlers Only

Friday, April 25
Shabbat-A-Lot

Friday, April 25-Wednesday, April 30 ECC Book Fair

Wednesday, April 30
Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Classes)



SISTERHOOD SCOOP

By Miriam Silverman, President

Rabbi Lucas Speaks About “Creating Seder Memories” on April 8 at 8 P.M.

This year we’ve enjoyed many fascinating programs and our upcoming **Rabbinic Lecture with Rabbi Lucas** promises to be especially thought provoking: **“How Memorable Will Your Seder Be? Creating Seder Memories.”** He’ll speak to us on **Tuesday, April 8 at 8 P.M.** Our board will convene briefly at 7:45 p.m. and as always, leave room for



Sisterhood’s Z’havah Group enjoys baking *hamantaschen* cookies in the Temple kitchen a few days before Purim.

dessert. Please bring spouses, neighbors and friends. There’s no charge.

Lunch & Learn on Monday, March 31 at 11:30 A.M., Rabbi Lucas will speak give us “An Update on Israel: a Report from the AIPAC Conference.”

Our evening **Essentials of Judaism Class** the week before on **Tuesday, April 1, from 8 P.M. to 9:15 P.M.** will cover **everything you might want to know about Passover.** It’s a great opportunity to **bring up any questions you have to Cantor Barnoy** who will run the class. Even if you’re not registered for the course, **try it for FREE on April 1;** I’m not kidding, although it is April Fools Day. There will be plenty of helpful information shared that night in preparation for the holiday that celebrates our people’s liberation from slavery in Egypt.

Save **Monday, May 12 at 7:45 P.M.** for a program on **“Jewish Weddings – Tradition and Change” – A Conversation with Edy Lucas.** We are so grateful to have Edy back as a presenter this spring after the fascinating discussion she conducted last year on the implications of the book, *Lean In*, by Sheryl Sandberg of Facebook. Edy has been involved in the planning of the weddings of all three of her children over the past few years, so she has current information to share with us.

Other Upcoming Events:

Community Luncheon on Wednesday, April 9 at 11:30 A.M. includes **film screening.** Open to men and women of all ages. **FREE.** Please RSVP to Temple Office: 621-1188. Join us for our **Current Events Discussion Group** an hour earlier at **10:30 A.M.**

Sisterhood Daytime Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, April 23 at 10:30 A.M.** We’ll discuss *People of the Book* by **Geraldine Brooks**, an ambitious novel that traces the journey of a rare, illuminated Hebrew manuscript from *convivencia* Spain to the ruins of Sarajevo, from the Silver Age of Venice to the sunburned rock faces of northern Australia. Facilitator: Wende Jager-Hyman.

The Next Sisterhood Evening Book Discussion will be on **June 12 at 7:45 P.M.** The book selection is *An American Bride in Kabul* by **Phyllis Chesler.** It is the **2013 winner of the National Jewish Book Award in the memoir category.** Here is a synopsis: Jewish feminist and psychologist Phyllis Chesler tells the story of her ill-fated early marriage in 1961 to an Afghani Muslim and her life as an American bride in Kabul, where she moved to live with her husband in his family’s compound. Her harrowing experiences prompted



Left to right: **Cynthia Katz and Amy Magid** oversee the assembly of more than **400 Misloach Manot** baskets for Purim.

her to become a leading advocate for women after she left and returned to the United States. Book Group Facilitator: Molly Chernofsky.

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By Maurice Klein, Men's Club President

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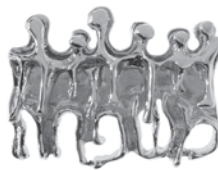


program where they exercised and learned about stress management techniques. They also enjoyed making healthy chocolate mouse with home made whipped cream and chocolate dipped strawberries topped off with a Make Your Own Smoothie. The boys participated in an Israeli Martial Arts program called Krav Maga, where they learned and practiced self defense strategies and techniques, as part of their Health Awareness day. OMG owner, Lisa Rosen, put together these fun-filled workshops which inspired our students in such a meaningful way.

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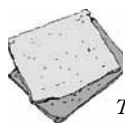
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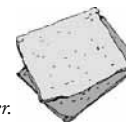
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The Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide 5774



This guide is based on the Guide that was prepared for the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards by Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz and accepted by the Committee on December 12, 1984 with a number of changes that reflect subsequent decisions of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards and the ongoing changes in food production. Additional material on smooth top electric ranges, medicines, cosmetics, and toiletries has been added. This document has been prepared by Rabbi Barry Starr, a member of the Kashrut Subcommittee of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, and Rabbi Paul Plotkin, Chair of the Kashrut Subcommittee.

Of all the festivals, Pesach is the one that not only requires the most effort to prepare for, but by halakhic standards is the most complex. Yet most Jews are committed to doing their best to observe the laws of Pesach. Here we are providing a set of guidelines for Pesach food and preparations. We will present some principles first and then proceed to specifics. Of course we cannot cover every possibility in this brief outline.

Please contact your local Conservative rabbi or local religious authority if you have any questions.

FOODS AND FOOD STUFF

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hametz* (leavened grains) during Pesach. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the *hametz* to a non-Jew. The transfer, *mekhirat hametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually one's rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges to repurchase the items on behalf of the owner, since the *hametz* is again permitted. If ownership of the *hametz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of any such *hametz* remains prohibited after the holiday (*hametz sheavar ha-Pesach*). Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hametz* during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some *hametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach. An item that is kosher all year round, and that is made with no *hametz*, and is processed on machines used only for that item and nothing else may be used with no special Pesach supervision. White milk would be an example of such a product. In most cases however, since we do not know enough about the processing of products or the sources of ingredients products ought to have Pesach supervision. Those who wish to follow other opinions should check with their Rabbi.

What follows is a general guideline. All kosher for Pesach items must have a label indicating the name of a recognizable living supervising Rabbi or kosher supervision agency. Items that have a label that is not integral to the package and does not indicate the product and current Pesach year, should not be used without consulting your Rabbi.

Prohibited foods include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers or coffees containing cereal derivatives i.e. anything made with wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye. Any food containing these grains or derivatives of these grains (the five prohibited species for Pesach) are forbidden. Foods containing flavorings, which may be derived from alcohol produced from one of these grains which would be *hametz*, need Pesach supervision. Ashkenazi Rabbinical authorities have added the following foods (*kitniyot*) to the above list: e.g. rice, corn, millet, beans and peas. These and other plant foods (e.g. mustard, buckwheat and sesame seeds) are not permitted on Pesach. Although many rabbinic authorities have prohibited the use of peanuts and peanut oil, our Movement's Committee on Laws and Standards has permitted their use and consumption on Pesach provided said items have

proper kosher certification and no obvious *hametz*.

Most Sephardic authorities permit the use of all the *kitniyot* foods other than those that might have come in contact with the prohibited grains. The further processed products whether liquid or solid from *kitniyot* are also forbidden by most rabbinical authorities. These might include but not be limited to: corn sweetener, corn oil, soy oil and ascorbic acid (vitamin C). Israeli products are often marked "contains *kitniyot*" and, thus, Ashkenazi Jews who do not use *kitniyot* need to be vigilant when purchasing Israeli products.

PERMITTED FOODS:

a. The following foods require no kosher l'Pesach label when purchased before or during Pesach: fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been coated (the supermarket is required by the FDA to have a list of such products), eggs, fresh fish from a kosher source and fresh kosher meat or frozen, raw *hekhsher* meat other than ground products as ground products with prohibited materials could be made on the same equipment.

b. The following products require reliable kosher l'Pesach certification (regular kosher supervision being not sufficient) whether bought before or during Pesach: all baked goods (matzah, Pesach cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal and any other products containing matzah, canned or bottled fruit juices, canned tuna, wine, vinegar, liquor, decaf coffee, dried fruits, oils, frozen uncooked vegetables, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, all cheeses and soda. (These restrictions hold for Ashkenazi Jews; for Sephardic Jews, the presence in some of these products of *kitniyot* but not *hametz* may not present a problem.

c. The following foods require no kosher l'Pesach label but do require Kashrut supervision if purchased new and unopened before Pesach: natural coffee without cereal additives, non-confectioners' sugar, pure tea (not flavored herbal or decaf tea), salt with no iodine, milk (in the absence of a kosher Pesach alternative), frozen uncooked fruit with no additives, and baking soda.

d. Any processed food bought during Pesach must have a kosher l'Pesach label.

e. Any detergent, because it is not a food and it is not eaten, may be used for Pesach as long as it has valid kosher supervision.

MEDICINES: Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesach. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, authorities differ in their approaches. Please consult with your Rabbi. Capsules, because they do not need binders, are preferable to pills.

a. **EARTHENWARE** (china, pottery etc) cannot be kashered. However fine translucent chinaware that was put away clean and that has not been used for over one year, may be used after washing. The china is then *pareve* and may be designated for *milchig* or *fleishig* use.

b. **PLASTIC ITEMS** generally may not be kashered. Consult your Rabbi for specifics.



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c. METAL UTENSILS used in a fire must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and then must be subjected to direct fire. A blow torch and a self-cleaning oven are two ways to accomplish this purging (*libbun*). This is a complicated and potentially dangerous procedure and may result in discoloration of the metal being purged. Exercise caution when performing *libbun*. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered because they require direct fire and this will warp them.

d. METAL POTS USED for cooking and eating and silverware and utensils wholly of metal not used for baking, thoroughly clean the item, then following a strict 24 hour waiting period, where they are not used, immerse the item (*bag'alab*) in water at a rolling boil. For pots and pans, clean handles thoroughly. If the handle can be removed, do so for a more thorough cleaning. Each item must be completely exposed to the boiling water to accomplish *hag'alah*. Pots and pans are either immersed in a larger pot of boiling water (may be done one section at a time) or filled with water brought to a rolling boil and then a heated stone is dropped into the pot such that the boiling water overflows to cover the sides of the pot. In the case of silverware every part of each piece must be exposed to the water at a rolling boil. Following this process, each utensil is rinsed in cold water.

e. OVENS AND RANGES – every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly cleaned. This includes the walls and top and bottom of the oven. Then the oven or range should be heated as hot as possible. The oven should be heated at maximum heat for an hour; the range top until the elements turn red and glow. Then parts of the range top around the elements that can be covered should be covered, usually with aluminum foil. Self cleaning ovens are put through the full cleaning cycle while empty. Following this process the oven should be again cleaned to remove any ash. If the oven was very dirty to start, two cycles may be needed to assume a thorough cleaning.

f. SMOOTH TOP ELECTRIC RANGES present a challenge. We recommend cleaning the top thoroughly and then turning on the burners to maximum so that it heats as hot as possible and then carefully pour boiling water on the surface area around the burners.

g. MICROWAVE OVENS, that have no convection option should be thoroughly cleaned. Then an 8 ounce cup of water is placed inside, the oven is turned on until the water almost disappears (at least 6 of the 8 ounces is gone). Heating to complete dryness may damage the oven. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

h. CONVECTION OVENS are kashered like regular ovens. Make sure to clean thoroughly around the fan. GLASSWARE is a subject about which the authorities disagree. One opinion requires that glasses be soaked in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. Another opinion requires only that the glasses be scrubbed

and cleaned thoroughly or run through a dishwasher. Glass cookware is treated like a metal pot. See above for procedure. Glass bakeware like metal bakeware cannot be kashered.

j. DISHWASHER needs to be thoroughly clean including the inside area around the drainage. Then a full cycle while empty should be run with kosher detergent. After 24 hours of not being used the dishwasher is again run empty for the purpose of kashering. The dishwasher and the racks are *pareve* following this process. For enamel coated dishwashers, consult a rabbinic authority.

k. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES can be kashered if the parts that come in contact with hametz are metal and are removable, in which case they may be kashered like all other metal cooking utensils. If the parts are not removable, the appliances cannot be kashered. We recommend whenever possible that small appliances be used that are strictly for Pesach thus avoiding the difficulty of kashering these appliances.

l. TABLES, CLOSETS, AND COUNTERS should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesach. The coverings can be contact paper, regular paper, foil or cloth that does not contain hametz (e.g. been starched with hametz starch). Alternatively, boiling water may be poured over the counters after they have been thoroughly cleaned. The use of this alternative method depends on the material of which the counter was made. Below is a list of materials for countertops that the Chicago Rabbinical Council affirms may be kashered for Passover. It is important to note that these materials may be kashered only if they are not stained, scratched, or cracked. Surfaces with a synthetic finish also must be cleaned and covered as they may not be kasherable. For questions contact a rabbinic authority.

m. KITCHEN SINK can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and scrubbing the sink (especially the garbage catch), letting it sit for 24 hours and then carefully pouring boiling water over all the surfaces of the sink including the lip. A porcelain sink cannot be kashered, so Pesach dish basins and dish racks must be used, one each for *milchig* and *fleishig*.

n. NON-PASSOVER DISHES, POTS, UTENSILS and hametz food that have been sold as part of the selling of one's hametz should be separated, covered or locked away to prevent accidental use.

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		Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Essentials of Judaism		Adult B'nai Mitzvah	Bat & Gimmel Shabbat Service & Dinner	Bar Mitzvah Eli Weiner Andrew Bochner & Risa Eilbaum Auf Ruf Mishpacha Minyan Mini Minyan
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
PTA Meeting	Stepping Up Machon Sisterhood Meeting Men's Club Meeting Religious Affairs Committee	Machar Sisterhood Rabbinic Lecture	Current Events Group Senior Luncheon (Movie) Day Camp Open House	Kadima USY JTS Board of Education Meeting	ECC Seder Shabbat Family Study & Dinner Friday Night Live!	Mini Minyan
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Passover First Seder	Passover Second Seder	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Passover	Passover	Passover	Daytime Book Group	Adult B'nai Mitzvah JTS	ECC Grandparents Day Shabbat a Lot	Bat Mitzvah Chloe Yadegar Jason Kober & Danielle Rosenfeld Auf Ruf Minyan Yeladeynu Mini Minyan
27	28	29	30			
Gimme 10 Yom Hashoah	Yom Hashoah Bridge Lunch & Learn Machon	Bridge Executive Board Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting				

TEMPLE FAMILY

Mazel Tov To:

Linda & Michael Sahn on the marriage of their daughter Rebecca to Josh Brookstein

Linda & Michael Sahn on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Riley

Paulette & Samuel Waiser on the engagement of their son Justin to Emily Gunsberger

Rachel and Michael Schor on being honored by the Schechter School of LI at their 2014 Gala

Molly & Irving Chernofsky on the birth of their grandson, Harrison Matthew. Proud parents are Sheryl and Joseph Saltiel

Thank You:

Steven, Naomi, and Aviva Katz would like to express our deep gratitude to Rabbi Alan Lucas, Rabbi Jennifer Schlosberg, and Cantor Ofer Barnoy for their warmth, care, and guidance as we face the loss of our beloved wife and mother, Susan L. Katz, *zichrona livracha*. We also greatly appreciate and have been deeply touched by the many donations made in Susan's memory. We feel fortunate to be part of a caring community which has been so supportive during this difficult time. Thank you for all that you have done for us, and all that you continue to do. May Susan's memory be for a blessing bringing light as she did for so many in her lifetime.

The family of Laurence Brill would like to thank Rabbi Lucas, Rabbi Schlosberg, Cantor Barnoy, the Chesed Committee, Sisterhood and the Men's Club for their thoughtful support following the death of his mother, turning a period of grief to one of inner warmth.

The Baron Family would like to thank the TBS clergy and the congregation for their love, support and donations following the death of Bill's beloved mother, Edna Baron.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and warmth at this difficult time, since we lost our beloved Harold Baron, *z"l*, who represented a "rainbow" for us and so many others. A special thank you to our extraordinary Rabbi Lucas, Rabbi Schlosberg, and Cantor Barnoy, who cared for us beyond our expectations. *B'Shalom*, *todah rabbah* from Leatrice Baron, Bradley Baron, Bonnie & Steven Cahn, Felice and Geoffrey Gordon (and the remarkable grandkids)

Priscilla Friedman and family would like to acknowledge all the expressions of sympathy in memory of her sister Ruth Goldman.

Our Sincere Condolences To:

Steven Shalot on the death of his beloved mother, Elaine Shalot
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Glenn Stoller on the death of his beloved mother, Sondra Stoller
Priscilla Friedman on the death of her beloved sister, Ruth Goldman
Parvaneh Pnina Sarraf on the death of her beloved mother, Sarah Doustan

Hamakom Yinachem — May God comfort the mourners together with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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APRIL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Friday Evening, April 4 Candle Lighting Time	6:30 PM 7:06 PM	Friday Evening, April 18 Chol Hamoed Candle Lighting Time	6:30 PM 7:21 PM
Saturday Morning, April 5 <i>Parashat M'tzora</i> Bar Mitzvah of Eli Weiner	9:00 AM	Saturday Morning, April 19 Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach	9:00 AM
Saturday Evening, April 5 Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 PM	Saturday Evening, April 19 Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 PM
Friday Evening, April 11 Candle Lighting Time Friday Night Live!	6:30 PM 7:13 PM 8:00 PM	Sunday Evening, April 20 Candle Lighting Time Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:23 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday Morning, April 12 Shabbat Hagadol <i>Parashat Abarei Mot</i>	9:00 AM	Monday, April 21 Seventh Day of Passover Morning Services Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting Time	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 8:24 PM
Saturday Evening, April 12 Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 PM	Tuesday, April 22 Eighth Day of Passover Morning Services (<i>Yizkor</i>) Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:30 AM & 9:00 AM 7:45 PM
Sunday Evening, April 13 <i>B'dikat Hametz</i> : Search for Leaven after Sundown		Friday Evening, April 25 Candle Lighting Time	6:30 PM 7:28 PM
Monday, April 14 <i>Siyum Habekhorim</i> : Fast of First Born Burning of Hametz Candle Lighting Time Mincha/Ma'ariv First Seder	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 7:16 PM 6:00 PM	Saturday Morning, April 26 <i>Parashat K'doshim</i> Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Yadegar	9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 15 First Day of Passover Morning Services Mincha Services following Kiddush Candle Lighting Time Second Seder	9:00 AM 12:30 PM 8:17 PM	Saturday Evening, April 26 Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:45 PM
Wednesday, April 16 Second Day of Passover Morning Services Evening Services	9:00 AM 7:45 PM	Sunday, April 27 Mincha/Ma'ariv & Yom Hashoah Program	7:00 PM
		Monday, April 28 Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day	

DAILY MINYAN SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings 9:00 AM • Monday - Friday Mornings 6:45 AM • Sunday - Thursday Evenings 7:30 PM