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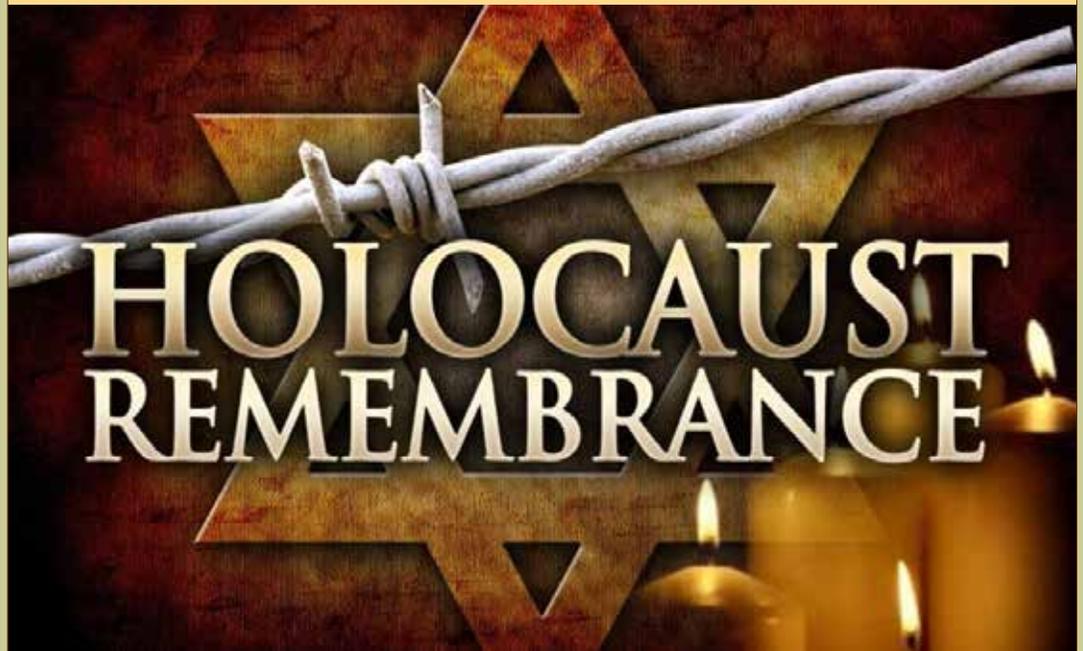
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SECOND GENERATION



WEDNESDAY
APRIL 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM
in the Sanctuary

Oro Macht Frei

(Gold Will Set You Free)

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April 2018/5778 Nisan/Iyar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 16 Nisan <i>Passover—Second Day Spring Break</i>	2 17 Nisan	3 18 Nisan	4 19 Nisan	5 20 Nisan	6  21 Nisan <i>Passover—Seventh Day</i>	7 22 Nisan <i>Passover—Eighth Day</i>
8 23 Nisan	9 24 Nisan	10 25 Nisan <i>Kadima</i>	11 26 Nisan <i>School Reopens</i>	12 27 Nisan <i>USY</i>  <i>Yom Hashoah</i>	13 28 Nisan 	14 29 Nisan
15 30 Nisan <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	16 1 Iyar	17 2 Iyar <i>Pre-Kadima</i>	18 3 Iyar	19 4 Iyar  <i>USY</i> <i>Yom Ha'atzmaut</i>	20  5 Iyar <i>Israel Independence Shabbat Dinner</i>	21 6 Iyar
22 7 Iyar	23 8 Iyar	24 9 Iyar <i>Kadima</i>	25 10 Iyar	26 11 Iyar <i>USY</i>	27 12 Iyar 	28 13 Iyar
29 14 Iyar <i>Katan</i>	30 15 Iyar					

Candle Lighting	Mincha Times	End of Shabbat
Apr. 6 7:09 pm	Apr. 7 7:30 pm	8:09 pm
Apr. 13 7:16pm	Apr. 14 7:45 pm	8:17 pm
Apr. 20 7:23 pm	Apr. 21 7:15 pm	8:25 pm
Apr. 27 7:30 pm	Apr. 28 8:00 pm	8:33 pm

B'nai Mitzvah:	
Apr. 21 Mincha	Lucas Weiner, son of Michelle & Len Weiner Rebecca Weiner, daughter of Michelle & Len Weiner

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The Gift of Torah that Keeps Giving

Our newest Torah, which was donated to MJC by Sunny and Ruth Weiner and Sunny's brother Nate, in loving memory of their parents, Sylvia and Gilbert, now belongs to each and every member of our congregation. The congregation had the opportunity to fill in the last 100 letters which were left blank so that individuals and families could fulfill the 613th Mitzvah required of every Jew, to write their own Torah. And now, as the High Holidays approach, it's time to dress the new Torah in white. Once again, Sunny and his family will generously provide the new cover. And once again, the congregation will have the opportunity to participate in this mitzvah.

Write Yourself onto the new Torah Cover at MJC



A message from Sunny: The best gift I ever gave to myself was the Torah which I get to witness and kiss every week, and for which I am so grateful. I'm sure many of you who were generous enough to etch a letter in it feel the same way. It is very personal. For me, knowing that my parents' names are embroidered on the cover is extremely meaningful and emotional as well. Knowing that their memory is covering the Torah and being surrounded by other Torahs in the Ark is extremely comforting.

Last Rosh Hashana I realized that we did not have a proper white cover for the High Holidays, so I decided to donate a new Holiday cover. Yizkor is such an extraordinary service that I wanted my parents' names on the cover. Looking around in the Sanctuary I realized and felt the emotions of others as well. At that moment it dawned on me that others should have the opportunity to share this emotion. So instead of a new cover with only my parents' names, I considered an "In Memories of" cover that can accommodate 100 embroidered names. I made the commitment to reserve the first 2 names for my parents and family for \$218 each. 98 more spaces are available. I can assure you that this will be the best present that you could give yourself. The Torah will be dressed in white from Rosh Hashanah through Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret), and as we ascend the bima during Yom Tov, we will embrace the precious names of our loved ones at the holiest moments of the Jewish year. What a terrific way to honor or memorialize our loved ones.

For more information, or to secure your "name(s) on the Torah cover, please call Bonnie Komito at 732-536-2300, extension 101 or email bkomito@mjcny.com.

This opportunity is available from Passover through June 30th.

"Write these words, for through them I have made a covenant with you and with the people Israel." - Exodus, 34:27



*From Rabbi
Michael Pont*

ISRAEL AT 70

In May of 2011, Natalie, the kids and I celebrated Gabe's Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem. We worked with one of my colleagues there, with whom we corresponded via email before our trip. When Gabe met the rabbi he said to him, "Welcome home."

As Israel turns 70 this month, I think back to that moment. "Home" is a word that connotes warmth, celebration, and comfort. Home is where family resides, which is usually good but at times there are tensions, as is the case today. Prime Minister Netanyahu is embroiled in scandal. The nation is struggling to manage crises in neighboring Gaza and Syria. Battles over Jewish identity, be they at the Kotel or whether Conservative and Reform clergy may perform weddings and oversee conversions, continue to irk Diaspora Jews. The goals of secular Israelis and more observant Orthodox Jews clash. Settlements in the West Bank attract worldwide condemnation and many Israelis disagree with the government's support of them and/or protest some settler activity. Iran and its proxies continue to cause trouble and wield influence. These are just a few of the challenges.

Nevertheless, Israel is the Jewish State, and despite the rancor and controversy it is home for all of us. I want to highlight three events at MJC this month, each of which of celebrate the Israeli spirit.

On April 13-14, we welcome visiting scholar Sarri Singer. On Friday Sarri will teach us how to stand up to hate; on Shabbat she will share her journey from terrorist attack victim to advocate for those impacted by terrorism worldwide.

On Wednesday, April 18, we are hosting a program for *Yom Hazikaron* (memorial for fallen soldiers) and *Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Independence Day), in partnership with the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New

Jersey. There will be food, music and more.

On Friday, April 20, we welcome Israeli artist Yaron Bob at our annual *Yom Ha'atzmaut* Shabbat dinner and service.

See this issue of Topics for more information on each of these events, also posted at www.mjcnj.com.

Given Israel's aforementioned struggles, what can we do in support? We can advocate on its behalf, in response to the vitriol and bias against it. We can buy Israeli products. And of course, we can visit. I was there last in 2015, with several families from MJC – it was truly amazing!! If you are interested in visiting Israel with our congregation, please let me know.

We can pray for its prosperity too; here is a prayer that you can use as a meditation adapted from the *siddur*:

Our father in heaven, stronghold and redeemer of the people Israel, Bless the State of Israel ... Shield it with Your love, spread over it the shelter of Your peace. Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth ... Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land ... Bless the land with peace and its inhabitants with lasting joy.

May Israel always be a blessing for us and for the entire world. Amen!

Shalom,
Rabbi Pont



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mjcnj.com

Passover Schedule of Services 5778/2018

Friday, March 30 - Erev Passover/First Seder

7:00 am Siyyum B'Chorim/Service for the First Born
 5:00 pm Afternoon Service
 7:01 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, March 31 - First Day Passover/Second Seder

9:15 am Morning Service
 After 8:02pm Candle Lighting

Sunday, April 1 - Second Day Passover

9:15 am Torah Study
 10:00 am Morning Service
 8:15 pm Ma'ariv Service

Thursday, April 5 - Erev Seventh Day Passover

7:08 pm Candle Lighting
 8:15 pm Ma'ariv Service

Friday, April 6 - Seventh Day Passover

7:09 pm Candle Lighting
 8:15 pm Shabbat/Passover Service

Saturday, April 7 - Eighth Day Passover

9:15 am Morning Service with Yizkor
 8:15 pm Ma'ariv Service
 8:10 pm Holiday Ends



STANDING UP TO HATE – A SPECIAL EVENT

Friday, April 13 – 7:00 pm

Featured Speaker Sarri Singer

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Sarri Singer, born in Lakewood, is the daughter of New Jersey State Senator, Robert Singer and the victim of a horrific terrorist attack that took place in Jerusalem in 2003. Singer is the founder of Strength to Strength, a non-profit organization which focuses on bringing together victims of terrorism from around the world and assisting them with long term psychological care.

Singer and others will respond to the racism and anti-Semitism that came out of the August rally in Charlottesville, and generally to the rise in similar rhetoric in our country. Sarri will also speak at Shabbat Services on Saturday morning, April 14th and at the Kiddush Lunch about her personal story.



Open to the community – all are welcome.

For more information please contact the synagogue at 732-536-2300, or Rabbi Michael Pont at rabbipont@mjcjn.com.



From the President Rhonda Eiger

Every year at Pesach we close the Seder with Had Gad Ya. Had Gad Ya tells a story, each verse building on the previous one. We all know the story, a father bought a goat for two zuzim, a cat came and ate it, a dog came and bit the cat, a stick came and beat the dog, until eventually, Hashem comes and slays the angel of death who kills the shochet who slaughtered the ox... It's a cute song, usually signifying that it's time to clear the dishes or fall asleep on the couch... but what the song really means is that everyone plays a part when it comes to building and maintaining the community.

Fast forward (several thousand years) to 19th century England, there was a popular nursery rhyme known as "The House that Jack Built." This is the dog, that worried the cat, that killed the rat, that ate the malt that lay in the house that Jack built. The nursery rhyme has different and rather goyishe metaphors compared to Chad Gad Ya, but it's the same idea. Everyone, no matter their position in the community, plays a part. This holds true here at Marlboro Jewish Center - this is the house that MJC built, or rather, the house that we built. We all play a part in the success of our Kehilah.

As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks stated in a speech about volunteerism, "Jews know this in their bones. Our community could not exist for a day without its volunteers. They are the lifeblood of our organizations, whether they involve welfare, youth, education, care of the sick and elderly, or even protection against violence and abuse."

Here at Marlboro Jewish Center, it is no different. We rely on our volunteers, committee members and lay leadership. This is a synagogue built by the volunteers for our community. It is our job to sustain the synagogue and to help MJC continue to thrive. For this to continue, we need a growing team of volunteers, and we need you today. This is the inconvenient truth. In a week you have 168 hours, that's 722 hours in a month. All I am asking for is a couple of hours each month to help your synagogue.

Marlboro Jewish Center is made up of many committees. Surely there is one that deserves your time and interest. This is shul that MJC volunteers built. Literally, a group of individual volunteers, our shul's founding members, gathered the capital, and the loans, to build this synagogue. Their task was harder

than what we face today. While we are charged with sustaining and growing the shul, they had to build both the buildings and start a community. They planted the seeds and we must feed and water the plants.

As this will be my last Temple Topics article as we are moving to a quarterly edition, I would like to thank all of you who volunteered during my presidency. Thank you to those of you who served on my Executive Committee for the past two years. Your hard work, dedication, support and leadership is appreciated! Thank you to Beth Banks Cohn, Claire Fox, Jodi Kiste, Steve Landau, Barry Lurie, Paul Nebb, Jordan Podos, David Riklan, Suzanne Rubinstein, Michelle Sherman, Len Whitman and Meryl Wohlstetter.

A special thank you to those of you who were also my trusted advisors beyond my Executive Committee, namely Bob Salmon, Jay Solomon, Andy Tepper and Sylvia Ohrwashel. Thank you to Jeff Katz for consistent and trusted support, knowledge, advice and guidance. Many past presidents would not lend their support the way Jeff has done for me and I appreciate it! My last four years as EVP and then President would not have been the same without Bonnie Komito for whom I can not thank enough for her trusted, consistent and persistent guidance, support and knowledge.

I have mixed feelings about finishing my term as President at the end of June, but I am confident as Len Whitman will be my successor. He cares about MJC and he certainly puts in much more time than anyone can expect from a volunteer. He has been a close advisor and I know that he will do a great job.

Lastly, and most of all, I must thank my family who managed despite the amount of time that I spent at MJC. They managed even during those weeks when I was at MJC more than I was home. I appreciate their love, endurance and consistent support. I love you and appreciate you! Thank you to Mark, Danielle, Hannah and Joshua.

What I have given is less than what I have gotten out of being President of MJC. The community here at MJC that we continue to build is of utmost importance. Please consider volunteering your time and I assure you that the sense of community that you will get out of it will be well worth your time.

Ychad Anachnu Yecholim Laasot et Hevdel. Together, we can make a difference.



From Cantor Wayne Krieger

Here is an excerpt of the study session I presented on Shabbat Hagadol, March 24, 2018: Tzav represents our first introduction to Kashrut, the Jewish dietary laws and discusses the prohibitions of eating the fat of any animal, against eating animals that have not been ritually slaughtered, and against consuming blood. The basic rules are these; a kosher animal is one that chews its cud and has split hooves. A kosher fish is one that has both fins and scales. A kosher bird is more difficult to determine, since the Torah only lists non-kosher birds; one then deduces that all the other birds are kosher. Kashrut laws fall under the category of “chok” in that they defy any rational human explanation. It is unfounded that kashrut has to do with health considerations, or that some animals have a level of “uncleanliness,” or that we should avoid predatory creatures lest we prey on others. None of these reasons matter. Rashi comments that they are to be avoided simply because God has said so. The discipline of kashrut helps the Jew attain a certain spirituality; an armor, so to speak, of self-control against the daily temptations of a non-kosher lifestyle. That is why Jews structure the act of eating by reenacting the procedures of the Temple priests: they wash hands, bless meals, “break” challah, and sprinkle salt just like the sacrifices were once sprinkled with salt. Our sages call our home table a “mizbe’ach, an altar, an appropriate place where kosher food is eaten only after a blessing is recited. This raises the awareness of God’s presence at the family table. Our Rabbis decided that to complete a meal without thanking God for the earth’s life-sustaining produce was forbidden.

As my Bar Mitzvah student Jared Goodman wrote, “when it comes to ritual impurity the Torah says that anything that merely touches something impure will become impure itself. It is amazing how just touching something can affect another so drastically that it loses its pure state. This made me think of how much we are affected by our surroundings; the people we associate with, and the environment that we live in, all affect the person that we are and ultimately become. Choosing friends who share our same values is extremely

important. Relationships are like elevators; being with good people can bring you up and choosing to hang out with the wrong crowd can easily bring you down.”

Another commandment I found meaningful says “A fire on the altar must be kept burning within: do not let it go out.” There is a light that perpetually shines on the bimah, called a Ner Tamid. On a more poetic level, the commandment to keep the “constant fire” burning symbolizes how we should nurture our own inner spirits, our passion and enthusiasm. A fire doesn’t only have to burn on an altar, but we can say that people have a fire burning within us-within our hearts. We’ve got emotional depth, empathy for other people, and moral courage. We have the wisdom to discover what is meaningful and beautiful in the world, and the capacity to be sensitive to God’s presence. We are a spirit, not just a body. All those precious qualities require protection. If we want the fire to keep burning, we must tend it and restock it with fuel. Stoking the fire means we must devote time to spiritual activities, like prayer and study. We must do good deeds that connect us to others and build our enthusiasm for more ethical action. We must pay attention not only to the physical dimension of life, but also to the spiritual dimension-the fire within. And when we start to feel the fire going out, that is when it is most important of all to add fuel. The Zohar, the central work of Jewish mysticism written in the thirteenth-century Spain, offers a wonderful teaching about the fire within us. “Wise people should open their eyes and see a flame burning above their heads and realize that the flame needs fuel.

The human body is a wick, and the Divine Presence is a flame. What is the fuel? Good deeds.” So, keep the fire burning!

In Chapter 8: verse 23 there is a Shalsholet Trope over the word “Vayishchat”: “And the ram was slaughtered. Moshe took some of its blood and put it on the ridge of Aharon’s right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.” This ritual was so strange and mysterious that even Rabbis have had

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From The Executive Director

Bonnie Komito

This is the 124th article that I have written for Temple Topics! The good news is that I enjoy writing and the process forces me to think about big picture issues that relate to my work at MJC. The questionable or bad news is that none of us is sure how many people actually read Temple Topics. In the early years before the weekly email, or email blasts or the website, this monthly (and award winning) newsletter was the only real way of delivering relevant information to the congregation.

The world has changed in so many ways and we certainly seek and receive information in new ways. In review of Temple Topics, so much of what it contains is old news. The flyers are redundant because they appear on the website and in the weekly@MJC. The calendar information changes rapidly and may be stale by the time viewers see it. The compilation of information and writing of the columns take many hours of staff and volunteer time. And the questions loom – Who cares? Who reads it? Is it relevant? What’s in it for me?

After much deliberation, it has been decided that this will be the last issue of Temple Topics. We direct you to mjcny.com for the most recent and comprehensive information about the synagogue. Since the website’s launch earlier this year, we have added many components. Our goal is to make mjcny.com inviting, informational and interactive. We can expand the format to include blogs and links that are of interest to our congregation. Social media and web-based communications can be a more effective way to engage our community. We also hope that our website will promote our unique trademark as the largest, most outstanding Conservative synagogue in the area. We invite your feedback and critical comments. Please email me at bkomito@mjcny.com to share your thoughts.

We begin counting the Omer on April 1st (16 Nisan) on the second day of Passover. (By the way, the MJC calendar appears on the right side bar of the homepage of mjcny.com which is right above the link for our Passover page). I have written many times about my strong belief that there are no coincidences in Jewish life,

and so April 1st is also the perfect time to start my countdown to my retirement on June 30th. As I conclude my 14th year at MJC and my 40th year working in the Jewish community, my countdown coincides with the story of Passover and the 40 year Exodus from Egypt. My life’s work has been intertwined with the lessons of Passover and the stories we share. In a recent D’Var Torah by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, he writes from Vayikra about The Call: *“Each of us is different, therefore we each have unique talents and skills to bring to the world. The fact that I am here, in this place, at this time, with these abilities is not accidental. There is a task to perform, an God is calling us to do it.”* These years at MJC have been my gift and my calling. There’s much more to come with specific thanks to the distinguished Presidents, Board of Trustees, Clergy, countless volunteers, congregants and staff who have been my extended family throughout these years. Although Temple Topics will no longer be the forum for me to share my thoughts, I will find the right platform to express my gratitude for my journey with MJC.

There’s a lot going on in April. Come to MJC for Passover Services and to observe Yizkor. Second Generating will present a meaningful program for Yom Hashoah and on April 20th the Israel Affairs Committee will hold an Israeli Dinner to celebrate Israel’s 70th Birthday. On April 10th, Allan Sugarman will present his final discussion session, All Quiet on the Western Front: One State/Two State Solution...Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel which was postponed because of the spring snow storm. The observance of Shabbat and holidays, the importance of commemorating the Holocaust and the birth of Israel and our homeland, and our obligation to understand the complexities of the modern Jewish State are all critical to the strength of our Jewish community today. As with Passover, it starts at home with our families and extends to the synagogue and the community at large, as we confirm and reaffirm the traditions and responsibilities of our shared heritage from generation to generation.

Enjoy a meaningful and delicious Pesach with your loved ones.

Siman Tov and Mazal Tov – We Celebrate...

Lucas & Rebecca



**&
WEINER**



On April 21st, **Shabbat Mincha** the congregation will celebrate along with the Weiner family. **Lucas and Rebecca Weiner**, son and daughter of **Dr. Len and Michelle Weiner** will be called to the Torah to become a B'nai Mitzvah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We announce the Birth of:

Ellyot Drew, granddaughter of **Roberta and Mitchell Newman**

We announce the Engagement of:

Evan Kirsch, son of **Susan and Jeffrey Kirsch**

Mazel Tov to:

David Marin on the celebration of his 95th birthday

Thank You

to the following congregants who sponsored a Kiddush

David Marin

for co-sponsoring the Kiddush lunch on March 24th in honor of his 95th birthday and in honor of the birth of his 13th great grandchild. Mazel Tov!

Barbara and Howard Goldberg

for co-sponsoring the Kiddush lunch on the seventh day of Passover in honor of the 8th birthday of their granddaughter, Maya Zislin.

Michelle and Michael Kwatinetz

for co-sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of Joseph Elkin.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

This month we planned two programs that were cancelled because of the storms. The “Drug and Vaping Awareness” program for the Hebrew High School has been rescheduled for the Fall.

The Friday night dinner and program for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade was rescheduled for the following Sunday. The children did a great job. Parents and grandparents came and enjoyed their children’s performance. Thank you to Cantor Teplitz for preparing the students and directing the experience.

We had a mock Hebrew School for Preschool families which was engaging and successful for the parents and children who came to enjoy the program. Thank you to Morah Regina for planning a great program for our future students.

We are having a second Mock Hebrew School program for preschool families on April 29 at 10:30 AM.

Below are some important dates to remember:

Passover Break - No school	April 1, 4, 8	Last day of School (K- 2)	May 6
Junior Congregation	April 14, 21	Last day of school (3-7)	May 16
Zimriyah (Songfest)	April 29	Confirmation/Graduation (12th Grade)	May 18
Chesed Presentation 7th Grade	May 16		

PRESCHOOL

Happy Passover! We have been very busy at the preschool learning about Passover and experiencing the sights and smells of the holiday. The children read many books about Passover and had fun reenacting the story. Our 2-year-old classes baked Passover chocolate chip cookies and the 3 and 4-year-old children baked mandel bread. The children participated in wonderful class shows and Seders where they retold the story and sang songs about Passover, then shared in a beautiful class Seder which included foods they prepared in class and shared from home. For our Pre-K students, the story of Passover was brought to life as they participated in a Model Matzah Factory where they made their own matzah as our ancestors did over 3,300 years ago. The children had a hands-on experience where they threshed and winnowed wheat stalks, sifted out seeds, then milled and grinded them into flour using an authentic hand mill. The flour was mixed with water and each child kneaded, shaped and used a rolling docker to make little holes in their dough. They then baked their matzah and enjoyed it as a treat. It was a very special morning and one that we hope the children will remember during their family Seders.

March came in like a lion and out like a lion, as well! We had hoped for warmer days this March, but we all enjoyed playing in a lot of snow this month.

The children eagerly shared their stories of building snowmen, sledding and making snow angels. Extending our winter theme to go along with the weather was an unexpected treat!

Looking forward to April, we will celebrate Yom HaAtzma’ut – Israel’s Independence Day. We refer to this special day as Israel’s Birthday and we will celebrate its 70th this year. The entire school will participate in a parade where we will swing Israeli flags each child made in class. We will also take pretend trips to Israel complete with airline tickets and passports.

The saying, “April Showers Bring May Flowers” will be explored through hands on experiences in all our classrooms. Each classroom will plant flowers and tend to them throughout the remainder of the year and keep a log of any changes and growth they see.

Everyone at the preschool wishes the entire congregation joy and many blessings at Passover and throughout the year.

Chag Sameach,
Rita Rashotsky
Preschool Director

SECOND GENERATION**YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM****WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 , 7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY****Oro Macht Frei - (Gold Will Set You Free)**

The documentary "Oro Macht Frei" tells the story of the Roman Jewish experience during the Nazi occupation of Rome (Sept 1943 - June 1944). Weaving testimony from Roman Jews together with historical research by renowned scholars, "Oro Macht Frei" seeks to bring the viewer into a personal and relatable reflection of the Holocaust in Italy through the eyes of this unique and historic community.

"Oro Macht Frei" began as an idea to tell the story of Herbert Kappler's gold extortion of the Roman Jews. During a tour of the former Jewish ghetto of Rome in 2004, the film's executive producer, Joel Markel, a Marlboro Jewish Center member, heard of the Roman Jewish community's remarkable efforts to come up with 50 kilos of gold within 36 hours against the threat that, if they did not come up with the gold, 200 heads of family would be deported. The fact of the community coming together to save each other's lives and give what little in the way of gold they had, their ability to come up with the gold in such short time and the subsequent betrayal on behalf of the Germans who rounded-up the Roman Jews 3 weeks later, regardless of their having met the extortion price, struck Mr. Markel as an emblematic account that could help teach people both about the calculated deceitfulness of the Nazis as well provide a human dimension to the tremendous darkness of the Holocaust against the abstract number "6 million." The story of the gold extortion touched Joel intimately as his family had always been jewelers and so he felt strangely close to the story. Furthermore, as the son of a Hungarian Auschwitz survivor, Joel had always wanted to offer something to the field of Holocaust Memory to honor his mother and the family she lost.

"Oro Macht Frei" won the Best International Documentary award at the Garden State Film Festival in 2015.

If you are interested in joining or obtaining more information about Second Generation, please call the synagogue office at 732-536-2300 or contact me at 732-972-0259.

Marvin Glickstein, President – Second Generation

"UNTO EVERY PERSON THERE IS A NAME"**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 AT 6:30 PM**

Once again we will participate in the international program "Unto Every Person There Is A Name" sponsored by B'nai B'rith and Yad Vashem. We will read the names, ages, and places of birth of victims who perished during the Holocaust.

The reading of the names will begin at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary and will continue after the Yom HaShoah service has concluded.

Individuals who know the names of relatives or friends who perished in the Holocaust are encouraged to read those names as well.

To volunteer to read names, please call Marvin Glickstein at 732-972-0259 or the Synagogue Office at 732-536-2300.

ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (IAC)

AFIsrael Night at the Movies – Next Movie Night is 4/15/18

Our next feature is *Valley (Emek)*. Migdal Ha'emek, is an isolated little town in the North of Israel. Josh (17) is a very aggressive kid, disturbed, he likes to be with his little dog. Linoy (17) dreams to be a famous actor but no one supports her. David (17), a new kid in town, surrounds himself with books and music, while blaming his father for his mother's death.

Israel's 70th Birthday is Approaching – Special Guest Speaker – Save The Date 4/20/18

Our 5th Annual Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) Shabbat dinner is scheduled for Friday night April 20th. There are two flyers with detailed information in this issue of Temple Topics, about the dinner and our guest speaker **Yaron Bob**. These dinners with an Israeli themed menu have been quite successful in the past, so join us again or for the first time. I encourage you to read Yaron's background and visit www.rocketsintoroses.com to see his works. You can also find multiple videos on You Tube by entering his name. He cannot take orders on Shabbat but will tell you how to buy from the website at a discount.

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difficulty trying to explain it. As a Torah reader I came up with a great Midrash based on the three other places in the Torah that have the Shalshet trope.

The first Shalshet in the Torah takes place in Vayera, Chapter 19: verse 16. "As dawn broke, the angels urged Lot on, saying, 'up, take your wife and your two remaining daughters, lest you be swept away because of the iniquity of the city.'" The Torah says "Vayitmamah"-still he delayed." Lot did not hear or listen. For this incident, Moshe put the blood on Aharon's right ear.

The second Shalshet takes place in Chayei Sarah, Chapter 24: verse 12 over the word "Vayomar."- "And Avraham's servant said," "Adonai, God of my master Avraham, grant me good fortune this day, and deal graciously with my master Avraham. The daughters of the townspeople come out to draw water; let the maiden who says I shall hand you water to drink along with your camels be the one whom you have decreed for Your servant Yitzchak." It turns out to be Rivkah. For this incident, Moshe put the blood on the thumb of Aharon's right hand.

The third Shalshet takes place in Vayeshev, Chapter 39: verse 8 over the word "Vay'maen" and "Yosef refused." Potiphar's wife noticed that Yosef was well built and handsome and tried to seduce him. After a time, she cast her eyes on him and said, "Lie with me." Yosef refuses by pointing to the abuse of trust that would be involved, then to the violation of the husband's marital rights, then to

the religious and moral nature of the offense. Yosef chose the right way and walked in God's path. For this incident, Moshe put the blood on the big toe of Aharon's right foot. It was at this point that the Rabbis started calling Yosef a Tzaddik-a righteous person.

Haftarat Shabbat Hagadol comes from Malachi, Chapter 3: verses 4-24. At the end of the Haftarah, Malachi talks about the role of Elijah the Prophet. More than the Prophet of zeal and fire of the Biblical narrative, Elijah is to later generations the helper, healer, and herald of the Messiah. That is why at the Pesach Seder we welcome Elijah into our homes and why there are hundreds of folktales about him being disguised as a beggar and seeing the way people would treat him. If people showed him respect, it would mean the beginning of the Messianic Age.

The text says, "Hinay Anochi sholayach lachem et Eliyah Hanavi. V'heshiv lev avot al banim v'lev banim al avotam." "Behold, I will send you Elijah the Prophet. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers." The heart was considered the seat of thought as well as emotion. Elijah would therefore effect reconciliation between the old and the new by awakening sympathy and a full understanding of one to the other. The home had been divided against itself with the estrangement of the youth from the elders. This especially filled the Prophet with deep pain. First Elijah would help reconcile parents with their children, and then turn the hearts of both to God.

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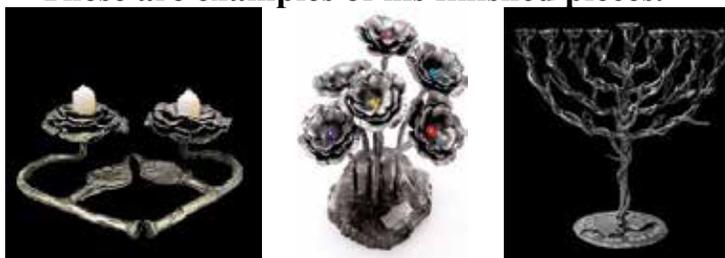


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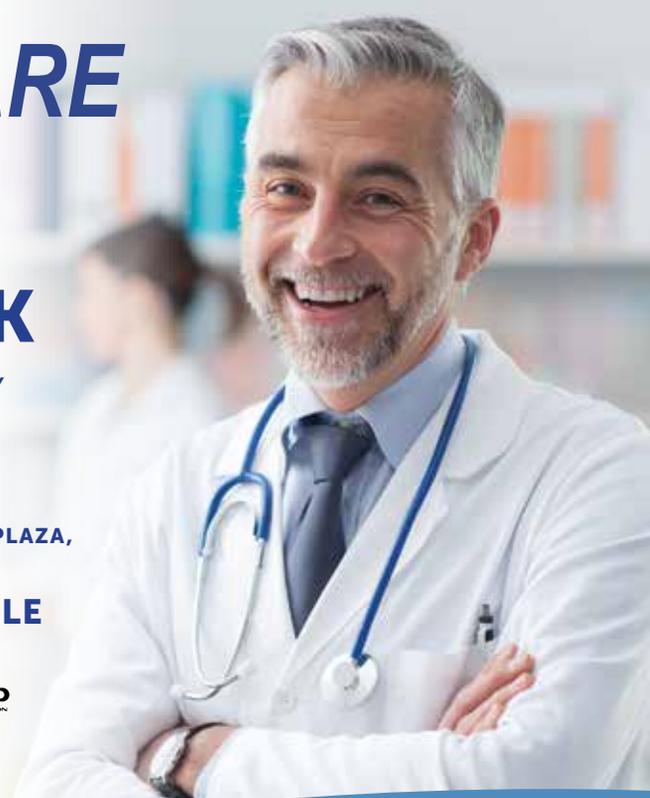
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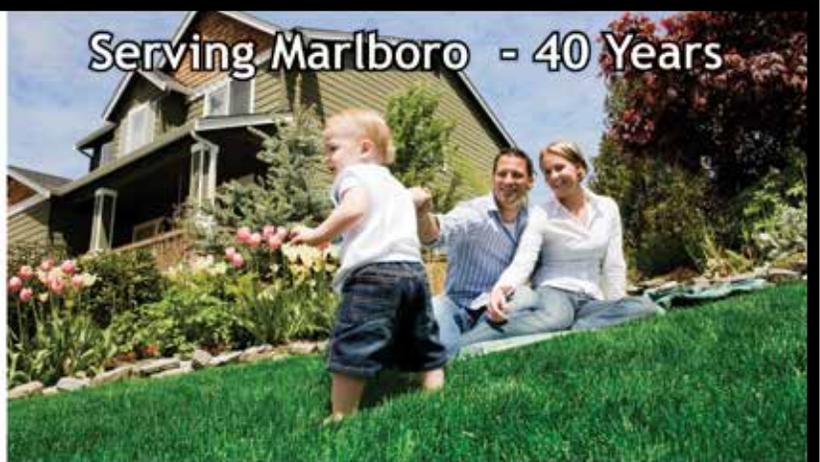
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