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From our President



Good day everyone. I am writing this month's message in front of our home's roaring fireplace since our furnace has stopped working and we are in the midst of replacement. The glow and the warmth of the fire is beginning to make me believe that spring is coming.

With Spring around the corner, AND with our Covid lifestyle hoping to be a bit more relieved, isn't it a good time of renewal? Renewal of hope. Of re-establishing our priorities. Of deciding where to focus our energy. For me, that involves volunteering. I find it rewarding at many levels. It instills a sense of purpose. It enhances our sense of belonging. It deepens relationships. It produces positive and tangible results. And, of course, it is a core Jewish value. Our doors are beginning to open more and more and Ahavath Torah offers so many opportunities to become involved and volunteer, and plenty of ways to just have fun. You'll find some exciting programs that our amazing volunteer teams have created throughout our Bulletin, with something for everyone. Maybe choose our Brotherhood and join us for Bruins Hockey in March, or the summer softball league. Perhaps you'll join Women of ATC's daily and evening programs or help with our Return to Rummage Sale in May. Or delve deeper into resilience with Fundraising, share your efforts to create or help with an upcoming event. Log in to one of Rabbi's classes or

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From the Rabbi's Desk

All of the holy days of the Jewish Year share characteristics and themes with one another. At the same time, each carves out its own space in observance and establishes its own dominant thematic line. The holiday of Purim calls us to the necessity and vitality in the process of memory. One of the central Mitzvot of the day is "Remembering Amalek" (Deut. 25:17-19), connected as it is to Haman and serving as the linchpin for the Sabbath preceding Purim - Shabbat Zachor, "The Sabbath of Remembering." (March 12)

Memory is really an incredible gift bestowed upon mankind. Its use keeps life from becoming a meaningless procession of unconnected events and unrelated episodes. It permits us to take the past and make it part of present reality, and to take the present and anticipate in it the future. All of our experiences- what we see and hear, the joys and even the sorrows-would become mere pictures projected upon life's screen for a few fleeting moments and then quickly fade into oblivion, were it not for the recall power of memory.

What is the history of people, nation or family, if not the common memories etched deeply in the collective mind and transmitted from individual to individual! The Jewish person has always understood the need to remember and to transmit to future generations the significance of that memory. With every festival, the Jew was reminded of the past, and called to the impact of that past on present and future.

As individuals, we are fortunate that we can remember the warm, embracing rays of the summer's sun even in the midst of February winds, to hear a melody, to feel the glow of happiness, to relish a moving relationship, long after the

actual experience has faded from the scene. It is encouraging memory of the good in life that moves us into tomorrow with a sense of anticipation and excitement rather than dread and apprehension.

It must be admitted; memory does not always bring joy. It frequently serves to illuminate some dark corner of the past that we feel would be the best served by remaining in obscurity. Yet, even under these circumstances memory has its role to play. The mature person develops a sense of humility from the failures of the past, and is made that much more aware of the price the mere act of living demands of us. On Purim, the Jew remembers all the threats to Jewish survival in the past, and is that much more appreciative that the Jewish people still survives.

The letters of the Hebrew word *Lishkoach* meaning "to forget," can be rearranged to spell *Lachashoch* "to darken." Forgetfulness is to obliterate the past, losing all the possible joy or growth in what has been; memory is to take those same experiences and illuminate the future. To remember is what marks us as human beings. May we use that power well!

Chag Purim Sameach - Happy Purim (Wednesday eve/Thursday - March 16-17)

Rabbi J



Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Denise Chmara with thanks



Women of ATC



Shalom!

I hope this finds you safe, warm and in good health as we look forward to Spring!

Our exercise class continues with cardio classes Monday through Friday at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

We have added Chair Yoga at 6:55 PM on Sunday and Thursday

before Minyan.

Wednesday, March 9th is the date of our next Book Club meeting. We will discuss *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* by Amy Meyerson. The meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Please join us.

Our Adar 2 Rosh Chodesh Group Meeting will be on Thursday, March 17th at 10:30 AM..

Please join us for our Purim Party at ATC.

Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at 9:30 AM.

At this time, we are planning to have our Women's Seder in-Shul at ATC on Thursday, April 7th.

Watch your email for details about our Seder and Sisterhood Shabbat.

Please contact Bev Barbell at bbarbell@aol.com for cards for all occasions.

Please email me with any questions or suggestions.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Be well,

Madeleine Lewis

President

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The cost of each card is \$4.00 if purchased, or \$4.50 if mailed by the Card Coordinator. All proceeds benefit the Women of ATC, which in turn, benefits our congregation.

To learn more, or to have a card sent, please contact Beverly Barbell, by email at Bbarbell@aol.com, or by phone at (781) 910-5527.

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March 4	(Friday)	Shabbat Across America
March 9	(Wednesday)	ATC's monthly Community Meeting
March 12	(Saturday)	Bruins Night with Brotherhood
March 13	(Sunday)	Religious School's Purim Party
March 13	(Sunday)	Jewish Family Table parking lot drop off
March 16	(Wednesday)	Celebrate Purim with Temple Beth Emunah
March 17	(Thursday)	Women of ATC's annual Purim Party
April 1	(Friday)	ATC's Family Shabbat Service
April 3	(Sunday)	Jewish Family Table parking lot drop off
April 7	(Thursday)	Women of ATC Passover Seder
April 10	(Sunday)	Religious School Passover Seder
April 10	(Sunday)	Pre Passover Cooking demo (virtual)
April 15	(Friday)	Erev Passover
April 16	(Saturday)	Passover, Day 1 Service and Kiddush
April 17	(Sunday)	Passover, Day 2 Service and Kiddush
April 23	(Saturday)	Passover, Day 8, Yizkor and Kiddush
April 24	(Sunday)	Post Passover Jazz Brunch Returns
April 27	(Wednesday)	Yom HaShoah, information to follow
April 30	(Saturday)	Bar Mitzvah of Noam Grinberg
May 7	(Saturday)	Bar Mitzvah of Dustin Edmonds of TBE
May 8	(Sunday)	Jewish Family Table parking lot drop off
May 19	(Thursday)	Lag B'Omer
May 30	(Monday)	Women of ATC Return of Rummage Sale
June 2	(Thursday)	Women of ATC Rosh Chodesh
June 4	(Saturday)	Religious School Commencement Service
June 4	(Saturday)	Erev Shavuot Havdalah and Dinner
June 8	(Wednesday)	ATC's Annual End of Year Community Meeting
June 12	(Sunday)	Weinstein Sisskind Wedding

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Calendar

Please note that as of this printing, Minyan, Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalahs will be virtual. Saturday morning Shabbat services will take place in person, and be live streamed.

Since the situation is very fluid, please watch your email or contact the office (781-344-8733 or office@atorah.org) if you are unsure

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Adar II

/Pekudei

Friday March 4

Candle lighting.....5:20 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:00 PM

Shabbat Across America

Saturday March 5

Tefillah.....9:30 AM
Havdalah.....6:21 PM

Shabbat Zachor/VaYikra

Friday March 11

Candle lighting.....5:28 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:30 PM

Saturday March 12

Tefillah.....9:30 AM
Havdalah.....6:29 PM

Ta'anit Esther/Fast of Esther

Wednesday March 16

Fast begins at 5:43 AM and ends at 6:52 PM

Purim

Wednesday March 16

Megillah reading in conjunction with TBE details within

Shabbat Tzav

Friday March 18

Candle lighting.....6:36 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:30 PM

Saturday March 19

Tefillah.....9:30 AM
Havdalah.....7:38 PM

Shabbat Parah/Shemini

Friday March 25

Candle lighting.....6:44 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:30 PM

Saturday March 26

Tefillah.....9:30 AM
Havdalah.....7:46 PM

Shabbat HaHodesh/

Rosh Hodesh/Tazria

Friday April 1

Candle lighting.....6:52 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:30 PM

Saturday April 2

Tefillah.....9:30 AM
Havdalah.....7:54 PM

Shabbat HaGadol/Metzora

Friday April 8

Candle lighting.....6:59 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:30 PM

Saturday April 9

Tefillah.....9:30 AM
Havdalah.....8:02 PM

Contracts for the Sale of Chametz Due

Wednesday April 13.....3:00 PM

Ta'anit Bechorim/Fast of the First Born

Friday April 15

Fast begins at 4:52 AM and ends at Seder

Latest time to eat chametz.....10:07 AM
Time for final disposition of all Chametz..11:26 AM

Shabbat Pesach

Friday April 15

Candle lighting.....7:07 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat.....TBD

Saturday April 16

Tefillah.....9:30 AM
Second Seder traditionally begins after 8:11 PM with Havdalah part of the Seder

Pesach II

Sunday April 17

Tefillah.....9:30 AM
Havdalah.....8:12 PM

Pesach VII

Thursday April 21

Candle lighting.....7:14 PM
Minyan.....6:45 PM

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Calendar (cont.)

Friday April 22

Tefillah.....9:30 AM

Shabbat Pesach VIII

Friday April 22

Candle lighting.....7:15 PM

Saturday April 23

Tefillah.....9:30 AM

Yizkor will be recited

Havdalah.....8:20 PM

*If Rabbi J has sold your Chametz,
please allow him until 8:30 PM to repurchase*

Shabbat Acharai Mot

Friday April 29

Candle lighting.....7:23 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:30 PM

Saturday April 30

Tefillah.....9:30 AM

Havdalah.....8:29 PM

From our President (cont.)

celebrate weekly Shabbat service in ATC. Just maybe Chair Yoga or morning exercise may appeal to you. You can have a great night out just volunteering or playing Bingo, Monday nights. Become engaged and become a member of our Board of Directors and help steer our Shul into the future. And finally, thanks to David Schulze, I understand a sawhorse is waiting for me in July. We are always looking for members to join the Building and Grounds Team.

Whether it is by joining one of our many teams, attending services, or being supported in a time of grief, we are there for you. Your presence will help Ahavath Torah blossom in Stoughton.

Bob B

President

president@atorah.org

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PASSOVER PREPARATIONS

A GUIDE FOR THE PERPLEXED

I. What is Chametz?



The basic rule which underlies the dietary laws of Passover is that during this holiday a Jew must not eat, own or derive benefit from Chametz. Chametz refers to the five species of grain - wheat, barley, spelt, rye and oats - which have been subjected to a leavening process. In their unleavened states, these same five grains can be used to make Matzoh. The word "Chametz" itself refers to fermenting or souring. Dough (flour and moisture) can rise by just sifting (sour dough) or by a leavening agent being added.

Chametz includes not only bread, crackers and macaroni, but Items formed of fermented grain used in other ways - such as beer, whiskey and grain vinegar.

The elaborate cleaning ("Kashering") process, involving putting away "regular" foods and dishes, renouncing ownership of leaven, and buying special foods, are all steps to ensure that no Chametz is found in places where it might be used. Any presence of Chametz, however minute, is forbidden on Passover. The rabbis made an exception to this very strict rule: If an accidental mixture took place before Pesach began, it can be considered negated if Chametz is less than 1/60 of the whole mixture. This is why it is safer to purchase various foods (for example, milk) before the holiday begins. If you buy milk before Passover, no special "Hechsher" (certification of Kashrut) is necessary, but if such items are bought during the holiday, they do require a "Hechsher." (Shopping for most things before Pesach will also increase the number of items you can economize on).

II. What about legumes?



In our definition of Chametz, rice, millet, corn, peas and beans weren't mentioned ("Kitniyot," in Hebrew). All agree that these are not Chametz. Sephardic Jews generally follow the practices of the Talmud and Shulchan Arukh (16th century law code) permitting these Items on Passover. Ashkenazim (European Jews) followed the custom of prohibiting these Items, either because of fear of "contamination" (e.g., rice might have grain mixed in) or confusion (e.g., because beans can be ground into a flour-like substance, it might be confused with grain flour). Custom plays an important role in Jewish life, but one should be aware that there is a significant difference between eating soda crackers (100% Chametz) and soy beans. Many Ashkenazic Jews eat string beans because the kernel has not been formed, and there are differences of opinion regarding peanuts and a variety of seeds (sunflower, safflower, cottonseed, etc.). Chocolate used to be a problem for Ashkenazim, because lecithin, used as an emulsifier, comes from soybeans. Today, most Israeli chocolate factories use a substitute emulsifier, from rapeseed, for Passover, and can label their chocolate l'lo hashash kitniyot (without suspicion of Kitniyot)

III. How do you get Rid of Chametz?



A. Eat it up before Passover.

B. Give it away to a non-Jew.

C. Renounce ownership by selling it - this is usually done by making a rabbi your agent, signing a document, allowing him to sell it to a non-Jew for a token down payment.

After the holiday, when the purchaser discovers that he really doesn't want all the leftover graham crackers in your closet, he normally sells it back and the down payment is returned. This is legal fiction, but it solves the problem of what to do when you have too much Chametz to merely give away.

ALL CHAMETZ SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF BY 11:26 AM ON APRIL 15, 2022 AT WHICH TIME CHAMETZ IS BURNED AND THE CONTRACTS WILL BE SOLD.



Baking Matsot, Mantua, 1560



Matsah making, Utrecht. 1663.



Cooling hands in cold water before handling dough, Venice, 1609.

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IV. Why go through all this bother?



Ultimately, as with all rituals, the meaning you derive from it is a very personal matter and often it cannot be explained rationally. Here are some possibilities:

- The cleaning out of Chametz symbolize the cleaning out of the old ways of slavery as our ancestors had to do to leave Egypt. It can symbolize our desire to cleanse ourselves of our "evil inclinations," the "Chametz of the heart."
- It is a "spring cleaning," a chance to air out our houses, and ourselves, after the long winter's hibernation. In the spring, we are spiritually and physically reborn. In this sense, the themes of Passover and Easter are very similar.
- The more effort we put into preparing for a holiday, the more intense are our feelings and memories associated with it. This is why Passover has maintained such a powerful hold on even the most assimilated of Jews, while other celebrations have fallen from favor.

We all have vivid memories of childhood Passovers, and they are so vivid because of all the work that went into the preparation. On Passover, we simultaneously recall the infancy of our people and of ourselves. We are transformed both to Egypt and to wherever we grew up. But such a moving experience does not come for free: we must earn it the old fashioned way — by removing leaven.

V. When do we start eating Matzah?

Matzah can be eaten all year round. But we should avoid it for 24 hours before the first Seder so that its taste is fresh. It probably is a good idea not to eat much of anything during the afternoon before the first Seder. Some don't eat Matzah for two weeks prior to the holiday.

VI. How do I clean my house for Passover?

Areas where eating takes place should be cleaned thoroughly. Also, check places like briefcases, purses, desks and coat pockets, if you occasionally put food there. Offices, lockers in school, and automobiles should also be cleaned. There is no need to go overboard with this, however. The house can still be Kosher for Passover, even, if every window isn't washed and the bathtub isn't scrubbed.

VII. What about (oy, gevalt) the kitchen?



Shelves, counters, tables and drawers should be well cleaned. They can be Kashered by pouring boiling water over them. An easier solution (and less messy) is to cover them with shelf paper or just tape them shut if you don't need them. The refrigerator should be defrosted and cleaned (no shelf paper is necessary here). To "Kasher" a stove - clean it well with a commercial cleanser, do not use it for 24 hours, then heat it to maximum temperature for one hour. If you plan to use the broiling pan, cover it with heavy foil. For a self-cleaning oven, run it through one self-clean cycle.

Electric burners should be treated in a similar manner: clean, don't use for 24 hours and then heat until they are red hot for at least five minutes.

For gas burners, either heat them to the hottest possible temperature for 15 minutes or immerse the burners in a pot of boiling water.

For a microwave oven, place a utensil with boiling water inside until thick steam fills it.

KITCHEN UTENSILS:

Launder dishtowels and cloth tablecloths.

In general, items are "Kashered" according to how they are used: Ovens and oven racks require high heat, pots and silverware require immersion in boiling water. Items used only for cold may be "Kashered" by rinsing. Dishwashers should be run through one cycle with soap after laying idle for 24 hours.



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ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE MADE KOSHER (IN ANY PRACTICAL WAY):

- Meat spits
- Metal baking pans
- Earthen ware
- Toaster ovens
- Porcelain
- Items that will be damaged by hot water
- Items which cannot be cleaned (for example, graters, pots and pans with burned on food)
- Silverware and cooking utensils of more than one piece
(for example, knives with wooden handles; Chametz can be stuck in the crack)

ITEMS WHICH CAN BE KASHERED:

- Metal pots, frying pans, (including those glazed or enameled, Teflon is questionable).
- One piece wooden utensils (in theory)
- One piece silverware
- Glass (no boiling necessary, for dishes and glasses, just a thorough scouring)
- Pyrex, Duralux and Corelle ware
- China: if it hasn't been used in a year, it is Kosher if scoured and cleansed with hot water
- Hard plastic
- Nylon
- Bakelite
- Rubber that can be immersed in boiling water briefly

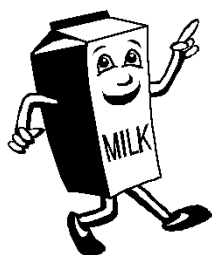


POINTERS:

1. Don't forget to also immerse the lids of jars and containers.
2. Use a big pot for boiling, dip items with tongs or tied to a string, while the water is actually boiling.
3. For the largest pot (too big to be dipped) boil water in it, then fill it to the brim with more water. Later, pour boiling water on the outsides and handles.
4. Remove handles of pots and pans before boiling (if possible) and boil separately. Of course, it is, in many ways, easier to use a separate set of kitchenware and dishes for Passover. But this is not necessary.

For questions on specific items, feel free to call.

VIII. What foods can I buy?



Please beware. Many foods are marked up for profit to take advantage of the consumer who is unaware that not all items need rabbinic supervision. If you buy the following before Passover and leave it unopened, no rabbinic supervision is needed:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Sugar
- Pepper (Pure herbs & spices, not garlic salt)
- Dried fruit (with no preservatives)
- Honey
- Hard cheese (preferably sealed in the factory)
- Butter
- Fruit Juice (no additives, sweeteners or preservatives)
- Kosher meat, chicken, fresh or frozen (not breaded or in sauce)
- Detergents (may also be bought on Passover)
- Fresh milk
- Eggs
- Vegetables, fresh or frozen
- Nuts in their shells

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- Pure olive oil (no additives): also safflower & peanut oils
- Tuna and other types of fish, frozen or fresh, (kosher types of fish and unbreaded, of course)
- Paper and plastic goods
- Aluminum products
- All prescribed medicines in cases of medical **necessity**

ITEMS WHICH MUST HAVE PASSEOVER SUPERVISION:

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| • Matzah and Matzah products | • Margarine |
| • Cake/Cake Mixes | • Liquors |
| • Soups | • Ice Cream |
| • Pudding | • Pickles |
| • Candy/Chewing Gum | • Gelatin |
| • Chocolate | • Canned Foods |
| • Cocoa | • Mayonnaise |
| • Gefilte Fish | • Ketchup |
| • Prepared Horse radish | • Mustard |
| • Processed Meats | • Soft Drinks |
| • Baking Powder | • Seasoned Salt |
| • Cider Vinegar | • Wine |

This list does not claim to be exhaustive.

IX. Above all, what does all this come down to?

Common sense. When you heat an oven or boil a pot, strict safety measures should be employed. Remove all soft plastics from the area.

X. Miscellaneous issues

The situation regarding cheese requires a fuller explanation. The Conservative Movement allows for the consumption of hard cheese that is not supervised, while Orthodox practice is to require supervision, whether on Passover or not. This has to do with the dispute over the nature of rennet, an animal by-product used in the formation of cheese.

Vodka may or may not be kosher for Passover; you must check the label. Usually, vodka is made from potatoes. Most Israeli wines and brandies are produced kosher for Passover the year around, for simplicity's sake. But some liqueurs may not be Pesach friendly, so, again, label reading is a must.

A perennial question is whether one can use ordinary alcohol based perfumes, aftershaves and other scents, which might contain grain alcohol. There are two distinct schools of thought on this subject. The stricter school says that only approved for Passover cosmetics of any type may be used. The more lenient school holds that since these products are inedible, the source of the alcohol does not matter. Anything "not fit for a dog to eat" is classed as an inedible. Both views are valid ones.

XI. Conclusion

In the end, Passover is purely a personal experience. For some it is a game, as exemplified by the Search for Leaven, a favorite of children, which takes place the evening before the Seder. For others, it is a dreaded chore. And others have long since given up preparing for it so elaborately. What I've presented here are, for the most part, the strictest requirements of Jewish law. Many people go way beyond these requirements, others are more selective. On this festival of freedom, we are free to question tradition, but just as powerful, is our freedom to enrich our lives by turning just another spring evening into a night different from all other nights.





THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

Halacha requests no Jew own any Chametz after 11:26 AM on Friday, April 15, 2022. Rabbi Hausman is authorized to prepare a bill of sale, and arrange for the transfer of ownership of your Chametz to a non-Jew. Members of ATC may arrange to appoint Rabbi Hausman as their agent to sell their Chametz after daily Minyan or at any other mutually arranged time. You may mail the following contract making sure that it reaches the synagogue office no later than 12 Noon on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Alternatively, you email the completed form directly to Rabbi J.

Please detach and return to Rabbi Jonathan Hausman
Ahavath Torah Congregation, 1179 Central Street, Stoughton, MA 02072



Contract for Authorization to Sell Chametz

I/we understand that Rabbi Hausman is willing to act as my agent for the sale of any Chametz which I shall still have in my possession by Friday April 15, 2022. Rabbi Hausman is authorized to sell such Chametz to a non-Jew of his choosing, and the buyer has free access to the "Chametz" acquired by him.

I/we hereby authorize Rabbi Hausman to sell my/our Chametz which is in my/our possession, knowingly or unknowingly, or at my address (please print clearly):

Name _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Rabbi Hausman is fully authorized to sell, lease, dispose of and conduct all transactions that he deems fit and proper in accordance with Torah and Rabbinic regulations and in conformity with the laws of the State of Massachusetts. I/we undertake to store these items under lock and key and NOT to make use of them, or the places in which they are stored, during the Pesach period. I/we understand it is customary to make a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund at this time. I/we understand that this donation is not obligatory. Donations are used for the local Maot Chittim Fund.

If possible, please itemize your chametz possessions. Please include the contents of your liquor cabinet. You may list the closets in which your chametz has been placed. You may make this listing on the back of this contract.

The day after Passover Jazz Brunch

Enjoy your late breakfast,
Jazz, and refreshments
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SUNDAY APRIL 24th

10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Cost per Adult \$25.00, Students \$15.00, not yet a Bar/Bat Mitzvah NO cost. Reservations only, no walk-ins.
Visit events@atorah.org to reserve your seat.
Please reserve no later than April 19.



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Religious School News

Shalom,

Our Tu B'Shevat Seder was held in January. Our parents and students learned about the holiday and enjoyed being together virtually to celebrate.

Our students really enjoyed our virtual February special event. We had a Pajama Day, ate breakfast together, learned about the blessings over food and also the blessings we say on Friday night. They really enjoyed braiding a clay challah and creating a beautiful challah covet.

Everyone is working on a special project. The youngest are making a Torah and learning the names of the Five Books of Moses. The fourth graders are creating a Book of Bible Stories, summarizing each story and illustrating it. The older class is creating a Torah, summarizing each Parshah and illustrating it.

In addition to our regular subjects, the students are studying Shabbat and all about the synagogue. They are learning about the many functions of a synagogue-learning, prayer, the parts of the synagogue, celebrations, community events, and about the Torah.

Our Purim Party will be held at ATC on Sunday, March 13th.

Our Religious School Family Seder will be held on Sunday, April 10th at ATC.

The Religious School Shabbat Service will be at ATC on Saturday, May 14th.

Our Commencement Service will be at ATC on Saturday, June 4th.



The help and support we receive from our parents is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Rabbi J, Lesley, Bob, Arthur and Bubbe Rhoda for all you do.

Mazel Tov to Noam on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on April 30th.

Be well.

Shalom,

Madeleine Lewis

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We can use assistance setting up our weekly kiddush on Fridays, and on Saturday mornings. Please reach out to Madeleine Lewis at lewis.madeleine@gmail.com.

Thank you so much!

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AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Costs:

\$18 for the first name

\$3 for each additional name (includes reciprocity)

\$150 to include your name on every LETTER for the entire congregation

Extra bag:

\$18 for a family bag

\$5 for a kids bag

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High Holiday Prayer Book Dedication Fund

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Ed Rothman

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Stacy and Howard Andler, in loving memory of
Emily Andler

Tina and Arthur Mallock, in loving memory of
Marv Asnes

Stacy and Howard Andler, in loving memory of
Marv Asnes

Tina and Arthur Mallock, in loving memory of Ceil Kahn

Stacy, Howard, Evan and Ross Andler, in loving memory
of Bobbi Margol

Our sympathies are with...

Eric Kahn and family, on the loss of his
beloved wife, Ceil Kahn

Laura Michelle Grenier and family, on the loss of her
beloved father, Jack Silverstein

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If you have a family simcha that you
would like the congregation to know
about, please let us know at
bulletin@atorah.org.



Jewish Family Table at ATC Passover Edition

Providing food for the hungry is a core Jewish value. In the Torah, the farmer is obligated to leave a portion of the field for the poor. As well, we are called upon to invite the stranger to our tables and to share what we have. Family Table, a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services, provides more than 500 families every month with healthy kosher foods. This essential Jewish connection empowers people to make healthy eating part of their daily lives. Family Table also provides items special to Jewish holidays, as well as personal hygiene products.

How can you help? This time of year we are asked to help provide boxes of Passover Matzoh, in addition to our monthly boxed raisins and/or canned salmon donations.

Please consider stopping by the temple Monday through Friday, between 10 AM and 2 PM with your donations. We ask that your Matzoh donations be dropped at the temple by no later than March 11, for delivery to the pantry on Sunday, March 13. Our shopping cart will be in the lobby. Should anyone need assistance in drop off, please reach out to Eliot Rosen at 781-883-3975.

Let's help Eliot fill the pantry with boxes of Matzoh from ATC

Thank you.

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THIRD ANNUAL Pre-Passover Cooking Demo

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
2 P.M.
VIA ZOOM

Join Rob Yunich and Elana Milstein for an hour of recipes, cooking tips and camaraderie. Questions?
Email fundraising@atorah.org



YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Community Observance

April 27, 2022
at Temple Sinai in Sharon
More info to follow



FAMILY SHABBAT

SAVE THE DATE
April 1, 2022



AHAVATH TORAH CONGREGATION

is hosting a **FREE** Friday Night Family Shabbat!
April 1, 2022 ★ 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

- **Interactive, outdoor** service tailored for children
 - **Creative** activities, songs, and stories
 - Pizza, salad, and dessert

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Arthur & Tina Mallock, in memory of Marv Asnes	Joan Fogel	Edward & Sandra Shifman, in memory of Dora Smith
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Bingo is back at ATC!

On Monday night, February 14, Bingo made its long awaited return to ATC. The players were excited to be back and our staff of volunteers were ready to welcome them. On the opening night, we had a small crowd, however, the following week our numbers were way back up and it seems like we are on a good path to having successful weekly Bingo. We are fortunate to have many of our old regular players coming back to us along with a flurry of new folks that are enjoying what has been called the “friendliest Bingo south of Boston.” As an added bonus, we are also lucky to have our partners from Temple Beth Emunah working alongside our ATC volunteers to jointly pull off this weekly effort.

We are always looking for additional volunteers as Bingo takes a lot of effort to run smoothly. On any given Monday night, we need upwards of 15 people (or more) to manage all of the various aspects of running the evening. Everything from working in the kitchen to selling lottery items to managing the sales/distribution of Bingo cards and much, much more. We are happy to train you in any or all the various processes and make you a part of this great team. If you can offer your help for one Monday night a month or more, we can put you to work and you can help us manage the largest annual fundraiser that ATC has. Email us at bingo@atorah.org or you can reach out to me directly if you prefer.

David Schulze

Bingo Chair

A NIGHT OF HOCKEY AND BROTHERHOOD



**BOSTON BRUINS
vs.
Arizona Coyotes**

Saturday, March 12

Door opens at 6:45 p.m. The puck drops at 7:00 p.m.

Pizza, snacks, and beer

Contact Stu Weiner for your seat brotherhood@atorah.org

RETURNING TO ATC MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT





March Yahrzeit Calendar

March 1

Sally Lemkin
Jacob Lipsky
Samuel Slotnick

March 2

Deborah Jane Gould
Paul E. Policow

March 3

Hannah Goodman
Bessie Olstein

March 4

Edward A. Sandler

March 9

Pearl Pachter

March 11

Gloria Bromberg
Samuel Steinberg

March 12

Coleman Goldstein

March 13

Hyman Frank

March 15

Raymond Gootzit
Ruth S. Gootzit

March 16

Bonnie Gertrude Goldowsky

March 17

Jeffrey Evenson

March 18

Minnie Davis

March 21

Leon Rudman
Oscar Thaler

March 22

Frances Oppen

March 26

Jeanette Berman

March 28

Blanche Drobnis

March 31

Donald Mark Berkovitz
William Lipson
Sheldon Murray Moonay
Martin Stroll



April Yahrzeit Calendar

April 1

Martin Lerner
Albert Rosen

April 2

David Weiner

April 3

Irv Dembling
Morris Heller
Mary Zeidman

April 4

Sylvia Kandler
George Litwack
Howard Weinstein

April 5

Fannie Adleman
Milton Bailet
Steven Slotnick

April 6

June Dulman
Lillian Figure
Sam Komrower

April 7

Solomon Franklin

April 8

Mildred Goldstein
Ester Green
Minnie Kerner
Philip Musman
Bertha Plotnick

April 9

Paul Jaffe
Louis Kellner
Harold Krasnoff

April 10

Abraham Fruit
Ethel Goodman
Shayna Rose Guarino
Beatrice Sandler

April 11

Leonard Leppo
Joanne Rice

April 12

Bernice Bauman
Alan Goldstein
Annette Silverstein

April 13

Shoshana Grushow
Jacob Schwalbe

April 14

Samuel Smith

April 15

Stanley Blumenthal
Bernice Spiegel

April 16

Tina Katz
Israel Shterental

April 17

George Arbit
Arnold Glasser
Abraham Silverman

April 18

Elyse Enman
Alexander Reinstein
Ruby Soloway

April 19

Goldie Hoffstein

April 21

Diana Beth Cooper
Rose Sibulkin
Sarah Tattlebaum

April 22

Harry Gotshalk
Jordan Sandman

April 23

Abraham Brezner
Morel Kessel
Gertrude Schwalbe
Hyman Worobey

April 24

Carl Sorin
Israel Zelbow

April 25

Louis Baker
Kenneth Paul Glasser
Zev Grossman
Tillie Grubert
Mildred Lipshires
Israel Morris
Bessie M. Waterman

April 26

Louis Kurlansky
Leona Worobey

April 27

Rubin Zeidman

April 28

Milton Wish

April 29

Philip Andler
Hyman Koch
Joseph Shaw

April 30

Charles Goodman
Norma Marron
Julius Smith
Arlene Triber



Preparing for Shabbat

Our students prepared challah and personalized challah covers



Next month....Chicken Soup!