

The Builders' Bulletin

Congregation Habonim's Monthly Bulletin—Your Community Guide!



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Upcoming Events:

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Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 12th after 6:00pm
Kabbalat Shabbat services

Torah Tots

Saturday, April 13th at 10:45am

The Jewish Legacy in Popular Music on Broadway with Tony Award-winner Maury Yeston

Sunday, April 14th at 5:00pm

Building Bridges Zoom Class

Monday, April 15th at 7:45am

Taste of Torah: Passover Zoom Class

Thursday, April 18th at 8:00pm

Junior Congregation

Saturday, April 20th at 10:45am

Second Night Communal Seder

Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm

Find Out More

For up-to-date information on all our upcoming events, visit www.habonim.net

Interested in getting more involved with the Congregation? Help us shape Habonim's future at this pivotal time. If you'd like to be considered as a Trustee on the Board of Directors, please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Alan Danzig (917) 903-3797 or danzig15@yahoo.com by April 5th



Plaques

Purchase a memorial plaque in memory of a loved one to be displayed inside the Sanctuary.

Tree of Life Leaves

Commemorate special occasions or honor someone special with a leaf displayed on our entrance wall!

Cemetery Plots

Plots are available at Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, NJ. Contact the office for more information.

Facilities Rental

Host your party or special celebration at Habonim! We also rent our space to weekly or monthly programs when available.

Kiddush Sponsorships

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat for any occasion - to honor a loved one's yahrzeit, to celebrate a birthday, or just because!

Prayer Book Dedications

Book plate dedications are perfect for any occasion.

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Please email all articles, photos and suggestions for future bulletin content to communications@habonim.net

Women's Seder 2024: Women Making a Difference

Stories, songs & schmoozing about women throughout history who have made a difference, from the Passover story to the present.

Join us and other women across NYC to celebrate Passover through an uplifting, soul-filling evening of storytelling, singing and connecting.

Thursday, April 11th

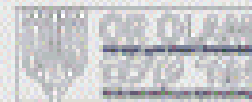
6:40 pm start (doors open @ 6:30)

Sutton Place Synagogue - 225 E. 51st Street

\$50 per person (includes dinner & drinks)

RSVP by April 4th

spsnyc.shulcloud.com/form/womens-seder.html



Torah With a Twist!

We had a great time at Torah With a Twist again this month! Thank you Cantor Jessica for leading the session, and Noah Halperin for providing the expert mixology! This is a monthly session, held during 3rd-5th grade religious school from 4:50-5:30pm, and is open to ALL members 21+. Next session: May 6th!



Community Shabbat Dinner

Our 4th & 5th grade Religious School students led our Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, March 8th—we're so proud of their accomplishment! Afterward, we all had a chance to bond and relax over a community Shabbat dinner together. This month, our students will reconvene—this time joined by the 3rd grade students as well—and we look forward to another great Shabbat and dinner on April 12th!

Kol HaNeshama Singing Group

We had a lovely time at the latest session of Kol HaNeshama, and would love to see you there next time! Come sing with us—sacred or secular, we'll lift up our voices together. This group is led by Cantor Jessica, and our next session will be on Monday, April 8th at 4:45pm.

Purim Carnival Thank You's

It takes a village, in this case, a really BIG village to pull off a successful Purim carnival the way we did on Purim Day.

There are SO MANY PEOPLE to thank and I'm going to try not to leave anyone out, so here goes:

Our custodial staff – Matvey, Jesus, Freddy and Petr.

Our nursery school teachers – Robin, Hara, Sloane, Farah and Alexis, who opened their classrooms to all kinds of projects, and to the teachers who let us in the classrooms. And to Tina and Ann for all their support.

To Rabbi Gelber, Cantor Jessica, Michelle Szpilzinger, Grace Rosas

To the Sisterhood and all the hamantaschen bakers

To our sponsor families: Gal, Teitlebaum, Tuder, Winters, Peltz/Zatulove and Bill Taubenfeld

To our game runners, storekeepers, greeters, classroom assistants, and food handlers, whether you volunteered or were recruited, YOU made this possible:

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And to everyone who posted a flyer or told a friend.

Finally, Mazel Tov to our basket raffle winners:

Oliver Thompson, Max Feinblum, Henry Schwartz, Dahlia Zatulove, Mia Bloom, Emma Ciple

If you have adorable pictures you'd like to post on Facebook, please send them to communications@habonim.net. If you have photos to add to a collage to keep at Habonim, please send to religiousschool@habonim.net

Thank you to everyone,
Karen Sacks

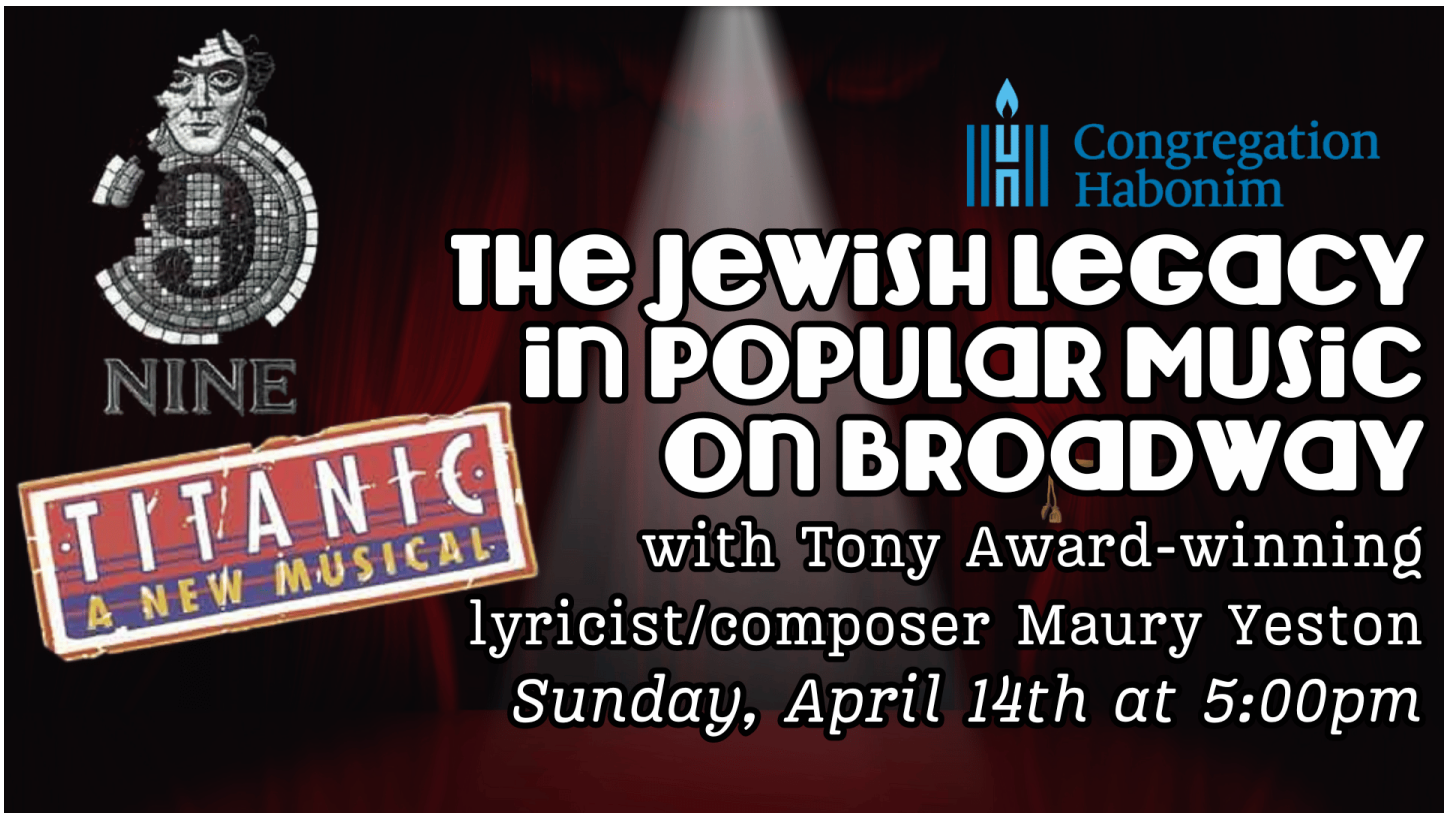
Purim Carnival Fun



Purim Rehearsal Fun

Our cast had a great time preparing for our Purim Shpiel! Dress rehearsal on Thursday ahead of the holiday was so much fun!





**THE JEWISH LEGACY
in POPULAR MUSIC
ON BROADWAY**

with Tony Award-winning
lyricist/composer Maury Yeston
Sunday, April 14th at 5:00pm

Join Habonim member (and Tony Award-winning lyricist/composer of such hits as *Titanic* and *Nine*) Maury Yeston for an evening of songs and stories as he shares with us the history and unique contributions of Jewish composers and lyricists on Broadway.

Maury Yeston is an American composer, lyricist, educator and musicologist. He is known as the initiator of new Broadway musicals and writing their music and lyrics, as well as a classical orchestral composer, Yale University professor, and prominent Music Theorist authoring landmark works in that field. Among his Broadway musicals are the hit shows "9," "Titanic" and "Grand Hotel," in addition to his many off-Broadway shows.

[Register here](#)



Second Night Seder

Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30PM

Join us for a meal, music & mitzvot!

All food will be kosher for Passover.

(No kitniyot will be served.)

To register:

Scan the code

or [click here](#)





PASSOVER
at Habonim

Important Passover Times

Monday, April 22

Latest time to Eat Hametz: 10:38am

Latest Time to Dispose of Hametz:
11:46am

Candlelighting at 7:25pm

Tuesday, April 23

Morning service at 9:30am, in person
and on Zoom

Wednesday April 24

Morning Service at 9:30am, in person
and on Zoom

Friday, April 26

Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30pm, Zoom
only

Saturday, April 27

Morning Service at 9:30am, in person
and on Zoom

8:25pm Havdalah, Zoom only

Sunday, April 28

Candlelighting at 7:31pm

Monday, April 29

Morning Service at 9:30am, in person
and on Zoom

Tuesday, April 30

Morning service at 9:30am, in person
and on Zoom, service includes Yizkor

Yom Tov ends at 8:37pm

Enjoy some hametz!!

**For more Passover resources, including how to
sell your hametz, a Passover guide, and meal
planning advice, visit:**

<https://www.habonim.net/passover-5784.html>



Lomdim Teens Escape Room Adventure!

Last month, our Lomdim teen group had an awesome time at a local escape room, solving puzzles (or trying to!) and having fun together. This experience made possible thanks to the Erwin Greenwald Fund for teen programming!



Programs & Events for Kids & Families



Tot Shabbat:

For children 5 & under with their grownups, Tot Shabbat offers an opportunity for kids to socialize and engage with other Jewish families. A great chance for non-members to get to know us! Fridays at 5:00 pm; followed by light dinner.

- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7

Torah Tots:

For children ages 5 and under with their grownups, we offer Torah Tots, a Shabbat morning experience that includes music, movement and interactive activities. Saturdays at 10:45am, followed by Kiddush lunch.

- March 9
- April 13
- May 4
- June 15

Junior Congregation:



For children ages 5 & up. Family friendly Shabbat service with singing and activities beginning in the Sanctuary with an aliyah for the family. Saturdays at 10:15am, followed by Kiddush lunch.

- March 23
- April 20
- May 18
- June 22



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We have programs for children from PreK–12th grade!

Learn more and register here:

<https://www.habonim.net/religious-school-admissions.html>



Nursery School registration is open for the 2024–2025 academic year!

Learn more and register here:

<https://www.habonim.net/Early-Childhood>



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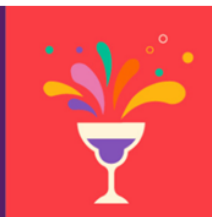
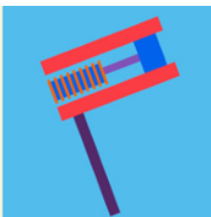
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April 1

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April 10

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Resources for the Israel-Gaza Conflict

In response to the ongoing conflict, we have gathered some resources that may be helpful to you & your family.

For events at Habonim and around the city or online, groups and charities you can support, mental health resources, resources for kids & families, and more, visit: <https://www.habonim.net/war2023>

Call your representatives and the White House every day to advocate for the hostages. Let us be their light and their sustenance until they are safely home in the arms of their loved ones.

[Register for reminders to call here.](#)

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