

# TBI TABLET *Online*

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## Online Service Changes

Shabbat services will be held remotely every Friday night at 6:45pm and Saturday morning at 9:30am. Minyan Sunday 9:00am

Friday Night and Saturday Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/364487398>

Meeting ID: 364 487 398

for both Friday and Saturday on Zoom.

Sunday Minyan Zoom Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/281295314>

Meeting ID: 281 295 314



## Virtual Service Information:

**April 7th—April 16**

We will be streaming Pesach Seders and Shabbat Services using Zoom.

Join link and ID for *all* Pesach events below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/644254245>

Meeting ID: 644 254 245

*Passover Calendar linked below. Please join us.*

*Everyone is welcome*

# TBI PASSOVER CALENDAR APRIL 2020

click **above** for download



## Delegation of Power of Attorney for Sale of Hametz

Please email this form to [jcheevers@tbiport.org](mailto:jcheevers@tbiport.org) by Monday, April 6 by 8:00pm

I the undersigned, fully empower and appoint Rabbi Michael Mishkin to act in my stead, and on my behalf, to sell all hametz possessed by me (whether known to me or unknown to me) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. hametz, doubtful hametz, and all kinds of hametz mixtures), and to lease all places where the hametz owned by me may be found.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbi Michael Mishkin has the full right to see and to lease by transactions, as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary. This general authorization is made a part of this agreement.

The above given Power is in conformity with Torah Law and Rabbinical regulations.

To this I hereby affix my signature on \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Hametz Form 2020 download

The deadline for selling your Hametz to

Rabbi Mishkin is

**Tuesday, April 7 at 8:00pm**

The Rabbi will sell Hametz on

**Wednesday, April 8th at 10:00am**

Please send all forms to [jcheevers@tbiport.org](mailto:jcheevers@tbiport.org)

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# Pesach



*Please Don't Pass Over This Column: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way To the Seder.*

**By Mark A. Schneider,**  
**TBI Past President & TBI Tablet Editor-at-Large.**

**Q: Why do we read the Haggadah at Passover?**

**A: So we can Seder right words!**

No kidding. Maybe that question and answer can set a much needed lighter mood before the chanting of the Four Questions this Pesach. After all, there's no shortage of ways to look at the lighter side of Passover.

Take comedian Sebastian Maniscalco, for example. In one of his terrific routines, he relates the story of arriving for his first Passover Seder. "I was hungry as soon as I sat down." Then he was presented with "reading material" and was told "we have to read for two hours." He advises his audience to "never go hungry to a Passover meal" and invites Jews to turn to Italian people to cater a Seder, adding that he never heard anyone ever say, "the gefilte was amazing!"

"For this we left Egypt?"...it sounds like a punchline from a Catskill comedian's Passover joke, but in fact, it's the title of a fascinating book. The authors, Dave Barry, Alan Zweibel and Adam Mansbach (with clever illustrations by Ross MacDonald) wanted to create the most entertaining Haggadah in, say, roughly 5,000 years! Passover gave these comedic professionals lots of delicious material to serve up.

In fact, "For This We Left Egypt?" simply looked at the lighter side of the Seder without passing over any of the questions asked. It makes "matzah fun" of everything from the first cup of wine to asking and answering the four questions to searching for the afikomen to the singing of Dayanu and Chad Gadya, to a reclining leader to the clear-your-throat-pronunciation of "chametz."

The makers of Maxwell House Coffee have been offering promotional Passover Haggadahs since 1932. But now they're linking up with the hit Amazon TV series "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel." The company says their limited edition version of its Haggadah features "shtick based on the show about an aspiring Jewish comedian and her extended family of Jewish relatives in late 1950s New York." Included are handwritten notations by actress Rachel Brosnahan's Midge Maisel character as well as "faux wine stains."

Readers, "Haggadah thought" for you. Aside from reading and talking to family, friends at the Seder meal this month, and during the 8 days of missing your bagels while serving up leftovers and matzah brei, here are some lighter questions I searched out for you that could be worth sharing and smiling over:

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| Q: Why did the matzah maker quit his job?<br>A: Because he didn't get a raise!      | Q: Who was the best businesswoman in the Bible?<br>A: Pharaoh's daughter, she pulled a profit out of the water.        | Q: When it comes to Karpas, who is the king of Passover?<br>A: Elvis Parsley!                                |
| Q: What army base is off limits on Passover?<br>A: Fort Leavenworth.                | Q: What do you call someone who spent hours preparing the Seder plate?<br>A: Egg-zosted!                               | Q: What did the grape do when he got stepped on?<br>A: He let out a little wine.                             |
| Q: How does NASA organize their Passover seders in space?<br>A: They planet!        | Q: How did the matzah do in Las Vegas?<br>A: He was going for broke.   | Q: Have you heard the joke about the bed?<br>A: No, because it hasn't been made up yet.                      |
| Q: You want to hear a good matzah pizza joke?<br>A: Never mind, it's pretty cheesy. | Q: Why did the matzah go to the doctor?<br>A: Because he started feeling crumbly.                                      | Q: Have I ever told you the joke about the matzah and butter?<br>A: I better not tell you, it might spread.  |
| Q: What kind of cheese do you eat on Pesach?<br>A: Matzo-rella                      | Q: What did the sight impaired person say after being given his first piece of matzoh?<br>A: So who writes this stuff? | Q: Why did Moshe not do his homework during Passover?<br>A: Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake. |
|   | Q: What's the difference between matzoh and cardboard??<br>A: Cardboard doesn't leave crumbs in the rug!               |  |

**And now for a couple of fun songs that I found that you may want to include (or not) as part of your Passover Seder.....**

**Title: Take Us Out of Egypt (sung to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game")**

Take us out of Egypt  
Free us from slavery  
Bake us some matzoh in a haste  
Don't worry 'bout flavor--  
Give no thought to taste.  
Oh it's rush, rush, rush, to the Red Sea  
If we don't cross it's a shame  
For it's ten plagues,  
Down and you're out  
At the Pesach history game.

**Title: Our Passover Things:**

(sung to the tune of "My Favorite Things," from The Sound of Music)  
Cleaning and cooking and so many dishes  
Out with the hametz, no pasta, no knishes  
Fish that's gefiltered,  
horseradish that stings

**Passover things cont...**

These are a few of our Passover things.  
Matzoh and karpas and chopped up haroset  
Shankbones and kiddish and Yiddish neuroses  
Tante who kvetches and uncle who sings  
These are a few of our Passover things.  
Motzi and maror and trouble with Pharaohs  
Famines and locust and slaves with wheelbarrows  
Matzoh balls floating and eggshell that clings  
These are a few of our Passover things.  
CHORUS  
When the plagues strike  
When the lice bite  
When we're feeling sad  
We simply remember our Passover things  
And then we don't feel so bad.

**Chag Sameach**—Happy and Healthy Passover to you and your family. May your holiday be—without question—deliciously memorable and thoroughly entertaining. Questions or comments? Please email me at [copymark@gmail.com](mailto:copymark@gmail.com).

# Library



**Library Presents Matthew Goodman,  
Best Selling Author  
By: Sandra Marcus**

During the 1949-50 season the basketball team of the City College of New York became champions, the greatest team in the country, the only team in history to win both the NIT and NCAA post season tournaments. And these amazing players were all either black or Jewish. With no tuition costs and high academic standards CCNY was a school for the economically disadvantaged, but academically gifted.

The story of this season and its tragic aftermath, of the players and their families, coaches, promoters, gamblers, corrupt officials, crooked cops and the essence of the City, itself, during this era was brilliantly told by Matthew Goodman in his book, *The City Game: Triumph, Scandal, and a Legendary Basketball Team*.

On Thursday evening, March 5th the Library of TBI was privileged to present Matthew Goodman as part of its series of author talks in partnership with the JCC. After an introduction by Bob Epstein, Library Chair, Mr. Goodman enthralled about 50 attendees with his description of the book and its background.

Years of in-depth research and countless personal interviews as well as an easily accessible writing style resulted in an amazing work. In his tale of innocents corrupted by gamblers he moves from Madison Square Garden to the Borsht Belt, from the Mayor's office to Police Stations, and the chambers of unjust judges. He recreates the New York City of 1950. The title "City Game" refers not only to basketball, but to the pattern of illegal activity fostered by City officials.

He tells of the glamour-boy head coach who gets off relatively unscathed and the brilliant assistant coach, responsible for most of the success, whose career is unjustly ruined. He tells how black players were sent to prison, while white players were not, and how some players from other schools, much more involved with gambling, but with the right political connections got off, free to find careers with the NBA.

And he describes what happens to the talented CCNY players. Instead of glamorous professional sports careers, their lives were marked by struggle and ultimately service, teaching others. They remained loyal friends for their whole lives providing each other with courage and support, ignoring racial and religious differences.

When an audience member asked how he was able to understand so well how the players felt, Mr. Goodman referred to the hours he spent interviewing people, especially one of the players, who is still alive. He also introduced a special guest, the daughter of another player. The excellent presentation concluded with refreshments and book signing. The book will be available in the Temple Library when it returns.

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## *This Just In...*

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center  
10th annual Friedlander Upstander Award  
\$2500 Scholarship **Middle or High School  
Students.** [Contest Details Here](#)

## Religious School

**Saturday, April 4th Havdallah service via Zoom**

Please join the entire religious school this Saturday evening for an opportunity to welcome the new week together.

Rabbi Mishkin will lead us in a Havdallah ceremony by zoom at 8:05pm. You're welcome to gather your own havdallah ritual items, or enjoy them on screen. We will see you here:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/223670041>

**Meeting ID: 223 670 041**

Here is Cantor Grainer with another wonderful  
Passover song for the kids!

[https://youtu.be/smE2W0gR\\_qY](https://youtu.be/smE2W0gR_qY)

## Preschool

"Never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before." - **Rahm Emanuel**

This quote resonates with me given everything that we are facing right now. TBI is a strong community and during this worldwide pandemic I know we will pull through this together.

Never did I imagine teaching preschool online, as I am sure parents never imagined sending their children to preschool virtually. Remember, preschool is interactive, hands on and a lot of one on one time with their teachers. Our teachers have fully embraced this challenge and are doing things they never thought they could do before. We have all taught ourselves how to use technology to teach and interact with our classes. With some trial and error, watching many webinars and planning, I am proud to say that we have all made this uncertain time a success!

We know that many parents are both working from home or out in the medical field being our heroes. We thank you all for your patience and guidance helping us implement school from home. We know that this is not an easy task (for both of us) and we would not be able to be successful without your support.

We continue to pray for everyone's health and safety and we look forward to getting back to our norm at TBI. We can't wait to hear the laughter in the hallways and to see all of their beautiful smiles! Check our Video we sent out to all of our preschool friends.

<https://youtu.be/wzCcGbbQVhs>

Check out our own Miss Brooke...she has a science experiment to show you!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GLa7bAc0gA>

## Lifelong Learning

Mah Nishtanah? What's Different About This Pesach? Everything!  
Join **Rabbi Sharyn Perlman** for a study session on how we can look at  
Pesach differently this year.

Monday, April 6 - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/683911833>

**Meeting ID: 683 911 833**

**Professor Pam Corbin**

April 27th 7:30pm (there is no cost to join this learning session)

Writing As Reflection: Make meaningful connections between Torah and our lives today.

If you did not make any session at TBI here is your chance to join online.

Professor Pam Corbin, Director of the speaking and Writing Programs at Bernard College, leads monthly programs where we use writing (ours and others) to explore our relationship with various texts and ourselves. Logon link to follow after we receive your RSVP.

[RSVP: icheelvers@tbiport.org](mailto:icheelvers@tbiport.org)

If you missed **Dr. Annette Kasle's** teaching on March 31st, here is the video link for the class.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYboyikeuqQ>

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## Simchas and Condolences

### The B.A.M Fund (Be a mensch)

Joy Perla in honor of Eric May.

The Konas family in loving memory of Rae Miller, beloved grandmother of Joan.

Dori and Michael Fishbin wish condolences to the Palmer family on the loss of Marcia Menasse, beloved mother of Lisa Palmer.

Dori and Michael Fishbin wish condolences to the Seegers family on the loss of Henry Seegers, beloved husband of Eva.

Marilyn Oser in loving memory of her beloved father Sidney Schiffman.

### The Building Fund

Lisa Naiburg and Dan Kisch wish their condolences to the Palmer family on the loss of Marcia Menasse.

Beverly Taubel in loving memory of Henry Seegers.

Lisa Naiburg and Dan Kisch in loving memory of Charlotte Kisch, beloved mother of Dan.

Sylvia Mermel in loving memory of her beloved brother Fred Sivan.

The Miler family in honor of Jeremy and Shoshana Kasle and the birth of their daughter Eliza Kasle.

Rosa Miler in loving memory of her beloved father Gherish Kogan.

Joan Hulkower wishes her condolences to the Lituchy family on the loss of Terri Lituchy, beloved sister of Eric.

Joan Hulkower wishes her condolences to the Menasse and Palmer families on the loss of Marcia Menasse, mother of Lisa Menasse-Palmer.

The White family wish their condolences to the Lituchy family on the loss of Terri Lituchy beloved sister of Eric.

Mindy and Sean Mintz in loving memory of Samuel Taubel, beloved grandfather and great grandfather.

Judith and Morton Sloan wish their sincere condolences to Eva Seegers and family on the loss of Henry Seegers.

### The Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Eric and Gina Lituchy thank Cantor Grainer for her help with Anna and Isaac's B'nai Mitzvah.

Beverly Taubel in loving memory of her beloved father-in-law Samuel Taubel.

The Farkas family in loving memory of Irving Rowe.

### The Kiddush Lunch Fund

Nancy and Jay Feldman in loving memory of Irving Tobias, beloved father of Nancy.

### The Library Fund

Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler in loving memory of Dave Epstein, beloved father of Bob.

Barbara and Bert Taffet wish their condolences to the Heyman family on the loss of Marvin Heymen.

Stephen and Sandy Marcus wish condolences to the Seidman and Prager families on the loss of Renee Prager.

Stephen and Sandy Marcus wish condolences to the Heyman family on the loss of Marvin Heyman.

Stephen and Sandy Marcus wish condolences to the Leventhal family on the loss of Leslie Leventhal.

Joan Hulkower in loving memory of Anna Hulkower, beloved mother-in-law.

Sandra and Stephen Marcus wish condolences to the Muller family on the loss of Henry Muller, beloved father of Jeffrey and Andrew.

Sandra and Stephen Marcus wish condolences to Eva Seegers on the loss of Henry Seegers.

Diane and Steve Greenlick wish Lenny Holland best wishes on her 90th birthday.

Diane and Steve Greenlick in memory of Toby Bogner.

Sandra and Stephen Marcus wish condolences to the Lituchy family on the loss of Terri Lituchy, beloved sister of Eric.

Barbara and Bert Taffet wish condolences to the Menasse and Palmer families on the loss of Marcia Menasse, mother of Lisa Menasse-Palmer.

Sandra and Stephen Marcus wish condolences to Janet Landau and the Landau family on the loss of Leo Greenberg, beloved husband of Janet Landau.

### The Mahzor Book Plaque Fund

Lisa Naiburg and Dan Kisch in loving memory of Henry Seegers.

### The Mortgage Reduction Fund

Susan and Richard Levin wish condolences to the Siedman family on the loss of Renee Prager.

Susan and Richard Levin wishing much joy and mazel to Annette and Dan Kasle on the birth of their granddaughter Eliza Kasle.

### Preschool Fund

Jack Genicoff in loving memory of Jacob Genicoff, beloved grandfather.

Jack and Susan Genicoff in loving memory of Alexander E. Kleine, beloved father of Susan.

### The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Deborah Levine and family in loving memory of Edward Joel Abramson, beloved uncle of Deborah.

Shula and Henry Mustacchi in loving memory of Toni Leisner, beloved mother of Shula.

Nancy Kraus and family in honor of Rabbi Mishkin...thank you.

Joan Hulkower wishes her condolences to the Leventhal family on the loss of Leslie Leventhal.

Joan Hulkower wishes her condolences to the Heyman family on the loss of Marvin Heymen.

Roy Schoen and Mella Behar in loving memory of Walter Schoen, beloved brother of Roy.

The Suzzan family wish condolences to the Nachamie family on the loss of Evelyn Nachamie, beloved mother of Myles.

Marcalynn and Harvey Schachter wish sincere condolences to the Muller family on the loss of Henry Muller.

The Seidman family in honor of Rabbi Miskin.

Eric and Gina Lituchy thank Rabbi Mishkin for his help with Anna and Isaac's B'nai Mitzvah.

Steven Emmett in memory of his beloved wife Ellen Emmett.

### The Religious School Fund

Jill Mindlin and family in loving memory of Elaine Mindlin, beloved mother of Jill.

Paula Kaminsky Davis, Josh & Stacey and Adam & Rachel wish their sincere condolences to Eva Seegers on the loss of her beloved husband Henry.