

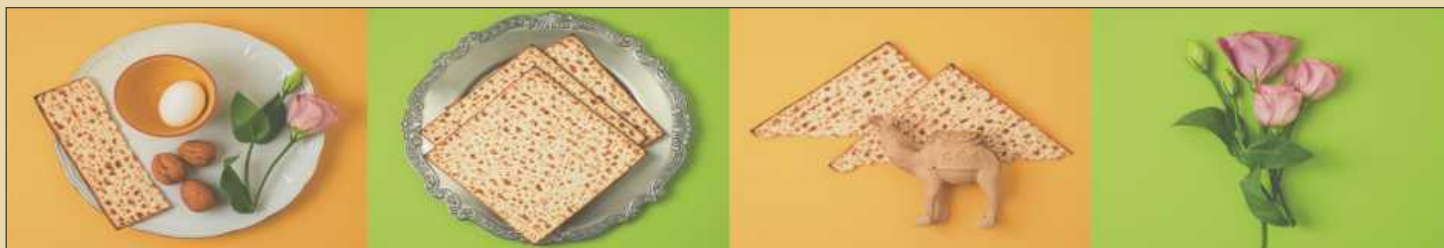


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- Evening Minyan
Sunday-Thursday at 5:30 pm
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- Kabbalat Shabbat
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An Experiential Pesach Experience

By Hazzan Michael Krausman



Pesach is the Jewish holiday during which family traditions are established and nurtured. As we begin cleaning the

house, inviting our guests (either in person or online) and preparing for the Seder, a flood of magnificent memories and joyful experiences is unleashed in our hearts and minds, and in those of our children. It is incumbent upon us, as parents, to carefully create these magical memories and craft them for our kids so that they will have wonderful experiences that will last a lifetime and beyond.

Adding to the experiential nature of the Seder is an extremely effective way of accomplishing this mandate. This task can be accomplished in many different ways – some quite simple and others a little more involved. An easy way to begin is by supplying

toy percussion instruments, such as tambourines and drums, so that even the youngest of the family can participate in the Seder. Another simple but effective way to engage our children is through props, puppets and costumes. Using toy elements of the plagues, asking participants to dress as characters from the Passover story (such as Moses or Pharaoh), or using puppets to act out part of the story, all work well. Experiential games are also quite effective. For example, we used to begin our Seder by handing out cards with the names of each element of the Seder as well as an appropriate picture on them. As we progress through the evening, each participant is asked to look at the card they have been given and, at the appropriate time, to affix it by Velcro to the board at the front of the room. A close friend often writes clues to the location of the Afikomen on the back of a jigsaw puzzle, which all of the participants must work together to assemble in order to find the hidden Matza.

Of course, music is a key component of any successful Seder. Make sure to allow time for the children to sing all of the songs they learn in school. Individualize the Seder by having guests and relatives with different traditions share their favorite melodies (when it is safe to do so). It is also important to allow children every opportunity to ask questions and to offer information they have learned – it is a great opportunity to show them how much you value Jewish education. In addition, the Seder can be also be individualized by asking relatives and guests to share their own stories of liberation or escape from oppression, poverty or any other such adversity. Even telling the history of your special Kiddish Cup, Seder Plate or other Seder element will enhance the personal nature of your Seder. Such stories give an intimate quality to your Seder celebration.

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President's Corner: It's Time to Think About Our Future

By Ari Riekes, President of the Board of Trustees

Pretty soon we will be celebrating Passover, perhaps one of our most important holidays combining religious observance with family and social traditions. As Jews we are commanded to put ourselves in the shoes of our ancestors, and to the best we can, imagine ourselves as going from enslavement to freedom. The Seder plate is full of symbolism to help us identify with our ancestors.

Perhaps this year, unlike any other of recent history, it is easier to fulfill this commandment. After all, in some ways we have been enslaved through isolation. A plague upon the world has limited our ability to move about freely and gather together. Hopefully, the vaccinations will soon be widespread and free us from our physical confinement.

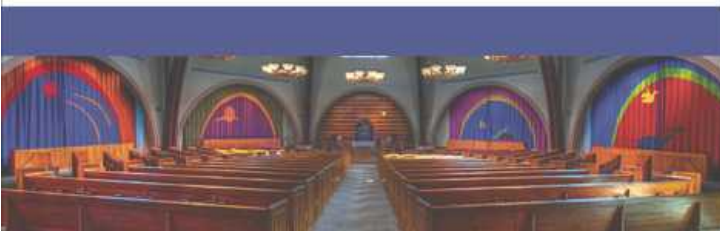
Fortunately, our Beth El clergy and the amazing Beth El staff have worked so hard to connect us in spirit and through technology and tasty food. We have had virtual concerts, well-spaced parking lot gatherings with dancers, and numerous delicious meals. And now is the time for us as a congregation to begin to think about our future. Can we make sure we have a daily minyan when we re-open our doors? Will we continue to take part in attending educational opportunities? Will we continue to check in on our fellow congregants through volunteer phone calls, to let everyone know that we at Beth El are thinking about and looking out for one another? I am confident we will. I believe that our isolation has only united us.

Also, as we look toward reopening, I continue to challenge the congregation to show our appreciation for Beth

El by helping to make sure our building can sustain us for the next 30 years. The fundraising effort for The Building for the Future Campaign, headed by Allan Murow, has been extremely successful. Along with Allan, Jay Gorman, Rabbi Abraham, Marty Shukert, Bob Belgrade and several others, so many Beth El congregants and friends of Beth El have shown tremendous generosity by committing their funds toward this project. But as of today, we have not yet met our fundraising goal. Let's rise to the occasion and meet our goals so the next time we are together and say "Next Year in Jerusalem," we will say it in a space that enhances the Beth El experience, welcomes our future and honors our past.

L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim!

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Special thanks to **Roslyn and Peter Mannon**. Their generous donation allowed us to send 20 dozen Hamantashen to residents of the Blumkin home!

Friday Evening Candle Lighting

March 5.....6:02 pm

March 12.....6:10 pm

March 19.....7:18 pm

March 26.....7:26 pm

Visit www.bethel-omaha.org to see a Townhall video, read the Jewish Press article and make your Building for the Future Campaign donation.

Hazzan's Column

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To truly make your Seder celebration an experiential occasion, try erecting a "tent" in a room other than the dining room in which to conduct the Seder. In any event, it is a good idea, especially for families with children, to have the beginning of the Seder in a different location than the meal. This has the added advantage of giving the children opportunity to move around and not be "enslaved" in one room. One can simulate liberation from

the tent in the desert to the luxury of the modern dining room. Of course, the preceding are only a few of many possibilities that exist to add unique meaning to your Seder. One final suggestion, provide a variety of Haggadot for both children and adults. Modern versions of the Passover eve service have explanations, activities, beautiful pictures and other tools to stimulate interest and discussion.

One of the most important mitzvot of Pesach is "V'Higadita L'Vincha," –

teaching and transmitting our rich and ancient heritage to our children. By investing a small amount of preparation and planning, you can help foster the creation of eternal experiences and memories that will not only live in the hearts of your children, but will be transmitted by them to future generations of children and their children's children.

Best wishes for a "Zissen (sweet) Pesach",

Hazzan Michael, Laurel, Zev and Zachariah Krausman

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Happy BESTT New Year

**By Eadie Tsabari,
 Director of Congregational Learning**

Time. What is it really? It is just the continuous flow of days, weeks and months. As you all know, I am fascinated by the Jewish demarking of time - whether it is looking at the moon to determine where in the Jewish month we are, or by celebrating all of the wonderful Jewish holidays that separate the regular days from the special or holy ones. We all know about the four Jewish New Year's celebrations that take place over the year. I'm not sure if it's because we couldn't decide on one or if we just like to celebrate! Rosh Hashanah - the head of the year, Tu B'Shvat - the birthday of the trees, Passover - the redemption of our people, and 1 Elul - the tithing of cattle (maybe not as well known these days).

I propose adding another New Year's celebration. At least in my world, this is the time where we look at a New BESTT Year. It is a time of planning, budgeting, class rosters and dreaming. I love to look at all of the names of the new kids who will be joining our school. How can those 7th graders be in high school already? I am always amazed at moving the senior class over to the graduate/college list. I had so many of them in kindergarten, and I've watched them grow up and become such great adults.

The fact that my New Year's BESTT celebration coincides with the month of Adar says something. It's a month to be happy, when everything in life gets turned upside down - a time when anything is possible. My hope for this coming year is that we get back to a new normal. That we can see each other face-to-face (even with masks on). That when we sing, we sing together. And when we learn, we learn together in person.

I just want to conclude with letting you know how proud I am of our BESTT and Hebrew High students. They have come to Zoom class week after week, wanting to learn and doing a tremendous job. Many of them have done extra work just to keep up with their learning. Many of them have volunteered to help out at services. I'm so excited for the New BESTT Year. We may not get to do all of the things we have done in the past but the future looks encouraging and the thought of kids getting back to normal makes these winter days seem a little brighter.

In the Torah portion we read this last week, the Jewish people said the following as they received the Ten Commandments: *na'aseh ve-nishma* - we will do and we will listen. I know that we are trying to do the BESTT that we can in bringing back our school, but we also know that we have to listen to what's best for our community. I trust your kids to keep the celebrating and the learning going, and to continue building our wonderful community. Happy BESTT New Year!

Eadie Tsabari

BESTT & Hebrew High March Schedule

Sundays, March 7, 14 & 21

10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Grades K-7

12:15 - 1:15 pm - Grades 8-12

Sunday, March 14 - Torah Tots - Ages 3-5

4:00 pm

Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24

4:30 - 6:00 pm - Grades 3-7

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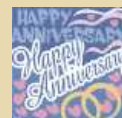
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Frankie Friedman with her terrarium - a February Torah Tots project.



The Best Way to Help? Listen.

By Addison Helsper

Clinical Case Manager

AAS Certified Crisis Counselor

Volunteer Board member of the NE Chp AFSP

You may, at some point in your life, be in the situation of speaking with someone having thoughts of suicide. A lot of people feel an initial panic of "What do I say?" Well, here is the good news: you shouldn't be saying much at all. We support loved ones who are struggling by making them feel heard and validated. The easiest pitfall is trying to argue with them about why they should not end their life. To be frank, it is time to shut up and listen, not find yourself in a debate of life.

I've had the rare opportunity of getting to speak with and connect with people from all over the world during their absolute darkest moments. Working as a counselor on a suicide prevention hotline gives me a unique perspective on suicide and mental health. It is our job to connect and empathize with their pain, suffering, or overwhelming feelings. We are shown, every day, that the rationale behind why someone may want to end their life is infinitely varied. You, as their loved one, need to know that there isn't some imaginary line of trauma or event that "warrants" having thoughts of suicide. It can be anything, and it all matters.

Everything from losing a loved one, a break up, or a lost opportunity, to getting a B+ on a test, to nothing at all are all completely valid reasons to be in pain, upset, and to even question if they can keep going. No one should ever have to justify why they are having these thoughts to me as a counselor, or to you as a support in their life.

You may be thinking "but wait, it's okay to think about ending your life?" Yes, it's okay. Myself and your loved ones want to help you navigate away from those thoughts and feel better, but it is okay. It is important for me, as the author, to communicate very clearly that having thoughts of suicide does not make you a bad person. It doesn't make you crazy. It doesn't necessarily mean that you are mentally ill.

It is okay, it is valid, and it is understandable.

That message, right there, is at the core of every prevention call I have ever had. When someone feels listened to, cared for and validated, we don't argue about whether or not they should stay alive. We talk about what they feel, why they're hurt, and what they need. That moment of connection and care is what they need in that moment. Arguing with them about why they should choose life is a dead-end. That argument is the emotional equivalent of saying, "No. Your problems are not that bad. You should not feel this despair," and can make your loved one feel even more alienated.

So, what do you do? Your job is to listen.

Addison Helsper

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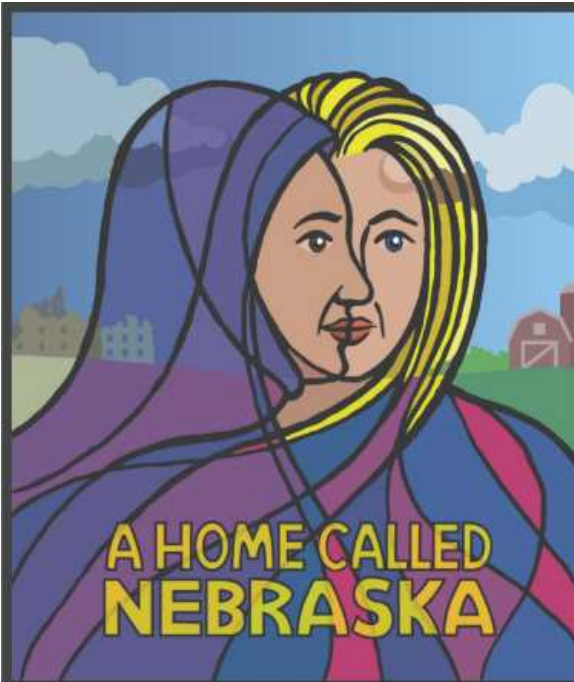
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May their memory always be for a blessing.



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Beth El's Chessed Committee focuses on Acts of Lovingkindness. We are there when times are the most difficult (illness, aging, death) and also at the most joyous times (birth). If you know of a congregant who is ill and would like the Chessed Committee to offer support, contact Eadie at etsabari@bethel-omaha.org.

March 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 am - Shacharit Service 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm - Book of Ruth with Rabbi Abraham & Pastor Johnson 8:00 pm - Jewish Law with Rabbi	2 11:30 am - Biblical Literacy with Rabbi 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Ma'ariv	3 2:00 pm - Coffee & Conversation with Rabbi 4:30 pm - BESTT (3-7) 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Beit Midrash	4 8:00 am - Shacharit Service 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Pearls of Jewish Prayer with Hazzan	5 6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat	6 10:00 am - Shabbat Services 6:55 pm - Havdallah
7 9:00 am - Shacharit Service 10:00 am - Torah Study 10:30 am - BESTT (K-7) 12:15 pm - High School (8-12) 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - The Beatles Jewish Connection	8 8:00 am - Shacharit Service 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm - Book of Ruth with Rabbi Abraham & Pastor Johnson 8:00 pm - Jewish Law with Rabbi	9 11:30 am - Biblical Literacy with Rabbi 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30 pm - BESTT Committee Meeting	10 2:00 pm - Coffee & Conversation with Rabbi 4:30 pm - BESTT (3-7) 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Beit Midrash	11 8:00 am - Shacharit Service 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Pearls of Jewish Prayer with Hazzan	12 6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat	13 10:00 am - Shabbat Services Refugee Shabbat 7:05 pm - Havdallah 7:45 pm - "A Home Called Nebraska" Film and Panel Discussion
14 9:00 am - Shacharit Service 10:00 am - Torah Study 10:30 am - BESTT (K-7) 12:15 pm - High School (8-12) 4:00 pm - Torah Tots (age 3-5) 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv Daylight Savings Time	15 8:00 am - Shacharit Service 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm - Book of Ruth with Rabbi Abraham & Pastor Johnson 8:00 pm - Jewish Law with Rabbi Passover To Go Orders Due Kosher Food Orders Due Board Nominations Due	16 11:30 am - Biblical Literacy with Rabbi 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting	17 2:00 pm - Coffee & Conversation with Rabbi 4:30 pm - BESTT (3-7) 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Beit Midrash	18 8:00 am - Shacharit Service 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Pearls of Jewish Prayer with Hazzan	19 6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Chametz Forms Due	20 10:00 am - Shabbat Services Guest Speakers - Rabbi Gary Gerson & Dr. Carol Gerson 8:10 pm - Havdallah
21 9:00 am - Shacharit Service 10:00 am - Torah Study 10:30 am - BESTT (K-7) 12:15 pm - High School (8-12) 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv	22 8:00 am - Shacharit Service 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm - Book of Ruth with Rabbi Abraham & Pastor Johnson 8:00 pm - Jewish Law with Rabbi	23 11:30 am - Biblical Literacy with Rabbi 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Guest Speaker: Joanna Sasson	24 2:00 pm - Coffee & Conversation with Rabbi 4:30 pm - BESTT (3-7) 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Beit Midrash	25 8:00 am - Shacharit/ Siyum B'khorim 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Pearls of Jewish Prayer with Hazzan	26 10:00 am - Passover To Go Pick Up 6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat	27 First Seder 10:00 am - Shabbat Services 5:30 pm - Mincha
28 Passover Day 1 Second Seder 10:00 am - Passover Morning Service 5:30 pm - Mincha 6:00 pm - Virtual Seder No BESTT - Passover Break	29 Passover Day 2 10:00 am - Passover Morning Service 8:25 pm - Ma'ariv	30 Passover Day 3 11:30 am - Biblical Literacy with Rabbi 4:00 pm - Virtual Office Hours with Eadie & Amy 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv	31 Passover Day 4 2:00 pm - Coffee & Conversation with Rabbi 5:30 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm - Surviving and Thriving in the Sinai & Negev Deserts No BESTT - Passover Break Service Grant/Applications Due	 Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 am		

Schedule of Passover Services 2021/5781

Services will be held via Zoom Video Conferencing

Thursday, March 25

Shacharit/Siyyum B'khorim	8:00 am
Mincha-Ma'ariv	5:30 pm

Friday, March 26

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:26 pm

Saturday, March 27 – First Seder

Shacharit	10:00 am
Mincha	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	8:26 pm

Sunday, March 28 – Second Seder

Shacharit	10:00 am
Mincha	5:30 pm
Virtual Seder	6:00 pm

Monday, March 29 – Second Day of Pesach

Shacharit	10:00 am
Ma'ariv	8:25 pm

Tuesday, March 30 - Wednesday, March 31 Chol HaMoed (Intermediate Days)

Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:30 pm
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Thursday, April 1 – Chol HaMoed

Shacharit	8:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:30 pm

Friday, April 2 - Chol HaMoed

Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv	6:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:33 pm

Saturday, April 3 – Seventh Day of Pesach *(Anniversary of the Crossing of the Red Sea)*

Shacharit (<i>yizkor will be said</i>)	10:00 am
Ma'ariv	8:30 pm

Sunday, April 4 – Eighth Day of Pesach

Shacharit	10:00 am
Ma'ariv	8:30 pm

Zoom links will be posted online
at bethel-omaha.org.

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A Checklist to Help With End Of Life Arrangements

By Becky Kahn, Senior Executive Assistant

Even though our doors are closed, our arms are open to you in your times of need. This year, more so than ever, planning for the unknown is daunting, especially when a loved one passes unexpectedly. Many times we avoid tough conversations or do not know how to ask what our family members have arranged. To ease the burden, here is a checklist of helpful information to facilitate these conversations for planning end of life arrangements.

- Do you wish to have a Jewish funeral? Do you have a burial plot at Beth El Cemetery?
- Have you made pre-arrangements with one of our recommended funeral homes?
- Are you aware of Jewish burial rituals such as the *Tahara* and *Shmira*?
- Who will officiate your service? Who will share a eulogy?
- Have you set aside burial funds for your family to use?
- Do you have a will?
- Do you wish to participate in the Life and Legacy program to give back to the Jewish community?
- Have you expressed interest in a Memorial Plaque being placed in your honor in the Memorial Hall and to be perpetually memorialized in Beth El's Book of Remembrance annually?
- Have you discussed any other ways for your family to honor you?
- What would you like to be written on your grave marker?
- Are you a Veteran or Holocaust survivor? Do you wish to have an emblem on your grave marker?
- Have you appointed a family member to make final arrangements?
- Have you and your family pre-planned any arrangements?
- Is your family aware of your final wishes?

If you need help navigating this difficult conversation, Beth El has many resources to guide you. The most profound honor is serving you during a time of mourning. Please contact me for questions or more information at bkahn@bethel-omaha.org regarding Beth El's Cemetery and funeral arrangements.

Becky Kahn

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