

The Shofar

The Bi-Monthly Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County

March/April 2024

Adar I & II/Nisan 5784

*Fun for the whole family!
Saturday, March 23, 2024
FREE!!*

Purim in **CANDY LAND**

Candy Bar Buffet
Megillah Reading
Hamantaschen
And so much more!

Crafts
Snacks
Shushan Singers

6:00pm - 6:30pm Afternoon services
6:30pm - 7:40pm: Ziti dinner; Bring board games!
7:45pm Evening services and Megillah Reading!
9:30pm FJLC Sleepover

FREE EVENT!!

FREE EVENT! RSVP REQUIRED FOR DINNER.

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**GPMB Members up for re-election this year.

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8:30am - 4:30pm

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8:30am - 2:00pm

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Fridays: 6:00pm

Saturdays: 9:30am

Monday - Friday

Morning Minyan

7:00am

(in person only)

Sunday - Thursday

Evening Minyan

7:30pm (virtual only)

Sundays & Secular Holidays

Morning Minyan 8:00am

(in person only)

Check out our website

www.bethelyardley.org

Find out more about our programming, events, and classes and RSVP online.



Reset the mi she'beirakh list

(list of our loved ones in need of healing)

The list will be cleared and compiled anew (quarterly) to reflect more recent changes. Updates to the mi she' beirakh list may be updated weekly with your loved one's names by visiting www.bethelyardley.org.

Members only: log in to member portal. Names stay on the list until the reset date. The link is for new and additional names.

The Shofar - Congregation Beth El's Newsletter Issues

July/August, September/October, November/ December, January/February, March/April, May/June

Deadlines for the Shofar are on the 16th of the month **prior** to the new edition coming out; except if it falls on Shabbat or a Jewish holiday.



Dear Friends,

Looking out the window recently on a very bright, sunny morning, I'm reminded and excited that my favorite time of year is approaching. Winter will soon be in the rear view mirror and we all get to focus on upcoming long-time Spring traditions. There are so many to choose from, and we all have our favorites, but I am thinking about Purim, Pesach, and March Madness!

I never get tired of spinning the grogger during the reading of the Megillah. I'm one of those that likes to be the last person making noise before the reader continues. Now, as Co-President of the shul, I try to be a good Dugmah (example) and to limit that to just once or twice during the reading of the Megillah. It has always been fun to come to Beth El for Purim. This year, Purim falls on Saturday night and there are many activities planned for the evening leading up to the Megillah reading. Whether you join us for a homemade ziti dinner, special cocktails and bar cart and candy buffet for our Candy Land themed Purim, or just want to hear the Megillah, you will not want to miss this great evening! I am very much looking forward to all of us celebrating Purim together.

I believe Pesach is so loved because of its uniqueness. For many, it is their favorite Jewish holiday. Telling the Passover story reminds people of who we were and where we came from. The traditions that we enjoy annually are what make them special and bring back memories of special times with our own families. My family's tradition is always cleaning the kitchen together for Passover. Pantry, refrigerator shelves, floors, and everything in between. Look, no one particularly likes cleaning and scrubbing the kitchen from top to bottom. But, when it is tradition, and there's good quality family time involved, it is one of the best 'win-wins' all year.

I could mention so many things about the March Madness Basketball tournament. But here are my two all-timers. The magical drama surrounding the birth of our first son three days before the start of the 2003 tournament, which allowed me to be home and watch every moment of my beloved Syracuse Orange-men's National Championship Title. Thanks Jason!! And every year since I can remember (except the aforementioned year) playing hooky from work annually on the first day of the tournament and meeting at a Sports Bar with any extended family member able to do the same to watch the early afternoon games. Special times, indeed.

From my family to yours, wishing everyone the best of health, happiness, and making special memories this upcoming holiday season.

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Ian Schachter
Co-President
president@bethelyardley.org



Lexi Algazi, Saturday, March 9, 2024



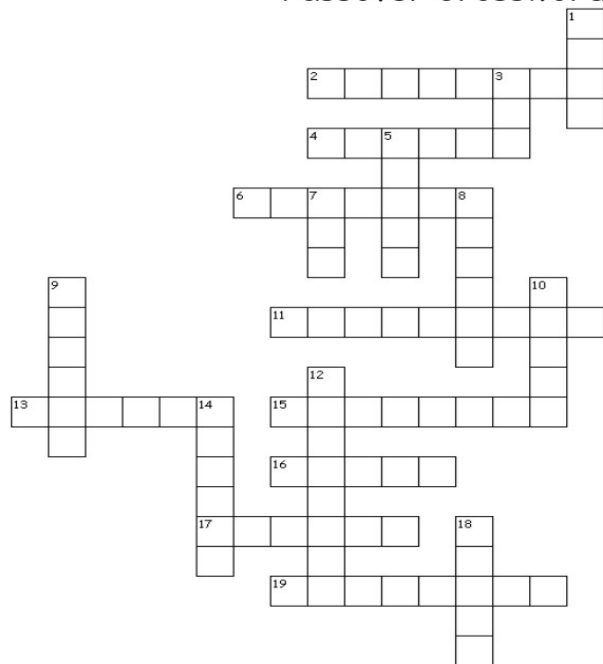
Lexi is a 7th grader at Pennwood Middle School and is celebrating becoming a Bat Mitzvah on March 9, 2024. Lexi is happy that her family, friends, and Beth El community can celebrate this simcha with her.

Lexi is a dedicated student and enjoys her teachers and classmates. Lexi has a zest for life and is a very enthusiastic, warm-hearted young lady. Lexi has been taking dance classes since she was 2 years old and performs in yearly recitals. This year she is taking tap and ballet and dances at Downstage Dance Center. She was also on the girls volleyball team at school in the fall. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, summer camp at George School Day Camp, swimming, making TikTok dances with her friends and shopping at Sephora for the latest makeup and skincare trends.

For her mitzvah project, she volunteered with the Trenton Cat Rescue organization. Lexi's family adopted their cat Lulu in January 2021. Lulu has

brought a lot of joy to their lives and Lexi wanted to give back to the organization. Lexi is part of the socializing volunteer group and spends 2 hours playing with the kittens and cats that are up for adoption at the PetSmart Fairless Hills location twice a month. She makes sure they get playtime, lots of attention and love and of course, treats.

Passover Crossword Puzzle



Across:

2. At the end of the seder, you can look for a piece of matzah called the _____.
4. The Hebrew name for Passover is _____.
6. We celebrate that people have _____ and are no longer slaves.
11. The Four Questions start: Mah _____.
13. The Hebrew name for the green vegetable on the seder plate.
15. The English word for Pesach.
16. The Israelites escaped from this country.
17. The book of the Torah that tells these stories.
19. The mixture of apples and nuts.

Down:

1. To remind us of ancient sacrifices there is a shank _____ on the seder plate.
3. The Four Questions start _____ Nishtanah...
5. The Passover meal is called a _____.
7. The _____ on the seder plate reminds us of spring and the cycle of time.
8. Instead of bread, many Jews eat _____ during Passover.
10. The Hebrew name for bitter herbs.
12. The book we read from at the seder meal.
14. The Israelites were _____ in Egypt.
18. The Hebrew name for the month that Passover occurs during.

Happy
Passover!

Answers for
the Passover
Crossword
Puzzle are
on page 51.

Good Luck!



Speak to the Children of Israel

One might wonder what was going on in Moses' mind, the twenty-seven times he was commanded to "Speak to the Children of Israel."

If Moses was like most people – according to G. Robert Jacks in *Getting the Word Across: Speech Communication for Pastors and Lay Leaders* – he was probably worried about making a mistake and feeling foolish.

As Jerry Seinfeld famously observed, "According to most studies, people's number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. Death is number two. Does that sound right? This means to the average person, if you go to a funeral, you're better off in the casket than doing the eulogy."

So how might have Moses overcome his concerns? Jacks suggests that the default list of concerns, when speaking or reading in public are, in priority, **myself**, **my audience**, and **my message**:

1. My first concern is **myself**: will I make any mistakes, mispronunciations in my reading? *Will I look foolish?*
2. My second concern is **my audience**: when I make those mistakes or mispronunciations, what will they think of me? *Will they think that I am a fool?*
3. My final concern is **my message**, and at this point we need to be honest (as I learned from John Oliver): if a concern isn't number one or number two on a priority list, *it isn't really a priority*.

This may go some way to explaining why, when people read aloud in English at services – or at the Passover Seder – they sometimes tend not to do so with any great enthusiasm, expression, or interest, which defeats the entire purpose of speaking in public: *to get a message across to whomever may be listening*.

Jacks suggests *inverting* the list of priorities, as follows:

1. My first concern should be **my message**: this is the purpose of my communication, the reason I am speaking or reading in front of other people, to get my message across.
2. My second concern should be **my audience**: this is also the purpose of my communication, because without an audience, to whom am I getting my message across?
3. My third concern (and therefore not really a *priority*) could be **myself**, but at this point I should be unconcerned: if I have focused on getting my message across to my audience, does it really matter if I made any mistakes along the way?

I mention this because this next month you may find yourself seated at a Passover Seder and called upon to read. My advice is to treat this as an opportunity, to read the words as if they are a gift from God, a precious treasure you are privileged to share with others, the ritual text that keeps our people from generation to generation. Like Moses before you, it is your turn to Speak to the Children of Israel.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Cantor".

What is “good” Hebrew school?



Does it have to be a big school with many students? Does it need to be in a big building? Does it have to have a large budget? Does it need a huge staff? Not really. What really counts is results. Helping kids learn how to lead a Jewish life. Getting them inspired and proud of their Jewish heritage. Instilling a feeling of kinship with other Jews. Developing a connection to the State of Israel as our Jewish homeland. And internalizing the Jewish values of honest dealing and mutual respect that underlie Judaism.

At FJLC, our goal is to give each and every one of our kids the awareness and interest to continue Jewish learning, along with the skills to live a Jewish life. That's why we teach the things you would expect from a Hebrew school, such as Jewish holidays, prayer, Hebrew, history, and traditions. But look closely at our curriculum and you'll find that we go deeper than that. You'll find what I think of as Jewish soul. As academic director, my aim is to help grow a love of Judaism and the rest will follow.

Part of Jewish soul-building is giving kids Jewish experiences that will stick in their brains and in their hearts. At FJLC, we do more than just talk about Jewishness, we help kids see and experience it for themselves.

This includes building relationships with other Jews – other peers, other family members, and others in our Congregation. If **WE** want our kids to be proud Jews, the first step is connecting them to our Jewish community here at Beth El.

We partnered with JPhilly and participate in a program to have our students interact and improve the relationship with others in our community. We will be asking for volunteers of all ages to come to our program and talk to our students one on one. They are called “grandfriends” but anyone who loves Judaism and wants to pass that love to the upcoming generation is welcome.

More info on the program to come.

Kedma Cantor

Kedma Cantor
Education Director
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B'nai Mitzvah University

Calling All 3rd - 7th Graders (& Parents!)

9:30am

Join us Saturday

9:30am in the main sanctuary to help lead the service & then we'll go to the chapel.

March 16

April 13



Stay for a **yummy kiddush lunch!**

Tot Shabbat

Upstairs With
Miss Liz

10:30am

**2-6
year
olds**



We are fireworks



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Passover 2024/5784

Sell your Chametz ... by Monday, April 22 by 7:59am. Visit www.bethelyardley.org or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.
Passover Resources will be available on website.

Monday, April 22 - (Erev Passover /Taanit Bechorot / 1st Seder)

Office closed/Sale of Chametz (Chametz will be sold at the end of services)

7:00am Morning Minyan & Study Session with Rabbi Cantor

On the day leading into Seder, all first born Jews customarily fast from morning until evening.

However, if one takes part in a mitzvah that includes a feast, the fast is cut short.

7:29pm Candle Lighting

Tuesday, April 23 - (Pesach I / 2nd Seder)

Office closed

9:30am Pesach Services

8:29pm Candle Lighting

Wednesday, April 24 - (Pesach II / 1st Day Omer)

Office closed

9:30am Pesach Services

8:30pm Havdalah

Thursday, April 25 - (Pesach III / 2nd Day Omer / Chol Hamoed)

Office closes at noon

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan (virtual only)

Friday, April 26 - (Pesach IV / 3rd Day Omer / Chol Hamoed)

Office closes at noon

7:00am Morning Minyan

6:00pm Friday Evening Services

7:34pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 27 (Pesach V / 4th Day Omer / Chol Hamoed)

9:00am Torah Study with Rabbi Cantor

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

8:33pm Havdalah

Sunday, April 28 (Pesach VI / 5th Day Omer / Chol Hamoed)

No FJLC

8:00pm Morning Minyan

9:00am Iron Chef Matzah

7:30pm Evening Minyan (virtual only)

7:36pm Candle Lighting

Monday, April 29 (Pesach VII / 6th Day Omer)

Office closed

9:30am Pesach Services

8:35pm Candle Lighting

Friday, April 30 (Pesach VIII / 7th Day Omer / Yizkor Services)

Office closed

9:30am Pesach Services including Yizkor Services

8:36pm Havdalah



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Transfer of the Ownership of Chametz **by Monday, April 22 7:59am**

This is a firm deadline; chametz will be sold at 8:00am.

It is traditional not only to put your leavened products out of sight during Passover, but also to sell them through a Rabbi to a non-Jew. This is done in order to fulfill the commandment of not owning any Chametz.

2 ways to sell chametz

- Visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on Passover Resources and fill out the online form.
- Sign your name on the form by the office window.





Need a Seder? Host a Seder?

Passover Seder

Passover begins on Monday, April 22nd.

This is the poor person's bread that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt:
All who are bent with hunger, come and eat!
All who are in dire straits, come share Passover with us!

This year some of us have seats at our seder tables that need filling,
and some of us need places to come and eat and share Passover.

If you fall into either moiety and would like to be matched with a guest or host,
please call the office or email barbara@bethelyardley.org by Monday, April 8, 2024.





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Visit www.bethelyardley.org
to order online or mail in
order form below.

\$15/Pickles

\$15/Horseradish

Pick up order
Sunday, April 14
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Payment must accompany order.

ALL ORDERS DUE MONDAY, APRIL 8



NEW! 1/4 SOUR (\$15/JAR closest to cucumbers):

_____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____

RED HORSERADISH (\$15/JAR):

_____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____

1/2 SOUR (\$15/JAR):

_____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____

WHITE HORSERADISH (\$15/JAR):

_____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____

3/4 SOUR (\$15/JAR in brine the longest):

_____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____

Check/Cash Total: \$ _____

Name _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____



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IRON X CHEF MATZAH



Sunday, APRIL 28

9:00am - 12:00pm

The rules are simple:

Make the best matzah dish with the basic supplies we provide. You have 2 hours to bake, and **MUST** use the **two secret ingredients**. You may bring 3 additional *Kosher for Passover* ingredients of your own.

Our taste testers will decide the winner who will be named **IRON CHEF**.

OPEN TO ADULTS, KIDS, AND/OR FAMILIES.

\$15 entrance fee; free for tasters.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP by April 21 to enter.



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Holiday Programming Committee

Ten Reasons You Should Come to *PURIM in CANDY LAND*

1. Erev Purim, March 23rd, is a Saturday night - there's no work or school the next day. It's Spring - daylight saving time will have started.
2. The event runs from 6:00 – 9:30pm. (FJLC kids can even stay overnight!) Check the schedule on our website and come for all or part of the time.
3. You can dress however you want – casual, fancy, costumed or everyday.
4. Dinner will be served – dairy ziti, salad, beverages, dessert. There's no charge, but do RSVP. (There are some *Candy Land* sponsorships on the reply form that you might consider.)
5. If you finish dinner early, we'll have board games out to play.
6. It's a night to be merry! There will be wine and beer with dinner. Then, sip our special Purim-themed cocktails or mocktails at *Mordy's Oasis Bar in the Sanctuary* during services.
7. Don't miss *King's Kandy Bar*, also in the Sanctuary. You will find a buffet of candy for every sweet tooth! Don't forget to nosh a hamantasch, too.
8. You'll want to see the Sanctuary – set up with round tables, instead of rows of chairs. It'll be the perfect space for Megillah reading and celebrating.
9. Evening services will flow right into reading the Megillah. Hear our expert Beth El readers and be ready to shake your groggers. You can join in with the Shushan Singers, who will have some "sweet" songs to add.
10. *Purim in Candy Land* will be a fun-filled time to spend

Chag Sameach Purim!

Sandie Hirsch & Shelli Krevitz
holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.org

Kiddush Krew Committee



The Kiddush Krew is a group of volunteers who get together to prepare the Shabbat luncheons that follow services. It is a great way to get to know your fellow members. No kitchen skills needed.

Next luncheons

March 16 & April 13

Interested in volunteering, contact:

barbara@bethelyardley.org. Please note: when you RSVP for lunches, a volunteer link will be in your confirmation email.

Membership Committee

Membership Incentive Program - Help increase our membership!



As a member, if you bring in any new members to Congregation Beth El, you will receive \$118 credit on your account. This money can be applied to your membership dues and/or any programs and events where there will be a cost. Please be sure to let the office know which new members you encouraged to join.

Thank you in advance.

Exclusive offer: Cemetery Plots for Beth El members and their families

King David Memorial Park, Bensalem, PA

Limited time offer

- Current King David price: **\$5,000** per plot
- Beth El's reduced price: **\$1,800** per plot
- Hurry! Prices increase to **\$2,400** per plot

Reserve your plots
now & save!



Secure your
peace of mind at
King David
Cemetery

Purchase now!
Prices increase
after
April 1, 2024

Contact:
cemetery@bethelyardley.org or
call the office: 215-493-1707 x4



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Charitable giving is an essential aspect for many households. We often tend to write a check to our preferred charity without giving it much thought. However, this method may not always be the most beneficial for tax planning purposes. There are several ways to donate to Beth El or any other charity. Over the next few weeks, the financial committee plans to share with you some strategies that can help you support your charities while maximizing the benefits for you and your household.

This week's strategy is called a donor-advised fund. You may consider this option if you are not getting a tax benefit for your donations through Schedule A on your tax return because you are taking the standard deduction.

Another reason to consider a donor-advised fund is if you have a large amount of income in one tax year and would like to make a more significant donation in one year for the deduction while spreading the donations over a few years.

There are various ways to make contributions to a donor-advised fund. The easiest method is by writing a check and funding it with cash. Another popular option is to donate appreciated stocks to the fund. We will be sharing more about the benefits of donating appreciated stock shortly. Other assets can also be used to fund the donor-advised fund, but the two listed are the most common.

Attached is a document that provides an in-depth explanation of the donor-advised fund. We would suggest you consider consulting with your financial advisor or tax preparer to determine whether a donor-advised fund would benefit your situation. Please get in touch with the Beth El office for guidance if you do not have a financial advisor or tax preparer. They can refer you to one of our members who is knowledgeable about the donor-advised fund and can help you understand how it works.



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Americans donate billions to charity annually.
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If you give to charity, you need to know about one of the best tools to facilitate generosity: Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs).

DAFs date from the 1930s but did not become popular until the 1990s. DAFs act as vehicles for receiving gifts, often of appreciated stock, and then distributing cash grants to charities selected by the one making the donation. DAFs make the process of transferring appreciated stock and designating checks as simple as a bank's bill-paying system.

All DAF donors receive a tax deduction on the date of transfer. You can also transfer stock during one calendar year and receive a deduction even if the DAF completes distribution of grant money to a charity in a subsequent year. According to Internal Revenue Service rules, you calculate the value of your donation and the resulting fixed deduction based on the average of the high and the low market price on the day of transfer. (*You are responsible for computing this value.*)

After receipt, the stock you gifted is sold and the DAF, itself a charity, pays no tax on any capital gain realized. The proceeds may remain in cash or you may direct the DAF to invest those assets for potential further appreciation (usually in a professionally managed separate account).

Any subsequent change in the value of the account does not change the amount you can deduct on your taxes.

As the donor, you direct to which charities the DAF distributes assets. Officially, the DAF owns the assets and is not legally bound to use them as you direct, but it is exceedingly rare for a DAF to not follow the donor's advice.

Most DAFs also maintain a database of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charities (based on those organizations' IRS 990 filing) from which you chose. After you suggest an amount to gift and a charity to receive the gift, the DAF vets and processes your suggestion to ensure the organization qualifies as a public charity under the IRS code. DAFs also handle all record keeping and due diligence and can protect your identity if you want to give anonymously.

Examining Donor-Advised Funds

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Donor-advised funds are the fastest growing charitable giving vehicle in the United States, with more than 269,000 donor-advised accounts holding over \$78 billion in assets. To put that in perspective, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has about \$39.6 billion in assets.

Besides consider a DAF, here are other ways to make your charitable giving more significant:

Focus your effort. Passionate giving is more sustainable than spreading donations to every good cause or everyone who asks. Consider focusing your donations to just a few charities. Think through why you are giving and what you feel passionate about.

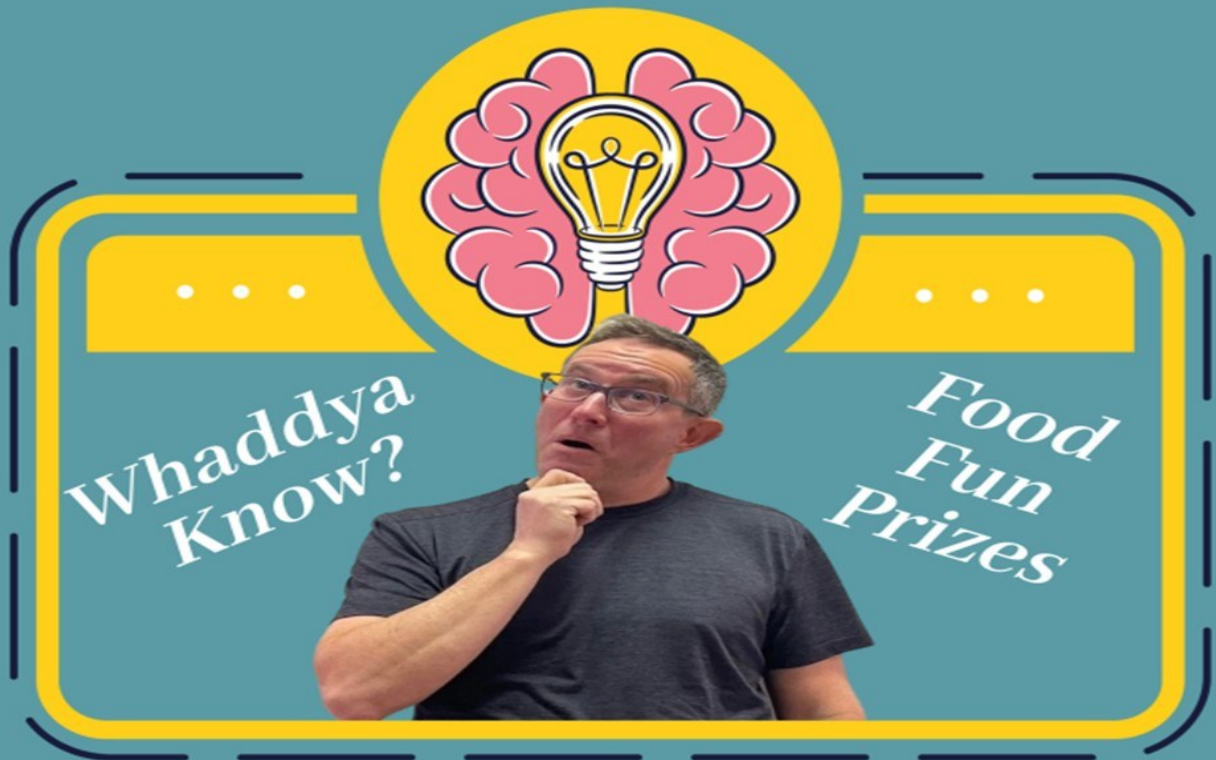
Find bang for the buck. Fund programs that produce the greatest effect for the least money and focus on long-term positive outcomes.

Include the next generation. You can include your children in the giving process or even help them gift some of their own money.

Talk to Your Financial Advisor. If you're considering a DAF or want to learn more, give me a call so that we can walk through the process together.

For more information contact:
financecommittee@bethelyardley.org or
call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.

The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education
Institute presents



Saturday, April 13, 2024
9:30am Shabbat Services
followed by luncheon &

TRIVIA GAME

Ian Schachter, Emcee

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP for lunch.



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Springtime is learning time at Congregation Beth El! Escape the winter blahs with these interesting, informative programs that will keep you learning and growing.

MARCH

Torah Study with Rabbi Cantor

Every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. In person. No prior Torah knowledge required.

Jews and Politics in Europe, the US, and Israel with Harriet Freidenreich

Wednesday mornings weekly, 10:00 - 11:00 AM. In person in the Oneg Room.

Join our resident historian to learn about Jewish political movements, from 19th century through today. This is an interactive, discussion-based class. Visit www.bethelyardley.org for specific topics to be covered each week.

Beth El Movie Night: "Rabbi On the Block"

Saturday evening, March 2, 7:00 PM. In person in the Chapel.

Join us for a short Havdalah service, followed by viewing of the documentary "Rabbi on the Block". Then hang around to discuss this important film about a modern, African-American Rabbi in Chicago who is working to bridge the divide between our two communities. Popcorn and light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by Beth El's Adult Ed and Social Action Committees. RSVP requested.



Beth El Book Club

Sunday morning, March 3, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, on Zoom.

Log in to Virtual Beth El for a discussion of "Dinners with Ruth" by Nina Totenberg. Some of us loved the book while others hated it – so this should be a good discussion. Joan Zuckerman will lead/referee.

APRIL

Torah Study with Rabbi Cantor

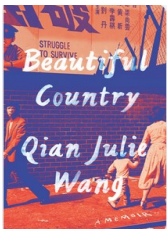
Every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. In person. No prior Torah knowledge required.

Jews and Politics in Europe, the US, and Israel with Harriet Freidenreich

Wednesday mornings weekly. from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. In person in the Oneg Room.

Note: Last class in the series in April 17.

Even if you missed the earlier classes in the series, it's not too late to join this program. The last couple of sessions will be about modern politics, including Israeli politics. Expect a lively debate! Visit www.bethelyardley.org for specific topics to be covered each week.



Beth El Book Club: Beautiful Country by Qian Julie Wang

Sunday morning, April 14, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, In person at Beth El.

Now that the winter months are behind us, we will once again meet live in the Oneg Room. Although our book is not Jewish per se, its theme is Jewish. It's all about the immigrant experience, one that each of us has lived ourselves or heard about from parents and grandparents. Discussion leader TBD. We promise plenty of talk, plenty of coffee, and plenty of mediocre snacks.



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10:00am - 11:00am

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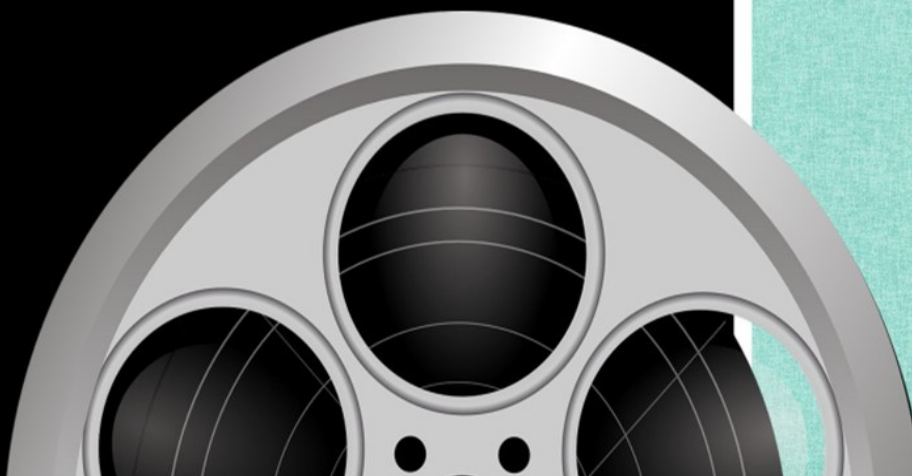
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Rabbi on the Block

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Tamar Manasseh, the charismatic rabbi and community activist from the south side of Chicago, wants African Americans and Jews to become closer allies.

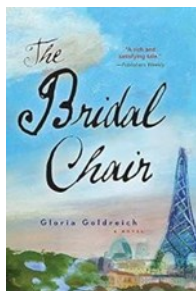
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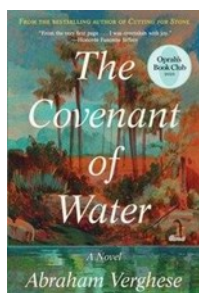
Culture and Cream Cheese Items Discussed on February 4, 2024



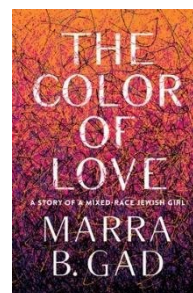
The Bridal Chair, by Gloria Goldreich, is historical fiction “based on true facts,” as they say. It tells the story of the great Jewish painter, Marc Chagall, through the eyes of his only child, Ida Chagall. The action takes place mostly in Paris, as WWII breaks out, threatening the survival of Jews everywhere. However, Chagall, believing that his reputation and greatness make him immune to danger, resists the urging of his daughter to flee. (Spoiler alert: Chagall survived WWII. He died, just short of his 98th birthday, in 1985.) Our reviewer, who really liked the book, recommends reading it side-by-side with a volume of Chagall’s paintings.



God and Politics in Esther, by Yoram Hazony. With Purim approaching, this is a timely, and highly recommended, non-fiction read. It offers a penetrating interpretation of the well-known biblical story and, in the process, provides a thoughtful analysis of the nature of political action that retains its relevance twenty-five hundred years after the creation of the original story. If you are interested in the Book of Esther, or in our contemporary war against anti-Semitism, or both, you’ll enjoy this book.



The Covenant of Water, by Abraham Verghese. No Jewish content but a great book by the author of **Cutting for Stone**. A multigenerational saga set in the southwest Indian state of Kerala, it will teach you about an exotic locale; it will introduce you to an entirely different and fascinating culture; it will sing in your ears and tug at your heartstrings. At 736 pages, it is a long book and you will be sorry to see it end.

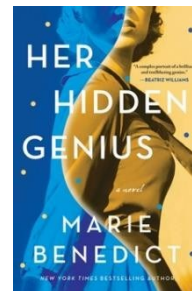


The Color of Love, by Marra B. Gad. This is an autobiographical memoir. The author was born in April 1970, in New York, to an unwed, white Jewish mother and an unnamed, black non-Jewish father. Three days later, she was adopted by a Jewish family in Chicago, who provided her with a loving Jewish home. Growing up, she had to navigate a world in which some people are racist, some anti-Semitic, some both. The author believes her perspective is unique, which is not necessarily true. However, her recollections are worth a read.

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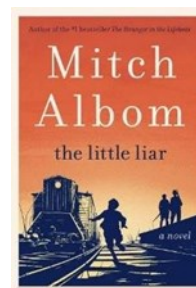
Rosenwald Schools Educated Generations of Black Americans, a feature story currently airing on CNN. Julius Rosenwald, born in 1862, was a first-generation Jewish American businessman and philanthropist. He rose to become CEO of Sears, Roebuck and Co. In 1917, he established the Rosenwald Fund, which launched, among its other activities, a rural school building program that was eventually responsible for the construction in the South of more than 5,000 schools and shops for African-American children, as well as homes for their teachers. These schools became informally known as Rosenwald Schools.



Her Hidden Genius, by Marie Benedict. Historical fiction about Rosalind Franklin, who was born in 1920, in London, to a wealthy Jewish family. She earned a PhD in physics from Cambridge and became an expert in X-ray crystallography. Using her X-ray diffraction picture of a DNA molecule, Watson and Crick created their famous double-helix DNA model. Watson and Crick received a Nobel Prize for their work. Rosalind received bupkis. By all accounts, she was brilliant, adventurous, opinionated, and difficult. This book provides a glimpse of this interesting and unjustly overlooked woman.



Tokyo Vice, an HBO Max TV series based on a book entitled **Tokyo Vice: An American Reporter on the Police Beat in Japan**, by Jake Adelstein. Jake Adelstein is a real person, a Jewish guy born in 1969 in Missouri. At age 19, he decided to move to Japan, where he became fluent in the language, landed a job as a reporter at Japan's largest daily, became an ace crime reporter, had many adventures, and, after 15 years, returned to the US and wrote a best-selling memoir. The TV show is a lot of fun, with interesting snapshots of Tokyo, especially its underworld, and of Japanese culture, especially its seamier, salacious aspects. The second season of the TV show started airing in February of 2024.



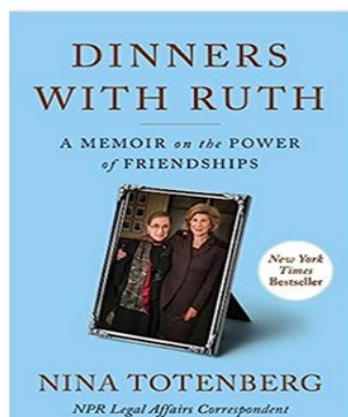
The Little Liar, by Mitch Albom, is the latest entry from the prolific Jewish author of inspirational stories whose books have sold more than 40 million copies as of the latest count. Published Nov. 14, 2023, it is currently ranked #1 in Jewish Literature & Fiction on Amazon. In the customary guise of historical fiction, it tells the tragic story of the destruction of the Jewish community of Salonika (Thessaloniki) during WWII. Of the more than 50,000 Jews deported by the Nazis, fewer than 2,000 returned after the war. The Greek government tried to suppress this story and it is only gradually coming out.



Sunday, March 3 at 10:30AM VIRTUAL ONLY

Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg
Discussion Leader: Joan Zuckerman

About the Book



Four years before Nina Totenberg was hired at NPR, where she cemented her legacy as a prize winning reporter, and nearly twenty-two years before Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed to the Supreme Court, Nina called Ruth. A reporter for *The National Observer*, Nina was curious about Ruth's legal brief, asking the Supreme Court to do something revolutionary: declare a law that discriminated "on the basis of sex" to be unconstitutional. In a time when women were fired for becoming pregnant, often could not apply for credit cards or get a mortgage in their own names, Ruth patiently explained her argument. That call launched a remarkable, nearly fifty-year friendship.

Dinners with Ruth is an extraordinary account of two women who paved the way for future generations by tearing down professional and legal barriers. It is also an intimate memoir of the power of friendships as women began to pry open career doors and transform the workplace. At the story's heart is one, special relationship: Ruth and Nina saw each other not only through personal joys, but also illness, loss, and widowhood. During the

devastating illness and eventual death of Nina's first husband, Ruth drew her out of grief; twelve years later, Nina would reciprocate when Ruth's beloved husband died. They shared not only a love of opera, but also of shopping, as they instinctively understood that clothes were armor for women who wanted to be taken seriously in a workplace dominated by men. During Ruth's last year, they shared so many small dinners that Saturdays were "reserved for Ruth" in Nina's house.

Dinners with Ruth also weaves together compelling, personal portraits of other fascinating women and men from Nina's life, including her cherished NPR colleagues Cokie Roberts and Linda Wertheimer; her beloved husbands; her friendships with multiple Supreme Court Justices, including Lewis Powell, William Brennan, and Antonin Scalia, and Nina's own family—her father, the legendary violinist Roman Totenberg, and her "best friends," her sisters. Inspiring and revelatory, *Dinners with Ruth* is a moving story of the joy and true meaning of friendship.

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10:30am

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6:30 pm

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Thursday, March 7
7:00pm

Topic: Twin Sons, Twin Destinies

(including evening minyan)

Torah on Tap in person
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Thursday, April 11: Night School Rabbi

Thursday, May 9: A Time to Embrace

Wednesday, June 5: Every Family has a Joseph



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Mazel Tov to Emma Lindsay Flash, granddaughter of Michelle Flash & niece of Cara and Marshal Davis in honor of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov Mondays are a great way to share your simcha with your Beth El Family. Email all Mazel Tov Monday submissions to barbara@bethelyardley.org by 9:00am on Sunday morning. All good news will be shared on Monday mornings. Your simcha may also be placed in the Friday Weekly email in the "About Our Members" section if the information is received by Thursday, 10:00am. Email barbara@bethelyardley.org.



- ◆ Mazel Tov to Wendy and Jon Algazi in honor of their daughter, Lexi becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Linda Schwartz in honor of her granddaughter, Lexi becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Our Community Sends their Deepest Condolences to...

- ◆ Bonnie Abrams on the passing of Jean (Perez) Snyder, her mother and mother of the late Larry Snyder, z"l, Bruce Snyder and David Snyder. Devoted grandmother of Jason (Erica) Abrams, Ariel Abrams, Jesse Snyder, Ian Snyder, Gillian Snyder and Noah Snyder. Adoring great-grandmother of Alana Abrams. Sister of Marlene (Gene) Epstein. Partner of the late John Paolini.
- ◆ Jeff (Christy Brooks) Gordon and Jennifer (Scott) Etheridge on the passing of their mother and longtime member of Congregation Beth El, Marlene Gordon, z"l. Devoted grandmother of Max Gray and Abigail Etheridge. Sister of Eileen Newmier, Sandra Wymore, the late Bernard Dessel, z"l and the late Irving Dessel, z"l. Daughter of the late Bella and Samuel Dessel, z"l. Widow of Gerald Henry Gordon, z"l.
- ◆ Marlene Boise on the passing of her beloved husband Albert Peiper, z"l; father of the late Abby Sciranko, z"l (Michael), Chad Peiper (Aryn) and Shannon Peiper (Marisela), stepfather of Larry Boise (Rose); Barry Boise (Allison), and Allison Snyder (David); grandfather of Zachary, Jeremy & Dorothy Boise, Jacob & Sarah Boise, Samuel, Joshua, Benjamin Snyder, Maxie Sciranko, Zoey Peiper, and Bentley de Obaldia.

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Sunday at 7:30pm

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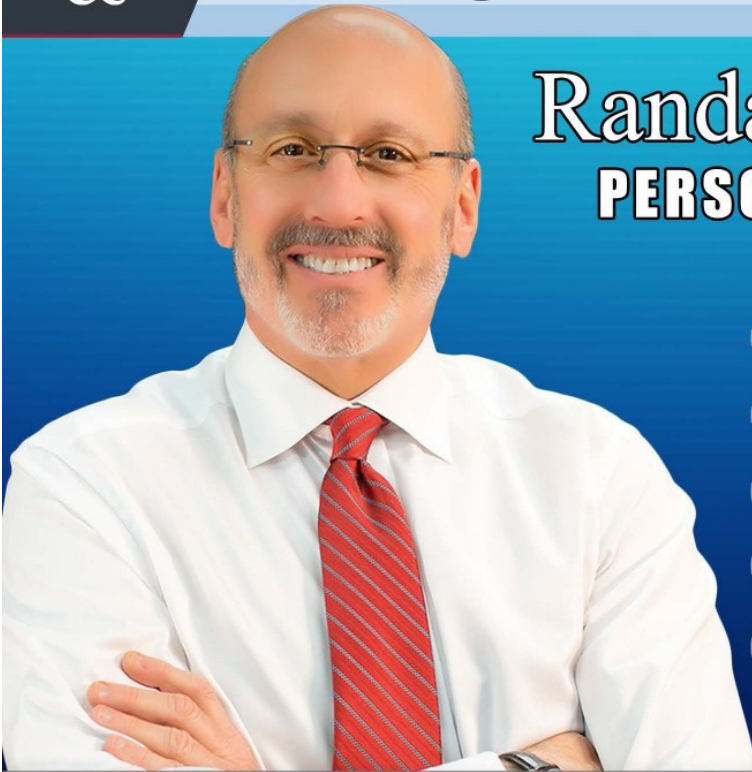
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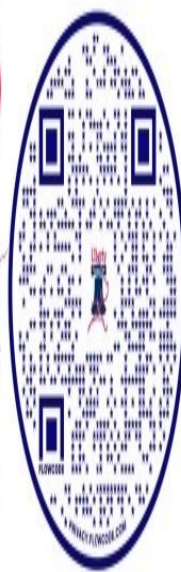


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March 2024 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 (21 Adar I) 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:35pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Friday Evening Services	2 (22 Adar I) Ki Tisa 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 6:35pm Havdalah 7:00pm Movie Night at Beth El with Havdalah
3 (23 Adar I) 8:00am Morning Minyan 8:00am Randy Flager and Family Morning Minyan Breakfast - Yahrzeit of Andy Flager 8:50am Religious Activities Committee Meeting (RAC) 9:00am F.J.L.C (1st - 7th) & Dorot Program 10:30am HaMo'adon (Hebrew High School) 10:45am Preschool Fun 7:30pm Evening Minyan	4 (24 Adar I) Shalach Manot order due 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	5 (25 Adar I) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	6 (26 Adar I) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews & Politics in Europe, US & Israel with Harriet Freidenreich 4:30pm F.J.L.C (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	7 (27 Adar I) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Men's Club: Torah on Tap 7:30pm Evening Minyan	8 (28 Adar I) 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:43pm Candle Lighting 7:00pm Friday Evening Services	9 (29 Adar I) Vayakhel Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Shekalim 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bat Mitzvah of Lexi Algazi 12:00pm Luncheon following services 6:43pm Havdalah
10 (30 Adar I) Rosh Chodesh Adar II 8:00am Morning Minyan 8:50am Religious Activities Committee Meeting (RAC) 9:00am F.J.L.C (1st - 7th) 10:30am HaMo'adon (Hebrew High School) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	11 (1 Adar II) Rosh Chodesh Adar II 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	12 (2 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Cook For a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan	13 (3 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews & Politics in Europe, US & Israel with Harriet Freidenreich 4:30pm F.J.L.C (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Ping Pong Tournament	14 (4 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	15 (5 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Friday Evening Services 6:50pm Candle Lighting	16 (6 Adar II) Pekudei 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am B'nai Mizrah University (BMU) - 3rd - 7th & Parents 10:30am F.J.L.C Shabbat 10:30am TOT Shabbat (2 - 6 year old & Caregivers) 12:00pm Shabbat Luncheon 7:50pm Havdalah
17 (7 Adar II) 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am F.J.L.C (1st - 7th) 10:30am HaMo'adon (Hebrew High School) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	18 (8 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	19 (9 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	20 (10 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews & Politics in Europe, US & Israel with Harriet Freidenreich 4:30pm F.J.L.C (3rd - 7th) 7:00pm Hamantasch Bake with Melissa Hough - Sisterhood 7:30pm Evening Minyan	21 (11 Adar II) Taanit Esther 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:30am Pick Up Shalach Manot 7:30pm Evening Minyan	22 (12 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:30am Pick Up Shalach Manot 6:00pm Friday Evening Services 6:58pm Candle Lighting	23 (13 Adar II) Vayikra Erev Purim Parshat Zachor F.J.L.C Purim Night Sleepover 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 6:00pm Services 6:30pm Dinner, Reading 7:45pm Evening Services/Megillah 7:57pm Havdalah
24 (14 Adar II) Purim 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am F.J.L.C Special Programming 10:30am HaMo'adon (Hebrew High School) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	25 (15 Adar II) Shushan Purim 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	26 (16 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	27 (17 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews & Politics in Europe, US & Israel with Harriet Freidenreich 4:30pm F.J.L.C (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	28 (18 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm School Committee Meeting	29 (19 Adar II) 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Friday Evening Services 7:05pm Candle Lighting	30 (20 Adar II) Tzav Parshat Parah 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 12:00pm Sponsored Shabbat Luncheon 8:05pm Havdalah
31 (21 Adar II) No F.J.L.C 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan			Chag Sameach Purim!			

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7 (28 Adar II) 8:00am Morning Minyan 8:50am Religious Activities Committee Meeting (RAC) 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 10:30am HaMo'adon (Hebrew High School) 10:45am Preschool Fun 11:00am Hazak Brunch & Program 7:30pm Evening Minyan	8 (29 Adar II) Pickle Money Due Today 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Rosh Chodesh Nisan 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Cook For a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan	10 (2 Nisan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews & Politics in Europe, US & Israel with Harriet Freidenreich 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	11 (3 Nisan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Men's Club: Torah on Tap 7:30pm Evening Minyan	12 (4 Nisan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Friday Evening Services 7:19pm Candle Lighting	13 (5 Nisan) Tazria 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bnai Mitzvah University (BMU - 3rd - 7th & Parents) 10:30am TOT Shabbat (2 - 6 year old & Caregivers) 12:00pm Shabbat Luncheon & Trivia Game 8:19pm Havdalah
14 (6 Nisan) 8:00am Morning Minyan 8:50am Religious Activities Committee Meeting (RAC) 9:00am FJLC Special Programming 10:30am HaMo'adon (Hebrew High School) 10:30am Book Club 12:00pm FJLC Bonfire 12:00pm Pick Up Pickles 7:30pm Evening Minyan	15 (7 Nisan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	16 (8 Nisan) Shofar Newsletter Deadline 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	17 (9 Nisan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews & Politics in Europe, US & Israel with Harriet Freidenreich 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	18 (10 Nisan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm School Committee Meeting	19 (11 Nisan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Friday Evening Services 7:26pm Candle Lighting	20 (12 Nisan) Metzora Shabbat HaGadol 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:26pm Havdalah
21 (13 Nisan) No FJLC 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	22 (14 Nisan) Erev Pesach Taanit Bechorot Office Closed First Seder Sell your Chametz no later than 8am 7:00am Morning minyan & Siyum (Torah Study with Rabbi Cantor) 7:29pm Candle Lighting	23 (15 Nisan) Pesach Second Seder Pesach I Office closed 9:30am Pesach Services 8:29pm Candle Lighting	24 (16 Nisan) Pesach 1st Day Omer Pesach II No Adult Education Office Closed No FJLC 9:30am Pesach Services 8:30pm Havdalah	25 (17 Nisan) Chol Hamoed Pesach 2nd Day Omer Pesach III (CH"M) Office closes at noon 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	26 (18 Nisan) Chol Hamoed Pesach 3rd Day Omer Pesach IV (CH"M) Office closes at noon 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Friday Evening Services 7:34pm Candle Lighting	27 (19 Nisan) Chol Hamoed Pesach 4th Day Omer Pesach V (CH"M) 12:00am Sponsored Shabbat Luncheon 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:33pm Havdalah
28 (20 Nisan) Chol Hamoed Pesach 5th Day Omer Pesach VI (CH"M) No FJLC 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am Iron Chef Matzah 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:36pm Candle Lighting	29 (21 Nisan) Pesach 6th Day Omer Office closed Pesach VII 9:30am Pesach Services 8:35pm Candle Lighting	30 (22 Nisan) Pesach Yizkor 7th Day Omer Office closed Pesach VIII 9:30am Pesach Services including Yizkor Services 8:36pm Havdalah	Happy Passover!!			

Crossword Puzzle Answers from page 4.

Answers—Across: 2. Afikoman; 4. Pesach; 6. Freedom; 11. Nishtanah; 13. Karpas; 15. Passover; 16. Egypt; 17. Exodus; 19. Charoset. Down: 1. Bone; 3. Mahi; 5. Seder; 7. Egg; 8. Matzah; 9. Elijah; 10. Maror; 12. Haggadah; 14. Slaves; 18. Nisan



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