

CLEANING FOR PASSOVER THIS YEAR WILL BE DIFFERENT FOR US

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I will be turning 60 next month, and I am making Aliyah. Doesn't that sound strange?

It should.

I picture myself as a refugee--part of the global migration of this century. You know, head scarf, one bag, candlesticks, and hoping for some water along the way. Those are my feelings during my panicked moments (of which there are many these days), in the middle of the night.

Unlike the panicked-refugee version of my 2:00 AM self, we are, thank G-d, not running from anything. When the sun comes up, I remember that we have two children, both living in Israel. Our son served as an IDF combat soldier, and our daughter is a tank instructor. Both are thriving. But, honestly, I would still be going even if, G-d forbid, the children lived in Scotland.

Our Aliyah is the result of a seed planted long ago with stories I heard of my 1948 gunrunning uncle who "brought home a Sabra. I remember at five asking my mother, "Uncle Murray married a plant?"

The seed was further nurtured with the little jars of colored Negev sand, given to us by my aunt, that contained sand camels trapped inside. (I still can't figure out how they do that). Strangely enough, those ugly Israeli plates that my aunt brought as a gift for my parents also planted a seed. My mom was so very proud of those plates; and seeing her proud, made me proud.

It's a seed that came to sprout during the Yom Kippur War when you could feel the panic in my all-Jewish town when it started, and the sense of relief when we won. It's a seed that faces the sun and grows.

At 25, I called my father from St. Lucia and said, "Daddy, this is nonsense. I am coming back to NY, and I am packing my bags and going to Israel." When I got off the plane 35 years ago, the beach was empty, and Tel Aviv looked so depressed. But, again, that Aliyah seed grew roots and faced the sun. This was home, and I knew it.

When I got back to NYC, I wanted to understand the land in a

greater historical/religious context. It was with great bravery that I walked into my first Beginners Service in 1990. I wanted to know where I fit into this story and I got more than I bargained for. Over the next three or four years, I got an education, a reaffirmation of myself and a context in which I could have a Jewish family. Zionism is a faith-based initiative, but it is not just any faith. It is the belief in a return to the Jewish National Homeland. The land of Israel is the physical manifestation of

Jewish belief. Miracles are hard-earned. Once that connection is made, Israel becomes much more than a vacation spot. It becomes a literal dream come true! When walking in Tel Aviv and seeing the rainbow of Jewish faces, it is impossible not to see G-d's hand in the ingathering of the exiles. As our move date gets closer, all the rituals have somehow become bigger and more meaningful.

Pre-Passover tidying now takes on a new and more powerful meaning as we are not just following Marie Kondo, but

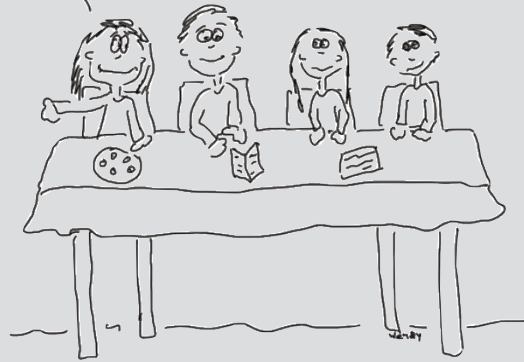
the ancient Israelites who followed their faith in G-d, rather than their familiar leeks (in my case, wild salmon). Everything is new, terrifying and familiar. It's actually quite electric.

Since that first trip 35 years ago, I have been back and forth too many times to count. We have raised proud Zionist children. There was never a question as to where they would put down their roots. So, while the roots are still strong, I too wish to be part of the miracle...and I am hoping there is no expiration date on our Zionist adventure.

In Tel Aviv, there is a cafe on Rothschild Boulevard with a table in the sun, and I have a reservation.

Nancy Jacobs has been a respected presence in the advertising world for more than three decades. Her reputation stems from representing an array of high-end commercial studios, and nurturing the growth of some of the industry's best known production companies and directors.

Would you believe it? It's THIS year in Jerusalem. We're not running away from anything, we're running to Eretz Yisrael!



CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Shiri Avraham and
Dr. Nick DeBellis
Gaviella Milder and
Shmuel Yedidya Schwartz
Mazal Tov to parents,
Elisheva and John Milder
Shalom Yizchok Goodman and Leia Young
Mazal Tov to parents,
Sharone Devorah and Shmuel Goodman



Mazal Tov to parents,
Leah and Rabbi Heshy Steinacher
Saakhi (Taliah) Chabra and Nir Yosef

BIRTHS

Otniel and Tzirel Bousbib on the birth of a daughter,
Sarah
Mazal Tov to grandparents,
Yehudah Aryeh and Ilana Bousbib
Eliana and Matan Bros on the birth of a son,
Daniel Israel Baruch
Mazal Tov to grandparents,
Joy and Dr. Marc Rothenberg
Yehudis and Tani Einzиг on the birth of a son,
Meir Simcha
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Loren and Reuven Adler
Mazal Tov to great-grandparents,
Sarah Leah and Lou Vynerib

Elisheva and Rabbi Oren Epstein on the birth of a son,
Azriel
Nomi and Rabbi Yoel Epstein on the birth of a son,
Mordechai
Mazal Tov to grandparents,
Judith Weil and Lloyd Epstein
Luwam (Emunah) and David Friedman on the birth of a son,
Jonathan Samuel
Rachel and Binyomin Gutman on the birth of a daughter,
Laure Faye (Ahuva Dovida)
Eliora Yocheved (Anita Jovanovic) and Michael Gutrich on the birth of a son
Amira Kipnis and Adam Goldberg on the birth of a daughter, Liora Sima
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Robin and Neil Goldberg

MARRIAGES

Esther Yosef and Efraim Buiumsohn
Mazal Tov to parents, Gail and Gady Buiumsohn
Mazal Tov to grandmother, Helga Weisburger
Ellin Mitchell and Jeremy Cooper
Mazal Tov to parents, Rabia and Oliver Mitchell
Blumie Steinacher and Ovadya Lowy

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Fri April 12, 2019 - 7th of Nissan
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 7:14 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:20 PM

Sat April 13, 2019 - 8th of Nissan
Metzora - Shabbat Hagadol
 Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service 9:15 AM
 Mincha 6:45 PM
 Shabbat Hagadol Drasha 7:10 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 8:16 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:25 PM

Thur April 18, 2019 - 13th of Nissan
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:50 AM
 Bedikat Chametz after 8:10 PM

Fri April 19, 2019 - 14th of Nissan
EREV PESACH, TA'ANIT BECHORIM
 Morning Services with Siyum 6:30 & 7:30 AM
 Latest time to eat Chametz 10:41 AM
 Latest time to burn Chametz 11:11 AM
 Candle Lighting 7:22 PM
 Mincha/Maariv 7:30 PM
 Begin Seder after 8:11 PM

Sat April 20, 2019 - 15th of Nissan
PESACH
 Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha 7:15 PM
 Candle Lighting 8:22 PM
 Maariv/Start Seder after 8:23 PM

Sun April 21, 2019 - 16th of Nissan
2nd DAY PESACH
 Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha 7:30 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends 8:24 PM

Mon April 22, 2019 - 17th of Nissan
CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM
 Mincha/Maariv 7:30 PM

Tues April 23, 2019 - 18th of Nissan
CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM
 Mincha/Maariv 7:35 PM

Wed April 24, 2019 - 19th of Nissan
CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM
 Mincha/Maariv 7:35 PM

Thurs April 25, 2019 - 20th of Nissan
CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM
 Candle Lighting 7:28 PM
 Mincha/Maariv 7:35 PM

Fri April 26, 2019 - 21st of Nissan
7th DAY PESACH
 Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Candle Lighting 7:29 PM
 Mincha/Maariv 7:35 PM

Sat April 27, 2019 - 22nd of Nissan
8th DAY PESACH - Yizkor
 Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha 7:20 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends 8:31 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:40 PM

Fri May 3, 2019 - 28th of Nissan
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:27 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting 7:36 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:40 PM

Sat May 4, 2019 - 29th of Nissan
Achrei Mot
 Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service 9:15 AM
 Beginners Luncheon 12:30 PM
 Beginners Mishnayot 5:55 PM
 Bible Class 6:25 PM
 Mincha 7:25 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 8:38 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:45 PM

Sun May 5, 2019 - 30th of Nissan
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Mon May 6, 2019 - 1st of Iyar
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Thurs May 9, 2019 - 4th of Iyar
YOM HA'ATZMA'UT
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:50 AM

Fri May 10, 2019 - 5th of Iyar
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:33 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting 7:44 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:50 PM

Sat May 11, 2019 - 6th of Iyar
Kedoshim
 Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service 9:15 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot 6:00 PM
 Bible Class 6:30 PM
 Mincha 7:30 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 8:45 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:55 PM

Fri May 17, 2019 - 12th of Iyar
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:38 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting 7:50 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:55 PM

Sat May 18, 2019 - 13th of Iyar
Emor
 Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service 9:15 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot 6:05 PM
 Bible Class 6:35 PM
 Mincha 7:35 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 8:52 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 8:00 PM

Thurs May 23, 2019 - 18th of Iyar
LAG B'OMER
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM

Fri May 24, 2019 - 19th of Iyar
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:43 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting 7:57 PM
 Mincha 7:05 & 8:00 PM

Sat May 25, 2019 - 20th of Iyar
Behar
 Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service 9:15 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot 6:15 PM
 Bible Class 6:45 PM
 Mincha 7:45 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 8:58 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 8:05 PM

Mon May 27, 2019 - 22nd of Iyar
MEMORIAL DAY
 Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Fri May 31, 2019 - 26th of Iyar
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:48 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting 8:03 PM
 Mincha 7:05 & 8:05 PM

Sat June 1, 2019 - 27th of Iyar
Bechukotai
 Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service 9:15 AM
 Beginners Luncheon 12:30 PM
 Beginners Mishnayot 6:20 PM
 Bible Class 6:50 PM
 Mincha 7:50 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 9:04 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 8:10 PM

Sun June 2, 2019 - 28th of Iyar
YOM YERUSHALAYIM
 Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Tues June 4, 2019 - 1st of Sivan
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri June 7, 2019 - 4th of Sivan
 Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:52 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting 8:07 PM
 Mincha 7:05 & 8:10 PM

Sat June 8, 2019 - 5th of Sivan
EREV SHAVUOT
Bamidbar

Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service 9:15 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot 6:25 PM
 Bible Class 6:55 PM
 Mincha 7:55 PM
 Ma'ariv/Candle Lighting 9:08 PM
 Beginners Shavuot Learn-In 12:00 AM

Sun June 9, 2019 - 6th of Sivan
1st DAY SHAVUOT
 Morning Services 4:58 & 9:00 AM
 Book of Ruth 7:05 PM
 Mincha 8:15 PM
 Light Candles after 9:08 PM
 Maariv 9:09 PM

Mon June 10, 2019 - 7th of Sivan
2nd DAY SHAVUOT Yizkor
 Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Book of Ruth 7:05 PM
 Mincha 8:15 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends 9:10 PM

SAVE THE DATE
Beginners Shabbat Luncheons
 Sat, 12:30 PM - \$25
 May 4, June 1
Beginners Shmooze - Free
 Mon, May 6, 8:15 PM
All Night Shavuot Learn-a-thon
 Sun, June 8, 12:00 AM - 7:00 AM

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Shoshana Hadassah and Yair Mashmoor Rosen on the birth of a daughter, Ariel Mazal Tov to grandparents, Priva Simon and Nathan Rosen Sara and Dr. Ari Shapiro on the birth of a daughter, Eiden Davida Mazal Tov to grandparents, Fay and Neal Shapiro

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Chana Perel Adler Mazal Tov to parents, Loren and Reuven Adler Mazal Tov to grandparents, Sarah Leah and Lou Vynerib Yakira Esther Buchwald Mazal Tov to parents, Blanche and Yedidiah Buchwald Mazal Tov to grandparents, Aidel and Ephraim Buchwald

CONDOLENCES

Annette Araten, on the loss of her father, Melvin Gulgov Michal Arkovitz, on the loss of her father, Mordechai Ben Shabat Shelley Ben Nathan, on the loss of her father, Sam Reich Daniel Feder, on the loss of his father, Rabbi Aaron Feder

Tamar Gindis and Judith Garmaise, on the loss of their sister, Miriam (Ratzersdorfer) Garmaise Batya Goffin, on the loss of her husband, Cantor Sherwood Goffin Liora Harvin, on the loss of her father, Richard J. Harvin Eric Johnson, on the loss of his mother, Grace Elizabeth Johnson Dr. David Kamlet on the loss of his mother, Aline Kamlet Ellen Lipkis, on the loss of her father, Honorable Bernard Greenbaum Douglas Rose on the loss of his father, Howard Rose Maya Shaposhnik, on the loss of her father, Boris Shaposhnik Lawrence and Melanie Siben, on the loss of their mother, Thelma Siben Joan Siffert, on the untimely loss of her daughter, Molly Kochan Philip Wagman, on the loss of his mother, Harriet Wagman Elaine Witty, on the loss of her mother, Rachel Witty

SPEEDY RECOVERY/REFUAH SH'LAIMA

Geraldine Katz, *Gershona Yehudit bat Rochela* Ruth Nelkin, *Rochel bat Sarah* Barbara Reader, *Baila bat Clarissa* Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Reich, *Mordechai Menashe ben Henya Ruchama*

Louis Vynerib, *Elazar HaCohen ben Malka* William Witkin, *Ze'ev Velvel ben Michla*

CONGRATULATIONS

Lisa and Paul Glazer on being the Guests of Honor at the MJE Dinner Shari and Maurice Gluckstadt and Sharon Spivack on being honored at NJOP's 31st Anniversary Dinner Gustave Rieu on the publication of his autobiography, "Strange Destiny"

TODAH RABBAH

Thank you to Megan Messina and Angelo Verga for writing and directing the Purim Play and thank you to all the wonderful actors (Shpielers)

Cantor Sherwood Goffin was Lincoln Square Synagogue's beloved Chazzan for over 50 years. The "Chaz," as he was known to all, inspired thousands of Beginners with his mellifluous voice and warm personality. We were all uplifted through his sincere devotion to the Al-mighty, to Lincoln Square Synagogue and to NJOP. He is survived by his beloved wife Batya, three children, and his grandchildren. May his beautiful *nusach* (style/melody of the service) and inspiring *nigunim* (tunes) live on as we remember our beloved Chaz.