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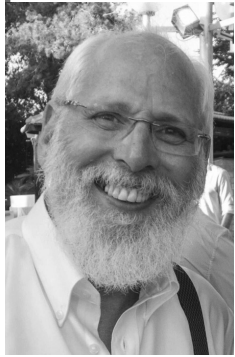
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# A FEW WORDS FROM RAV BARRY

## To Be Halachic and Inclusive



It seems that "inclusion" has resurfaced as a buzzword in the Conservative Jewish world. "Inclusion" as a value is mentioned in our Tefilot at the very beginning of Yom Kippur. We say: "Anu matirin lihitpalel im ha-avaryonim—we hereby declare it permissible to pray with (lit. the criminals) those who have gone astray." From the outset of the Day of Atonement we proclaim that there's a seat for everyone in Shul.

It is also a central value of Pesach. Here are three examples:

1. In biblical times the Torah (Shmot 12:3-4) instructed the Israelites: "On the tenth of this month, let each one take a lamb for each parental home, a lamb for each household. But if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor who is nearest to his house shall take [one] according to the number of people, each one according to one's ability to eat, shall you be counted for the lamb."

The Torah is teaching that there are two levels of inclusion—one is concerned with the household. The Torah instructs that the entire family take part in the festive meal. The second level deals with the neighborhood or the community. The Torah emphasizes that if the family is unable to consume the lamb or perhaps lacks the wherewithal to purchase one's own lamb, there's an option for a partnership with a neighbor, lest one think he/she is excluded from the Paschal ritual. The Torah provides an inclusive solution. Even a small or a poor family isn't excluded from performing the Mitzvah of the Korban Pesach (the Paschal Sacrifice) and celebrating the festival.

2. Our Hagaddah begins with an announcement: "Kol Dichfin Yetei V'yeichol!"—Let all who are hungry come and eat.

We actually call out an invitation to all, saying, "no one will be left alone tonight; all are included."

So, should you ask what's the "ta'am" of saying

this at the last minute, after the Seder has been prepared and everyone has sat down? I suggest that we say it as our annual pledge and obligation to always include guests at the Seder table.

3. The section of the four sons teaches us that when it comes to Pesach, no one is excluded from the Mitzvah of retelling the Sipur Yetziat Mitzraim—the Exodus story. The Midrash of the four sons reminds us that it may be easy to conveniently forget the "evil" child or the "tam", who may say something silly or insignificant. The child who has nothing to say may even be ignored and left in his room to sit there alone in total silence. At the Seder this will never be the case. "Inclusion" is celebrated as the wise son will sit with his three other "brothers" because they all have a seat at the table.

Notwithstanding the pro-inclusion messages of Yom Kippur and Pesach, dealing with questions of inclusion in the Synagogue is often a difficult task. However, even if we meticulously "stick to our halachic guns", there is a source we could learn from. It is said that Rabbi Haskell Lookstein taught that in addition to the standard four sections of the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law) there is a fifth, "which must be at the foundation of the other four, and its topic is 'Menschlichkeit'" (quoted by Prof. Adam Ferziger).

In order to be an inclusive Shul, we don't need policy decisions from the main office. When sensitive halachic issues are handled by Rabbis who make decisions in a seriously Halachic way, which are accompanied by compassion and menchluchkeit, Shuls will find Halachically sound ways to be more inclusive.

If done this way, Shuls will be able to proudly proclaim:

כל הבא- ברוך הבא

Kol ha-ba; Baruch Ha-ba. Everyone who comes in, is welcome. Be'emet! Truthfully!  
Pesach Kasher, Inclusive, V'sameach!

Rav Barry

## CONDOLENCES

*May you be comforted among the other mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.*

Condolences are sent to Barbara Weinstein on the loss of her father, Sol Rosen.

The Congregation mourns the passing of Miriam Caine.

Condolences are sent to Ed and Selma Sherman on the loss of their son, Val Sherman.

Condolences are sent to Austin Rosenblum and Rhonda Faden on the loss of their wife and mother, Rose Rosenblum.

# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

I would like to call this column, "Respecting Memories and Creating New Ones". Each of the experiences that I describe below fit the category, as you will see.

I happily marked the occasion of the 51st anniversary of my Bat Mitzvah by reading Maftir Torah and Haftorah in front of the beautiful new ark from Ner Zedek. While new to us, I believe this ark first stood in the original Adath Zion Synagogue over a century ago. Our Torah reader, Stan Kaplan, shared that his father was involved in the early history of this ark. Anyone who has detail of this ark's history to share, please pass it along.



Following the vandalism at Mt Carmel cemetery, my husband Jerry and I answered the call for volunteers at the cemetery. The volunteer effort was well organized by Federation and coincided with some unseasonably warm weather. While Jerry did cleanup, I worked with a group to document the actual gravestones and their conditions on a section of the cemetery map.

It was impressive to see the strength of the community response. I worked with a senior student from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, a Rabbi from Long Island who "drove down to help", a Penn PhD student, and a Catholic woman from the neighbor-

hood. I noticed more students from Penn and RRC, Black Hat Orthodox people, police in uniform, people of other ethnicities. Everyone was working together against hatred in this sacred place.

Changing gears a little, we just launched a great new activity. Our night at the Oscars was fun for all ages. We watched the movie of our choice, ate a great dinner together, and voted for our Oscar picks. This event is a keeper; thanks to Julie Herskovitz and her entire crew for a perfect evening! We have events for everyone in our busy calendar!



I recently joined our Chef and Baker Mike Goldinger in the kitchen as he baked Hamentaschen with students from the Hebrew School. Our students were baking and preparing Shalach Manot packages in honor of Purim. Among the congregants who stopped by to help us bake was Bob Bloch, Hebrew School parent of Micah. As Bob worked his dough, he told us about memories of holiday baking with his great aunt and great grandmother.

Respecting memories, creating new ones...these are motivations that define us.

Fran Gabriel

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## KVELLER KORNER

*Introducing a new feature for the Scroll. We invite you to let the office know if you have something to share that we can include in our monthly newsletter. Please send happy announcements to [Debbie@shareshamayim.org](mailto:Debbie@shareshamayim.org). If you have any questions, please contact Debbie in the office.*

We are looking forward to the return of our snowbirds, Don and Phyllis Stoltz, Jerry and Rochelle Epstein, Charles and Eileen Shestack, Roy and Heather Allen, and more. We can't wait for you to join us in welcoming our new members from Ner Zedek and see the renovations happening around our building.

P.S. If you are a snow bird, please let the office know so we can continue to send you Scrolls and other news.



Marriage of Congregation Beth Chaim, 2009

Save the date for our merger Wedding Ceremony and Celebration on Sunday, June 4th at 10am. As we welcome all of our new members from Ner Zedek, we will celebrate this wedding of our two congregations with a march up Verree Road, up the front steps into the sanctuary, and a ceremony under the Chuppah, with a brunch to follow. More details to come.

# Congregations of Shaare Shamayim

April 2017

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|  |   |  |  |  |  | 1 (5 of Nisan)<br>Parshat Vayikra<br>Trad. Service 9AM & 7:15PM<br>Egal. Service 9:30AM<br>Jr. Congregation 10:45AM  |
| 2 (6 of Nisan)<br>MOMMY/DADDY AND ME 11AM  | 3 (7 of Nisan)  | 4 (8 of Nisan)<br>SISTERHOOD GENERAL MTG 7PM                             | 5 (9 of Nisan)<br>SISTERHOOD NEW YORK TRIP<br><br>EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 8PM  | 6 (10 of Nisan)<br>MEN'S CLUB PRESENTATION OF EMPTY BOXCARS 7PM                      | 7 (11 of Nisan)<br>7:13p Candle Lighting<br>Traditional Service 7:15PM<br>Egalitarian Service 7:45PM   | 8 (12 of Nisan)<br>Parshat Tzav<br>Shabbat HaGadol<br>Trad. Service 9AM & 7:20PM<br>Egal. Service 9:30AM<br>Jr. Congregation 10:45AM                           |
| 9 (13 of Nisan)<br>PTA MTG 9:15PM  | 10 (14 of Nisan)<br>Ta'anit Bechoiel<br>Erev Pesach<br>7:16p Candle Lighting                | 11 (15 of Nisan)<br>Pesach I<br>8:20p Candle Lighting                    | 12 (16 of Nisan)<br>Pesach II<br>1st day of the Omer                       | 13 (17 of Nisan)<br>Pesach III (CH"U)<br>2nd day of the Omer<br><br>PASSOVER BBQ 6PM | 14 (18 of Nisan)<br>Pesach IV (CH"U)<br>3rd day of the Omer<br>7:20p Candle Lighting<br>Traditional Service 7:15PM<br>Egalitarian Service 7:45PM               | 15 (19 of Nisan)<br>Pesach V (CH"U)<br>4th day of the Omer<br>Parshat Maflec<br>Trad. Service 9AM & 7:10PM<br>Egal. Service 9:30AM<br>Jr. Congregation 10:45AM |
| 16 (20 of Nisan)<br>Pesach VI (CH"U)<br>5th day of the Omer<br>7:22p Candle Lighting | 17 (21 of Nisan)<br>Pesach VII<br>6th day of the Omer<br>8:23p Candle Lighting              | 18 (22 of Nisan)<br>Pesach VIII<br>7th day of the Omer                   | 19 (23 of Nisan)<br>8th day of the Omer                                    | 20 (24 of Nisan)<br>9th day of the Omer  | 21 (25 of Nisan)<br>10th day of the Omer<br>7:27p Candle Lighting<br>Traditional Service 7:30PM<br>Egalitarian Service 7:45PM<br><br>MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT 7:45PM | 22 (26 of Nisan)<br>Parshat Shemini<br>11th day of the Omer<br>Trad. Service 9AM & 7:35PM<br>Egal. Service 9:30AM<br>Jr. Congregation 10:45AM                  |
| 23 (27 of Nisan)<br>12th day of the Omer   | 24 (28 of Nisan)<br>Yom HaShoah<br>13th day of the Omer<br><br>JEVS SEMINAR: NETWORKING 7PM | 25 (29 of Nisan)<br>14th day of the Omer<br><br>SISTERHOOD BOARD MTG 7PM | 26 (30 of Nisan)<br>15th day of the Omer<br><br>CONGREGATION BOARD MTG 8PM | 27 (1 of Iyyar)<br>Kosh Chodesh Iyyar<br>16th day of the Omer                        | 28 (2 of Iyyar)<br>17th day of the Omer<br>7:34p Candle Lighting<br>Traditional Service 7:35PM<br>Egalitarian Service 7:45PM                                   | 29 (3 of Iyyar)<br>Parshat Tazaria-Metzora<br>18th day of the Omer<br>Trad. Service 9AM & 7:45PM<br>Egal. Service 9:30AM<br>Jr. Congregation 10:45AM           |
| 30 (4 of Iyyar)<br>19th day of the Omer  |   |  |  |  |  |  |

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# Passover 5777 2017

## Candle Lighting and Services Schedule

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Monday, April 10, 2017    | <b>EREV PESACH</b><br>Morning Minyan & Siyum 7:00AM<br>Cannot eat Chametz <b>AFTER</b> 10:50AM<br>Chametz must be sold or burnt before 11:56AM<br>Candle Lighting 7:16PM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv 7:00PM |
| Tuesday, April 11, 2017   | <b>FIRST DAY OF PESACH</b><br>Shacharit 9:00AM/9:30AM<br>Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:20PM<br>Candle Lighting—Second Night 8:20PM  |
| Wednesday, April 12, 2017 | <b>SECOND DAY OF PESACH</b><br>Shacharit 9:00AM/9:30AM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv 7:20PM<br>Havdalah 8:18PM  |
| Friday, April 14, 2017    | <b>EREV SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED</b><br>Candle Lighting 7:20PM<br>Mincha/Ma'ariv (Traditional) 7:15PM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv (Egalitarian) 7:45PM   |
| Saturday, April 15, 2017  | <b>SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED PESACH</b><br>Shacharit 9:00AM/9:30AM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv and Shir HaShirim 7:10PM<br>Havdalah 8:21PM  |
| Sunday, April 16, 2017    | <b>EREV SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH</b><br>Morning Minyan 8:00AM<br>Candle Lighting 7:22PM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv (Traditional) 7:15PM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv (Egalitarian) 7:45PM                               |
| Monday, April 17, 2017    | <b>SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH</b><br>Shacharit 9:00AM/9:30AM<br>Candle Lighting 8:23PM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv (Traditional) 7:20PM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv (Egalitarian) 7:45PM                                  |
| Tuesday, April 18, 2017   | <b>EIGHTH DAY OF PESACH</b><br>Shacharit 9:00AM/9:30AM<br><b>Yizkor</b> approx. 10:30AM<br>Mincha/ Ma'ariv 7:25PM<br>Havdalah 8:25PM<br>Chametz may be eaten at 9:25PM                             |

<sup>1</sup> All Shacharit morning services for the Holy Days are: Traditional 9:00AM & Egalitarian 9:30AM

**Sunday, April 2**

**11am-11:45am**

**With Julie  
Herskovitz**



Recommended for

ages 1 to 3 1/2

(older and younger siblings welcome)

Parachute, songs, story time, lap rides, an animal theme, and more.

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## PTA

Cotton Candy, Hamantaschen, Sky High Slide, Goldfish a plenty, Raffle baskets, Music, Prizes, Spin Art, Balloons, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Sand Art, Tattoos, Candy Grams, Games, Games and more Games! Oh what a great time we had during the PTA Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>! The Jewish community of Northeast Philadelphia certainly came together in celebration and the results were FUN! FUN! FUN! A great BIG thank you to ALL the volunteers who came out and worked tirelessly to make the carnival a success! Without your help this event would not be possible! We would like to also thank all the businesses and individuals who made generous donations towards our raffle baskets: Sesame Place, Philadelphia Zoo, Elements Dance Factory, Salon Reaction, Palace Roller Skating, The Little Gym of Jenkintown, Southampton Music Company, Blue Line Hair Salon, Drs. Pale, Gemmi, and Middleberg of Orthodontics Limited, Northeast Racquet Club, Brunswick Zone XL, Fast Fix Jewelry and Watch Repair, Sweeney Family, Mindy Owens, Susan Poland, and Jacques Lurie.

Check out all the pictures from the carnival on Congregations of Shaare Shamayim Facebook page and in the Scroll.

Religious School parents please join us on **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am** for bagels, coffee and schmoozing. We will be recapping the Purim carnival and then the meeting is open to discuss future PTA plans and ideas.

Here's a question....if there was a dime taped to your cereal box would you throw it away when it was empty? Of course not! So, please cut out the Box Tops for Education and bring them into the office. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents!

**Reminder: No Religious School on Wed, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Carolyn Sweeney  
PTA Co-President

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

February and March were busy months for our Mechina, Sunday School, and Religious School students, filled with many learning and fun-filled activities and programs.

We visited the Morris Arboretum on February 5<sup>th</sup> to learn about Tu B'shevat—a wonderful experience. We held a Tu B'shevat Seder on February 12<sup>th</sup> and tasted many kinds of fruits and celebrated the beginning of the growing season in Israel. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, we held a model Shabbat Dinner to review what we have learned about the Sabbath.

The month of March began with our Community Purim Carnival on March 5<sup>th</sup> at KleinLife and we celebrated Purim on March 12<sup>th</sup> by making our own hamantaschen. At the end of March and the beginning of April, we will have our students learn about Passover in preparation for the upcoming holiday.

Rav Barry often leads us in Havdalah on Sunday mornings, marking the end of the Sabbath and teaching us about the upcoming holidays.

Lots to learn, lots to do, and lots of fun for our students!

Jack Belitsky

## STUDENT TRIPS TO ISRAEL

Are you a student planning a trip to Israel? If so, contact the shul office. The Jeffrey Allen Memorial Fund is set up to help students fund their trips to Israel.



### Earn cash for our school with Box Tops

*Bring your box tops for education to the Office so we can redeem them!*



## **Rabbi's Sisterhood Class**

### **The Contribution of Women's Voice in the Study Hall**

Rav Barry will detail the contribution of women to Judaism via the Study Hall or Yeshiva. Learn about female influence in Judaism throughout the ages.

**Class One:** The Birth of a Nation - The Exodus Story from a Mother's Perspective. (3/22)

**Class Two:** A Woman's take on the problematic relationship between the Talmudic sage Rav and his wife. (3/29)

**Class Three:** Post Yom HaAtzmaut wrap up! (5/3)

**Class Four:** Lag B'Omer Primer (5/10)

**Class Five:** The Temple Mount is in our hands - Women at the Kotel (5/17)

**Classes begin on Wed. March 22 in the Chapel.**

**10:30 - 11:30. Refreshments served at 10am.**

**\$10 for complete series**

**\$2 donor credit**

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# THE LIBRARY SHELF



April and Passover: Family and Food! Passover is the time of visitors of all ages. In lieu of purchasing an armload of books for your little guests, think Shaare Shamayim's library. We have children's board books and picture books. For the child

who is able to read, there are a variety of chapter books from mysteries to adventures and everything in between.

Yes, I'm busy, but I am never too busy to meet you at the library. Tell me about the child or young adult and a recommended book will be waiting for you.

Memories are created when you sit and read with a child. When the book is finished or when there's a break, many things—a conversation, a cuddle, or perhaps a kiss—can happen. Enjoy the holiday and your family and guests.

Happy Reading,  
Rosalie Cohen

# MITZVAH COMMITTEE

Passover is just a few weeks away. So with my trusty list in my hand, I headed for the supermarket. What a shock! I thought last year was outrageous, but this year is worse. I thought of some of our congregants who can barely purchase everyday food and wondered how they will manage. For some of our families, "sticker shock" will keep them from having even an ordinary meal, let alone something festive.

Passover is a time of new beginnings. Won't you help bring our congregation, our friends, our neighbors, a joyful, kosher Passover? Help make Passover special.

Our thanks for your help,

Rosalie Cohen and the Ladies of the Mitzvah Committee

## THANK YOU

Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers during my mom's illness and passing. I sincerely appreciate all of your kindness, thoughtfulness, donations, and support during this difficult time.

Susan Yudof Steinberg and Family

## CSS has a new website!

Did you know there are a huge number of things you can do with our new website including:

- Make donations online
- Register and pay for select synagogue events
- Find Shabbat and holiday service schedules and candle lighting times
- See our entire calendar of events
- See the Rabbi's weekly "A Few Words From Rav Barry" in the Rabbi's Corner
- Take a virtual walk through both of our Sanctuaries
- Find contact information for clergy, staff, and leadership
- Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter

If you need assistance or have any questions about using our website, please contact Debbie in the office at 215-677-1600.

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# PRESCHOOL PRESS

Preschool and kindergarten are so much more than science, math, and acquiring reading skills. Giving the children the opportunity to acquire the thinking skills necessary to succeed in school is a creative on-going process in our classrooms.

The hands-on science projects and experiments that engage children and encourage their natural curiosity are the fun ways that learning by doing is a daily occurrence in the classrooms. We do not want to prepare our children to be the “worker bees”. We plan our days to encourage curiosity and problem solving. We hope to prepare our children to be the thinkers, leaders, future problem solvers and innovators.

We also understand that acquiring healthy socialization skills is an essential component of a preschool and kindergarten experience which allows our students to become dependable, competent, productive, responsible, positive, and valuable members of a group while at play or during school activities. Many of our activities involve the children working in small groups cooperatively sharing information, ideas, and problem solving during tasks and activities.

We believe it is vital that our children are exposed to “The Arts.” In addition to our preschool and kindergarten’s regularly scheduled aerobics teacher, science specialist, music specialist, magical program reinforcement specialist, we also bring into the school other programs which we feel are valuable to enhance and reinforce our children’s learning.

We had a second presentation from Classroom Adventure Stories. The children are led on a magical and imaginative adventure which is totally interactive. The children use their imaginations during the storytelling, but, they are engaged because the story is about THEM! The children are the characters in the story and they create the props using hand gestures, bodily actions, and sound effects. All of their names and the names of the staff are continually used throughout the story. The one major prop that is used is SNOW! On a 60 degree winter day, it was snowing real snow in the Karff Auditorium! No imagination was needed! Look at our photos!

We were fortunate to have the musicians from the LuLu Temple Shine Orchestra come to our school to present a program about many types of instruments, tempo, tone, and pitch. The orchestra leader is internationally acclaimed and frequently travels to China and Russia to conduct or to perform in their professional orchestras. The children loved the program, especially when they had the chance to try all of the instruments.

Two parents from our preschool and kindergarten family presented a program to our kindergarten students. The program was entitled “Safe and Unsafe Touching”, which was a program designed to empower our students to keep themselves safe. Both parents are highly skilled, accomplished, and extraordinary women with highly recognized experience in the area of child sexual abuse. One of the women currently has worked in the Department of Human Services for 15 years and for the past 11 years has investigated *and* supervised other social workers investigating child sexual abuse.

Our other parent gained her experience while working as a patrol officer with the Philadelphia Police Department. Upon being promoted to Detective in 1999, she began working for the Special Victims Unit, and specifically worked investigating cases of Child Sexual Abuse. She receives yearly training and she has been honored with several awards including one award from The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children where she met with President Bush in the Oval Office. They also work together in a proactive way to educate children, their parents, and mandated reporters about the realities of child abuse. I am honored that both of these extraordinary women have offered this valuable program to our kindergarten class. We are appreciative for their dedication to our children! We are dedicated to providing our students with as many skills as possible to aid their development across all domains and to keep them safe while in kindergarten and beyond!

Sherri Herschfeld

## COLLEGE OUTREACH

Our college students receive packages from us several times a year. It’s a wonderful way to let them know they are still connected to their Jewish community while they are away from home. This project is supported by the William and Lois Gross Memorial Fund and the Sisterhood’s Barbara Dratch Fund.

Be sure we have their current mailing and email addresses. Send them to [gwenlurie@aol.com](mailto:gwenlurie@aol.com).



## Lulu Temple Shrine Orchestra

## Classroom Adventure Stories



## ADULT EDUCATION

The Arts Festival Committee has been working hard to serve up an artistic delight for your senses from Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Acclaimed artist Mordechai Rosenstein will be the artist in residence during the festival.

We kick off the Festival with a Mediterranean luncheon on Wednesday at 12:30pm. Mr. Rosenstein will speak about "The History of Creating Jewish Art" and we may get an opportunity to do some adult coloring. All are welcome and the cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations are a must. That evening we will have Rak Dan lead us in an evening of multi-generational Israeli Dancing. Lite refreshments will be served. Cost is \$5.00 per guest for those 21 and over. Although reservations are not required for this event, they are encouraged.

On Thursday morning our pre-school and kindergarten students will all have a chance to make their own piece of art with Mr. Rosenstein. In the evening adults will have their chance to be creative and do an art piece based on the Hebrew Alphabet at our "Pinot & Painting" event. The fun begins at 7:00 PM. Besides wine, there will be cheese, crackers and other nibblies. Cost is \$15.00 per person and reservations are required so that we will have enough supplies available.

Friday is Mr. Rosenstein's time to be creative. Stop by, time to be announced, for the "Creative Open House". You can watch as Mr. Rosenstein creates an original painting especially for Congregations of Shaare Shamayim. You will have an opportunity to add a brush stroke to the piece.

Friday evening will feature a festive oneg following the 7:45PM Conservative service.

Following both services on Saturday morning, we will be hosting a Lunch & Learn. Mr. Rosenstein will speak about "The Art Within Shabbat". Reservations are required and the cost is \$12.00 per person.

On Sunday morning Mr. Rosenstein will be working with our Hebrew School students and exposing them to his special style of art. Later in the day, Mr. Rosenstein will be the guest of honor at our Neil Berg's Pianomen event. This

will be a lovely way to end our festivities for the Arts Festival.

You can attend the above mentioned programs on an 'ala carte' basis or purchase a ticket for all the events for \$36.00. **Please note that there is separate pricing for the Neil Berg event.** During the Festival Mr. Rosenstein's art will be on display and available for purchase.

As always, check you weekly e-mails, Shabbat bulletins, or social media to find out the current listing of Rav Barry's classes. Monday evenings classes at 6:45 are called "Living Jewishly" but pertinent topics such as holidays and life cycle events are added when appropriate. There is also Midrash study at the home of Shira & Rav Barry following Wednesday morning minyan. A light breakfast is served. If you have any questions please call me at 215-677-9218 or the synagogue office for further information.

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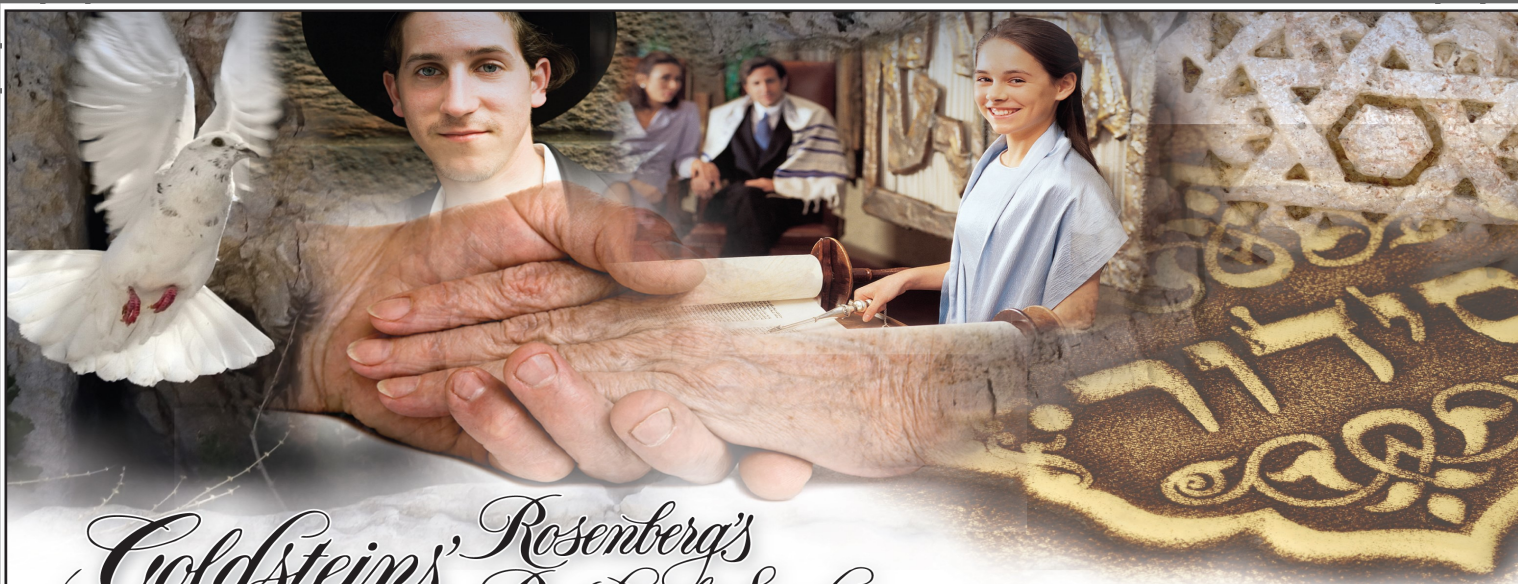




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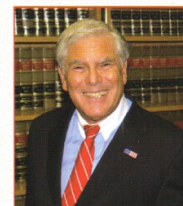
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## Don't forget to sell your Chametz before Erev Pesach!

The Biblical Laws regarding Chametz include the following: Exodus 12:15-For seven days you shall eat unleavened cakes, but on the preceding day you shall clear away all leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leaven from the first day until the seventh day that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Deuteronomy 16:4- And no leaven shall be seen with you within all your border for seven days; neither shall any of the flesh you slaughter on the preceding day in the afternoon, remain all night until the morning.

Exodus 13:3- Moses said to the people, "Remember this day, when you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, for with a mighty hand, the Lord took you out of here, and [therefore] no leaven shall be eaten.

Exodus 12:20- You shall not eat any leavening; throughout all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened cakes.

From these Biblical verses the Rabbis have instructed that:

1. We shouldn't have Chametz in our possession during Pesach.
2. Chametz shouldn't be eaten during Pesach
3. Chametz shouldn't be seen during Pesach.
4. No benefit could be derived from Chametz on Pesach.

Therefore, if one can't consume or get rid of all the Chametz in the house before Pesach, (especially that great bottle of Single Malt Scotch in the liquor cabinet) one can sell the Chametz to a non Jew as the Rambam, Maimonides (13<sup>th</sup> Century) wrote:

Rambam - Laws of Chametz and Matza 4:6, based on Tosefta Pesachim 2:6-A Jew and a gentile are traveling together in a ship, and the Jew possesses Chametz. When the fifth hour [on the fourteenth of Nisan] arrives--behold, he should sell it to the gentile or give it to him as a present. He may return and buy it back from him after Pesach, as long as he gives it to him as an outright present.

For more information on Pesach, please contact me: [ravbarry@shareshamayim.org](mailto:ravbarry@shareshamayim.org)

*Chametz Sale forms* are also be available on our website under Holidays.

### Mechirat Chametz Form

According to the Halachic decision of Rav Prof. David Golinkin, the selling of the Chametz, "Mechirat Chametz", may be done via telephone or email.

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# SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS



So much is happening around the building, it's hard to know where to begin. Construction is messy, but the result is transforming our building. The Holocaust Memorial and the Ark are amazing to see.

On March 3, we celebrated Shabbat Across America.

Although this was a congregation function, Sisterhood did the shopping, cooking and serving. Thanks to Shelli Keeny, who I call our official "schlepper", for doing all the shopping. Thanks also to Denise Ellner, Toby Lundy, and Shelli Keeny for working in the kitchen with me. A special thanks to Zack Balaban who helped set the tables. Steve Albert can always be counted on to help clean up. Phyllis Schifreen and Evelyn Goldberg dried a lot of dishes.

Due to the snow storm, the March 12th Sisterhood meeting was cancelled. Hope to see you next month.

Thanks to Gerry Zaretsky for our wonderful Bingo on March 21 at 6:00pm, which included a delicious Chicken Lo Mein dinner.

April 4 at 7:00pm, is the next meeting. It is a week early due to the Passover Seder. Carlos Rameriz will be entertaining. The following day, April 5 is the New York trip to see Cagney. We have some people seeing it for the second time.

Wishing you and your family a "zissen pesach". Please feel free to call with any questions or ideas you may have.

Mindy Poliner 215-676-7716  
rlmp7716@yahoo.com

## Sisterhood Calendar 2016 – 2017

**\*All meetings are held at 7pm  
unless noted**

### Board Meetings

Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
Tuesday, May 17, 2017  
Tuesday, June 27, 2017

### General Meetings

Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
Tuesday, May 9, 2017

### Special Events

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, New York Trip, 8:45am  
Tuesday, May 10, 2017, Luncheon & Book Review  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, President's Dinner, 6pm  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017, Donor Dinner, 6pm  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Installation, 6pm

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the snow. Empty Boxcars tells the amazing story of the survival of over 50,000 Jews in World War II and the mass murder of 11,393 Jews from territories under Bulgarian control in Greece and Macedonia.

Once again this year, we are participating in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program. This is a project of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Please check your mailboxes as this candle will be mailed to you at the beginning of the month. We are asking that you please send back a donation in a multiple of \$18.00 (Chai which means Life) in the envelope provided. Funds received over and above the cost of the candle and shipping charges will go directly to support our shul's children. Light the candle at sundown on the evening of Sunday, April 23,

2017. We hope you can donate to this worthy cause.

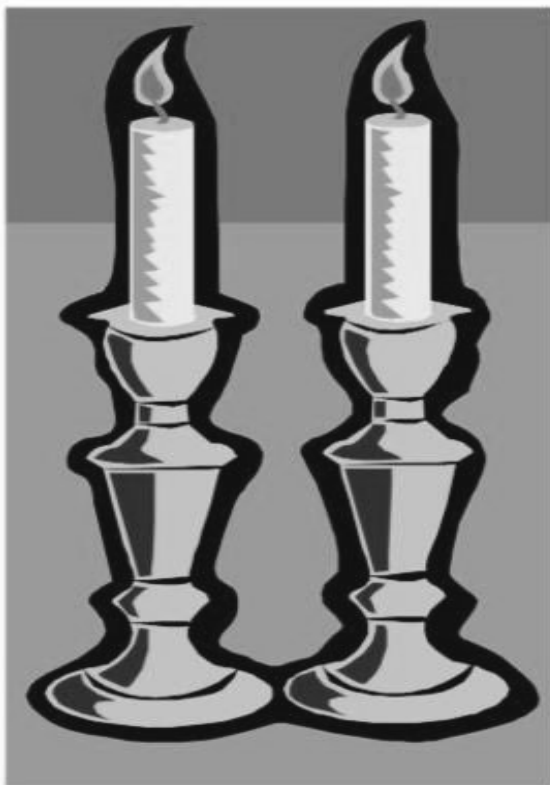
On Friday, April 21st, we will be holding our annual Men's Club Shabbat. Please contact Barry Leiber to let him know if you would like a part in the service (Hebrew or English!). A nice dessert Kiddush will follow.

Wednesday, May 17th is our spring trip to New York City. The cost of the bus is \$37.00 per person. The bus leaves the synagogue promptly at 8AM and will leave NYC at 5:30PM. Please call Sheldon Stein at 215-346-2302 to book your reservation.

We want to wish you all a Zissen Pesach!!

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## Revelations from Mt. Sinai

By Arnie Escourt

Picture all twelve tribes gathered near the mountain...

Imagine how strong the winds were blowing, how the clouds and fire were flying thru the air. The lightning was frightening; the loud thunder vibrated and the multitude shook with fear. Then thru the fire El Shaddai's voice rang down from the mountain top to each of the survivors. Later Moses came down to them with his two tablets and his face glowed with holy light!

We were cringing slaves then, recently freed from harsh Egyptian bondage. We remember the ten plagues and now we each feel the excitement and glory of freedom. After we lost our first Temple we have been tormented and forced to move from place to place. But now that has changed. Those old Hebrews have become Jews and we finally returned home.

You skeptics, atheists and naysayers; what other ancient nation has survived intact as we? We speak and pray in Hebrew; we still follow the lunar calendar, and many now live in Israel. True, it is hard to understand our indiscernible God; but He has spoken to us and cared for us, Hashem has also punished us but over the millennia our God has behaved like parents to us.

When we go to Shul on Shabbat and enter to put on our Tallit we are somehow transformed. Our worldly concerns fade away and we go on a mystical journey into the world of prayer and Torah. When we stand, we all stand together with Hashem and our lives are somehow enhanced. Many of us have tears in our eyes and emotion in our voices as we chant and sing.

Our flesh and blood is the same as all the others, but our ethical system has been customized. From Sinai's ten we now live by many hundreds of do's and not do's that we call Halacha. From our circumcision to the middle of our forehead we are tied to our heritage and God. We are required to learn, to question and to serve our society with ethics and humility.

As we have recently seen; some Americans still cling to strong racial, sexual and ethnic prejudices. For them the old laws of the jungle still override common sense and the principles of social responsibility. But I strongly believe that the truths and wisdom of our Torah lead us to a better tomorrow. These Revelations at Mt. Sinai and the wisdom of our Rabbis provide for us the way to better ourselves as Jews!

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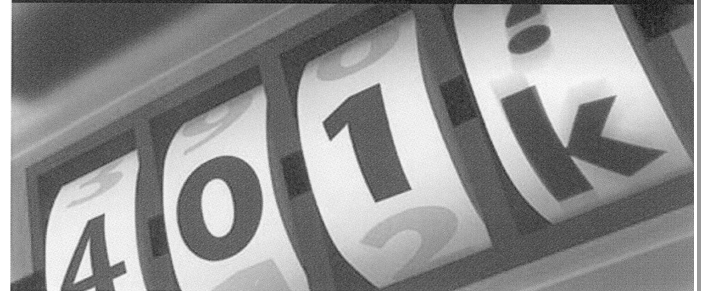
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