

# B'nai Zion Congregation

*"The old shall dream dreams and the youth shall see visions"*

APRIL 2009 NISAN-IYAR 5769

## From our Rabbi, Jana De Benedetti

### Here Comes the Sun



For Jews all over the world, when Passover arrives, we know that Spring has begun. We have Seder symbols that remind us of renewal and the return of the green world that brings hope after the dreary days of winter. We celebrate our freedom from bondage, which includes the freedom to enjoy the outdoors again, and look forward to the warmth of the sun and brighter days ahead.

This desire for brighter days certainly comes at a perfect time for us this year. We seem to be living in a time when there are uncertainties everywhere. We are struggling with wars, economic difficulties, illnesses and problems of aging, and a greater awareness that we are depleting the natural resources that we depend upon.

As Jews we have always been able to find silver linings in the darkest of times. Passover helps us to celebrate the reality of freedom and hope. We acknowledge not only our historical freedom from slavery, but also reflect on other ways we are free. We celebrate with friends and family, and remember to count our blessings.

This year as we are about to begin Passover, we have another reason to reflect on our blessings. On the morning of April 8, when the sun comes up, the Talmud informs us that the sun will once again return to the same position it was in on the fourth day of Creation. This only occurs every 28 years. The last time this occurred just before the Seder was in 1925 – and before that in 1309!

To fulfill the mitzvah of Birkat HaChamah (blessing the sun) you should try to go outside— ideally at sunrise, but it can be said until noon – and face east and say the blessing. Even if it is a cloudy day, you should be able to see the form of the sun through the clouds. Say these blessings::

Baruch Atah A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Melech ha'olam, Oseh ma'asei b'reisheet.

We praise You, our Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, Source of creation and its wonders.

Baruch Atah A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Melech ha'olam, sheh-hecheyanu, v'kiyamanu, v'higianu lazman hazeh.

We praise You, our Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this special time.

Some people add certain Psalms and excerpts from the Talmud about the event. We can certainly add personal prayers appreciating the wonder and joy of seeing the sun again each new day, and appreciating the good that we find in this moment.

Hopefully this moment also inspires us to renew our efforts to take care of our environment, and help preserve our world so that the next time Birkat HaChamah is celebrated, our children and grandchildren will have inherited our faith and our hope and not our worries and our problems..

My family and I hope you have a *zizzen pesach* (a sweet Passover), and many sunny days.

## From our President, Fred Kent

Upon thinking of our son's approaching 22nd birthday, it is normal for all parents to reminisce about their child's past. One such event comes to mind:

I remembered with excitement our arrival at Henry S. Jacob's camp to pick up Rhett after being gone most of the summer. Melinda was already tearing up with enthusiasm at seeing her son. As we arrived at his assigned cabin, parents hugging children and meeting their child's friends, we noticed ours was nowhere to be seen, nor his best friend Wesley Adams. Here after being gone from home so long and never wanting to leave home for any given time, they were still not accounted for. Soon we saw them both coming down the main road laughing and talking with some new friends. After the greetings (and Melinda not letting go of him), he spoke in great detail and excitement how they all had met and became best of friends. He couldn't believe how fast the summer had gone by and wasn't really ready for camp to end. He and Wesley talked all the way home planning not only their next summer at Jacobs Camp, but how they could not wait to travel to visit their camp friends.

We noticed how Rhett had become so confident in being Jewish and he had learned aspects of his faith that we did not know or never taught him, until then. He flourished in his camp environment. Being in such a small Jewish community, with so few his age, he relished being among his peers and proud of his knowledge in Judaism. It made him a stronger Jewish man, which has given him so much in every aspect of his life. He will always give credit to his experience at camp for what he became, a young man proud to be Jewish.

I am so proud that we have so many children from B'nai Zion going to Henry S. Jacobs camp. When our children go to Jewish camp it strengthens their Jewish life and enhances our Judaism as a congregation. I am glad that we have a fund for scholarships to be able to send our children who need financial help to go. Our Board is committed to ensuring that every one of the children in our congregation have opportunities to go to camp and to Israel. We appreciate everyone who contributes to this fund to make this dream a reality.



Last year at Henry S. Jacobs Camp

## From our Educator, Helaine Braunig

Passover has always been my favorite holiday — what memories I have of Seders led by my grandfather and meals prepared by my grandmother. Later, my own parents took over the responsibilities and the accompanying pleasures of gathering the family around the table to link ourselves to our people's past. For some years now, Bill and I have hosted our family's Seder, lucky indeed to be surrounded by our parents, our siblings, and sometimes by our children and their wives. This year we will have an empty chair, but we will remember with love my dad Neal Nierman, who understood so well the importance of telling our history to our children. Never is the value of family so much in my mind as when we celebrate Pesach.

As we recount the story of the Exodus from Egypt and our redemption from slavery, we are reminded of all that God has done — and continues to do — for us. That relationship with the Eternal, however we as individuals understand it, is what we most want to convey to our children. Our Religious School strives to teach many subjects, but everything comes back to our identification with our ancestors who accepted a covenantal relationship with God and thus gave us an identity as a people. It is my hope that our Religious School can help parents, who will always be the most important teachers our children have, understand that Jewish identity means something only if we affirm it through our daily lives. As we prepare to spend seven (or eight) days eating matzah instead of bread, let us be reminded of the

opportunity — and the obligation — we have to teach our children that Judaism is about **choosing** to come closer to God through worship, through study, and through acts of lovingkindness.



Thanks to all who made the Purim Carnival such a huge success. Susan Gross deserves much credit for making the event a real “community effort,” and she had lots of enthusiastic help. The food was delicious, the games were fun, and there was plenty of laughter and conviviality. Thanks also to Vicky Glover for all the effort she put into the Purimspiel her class enacted for younger students in Religious School. Vicky also spent lots of time preparing for the Purim costume making workshop. Special thanks also to Judith Grunes, Yehudit Platt, Susan Meyer, and Larry Evensky for helping our kids make Hamantachen.

There will be no Religious School classes on April 12 or April 19 because of Passover and Spring Break. Those holidays, coupled with the fact that Religious School will end earlier than usual this year (on May 3), leave us with just three Sundays in April and May.

Rabbi Jana, the teachers, and I hope that all families will make a special effort to be present for the Sundays that remain: April 5, April 26, and May 3.

Watch your e-mail for announcements of the activities and programs which will conclude our Religious School year. One special event will be Graduation Shabbat on Friday, May 8. We will celebrate the accomplishments of Martin and Palmer Black, Leah Caminker, Max De Benedetti, Sam Lepow, and Lindsey Toys. And, for those who like to plan ahead, please mark your calendar for Confirmation, which will take place during Shabbat/Shavuot services Friday night, May 29.

## From our ShFTY President, Isaac Haas

The Youth Group had two members attend Spring Conclave in Jackson, Ms-- Leah Caminker and Isaac Haas.

In April we will be involved in two events. The first is on April 19th at the Holocaust Memorial Service held for the community of S'port and Bossier. We will be handing out programs and greeting people at the doors of St Paul's Church.

Then at the softball game between us and AA, the youth group will be sponsoring a bake sale before the game. Please support us in our fundraiser.



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of Temple Youth   
An affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism and a unit (branch) of Netzer Olami

*ShFTY =  
Shreveport Federation  
of Temple Youth*

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## B'nai Zion Sisterhood



After two months of hard work, the new Judaica Nook, is ready for business. Special thanks to Elizabeth Arceneaux, the designer who helped get everything just right; and to Bethany Sorkey, our great Sisterhood president and volunteer for her time and special skills, and of course, Lory Evensky the Chair of the Sisterhood Shop.

We recycled the old cabinetry in an effort to stay "green."

Stop by and take a peek. Watch for a grand opening soon.

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## Thank you

*Dear B'nai Zion friends,*

*I want to express my appreciation for the many prayers, visits, cards, food and other expressions of concern you have extended to me since my accident. Your loving care lifted my heart and spirits and has helped speed the healing process.*

*May God's grace bless you all!*

*Louise Shavin*



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## Institute of Southern Jewish Life



The weekend of April 24 - 26 Jordan Magidson, the Educational Director of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute for Southern Jewish Life will be visiting with us. She will help lead the congregation in worship and study, and lead workshops for our teachers.

She has been to B'nai Zion before, and has been a joy to have around to learn from and get to know. Please join us during worship or study and welcome her back to Shreveport.





## Passover Seder

B'nai Zion will celebrate Passover together during the first night Seder April 8 at 6:30 PM. If you haven't made reservations, but wish to join us, please contact the office to see if we can accommodate you.

If you or someone you know is unable to leave your house and would like some Seder food delivered to you, please let the office know.



## People of the Book Club

Our book club will meet April 21 at 7:00 PM in the B'nai Zion parlor and discuss *Maus 1* and *Maus 2* by Art Spiegelman (including a brief discussion led by Jennette Ginsburg), and *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. We hope to see you there.



## Tot Shabbat

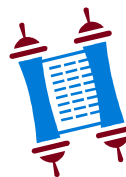
This month Tot Shabbat will be April 25 from 9:00-9:30 AM (before our adult Torah Study). Join us for a Shabbat experience that is geared toward our youngest members and their families. This month Jordan Magidson, the Education Director of the ISJL and Helaine Braunig will lead the fun and worship.



## Passover Service

The first and last days of Passover are holy days. We will have worship services April 9 and April 15 at 10:00 AM.

The seventh day of Passover the service will also include Yizkor when we remember all of those loved ones who have died. We will be using the new Reform prayer book Mishkan T'filah for these morning



## Torah Shabbat

One of the best parts of Shabbat in Shreveport is Torah study at B'nai Zion on Saturday mornings, 9:45 AM. At least once a month we will try to also read directly from the Torah on Friday evenings. The Torah is our Tree of Life, and we love to keep it in our midst.

Join us on the third Friday of the month, April 17 to hear the Torah read.

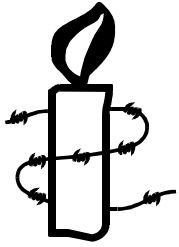


## Choir Practice

If you want to have a pleasant evening filled with friends and song, please join us 5:30 PM Tuesdays at B'nai Zion for choir practice. Members from B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim get together to sing. Periodically the choir will sing for special occasions in the Jewish community — but any time we sing it is a special occasion.

## EVENTS FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

### Holocaust Remembrance Day



#### Holocaust Remembrance Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

3:00 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

275 Southfield Road

The keynote address will be delivered by Mark Wygoda, the son of Warsaw Ghetto resistance fighter Herman Wygoda. The winners of our middle school and high school Holocaust Essay Contests will be announced. Survivors, descendants, and camp liberators will light memorial candles in memory of the 11 million victims. Local survivor, Dr. Rose van Thyn, will be recognized. A reception will follow the service. This event is open to the public. There is no charge.



*Hadassah is the  
largest women's  
organization  
in the world.*

### Hadassah Happenings

The April Hadassah meeting will be held at Agudath Achim at 3:00 PM on April 22th. There will be a discussion, led by Mimi Hussey, of the book "The Last Days of Summer" by Steve Kruger.

Attendees are urged to read this short work before the meeting. Dessert and coffee will be served.

### AA / BZ Softball Game & Picnic

Break out your mitts and fire up your bats...

It's time for the

**Federation's Semi-Annual Softball Match-up**

**Sunday, April 26**

**at B'nai Zion Field**



By popular request, teams will not be organized along congregational lines but rather will be formed at random on game day.

So, all players, coaches, refs, and spectators are earnestly requested to heed the call.

No age restrictions! No experience necessary! No charge!

A lunch of kosher hot dogs and veggie burgers will

**kick off the festivities at 12:15 PM.**

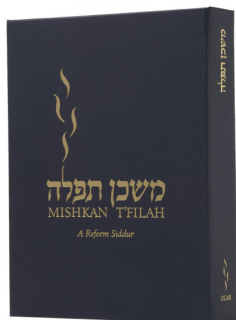
The Youth Group will have baked goods for sale.

Bring your picnic blankets, lawn chairs, and team spirit!



*Spring is here!  
at  
North  
Louisiana  
Jewish  
Federation*

## Praying Our Way



We will be using the new Reform prayerbook, Mishkan T'filah for the daytime services during the week of Passover. These services will include:

- ✧ First day of Passover, Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 AM
- ✧ Shabbat during Passover, Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 AM
- ✧ Last day of Passover / Yizkor, Wednesday April 15 at 10:00 AM

We do not have enough copies of the new prayer book to use them for Friday evening services. You may remember that we were chosen as a test congregation for the prayerbook a few years ago. You will be pleased to see that they incorporated many of our suggestions into this final version. Many

congregations are already using it. All of the NFTY camps, including Henry S. Jacobs Camp, are using Mishkan T'filah as well. We felt that it would be helpful for our congregation to be familiar with it, if they travel and find themselves at a congregation that has chosen to use it.

## Israeli National Holidays: Their Meaning and Message

During a period of 50 days between Passover and Shavuot, called the Omer, these holidays occur.

### Yom HaShoah: Holocaust and Heroism Day

In 1951, the Israeli government chose the 27th of Nissan to memorialize the victims of the Holocaust. This date was chosen because it occurs close to the date of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which began on the eve of Passover 1943. When the Nazis decided to liquidate the ghetto, groups of young Jews decided to fight back. Though ill equipped, they held off the Germans for 27 days, until the Ghetto fell. In Israel today, memorial ceremonies, as well as TV and radio broadcasts, mark the day.



### Yom HaZikaron: Memorial Day

Israel has faced many wars and attacks in its brief history. On this day, Israel remembers all those who fell to establish and defend it. On the morning of Yom HaZikaron, a siren is sounded, and the entire population of Israel stands for two minutes of silence, paying tribute to the many heroes who made Israel a reality. A national ceremony is held at the military cemetery on Mount Herzl.



### Yom HaAtzma-ut: Independence Day

The day after the solemn observance of Yom HaZikaron, Israel bursts out in celebration of its Independence Day, the anniversary of the 5th of Iyar 5708. Parades, speeches, picnics, fireworks and dancing mark this happy occasion. Jews outside of the Land of Israel also celebrate this holiday to express solidarity with Israel.



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## WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHERS?

### ***This Night Is A True Congregational Event!***

The deadline for reservations for the seder has passed. If you are interested in joining us at the seder, please bring your check in to the office or call Kerry. We must advise you that we may not be able to accommodate you or guarantee your choice of main course at this point.

The preparations continue and anyone is invited to join:

- ☆ Bill Braunig is overseeing the preparation of chopped liver and hard boiled eggs April 5 at 12:15 PM.
- ☆ We will be setting tables beginning Monday, April 6.
- ☆ We will be bringing Passover meals to our shut-ins and those at retirement facilities, and we could use your help packing up the food and delivering it to these congregants.

We are grateful for all the effort that our Passover Committee has put in so far: Co-Chairs Rochelle Goldsholl and Geraldine Zelinsky; and committee members Bethany Sorkey and Sheila Lawrence.

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## JUST SAY NO TO CHAMETZ

The Torah has several commandments regarding chametz:

The positive commandment to remove all chametz from one's home (Exodus 12:15)

Not to possess chametz in one's domain (i.e. home, office, car, etc.) during Passover. (Exodus 12:19, Deuteronomy 16:4).

Not to eat chametz, or mixtures containing chametz, during Passover (Exodus 13:3, Exodus 12:20, Deuteronomy 16:3).

Many Jewish homes are in a state of chaos in the days and weeks leading up to Passover, as the house must be cleaned of crumbs in every nook and cranny.

The punishment for eating chametz during Passover, according to the Torah, is that the individual is cut off from the Jewish people. Many Reform Rabbis understand this to mean that the person who eats chametz during Passover has themselves chosen not to participate in the Jewish way during that week -- essentially cutting themselves off from doing the Jewish thing. It is not understood as being permanently removed from being Jewish.



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During the week of Passover we are supposed to **eat** Matzah and we are supposed to **not eat** Chametz. These are some of the things that are Chametz (not Kosher for Passover) and should be avoided during the whole week of Passover:

Such foods include beer, biscuits, bran, brewers yeast (nutritional yeast), cake, cereals (that contain one of the five grains), cookies, crackers, dough, drinks from grains (chico), instant Quaker oats, macaroni, malt, noodles, oatmeal, puffed wheat, semolina, snack bars (that contain one of the five grains), soup nuts, spaghetti, wafers, wheat germ, whisky, and yeast extracts. [The five grains are barley, oats, rye, spelt, and wheat.] Unless specified that they are made with Passover-only ingredients and are Kosher for Passover, the list also includes: Alcohol, alcoholic drinks (except beer and whiskey), all canned foods, baked beans, baking powder, burgol (whole wheat), brown sugar, candies, chewing gum, chocolate spread, cocoa, coffee, custard powder, dextrose, dried fruit, drinking chocolate, falafel powder, flavorings, flour, fruit drinks, glucose, granola, grape sugar, instant puddings, pleasant tasting medicines, mustard, pearl barley, pickled meats, pickled vegetables, play-do, powdered soups, raw oats, regular matzo and matzo meal, salted nuts and seeds, sausages, soda, starch, spices, vegetarian meat, vinegar, and vitamins. Just say "No" to Chametz!



## WHERE HAS ALL THE CHAMETZ GONE?

You have decided to try to remove all of the chametz from your possession. You just aren't sure what to do with it all. Try giving it away to people who need food. We often donate any fresh (not already expired) foods to Providence House or the Food Bank, or other shelters. Some things (like the expired foods, or containers that are practically empty) we just throw out.

It is nice to think about getting rid of spiritual, emotional, and other physical "chametz" -- anything that you feel fills your world. We can clean our houses physically, and we can also clean our minds psychologically and spiritually of all of the things that we realize we don't need on the new journey that is beginning again as spring begins and as Passover begins.

If you are concerned about not being able to clean all of the chametz from your home, the Rabbi can officially sell it, so that you do not possess it during Passover. A brief version of the contract is found below. You can fill it in and send it to her, or contact her at the office, and she will take care of removing your chametz for you. This will work for the kind of chametz that can be eaten -- for the other kinds of "chametz" it will take a different kind of appointment with the rabbi...

### DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

KNOW YE that I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Jana De Benedetti to act in my place and stead, and in my behalf to sell all CHAMETZ possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) defined as claimed by The Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. Chametz, doubt of Chametz, and all kinds of Chametz mixtures), as well as Chametz that tends to harden and to adhere to a surface of inside of pans, pots and cooking and usable utensils, and all kinds of live animals that have been eating Chametz or mixtures thereof, and to lease all places wherein the Chametz owned by me may be found, especially in the premises indicated below and elsewhere. Rabbi Jana De Benedetti has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as she deems fit and proper and for such time which she believes necessary in accordance with all terms detailed in the general authorization contract which is in the possession of Rabbi Jana De Benedetti authorizing her to sell Chametz; on behalf of others.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address:  
(if Chametz in office) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTING THE OMER

When the Jews left Egypt, they were filled with excitement. In 49 days, they were going to receive the Torah from G-d at Mt Sinai.

They began to count the days. One day, two days... till they had counted seven full weeks.

Then it happened. G-d gave them the Torah.

Today, we still count the days between Pesach and Shavuot, as we prepare to receive the Torah again on the Festival of Shavuot. This is called "Counting the Days of the Omer," or "Sefirat Ha'Omer."

**Here's how to do it.**

Every night, after dark, say the following blessing, and then count the proper day:

Baruch Atah Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Melech Ha-olam, Asher Kid'shanu B'Mitzvotav V'tzi-vanu Al Sefirat Ha-Omer.

Blessed are You, Eternal our G-d, Ruler of the Universe, Who has made us holy with Commandments, and commanded us concerning the counting of the Omer.

Then we count the day saying:

"Today is one day (or two days, or three days, etc.) of the Omer."

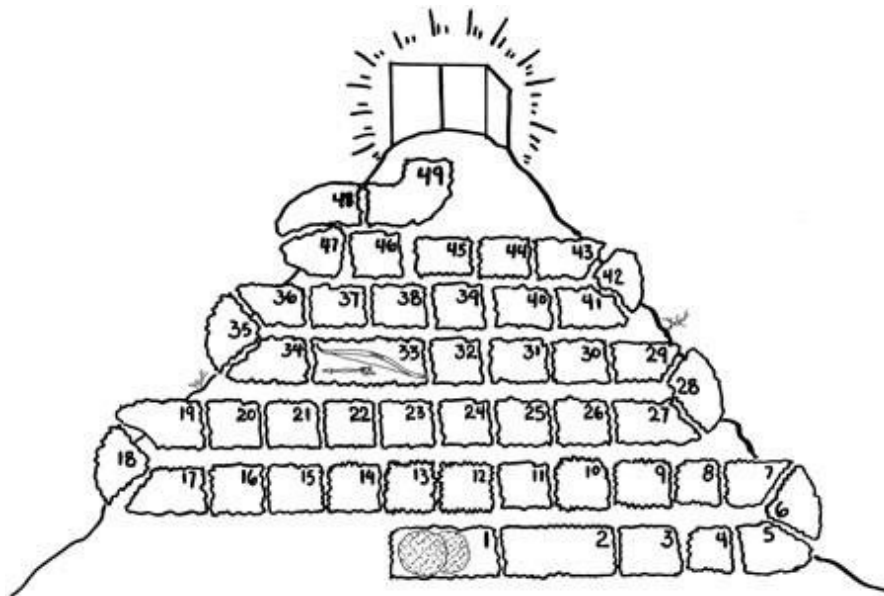
We begin counting the Omer on the second night of Pesach.

**What If You Forget To Count?**

If you forget to count at night, you can count throughout the next day (without saying the blessing).

The following evening you can count again with the blessing.

If you forget to count for a whole day, you should still keep on counting the days until Shavuot.



### How To Use Your Chart:

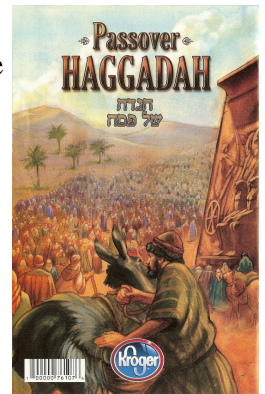
Each time you count a day of the Omer, color in the space on the chart above for that day.

Start at Passover on the bottom (find the round matzot), look for the bow and arrow at Lag Ba'Omer, and keep going until you reach the tablets of the Covenant at the top. Taken from Chabad.org

## MAXWELL HOUSE HAGGADAH: GOOD TO THE LAST PAGE



In 1923, when Maxwell House Coffee signed on with the Joseph Jacobs Advertising agency in New York, it was already a legend. Theodore Roosevelt supposedly drank a cup in 1907 at the Nashville hotel for which it was named, proclaiming it “good to the last drop.” Fortune smiled even more on the brand when Jacobs conceived a plan to entice American Jews to serve the coffee at their Seders. First, he lined up a prominent rabbi to assure Jews that coffee beans were not forbidden legumes but fruit. Then he convinced his client to underwrite America’s first mass-marketed Haggadah. When it appeared in 1934, free with the purchase of a can of coffee, the Maxwell House Haggadah swiftly revolutionized how American Jews celebrated Passover.



Until the coffee company moved into publishing, Haggadahs were fluid in text and format. “Local custom ruled liturgy,” says Rabbi Burton L. Visotsky, a Jewish Theological Seminary professor. “Maxwell House did more to codify Jewish liturgy than any force in history.”

The new Haggadah was widely accepted, in part due to the quality of its Hebrew, says Rabbi Robert Harris, an associate professor at the Seminary. The Hebrew is based on the work of Wolf Heidenheim, famous Hebrew liturgical scholar and author of an acclaimed 1800 Hebrew-German prayerbook. The Haggadah’s English translation was also a draw because second and third-generation American Jews were losing their ability to read Hebrew, says Rabbi Carole Balin, Jewish History professor at Hebrew Union College. The Haggadah’s format, with parallel columns of Hebrew and English, made it easy to follow. Balin points out another reason for its longevity: It’s innocuous without “controversial commentaries,” she says.

American consumers also liked the Maxwell House Haggadah because it was readily available at groceries, lightweight and small enough for a child to hold and simple to store. But its popularity was not exclusive to the American market: Copies made their way to secular Israeli kibbutzim and far-flung military bases and were smuggled during the 1970s to Soviet refuseniks, who cherished them, sometimes as their only Jewish possession.

Kraft, the most recent in a line of conglomerates to own Maxwell House, continues to publish the Haggadah. Little, other than the graphics, has changed over the decades. In the 1960s, the words “Next Year in Jerusalem” were moved from before the fourth cup of wine to the end of the Haggadah. Today more than 4,000 different Haggadahs are in print and many more are self-published. Still, one million copies of the Maxwell House version were printed in 2009 for distribution to chains such as Albertsons on the west coast according to Elie Rosenfeld, chief operating officer of Joseph Jacobs. Approximately 50 million copies have been printed over the past 75 years, he adds. Unfortunately, the agency doesn’t have an archive of previous editions; Rosenfeld himself buys old copies on eBay. “It seems a bit odd today that a religious text bears the name of a commercial concern,” says Jenna Weissman Joselit, author of *The Wonders of America: Reinventing Jewish Culture, 1880-1950*, but back in the ‘30s, it was exciting that a “big corporate entity not one owned by a Jewish family, literally put its name to a Haggadah.” It affirmed the “possibility of being Jewish in America.”

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## B’nai Zion Gets Paid When You Shop

Every time you shop at Kroger, if you show your KrogerPlus card, Kroger will give B’nai Zion a percentage of the sale. You don’t have to spend any extra. Just shop as you normally do.

\$ Scan this barcode **one time in April** to be covered until April 30, 2009 and **scan one time in June**, to be covered until April 30, 2010.

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## Honor their Memories



Two new memorial boards for the memorial plaques have been added to our sanctuary foyer.

One was donated in memory of Conway Sinclair with love from his family.

One was donated in memory of Gus Hirsch with love from his family.

May their memories be for a blessing.

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## Yizkor and Yahrzeit

As Jews — and indeed, as humans — we remember those people whose lives have touched us, but who are now dead. During a Jewish year, we remember them especially on the anniversary of their death, which we call a “Yahrzeit.” The immediate relatives say the Mourner’s Kaddish on the Yahrzeit, or in our community, on the Shabbat following the Yahrzeit. We also have a special Memorial Service for remembering those who have died, called “Yizkor,” which comes four times in a Jewish year: Yom Kippur, the last day of Sukkot, the last day of Passover, and Shavuot. Some people have a custom of lighting a memorial candle, which typically burns more than 24 hours, at the beginning of the evening preceding the Yahrzeit and the evening preceding the holy day for which we observe the Yizkor ceremony. When this candle is lit, there is no specific prayer or blessing that is said. The light symbolically reminds us of their spirit.



At B'nai Zion we send notices to family members who are about to observe a Yahrzeit. We can remind you of the anniversary of the death of your loved one either according to the Jewish calendar or the “secular” calendar. When a death occurs in your family, please be sure to notify the office, and be sure to provide us with: the person's name (and Hebrew name, if available), relation to you, date of death (whether it was after dark), date of funeral, location of burial, and whether you want to be reminded according to the English or Hebrew calendar.

Please remember that we will be using the Memorial Books from Yom Kippur during all of the Yizkor services during the year 5769, including the final day of Passover and Shavuot in a few weeks.

Our next Yizkor service is on the last day of Passover, April 15 at 10:00 AM. All Memorial plaques will be lit.



# Tributes



## CEMETERY FUND

### *In Honor of the Recovery of:*

- ☆ Kathy Plante  
Margy W. Ray

### *In Memory of:*

- ☆ Anita Blaufuss  
Margy W. Ray
- ☆ Mary Louise Levy  
Peggy Novy  
Margy Ray

## DISCRETIONARY FUND

### *In Honor of:*

- ☆ My Conversion  
Delaney Lake

### *In Honor of the Birthday of:*

- ☆ Rabbi Jana De Benedetti  
Tammy & Larry Courtney  
Dalia & Lewis Reisman

### *In Memory of:*

- ☆ Anita Blaufuss  
Kathy Plante  
Jennifer Walker
- ☆ Mary Louise Levy  
Henry Brenner
- ☆ Todd Shepard  
Terry Udes Shepard

## ENDOWMENT FUND

### *In Memory of:*

- ☆ Mary Louise Levy  
Mandel Selber, Jr.
- ☆ Rae Kreisman Selber  
Mandel Selber, Jr.

## GENERAL FUND

### *In Memory of:*

- ☆ Anita Blaufuss  
Salome Gardsbane  
Bob & Karen Gordon  
Amy Morris  
Mrs. Paul Salley  
Barbara Thorne-Thomsen
- ☆ Enrico De Benedetti  
Arrigo De Benedetti
- ☆ Franca De Benedetti  
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- ☆ Mary Loeb Fogel  
Jules Fogel, Jr.  
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### *In Memory of:*

- ☆ Anita Blaufuss  
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## MUSIC FUND

### *In Memory of:*

- ☆ Anita Blaufuss  
Jon & Jerie Black
- ☆ Niki Haas  
Shirley & Lionel Eltis

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

### *In Honor of:*

- ☆ My Conversion  
Alison Bath
- ☆ Julie Miller  
Lory Evensky
- ☆ Bethany Sorkey  
Lory Evensky

### *In Honor of the 90th Birthday of:*

- ☆ Jane Feinberg  
Regina Braunig

### *In Memory of:*

- ☆ Niki Haas  
Regina Braunig
- ☆ Sister Amy  
Regina Braunig

## WE CARE FUND

### *In Memory of:*

- ☆ Anita Blaufuss  
Shirley & Lionel Eltis  
David & Sandra Ginsburg  
Sue & David Rubenstein
- ☆ Abram Ginsburg  
David & Sandra Ginsburg
- ☆ Mary Louise Levy  
Shirley & Lionel Eltis  
David & Sandra Ginsburg
- ☆ Mamie Lustberg  
David & Sandra Ginsburg

*Although we strive for accuracy, sometimes we make mistakes. We apologize for any errors in the bulletin, and for any inconvenience that they may cause.*

## Mazel Tov



- ☆ **Spencer Blum, Cole Evensky, and Laura Sorkey** were part of the successful stage hands for the Southfield play.
- ☆ **Max De Benedetti** came in first place in the regional Literary Academic Rally in computer programming.
- ☆ **Isaac Haas** was wonderful as the lead in the Magnet High School play.
- ☆ **Steven Holman** came in Second Place in the regional Science Fair competition in his division.
- ☆ **Chuck Kesilman** has signed a recording contract with Emerald Records.
- ☆ **Benjamin Maxey** on his role in Julius Caesar at the East Bank Theater.
- ☆ **Matt Rabinowitz** won all three major Louisiana Wrestling Tournaments, and has earned the All American status in Folkstyle and Greco, and has been nominated for the National Wrestling Coaches Association's Outstanding Wrestler, Dream team and Academic teams.
- ☆ **Amy Rabinowitz** completed her training with Barbizon modeling and acting agency. She recently won Miss Photogenic, Miss Cover Girl Queen, and Second Runner Up in the Miss Slabtown Festival in Ringold, in her first competition.
- ☆ **Yale Rosen** was part of Southfield School's regional winning Math Counts team. He also won first place in the regional Science Fair in his division. His Southfield team won their championship.
- ☆ **Miriam Sklar** has been selected as Pilot of the Year by the LSUS Foundation.



## Yahrzeits



### April 3 - 4

Felix L. Alcus  
Carol Manhein Crane  
Myrtle W. Freedman  
A. A. Gilbert  
Charles D. Grieder  
Mrs. Inez Hafter  
Aubrey C. Harris  
Mabel Cahn Landauer Levy  
Simon Nelbert  
Isadore Selber  
Louis Silverblatt  
Donna Markham Tanner  
Norma Levy Weinstein

### April 10 - 11

Brad Lee Battarbee  
Melitta K. Frankel  
Abram Ginsburg  
Edmund Golden  
Barbara C. Goodman  
Mrs. Jeanette Katz  
Mrs. Lois P. Kuperman  
Arnie Lawrence  
Charlton E. Meyer Sr.  
Louis Ochs  
Nathan Pfeifer  
Harry Rosenzweig  
Mrs. Sally Sorkin  
Henry J. Weisman, Jr.  
Walter Wolens  
Jon Zuzak

### April 17 - 18

Morris Anisman  
Isadore Friedman  
Louis Goldin  
Alfred Grossman  
Nathan Levi  
Mrs. Clara L. Lieber  
Nellie Schwartz  
Larry Shirley

### April 24 - 25

Morrie J. Ellison  
Madeleine Gariani  
Flossie L. Golden  
Meyer Heiman  
Birdie Frank Katzenstein  
Connie Katzenstein  
Isadore Kuperman  
Joseph J. Levy  
Mr. Joe Murov  
Mrs. Barbara Alcus Threefoot  
Natalie H. Weiss

### May 1 - 2

Dr. Louis Abramson  
C. H. Baker  
Charles Boyd  
M. T. Flaxman  
Nancy Claire Fox  
Emily Gassenheimer  
Irving Greenberg  
Simon Herold  
Leah K. Joseph  
Leonora Groner Kleban  
Anne Lawrence  
Oscar Levy  
Mollie M. Lowenthal  
Hyman P. Mandel  
Leo Minder  
Joseph Phillips  
Isaac Raas  
Conway Temple Sinclair  
Seymour Van Os  
Herman Willer

*May their  
Memories be for  
A blessing...*

## *Condolences to the family and friends of:*

*Mary Louise Levy  
Ray Walker*



## SHABBAT BLESSINGS / PULPIT HONORS

### Blessings

4/3 Lindsey Toys & Isaac Haas  
4/10 Carol Ginsburg & Leonard Goldman  
4/17 Gigi Zelinsky & Harold Kaplan  
4/24 Floy & Mike Rabinowitz

### Pulpit

4/3 Donald Posner  
4/10 Mitch Newstadt  
4/17 Todd Muslow  
4/24 Sue Rubenstein

### Shabbat Schedule

Friday Evening Service - 6:00 PM  
Saturday Torah Study 9:45 AM  
Saturday Morning Service - 11:00 AM



### Office Hours

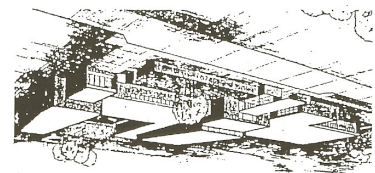
Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
No Business on Shabbat or Holidays

# APRIL 2009 / NISAN - IYAR 5769

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan	<b>30</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan	<b>31</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan	<b>1</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan	<b>2</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan	<b>3</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan	<b>4</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan Shabbat HaGadol Tzav Lev. 6:1-8:36 (p. 686) Malachi 3:4-24 (p. 1459-1461) Torah Study 9:45 AM Services 11:00 AM 8:36
<b>5</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan <b>Religious School Model Seder</b> Seder Cooking 12:15 PM 	<b>6</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan	<b>7</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan	<b>8</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan Ta'anit Bechorot <b>Erev Pesach SEDER</b> 6:30 PM  7:21	<b>9</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan <b>Pesach 1</b> Isiah 43:1-15 (p. 1462-1464) <b>B'nai Zion Office Closed</b> 8:40	<b>10</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 1 <sup>st</sup> day of the Omer <b>Pesach 2</b> Services 6:00 PM 7:23	<b>11</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of the Omer <b>Pesach 3</b> Exod. 33:12-34:26 Ezek. 37:1-14 (p.1465) Torah Study 9:45 AM Services 11:00 AM 8:41
<b>12</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Pesach 4</b>  <b>No Religious School</b>	<b>13</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 4 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Pesach 5</b>	<b>14</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 5 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Pesach 6</b> BZ Board Meeting 7 PM  7:25	<b>15</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> of Nisan 6 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Pesach 7</b> Service /Yiskor 10 AM 8:44	<b>16</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> of Nisan 7 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Bulletin Deadline</b>	<b>17</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> of Nisan 8 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Torah Shabbat</b>  Services 6:00 PM 7:28	<b>18</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 9 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer Shmini Lev. 9:1-11:47 (p. 705) II Samuel 6:1-7:17 (p. 729) Torah Study 9:45 AM Services 11:00 AM 8:46
<b>19</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 10 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>No Religious School</b>  <b>Holocaust Memorial Service 3 PM St. Paul's</b>	<b>20</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 11 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer	<b>21</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 12 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Yom HaShoah</b>  <b>Book Club 7 PM</b> "Maus I & II" Art Spiegelman "Sara's Key" Tatiana de Rosnay	<b>22</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 13 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer	<b>23</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 14 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer	<b>24</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan 15 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  Rosh Chodesh Iyar  Services 6:00 PM 7:33	<b>25</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> of Iyar 16 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer Rosh Chodesh Iyar Tazria-Metzora Lev 12:1-15:33 (p. 734) II Kings 4:42-7:20 (p. 747) Tot Shabbat 9 AM  Torah Study 9:45 AM Services 11:00 AM 8:51
<b>26</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Iyar 17 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Jewish Community Softball Game and Picnic 12:15 at BZ</b>	<b>27</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Iyar 18 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer	<b>28</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of Iyar 19 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Yom HaZikaron</b>	<b>29</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> of Iyar 20 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  <b>Yom HaAtzma'ut</b> Haftarah Isiah 60:1-2 (p. 1474)	<b>30</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> of Iyar 21 <sup>st</sup> day of the Omer	<b>May 1</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> of Iyar 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of the Omer  Services 6:00 PM 7:38	<b>May 2</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> of Iyar 23 <sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer Achrei Mot-Kedoshim Lev. 16:1-20:27 (p. 769) Ezek. 22:1-19 (p. 795) Torah Study 9:45 AM Services 11:00 AM 8:56

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## Save These Dates in May

Sunday May 3 9:45-12:15  
Last Day of Religious School  
Picnic, Awards

Friday May 8 6:00 PM  
H.S. Graduation Shabbat  
Martin Black  
Palmer Black  
Leah Caminker  
Max De Benedetti  
Sam Lepow  
Lindsey Toys

Friday through Sunday May 8-10  
Agudath Achim Scholar in Residence  
Joel Lurie Grishaver  
Deadline April 30 deadline  
Adults all or part of the weekend: \$10  
Children 6-12: \$5  
Children 5 and under: free

Friday May 15 9:45-12:15  
Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Bledstein

Sunday May 17 10:00 AM  
Congregational Meeting and Brunch  
Vote for new Board members  
How are we doing  
-- State of the Congregation Address by President  
- Financial Report by Treasurer

Friday May 29 6:00 PM  
Shavuot  
Yizkor  
Confirmation  
Ron De Benedetti  
Isaac Haas  
Delaney Lake  
Katie Wiener

Saturday May 30 10:30 AM  
Bar Mitzvah of Eliot Haas

