

# The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

☆ APRIL 2016 / ADAR II ~ NISAN 5776 ☆



## From Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti

### Just Crumbs

As we finish the Jewish leap year, and I am finally finished celebrating my three birthdays this year, I realize that I had my share of cakes and other goodies. The last of my Jewish birthdays (4 Adar II) was also Pi Day this year. The mathematical number pi goes on for what may be an infinite number of decimal places, but the first few numbers are 3.14159, which can be rounded to 3.1416. On 3/14/16 instead of cake, we had pie in honor of pi day. I had chocolate pie, and all that were left were the crumbs.

Adar II also had us celebrating Purim and eating Hamantaschen. Thank you to everyone who made these delectable treats. Once again, we ate our fill and were left with just crumbs.



When Purim is over, it is my cue to start eliminating chametz in my house and car and office. The Torah describes a zero tolerance policy for chametz crumbs, so I clean every nook and cranny, scrub pantry shelves and drawers, vacuum under cushions and beds. I work hard not to leave any crumbs.

This process reminds me that sometimes in life getting something mostly done is good enough, but sometimes we need to strive for “all the way.”

From cleaning for Passover, I do realize that crumbs can be a blessing. The crumbs left on the plate when I finish my cake, pie, or hamantaschen remind me how blessed I am to have food—even fun food. I am immediately reminded of people who have so little food day to day that just crumbs would be appreciated. Each year when I clean the chametz out of my food closets, refrigerator and freezer I donate as much as I can to places where people have limited resources for acquiring food. My chametz turns into tzedakah, or perhaps we could call it, “just crumbs,” as in extra food used in a just/righteous way. B'nai Zion this year is suggesting that you bring your chametz and help us with a food drive for the Food Bank. We will collect food—not limited to chametz — until Sunday, April 17, and deliver it before Passover.

That brings us to Passover when we remember each year what it was like to be slaves, and rely on crumbs for food. We finally experience freedom – which brings the crummiest food of all...matzah. Some people love matzah and eat it all year long. I reserve matzah eating for Passover. I recognize that this freedom food creates more crumbs than possibly anything else I eat all year. Each time I eat matzah I am reminded that I am part of a people. We were slaves together. We were freed together. We experienced signs and wonders together. Now we celebrate together, and break matzah together, and drink wine, and sing songs and say blessings together. We create new and clever ways to make yummy food out of this crummy stuff.

We also start a count-up (as opposed to a count-down) to the awesome moment when we accept the laws (Shavuot) and guidance about how / what we eat and what we do and how we treat each other that make us not just a people, but a just people.

So every day I am reminded when I think about food, and when I think about my life, that I don't see just crumbs, but I learn to see just crumbs.

Wishing you and yours a *zissen* (sweet) and a *kosher Pesach*, and I hope you find just crumbs.

Bivrakha (with blessing),

*Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti*



## From Our President, Donald Posner

Does anyone have instructions on how to build an ark? After one of the wettest months that I can remember, I think we may need one! Of course it doesn't help that the roof at B'nai Zion still has problems. The House and Grounds committee has gotten bids and they all will be fixed soon. Following this we can repair the ceiling in Lefkowitz Hall and then fix the sound system. We always have works in progress.

Thanks to all who attended our Purim Sabbath Service and participated in the Purim Carnival. Our children especially enjoyed it!



This month, plan to attend our Seder. Many thanks to all who help plan, cook and clean, etc. this dinner. For the second year, Connie and I will be with our children for Passover. Growing up, I always attended the community Seder. Having these fond memories makes me sad that I won't be with my B'nai Zion family again this year.

Looking ahead, our annual meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2016. Please make every effort to attend. In addition to electing new Board members, we will also discuss our new by-laws as amended by the current board. We will need to vote on these changes. Everyone will get a copy of the new by-laws before the meeting. If anyone has questions or wishes to discuss anything before the annual meeting, please give me a call.

We are blessed that we now have enough high school students active in our Youth Group that they will make a bid to host a conclave in the next year or so. As I remember, this requires the commitment of many adults. Please plan to volunteer when asked.

Also, please, please, please plan to attend our FUNdraiser on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Details are elsewhere in the bulletin. We will replenish our camp scholarship fund. Forward your donations even if you cannot attend. The food will be campy, the dress will be campy and the songs will be campy. Thanks in advance for your support.

As always, find out what is happening by looking on-line and reading our B'nai Zion Buzz. Thanks to all who make these events happen.

Shalom Y'all

*Donald*



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## From Our Educator, Helaine Braunig

The extra month of Adar has given us a moment to catch our breath. Though spring seems to have arrived early this year, we still have a chance to stop and take stock of our lives before Passover arrives. Most of us have been very lucky in recent weeks. We escaped unscathed during the flooding, watching events unfold on tv, but only mildly inconvenienced. However, at least one Religious School family had to evacuate their home in Bossier, and one of our former students who is now a resident of Monroe had floodwaters in her home. Those two families were forced to take stock quickly, deciding what to take out with them and what could be left behind. I'd like to suggest that all of us might benefit from planning for the next unanticipated natural disaster. In doing so, we would also be forced to acknowledge that the things we own are not as important as the relationships we have and the experiences that we cherish as memories. Even so, photos, letters, and objects passed from generation to generation need to be preserved, and while we have the technology to scan those photos and letters, have we done so? Can we locate the precious keepsakes as well as the important papers? As I look ahead to cleaning my house before Passover, I have decided not only to remove the leavened products, but also to bring together not just the important documents, but also the things that link me to my grandparents and parents. For me, Passover is the ultimate experience of Jewish family, and I want to be sure my children and grandchildren have the opportunity to cook from my grandmother's recipes and set the Pesach table with candlesticks and dishes that have been used for generations. Perhaps you, too, may want to stop in the next few weeks to focus on what you have inherited – not just the physical objects, but the values and traditions. And, if your generation is the first to embrace Judaism, this is a great time of year to consider the practices that you'd like to start so that there will be traditions you can share with family and friends.



In addition to Passover, April will bring us our annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 17. We are working on plans that we hope to share soon. In the meantime, know that at least part of our Mitzvah Day will be focused on collecting food for the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana. Our Seder reminds us to “let all who are hungry come and eat,” and we can help provide food for the hungry in our community by packing our non-Passover grains (chameitz) and other non-perishables for donation to the food bank. We can take our children shopping and teach them to buy with nutritional value as well as economic value in mind. Let's help our children learn to be smart shoppers as we stretch our dollars to feed those less fortunate than ourselves.

Finally, April brings us to a time to begin to evaluate the successes of our Religious School year and our hopes for ways to improve in the next year. We have had very effective lessons in the classroom, holiday celebrations in our homes and synagogues, and mitzvah and tzedakah opportunities to bring our values to life. Please consider what your role has been. Have you been a quiet behind-the-scenes helper? Have you taken charge of a major celebration or project? Have you contributed your time? Have you contributed your money? There are so many ways to support our students and our faculty. I invite you to think about how you might help us next year – in the classroom or from outside the classroom. We need everyone's participation and ideas.

Wishing all of you a Happy Passover.  
L'shalom,

*Helaine Braunig*



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## Simcha Shabbat



It is such a blessing for us to celebrate happy events together. Please join us each month when we bless and honor those who will be celebrating a **birthday** or **anniversary** during the month. If your birthday or anniversary is in **April** we will celebrate and honor you **April 1, 2016** during services and have a special Oneg Shabbat following services. If your birthday or anniversary is in **May** your Simcha Shabbat will be **May 6, 2016**.

Please make sure that the office knows your birthday and anniversary dates. If you are not on our birthday and anniversary list in the bulletin, it means we do not have your information.

## Tot Shabbat

Children who are pre-readers and their families (and anyone who enjoys not having to sit still during serices) please join us in the Sanctuary for Tot Shabbat, **9:00-9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2016**.

Rabbi Jana will lead a singing, dancing, marching, boinging, no-reading necessary, great story, happy Shabbat service.



## Interfaith Family Discussions



If your family includes Jews and non-Jews, please come to B'nai Zion **11 a.m. Sunday, April 10** when we will continue our discussions of the joys and complications of being a multi-faith family.

This month we will talk about Non-Jews and the Passover Seder.

**Rabbi Jana will join the discussions and will be available to answer questions.**

## Chametz Mitzvah for the Food Bank

Bring Chametz and other food for the food bank through Sunday, April 17.

The Torah tells us that we need to avoid eating chametz during Passover, and we are also supposed to avoid owning chametz. You can sell any chametz that is in your house so that you do not own it (see the sales form in the bulletin). Why not do a mitzvah with the chametz instead and donate it to the food bank?

B'nai Zion will collect chametz and other food that you would like to donate to the Food Bank through April 17th and then we will bring it to the Food Bank.



## Mitzvah Seder Meals



Each year the Sisterhood makes enough food to be able to bring meals from the community Seder to people who can't make it to a Seder. If you know people who should be considered for meal delivery, if you want to help pack meals, deliver meals, or sponsor meals please contact the office.

# The Death Penalty in Jewish Tradition & Today

Sammy Bosalavage will be our special guest speaker at services 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2016.



Hear what the Torah and our sages have to say about the death penalty. Learn about the modern day application through the lens of someone who works closely with those affected by our state's system of capital punishment. Continue the discussion that began when she came last year.

Sammy Bosalavage works as a paralegal for the Capital Appeals Project (a nonprofit law firm that handles direct appeals for indigent defendants sentenced to death) and as an outreach coordinator for the Louisiana Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. She was a 2014-2015 AVODAH Corps member in New Orleans where she worked at the

Promise of Justice Initiative as the Client Welfare Coordinator. Sammy graduated from Tulane University in 2014 with a B.A. in Sociology and Social Policy & Practice.



## Cleanout Chametz in BZ Kitchen



B'nai Zion Sisterhood is getting together Wednesday, April 13 at 9 a.m. to clean the B'nai Zion kitchen for Passover and get rid of the chametz. We would appreciate any help you can give.

Passover cleaning can be fun if we do it together.



## Do You Need To Order Passover Food?

Do you need to order Passover foods? We are trying to order food through Albertson's Dallas store connections.

Please contact the office with your requests.

Locally in recent years Albertson's and Kroger have carried Passover foods.

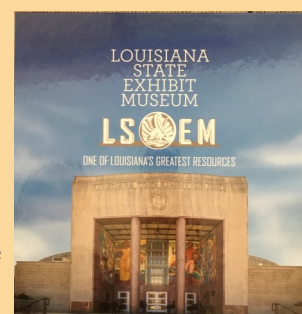
Remember to contact Rabbi Jana if you have questions about 'keeping Passover.'



## Gloria & Charlton's Exhibit in a Book



The Louisiana State museum has published a hardcover "coffee table" book that includes a nice article about Gloria and the late Charlton, Jr. Meyer's historical autograph collection which is usually on display. There is a copy of the book in the B'nai Zion office and it can be purchased at the museum. It's a great collection and a great book.

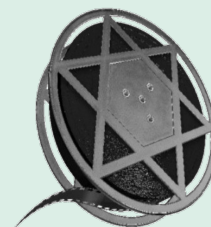


# Jewish Film Festival 2016

To ensure the continuing quality of films offered through The Jewish Film Festival, sponsorships are available at various giving levels. Sponsors will be recognized at the opening reception and on the screen prior to each film showing. Sponsor levels based on contributions are:



Executive Producers -- \$1000 and above  
Producers -- \$500 and above  
Directors -- \$250 and above  
Supporting Cast -- \$150 and above  
Patrons -- \$100 and above



Donations for sponsorships should be made to the North Louisiana Jewish Federation and mailed to (or brought to the office) 245 Southfield Road, Shreveport, LA 71105. Sponsorships should be received by April 7 to ensure timely recognition at all showings.

## Camp Fun Fundraiser

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING AT  
**CAMP FUN**  
TO BENEFIT  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES &  
HENRY S. JACOBS CAMP  
SCHOLARSHIPS

"We didn't REALIZE we were  
making MEMORIES...We just knew  
we were HAVING FUN"



### MESS TENT BUFFET MENU

KOSHER HOT DOGS WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS  
COLE SLAW  
MACARONI & CHEESE  
VEGGIE SELECTION  
HENRY S. JACOBS BANANA PUDDING  
PEACH COBBLER  
S'MORES GALORE

BEER~HARD LEMONADE~SOFT DRINKS~LEMONADE



CAMP SONG SING~ALONG  
FEATURING BETHANY SORKEY

**Y'ALL COME ~ VERY CASUAL**

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016  
6:00 IN THE EVENING  
HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN  
102 LAKE STREET  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

HAPPIEST CAMPER EVER  
CAMP DIRECTOR  
COUNSELOR  
CAMPER

\$1,000 PER COUPLE  
\$500 PER COUPLE  
\$250 PER COUPLE  
\$50 PER PERSON



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**JEWISH SUMMER CAMP IS ONE OF THE  
BEST WAYS TO ESTABLISH A STRONG  
JEWISH IDENTITY.**

**OUR CHILDREN WILL ALSO LEARN NEW  
SKILLS AND MAKE FRIENDSHIPS THAT  
WILL LAST A LIFETIME.**

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE FUNDRAISER.**

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
& HELP SEND OUR CHILDREN TO CAMP.**

# Jewish Film Festival 2016

The Jewish Film Festival returns to the Robinson Film Center April 10-14, with an opening reception (no fee, cash bar) 6-7 p.m. Sunday, April 10.

## FESTIVAL TICKETS

Evenings: \$9.50 (\$7.50, RFC members)

Matinees (before 6 p.m.): \$7.50 (\$5.50 RFC members)

Advanced tickets: [www.robinsonfilmcenter.org](http://www.robinsonfilmcenter.org)

or 318.459.4122 Festival Pass \$36



## *Rosenwald*

7:30 p.m. April 10 / 5:30 p.m. April 11 / 3:25 p.m. April 13

Sears and Roebuck CEO Julius Rosenwald embraced the Jewish tenet of Tzedakah, or acts of justice, and became an early civil rights pioneer. He partnered with Booker T. Washington in the early 20th century to build schools for African American children across the rural south, providing an early education to the likes of Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes. Documentary, 95 min., NR.

## *The Gatekeepers*

1:20 p.m. April 10 / 7:30 p.m. April 12 / 5:30 p.m. April 14

The Shin Bet is the intelligence agency charged with defending Israel against terrorists. Their activity and membership are closely held state secrets. For the last 30 years, only six men have led the organization. The Gatekeepers features all six in the first interviews ever held with Shin Bet members. In Hebrew with English subtitles. Documentary, 101 min., PG-13.

## *Run Boy Run*

7:35 p.m. April 11 / 3:10 p.m. April 12 / 5:30 p.m. April 13

Srulik, an eight-year-old boy, flees from the Warsaw ghetto in 1942. He attempts to survive, at first alone in the forest, and then as a Christian orphan named Jurek on a Polish farm. Srulik is fighting for his life, and also fighting to retain a sense of his Jewish identity. Based on the bestselling children's book by Uri Orlev. In Polish and other languages with English subtitles. Drama, 90 min., NR.

## *Dough*

3:30 p.m. April 11 / 7:50 p.m. April 13 / 3:30 p.m. April 14

Jonathan Pryce stars as an aging Jewish baker struggling to keep his business open. Help comes in the unlikely form of a young Muslim boy needing a job. Once the two team up, business begins booming. But the secret to their success may lie in what's being baked into the bread. Comedy, 94 min., NR.

## SHORTS PROGRAM

3:30 p.m. April 10 5:30 p.m. April 12 7:45 p.m. April 14

***Hannah Cohen's Holy Communion:*** A spirited 7-year-old, growing up in Dublin in the 1970's, can't wait to make her Holy Communion. The only problem is - she's the wrong religion. Comedy, 13 min., NR.

***The Train:*** A meeting with a holocaust survivor teaches a self-consumed and preoccupied young man that life can change in a moment. Starring Eli Wallach. Drama, 10 min., NR.

***Bamidbar:*** Shiri and her estranged father, Avi, venture out on a trip into the Israeli desert before she leaves for the Army. Adventure, 18min., NR.

***Of Many:*** The story of the surprising and transformative relationship between an orthodox rabbi and an imam, who serve as university chaplains in New York City. Documentary, 34 min., NR

***Ellis:*** Robert DeNiro encapsulates the story of Ellis Island through his portrayal of one

**Sunday, April 10** 1:20 p.m. *The Gatekeepers* / 3:30 p.m. Shorts program

6:00 p.m. Festival Reception / 7:30 p.m. *Rosenwald*

**Monday, April 11**

3:30 p.m. *Dough* / 5:30 p.m. *Rosenwald* / 7:35 p.m. *Run Boy Run*

**Tuesday, April 12**

3:10 p.m. *Run Boy Run* / 5:30 p.m. Shorts program / 7:30 p.m. *The Gatekeepers*

**Wednesday, April 13**

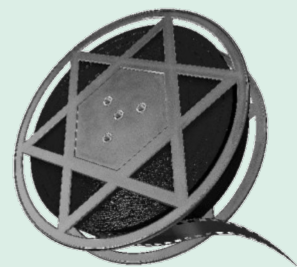
3:25 p.m. *Rosenwald* / 5:30 p.m. *Run Boy Run* /

7:50 p.m. *Dough*

**Thursday, April 14**

3:30 p.m. *Dough* / 5:30 p.m. *The Gatekeepers* /

7:45 p.m. Shorts program



Watch the trailers at: <http://www.robinsonfilmcenter.org/comingsoon/#/north-louisiana-jewish-film-festival-april-1014/>

## Save the Date: Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 22  
we will have our  
Annual B'nai Zion Congregational Meeting.

Thank outgoing officers and Board members

Elect new Board Members

Evaluate and approve  
Modifications to the B'nai Zion By-Laws

Watch for more details,  
including the nominees for Board members,  
and the By-Laws proposed changes.

To nominate Board members, contact Craig Toys  
To suggest By-Laws changes, contact Donald Posner  
To add items to the Agenda, contact Donald Posner

*Please attend this historic meeting.*

## Make Way for May

Plan Ahead:



May 1 Holocaust Remembrance Service

May 5 Fund Raiser

May 13 and 19 Special Israeli visitors

May 15 Last Day of Religious School

May 22 Congregational Meeting

*B'nai Zion Congregation*  
**PASSOVER SEDER**  
*Conducted by Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti*  
 April 22, 2016 / 15 Nisan 5776



**6:30 PM Friday**  
**at B'nai Zion**  
 Seder Meal prepared by Sisterhood  
 Chopped Liver, Matza Ball Soup  
 Green Salad  
 Chicken ☆ Brisket ☆ Vegetarian  
 Vegetable Sides ☆ Dessert



**Early Bird Pricing by April 1**

**Reservation Deadline is April 8** (see below for rates)

After April 8 there is no guarantee for space and an additional fee is charged for meals

✂ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please complete the section below and submit it to the B'nai Zion Office with your payment

Reservation: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the number of people in your group and calculate total amount due.

Passover 2016 Rates for Attendees	Number in Your Group	Veggie Meal	Early Bird by Apr 1	Deadline Pay By Apr 8	LATE Pay After Apr 8	Total \$
Member			\$40	\$45	\$50	
Age 5-12			\$15	\$18	\$20	
Students 13 and above			\$18	\$20	\$25	
Non-Member			\$50	\$50	\$50	
Non-Member Students 5 +			\$18	\$20	\$25	
All Children under 5			\$0	\$0	\$0	
<b>TOTALS:</b>						

There will be reserved seating. Every effort will be made to honor your seating request.

We would like to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Wheelchair, highchair, dietary, etc. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_.

Make Check Payable to B'nai Zion. To pay with    call the office 318-861-2122 or Fill in Here:  
 Card # \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**B'NAI ZION 245 Southfield Road; Shreveport LA 71105 ☆ 861-2122 ☆ BnaiZionOffice@gmail.com**  
**Leftovers, if there are any, will be available for sale Sunday, April 24**

# Community Holocaust Remembrance Service

This will be the 33<sup>rd</sup> year that the Shreveport and Bossier communities will come together in prayer, memory, and hope for our annual Holocaust Remembrance Service. Each year a different house of worship hosts the event, and this year it will be



**3 PM Sunday, May 1**

**St. Mary's of the Pines**

1050 W Bert Kouns Industrial Loop

Shreveport, LA 71118

**The Very Rev. Rothell Price**

Vicar General for the Catholic Diocese of Shreveport

Chair of the Remembrance Service

Eleven candles will be lit in memory of the  
Eleven million lives lost during the Holocaust.

Cantor Neil Schwartz of Agudath Achim Synagogue  
will present musical selections.

We will share prayers together in memory and solidarity.

**Our special guest speaker will be  
Joe Rosenbaum, one of 'the Tehran Children.'**

*Mr. Rosenbaum was born in Cologne, Germany on March 25, 1931. During the rise of Hitler, and while his father was in America, Joe, his mother, and younger sister were expelled in October 1938. Suffering for several years in Siberia labor camps, when Germany attacked Russia in June 1941, the deportees were freed along with the Polish army. Sent southward to Tashkent, they eventually ended up in Pahlevi on the Caspian Sea, and then were moved to Tehran. The Jewish Agency negotiated the children's evacuation (now numbering over 900) to Palestine, by ship and then by train across the Sinai desert, arriving at Atlit detainee camp on February 18, 1943. After five long years Joe had reached freedom. During his new life in Israel, Joe met and married Rina and moved to America and began a career in sales. They now live in California, surrounded by their children and grandchildren. We are honored that he has agreed to share his story with us.*

More than 100 essays and poems from local middle school and high school students, and research papers from college students were submitted for our **Holocaust Literature contest**. **Awards will be presented to the winners, and to participating teachers.**

This is intended as a non-denominational opportunity for the community to come together to remember and find strength to prevent injustice in the world.

Please join us, whatever your faith background.

More details about the 2016 33rd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Service for North Louisiana can be found at the new Holocaust Remembrance Service website:

[www.holocaustremembranceservice.org/](http://www.holocaustremembranceservice.org/),

or on the new Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/RemembranceService/](https://www.facebook.com/RemembranceService/)

# Jewish Ethical Dilemma Dialogue with Rabbi Jana



Rabbi Jana will be conducting a series of study sessions/open discussions. The topic will be "What Would You Do?" Ethical Dilemmas from a Jewish Perspective. The April event will be Wednesday, April 27 at 2 p.m. in the Ballroom in the Tower at the Oaks.



Rabbi Jana is committed to teaching wherever people want to learn. Come learn together.

## Count On It

We are commanded to count the days and weeks (seven times seven weeks until the 50th day) from the liberation we celebrate at Passover through the receiving of Torah we celebrate at Shavuot. We remember that each of our days is numbered, and now that we are free, we can do something with each day to make the world a better place.

### Here's how to do it:

Starting with the second night of Passover, Saturday, April 23, every night, after dark, say the following blessing, and then count the proper day:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעוֹמֶר.

*Ba-ruch Atah A-do-nai Elo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam,  
Asher Kid'sha-nu B'Mitz-vo-tav V'tzi-va-nu  
Al S'fi-rat Ha-'Omer.*

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

Then we count the days and the weeks saying, for example:

"Today is 12 days, which is 1 week and 5 days of the Omer."

To help you count, you can purchase Omer counters, make your own design, find apps for your phone or computer, or go to Rabbi Jana's Passover resources page:

[www.hebrewdoc.com/Holidays/Passover](http://www.hebrewdoc.com/Holidays/Passover).

OMER COUNTER						
1 16 Nisan Passover-2nd Day	<p>Baruch atah Adonay, Eloheynu Melech Ha'Olam, asher kid'shenu b'mitzvotav, v'tzienu al sfeirat ha'omer. Blessed YOU, Adonay, our GOD, Ruler of the Universe, WHO consecrates us with mitzvot and commands us to count the (days of the) omer.</p>					
2 17 Nisan Passover-3rd Day	25 10 Iyar	24 9 Iyar	23 8 Iyar	22 7 Iyar	21 6 Iyar	20 5 Iyar Non-holocaust <sup>1</sup>
3 18 Nisan Passover-4th Day	26 11 Iyar	41 26 Iyar	40 25 Iyar	39 24 Iyar	38 23 Iyar	19 4 Iyar Non-holocaust <sup>1</sup>
4 19 Nisan Passover-5th Day	27 12 Iyar	42 27 Iyar	49 3 Sivan	48 2 Sivan	37 22 Iyar	18 3 Iyar Chai R'Omer
5 20 Nisan Passover-6th Day	28 13 Iyar	43 28 Iyar Non-holocaust <sup>1</sup>	50 6 Sivan Shavuot!	47 3 Sivan	36 21 Iyar	17 2 Iyar
6 21 Nisan Passover-7th Day	29 14 Iyar	44 29 Iyar	45 1 Sivan Rosh P'dush Sivan	46 2 Sivan	35 20 Iyar	16 1 Iyar Rosh P'dush Iyar
7 22 Nisan Passover-8th Day	30 15 Iyar	31 16 Iyar	32 17 Iyar	33 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer	34 19 Iyar	15 30 Nisan
8 23 Nisan	9 24 Nisan	10 25 Nisan	11 26 Nisan	12 27 Nisan Non-holocaust <sup>1</sup>	13 28 Nisan	14 29 Nisan

1) Holocaust Commemoration Day 2) Israel's Memorial Day 3) Israel's Independence Day 4) Jerusalem Day  
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# Levin Yes, Leaven No: What to Know About Passover

**Passover** (Pesach in Hebrew) is known as the "holiday of freedom," commemorating the Jewish Exodus from Egypt following 210 years of slavery. Passover is regarded as the "birth" of the Jewish nation, and its lessons of struggle and identity continue to form the basis of Jewish consciousness 3,300 years after the event. (from Aish.com)

- ★ First **Seder** is Friday April 22
- ★ **Passover Morning service** at B'nai Zion will be Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m..
- ★ The commandments in the Torah for Passover include **eating matzah** and **NOT eating chametz** for the whole week (some people observe the holiday for eight days)
- ★ Start counting **the Omer** beginning Saturday night, April 23. Continue counting for seven times seven weeks (49 days) until we arrive at the holiday of **Shavuot**.
- ★ The **seventh day of Passover** we will have morning services which will include **Yizkor / Memorial** service. The worship will begin at 10 a.m. Friday April 29. We will use the Memorial Books that were prepared for 5776 that we began using on Yom Kippur this year, and all Memorial plaques will be lit.
- ★ Go to the B'nai Zion website ([www.BnaiZionCongregation.org](http://www.BnaiZionCongregation.org)) to find more materials for **Passover**, including a family friendly Haggadah, songs, links, videos, etc.



## Passover Seder Table Checklist

So you want to make your own Seder at home?... Here is a brief checklist of what you need:

- ✧ Three Matzot – covered (plus extra for munching during the dinner)
- ✧ Haggadot, including any that you purchased specially for your children and/or that they made in school (or print the one Rabbi Jana uses by going to the Links page on the B'nai Zion website and clicking on Holiday Resources)
- ✧ Wine and/or grape juice
- ✧ Seder Plate
- ✧ Bowls of salt water
- ✧ Extra maror and charoset for the sandwiches
- ✧ Extra karpas for dipping in salt water
- ✧ Extra hard boiled eggs – not technically part of the seder, but I can't imagine a seder without a hard boiled egg!
- ✧ Kiddush cup for the leader and wine cups for each place setting
- ✧ Saucer or plate for spilling or dipping out the ten plagues
- ✧ Kos Eliyahu (Elijah's cup)
- ✧ Have you heard of the Miriam's cup (filled with water) or the Orange? Look them up or ask Rabbi Jana
- ✧ Pillows for leaning
- ✧ Props for the 10 Plagues – (optional, of course)
- ✧ Afikomen prizes

List was adapted from [www.kosheronabudget.com](http://www.kosheronabudget.com)



# Agudath Achim Second Night Seder Reservation

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Reservation deadline is April 8th

(This is so we can have the proper amount of Passover food for our Seder dinner. Those who reserve after April 8th pay a higher rate.)

Members: \$18 for adults, \$10 ages 4-12, \$50 Family Maximum

Non-members: \$25 for adults, \$15 ages 4-12, \$70 Family Maximum

Turkey Dinner: \_\_\_\_ # of Adults \_\_\_\_ # of Children Gluten Free

Veggie Dinner: \_\_\_\_ # of Adults \_\_\_\_ # of Children \_\_ Y / \_\_ N

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Passover Radio Shows on Red River Radio



### Passover 2016 Red River Radio Schedule

(more details at: <http://redriverradio.org/post/passover-2016-specials>)

**Why Is This Night** – with Rabbi Ismar Schorsch – airs Sunday, April 17, at 6 p.m.

**The Passover Story with the Western Winds** – airs Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. (*so children listen with parents*)

**Passover Dreams** – airs Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. – *Also kid friendly.*

**A Musical Feast for Passover with Itzhak Perlman** – airs Monday, April 25, at 1 p.m.

**Passover-A Time To Cross Over** – airs Tuesday, April 26, at 2 p.m.

**The Four Cups** - A Celebration of Passover – airs Wednesday, April 27, at 2 p.m.



# Sale of Chametz

## DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

KNOW YE that I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Dr. 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. (Submit at least three days before Passover. It is customary to include a tzedakah donation with the form).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

Office Address:

(if Chametz is in office) \_\_\_\_\_

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



## A Prayer for Us from Our Sister City in Israel

Your sister community Magen Avraham in Omer, Israel, stands with you and prays for your safety and the safety of your entire community during the current natural disaster of flooding and the officially declared state of emergency. We pray:

*Misheberach...* May the Holy One who blessed our fathers and mothers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah bless the community members of Northern Louisiana; may they be kept safe from harm; may the injured be blessed with healing; may the displaced find *chesed* (lovingkindness) in the hearts of their neighbors and community, may they return to their homes speedily and may their family and community ties be ever strengthened by their faith, love, goodwill and continued hope. Amen



Rabbi Sadoff will be here to visit us in May

## Thank You

The Fair Trade Fair and Blood Drive were successful thanks to everyone who participated. Hoping that we aren't forgetting any names, these people helped with the Fair Trade Fair: Helaine Braunig, Kathy Brodnax, Diane Dufilho, Kathy Plante, Lorraine Soffer.



These are the brave folks who donated blood at our blood drive: Gary Abrams, Joe Badt, Karen Brewer, Pat Brewer, Bill Braunig, Debbie Caminker, Melissa Gillum, Dave Ginsburg, Barbara Joseph, Ron Holman, Mark Kaplan, Polly Kaufman, Ricky Murov, Christina Muslow, Breck Myers, Mitch Newstadt, Asher Nierman, Daphne Nierman, Donald Posner, Lecie Resneck, Tom Robichaux, Scott Serkin, Craig Toys, Georgette Toys, Brent Turner., John Weiss

## Kroger Rewards

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Kroger Rewards program. So far, 19 shoppers who shopped at Kroger between November 29, 2015 and February 27, 2016 have contributed to an additional \$92.67 donation to B'nai Zion.

If you are not yet participating in the Krogers Rewards program, and if you ever shop at Kroger, at no cost to you please sign up for the program. Contact the office or go to the B'nai Zion Website and find the link to the Kroger Rewards sign up.



## Camp Chai



The North Louisiana Jewish Federation will again be sponsoring **CAMP CHAI** at B'nai Zion July 18-29 for children K3-6th grade.

Camp applications are available online at [www.hebrewdoc.com/CampChai](http://www.hebrewdoc.com/CampChai), in congregational offices and in the Jewish Federation office.

CAMP CHAI



## Mazel Tov

- ✧ **Sylvia Goodman** was named a "Louisiana Legend" by Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting. They praise her for being a philanthropist, community leader and a "Citizen of the Year." She is the wife of **Dr. Carl Goodman**.
- ✧ **Audra Muslow** married Alan Hicks. She is **Ricky Muslow's** daughter and **Todd Muslow's** sister.
- ✧ **Rylan George Solomon** was born to Joy (Laudenheimer) and Justin Solomon. Proud grandparents are Barbara and Ronnie Laudenheimer.



## April Birthdays

1. Justin Rutkowski	11. Paige McGovern	21. Dayton Clarke
3. Elaine Herold	11. Robert Redstone Jr.	21. Isaac Haas
4. Ike Muslow	12. Ron Lepow	21. Laurie Levine
5. Melinda Kent	13. Kate Myers	21. Cheryl Rubin
5. Lillian Miller	15. David Brainis	21. Alan Sklar
5. Amy Quinn	16. Elaine Levin	23. Sarah Abrams
6. Herbert Miller	16. Goldy Marrus	25. Robert Frey
7. John Whittington	16. Jeri Miller	26. Sanford Katz
7. Frances Zadeck	17. Joe Badt	27. Gary Abrams
7. Julie Zadeck	18. Kristina Haas	27. Timothy Levin
8. Kyah Hunter	18. Cary Rogers	28. Connie Posner
9. Hollisann Kent	18. Gloria Rosen	29. Ava Muslow
10. Eliot Haas	19. Fred Kent	30. Martin Black
10. Elijah Nierman	19. Ellie Madrid	30. Palmer Black



## April Anniversaries

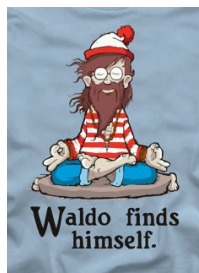
- 5. David and Amy Brainis
- 5. Randy and Donna Greengus
- 5. Amy and David Quinn
- 14. Bernard and Dorothy Lobel
- 20. Leia and Cornell Hunter



*We give thanks for life, for health, for all that sustains us, and for this joyous day.*

*If you are not on the above list for current birthdays or anniversaries  
it means that the office does not have your information.  
Please provide the office with the appropriate month, date, and year to complete our data.*

## Where's Chametz?



Chametz is any food product made from wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt, or their derivatives, which has leavened (risen). Our sages have determined that flour from any of these five grains that comes in contact with water or moisture will leaven, unless fully baked within eighteen minutes. As we are commanded by the Torah, if a food contains even a trace of chametz, we don't eat it, we don't derive benefit from it, and we make sure not to have any of it in our possession for all the days of Passover. Search for Chametz... find your Jewish self.

## Candles and Kiddush Blessers

<i>April</i>	1 Roseann & Bob Frey
	8 Georgette & Craig Toys
	15 Mimi Merriam and Joe Badt, Jr.
	22 Passover Seder
	29 Sorkey Family



# Tributes

## BUILDING & GROUNDS FUND

### *For the Recovery of:*

Bea Blumberg  
Shirley Seligman  
Mandy Selber  
Shirley Seligman

### *In Memory of:*

Lee Dreyfuss  
Shirley Seligman  
Evelyn Robinson  
Shirley Seligman

## CEMETERY FUND

### *In Memory of:*

Lillian Rothkopf  
Randy Tiller

## LIBRARY FUND

### *In Memory of:*

Leslie Schwarzbach  
Geraldine Zelinsky

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

### *In Memory of:*

Sparky Grunes  
Michael Stahl

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### *In Honor of:*

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Cornerstone Bible Ministries  
Rabbi Jana De Benedetti  
Michael Stahl

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

Rabbi Jana  
Kathy Plante

### *In Memory of:*

Lee Dreyfuss  
Gloria Meyer  
Edith Gladstein  
Frances & Donald Zadeck  
Joseph Hafter  
Judith Price



## GENERAL FUND

### *For the Recovery of:*

Cecile Murov  
Ann & Pat Maxey

### *In Memory of:*

Felix L. Alcus  
Berte & Ike Muslow  
Sigmund Blum  
Debbie & Stuart Blum  
Harry Cohen  
Debbie & Stuart Blum  
Lee Dreyfuss  
Carrolyn Fleishman  
Anne Evensky  
Ann & Pat Maxey  
Ellen Soffer & Allen Organick  
Hermione Cahn Moss  
Berte & Ike Muslow  
Evelyn Robinson  
Ellen Soffer & Allen Organick  
Lillian Spitzer  
Lottie Brodsky  
Dorothy Robins Taub  
Betty Feir & Mike Richardson  
Barbara Alcus Threefoot  
Berte & Ike Muslow

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### *For the Recovery of:*

Cecile Murov  
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel

## SISTERHOOD

### *In Honor of:*

B'nai Zion Sisterhood  
Marjorie & Michael Victor

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

Bethany Sorkey  
Kathy Plante

*While care was taken to compile these lists, errors may have occurred. If you notice any omissions, misspellings, or names in the incorrect category, please accept our apologies and notify the office so that we may correct our records. Please note that donations made after the bulletin deadline will appear in the next month's bulletin.*

## B'nai Zion Schedules

### 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 AM-2 PM  
No Business on Shabbat or Holidays  
Call for appointment to meet with the Rabbi

# Yahrzeits

## April 3-9

Felix L. Alcus \*  
 Brad Lee Battarbee  
 Melitta K. Frankel  
 Abe A. Gilbert \*  
 Abram Ginsburg  
 Edmund Golden \*  
 Barbara C. Goodman \*  
 Mabel Cahn Landauer Levy  
 Charlton E. Meyer Sr. \*  
 Louis Ochs \*  
 Nathan Pfeifer \*  
 Louis Silverblatt  
 Sally Sorkin \*  
 Robert D. Susman \*  
 Molly B. Teck  
 Norma Levy Weinstein \*  
 Henry S. Weisman, Jr. \*  
 Walter Wolens \*  
 Jon Zuzak \*

## April 10-16

Morris Anisman \*  
 Isadore Friedman  
 Salome Heiman Gardsbane \*  
 Louis Goldin \*  
 Alfred Grossman  
 Lois P. Kuperman \*  
 Clara L. Lieber \*  
 Harry Rosenzweig  
 Nellie Schwartz  
 Miriam Mandel Sklar  
 Doris Susman Yates

## April 17-23

Lisa Gaye Arnold  
 Morrie J. Ellison \*  
 Meyer Heiman \*  
 Jeanette Katz  
 Birdie Frank Katzenstein \*  
 Isadore Kuperman \*  
 Arnie Lawrence \*  
 Nathan Levi  
 Joseph J. Levy \*  
 Zel E. Lipsen  
 Larry Shirley  
 Barbara Alcus Threefoot \*  
 Natalie H. Weiss \*  
 Charles Zelinsky



## April 24-30

Dr. Louis Abramson  
 C.H. Baker  
 David Bernstein  
 M.T. Flaxman  
 Emily Gassenheimer  
 Louis Glazer  
 Flossie L. Goldin \*  
 Simon Herold \*  
 Leah K. Joseph  
 Connie Katzenstein  
 Leonora Groner Kleban \*  
 Anne Lawrence  
 Oscar Levy  
 Hyman P. Mandel  
 Leo Minder \*  
 Hermione Cahn Moss  
 Joe Murov \*  
 Joseph Phillips \*  
 Isaac Raas \*  
 Conway Temple Sinclair \*  
 Seymour Van Os \*  
 Herman Willer

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*May Their Memories Be A Blessing*

# May God Console~:




























*Family and Friends of*

★ *Dr. Susan Vigen Zeller*

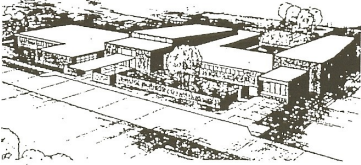
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# April 2016 / Adar II~Nisan 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1 22 Adar II</b> <b>Early Bird Seder</b> <b>Reservation</b> <b>Deadline</b> <i>SIMCHA SHABBAT</i>  <i>Sammy B to Speak</i> <i>Service 6 PM</i> 7:17 	<b>2 23 Adar II</b> Shabbat Parah Sh'mini Lev. 9:1-11:47 Ezek. 36:22-36  <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 8:03 
<b>3 24 Adar II</b> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 	<b>4 25 Adar II</b>	<b>5 26 Adar II</b>	<b>6 27 Adar II</b>	<b>7 28 Adar II</b>	<b>8 29 Adar II</b> <b>Seder</b> <b>Reservation</b> <b>Deadline</b>  <i>Service 6 PM</i> 7:22 	<b>9 1st Nisan</b> <b>ROSH CHODESH</b> <b>NISAN</b> TOT SHABBAT 9 AM  <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 8:18 
<b>10 2nd Nisan</b> <b>Interfaith</b> <b>Discussion</b> <b>11 AM</b>	<b>11 3rd Nisan</b> Jewish Film Festival 	<b>12 4 Nisan</b> Jewish Film Festival 	<b>13 5 Nisan</b> Kitchen Clean Up 9 AM  Jewish Film Festival 	<b>14 6 Nisan</b> Jewish Film Festival 	<b>15 7 Nisan</b>  <i>Service 6 PM</i> 7:27 	<b>16 8 Nisan</b> SHABBAT HaGADOL M'TZORA Lev. 14:1-15:33 Malachi 3:4-23  <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 8:23 
<b>17 9 Nisan</b>  <b>Mitzvah</b> <b>Day</b> <b>Final Day</b> <b>Chametz</b> <b>Food Drive</b>	<b>18 10 Nisan</b>	<b>19 11 Nisan</b> BZ Board Mtg 6:30 PM 	<b>20 12 Nisan</b>	<b>21 13 Nisan</b>	<b>22 14 Nisan</b> <b>EREV</b> <b>PASSOVER</b> <b>SEDER 6:30PM</b>  7:32 	<b>23 15 Nisan</b> <b>Passover I</b> <b>Second Seder</b> Agudath Achim 6 PM  <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Pesach Service 11 AM</i> 8:39 
<b>24 16 Nisan</b> <b>Passover II</b> 1st day of the Omer NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 	<b>25 17 Nisan</b> <b>Passover III</b> 2nd day of the Omer	<b>26 18 Nisan</b> <b>Passover IV</b> 3rd day of the Omer	<b>27 19 Nisan</b> <b>Passover V</b> 4th day of the Omer Ethical Dilemmas @ The Oaks 2 PM 	<b>28 20 Nisan</b> <b>Passover VI</b> 5th day of the Omer	<b>29 21 Nisan</b> <b>Passover VII</b> 6th day of the Omer <b>YIZKOR 10 AM</b>  <i>Service 6 PM</i> 7:36 	<b>30 22 Nisan</b> 7th day of the Omer Lev. 16:1-17:16 Ezek. 22"1-14  <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 8:35 

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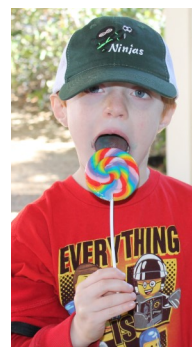
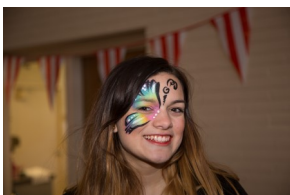
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