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To the Seder and Beyond

One way to experience Pesach (Passover) is: Two nights of Seder, followed by a week of matzah. Two nights of a unique happening – around a table, with people very familiar and/or new to you, part recitation and part role-playing, with symbolic foods and special foods, detours for discussion, hopefully much singing. Then – a week of just figuring out how to eat.



Rabbi Spira-Savett

In fact, Pesach is meant to be so much more expansive. A long, immersive experience of first-time freedom. The Seders are supposed to launch us into a week-long new year festival. We're intended to continue to read and reflect on the meaning today of our people's Exodus from Egypt. We're meant to experience freedom as though these were our first free days and our first free steps.

The Seder scripts the very first steps, just as the Torah says our ancestors were guided step-by-step through the days leading up to and through the first Pesach. But part of freedom for them meant that they didn't have a simple script for the next days, the first days as a free nation.

And it's the same for us. It's on us as Jews to define what those first days of freedom are going to be like. We have special food for the journey – matzah and other Kosher-for-Passover things. What will we make out of our freedom?

In the Talmud, the sages Rav and Shmuel argue over what freedom essentially means. Shmuel says the story of the Exodus begins: "We were slaves in Egypt." Rav says: "Long ago, our ancestors worshipped false gods." For Shmuel, the story culminates in the final escape from Pharaoh. For Rav, the story peaks

when the Jews arrive at Mt. Sinai, to make a covenant and speak directly with God.

Shmuel argues that the Exodus is primarily about physical and political oppression. So Pesach is a celebration of being freed from tyrants and tyrannies. Rav argues that it's about spiritual oppression, about being freed as well from the falsehoods of Egypt. So Pesach is about how we get ourselves to Mt. Sinai, how we decide to use our freedom.

This year, we need both a Shmuel perspective and a Rav perspective on our situation as Jews. We should use the whole of Pesach, not just the Seders, to reflect and learn about what it means to be free Jews today, and commit ourselves to some actions as a result.

In a Shmuel perspective, we need to reflect and learn about anti-Semi-

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Pesach Is Coming

It is April and Pesach, the Jewish festival of freedom, is coming. We celebrate our deliverance from slavery in Egypt, and the rebirth of Jewish nationalism in biblical times. In the time of Joseph, the Pharaohs of Egypt viewed the Israelites as welcome members of society. But just like today, governments change. The Pharaohs changed and the newer ones viewed the Israelites as threats. They worried that the growing Jewish population may undermine their own power.



President David Sacks

Throughout history, variants of this thinking have been used by anti-semitic leaders to paint the Jews as a threat.

These are certainly challenging times to be a Jew in America. We suffered an awful tragedy in Pittsburgh in 2018. Yet the silver lining of the universal outpouring of support after the Tree of Life massacre was amazing, and anti-semitism was brought out of the shadows to be confronted by mainstream America.

However we have also seen a lack of action as it relates to the recent anti-semitic statements by Rep Ilhan

Omar. She has been vocally anti-semitic at least since 2012. Her tweets invoke age-old anti-semitic themes and she supports the BDS movement that seeks to delegitimize Israel and isolate it financially. While she herself may have suffered from bigotry affecting Muslims, she has become a bigot herself. She has many wonderful role models such as Mandela, Gandhi and Malala, who stood up to bigotry with a different unifying message. Instead she continues her anti-semitic and anti-Israel rhetoric even as a U.S. congresswoman.

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tism, from the murders in Pittsburgh to the slanders of Rep. Omar. Here's a book to read during Pesach, if not before: *Anti-Semitism: Here and Now* by Emory University Professor Deborah Lipstadt. Prof. Lipstadt is one of the most sought-out teachers and commentators on the matter. She is a Holocaust scholar, the central figure in a major trial in the U.K. about Holocaust denial, and someone up close to campus anti-Semitism from the left. Read her book or find her writings online.

And if you have been feeling paralyzed by reappearance of anti-Semitism in any or all of its forms—resolve to take some action. If you are within a group that needs to be called out, do that from the inside. If you can be an ambassador for Jews and Judaism, among people who might know very little, do that. Invite someone to services with you, or invite them to coffee with you and if you like with me.

In a Rav perspective, we should remember that true freedom has to be for something, toward something. Pick something new to learn about Judaism. Come to a class, engage with the weekly Torah reading online or with a study partner or with me. Get your own copy (or borrow a child's copy!) of Rabbi Telushkin's *Book of Jewish Values*.

While you are eating your matzah, resolve on a way you can strengthen our own Jewish community. In a joyful way, through Shabbat meals or at services or celebrations. Or when we need each other the next time you see an announcement about a house of mourning.

And as you take your first steps from Pesach toward Mt. Sinai, think about the next mitzvah that your soul is begging to focus on. It could be some aspect of *tzedakah* (giving) or *lashon ha-ra* (gossip). Maybe

you even want to partner up with someone to do it together—create the next Beth Abraham *tzedakah* collective, or buddy up on a gossip-management project and check in each week!

Whatever you do—don't let Pesach just be about something that happened more than 3000 years ago. Don't let the days after the Seder slip away without savoring the first moments of freedom and responsibility, without noticing that the way you'll notice every crumb of matzah in the seat cushions!

Wishing all of you a *Zissen* (Sweet) and Kosher Pesach,

Rabbi Jon

The House recently took the time to put the topic of anti-semitism on the table. They voted to support a resolution that calls out anti-semitism and other forms of bigotry. This would have been great in isolation as the language of the actual resolution is very strong and clear. However, the resolution does not address any of the anti-semitic statements by Omar and does not sanction those sentiments.

We need representatives and leaders to stand up and be counted in the fight against anti-semitism. I was thoroughly impressed with the stand taken on the floor of Congress by Democratic Rep Deutch. If you get a chance watch his 5 minute speech online.

We may feel let down by our own elected representatives who did not stand up against all forms of anti-semitism, not just that from the extreme right. We may feel left out in the cold after they allowed this resolution to fall short of what it ought to have been. Anti-semitism, whether it stems from the left or the right, should be confronted strongly and resoundingly.

The anti-semitism from the right presents bone-chilling threats, such as Charlottesville torch marches in 2017 and the Tree of Life massacre in 2018. But there is a groundswell of anti-semitism cloaked often as anti-Zionism that is becoming prevalent.

The anti-Semitism from the left is supporting BDS and targeting AIPAC, the Jewish lobby, and is

also a clear and present danger to Jews. The effects of this intellectual anti-semitism can last far longer, as each new generation of Americans is indoctrinated against Israel on campuses around the country. American Jews cannot be as open and proud as they used to, on campuses. They cannot support Israel without risk of being vilified by the student body that is being radicalized by Palestinian sympathizers and supporters.

Will the next generation of American leaders still view the USA-Israel bond as strategic and important and representing American values?

So where do we go from here? I would advise that we all reach out to our elected representatives such as Congresswoman Annie Kuster. We
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April Service Schedule

Services are held every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday –Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT SERVICE

April 6

Lunch & Learn in Honor of
Rina Scharf

April 12 & 13

Zachariah Rezaoui Bar Mitzvah

April 13

Jr. Congregation & Tot Shabbat

Passover Service Schedule

April 19

Siyuum Bechorot Service &
Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

April 20

Services 9:30 a.m.
Community Seder 5:30 p.m.

April 21

Services 9:30 a.m.

April 25

Services 7:30 p.m.

April 26

Services 9:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.

April 27

Services 9:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.
(both services include Yizkor)

Havdalah will follow evening
service

Interested in Chanting Torah or Haftarah?

Contact Stan Juda (888-8731) to select a Haftarah, or Rabbi Jon for a Torah reading assignment.

Community News

Deepest Sympathy to:

- Marc Gilman & family on the loss of his beloved wife, Rachel Davidson
- Michael Apfelberg on the loss of his beloved mother, Elizabeth Apfelberg

To all those people in our community who are ill, we wish you a complete & speedy recovery.

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April 5 & 6

Flowers sponsored by Darlene Drutman & Ellie Schwartz in memory of their fathers, Irving Quart & William Schwartz

April 6

Kiddush sponsored by friends of Rina Scharf in honor of her 40 years teaching many of those in our community

April 12 & 13

Amanda Razaoui in honor of Zachariah's Bar Mitzvah

Zachariah Rezaoui Bar Mitzvah

My name is Zachariah Rezaoui. I am in 7th grade at Merrimack Middle School. I love playing sports and tried football for the first time earlier this year with a very tough but amazing coach. Prior to football, I loved soccer since the age of 3. This past winter, I was on 3 basketball teams. Currently, I am trying lacrosse for the first time. Outside of sports and school, I enjoy playing Fortnite with my friends. Summers since I was 3 have been full of fun at Camp Gan Izzy



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and more recently Camp Young Judea. My parents Amanda and Samir keep me and my sisters Talya and Moriah busy with fun trips and family activities. I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah on April 12 & 13. My Bar Mitzvah project is revolving around basketball. The community is invited to a showing of "The First Basket" on April 14 at the Chabad Center for Jewish Living in Manchester. While adults can watch the documentary, kids will be doing some basketball skills and games. I will be assistant coach for the afternoon. There is a Facebook event on the Chabad page.

President's Message

Pesach Is Coming continued...

should brief them on how we feel and what we expect from them. Elected leaders should be accountable to their constituents. This is what we can and should do. Whether you are Republican or Democrat their allegiance should be to you, first.

Engage with your neighbors and friends and help educate them on what is happening in Israel and share your concerns about Rep. Omar. Let them learn rather from you than from some online disconnected source.

We should stand up for Israel publicly. Israel needs the Jews just as much as the Jews need Israel. Israel gets a raw deal in the media. Israel is not perfect, but it is a long way from an apartheid state (I know this for a fact as a South African) and there certainly is no genocide occurring there, contrary to what you might hear from Palestinian sympathizers. It is ok to pressure Israel to come to the table of peace but there needs to be a partner for peace sitting on the other side. With ongoing missile

assaults from Gaza it is ok to question if there is a real peace partner and if this is the right climate for peace? People need to be aware how dangerous to Israel's security, concessions right now could be. But both sides can and need to do more to get closer to an environment that could foster meaningful peace negotiations.

We should also *continue* to stand up against all bigotry and racism affecting others, not at the expense of our needs but alongside it. Jews have a long history of standing up for the oppressed and something to remind people of. But if you don't mind the airline metaphor, we should put on our own oxygen masks, first and be strong united, and then we can help others with their masks.

Before I conclude, I wanted to call out the interfaith burial proposal from a committee comprised of members of the Cemetery and Ritual Committees, together with Rabbi Jon. It is important that our membership and Board discuss how

to address the burial needs of our families with a spouse who is not Jewish. The proposal to address burial of a not Jewish spouse and dependent children in the TBA Cemetery will be discussed in a second forum, on April 15. Please attend and learn more about the proposal. We would appreciate your feedback and input on the proposal which will be brought to the congregation for a vote. More to come on this.

May you have a happy and kosher Pesach!

*L'shalom
David Sacks*

School and Family Calendar of Events

Friday, April 5

Yedidim Build-a-Shabbat

(See Yedidim page for more information)

Saturday, April 6

Celebrating Rina Scharf's 40 Years of Dedication to Our Community

In place of our Family Shabbat Morning Service, we ask all of our families to come to the Main Sanctuary so we can begin to honor Rina Scharf. Each class will help to lead a part of the service. A delicious lunch will follow as we continue to honor and pay tribute to Rina Scharf.

Sunday, April 7

Yedidim Family Sunday School (See Yedidim page for more information)

Saturday, April 13

Tot Shabbat

A fun and engaging event for children 1-5 years old with introduction to Shabbat and other Jewish Holidays through music, reading and more!

Saturday, April 13

Junior Congregation

Sunday, April 21 to
Sunday, April 28

No School – April Vacation

Tuesday, April 30

School Reopens

Conversational Hebrew meets on April 7 and 14

Serious and Funny: Partners in Teaching

Why did the matzah quit his job? Because he didn't get a raise!

Ah, a bit of Passover humor. We Jews can be very stoic and ex-



Director of Education
and Family Engagement
Noreen Leibson

tremely persistent. In fact our history teaches us that for centuries, Jews fought for their existence. But we Jews also bring a lot of humor into the world. Think of the Jewish humorists like Groucho Marx or Gilda Radner or Mel Brooks to name but three. Often I have heard comedians say, you have to struggle, to know the hurts in the world in order to be funny. We laugh our way through difficult times. During Purim, we get to tap into our humor as we boo Haman and cheer for Esther and Mordechai. Our costumed kids come to the carnival and actively play the various games, winning tickets and earning prizes. This

time of celebratory joy is a lead off into another holiday on the Jewish calendar... Pesach.

Pesach is the retelling of the exodus through the Seder. The Rabbis who created the Seder must have been great teachers. Learning through activity is a brilliant way to stay engaged with the Pesach story. As a child in my home we always sang silly songs spun off from familiar tunes such as "Take Me Out to the Seder" sung to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". It is a mitzvah to stretch out the Seder far into the night. The Seder tells the story of our redemption, our rising up from slavery to freedom. It is our story.

At the school, our students are moving from Purim to Pesach. Many classes are preparing their booths for the carnival. Some are learning parts of the Megillah to read at Purim services. Once Purim has passed, our students will make a smooth transition to Pesach. We will enjoy a Pesach program on Tuesday, April 16 during school hours. We want to

make sure that your children will be ready to participate in your Seder.

Hebrew continues to be alive and well this year. Modern Hebrew is an important part of curriculum. Under the direction of their teachers and Rina Scharf, they are learning grammar and how to understand and speak Hebrew. But this isn't just for kids. On Sunday in the later afternoon, 12 people get together to speak Hebrew. Hebrew teacher, Itai Gal, leads this. We are grateful that Itai comes up from Boston to teach us. Ha'kol besder!

Looking toward May 10, we will invite our Gimel students to the bimah to lead us in Friday evening service. I hope many of you will join us in support of their first time in helping to lead our service.

I will leave you with one more Pesach joke for your Seder. Why wouldn't Moses let anyone use his staff? Because he couldn't *part* with it!

Hag Pesach Sameach!!

Noreen

Immigration 101

Are you curious about the immigrant's journey to the U. S.?

Get the story from two New Hampshire immigrants who now work for Granite State Organizing Project. They will explain the history of U.S. immigration policy and how our current problems evolved.

Monday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
after minyan at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to listen and ask questions about this important topic.

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APRIL EVENTS

A few snapshots of our recent Popup Potluck Havdalah and Build-a-Shabbat programs.



Yedidim Director
Jessie Mocle



Build-a-Shabbat Workshop

Your kids will love this creative approach to celebrating Shabbat! Join us for a Shabbat-related project, kid-approved dinner and short, joyful, Friday night service. Your kids will receive their own Build-a-Shabbat Workshop apron. If your child attends all of the workshops, they will earn a certificate of achievement and a special gift! Build memories with your child, and enjoy using the special crafts they create at your own Shabbat table!

Register at www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html

Friday, April 5, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Temple Beth Abraham



Back By Popular Demand: YEDIDIM MOM'S NIGHT OUT!

Following on the heels of February's successful Martini Night Out, we're going to try a new Italian restaurant in April! Join other moms for sophisticated conversation, dinner and fancy drinks at **Portofino Italian Restaurant** in Merrimack. Check out the menu at <https://www.portofinorestaurantnh.com/>

Register at www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html

Saturday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
456 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, NH 03054

Programming Note:

We will be skipping Potluck Popup Havdalah this month due to Passover. We'll be back in May, and we're looking for families to help host! Please contact Jessie if you're interested in hosting for the months of May or June. Stay tuned for some exciting programming coming this summer, including Shabbat Al Fresco - Dining in the Park, Berry Picking, Family Field Trips, and more!

YFSS

Join us for your child's first Hebrew School experience at the Yedidim Family Sunday School (YFSS)! Aimed at kids 2-3 years old and their caregivers, this innovative monthly program is led by a certified teacher and subject matter expert. We have created a fun and engaging environment where students learn about Jewish holidays, Hebrew language, and Jewish values through age-appropriate activities, games and songs.

Register at www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Religious School

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jessie Mocle: yedidim@tbanashua.org

Honoring Rina Scharf

Service and Luncheon

Saturday, April 6

9:30 a.m. service followed by a festive luncheon

Raise a glass, share a story.



Join us as we gather together to honor Rina Scharf for 40 years of dedicated service to our community!

Come with your memories and your stories to share with Rina at the luncheon.

Keter Shem Tov Award - 'Crown of a Good Name'

For that special person that you have noticed working tirelessly around the synagogue.

Every year we ask our congregants which active member of the synagogue stands out as working tirelessly and devoting time and effort to improve the life of our synagogue and community. This prestigious acknowledgement is not given out every year and is only given out once in a members lifetime. The nominee must be an active member

in good standing with a long list of accomplishments, and not currently a member of the Board of Directors or an employee of the synagogue.

Please send an email (office@tbanashua.org with Keter Shem Tov Committee in the subject line) or write a note (Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street, Nashua, NH 03064-2317, Attn: Keter Shem Tov Committee) with the name of your nominee and your rationale for choosing that person. Describe the nominee's accomplishments

and contributions (not financial) to both Temple Beth Abraham and the community at large.

The award will be presented at Temple Beth Abraham at services (date to be determined). The awardee will also be honored at the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's annual meeting.

To be considered nominations must be submitted to the committee no later than May 15.

Something to Think About.

As you read this, Buzz and I will be getting ready to come home. We said, "See you next time" to our Feilding area friends and headed north at the beginning of the third week in March. We will be home on April 5...just in time to get the house clean for Pesach.



Elaine Brody

As you all know the last weeks have been very difficult ones here in New Zealand. No one would claim for a moment that New Zealand is a prejudice-free haven, but violence on the scale of the slaughter at the mosques in Christchurch is unheard of. In an average ordinary year, less

than 40 people are murdered in NZ in an entire year. To have fifty people lose their lives and so many others seriously injured all at once is almost beyond comprehension here. There have been gatherings and vigils all over the country in the big cities and in small towns. We attended the We Are One service in Feilding. Hundreds gathered at the clock tower in the square where the flag flew at half-mast. The mayor, representatives of the Christian and Muslim communities (There is not a Jewish community in this small town), and a representative of the first responders spoke words of solidarity and healing, and a Maori choir sang. Afterward, people wrote notes of condolence in a book and

on brightly colored Post-it notes that will be added to millions of others being sent to Christchurch from all over the country.

As we prepare to celebrate our deliverance from Egyptian tyranny and bondage, let us all remember that the freedom and safety we hold so dear are fragile and come with responsibility. Part of our responsibility is to stand against those who would deny those rights to anyone because of religious belief.

Even in these turbulent times, make time for a joyous celebration.

*L'hitraot
Elaine*



Calling All Yarn and Fiber People!

Are you a knitter, crocheter, spinner, weaver, or any other yarn and/or fiber related craft? Are you looking to sit and chat weekly with like-minded people? Are you interested in learning?

Hi, my name is Jessica Stern and you've probably seen me around the synagogue! I work in the synagogue's Main Office and Religious School. I'm a capital-K Knitter! I also crochet, spin, weave, and dabble in sewing, and quilting. If you're interested in a weekly meet-up, I'd love to hear from you! I've created a questionnaire for anyone interested. You can find it here: <https://goo.gl/forms/I4eWrKH9nggT5is02>

I'm hoping that we can get a good group going here at TBA! I'm also happy to teach those that want to



learn the basics of knitting or crochet! I just ask that learners provide their own equipment (don't worry I can give you ideas on what to get).

If this group gets enough interest, you'll be sure to be hearing from me!

If you have any questions or comments you can call/text or email me at. (603) 557-4570 or SerenovaCrafts@gmail.com

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Coming Events and Programming

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Tuesday, April 2 at 6:15 p.m.

Judaism 201 With Rabbi Jon: The Passover Seder

We'll talk a bit about how the Seder was created by the Talmudic rabbis, and then go through the structure, sing some songs, and talk about ideas for making an engaging Seder. For people who have never been to a Seder and for people who are interested in broadening their Seder repertoire!

Come to the synagogue, or participate by phone or Zoom/

<https://zoom.us/j/465206030> or call (929) 436-2866, Meeting ID: 465 206 030

BABKA meeting, Wednesday, April 3, 8:00 p.m. - "Famous Father Girl" by Jamie Bernstein

JTS Livestream, Thursday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Renewing American Judaism: Experimentation and Creativity in a Changing Landscape

TBA Gallery or <http://www.jtsa.edu/renewing>

Saturday, April 6, after services, Lunch & Learn: Honoring Rina Scharf

Beyond "Love the Stranger": The Ethics of Borders and Immigration

Four Sessions With Rabbi Jon

Mondays, March 25 and April 8 & 22 6:15-7:30 p.m. - Temple Beth Abraham -

No fee or registration required

Immigration policy for the US has always been both a practical and a moral issue. Even practical considerations of commerce and diversity have moral implications. So how do we identify and then rank the moral principles that are invoked in debates over immigration policy? How do we know when we should take people in and when we should concentrate on improving life where they already live? We will look at contemporary American religious explorations of "who is my brother/sister" and how the biblically-based obligations to "love your neighbor" and "love the stranger" relate to each other. We will look at interpretations of immigration and humanitarian aid and intervention by governments in the work of contemporary moral philosophers.

Ongoing:

Torah Study with Rabbi Jon and Noreen Leibson

Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Come once or many times.

Rabbijon.net and @TBARav

Teachings on the weekly Torah reading and current events through a Jewish lens, podcasts, and music.

Rabbi Jon's high holy day sermons are posted.

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/tbanashua> - Search the TBA Library catalog for a book to read

Save the Date!

BABKA, May 1

Lunch & Learn: May 11 - Dedication of 12 Tribes Sanctuary windows

Have Ideas? Want to Help? Join Our Committee?

Contact Jeff Masors at jmasors@gmail.com or Rabbi Jon at rabbijon@tbanashua.org.

Contribute to the Elizabeth Fischer Memorial Fund to support TBA's ongoing scholarly and cultural programming.

Considering sponsoring a speaker or event. Contact the office or Rabbi Jon.



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93 Queen | Babi Yar | Budapest Noir | Carl Laemmle
 Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal | Double Date
 Full-Court Miracle | Golda's Balcony, The Film
 Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel | Inside Out
 Satan and Adam | Shoelaces | The Last Suit | The Samuel Project
 Wendy's Shabbat | Who Will Write Our History | Working Woman

Purchase your advance tickets for all screenings

Online at www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org
 Online at www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/833384
 By phone at 800-838-3006 ext. 1
 By phone at 603-627-7679, Jewish Federation Office, Tuesday-Thursday, 9 am-3 pm
 At Jewish Federation of New Hampshire box office, Tuesday-Thursday, 9 am-3 pm

Information: Call 603-627-7679 or visit www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org or www.jewishnh.org for the latest on the NH Jewish Film Festival. On Facebook, visit Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival for updated information.



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Festival Schedule At A Glance

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Chewdaism, Double Date, & Wendy's Shabbat
 7:00 PM, Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU, Manchester

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Carl Laemmle
 8:00 PM (Doors open 7:30 PM), Currier Museum, Manchester
GALA FOOD AND WINE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
SPECIAL GUEST: BOB TREITEL

Sunday, April 7, 2019

93 Queen
 1:00 PM, Cinemagic, Merrimack
 1:00 PM, Peterborough Community Theatre, Peterborough

The Last Suit
 1:00 PM, The Music Hall Loft, Portsmouth

The Samuel Project
 3:30 PM, Cinemagic, Merrimack
 3:30 PM, Peterborough Community Theatre, Peterborough

Satan and Adam
 3:30 PM, The Music Hall Loft, Portsmouth
POST FILM DISCUSSION: ADAM GUSSOW

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Golda's Balcony, The Film
 7:00 PM, Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU, Manchester
POST FILM DISCUSSION: DAVID FISHELSON, PRODUCER

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Working Woman
 7:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Shoelaces
 8:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord
SOCIABLE SATURDAY NIGHT EVENT!

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Budapest Noir
 1:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

Inside Out
 1:30 PM, The Hotel Concord, Concord
PJ LIBRARY EVENT — FREE

Who Will Write Our History
 3:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord
SPECIAL GUEST: DIRECTOR ROBERTA GROSSMAN VIA SKYPE

Full-Court Miracle
 3:30 PM, The Hotel Concord, Concord
PJ OUR WAY EVENT — FREE

Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel
 5:30 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord
FESTIVAL WRAP PARTY, SPEAKERS TBA

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Babi Yar
 3:30 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord
SPECIAL FILM EVENT, DETAILS TBA





SISTERHOOD'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3,

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

DROP-OFF & SET-UP DAY

TUES, APRIL 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**BRING YOUR DONATIONS to TBA's SOCIAL
HALL on TUESDAY, APRIL 2!**

**We need: clothing; shoes, sneakers, boots;
accessories; jewelry; household & kitchen
items; bed, bath & decor items; small appli-
ances, electronics; sports equipment; baby &
children's items; art, music, books, games,
toys; etc, etc!!**

Questions? Can you help??

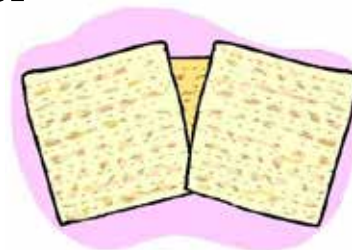
**Call Carol Gorelick 889-8067 or Robin Rubin
571-1090**



Temple Beth Abraham's Community Passover Seder

Saturday, April 20
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

RESERVATION FORM



Name(s) _____

Best contact information _____

_____ Adults (13+)	\$30.00 per member / \$36.00 per nonmember
_____ Children (6-12 yrs.)	\$15.00 per person / \$20.00 per nonmember
===== Children (5 yrs. and under)	FREE

Sponsor a bottle of wine for \$10.00 _____

TOTAL: _____

*By Jewish law, cost is never a barrier to participation in a Pesach Seder.
You can speak with Rabbi Jon confidentially.*

Indicate if you or any member of your group has dietary needs
such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or any allergies.

Please bring or send this form and your check to Temple Beth Abraham, or register online.
Please make your reservations by April 10 so that we are able to
order the correct amount of food!!!!

Do you have a favorite tradition that you would like to share? Would you like to lead part of the Seder, tell a story, do a skit, add a decoration, etc? What would you like to see be part of our Seder that would make it special to you and your family?

Please check one:

- _____ I can help set up or prepare on April 17, 18, 19 or 20
_____ I can shop.
_____ I would love to lead an activity for children during the Seder.
_____ Other: _____



מַעוֹת חֲטִיין *Ma'ot Chittin* Fund

Since earliest times the Jewish community has been charged with making sure that everyone can afford the required foods of Pesach. Rabbi Jon collects contributions which help people in our community as well as in other places.

This is a special kind of *tzedakah* (giving for justice), in honor of a festival rooted in the fight against suffering and injustice.

If you need any assistance so that you can have *matzah* and other Kosher for Passover food, you can approach Rabbi Jon confidentially. To make a contribution to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for this purpose, indicate *Ma'ot Chittin* in the memo.

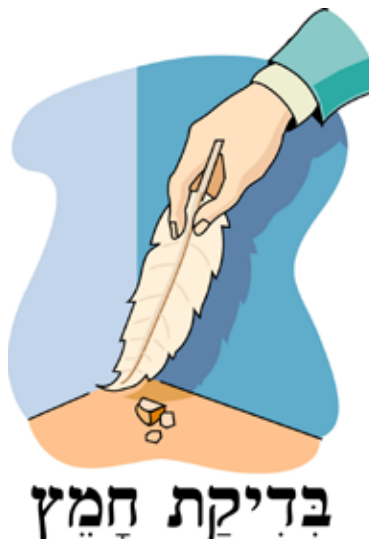
מכירת חֲמֵץ *Mechirat Chametz* Selling of Chametz

According to the Torah, chametz (leavened items) shall be neither eaten nor found in Jewish homes. Ideally, chametz should be thrown away, or if unopened it should be donated to a food pantry. When this is impractical because of significant financial loss, it is permitted to sell chametz and transfer the part of the premises on which it is located to a non-Jew, in order to fulfill the letter of the commandment. Rabbi Jon will effect a legal sale of all the community's chametz before Pesach on the basis of the authority granted herein. Chametz areas should be blocked off during Pesach.

I/we, _____, fully appoint, empower and permit Rabbi Jonathan Spira-Savett to act as my agent to sell on or before midday of the 14th of Nissan 5779, corresponding to the 19th of April 2019, all *chametz* that I/we and any members of my/our family possess knowingly or unknowingly, as defined in Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease out all places where the aforementioned *chametz* is found, at the locations listed below or in places unknown.

Signature(s) _____

List addresses/locations:



הקשר היהודי שלך

Your Jewish Connection

Brought to you by the Lifelong Learning Committee – Written by Linda S Trapasso

A GF Pesach

When you think about it, Pesach is mostly gluten free (GF), if you don't count *matzah* or anything made with *matzah*. So let's explore this further – can you really make *Pesach* GF?



First things first. To understand what exactly *chametz* is, refer to this [Orthodox Union article](#). It gives the basics plus some things you may not have thought of before. You can find plenty of other Passover information on this web site, too; for example, an article about [using quinoa](#) for *Pesach*.

The second thing is finding GF *matzah*. According to [VeryWellFit](#), “to be kosher for the Passover ritual according to Jewish dietary laws *matzah* can only be made of either wheat, barley, spelt, rye, or oats.” This article from 2018 goes on to describe several brands of *matzah* that may be fit for *Pesach* but may not fulfill the mitzvah for the *Seder*. Watch the boxes for labels such as “Not for Sacramental Purposes” and be clear on the ingredients.

Another [2018 article at VeryWellFit](#) continues with “**Very important: Merely being labeled ‘Kosher for Passover’ does not make a product gluten-free.** It must also be labeled ‘Non-Gebrochts’ or ‘Gluten-Free.’ Non-Gebrochts



(sometimes spelled ‘Non-Gebrochts’ or ‘Non-Gebrochts’) means the item does not have *matzah* as an ingredient.” The article continues with a list of food brands and some of their GF non-*matzah* *Pesach* foods. Also check out [oukosher.org](#) with its 2019 Kosher for Passover and GF information.

In 2015, the Conservative movement lifted the ban on *kitniyot*. According to [the Smithsonian](#), “The decision to lift the ban on *kitniyot* (rice, beans, legumes) in the Conservative movement has several factors behind it, including health and eating habits. As gluten-free and vegan diets have become more popular in recent years, people have had a harder time finding meals that fit into these regimens while still adhering to tradition.”

In a March 2019 article at [the Forward](#), it states that 40% of annual Kosher sales take place during Passover, and many Kosher food brands introduce new products at Passover. For example, Manischewitz is offering 20 GF products this year. This also is a boon for those with celiac disease and others who need to be GF. The article says, “A gluten-free diet could be healthier for people

who swap out processed foods with gluten for fruits and vegetables... But processed gluten-free foods are not necessarily an improvement over their gluten counterparts. Removing gluten from food affects the food's taste and texture, and manufacturers usually improve both by adding fat and sugar...” So be careful what you choose and ALWAYS read the label and ingredients.

For some GF recipes and ideas for *Pesach*, check out [the Spruce Eats](#), [Udi's](#)



[Gluten Free Blog](#), [GF Jules](#), [Elana's Pantry](#), and [Today Food](#).

Remember, if you have questions, check with Rabbi Jon. Also download the [OU Guide to Passover 2019](#). Wishing you a *zissen* (sweet) *Pesach*!

Kasher L'Pesach **כֹּשֶׁר לַפֶּסַח**
Rabbi Jon's Guide to Kosher for Passover 5779 (2019)

During Pesach, there are two practices around food: we eat matzah **מַצָּה**, and we rid our diets and our homes of *chametz* **חֻמֵץ** -- anything leavened. Both matzah and *chametz* are defined in terms of five species of grain: **wheat, barley, rye, oats, or spelt**. Matza can be made of any of these, and any other form of them is *chametz*. While we first and foremost associate matzah with Pesach, the avoiding of *chametz* is the more sweeping practice. The Torah says that we must eat matzah on the first day of Pesach, but avoid *chametz* throughout the festival.

Matzah, according to the Torah, is both the bread eaten by slaves and the bread of the first moments of freedom, baked on the run of our Egypt when there was no time for the bread to rise. *Chametz* (leavened or fermented grain) symbolizes what is old and spoiled, in our lives and our world. The Exodus from Egypt is the Torah's rejection of old but still tenacious ideas about the power some people wield over others. In biblical times, Pesach was a festival when grain from the previous year's harvest would be swept out, and we would begin eating grain that is fresh and new. In Jewish thought, the fermented *chametz* came to be understood as a symbol of decay in a metaphorical sense. Chasidic teachings compare *chametz* and matzah to characteristics of our soul. *Chametz* represents arrogance and a self-centered attitude -- being "puffed up", as we say in English. Matzah stands for humility, simplicity, and a sense of proportion.

The *halachot* (Jewish laws and paths) regarding what may or may not be eaten on Pesach are meant to remind us through our bodies and mouths that we all are descended from freed slaves, and to help us on the path toward renewal, Godliness, and increased Jewish commitment. These *halachot* can seem demanding and for many people daunting! Rather than be daunted, think of "Kosher for Passover" as a ladder, and try to climb a bit further this year. Some of the rungs are:

- eating matzah and avoiding bread
- removing all bread, pasta, etc. from the home
- avoiding obvious *chametz* when you eat outside the home
- not eating out during Pesach at non-kosher restaurants, other than fresh fruits or vegetables
- reading food labels to avoid obvious *chametz* ingredients or items manufactured on equipment with wheat or other grains
- eating only foods that are Kosher for Passover as described below

If you don't already do this, Pesach is a time to add attention every time we eat, by saying a *b'racha* (blessing) and reflecting on the path from slavery to freedom

The easiest way to observe Pesach is to eat simple and fresh foods. Indeed, a week spent paying such close attention to our food and where it comes from opens a window on the many choices we face as we eat throughout the rest of the year.

If you have any questions about food during Pesach, or how to prepare your home for Pesach, please do not hesitate to call me. To adapt a line from the Seder: anyone who adds layers to the experience of eating during Pesach is deserving of praise!

Wishing you a zissen (sweet) and kosher Pesach!
 Rabbi Jon

Where to Buy Kosher for Passover Food Nearby

Many local supermarkets carry matzah and at least a small number of Passover items. Try to shop early when the selection is greatest, and make sure to thank the management for stocking these items so they will continue to do so in the future!

Hannaford and Marketbasket, especially in Nashua and Manchester, carry a good variety of Passover products.

Whole Foods stores carry kosher chicken as well as other Passover products. They also advertise certain Jewish holiday specials that are not Kosher for Passover.

Trader Joe's in South Nashua has kosher meat/chicken and wine available. Contact them in advance to place orders for meat/chicken in quantity; they sell out fast.

New Hampshire State Liquor Store in Nashua at Exit 6 carries many kosher wines.

Stop and Shop in Lexington, MA, Costco in Waltham, MA, and Wegman's in Burlington, MA have large Passover sections. Other Stop and Shop stores, especially in MA, have significant Passover sections.

The Butcherie in Brookline, MA, has the largest selection of kosher items, including prepared foods and wines, in our region. Prices are typically higher there for items that are available elsewhere.

The lists that follow are based on the rulings of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of Conservative Judaism, as I interpret them. There are a very few changes from last year based on information from Kosher supervising organizations. **These pages are particularly valuable as a guide to which regular, year-round products can be purchased so as not to pay a "Pesach premium."** Any food not listed here specifically can be eaten if it has a **Kosher for Passover certification from a qualified rabbi or supervising organization.** As is the case during the year, the letter "K" or the mere words "Kosher for Passover" are not regulated, so they are not sufficient proof of rabbinic supervision. Look for those words along with an O-U (O around the U) or other Kosher symbol as well. Many kosher-certified products have a small P on them if they are Kosher for Passover, rather than the words "Kosher for Passover."

Recently the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards approved a change in the practice for Ashkenazim (Jews of Eastern European descent) regarding the eating of *kitniyot* (rice and legumes). It has been a long-standing custom for Ashkenazim to avoid these foods on Pesach, even though they bear only a passing resemblance to *chametz*. Sephardim (Jews whose origin traces back to Spain and the Mediterranean) have always eaten *kitniyot*. The Conservative movement now approves of Ashkenazim eating *kitniyot* as well. This guide provides guidance on how to eat *kitniyot* appropriately during Pesach, if you choose to do so.

If you have any questions about particular foods, about the issue of *kitniyot* (legumes), or about making your kitchen, cookware, and utensils Kosher for Pesach, contact me at (603) 883-8184 or rabbi@tbanashua.org.

The following may be purchased before or during Pesach without special Kosher for Passover certification and without any Kosher certification: (Explanation: These are items with no *chametz* in them or in their manufacture and processing.)

baking soda

eggs

coffee: all ground and whole bean unflavored caffeinated coffee

all ground and whole bean unflavored Swiss water method decaffeinated coffee

extra virgin olive oil

fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole fresh spices (e.g. mint, basil)

fresh refrigerated milk

fresh fish of kosher species

tea: any unflavored, caffeinated white, green, or black tea -- loose or teabags

unflavored seltzer or bottled water

unground, unsalted nuts -- such as walnuts, or whole or half pecans

unsweetened cocoa powder manufactured in the United States

powdered and liquid detergents, as well as food wraps and foils, are not foods and you may buy and use them during Pesach

For those who eat kitniyot (legumes and rice) during Pesach, these may also be eaten without Kosher for Passover certification and purchased before or during the holiday. They should be inspected before use and any grains of chametz discarded:

plain uncooked, unenriched rice in boxes or bags

dry beans of any variety in boxes or bags

uncooked/unroasted/unprocessed nuts of any kind

frozen raw corn or edamame that has not been processed on equipment shared with *chametz*

The following may be purchased before or during Pesach without special Kosher for Passover certification but require regular Kosher certification: (Explanation: These are items that involve more processing, but are known from supervision to have no *chametz* in their manufacture.)

coffee: any instant unflavored caffeinated coffee, Folgers decaffeinated non-instant coffee

fresh or frozen kosher meat

raisins -- Trader Joe's, Hannaford, Market Basket, Berkeley and Jensen, Wegmans, CVS Gold

Emblem, Rite Aid, Dole, Newman's Own

tea: Nestea - unflavored instant, regular and decaffeinated

Realemon and Realime juice

For those who eat kitniyot (legumes and rice) during Pesach, these may also be eaten without Kosher for Passover certification and purchased before or during the holiday. They should be inspected before use and any grains of chametz discarded:

corn, canola, peanut, or soybean oil that has regular kosher certification and is not manufactured on equipment shared with *chametz*

The following may be purchased before Pesach without Kosher for Passover certification, but require a Kosher for Passover label if purchased during the holiday:

(Explanation: These are items which may have traces of *chametz* in their additives or processing. Before Pesach begins, the *ta'arovet chametz* or “mixing in of *chametz*” is considered to be *batel b'shishim*, nullified by sixty times its quantity. Once Pesach begins, even trace amounts of *chametz* are forbidden by Jewish law.)

Bolivian or Peruvian quinoa packaged with no other ingredients and marked “gluten-free” --

other quinoa if these are not locally available

canned tuna packed in water with no other ingredient beside salt

cream cheese, cottage cheese, lactose-free milk

Equal Exchange Fair Trade Dark Chocolate (see fairtradejudaica.org)

frozen fruit with no sugar or additives

frozen uncooked vegetables not prepared on equipment shared with grain or pasta

or opened and inspected by you and you discard *chametz*

frozen non-leafy cooked vegetables (including peas if you eat legumes) with no additional ingredients other than salt even without kosher certification

frozen cooked leafy vegetables (e.g. spinach) with year-round kosher certification

Grade A unsalted butter

granulated white sugar

hard cheeses (e.g. Cheddar), semi-soft (e.g. Muenster) and soft ripened cheeses (e.g.

Camembert) in block but not shredded or grated form *for those who eat cheese*

without kosher supervision during the year

noniodized salt

pure fruit juices without any additives

unopened pure dried spices manufactured in the United States -- *but onion or garlic salt*

or any spice blends require certification both before and during Pesach

Those who do eat *kitniyot* (legumes) and also uphold the strictest standard can eat peanut butter, hazelnut butter, etc. on Pesach. There is almost no kashrut authority in North America that supervises these for Pesach. If one chooses to eat nut butters, they should have regular kosher certification, be completely natural, list no other ingredients, and not be manufactured on equipment shared with *chametz*.

Medicine -- Although many medications are made with binders derived from *kitniyot* and even *chametz*, the preservation of life (*pikkuach nefesh*) and health are overriding principles. Medicines can and should be taken during Pesach as needed.

Baby food and infant formula -- For those who adhere to the restrictions on *kitniyot* (legumes), these restrictions do not apply to infants. Pure fruit or vegetable baby food with regular kosher certification is acceptable for Pesach. Any kosher infant formula is as well. If you do not eat *kitniyot*, keep any utensils and cleaning supplies for baby food separate.

Diet restrictions -- If you do not eat grains, or if you have any condition or allergy that makes eating on Pesach difficult, please be in touch. I am happy to consult and advise.

Men's Club Happenings

Spring has sprung! Since we last saw you a lot has happened! On March 3 over 20 children and just as many adults joined us for our annual Children's Breakfast. The folks from Wildlife Adventures Ecology Center were fantastic! They brought a wide array of animals for the kids to interact with and reminded us all how important it is to respect nature and animals in their natural habitat. Lots of wide-eyed kids and adults enjoyed the presentation.

Many of you also joined us for a wonderful evening at the Purim Ball. These collaborative events always seem to be fun. We can't thank sisterhood enough for all their efforts in making this a fun night! Hopefully everyone enjoyed and we will continue to collaborate with them in the years ahead on some fun programming!

Next Breakfast – April 7

Our next Breakfast will be held Sunday morning, April 7. The Men's Club will be joined by our own Dr. Bill Goodman, who will enlighten us with a discussion on the "Top Issues in Men's Health – besides E.D.". Dr. Goodman will address common health problems that impact men and what can be done to prevent, recognize and manage them. An important topic for us all! As always, we kick off breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Our kitchen crew will be preparing a sumptuous feast of eggs, potatoes, bagels, lox and whitefish salad with accompanying veggies, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. The cost for breakfast is \$8.00 for Men's Club members and \$12 for non-members. For more information, and to RSVP for breakfast (please), email breakfastsvp@snhjmc.org.

snhjmc.org.

Breakfast – May 5

On May 5 we will hold our final breakfast of the year. Wow... that went fast. This will be our annual meeting during which we will review the year, go over Men's Club finances and vote on any bylaw amendments and, most importantly, vote on our latest board slate. We are still looking for a couple of men to join the board as at large members. It's not very time consuming – so why not join us in shaping the men's club going forward. We will be publishing the final slate very soon via email. If you are interested email David Foxat: President@snhjmc.org. Also look for information on our speaker for that day in email communications.

Bruce Retchin/Neil Goren Fund

Do you have children or grandchildren who will be traveling to Israel as part of a semester abroad or a summer experience? How about local Jewish summer camps? The philanthropic arm of the Southern NH Jewish Men's Club, the Bruce Retchin/Neil Goren fund, was instituted to provide financial stipends for our community's youth planning such ventures. All that is required is a letter from your student or camper outlining their plans and the educational benefit of the program or camp they are attending. Send it to SNHJMC, 4 Raymond Street, Nashua NH 03064, by April 15 to be considered!

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603-930-3952 or paulmoverman@gmail.com

Yom HaShoah Commemoration Sosua75: Remembering The Past, Building The Future

Temple Beth Abraham, in collaboration with Rivier

University, will observe Yom HaShoah on Tuesday, April 30 at the Dion Center on Clement Street in Nashua at 7:00 p.m.

Our featured speaker is Hugh Baver, who will update us on his non-profit organization, sosua75.org, and its attempt to honor a Holocaust story about hope, justice, and resistance in a part of the world not known as a haven for Jews.

In 1938, one country agreed to help resettle German Jewish refugees.

Most people know it was not the United States. But few guess it was the Dominican Republic (DR).

The DR's then-dictator Rafael Trujillo allowed 100,000 Jews to arrive, but in the end, only 700 made it to the DR. They settled in a colony called Sosúa, an abandoned banana plantation and small beach town on the northern coast of the island. There, a new Jewish community gradually matured, although today, only a handful of survivors remain.

New Hampshire resident Hugh Baver is determined to generate awareness of this unexplored piece of Holocaust history.

In 2010, Baver, formerly a minor league baseball player, traveled to the DR where he visited the Red Sox baseball academy led by former MLB player Jesus Alou. He stayed in touch with the MLB player and traveled again to the DR in 2013, this time learning the name of the Dominican city of Sosúa and its Jewish roots.

Baver spent this past winter in Sosúa, where he is raising funds to build a memorial park in that region. As reported in the Jewish Journal, he's also trying to create a \$25 million permanent settlement in Sosua which would offer a summer camp, a cooperative farm, a farm-to-table restaurant, botanical gardens, and ... of course, a baseball diamond with stadium seating.

For more information on this story, read or listen: pri.org/stories/2018-11-09/dominican-republic-took-jewish-refugees-fleeing-hitler-while-31-nations-looked

Also jewishjournal.org/2018/02/08/stitching-together-baseball-and-the-holocaust/

A memorial service and candle-lighting ceremony will follow the presentation.

Sponsorship Opportunities

As part of our ongoing caring for the physical needs of the synagogue we have a number of sponsorship opportunities both large and small.

- **School:** We recently had to redo the school roof and remove the skylights, which were leaking. Several substantial donations enabled us to accomplish most of this work. We still need to complete the interior ceiling restoration. Sponsorship opportunity: \$10,000
- **School Security:** A very generous donation is making it possible for us to upgrade the school entryway to enhance security. Several additional items are required including a camera, video doorbells, electrical work, etc. Sponsorship opportunity: \$1,000
- **The Sanctuary:** We need to acquire and install a fan for the sanctuary ceiling, provide for the electrical and installation work it requires. Sponsorship opportunity: \$5,000
- **Memorial Display:** We are adding two panels to our memorial display in the chapel. Sponsorship opportunity: \$4,000

Each of these can be broken down into smaller pieces (1 video door bell, \$200). If you would like to contribute to the sponsorship of any of these needs, please contact the office, the treasurer, or Mike Harris.



*A beautiful way to celebrate
a special occasion
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This committee meets three to four times per year to provide a forum for discussions between the rabbi and a representative group of congregants.

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