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Purim



Saturday, March 7: Masquerade Ball Monday, March 9: Family Purim Celebration Sunday, March 15: Purim Carnival

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March







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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Why Purim Is the Most Important Festival

Purim is the story of Esther and Mordechai, Jews in biblical-era Persia who saved their people from annihilation at the Rabbi Spira-Savett hands of the evil



Haman (boo!), the vizier who had duped the emperor Achashverosh. We celebrate by dressing up in costume, bringing each other food, giving generously, and.... some other stuff I'll mention in a bit.

In other words, Purim is a story about American Jews.

Was that too fast a leap?

Of all the stories in the Bible, the Purim story is the one that takes place the farthest from the Land of Israel. Avraham and Sarah come to the land, Moshe and Miryam and Aharon lead the people back toward the land. But Esther and Mordechai

are far away, integrated into imperial Persia and never talking about going

Do they feel at home? At the start of the story, absolutely. Our heroes have very Persian names, associated with the gods Ishtar and Marduk. Mordechai is known publicly as "Mordechai the Jew" or "Mordechai from Judea." He hangs out near the imperial palace.

Esther's Jewish identity is more complicated. She, like a lot of us, has both a local name and a Hebrew name (Hadassah). She is content to keep her Jewishness a secret, and in fact her name in Hebrew means "hidden."

The threat to Jews comes out of nowhere - Haman's hatred, which he expresses as an opposition to "one nation, scattered among the other nations, whose laws are different from everyone else's and opposed

to the king's laws."

It takes courage to stand up -Esther's courage. She is a young woman, isolated from all her connections, who comes into her own by leaning in to who she is as

We dress up because the Jews of imperial Persia were, to varying degrees, dressed up and hiding a part of themselves, until the time came for them to be inspired by Esther and reveal who they were.

There is a Chassidic tradition that links Purim with Yom Kippur (the sounds "p-u-r" are in the names of both holy days). On Yom Kippur, we take off our costumes and stand in white, as pure light. On Purim we take note of the costumes we wear, so we can all step out like Esther, and remember the next day to show our authentic Jewish selves.

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Purim is Here Again!

In the tune of the famous song, Happy Days, Poooo-rim is here again. Purim really is a joyous time for Jews globally. Temple



David Sacks

Beth Abraham does not disappoint in celebrating Purim to the fullest. There will be many activities happening at TBA, and I hope that you will participate in one or more of them.

On Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m., for the second year running if I am not mistaken, the Men's Club and sisterhood will jointly put on the Purim Masquerade Ball. Last year was fantastic. There were exceptionally innovative costumes, wonderful food, and libations. It really was a fun experience. I expect that this year, will be no different.

On Monday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. we will host the Family Purim Celebration where we will loudly and noisily react to the reading of an abridged form of the Purim Megillah. At 7:30 p.m. on the same evening, we will read the full Megillah for those who want the end-to-end experience.

And on Sunday, March 15 starting at 10:00 a.m. will be the famous and renowned TBA Purim Carnival. We have a wonderful fundraiser of sending *mishloach manot* to families in the area. Alongside hearing the megillah, this is another important mitzvah of Purim. Communal generosity which happens almost automatically at TBA becomes a requirement. Don't you just love fulfilling requirements that you do automatically!

In March TBA will once again be a sponsor for the New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for TBA to participate in an annual event that does well to serve Jews in the area. You can learn more about the film festival in the bulletin and on the

(Continued on the following page ...)

Rabbi's column continued ...

The Jews of Persia fight fiercely for themselves and for each other. And they do more than activate themselves to fend off anti-Semitism. The whole last part of the Megillah (the scroll with the biblical story) is about how they chose to commemorate this event. By sending food to each other, and by giving to people in need. What could be a better summary of who we are, and who we as Jews ought to be?

There is another custom, the "some other stuff" I mentioned above. It became customary to drink on Purim until one could not differentiate between the ideas "Blessed is Mordechai" and "Cursed is Haman." In other words: to enter a state of moral and spiritual confusion. And then, after the

festival – detox from that.

To be Jews, to stand openly, we need to face the confusions in our situation as Jews, and people, living in this time and in this land. We don't get messages from God directly that make sense of everything. We don't know why anti-Semitism continues to burst out. We don't know how our fundamental truths can explain everything confusing about life.

Purim is the festival that is most about doubt and wondering and confusion. It's the time when we give confusion its due – and then walk out of it, with a clear set of actions even when we don't have all the answers.

Purim is the festival when we laugh in the face of all the complexity. We turn our enemy into pastry and devour him! We say in the face of it all: We have the last laugh.

So dress up, give gifts, stand together, take care of other people. Come to the masquerade ball, and the Megillah reading, and the Purim carnival. Guess what the rabbi will dress up as this year. Sign up to deliver *mishlo'ach manot*, the food packages that are brought personally to congregants' doors. Make Purim the celebrate it is, the celebration that's most about you.

Chag Purim Same'ach a joyous Purim festival! Rabbi Jon

President's column continued....

jewishnh.org website. Hopefully you will be able to attend one or more of the many movies.

Looking back to January, I wanted to mention how proud I was of our organization as we overwhelmingly ratified changes in our by-laws and cemetery policies at an exceptionally well-attended special meeting. Spouses, partners and children of a Jewish member may now be buried in our cemetery even if they themselves are not Jewish, as long as they are not practicing another religion. The Cemetery and Ritual Committees invested a great deal of time to bring the community along a thoughtful journey that in the end in no uncertain terms makes TBA a more welcoming and inclusive congregation. Please bear in mind that there are some steps to take to implement this change.

Finally please put Friday, April 24 on your calendars. TBA will

be hosting another of our famous international dinners to be followed by a special Shabbat service led by Cantor Idan Irelander. We typically get over 100 people at these dinners. Please got to the website to register for this event to help us plan and cater accordingly.

Thank you for your wonderful dedicated support for TBA.

L'shalom, David

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March 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

Friday, March 6

Shabbat Alive 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 9

Family Purim Celebration 6:00 p.m. Full Megilah Reading 7:30 p.m.

March 20 & 21

Madeline Lee Bat Mitzvah

Friday, March 20

Yedidim Build-a-Shabbat 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

All School and Yedidim Family Service 9:30 a.m.

Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors & Flowers

March 7

Daniel Heck in honor of *siyyum* (completion) of the first tractate of *Daf Yomi* (international Talmudic study cycle)

March 20 &21

Stephanie & Matthew Lee in honor of Madeline's Bat Mitzvah

March 28

Ellie Schwartz in memory of her father, William Schwartz & Darlene Drutman in memory of her father, Irving Quart

Community News

Deepest Sympathy to:

- Carlos Mainemer on the loss of his beloved father, Abe Mainemer
- Jim Burrows on the loss of his beloved brother, Neal Burrows
- The entire Brody family on the loss of their beloved Carl Lormeus
- Cheryl Liebling on the loss of her beloved mother, Muriel Rappaport
- Jacalyn Lesser on the loss of her beloved stepmother, Marilyn Zieve
- Abner Taub on the loss of his beloved father, Jerome Taub

Best Wishes to:

- Marlene & Jason Gallant on the engagement of son, David to Susan Moussalli
- Ida & Les Mildenberg on the birth of grandson, Keller Frankie Mildenberg

All those people in our community who are ill we wish you a complete & speedy recovery

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Madeline Lee Bat Mitzvah



Hello, my name is Madeline Lee, and my Bat Mitzvah is on March 21. We will cover two Torah portions -- Vayakhel, and P'kudei. I grew up in Francestown, but just moved to Bedford this month, where I live with my parents and siblings, as well as three guinea pigs. I am currently a 7th grader at Ross. A. Lurgio Middle School. Some of my favorite activities include skiing, running, hiking, and playing the violin. I was on the soccer and basketball teams at my old middle school, and plan to run track at my new school this spring.

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am volunteering with the Harris Center for Conservation Education as a junior counselor at winter camp. I believe conservation education is important because it helps people to appreciate nature and its resources and preserve them for future generations.

I am looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and sharing my special day with the people I love. Please join us on March 21 and plan to stay for the Kiddush luncheon with the Raymond Street Klezmer Band.

What Students Are Saying About Their Visits With Fire Marshall Adam and SWAT Officer Ryan

In an earlier bulletin I wrote about hosting two men who put themselves at risk to do their everyday job. Fighting fires and being on the SWAT team can truly pose some scary and dangerous situations. These men were invited to share their work with our children. Each man was defined as courageous. I believe a very important learning was that to be courageous sometimes means you have to deal with being scared. That you do what you have to do, even though you may be scared, is what makes you a hero.

In preparation for our guests, Fire Marshall Adam and SWAT Officer Ryan, our students prepared a lengthy list of questions to ask. When our guests were with us, our students were deeply engaged and fully interested in what the men had to share with them. Both men shared with me that they were impressed with the level of curiosity and the insightful questions the students asked them. Here are excerpts

from the thank you notes they wrote to Adam and Ryan.

Thank you so much for your service! The stereotype about firemen is that they are heroic figures that dive into fires to save people. But I now know there is a lot more than that. It takes courage to do those things and courage is also part fear. Thank you for facing your fears for us all. Sarinah, Grade Zayin (7)

Thank you so much for coming to talk with us about your job. I loved listening to all the amazing things you do on a daily basis. I was surprised to learn the amount of things you do in a single day. Thank you for being so courageous and helping people. Haley, Grade Vav (6)

...I found it fascinating how many cases were caused by drug related activity! Shayna, Grade Vav (6)

Thank you for coming in to talk about your job and how you do it. I liked seeing all of your gear and what you keep them on. Moriah, Grade Vav (6)

Thank you for coming! Thank you for your service to our country. It was fun looking at and trying on your gear. It was awesome. Collin, Grade Vav (6)

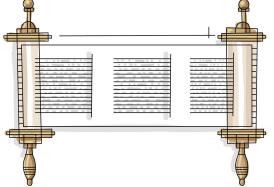
I loved learning about your dogs. You were really interesting and fun. I learned stuff from you, and thank you for letting us wear your gear. Andrew, Grade Hai (5)

Thank you for coming in and talking about your job. I really liked trying on your uniform. Thank you. Ryan, Grade Vav (6)

Thank you for keeping many others and me safe. Thank you for coming in and teaching us about police work. I learned a lot, including all the things besides arresting people. I appreciate the work you do. Thank you. Matt, Grade Vav (6)

L'shalom, Noreen

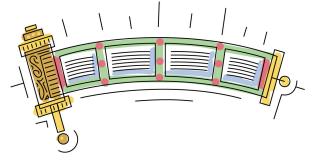
9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 28 School & Yedidim StudentLed Shabbat Saturday Morning Services



All of our students, from Yedidim Family Sunday School through Grade 7, will help lead us in the main Shabbat service and alternative service!

Light breakfast before, and lunch after.

6:00 p.m., Monday, March 9 Family Purim Celebration



Join us for a Purim celebration for all ages! At 6:00 p.m. there will be a light dinner, followed by a family-friendly service.

Young people will chant and read selections from the Megillah, the Scroll of Esther, in Hebrew and English. Sing Purim songs with the Raymond Street Klezmer Band! Rabbi Jon has a video of Purim surprises to show as well. Come in costume and bring friends!

The celebration will conclude around 7:30 p.m.

Annual Children's Breakfast The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club

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Up, Up and Away





Sunday Morning, March 1 at 9:30 a.m.

After our famous Sunday Breakfast (including waffles!) our children will have a fantastic time learning about pressure (definitely not the homework type). The kids will be left flying high as the Mad Scientist explains how the weight of the earth's atmosphere pushes down on them with the force of an elephant! They'll explore how Bernoulli's principle creates enough lift to make a jumbo jet fly or how air pressure can be used to launch a hot air balloon. Our kids will watch in amazement as the Mad Scientist's vortex generator creates giant smoke rings and much more.

Want even more pressure? One lucky child will actually take a ride on the amazing Mad Science Hovercraft!

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club is proud to sponsor our Annual Children's Breakfast featuring the Mad Scientist starting at 9:30 a.m. Our kitchen crew will be preparing a sumptuous feast of waffles, eggs, potatoes, bagels, lox and whitefish salad with veggies, fruit, juice, coffee and tea.

The cost for breakfast is \$8 for Men's Club members and \$12 for non-members.

All children eat FREE!

To RSVP for breakfast please email <u>breakfastrsvp@snhjmc.org</u>.

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Social Event of the 2020 Season





<u>Purim Masquerade Ball</u>

DJ Dance Music Dancing, Appetizers Drinks and Desserts (costumes optional)

Saturday, March 7, 2020 Festivities from 7:00~11:00 p.m.

Sisterhood and Men's Club Members and guest, \$25 in advance Non-Members \$30 in advance and at the door

RSVP by March 2 to https://www.tbanashua.org/event/purim-masquerade-ball1.html

For more information contact:

nashuasisterhood@gmail.com

(Adults only, please)

The Purim Ball

The second annual Purim Masquerade Ball will take place at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.. Last year the ball had a wonderful attendance, with a DJ for dancing, signature drinks (including Vash-tinis and more!), many appetizers, and a photo booth! There will be guaranteed encores for the wildly popular "karaoke with the DJ"!

People came to eat, drink, and be merry! You could also be part of the fun this year! The Purim Ball is a joint venture with TBA Sisterhood and the Southern NH Jewish Men's Club. Tickets in advance for members is \$25.00, for non-members,

and at the door, tickets are \$30.00. Tickets include 2 free drinks, appetizers, music, friendship and fun!

The Purim Masquerade Ball is the social event of the season at Temple Beth Abraham. Tickets may be purchased from the TBA web site (www.tbanashua.org). Find the event on the calendar page. Don't be a Hamman (booo!), join in and have a blast!





Sunday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Annual Temple Beth Abraham Purim Carnival



Singing With The Raymond Street Klezmer Band Sacred Circle Siblings hooping performance – our own Michelle Rothberg & her troupe

Followed by...

- Playing games and winning prizes!
- Lots of booths for every age!
- Try some hoop tricks yourself at the carnival!
- Pickles, Pizza, Popcorn, and Pretzels!

25¢ tickets available for purchase in the synagogue lobby. Tickets are good for playing games, and buying food and drink!

Buy lots of tickets, eat lots of food, and have lots of fun!

There will also be hamantaschen for sale and you will be able to purchase Purim baskets!



Come in costume!



Mishlo'ach Manot



It is time again for our wonderful mitzvah tradition of Mishlo'ach Manot! This Purim custom expresses joy over the victory of Esther, who frustrated Haman's plot to annihilate the Persian Jewish community in the 5th century B.C.E. **Send a gift basket** of sweets, treats, Hamantashen and a few new surprises to your friends and family. If you would like to give a basket to someone outside the congregation, you can purchase additional baskets for you to give out. These will be delivered to you, not to the non-congregant.

Please note that each family will receive only one basket, with a card listing all those thoughtful individuals who made a donation on their behalf.

If you received one last year and you would like to send a basket back, remember, it is a mitzvah, and a wonderful way to support the religious school!



ON-LINE ORDERS can be completed through March 8 Temple Beth Abraham Website - tbanashua.org

- O Baskets are \$9 each with a minimum purchase of 2 for \$18
- O If you send 15 or more baskets, your name will be listed on the cards to all congregants receiving a basket
- O \$360, if you would like to make sure every member of the congregation receives a basket from you
- O You can additionally purchase cards to be sent to non-congregants outside the area for \$4 each

Checks are payable to Temple Beth Abraham.

Baskets will be delivered on Sunday, March 15



Coming Events and Programming

Brought to You by the Programs (Lifelong Learning) Committee

BABKA, Wednesday, March 4, 8:00 p.m.

The Flight Portfolio by Julie Orringer

The Ethics of Compromise and Integrity With Rabbi Jon Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Abraham Fridays, March 6, 13, 20 9:30-11:00 a.m. at OLLI, Granite State College

When is it or isn't it ethical to compromise? We will look at the philosophical grounds behind certainty, commitment and humility. We will explore both principled and prudential justifications for compromising and for not compromising.

There will be light dinner at the sessions at Beth Abraham, which are free of charge. To participate at OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute), go online to <u>olli.granite.edu</u> to register and pay.

Judaism 201: Purim & Passover, Sunday, March 8, 10:00 a.m.

An introduction to Judaism for people who know a lot about other things but want to know more about Judaism!

Sunday Speaker, March 29, 10:00 a.m.

Bialystock Cemetery Restoration project - http://bialystokcemeteryrestoration.org/
See the article in this Bulletin for more information

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, Wednesday, April 1

What We Will Become: A Mother, a Son, and a Journey of Transformation by Mimi Lemay

Have Ideas? Want to Help? Join Our Committee?

Contact Jeff Masors at <u>jmasors@gmail.com</u> or Rabbi Jon at <u>rabbi@tbanashua.org</u>.

Conbute to the Elizabeth Fischer Memorial Fund to support TBA's ongoing scholarly and cultural programming. Donate online at the Temple's Donate Now web page - https://www.tbanashua.org/payment.php - and select the donation Type "Lifelong Learning Donation"

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

Sisterhood News

We are looking forward to several events in the coming months, so mark your calendars, and come along for the ride!

Saturday, March 7 is the second annual Purim Masquerade Ball, a joint venture with SNHJMC. The festivities begin at 7pm at the synagogue, there will be a DJ, Karaoke, Photo Booth, Appetizers, Signature Drinks, lots of friends and fun! Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 non-members or at the door (includes two free drink tickets). This was TONS of fun last year, and you don't want to miss it! You can register through the synagogue website www.tbanashua.org today!

Sunday, March 22, Sisterhood will hold a Mah Jongg tournament at the synagogue from 12:30-5. Registration is strongly suggested. Here's your last chance to finish strong on last year's cards before the 2020 cards arrive! There is an entry fee, \$10.00 for members, and \$18.00 for non members. Sign up at www.tbanashua.org This popular event is spearheaded by Robin Rubin!

Sunday, April 19 we will have an afternoon Challah workshop run by our own Sara Brest! More information coming soon.

Wednesday, April 22, Sisterhood's semi-annual Rummage Sale will be taking place. Drop off date for treasures that need new homes is April 21. More information coming soon.

Haven't had the time to join Sisterhood yet? You still can! You will get member discounts at most of the events that we hold! Register on the synagogue website!

Why should you support Sisterhood? Our Rummage sales and other events are Sisterhood fundraisers. They enable us to continue to support the Synagogue and its members through life events, celebrations, times of bereavement, and times of joy, as well as support the Oneg and Kiddush weekly. *Your* participation in these events are key to our success, and our support for everyone in the Synagogue!

In addition, at times when there are no events at the synagogue, Sisterhood provides Kiddush and Oneg, as well as the flowers. Want to help out with that? With only two weeks advance notice...

Want to sponsor flowers in honor of a special occasion such as a birthday, or anniversary, or just to show someone how special they are to you? For

\$100.00 you can do that!

Want to sponsor a Kiddush? <u>For</u> \$350.00 you can do that! Honor someone, thank someone, celebrate a special occasion, celebrate a milestone, or do it "just because".

Want to sponsor an Oneg? \$150.00 you can do that! Honor, thank, or celebrate that special person! Or make donations to Sisterhood events to help us defray the costs associated with them. Just ask! You could make someone smile today! Please contact Judy Goldstein in the Office or Becky Green, our Kitchen Manager, or Carol Gorelick, President of Sisterhood, to let us know that you want to sponsor Flowers, and Oneg or a Kiddush, work out a menu, or attach your name to flowers, or to help you with your celebration! We can do that!

*B'Shalom*Carol Gorelick

Sunday, March 22:TBA SISTERHOOD MAHJONGG TOURNAMENT

12:30 - 5:00 p.m.
GAMES! SNACKS! PRIZES!

Fun for all levels! Instruction for newbies! \$10 Sisterhood members, \$18 non-members



NEW! Register and prepay at

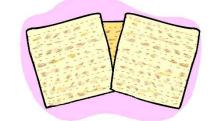
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Temple Beth Abraham's Community Passover Seder

Thursday, April 9 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.



RESERVATION FORM

Name(s)	
Best contact information	
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מעות חִמִין 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.

Mechirat Chametz מְלֵירֶת חַלֶּץ 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
5780, corresponding to the 8th of April 2020, all chametz	that I/we and any members of my/our
family possess knowingly or unknowingly, as defined in To	orah and rabbinic law, and to lease out all
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unknown.	

List addresses/locations:

Signature(s)



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Kasher L'Pesach בַּשֵׁר לְפֶּסַה Rabbi Jon's Guide to Kosher for Passover 5780 (2020)

During Pesach, there are two practices around food: we eat matzah מַּבְּה, and we rid our diets and our homes of *chametz* אָם, -- 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: nyone who adds layers to the experience of eating during Pesach is deserving of praise!

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, 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 <u>not</u> 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 Brookine, 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 fom 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 <u>before</u> Pesach without Kosher for Passover certification, but require a Kosher for Passover label if purchased <u>during</u> 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

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

by Jewish law.)

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.

Something to Think About

I write a great deal about how im-

portant community is in my family's lives...especially the TBA community. In January Buzz and I were reminded of the generosity of our



Elaine Brody

TBA family when tragedy befell our family while Buzz and I are so far away in New Zealand. Carl Lormeus, our granddaughter Ami's partner, and the wonderful father of our great granddaughter, Aliza, died from injuries sustained in a car crash. This was a devastating blow to his family and ours. When I reached out to our closest TBA friends, the first question was, "How can we The Chesed email chain was activated, and food was on its way. Rabbi Jon reached out to our daughters, and he called us to offer support. Knowing our "girls" have been supported in our absence is so comforting to us.

As we all know, even at times of great sadness, there is often something to make us smile...or laugh aloud. For example: Some of Carl's friends stopped by one evening to spend some time with Ami. One young woman saw a table filled with trays of pastries and asked if someone in the house was Jewish. Our daughter, Heather, said, "Yes. Why do you ask?" The visitor replied, "I'm Jewish, and when someone dies, this is what we do for each other." That table was full of food sent by our TBA family.

We've done a lot of traveling over the last ten weeks. We've caught up with old friends and made some new ones. Our close friends here have been great support for us. We've followed the highs and lows of the political news from home and tried to answer questions about our political system to the satisfaction of the New Zealanders who ask. We've seen fabulous scenery and commiserated with locals over drought and flooding, rockslides and road closures. Everywhere we go we learn about people in communities coming together to help one another through difficult situations.

We are more that half way through this New Zealand sojourn. We love being here, but we will be glad to be home in April to rejoin the community that means so much to us. If you have hesitated to become involved in the fabric of TBA life and have time or talent to share, call the TBA office and ask to be put in touch with the person who can help you become more active. You know, it's something to think about.

L'hitraot, Elaine



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Bialystok Cemetery Restoration Project 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 29

Bagnowka Cemetery in Bialystok, Poland was the final resting place for members of the largest Jewish community in Europe. In June 1943, Nazi soldiers destroyed, knocked over, and dismantled thousands of headstones and monuments. Monument bases, blocks, obelisks, and pediments were scattered about.

In 2015, volunteers began restoring the cemetery with the goal of "righting a wrong to make things whole again." By the end of 2019, more than 300 headstones have been restored to their original condition and 1,408 have been lifted and reset.

Paula and Howie Flagler, Temple Beth Abraham members, are our speakers. They have been spending part of their summers participating in the restoration project. Please join us at Temple Beth Abraham on March 29 to learn about the project; the work that Paula, Howie, and other volunteers have done; and

plans for future summers.

A light brunch, with the possibility of some bread like delicacies reminiscent of Bialystok, will be served.

For additional information about the restoration project, visit the website at http://bialystokcemeteryrestoration.org/

Ellie Schwartz

Programs Committee Co-Chair

Finance Committee Report

Dear Congregants;

The 20-21 budget process has begun. The Finance Committee continues to look for alternate income sources while controlling expenses.

The matters regarding non-payment of temple dues and/or school tuition were discussed at our recent meeting. There is general agreement that an alternative strategy for dues payments/collections as well as a policy regarding tuition payments is needed. We urge any congregant having a financial concern to please contact the treasurer or Rabbi. We want to offer our assistance but we need to hear from those who have a financial concern. Of course, all conversations are strictly confidential.

Throughout the year, we have several ongoing fund raising campaigns. If you are interested in making contributions to one or more of these funds please contact the temple office.

- Mortgage Reducing the mortgage will help reduce the impact on the operating budget.
- Solar Purchase of the solar panels when the initial 5 year lease ends will result in

- significantly lower costs for electricity supply which also helps the operating budget
- Capital The capital fund supports large facility projects like roof replacement, painting, and other required repairs. If funds aren't available to perform needed repairs, it places an extra burden on our operating budget or requires borrowing which must be repaid.
- Security Supplements the FEMA grant for additional security improvements

Planning an event?

We have updated Temple hall rental contracts to include additional options for security. For questions, please contact the temple office.

Thank You

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The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club **Happenings**

Join us for social fraternizing, stimulating cultural and civic activities in a religious and recreational setting!

During the past six months we've enjoyed spending time together over our famous Sunday Breakfasts featuring a sumptuous feast of eggs, potatoes, bagels, lox and whitefish salad with veggies, fruit, juice, coffee and tea, while maintaining a very modest cost of only \$8 for Men's Club members. Such a deal! We have had guest speakers including Rabbi Joshua Segal, Attorney Bill Barry, our new NH Jewish Federation Shlicha Avia Sagron, IT security expert Jim Isaac, former government agent, Peter Gallaher and of course our Annual Children's Breakfast that featured the Mad Scientist's "Up, Up and Away" educational presentation for kids of all ages.

According to Punxsutawney Phil, who did not see his shadow, spring is just around the corner. Here's a preview of upcoming activities that you'll want to mark on your calendar during the remainder of this year!

Saturday, March 7 we are proudly co-sponsoring the Purim Masquerade Ball with the TBA Sisterhood. This is THE Social Event of 2020 featuring DJ Dance Music, Dancing, Appetizers, Drinks and Desserts! The adult only (costume optional) festivities begin at 7 pm at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua. Tickets are available in advance at www. tbanashua.org for \$25 for Sisterhood and Men's Club Members and a guest. Non-members advance tickets are \$30. Members and Non-Members may purchase tickets last minute at the door for \$30. Please RSVP in either case to office@tbanashua.org so that we can plan appropriately. For additional information please see separate story in this month's Reporter or email nashuasisterhood@ gmail.com.

Our Sunday, March 22 Meeting will feature our famous Sunday Breakfast and provide members and guests SCHMOOZE TIME! Come catch up with old friends, make new friends and enjoy our company and conversation together. As always, all Jewish Men are welcome for breakfast, and new members may join at the door!

If you have children or grandchildren mark your calendar now for Wednesday, April 15! This is the deadline for us to receive their application for financial stipends, to help support our community's youth who participate in an enriching experience such as a semester abroad in Israel, or a Jewish Summer Camp. The Bruce Retchin / Neil Goren Fund was established by the Southern New Hampshire Men's Club to aid in the financing of these ventures. All that is required is a letter from the student, or camper, outlining their plans, and the educational benefit of the program, or camp, they will be attending. All requests must be received by Wednesday, April 15 for consideration. Requests should be mailed to SNHJMC, 4 Raymond Street, Nashua, NH 03064 or submitted by email to president@ snhjmc.org.

Nashua Cardiologist Steven Schwartz will join us on Sunday, April 19 to discuss "How to Avoid Needing a Cardiologist." Dr. Schwartz practices at both Southern NH Medical Center and Lahey Clinic. Learn how to live a Heart Healthy Journey in what will be a very interesting and informative breakfast.

On Thursday, May 21 from 2 to 7 pm we will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Temple Beth Abraham. Every 8 minutes the American Red Cross responds to an emergency where someone is in crisis. Please join us and make a big difference in the lives of others here in our local area and around the country! We are currently finalizing plans

for our guest speaker for our Annual Meeting that will take place on Sunday, May 31. Additional details will follow next month.

As always, the cost for our Sunday Breakfasts is \$8 for Men's Club members and \$12 for non-members. New members are always welcome to join at the door! For more information, and to RSVP for breakfast (please), email breakfastrsvp@snhjmc.org.

Since our founding as a nonprofit social organization in 1982, The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club has provided a way for men in Southern NH to network and schmooze over a Sunday Morning Breakfast. Building on a mission to provide a brotherhood of like-minded men we share our commitment and values with others in the Southern New Hampshire Jewish Community by providing quality programming such as our annual town-hall style political event and our annual children's breakfast. Although the Club is affiliated with Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, new membership is open to all Jewish men and spouses of Jewish women, regardless of Synagogue membership. Our Sunday Breakfasts are held monthly from September thru May at Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua. If you or someone you know would like to join our Men's Club please contact our President, Don Gorelick, via email: president@snhjmc.org or visit our website at http://www. snhjmc.org.

הקשר היהודי שלך

Your Jewish Connection

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

The NH Jewish Film Festival Is Here!

The 2020 NH Jewish Film Festival (NHJFF) is here. Festival flyers arrived in mid-February with the schedule. And what a line up between the films and list of sponsors, including our own TBA, plus a free PJ Library movie!



If you missed the flyer, check out www.nhjewishfilmfestival.org. You can review movie trailers there, too. For movie details, go to www.imdb.com and do a search. For tickets, see www.brownpapertickets.com and search on "NH Jewish Film Festival".

Every year the Film Festival Committee (which includes TBA members) views and selects the films. Most of the films come to NH from other film festivals, and a good number of films have won awards. The first and last films of the festival include special events – an opening reception following the first film, and a wrap party following the last film. In addition, there is Sociable Saturday Night with coffee and dessert following the film.



So what is special about Jewish films and Jewish film festivals? The films connect us, the Jewish Diaspora, with our culture and our roots. (Plus the movies are usually good.) And these films affect people personally in many ways. See Why Jewish Films Are Important.

"The notion of what defines a 'Jewish' film has certainly changed within the last twenty years," explains Jason Solomons, a British film critic, and Jewish himself. There is a strong tradition of Jewish filmmaking in Hollywood and now in Israel. Emma Jones explores this in the article <u>Is</u> there such a thing as Jewish film?

According to MyJewishLearning. com, movies have been influenced by Jewish characters, themes, and plots, as well as by Jewish directors, actors, and especially executives and producers. And Jews continue to play a role today in Hollywood movie studios.



One of the first Jewish Film Festivals was in San Francisco in 1980. Its goal was "to use cinema to spark a new and open discussion of politics and culture inside the Jewish community and to challenge Hollywood stereotypes of Jews in the public at large." Today the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival (SFJFF) continues under the umbrella of the Jewish Film Institute (www.jfi.org), which sponsors the festival and provides opportunities for filmmakers. Check out the "watch online" feature to view the JFI library of Jewish films.

If you go to Atlanta, Georgia, you will find one of the largest Jewish film festivals – over 40,000 people attend. What makes it special? Read what executive director Kenny Blank says about that.

If you have not gone to a film during the NHJFF, make a point to go. Step outside of your box and discover what you can find there. See you at the movies!

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Rivier University's Dion Center

One Family's Journey From Religious Oppression and Antisemitism to Freedom in America

Temple Beth Abraham, in collaboration with Rivier University, welcomes New Hampshire native Sonia Ascher, to the annual Yom HaShoah observance on Monday, April 20 at the Dion Center on Clement Street in Nashua at 7 PM.

This event commemorates the lives and heroism of all people who died in the Holocaust.

Featured speaker Ascher is from Manchester, NH, where her immigrant parents established a successful furniture business. Growing up, Ascher understood that her parents, Alfred and Edith Ascher, were Holocaust survivors; she knew they experienced trauma

in Nazi Germany. But it wasn't until she began researching her parents' history over the last two decades, that she learned the nuances of their multilayered narratives. Her research. detailed in a 75page self-published memoir, Surviving the Holocaust: One Family's Journey, chronicles the horrific night of Kristallnacht November of 1938 when soldiers smashed the Aschers' elegant shoe store in

Chemnitz, Germany, her father's internment at Buchenwald, her parents' nine-month exile in Belgium — and their eventual journey by ship to America in 1940.

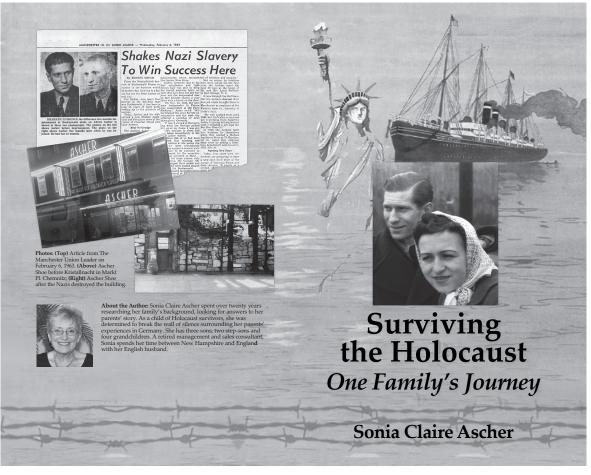
Ascher, who currently lives in Nashua, is a retired leadership and management consultant for the banking industry. She owns Sonia's View, a business offering note cards and other photo images. She is currently writing a second book, How Far We Have Come: A Family's Holocaust Journey from Horror to Hope to Healing, describing the impact of parents' trauma on their children and grandchildren.

Temple Beth Abraham's Zimria

Choir will perform with the Nashua Community Interfaith Choir at this observance.

In addition to Ascher's presentation and a questionand-answer session, there will be a candle-lighting ceremony memorializing victims of the Holocaust.

The event is free and open to the public. No RSVPs are necessary. For more information, contact Sheryl Rich-Kern at (603) 881-7264 or email her at sherylrichkern@gmail.com.



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March 6 & 7

John Thibeault, brother of Carol Gorelick Klara Schmatnik, mother-in-law of Reghina Scharf Sandra Wolpert Trapasso, sister-in-law of Linda Trapasso Morris Sobelsohn, grandfather of Alan Green Myra Elaine Sack, mother of Barry Sack Jerome M. Kaplan, husband of Carol Kaplan Herman Zelman, grandfather of Paul Moverman Nathan Cheifetz, father of Gina Vega Max Snapper, father of Lewis Snapper Sumner Foster, father of Joseph Foster Dolly Fischman, mother of Susan Schiff Rita Yelgin, mother of Louis Yelgin Rebecca Freedman, great grandmother of Steven Haime Elcy Poskanzer, mother of Elaine Brody Isaac Velvel Sherman, father of Esther Arlan Rose Kutzenco Moverman, grandmother of Paul Moverman Clara Green, grandmother of Alan Green Sam Deifik, uncle of David Deifik Reva Arnold, mother-in-law of Christopher Devine Harry Earle Lerman, father-in-law of Diane Lerman Betty Goldstein, mother of Steven Goldstein Gloria Corrado, mother of Diane Lerman Dorothy Baer Ida Liffman Sumner Gladstone Louis Weisberg Benjamin Kahn

March 13 & 14

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Beatrice Lasky, mother of Elliot Lasky Jeannette Rappaport, mother of Bette Lasky Mae Golub, mother of Larry Golub Jere LaVine, father of Jeanne Gerard Steven Stern, brother of Karen Herman Jacob (Jack) Fraser, father of Stephanie Flynn Louise Hallet, mother of Harriet Shanzer Ray Lillstrang, husband of Colleen Lillstrang Gerald Paisner, father of Eliot Paisner Audrey Rubenstein, sister-in-law of Howard Price Rosalyn Lovin, aunt of Mara Friedman Morris Rothberg, father of Martin Rothberg Jules Ziffer, grandfather of Barbara Lester Harriet Skorton, mother of Debra Rothberg Abraham J. Goodman Ierome Silverstein Rachel Davidson Dora Shaber Phyllis Ferman Rosario Grasso Rebecca Delinsky Jacob Berman Rachel Davidson Max Sapsowitz Boris Rosenbaum Rebecca Cushing Audrey Rubenstein Arnold Delin

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March 20 & 21

Herbert Schimmel, stepfather of Michael Harris Miriam Gross, mother of Deni Oven Pearl Bloom, mother of Carol Kaplan Beatrice B Fox, Mother of David Fox Hyman Andler, father of Dorothy Silber Chanka Schnitzer, grandmother of Liliane Sznycer Lillian Sidransky, grandmother of Daniel Becker Margaret Treitel, grandmother of Nancy Moore & Robert Treitel Rose Lee Grosch, mother of Jacquelin Yellin Jeannette Worden, mother of Joy Mainemer Patricia Holt Carlson, sister of David Holt David Levy, father of Philip Levy Paul Rosenberg, father of Tobey Kaplan Lena Farrer, grandmother of Abner Taub Bertha Savett, great-aunt of Rabbi Jonathan Spira-Savett Miriam "Mickey" Sherman, mother of Stuart Sherman Irving Lipson, father of Debbie Grass Rose Kaplan, mother-in-law of Carol Kaplan Eva Blatt Dorothy Franks Leonard George Levenson Robert Weisman Sabina Weisberg Etta Davis Clarence Freedman

March 27 & 28

Allan Jerome Adams, father of Jeffrey Adams Robert Ginsberg, father of Maryellen Rothenberg Charles Kovler, father of Wendy Kolopsky Rosalyn Shapiro, mother of Richard Shapiro Bernard Rubin, father of Davida Rubin-Baker Louis Kaplan, grandfather of Jodi Adler Alice Weiss Bucher, mother of Ronald Weiss Bruce Golub, brother of Larry Golub Irving Quart, father of Darlene Drutman Luba Eisenberg, mother of Elliot Eisenberg William Schwartz, father of Elinor Schwartz Dolores Keller, mother of Marlene Gallant Gertrude Silverman, mother of Marilyn Greenspan Edward Krulik, father of Arthur Krulik Bernard Paris, father of Rochelle Goren David Liffman Robert McHargue Benjamin Gordon Zelia Sharpe Scott Thomas Nichols Richard Tanzer

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