

CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

Bulletin

Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

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Message From the Rabbi



A story for my dear Schomre Israel Family,

The tale is told of a Schomre Israel family in Poughkeepsie in the early 1900's, that would gather together for a week in the middle of the winter. The family would come from as far away as Manhattan and Philadelphia in order to be together for this week. They would bundle together near the fireplace and candles, sipping hot cocoa and eating pumpkin pie, spending the long nights conversing with one another. Although the ground was frozen outside and the wind was howling, inside their house there was warmth. Time would almost freeze, as the stress of the world would melt away, and the bonds of the family would warm up and

strengthen. Every year, the entire family would look forward to this week, and would make every effort to ensure that they would be there for that particular week in the middle of the cold winter.

The years crept by and the pace of technology starting picking up. The children that grew up by that fireplace now had families of their own, and they too wanted to impart to them this special time and fondness that they had once experienced. They too would take a week away from everything in the middle of the winter, regardless of what was transpiring with their business and lives, in order to sit by the fireplace together with their children sipping their hot cocoa and sharing their pie. However, in the back of their minds they knew that they had planes to catch and bills to pay, and although the fireplace was lit as in the past, the atmosphere was no longer as warm. The children still loved the time that they were able to spend with their parents, and likewise looked forward towards this week, although without the enthusiasm and drive of their parents. And although they themselves continued the tradition to their children, eventually and inevitably it had become watered down, and their children would show up only if there was nothing else transpiring that day.

If I were to ask you the purpose of the Passover eve Seder, many of you would tell me that it is in order for us to place our faith in Hashem, to never forget the acts of Hashem, and to guard His commandments. And yes, the Prophet Assaf tells us that these are all true reasons for Passover. However, as he explains, the primary reason for the seder is that we should gather together and recount the miracles to ourselves and to the next generation. This special evening is not just meant as a means for another end, but as an end unto itself. By coming together and narrating our freedom from slavery, we are able to relive and transfer that experience itself to the next generation throughout all perpetuity. Together with the beliefs and faith that are given over on this night, the bonds that are created from the closeness of family and the closeness of thanking Hashem are bonds that are internal and eternal. The taste of freedom, the feelings of gratitude will enable us to recognize and become close to our Creator and Redeemer. However, it also interweaves our lives and teachings through each generation, from our ancestors who were themselves slaves given freedom, to the generation that will ultimately rebuild the Temple, and beyond. Tonight is the night that we weave another loop in the tapestry of our heritage and history, and implant the seeds for all generations to come.

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Seeds of hope, seeds of history, and seeds of gratitude. Seeds of togetherness and of family.

On this night, we eat the matzah, the bitter herbs, the salt water, and the festive meal. However, we must also not forget the purpose of the matzah and marror, the purpose of the night. We must not only use this time for these important mitzvot, but we must utilize this time for the togetherness that can and should grow from this night. We laugh, we tell over the Passover story; opening our imaginations to what it may have been like to be those slaves, to personally watch the plagues afflicted on our tormentors, the moment of freedom, and the giving of the Torah. We sing the songs from our grandparents, as well as the songs from our grandchildren. And if we utilize the seder with our hearts and souls, then through this evening we will be able to draw all of us together into a closeness. A closeness among our own individual family, as well as a closeness of our nation together as one. And a closeness between all of us - ourselves, our family, our nation - with our Creator, who redeemed us from slavery for this purpose: in order for us to come together with Him on this night and regale His actions and His love for us. A closeness that spans time, a closeness forever.

This Bulletin will be the half-year anniversary of my joining Schomre Israel. However, I started out this message with the wording of "A story for my dear Schomre Israel Family", as I view all of you as my second family. And as we all celebrate this holiday of family closeness, I hope you view it this way as well.

Chag Sameach,

Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

SAVE THE DATE

"Make Your Seder Meaningful"

On Thursday evening, April 2, at 7:00 P.M. Rabbi Krasner will be sharing Pesach pointers and steps on how to make this year's Seder the most enjoyable ever!



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THE OU KASHRUT DIRECTORY FOR PESACH 2020

is available free at the Shul Office
after March 15th.

PLEASE PICK ONE UP.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH - MAY 2020
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PLEASE NOTE: THE BELOW TIMES HAVE BEEN CALCULATED FOR 12603. OTHER LOCATIONS MAY NEED TO MODIFY THE TIMES BY A FEW MINUTES.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING</u>	<u>MINCHA</u>	<u>TORAH PORTION</u>	<u>SHABBAT ENDS</u>
Mar. 06	5:34 PM	5:30 PM	Tetzaveh (Shabbat Zachor)	6:36 PM
Mar. 13	6:42 PM	6:40 PM	Ki Tisa (Shabbat Parah)	7:44 PM
Mar. 20	6:50 PM	6:50 PM	Vayakhel / Pekude (Shabbat HaChodesh)	7:52 PM
Mar. 27	6:58 PM	6:55 PM	Vayikra	8:00 PM
Apr. 03	7:05 PM	7:00 PM	Tzav (Shabbat HaGadol)	8:07 PM
Apr. 10	7:13 PM	7:00 PM	Intermediate Day Passover	8:15 PM
Apr. 17	7:20 PM	7:00 PM	Shemini	8:22 PM
Apr. 24	7:28 PM	7:00 PM	Tazria / Metzora (Rosh Chodesh)	8:30 PM
May 01	7:36 PM	7:00 PM	Acharei Mot / Kedoshim	8:38 PM
May 08	7:43 PM	7:00 PM	Emor	8:45 PM
May 15	7:50 PM	7:00 PM	Behar / Bechukotai	8:52 PM

How to make an Eruv Tavshilin

An eruv tavshilin for cooking refers to "mixing of [cooked] dishes", whereby one prepares a cooked food prior to a Jewish Festival when the Festival is followed by Shabbat. The process of eruv tavshilin works in the following manner. On the day before Passover, **Wednesday, April 8th, 2020**, the head of the household, or his designee, should set aside a baked item such as bread or matzoh, **and** a cooked item such as meat, fish, or eggs (i.e. a food that is eaten along with bread). Each item should preferably be at least the size of one egg. He or she should hold them and recite the blessing detailed below. It is now viewed as though meal preparations for Shabbat have already begun before the Festival. Therefore, Shabbat meal preparations may continue on the Friday of the Festival (Erev Shabbat). Once done, the eruv covers all household members and guests. The foods set aside for the eruv should be saved, and should be eaten on Shabbat or later.

**Baruch ata Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ha-olam, Asher kid-shanu
bi-mitzvo-tav, Vi-tzee-vanu al mitzvot eruv.**

Blessed are You, the Lord our God, King of the universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us in the mitzvah of eruv.

By means of these eruv foods, we will be permitted to bake, cook, keep foods warm, light candles, carry, and do all that we need on Yom Tov for Shabbat.

Congregation Schomre Israel
extends a hearty Mazel Tov to....

Lucy and Rabbi Eliezer Langer
on the marriage of their granddaughter, Huvi,
daughter of Yaakov and Shira Langer
to Yosef Fogel.

The Jewish Social Action
Coalition

Pasta for Purim

Please bring a securely closed, un-
opened, box of pasta to shul with
you when you come to hear the
Megillah reading on Monday. eve-
ning, March 9th. At the mention of
Haman during the *Megillah* read-
ing you can vigorously shake your
Purim package of pasta. After ser-
vices pasta boxes will be collected
to donate to the Morse School. You
are welcome to bring in jars or
cans of sauce to donate, but use
only the pasta for shaking!

Chair Yoga Class for Seniors

The shul is continuing to offer weekly classes in Chair
Yoga, taught by Toni Farkas, every Monday from 11:30
AM - 12:30 PM. The class is open to the community and
there is a nominal fee of \$5.00 per class.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 845-
454-2890.



Schomre Israel Sisterhood fundraiser...

Flower Centerpieces for the Holidays

We will be ordering centerpieces from Hudson Valley Gardens and Florist for
Passover for all members and non-members in the community who wish to have a
beautiful floral centerpiece for their Passover Seder. The cost per centerpiece
will be \$25.

Prepaid orders should be made no later than April 1, 2020. Please complete the
form below and mail with your check (payable to Schomre Israel Sisterhood) to
the shul at 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Pick up will be at the shul on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Number of centerpieces: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

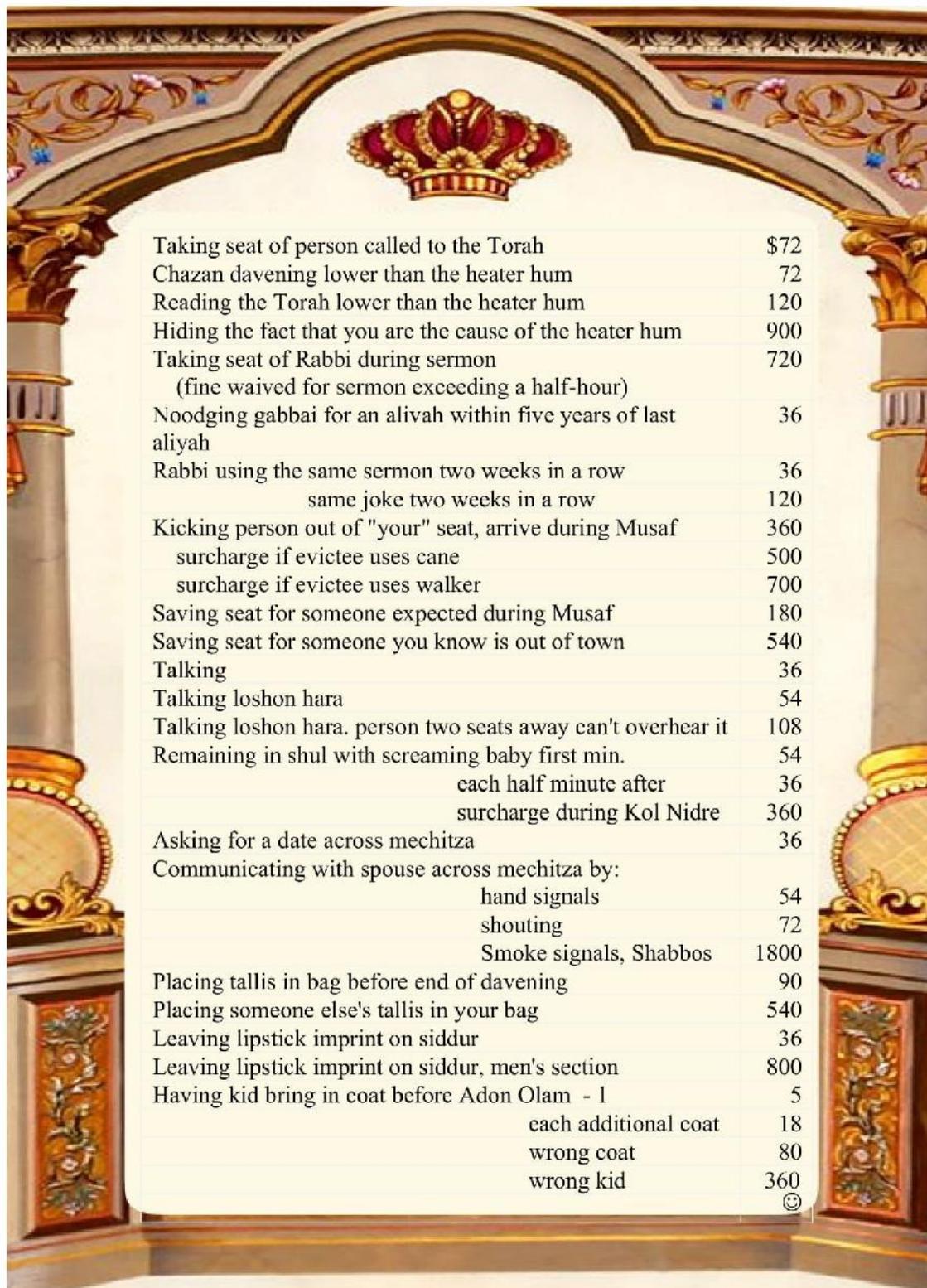
From Schomre Israel's 4K (Kvetching, Kvelling, Kibbutzing, Koffee) Club...

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To address simultaneously Schomre Israel's two longest-standing problems – the lack of decorum and the lack of funds – the **4K Club** announces the following categories of unacceptable behavior and a schedule of fines for violations:

Unacceptable Behavior	Fine
Sleeping during the sermon	\$ 36
surcharge for snoring	54
Checking watch during sermon, rabbi facing your direction	72
Conspicuously reading a Hebrew text during sermon	180
Conspicuously reading texts during sermon	360
Sermon longer than davening	270
Announcements longer than sermon	360
Leaving lollipop stick on carpet	18
Leaving lollipop stick on carpet, sticky candy still attached	54
Not staying for class after davening	54
Arriving for davening by the kiddush	360
Starting "the wave" in the Main Sanctuary	900
Duchining. socks not fresh	180
Removing the good stuff before throwing the candy bag at aufruf	36
Harmonizing with Chazzan. off key	90
Singing along with Chazzan. but using different melody	180
Complaining about air conditioning, non-member	\$360





Taking seat of person called to the Torah	\$72
Chazan davening lower than the heater hum	72
Reading the Torah lower than the heater hum	120
Hiding the fact that you are the cause of the heater hum	900
Taking seat of Rabbi during sermon (fine waived for sermon exceeding a half-hour)	720
Noodging gabbai for an alivah within five years of last aliyah	36
Rabbi using the same sermon two weeks in a row	36
same joke two weeks in a row	120
Kicking person out of "your" seat, arrive during Musaf	360
surcharge if evictee uses cane	500
surcharge if evictee uses walker	700
Saving seat for someone expected during Musaf	180
Saving seat for someone you know is out of town	540
Talking	36
Talking loshon hara	54
Talking loshon hara. person two seats away can't overhear it	108
Remaining in shul with screaming baby first min.	54
each half minute after	36
surcharge during Kol Nidre	360
Asking for a date across mechitza	36
Communicating with spouse across mechitza by:	
hand signals	54
shouting	72
Smoke signals, Shabbos	1800
Placing tallis in bag before end of davening	90
Placing someone else's tallis in your bag	540
Leaving lipstick imprint on siddur	36
Leaving lipstick imprint on siddur, men's section	800
Having kid bring in coat before Adon Olam - 1	5
each additional coat	18
wrong coat	80
wrong kid	360
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PURIM INFORMATION

1. **Purpose:** Purim is celebrated in commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews in Persia from the hands of Haman, the King's officer, who plotted their death. The events narrated in the Book of Esther took place in the middle of the fifth century B.C.E.

2. **Date:** The 14th of Adar. The 15th of Adar is known as Shushan Purim since in the capital, Shushan, the Jews had to defend themselves against their enemies on the 14th and celebrated the Festival a day later.

3. **Name:** It is called Purim from the word '*Pur*' which means "lot" and refers to the evil machinations of Haman who cast lots to determine on which day he should arrange for the slaughter of the Jews of Persia.

4. **Observance:**

(a) **In the Synagogue:** On the eve of Purim and on Purim morning the Book of Esther is chanted to a special melody. At the mention of Haman, the children stamp their feet or turn their "graggers" (noisemakers) in derision of the name of the arch enemy. Three-cornered Purim pastries (Hamentashen) are served.

(b) **In the Home:** Being a joyful Festival, Purim is the occasion for parties and celebrations. A festive meal, Seudah, is the occasion for a happy family gathering. Charity is distributed and there is an interchange of gifts, particularly food gifts, between friends and neighbors. It might be noted that the character of Purim is really unique and quite unlike other festivals in the spirit of its observance. There is a deliberate absence of the solemn and highly spiritual character which dominates in other festivals. Purim rather is observed in a mood of sanctioned frivolity. From days of old, masques and parades and even bonfires have been elements in the day's festival program. Purim was kept as a carnival day. In modern times something of its spirit is found in the Purim parades and carnivals in Israel.

Purim Timetable

Ta'anit Esther - (Fast of Esther) - Monday, March 9th

Fast begins: 6:04 AM

Fast ends: 7:38 PM

Purim - Commences on Monday night, March 9th.

Mincha 6:25 PM / Maariv and Megillah Reading 7:20 PM

Refreshments will be served after the Megillah Reading.

Purim Day - Tuesday, March 10th

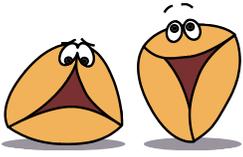
Morning Service and Megillah Reading 7:00 AM

Mincha 5:00 PM

Second Megillah Reading 5:30 PM sharp

Purim Dinner (RSVP and payment required) follows Services (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS)





You are cordially invited

to a

PURIM DINNER

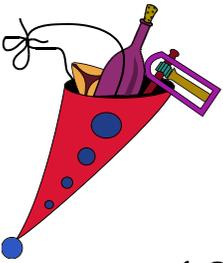
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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

following 5:00 PM Services and
5:30 PM Megillah Reading



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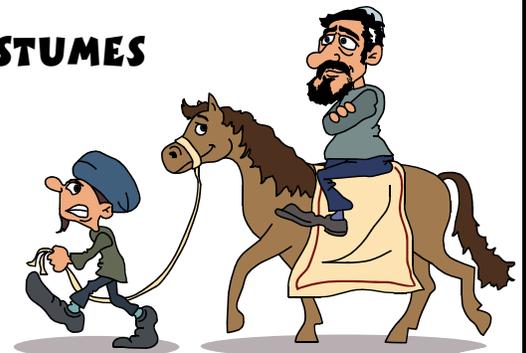
✓ FUN

✓ COSTUMES

RSVP REQUIRED BY 02/26/20

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SCHOMRE1@AOL.COM



Absolutely **no** reservations will be taken after February 26, 2020

Everyone is invited to attend Rabbi Krasner's classes...

SUNDAY

Talmud Studies with Rabbi Krasner Sunday Morning after Shacharis – Starting with the 4th Chapter of Brachos.

MONDAY

Conversational Hebrew for beginners Monday evenings, 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm. The first class takes place on March 2nd. If the first class is missed Rabbi Krasner will schedule a makeup class. For more information please see our website or contact Rabbi Krasner.

TUESDAY

The Blessings and Destinies of the 12 Jewish Families continues on **Tuesdays at 10:30AM.** An in-depth analysis viewpoint based on the Talmud and Medrash of each of Jacob's twelve sons, and the families they built.

THURSDAY

Timeless Thoughts on the Parsha - Thursday Nights at 7:00PM where we will study and discuss a topic from the Parsha.

Hands on Judaism Mitzvah Workshop - continues through June on the **first Thursday Night of the month from 6:00PM - 8:00PM** (see flyer on page 10 for details)

Please note: We will not have classes in April due to the Passover holiday.

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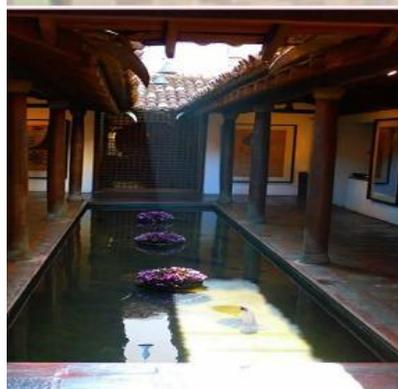
Upcoming ... Return of the Yiddish Club - Are you interested in Yiddish language and culture? There is an effort afoot to reestablish a Yiddish club. In the past there was such a club at the JCC. We are looking to stir up interest in people in the community who want to speak *a bisele*, to *chap a nosh*, to *shmooze*. The Yiddish club will be a nostalgic trip to the times and culture of our *bubbies* and *zeydies*, mixed with Yiddish music, Yiddish comedy, Yiddish *lernin*, Yiddish *Hanae* as well as a look at how Yiddish is fairing in contemporary times. As with all events and programs spearheaded by Schomre Israel, this is intended to be open to all in the community. You don't need to be fluent in the language. Let us know you are interested by contacting us at schomre1@aol.com or 845.454.2890.

Ongoing...

The last Sunday of each month after morning services we have our 4K (Kvetching, Kvelling, Kibbutzing, Koffee) club meeting. A different topic is presented each month.

Every Monday morning at 11:30 AM everyone is welcome to join us for Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas. \$5.00 per session.

Schomre Israel Hands-on Judaism



Returning to the Source of Purity March 5

What exactly is a Mikvah? What does it entail to build one?
Why is its use so important in the formation and lifeblood of the Jewish Family?
Join us as we will discuss the concepts of Purity and the importance of the Mitzvah of Mikva. We will then have tour and take a closer look at the Schomre Israel Mikva.

Thursday 6-8pm



Having a Kosher Kitchen March 26

We will continue our discussion of Kashrus, focusing on eating kosher foods and having a kosher kitchen. We will then give a hands on Demonstration on how to Kashur, using the Schomre Israel Kitchen.

Thursday 6-8pm



Royal Clothing May 7

Join us for a discussion about the Mitzvah of Tzitzis. We will follow by each person who will make their own pair of Tzitzis for them to wear or give a present to a loved one. (Please RSVP Cost \$10 per person).

Thursday 6-8pm

The 12 Jewish Families

Tuesdays 10:30 am

Timeless Discussions on the Parsha

Thursdays 7pm

Community Events at Congregation Schomre Israel...

Schomre Israel Community Seder

Do you wish that you can share the Evening of Freedom amongst friends? Are you dreading Pesach because you will need to scramble to invite yourself out? Are you too caught up with work and family that you will not be able to prepare, and yet you cannot afford a "Pesach in a Hotel California"?

Schomre Israel will be offering a community Pesach Seder if there are people who would be interested in having or joining a community Pesach Seder. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Krasner at 443-388-0033 or RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com no later than March 23rd.

A Thank You Dinner for the Chevra Kadisha

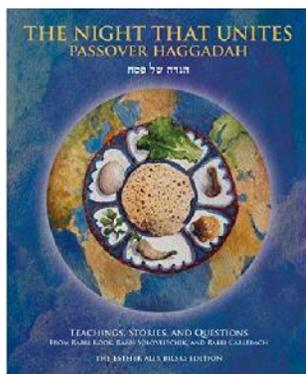
Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30

As a way of saying thank you to the Chevra Kadisha, as well as spreading the word on the amazing and selfless work that they do, we will be hosting a dinner for them. This dinner is free and open for all those who are members of the Chevra Kadisha, as well as those who are interested in understanding their work or interested in joining. Please RSVP at 443.388.0033 or at RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com.

The Night that Unites – Breakfast with famed author and lecturer Rabbi Aaron Goldscheider

Sunday, March 22 at 9:30am

Join Rabbi Goldscheider as he discusses the Haggadah from the teachings of three of the most influential and brilliant Rabbinic personalities of the 20th century: Rabbi Kook, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, and Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. Suggested readings are offered as a way of encouraging and guiding discussion at the Seder that will enhance the Passover night experience, and illustrations depicting all 15 steps of the Seder are featured throughout.



Rabbi Aaron Goldscheider received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University in 1993 where he also studied Jewish philosophy. Since then he has devoted his life to teaching Torah and to outreach to the less affiliated. For the past twenty years he has served as a synagogue rabbi in Florida and in New York.

Most recently, he was the Rabbi of the historic Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation in Westchester NY.

Currently Rabbi Goldscheider serves on the faculty of Yeshiva University's Gruss Kollel, Israel and is a faculty member at the Orthodox Union's World Center in Jerusalem.

PJ Library Event in Conjunction with Schomre Israel

Monday, March 23



PJ Library in conjunction with Rabbi Krasner of Congregation Schomre Israel will host a pre-Pesach Seder from 4:00 to 5:30. Calling all children to come and to bring their parents and grandparents. Join us for a fun and educational late afternoon program where we will enjoy a mock seder, discuss freedom, tradition and gratitude. You will leave with a deeper appreciation, understanding and love for Passover and all of its significance.

PJ Library and Story Time and an activity too with Kim Ritz!

Please **RSVP** to pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org by 3/20.

PASSOVER TIMETABLE - 5780/2020

Erev Pesach, Wednesday, April 8th:

Don't forget Eruv Tavshilin (see page 3)
 Shacharit/Siyum for First Born - 7:00 AM
 Finish Eating Chametz - before 10:22 AM
 Sell and Burn Chametz - before 11:40 AM
 Candlelighting - 7:11 PM
 Mincha/Maariv - 7:00 PM
 First Seder

First Day of Pesach, Thursday, April 9th:

Shacharit - 9:00 AM
 Mincha/Maariv - 7:00 PM
 Candlelighting and preparing for the second seder - after 8:13 PM
 Second Seder

Second Day of Pesach, Friday, April 10th:

Shacharit - 9:00 AM
 Mincha/Maariv - 7:10 PM
 Candlelighting - 7:13 PM

Chol HaMoed Pesach, Shabbat, April 11th:

Shacharit - 9:00 AM

Chol HaMoed Pesach, Sunday, April 12th - Monday, April 13th:

Shacharit - Sunday at 8:30 AM, Monday at 7:00 AM
 Mincha/Maariv - 7:10 PM

Chol HaMoed Sixth Day of Pesach, Tuesday Evening, April 14th:

Shacharit - 7:00 AM
 Mincha/Maariv - 7:00 PM
 Candlelighting - 7:17 PM

Seventh Day of Pesach, Wednesday, April 15th:

Shacharit - 9:00 AM
 Mincha/Maariv - 7:00 PM
 Candlelighting - after 8:19 PM

Eighth Day of Pesach, Thursday, April 16th:

Shacharit - 9:00 AM
 Yizkor - 11:00 AM
 Mincha/Maariv - 7:20 PM
 Pesach ends - 8:20 PM
 Wait till after 9:30 PM to eat chametz

FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

Passover Eve is a traditional Fast for the First Born in recognition of the Jewish firstborns being spared the plague in Egypt. By attending/participating in a Siyum, the completion of a Tractate of Talmud or a book of Torah, on Wednesday morning, April 8, the first born are exempt from fasting. Rabbi Krasner will conduct the Siyum. The Service starts at 7:00 AM.

Don't forget...

Search for chametz on
 Tuesday night, April 7th,
 after nightfall



PREPARATIONS FOR PASSOVER



Laws of Passover

As technology continues to grow, together with its complications and Halachic ramifications, there are many foods and kitchen appliances which may require specific instruction and directions. While most are beyond the scope of this bulletin, Schomre Israel will be purchasing and availing Pesach Food and Appliance guides from the various Kashrus organizations. Please feel free to contact Rabbi Krasner if you have any questions, or reference <https://www.star-k.org/passover> or <https://oukosher.org/passover/>.

I. What and Why is Chametz?

When the Israelites emerged from Egyptian slavery, they left in great haste. Consequently, they could not bake their bread in the usual manner. There was not sufficient time for the dough to rise and for the bread to become leavened. The product of such leavening process is called Chametz. It consists of grain or flour mixed with water and allowed to stand for a brief period without being baked completely.

In order to relive the experience of our ancestors, we avoid Chametz throughout the entire Passover festival. We neither eat it nor own it during the holiday. We try to use up whatever products we have before the festival. What we cannot use we store away and sell to a non-Jew through the Rabbi of the Synagogue. A form for this purpose is found in the bulletin.

Before the festival, we conduct a symbolic search of the house (Bedikas Chametz) to ensure that all Chametz has been removed from our premises. On the morrow following the search, we burn what we have found along with any other leftover unsold chametz (Bi-ur Chametz).

During the eight days of the festival, we use only products that are free of Chametz and we eat matzah in order to experience the haste of our forefathers when they went forth from slavery to freedom.

II. Preparing for Passover

In addition to not using Chametz products during the festival, we also avoid the use of dishes and utensils which have been used all year round with Chametz. For that reason it is necessary to have two additional sets of dishes for Passover use. These are stored away in a closet throughout the year and brought out for use only on Passover. At the same time, the year-round dishes and utensils are stored away out of sight, during the Passover festival.

There are certain types of utensils that can be ritually cleansed - or kashered - for Passover use. A brief explanation follows:

1. Silver and Metal Utensils

Silver, small pots and metal utensils without wooden handles may be kashered for Passover use. They must first be cleansed thoroughly and then allowed to stand unused for 24 hours. They are then completely immersed in a kettle or vat of boiling water.

We might add that china, pottery and utensils that have different parts glued together, and items that cannot be cleansed thoroughly (such as a sieve) cannot be kashered for Passover use.

Larger pots or kettles may be kashered by first cleansing them as above and then filling them with water to the very top, allowing the water to boil and then placing a hot iron or stone inside the pot so that the boiling water runs over and down the sides of the pot.

2. Glassware

Glasses and glass plates which have not been used for hot liquids or solids during the year may be kashered for Passover by immersing them in cold water for a period of three days prior to Passover. Glass utensils, such as Pyrex, which are used with heat must be treated as china and cannot be kashered.

3. The Stove and Oven

Every part of the stove and oven must be thoroughly cleaned with a chemical cleanser. The top range and the oven must then be heated at the highest setting and allowed to stand for a period of one hour at that setting.

In addition, during Passover, a special metal sheet is placed over the top of the range to prevent contact with the Passover utensils.

4. Microwave Oven

Clean thoroughly, and pour boiling water directly from a pot which was on the flame onto all sides, top, bottom and door. Place a utensil filled with water in the oven, and operate the oven at its maximum setting until it is filled with thick steam.

III Passover Foods

Most foods that are used on Passover require Rabbinical supervision. This is especially true of processed foods. It is important to realize that a label which indicates that a product is "Kosher for Passover" does not assure us of the supervision. Wherever possible, one should use products which have nationally-known Kashrut symbols. If not, it is important to check on the reliability of the particular Rabbi who is giving the endorsement. Please feel free to ask in the event of any doubt on this matter.

1. Grain Products

All grain products require strict Rabbinic supervision for Passover use.

2. All Milk and Dairy Products require supervision.

3. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

All of these may be used (except for legumes - peas, beans, rice and corn which are all treated as Chametz).

4. Dried Fruits

These should carry a Passover endorsement.

5. Frozen Fruits and Vegetables

Frozen vegetables maybe used for Passover **only** with Passover certification.

6. Cosmetics

Some maintain that all cosmetics can be used for Passover inasmuch as they are not foods. This includes toothpaste. Others have stricter opinions.

THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

A most important Mitzvah before the onset of Pesach is the selling of chametz. It is preferable to perform the sale of chametz in person with the Rabbi. The Rabbi is available at all services for the selling of chametz, or at any other pre-arranged time. Otherwise, please sign the form below for selling chametz and give it to the Shul Office or to Rabbi Krasner, so that he receives it **no later than Monday, April 6, 2020.**

DELEGATION OF POWER FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

KNOW YE that I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Shlomo Krasner to act in my place and stead, and in my behalf to sell all CHAMETZ possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) defined as claimed by The Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. Chametz, doubt of Chametz, and all kinds of Chametz mixtures), as well as Chametz that tends to harden and to adhere to a surface of inside of pans, pots and cooking and usable utensils, and all kinds of live animals that have been eating Chametz or mixtures thereof, and to lease all places wherein the Chametz owned by me may be found, especially in the premises indicated below and elsewhere.

Rabbi Krasner has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary in accordance with all terms detailed in the general authorization contract which is in the possession of Rabbi Krasner authorizing him to sell Chametz; on behalf of others. I hereby give the said Rabbi Krasner full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all Torah, Rabbinical regulations and laws, and also in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and of the United States.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

LOCATION AND TYPE OF CHAMETZ _____

OFFICE ADDRESS (if Chametz is in Office) _____

LOCATION AND TYPE OF CHAMETZ _____

To all above I affix my signature.

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

DATE

IF YOU WILL NOT BE AT YOUR HOME ADDRESS DURING PESACH PLEASE SPEAK WITH RABBI KRASNER

“MAOS CHITTIM FUND”

It is a long-standing custom to help the needy make Pesach by donating to the “Maos Chittim Fund.” Maos Chittim literally means money for flour to bake matzos. As we all know, there are great expenses in preparation of Passover - purchasing matzo, wine, fish, meat, various groceries, etcetera.

If you wish to participate in this great mitzvah please send your check, payable to:

Congregation Schomre Israel Rabbi Fund (note “Maos Chittim” in memo area of check), to the Shul office. Rabbi Krasner will forward the donations to those in need.

Emergency Fund for Jewish Families

Once again, Schomre Israel will join other local Synagogues in support of the Emergency Fund available through Jewish Family Services (JFS). JFS provides grants and honor loans to members of the Jewish community needing assistance with rent, mortgage, food, utilities, and other important services on Purim and throughout the year.

Please send your check, payable to: **Jewish Family Services** (note “Emergency Fund” in memo area of check), to the Shul office. We will forward all checks to JFS. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need.

This is a charitable fund truly worthy of our generous support. If you know of someone locally who needs to be helped for Pesach, please contact Rabbi Krasner or Jewish Family Services.

SAVE THE DATE...



YOM HASHOAH 27 Nisan (April 21) - The Community Holocaust Commemoration will be held at Dutchess Community College on **Monday, April 20, 2020**. As in years past, this event is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Federation of DC and Dutchess County Community College.

MITZVAH DAY 2020 - Sunday, May 3

Please contact the Federation Office at 845.471.9811 for more information.



YOM HAATZMAUT - ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

18 Park Avenue - Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

ב"ס"ד

Our Annual

Raffle and Cocktail Party

will take place on

Sunday, June 28, 2020
at 2:00 PM

GRAND PRIZE
\$5,000

SECOND PRIZE
\$1,000

8 PRIZES - \$250 EACH

Only 200 tickets will be sold!

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Donation: \$100

\$8,000 IN CASH PRIZES

For more information call
Irwin Lifshay at 845.797.0063



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SISTERHOOD NEWS



HAMENTASCHEN BAKING

A BIG thank you to all the Sunday morning bakers for another successful year. This is Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser each year and without you, we couldn't do it. Also, a BIG thank you to everyone who helps support us by purchasing our delicious goodies.

KIDDUSH

Sisterhood is asking for help to defray the costs of our regular weekly Kiddush. We are asking members to sponsor a regular Kiddush for \$50. A special Kiddush is also available. If you wish to sponsor a Kiddush, call Cassia Brown (452.8317) or Roberta Grosman (471.5105).

Many thanks to the following members for sponsoring a Kiddush:

Roberta and Len Grosman in celebration of his birthday

Shelley and Michael Rosenblatt in memory of family members

*Debbie and Jeff Weinstein sponsored the Tu B'Shevat Kiddush
in memory of her mother, Lillie Levine*

*Rabbi Shlomo Krasner's Chofetz Chayim Kiddush, featuring
Cholents of the World*

Marsha Weiner in memory of her mother, Chana Weiner

GIFT SHOP

We have many new items in our Gift Shop. Take a moment to look at the beautiful silk matzah covers displayed in our case and all of our new Passover items including Passover Cards by Stacey. If you need a housewarming gift, shower gift, wedding gift, graduation or birthday gift, check what the Gift Shop has to offer. It might be time to replace some of the mezuzahs in your home, so please come in and check out what we have.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS

If you wish to send a Golden Book card (\$3.00, payable to Schomre Sisterhood) or a Shrubbery Card (\$5.00, payable to Congregation Schomre Israel) please call Marcia Fishman (471.1241) between 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (no business during Shabbat). Send payments to the synagogue: Attention: Marcia Fishman/Cards. It is easy to do and everyone appreciates receiving a card. They are appropriate for mitzvot, condolences, get well, etc.

Sisterhood Numbers:

Hinda Baum (Cemetery) - 227.5651

Cassia Brown (Calendar, Mikvah, Kiddush Planning) - 452.8317

Marcia Fishman (Golden Book Cards, Shrubbery Cards) - 471.1241

Roberta Grosman (Bingo, Gift Shop, Kiddush Planning) - 471.5105

March 01, 2020

Dear Friend:

The Sisterhood of Schomre Israel is preparing the color **Hebrew Calendar for 5780 - 5781 (2020-2021)**.

We have been providing the Congregation and the Jewish community this calendar for almost two decades. We hope you will participate in this venture and look forward to seeing your color ads and listings.

This calendar provides our Jewish community with information regarding Jewish holidays, Torah readings, candle lighting times, and religious and social events that are presented by Congregation Schomre Israel. The calendar raises funds to help support Schomre's special functions and many community projects which are sponsored by the Sisterhood. The Sisterhood and Congregation Schomre Israel serve the Jewish Community, patients in local health institutions and hospitals, and the many nursing homes in the area.

Congregation Schomre Israel was organized in the City of Poughkeepsie in **1888**. We are **132 years old**, and the **only established Modern Orthodox Synagogue in Dutchess County**.

We are asking for your support by taking out an ad in our calendar.

Please select your desired format - Advertisers will receive a copy of the 2020/2021 Calendar:

Select	Description	Cost*	Size	Notes:
	Full Page - With a Specific Month Placement	\$225	7" x 8"	
	Full Page	\$200	7" x 8"	
	Half Page - Horizontal	\$110	7" x 4"	
	Half Page - Vertical	\$120	3.5" x 8"	
	Quarter Page - Horizontal	\$50	3.5" x 4"	
	Quarter Page - Vertical	\$65	4" x 3.5"	
	Business Card Size - Horizontal	\$40	3.5" x 2"	
	Business Card Size - Vertical	\$45	2" x 3.5"	
	Professional Page - Listing	\$25	Line entry	

BUSINESS NAME / ADVERTISER NAME

CONTACT NAME

DAY PHONE

NIGHT PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

E-MAIL ADDRESS

***ALL ADS include a listing on the Professional & Advertisers page**

All submissions are requested by June 3, 2020.

The following page has tips for submitting your ad.

If you are not sending your Copy by email,
please return this letter with your
 CD/DVD Disk, Thumb Drive or Hard Copy File.

Sincerely,

Cassia Brown, Chairperson

SCHOMRE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD
18 PARK AVENUE POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12603
845.454.2890

SUBMITTING YOUR ADS FOR THE 2020 - 2021 SCHOMRE CALENDAR:

Submitting ads by e-mail:

Send your **e-mail ad** to cassia@bestweb.net E-mail file sizes can be up to 24 megabytes.

The Calendar is printed at high digital resolution. This process produces sharp pictures, clear text, and excellent reproduction of your submitted material.

For those who submit material on disk, or thumb drive:

1.- We can accept ads in any **PC format**, however we **cannot accept** ads in **“PRINT SHOP format.”**

Digital Photos submitted should be a **minimum resolution 300 dpi.**

Graphic Images must be a **minimum resolution 600 dpi.**

You may have to include font file(s), if you use special or exotic fonts. *(We will contact you if this condition arises.)*

2.- We can accept ads in **MAC format** - please submit them in either PDF or EPS format only.

3.- **Any PDFs** submitted must have **fonts embedded, photos** at a minimum **300 dpi resolution** and graphic images at a minimum **600 dpi resolution.**

4.- Digital files and digital file questions should be e-mailed to cassia@bestweb.net.

Please make the first word **“CALENDAR”** in the subject line.

5.- When submitting an ad by e-mail please add your **contact information, day/night time phone number** and where to send the proof, the invoice for the ad, and where to ship the calendar.

For those who submit copy for scanning [pictures, graphics, and text.]:

A.- Please provide clean copy of your ad. **Do not submit any screened copy.**

B.- Submitting business cards -

**PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE , DO NOT USE paperclips to attach your business card(s),
AND Please enclose two business cards!**

C.- Embossed or raised lettering on stationary or business cards that will be **used for Ads** can create a **lower quality image (reproduction) for your ad.**

D.- We'll make every effort to **“clean up”** your COPY.

E.- You can sketch a layout of your ad, provide us with the copy, photo and graphics and we will create the ad for you. We can scan pictures and graphics, you will get a proof before printing.

**Got an idea for an ad? Talk to us ... We can create it for you.
Business and Personal Ads graciously accepted.**



Mitzvah Day Project , May 3, 2020

Jewish War Veterans Post #625 will be collecting non-perishable food items for Castle Point Veterans Hospital through May 3rd. Suggested items: Coffee/tea/hot chocolate, cake/muffin mixes, pasta/sauces, white/brown rice, canned: fruits, vegetables/tomatoes, tuna/chicken, Spam, cranberry sauce, potatoes/yams, beans, baked beans, boxed cereal/oatmeal, macaroni & cheese, soup, salad dressing, pickles, Jello, sugar, flour, condiments, cookies/crackers, etcetera. Items can be dropped off at Schomre and left in the labeled box outside the Social Hall.

All donations are gratefully accepted!

For additional information, please contact Ron Markowitz or Irving Baum

A Big "Todah Rabbah" - thank you

A hearty thanks to all of those in our congregation who have made donations to the Morse School Project. Our Jewish Social Action Coalition is composed of our synagogue, Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple, Shir Chadash, and the Harding Club. We have provided food, school supplies and some winter clothing to the students and families of Morse School. We also thank members of the Jewish War Veterans who have dropped off donations when they meet in our building.

We continue to encourage your generous donations. There is a box for items in the rear entrance to the Gold Room.

Thank you for your support,
Sandy Corwin and Linda Skolnik
 Representatives to the Coalition.

Gift Card Fundraiser Support Congregation Schomre Israel

NO extra cost to you
Retailers sell cards to us at discounted rates.
You purchase cards and then you shop as usual.

In addition to using for groceries and prescriptions, the cards make great gifts.

The shul maintains gift cards for: ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Adams, Price Chopper, Barnes & Noble, Lowes, CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens. A complete list of retailers is available on our website (click *Support Us*, click *Gift Cards/Scrip*, then "[click here](#)" in the second paragraph.

Information and order forms are available on the website (www.schomreisrael.org) or in the shul office.

PLEASE INFORM THE RABBI

Congregants are urged to call Rabbi Krasner (454.2890) if you hear, Heaven forbid, of any member who is ill. It is a great Mitzvah to visit the sick and very often we just don't hear of a member's indisposition. Your help in this endeavor is much appreciated.

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO SCHOMRE ISRAEL:

- In memory of ...
his grandmother, Tillie Chick
his sister, Susan Smith
his grandfather, Benjamin Chick
Jeffrey Chick.

- In memory of Rita Kaplan
Tony and Alex Farkas.

- In memory of his beloved mother, Frances Krakower
Thomas Krakower.

- In honor of Rita Kaplan with gratitude to Steve Kaplan
Beatrice Lacativa.

- Wishing Hal Warren a very happy birthday
Paula Landau.

- In memory of her beloved friend, Essie Schiller
Batya Lewton.

- In memory of her beloved grandfather, Harry Berman
Rena Miller.

- In memory of her dear father, David Krakower
Fredricka Shpetner.

- The Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees warmly welcomes Rabbi Krasner to Poughkeepsie and wishes him success at Schomre Israel.

- In memory of ...
her beloved brother, Jay Weiner
her beloved mother, Chana Weiner
- In appreciation of Rabbi Krasner teaching her Hebrew
- Anniversary wishes to Rose and Brion Shapiro
- Birthday wishes to...
Roberta Grosman (3/14)
Hinda Baum (3/31)
Cynthia Warren (4/6) and
Lucy Langer (4/28)
Marsha Sandy Weiner.

In memory of his sister, Florence Jackson
Sam Wexler.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:

- Bea Davis - Wishing you the best in your new home
Natalie & Ron Markowitz.
- In memory of Ellie Korfman's mother, Ruth Goldberg
Ellie & Marty Korfman.
- Harold Warren - Wishing him a very Happy 70th Birthday
The Congregation of Schomre Israel
Sisterhood
Evelyn & David Horowitz
Roberta & Len Grosman
Ros Fox
Marcia Fishman
Linda Skolnik
Natalie & Ron Markowitz.
- Barry & Del Kricheff - Mazel Tov on the birth of your new grandson
The Congregation of Schomre Israel
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Evelyn & David Horowitz
Roberta & Len Grosman
Ros Fox
Marcia Fishman
Linda Skolnik
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Jane Friedland
Ellie & Marty Korfman
Sharon & Hal Warren.

Save the Date -



*Shul Raffle
and
Cocktail Party
on
June 28, 2020*



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Additional information will follow

Yahrzeits for March 2020

- 02 Freida Koenig
- 03 Ann Chick
- 05 Murray Gamberg
- 06 Zachary Brandon Bernstein
- 07 Min Feldman
- 08 Abraham Krakower
- 10 Chana Spira
- 11 Pearl Schreibman
- 15 Zmira Langer
- 16 Walter Hering
- 17 Millie Davis
Gladys Schechter
- 18 Elias Gollin
Sophie Levine
- 19 Fruma Fox
Elizabeth Schwartz
- 20 David Brown
- 21 Nathan Kaplan
- 22 Sidney Berkowitz
Lea Kaplan
- 24 Tillie Kantrowitz
- 25 Ruth Shapiro
- 26 Carl Messinger
Ricki Pelzner
Jennie Schreibman
Marvin Weinberg
- 27 Isadore Chick
- 29 Eva Prutinsky
- 31 Fannie Carpet

Yahrzeits for April 2020

- 02 David Trastman
- 03 Isidore Markowitz
Solomon Palestine
Lillian Weinberg
- 04 Alice Kaplan
- 06 Evelyn Robles
- 07 Frank Goldwitz
Bernard Tulin
- 09 Sidney Schwartz
- 11 Oscar Leffel
Robert Wexler
- 15 Mason Kantrowitz
Minnie Mednick
- 16 Ethel Gollin
- 17 Beverly Lapidus
Sarah Lubowsky
- 20 Irving Blatt
Joseph Aaron Grosman
Sarah Meier
Edith Sacks
- 25 Herbert Eisen
Lillian Eisenstadt
Irene Stich

