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Chag Pesach Sameach!



A Short History of Matzo

By Claire Suddath

In the beginning, there was dough. When Egypt's pharaoh finally agreed after much convincing (and 10 plagues) to let Moses' enslaved people go, the Jews left their homes so quickly — pursued by the pharaoh, who by then had changed his mind — that they didn't have time to prepare bread for the journey. Instead, they ate an unleavened mixture of flour and water that, when baked, turned flat and hard. Passover began on April 8 this year, and for the next eight days, Jewish people all over the world will remember their exodus by forgoing cakes, cookies, pasta and noodles — anything made to rise with yeast, baking soda, etc. — in favor of the only bread product they're allowed: matzo.

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SERVICES

SHABBAT

Friday evening Shabbat services at 6:00 p.m.

In person and Zoom

The 1st Friday of each month is Family Shabbat 7:00; Junior Congregation Saturday 10:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

RSVP school@shirshalomrockland.org
Saturday morning services at 10:00 a.m.

In person and Zoom

Please call the office the Wednesday before Shabbat if you would like an aliyah on Saturday

MINYAN

Sunday—Thurs. evening at 7:30 p.m.

On Zoom

Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

In person and Zoom

Please try to attend *minyán* as often as possible to enable mourners and those who are observing *yahrzeits* to say *Kaddish*.



Candle lighting times (New City area)

	Dates	Starts	Ends
April	1-2	7:03	8:04
April	8-9	7:11	8:12
April	15-16	7:18	8:20
April	22-23	7:26	8:29
April	29-30	7:33	8:37

OFFICE Hours:

OPEN Monday—Thursday 10:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

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Congregation Shir Shalom COVID Status

All services have resumed in person as of Friday, February 4, 2022, and Makom resumed indoor classes on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Use of masks at services and other indoor activities is optional for fully vaccinated adults and children (five years and older). Younger children are also permitted to attend (those over two must be masked).

“Fully vaccinated” is being defined as having received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least 2 weeks prior to attendance AND an appropriate booster for all eligible adults and children, according to the current guidance of the CDC and, if desired, in consultation with your physician.

No one experiencing signs and symptoms of respiratory infection, exposed to someone with those symptoms, or testing positive for COVID should attend services or events at Congregation Shir Shalom.

If you test positive for COVID and/or experience symptoms, you can return to the building five (5) days later AND when you have not experienced fever for at least 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medications.

If you test positive, have had COVID, or have been exposed to someone who has COVID, you should follow CDC guidelines for COVID testing.

Resumption of Shabbat kiddush will be determined at a future time when conditions are appropriate.

Please note, that while our services have resumed in person, **we are still providing services online via Zoom**. The link is included in each week's Shabbat announcements.

Gail Kaiser, Jeff Schragenheim, and the COVID Committee

From Co-President Jeff Schragenheim

As the first-year anniversary of Congregation Shir Shalom approaches, I have been going through my files reminiscing about my years as president, both prior to, and following our consolidation. I happened to come across an article I wrote for the NHC bulletin in 2018. Since many of our congregants have never had the pleasure of reading one of my articles, especially when I had writer's block, I thought I would share this with you from my archives...

It has been almost two years since assuming the presidency of the Nanuet Hebrew Center. One of the jobs the president must fulfill is to write an article for the monthly bulletin. After nearly two years of writing articles, I have finally attained writer's block. So rather than make myself miserable, I decided to take some time out and read a few essays on synagogue life. I found one essay that I feels adds a bit of humor to the way one can express themselves in a shul. Please enjoy the following essay by Jon Kranz.

Absurd Shul Announcements.

Let's face it, shul announcements need some work.

Most synagogue services feature three basic forms of expression: prayers, sermons and announcements. Obviously, prayers are essential because a prayer service without prayer is like an awards show without awards, a musical without music or a rock concert without . . . rocks.

Synagogue sermons are not necessarily essential but a good sermon, like a good halftime speech, can be incredibly uplifting. That said, sermons and halftime speeches probably should not be combined. Here is a cautionary tale:

Rabbi: Alright congregants, settle down and listen up. We are NOT going to succeed unless we start praying together as a TEAM!!!

Congregant #1: But coach – I mean, rabbi – the Torah portion this week is just too long!

Rabbi: Was slavery in Egypt too long? Was wandering in the desert for forty years too long? Was my sermon last week too long?

Congregant #2: Actually, yes, it was. It was way too long.

Rabbi: That's not the point! The point is, the only thing standing between us and a scrumptious Kiddush is teamwork! Now, who's with me!?!?

Congregant #1: But is it a hot Kiddush?

Congregant #2: Including cholent?

Rabbi: That's enough from you two. I'm benching both of you right now!

Congregant #3: But Coach Rabbi, I thought benching occurs only after a meal?

Rabbi: Oy vey.

While prayers are essential, and sermons are inspirational, in-shul announcements are neither and can easily be conveyed during the week by snail mail, e-mail, “robo” calls, skywriting, smoke signals and Morse code. (BTW: Do not confuse Morse code with Morris code, which is when your annoying Uncle Morris incessantly taps on the door until you begrudgingly let him in.) Many Jews nevertheless take a certain amount of delight in listening to weekly announcements in shul. For some, news is not official unless and until it is publicly announced by the shul president. Thus, the shul president is to the synagogue service what Page Six is to the New York Post.

Congregants, however, must be very careful when reacting to synagogue announcements, especially when they include both happy and sad news. If you respond too reflexively by rote, it can lead to an extremely awkward and awful moment. For example:

President: Mazel tov to the Cohen family on the birth of a baby girl.

Congregation: Mazel tov!

President: Mazel tov to the Goldberg family on the engagement of their son.

Congregation: Mazel tov!

President: Condolences to the Plotz family on their recent loss.

Congregation: Mazel tov! [Oops!]

Sometimes, synagogue announcements include news that quite frankly is not worthy of public declaration. Here are examples of news items that should not be announced in shul:

Mazel tov to the Lockstein family on securing a 3.50% 30-year fixed rate mortgage.

Mazel tov to the Green family on reducing their carbon footprint.

Mazel tov to the Sneezbergs family on overcoming the common cold.

Mazel tov to the Politicatt family on teaching their children the difference of right from left.

Mazel tov to the Buildenstein family on receiving a permit to install a backyard pool.

Mazel tov to the Laddermen family on moving from a less to a more desirable social circle.

Mazel tov to the Broadwein family on seeing "Hamilton" for the third time.

Mazel tov to the Geiocofsky family on refusing to pay more for car insurance.

Of course, there are some announcements that, likely, will never be made in a synagogue, like:

- *Last week there were too many people in shul. Next week, please attend services only if your last name begins with letters A through K.*
- *Last week there was not enough talking during services. It was almost too quiet, which the rabbi and chazzan found rather unsettling. Next week, please create a more realistic environment with some gossip, sophistry and narishkeit.*
- *This week's Kiddush is sponsored by an anonymous donor who genuinely does not need or want public praise.*
- *The rabbi feels underworked and therefore would like to take on even more responsibility.*
- *This year, the shul received too many pledges in response to the High Holiday appeal.*
- *This week not a single congregant complained about anything.*
- *By popular demand, we are making Shabbat services longer.*
- *Please stop returning your siddurim and chumashim to the bookcases. The shul is looking too neat and tidy.*

This week . . . there are no announcements.

Of course, if you make an announcement that there are no announcements, then there arguably was an announcement. Similarly, if during davening you tell someone that talking in shul is not allowed, then haven't you just broken that very rule? (Discuss.)

Bottom-line: Announcements are better than renouncements which, in turn, are better than denouncements.

Jeff Schragenheim, Co-President, Congregation Shir Shalom

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From the Co-President, Gail Kaiser

The parting of the Red Sea – it is one of the most dramatic stories in the entire Torah. It is the conclusion of the Exodus story and the reason why Passover is celebrated, not just on the day when our ancestors left Egypt on the 15th of Nissan, but also a week later coinciding with the miraculous event at the Red Sea.

We do not need Cecil B. DeMille's recreation of the scene in his classic film, *The Ten Commandments*, to be awed by the incredible display of divine intervention and justice. The Egyptians, having been frightened by the deaths of their firstborn into granting the Hebrews freedom, changed their minds when they heard that one idol remained near the Red Sea – an idol preserved by G-d precisely in order to give the Egyptians a false sense of hope and to give the Egyptians a reason to pursue the slaves they regretted freeing. It was G-d's plan to have the Egyptians catch up to the Hebrews.

Escape seemed impossible. It was then that a seminal moment in Jewish history took place – a moment responsible for our miraculous survival even as it brought an end to the lives on our oppressors. The sea split for our ancestors, and they crossed it on dry land to safety. No sooner did the pursuing Egyptians follow with their horses and chariots onto the dry sea bed, than the waters suddenly returned to their torrential strength and drowned them.

This story is far more than simply a tale of national salvation. There is an aspect to it that our sages recognized which makes it relevant in our own lives. The way the Egyptians died reveals a system of G-d's justice, remarkable not only for its fairness, but also clearly alerting us to divine intervention. G-d could have punished the Egyptians in many different ways. But He specifically drowned them – because of all their brutalities fostered upon the Hebrews, the most inhumane was their previous drowning of Hebrew babies.

Measure for measure, those who drowned others had to themselves be drowned. That is one of the most important messages of the parting of the sea. In Hebrew it is referred to as *midah k'neged midah* – our actions are repaid in similar manner. That is how G-d lets us know that the events of our lives are not haphazard coincidence. What we do unto others comes back to us, either as punishment or repayment.

The Passover story itself has yet another illustration of this principle, this time for good. According to the Talmud it demonstrates how the concept of measure for measure is biblically applied for reward even as it serves for ideal retribution. Miriam, sister of Moses, deserves special recognition for the role she played in saving the life of her brother. Miriam couldn't leave the banks of the Nile after her mother left her brother floating in a basket. She didn't know what she could do – she only knew she couldn't leave. She had to wait – perhaps there would be some way she would be able to be of help. That is what made possible her remarkable meeting with the daughter of Pharaoh, her advice to have the baby nursed by a Hebrew midwife, and the subsequent story of Moses being saved and then raised in the palace.

It was not until many years later that there was a measure for measure sequel. Miriam was smitten with leprosy during the journey of the Jews in the desert. Instead of moving on, the entire camp of Israel waited until Miriam again became ritually pure. G-d himself, the Divine presence, the ark of the covenant, the priests, the Levites, the Israelites, and the seven clouds of glory all waited for Miriam – a rather impressive waiting list. Why? It was a fitting reward for the time Miriam waited in the reeds. And while that good deed took no more than an hour, repayment lasted for seven days because measure for measure for good rather than for punishment always exceeds in great measure the action warranting compensation.

History has many messages. The past has much to teach us. But what Judaism is most anxious for us to be sensitive to is the profound recognition that in due time the Hamans who plot to hang Mordechai are themselves hung on those very gallows. The Egyptians didn't just die; they drowned, in order for us not to miss the link between crime and punishment.

The measure for measure concept is very relevant in our present day lives as well. I have witnessed many times how “what goes around comes around.” I have seen what I have no choice but to attribute to divine payback – not just cruelty being punished with cruelty – but with the same “packaging” with resemblances so eerily comparable they couldn't possibly be just mere coincidence. I have observed acts of kindness and goodness finding reward after time in ways that clearly reference them.

It's possible that if you reflect upon your own life and the lives of those in your world, you just might find a sequel to the story of the Red Sea and the measure for measure concept.

Chag Pesach Sameach to all!!

Gail Kaiser, Co-President, Congregation Shir Shalom

WE NOW HAVE A SINGLE ZOOM LINK TO ACCESS ALL OF OUR VIRTUAL (ONLINE) SERVICES.

Unless otherwise advised, please use this Zoom link to access all of our Virtual (online) Services. This includes our daily evening minyan, and Shabbat (Friday night and Saturday morning) and Holiday Services: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85045763462?pwd=bjJCK2xoWkJFVVJoc3R2cVJiUnNHdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 4576 3462 Passcode: 9181

You can download the Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays (weekday evening) at: <https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/form-download-e-siddur-0>

דורן Religious School News
The Place to Learn to Gather to Grow!
A New Educational Project of Congregation Shir Shalom
Rabbi Paul Kurland

The Purim carnival was loads of fun. Lots of prizes were given out including a Mishloach Manot bag for every student. The magician was hilarious. Seeing many of our students and staff in costume added to the excitement. We thank Rachel Benner for all her work in planning this event, along with the volunteers who ran each booth. We also enjoyed watching a Purim parody to the tune of “Bruno” on the Tuesday before Purim on our shared screen in the Board Room. The mitzvah of hearing the Megillah reading was attended by many of our students with plenty of noise at the right time!

Every classroom is filled with exciting learning. PreK, kindergarten and grade one students enjoy learning about Judaism through art projects, games, stories and movement with Morah Mindy. They really like using props to act out Shabbat rituals and recite the prayers. Grades two, three, and four students are so proud of becoming more fluent with their Hebrew reading and learning more and more tefilah tunes with Morah Ruti, Morah Laya and Cantor Kanarek. They also worked on the English translation of the prayers to make it more meaningful. During weekly parsha discussion, students look at pictures and create projects to connect with their learning. Grades six and seven are completing a unit on Israel with Israeli Jeopardy. They have visited the sanctuary with Morah Jody who has helped them become more familiar with the bima, the brachot, and rituals involved during the Torah and Haftorah service.

We are now in full swing, preparing for Pesach. The students are practicing the Ma Nishtana and reading from a children’s Haggadah. We will be learning some fun songs to share at the seder. Parents had a wonderful opportunity to learn with their children as we reviewed the order of the seder. In addition, they practiced making delicious nut free Charoset. Students did a great job decorating Afikoman bags, pillow cases and kiddush cups to be used at the seder. Every family has unique traditions when it comes to the seder and we look forward to hearing all about them.

Happy Passover,
Rebecca Bernstein, Education Director







Why Junior Congregation?

Why bring your kids Shabbat morning?

Games, snacks, stories, Hebrew reading and more!

Your children can actually enjoy coming to synagogue!

Junior Congregation is not just sitting around reading prayers. It is an active learners service open to all kids in Makom and any other families or friends. Pre-schoolers to 7th grade welcome.



At Junior Congregation children will indeed practice Hebrew reading skills taught in class, but also learn why we say different prayers and discuss meaning through current modern connections and stories. Children are encouraged to think beyond the written page. We analyze and discuss prayers and stories, using problem solving skills and manipulatives, drama and games. Torah stories are read and discussed each time and we find connections to our lives as well.

For example, on March 5th the Torah portion was about building the Mishkan, the portable sanctuary the Hebrews built in the desert. Following the discussion of how and why, kids constructed their own Mishkan, including the menorah and ark with the eternal light. (Pictured – Galya Gabai, Joseph Petrocelli, Benjamin Petrocelli)



On March 19th we discussed what it was like to be a slave in Egypt and related the Passover story to our lives today. Kids built pyramids like the Hebrew Slaves, recreated the Egyptians drowning in the sea of Reeds and Moses on top of Mount Sinai. (Pictured Erin Melzer, Hailey Benner, Addison Benner, Galya Gabai, Morah Mindy)

Join our Junior Congregation!

We meet Shabbat mornings while school is in session. Each Shabbat that we meet is a different theme. Themes include prayers, stories, holidays etc. For more information, exact dates, and times, please contact the Shir Shalom office. I look forward to seeing you at our future Junior Congregations.

See you all soon! Kids bring your parents!

Mindy Sayer (Jr. Congregation leader.)

*Creations made on Shabbat. Photographs taken Sunday morning during Makom.

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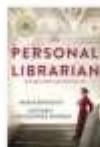
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SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Monday, 4/25 4:00 pm



The Personal Librarian, by
Marie Benedict

Thursday, 6/2 7:00 pm



Women's League Reads:
*At The End Of the World, Turn
Left*, by Zhanna Slor

All meetings will be via Zoom (subject to change, if circumstances allow).
The June Women's League meeting will require individual registration in
advance.



CENTERROCK YOUTH

Rachel Benner, Youth Advisor

This month was all about Purim!

CenterRock had a special guest, EMEK President Maya, hosted Purim crafts for our Makom kids. They made finger puppets of all the characters from our beloved story and Mishloach manot baskets.

We then had our Purim Carnival! Our Seniors came out and hosted an amazing event! We brought back some old games and some new fun. Special appearances from Magic Paul; Balloon popping competition; tie dye; water gun fun; and much more!

Everyone left with prizes, smiles and snacks!

As always we had some amazing costumes.

Special thank you to all our volunteers who showed up to help that day!

Look out for our upcoming events:

Medieval times

Bowling

Field day

Passover crafts

**Outdoor movie nights
and campfires!**

And so much more!









COMMUNITY-WIDE YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION 2022

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Benjamin Anthony

Sunday, April 24TH | 5-6:30PM

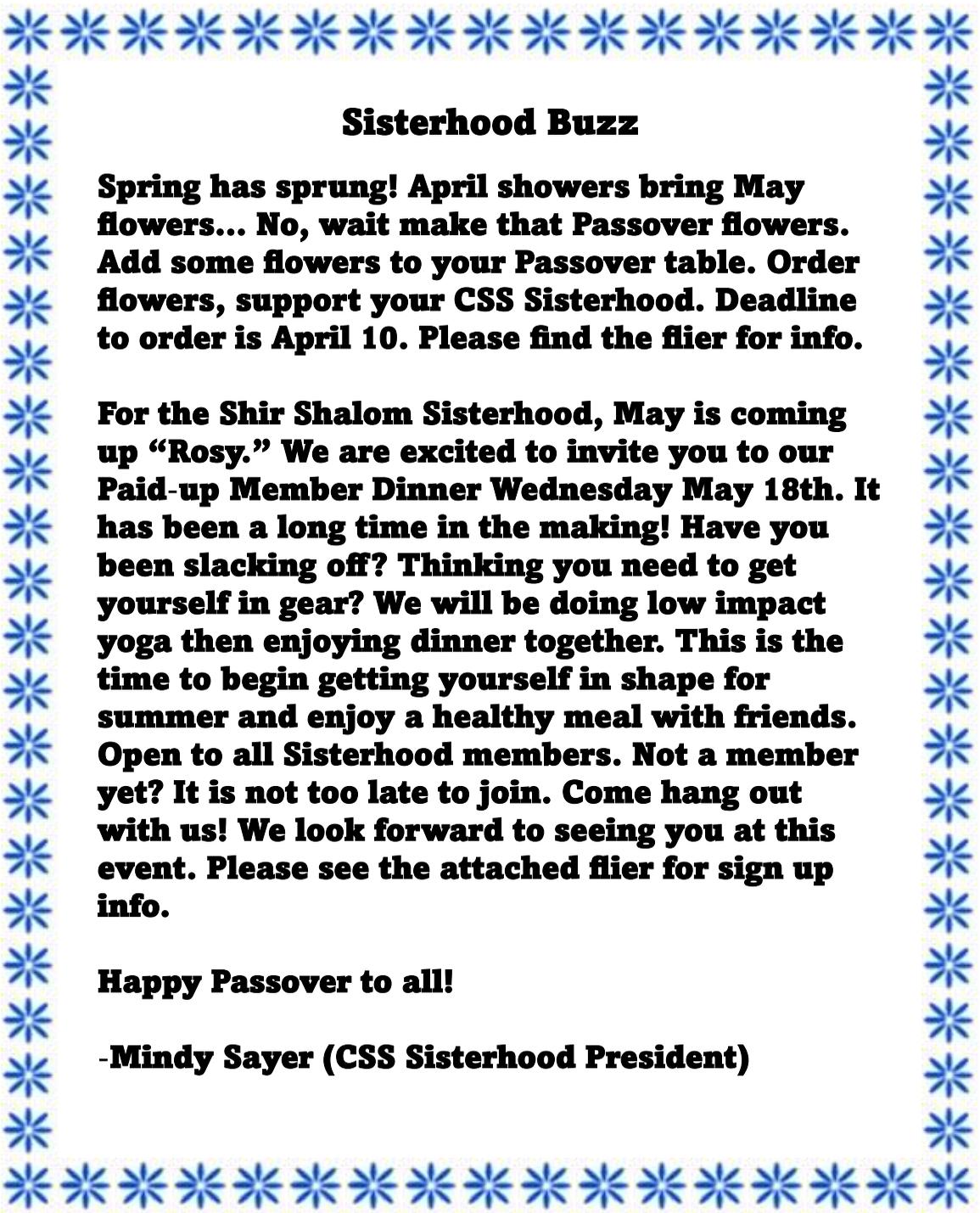
Venue: New City Jewish Center

47 Old Sobeauhouse Rd, New City, NY

Please RSVP to Holocaustrcc@gmail.com



Benjamin Anthony is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of MirYam Institute, the premier institute for Israel-focused dialogue, discussion, and debate. As an IDF combat reservist and veteran, as well as a graduate of the University of Manchester (UK), Mr. Anthony's keen insight makes him an in-demand speaker across the globe. Through his work with MirYam Institute and its precursor, Our Soldiers Speak, Mr. Anthony specializes in matters relating to the antisemitism, the state of Israel and its strategic relationships and position in international contexts.



Sisterhood Buzz

Spring has sprung! April showers bring May flowers... No, wait make that Passover flowers. Add some flowers to your Passover table. Order flowers, support your CSS Sisterhood. Deadline to order is April 10. Please find the flier for info.

For the Shir Shalom Sisterhood, May is coming up “Rosy.” We are excited to invite you to our Paid-up Member Dinner Wednesday May 18th. It has been a long time in the making! Have you been slacking off? Thinking you need to get yourself in gear? We will be doing low impact yoga then enjoying dinner together. This is the time to begin getting yourself in shape for summer and enjoy a healthy meal with friends. Open to all Sisterhood members. Not a member yet? It is not too late to join. Come hang out with us! We look forward to seeing you at this event. Please see the attached flier for sign up info.

Happy Passover to all!

-Mindy Sayer (CSS Sisterhood President)

On Sunday, March 6th, the children did Purim crafts with USY Regional (EMEK) President Maya



Congregation Shir Shalom Gift Shop – Reopening Sale!

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For thousands of years, the story of matzo remained relatively unchanged. For one week during Passover, observant Jews refrained from any leavened bread product (meaning, anything made from dough that is able to rise), replacing it with irregularly shaped discs of handmade matzo. Orthodox Jews went a step further, eating only *shmurah*, or "guarded" matzo made from grains that had been watched by a Jewish official from the moment of harvest to ensure that they never came into contact with a liquid that would lead to accidental leavening. According to rabbinic law, once the flour is combined with water, matzo dough must be kneaded, rolled and baked within 18 minutes — otherwise it will begin to rise. Judaism takes its bread rules very seriously; in 2001, Israel's Interior Ministry even conducted raids on local restaurants to make sure they weren't serving leavened bread during Passover. (Read about the President's White House Seder.)

In 1838, a Frenchman named Isaac Singer invented a matzo-dough-rolling machine that cut down on the dough's prep time and made mass production possible. But changes to 3,000-year-old religious traditions never go smoothly, and Singer's invention became a hot-button issue for 19th century Jewish authorities. In 1959, a well-known Ukrainian rabbi named Solomon Kluger published an angry manifesto against machine-made matzo, while his brother-in-law, Rabbi Joseph Saul Nathanson, published a defense. Jewish communities around the world weighed in on the issue—arguing that handmade matzo provided kneading jobs for the poor; that the machine made matzo cheap enough that poor people could afford it; that the *mitzvah*, or good deed, of eating matzo was ruined if a machine was used; that the machine made it easier to abide by the 18-minute rule. These discussions were not resolved quickly — and in some Orthodox communities, not at all.

In 1888, a Lithuanian immigrant named Dov Behr opened the first matzo-making factory in Cincinnati, Ohio. Behr adopted the name *Manischewitz*, named his factory the B. Manischewitz Company and developed an entirely automated method of matzo production. In advertisements, Manischewitz boasted that "no human hand touches these matzos!" By 1920, he was the world's largest matzo producer — at 1.25 million rectangular, sheetlike matzos a day — but he always adhered to the original kosher rules. As Manischewitz's popularity grew, so did the general perception of matzo. Gone were the lumps and bumps of homemade matzo; machine-made matzo was uniform in size, shape, taste and texture. Manischewitz endured some controversy for his use of machines, but after he spent 13 years studying the Talmud in Jerusalem, even the most hardened traditionalists eventually considered him an acceptable authority on matzo. The Manischewitz family sold the company in 1990 for \$42.5 million; the brand is still the most popular type of matzo in the world.

Other machine-made-matzo companies sprung up around the country, and by the mid-20th century, matzo was available in nearly every grocery store. The crisp, crackerlike bread became popular with Gentiles, and soon companies were producing flavored matzo, spiced matzo and matzo covered in chocolate. Organic and gluten-free versions of the food are now available for those who don't consider the unleavened sheets healthy enough. "People started buying flavored matzo year-round sometime over the last few decades," says Alan Adler, director of operations for the family-run Streit's, which has been operating out of the same Manhattan location since 1925. Streit's offers every kind of matzo, from unsalted to sundried tomato, although Adler says the Passover-approved matzo—supervised by rabbis holding stopwatches to monitor the 18-minute rule — is still the most popular. "For the bad rap it gets at the holiday as being the bread of affliction, I guess it's still pretty good." (*Time.com, Apr. 09, 2009*)



Please join **SISTERHOOD CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM** for our

PAID UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH
at 5:30 PM

in the **SHIR SHALOM SOCIAL HALL**



The Friedwald Center will be providing dinner and a low-impact yoga program.

(Be sure to wear comfortable shoes for the yoga!)

Please RSVP by Monday, May 9th to:

Jane Rudnick (914-980-6765)

or Ellen Rifken (erifken@yahoo.com or 845-405-1230)

or the Congregation Shir Shalom Office (office@shirshalomrockland.org or 845-708-9181)

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and mingle with old and new friends from our Shir Shalom Sisterhood!



The Shir Shalom Cookbook is Coming!

Do you have a family favorite recipe to share?
Kid favorite? Secret Recipe?
Holiday tradition that must be on your table?

Please submit your recipes by categories below

APPETIZERS AND DAIRY - Diane Fishman: dianefishman@hotmail.com

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CASSEROLES AND SIDES - Dianne Rice: diannerg@gmail.com

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All submissions must be Kosher.

Be sure to include a list of all ingredients and materials, and specific cooking directions.

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Sisterhood Fundraising for Purim Baskets and Edifying Entertainment!

It was a Purim to Remember! Our Shir Shalom community came together to celebrate this joyous holiday sending baskets of goodies to all our family members and neighbors.

Purim is a major Sisterhood fundraising event and there are numerous working parts that make it run smoothly. We had groups of volunteers that helped with different phases of the event. Shopping, packing and delivering the Purim bags was a task made easy with all the teamwork from our dedicated and hardworking members. Thank you to Lynnea, Edna, Dianne and Paul Rice and Diane and Arthur Fishman, Allison and Jacob Steingart, Lisa, Marion, Eileen, Melissa, Sheila, Susan Orlando, and Gail and Michael Kaiser, who coordinated deliveries of Purim bags.

Helene, Dianne and I can't express our gratitude enough to everyone who graciously volunteered their time. It takes a community of people to make things happen! We connected in person (masked) building new friendships and it was a huge success. If anyone's name was omitted, please accept our sincere apologies.



Our Zoom presentation of “The House on Henry Street” Sunday, March 27 was an overwhelming success. Ellen Snyder-Grenier spoke of the remarkable courage and tenacious dedication of the visiting nurses from the late 1800s to present day. Through archival photos and untold stories Ellen conveyed a powerful narrative that still resonates today.

Henry Street House has survived because of its ability to adapt in an ever-changing world. History is a powerful educator that bridges divides. The motto of Henry Street is “Everyone deserves a chance to live his or her best life.” Lillian Wald had a vision for a more equitable world, and we are all thankful she began the journey.

If you're interested in reading the complete history of this fascinating Settlement House on the Lower East Side, please visit Amazon to purchase. The website for donations to continue to support this Landmark is <http://www.henrystreet.org>.

Thank you to Dianne Rice for being the Host of this memorable program.

Warmest regards,
Helene Kornstein and Elinor Silver
Sisterhood CSS Co-Chairs of Fundraising



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Tzedakah

Kari Warren

For those of you who are not sure of how Tzedakah works — It is really very simple.... The minimum donation is \$5.00 (and the dollar amount is NOT included on the card). Pick a fund — General, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Cantor's Discretionary Fund, Building Fund, Shabbos Club, MAKOM, or Choir Fund. You can call, mail or e-mail your donation to the office. This is a great way to help your shul and acknowledge life cycle events in someone's life. Congregation Shir Shalom will send a card to the person letting them know that you made a donation in their honor or by sending them condolences. We also will list your donation in the *Bulletin*. You may also make a donation to someone that is not a member of the shul. They will also receive a note as well, as long as you supply us with their address. If you have any additional questions, please call or e-mail me @ kari.warren@shirshalomrockland.org



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Cemetery Plots



With the consolidation of Montebello Jewish Center and Nanuet Hebrew Center, our new Congregation Shir Shalom has cemetery plots available at two locations: Beth El Cemetery in Paramus, NJ and Montebello Jewish Center Cemetery in the Village of New Hempstead, NY.

Beth El Cemetery

Cost per plot for Congregation Shir Shalom congregants is \$1,800 plus applicable fees.

Cost per plot for others in the community is \$2,500 plus applicable fees.

Montebello Jewish Center Cemetery

Cost per plot for Congregation Shir Shalom congregants is \$1,500. This includes Perpetual Care.

Cost per plot for family of Shir Shalom congregants is \$2,000. This includes Perpetual Care.

Cost per plot for others in the community is \$3,000. This includes Perpetual Care.

For additional information, or to purchase plots at either cemetery, please contact Gregg Brunwasser (Chevra Kadisha Chair) at (845) 222-1161

or leave a message for Gregg with the Shir Shalom Office:

(845) 708-9181 / office@ShirShalomRockland.org

(All costs and fees subject to change)

HAZAK

I am really looking forward to our April 7th meeting at 12:00 live in the synagogue. I can't wait to see everyone at this meeting. Best of all, we can each enjoy our very own dairy lunch. Along with this, we will be following all the Covid-19 requirements. I am still hoping that after a brief meeting we will be able to play games in person.

I know that we haven't been on any trips because of the Covid-19 virus but if conditions continue to improve, there is no reason why we couldn't plan a trip in the future.

Here is some medical advice from the patient:

Saw my doctor today. He told me my sugar was too high...

So I came home and moved it to a lower shelf.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

*Senior Executive VP Unofficial Covid-19 free Hazak
Writer Arthur Fishman*

REMINDER — TEA, PEANUT BUTTER & CEREAL

Multiple synagogues help with the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry and provide different types of food. Congregation Shir Shalom's responsibility is to supply TEA (boxes of tea bags), PEANUT BUTTER and CEREAL (boxes) to the Food Pantry families. Please drop off Kosher peanut butter, tea and cereal at the box outside of the Congregation Shir Shalom Office. We are always looking for additional volunteers to support the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry and distribute food at the JCC Jewish Family Service. For more information, please contact Susan Saffar at (845) 352-1711 or shsaffar@aol.com. Thanks for your help in supporting these 250 families!



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SHARE-A-SHABBAT

Do you know someone who is home-bound that would like to share the pleasure of Shabbat, with a volunteer from Rockland Jewish Family Service (RJFS), once a month in the privacy of their own home?

Please call, or have the interested person call, Roberta Leitner at RJFS, 354-2121, ext. 151, for more information.

*includes, at no charge, Shabbat prayers, candles, candle lighting, songs, etc. and a Shabbat dinner.

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Your Torah Fund contribution strengthens and perpetuates Conservative/Masorti Judaism throughout the world.

Our *B'Yachad* (Together) campaign continues for 2021-2022

The Torah Fund theme for 2021-22 is *B'Yachad*, which means "Together". This pin signifies sisterhood members working together at synagogues across the United States and Canada to make important contributions to the five global Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education. We accomplish even more together! Together, since 1942, the modest contributions of thousands of individuals to this grassroots fundraising effort called Torah Fund have helped educate and train new generations of rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, summer camp directors, chaplains, campus Jewish life staff, and committed lay leaders. These are the people who guide and teach, console and uplift our people—whether in person or remotely, during these challenging times. We make this happen together, thanks to our committed donors.



For more information, or to order your 5782 Torah Fund Pin, please contact one of Congregation Shir Shalom Sisterhood's Torah Fund Co-Chairs: **Eileen Nekrich (eyezas@yahoo.com or 845-639-0540) or Shari Winkler (ebillsw@optonline.net or 845-624-2267)**

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Purchase a plaque on one of our Memorial Boards to memorialize a relative or close friend.

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Purchase a leaf on one of our Trees of Life to honor a family member or friend, celebrate a birthday, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wedding, anniversary or another Simcha.

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2/2022

In Our Mailbox



Dear Rabbi Kurland,

Thank you for renewing your membership with the Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education! Now that the new Museum is open to the public, we are eager to welcome you to the important space you helped build. Members like you are the backbone of the Museum, supporting our work and helping us grow for the future. Just as always, it is critical that our operations continue in the community, advocating for tolerance, respect, diversity, and compassion for all people. Your generosity ensures the health of our operation, allowing us to do the work our patrons depend upon.

For more than thirty years now, the Museum has been an important cultural and educational center for our region. Today that legacy continues to grow through our new state-of-the-art exhibit, digitized collections, and expanded educational programming. We are also forging new partnerships with fellow non-profits, including the Haverstraw African American Connection, for meaningful collaborative projects. And rest assured, we continue to adapt our work with local Holocaust survivors and liberators to ensure their safety while providing much needed socialization events and meal services.

Your membership renewal gift is a tremendous support to the work we do every day. Together we are educating our students, friends, and neighbors about Holocaust history and why it remains so pertinent in our world today. Together we can employ the lessons of the past to create a brighter future for our world — one devoid of hatred and discrimination.

We wish you and your loved ones good health and safety today and always — and we look forward to seeing you at the Museum!

With gratitude,
Geri Myer
Finance Manager

Dear Rabbi Kurland:

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Hebrew Free Burial Association.

With your kind support, we are caring for indigent Jews at the very end of their lives. We prepare these individuals — who often die alone and without family or friends — for the tahara, the purification ritual. Our HFBA rabbi performs a funeral and recites the kaddish and prayers on their behalf. We ensure that their graves are maintained and respected. Most important, the decedents are spared the ignominy of anonymous mass burials in City Cemetery.

None of this is possible without your help. The mitzvah of burying the dead is a true chesed shel emet (act of loving kindness). On behalf of those who can no longer speak for themselves, I am most grateful.

Very truly yours,
Amy Koplou
Executive Director

Dear Rabbi Kurland,

It is my pleasure to write to you and thank you for your generous donation to The Schechter Institutes, Inc. in January 2022. This charitable contribution and fundamental support will help facilitate continued growth and success for Schechter and its Amutot.

The Schechter Institutes supports the advancement of pluralistic Jewish education in Israel and Europe and is comprised of four institutions (Amutot) based in Jerusalem: The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, our graduate school; The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary; TALI Education Fund, which provides for enriched Jewish studies in public and pre-schools throughout Israel, and Midreshet Yerushalayim, our education network serving Russian-speaking immigrants in Israel and Jews throughout Eastern Europe.

This Schechter family of institutes is committed to pluralistic Jewish education that embraces Israelis of all ages and from many cultural and religious backgrounds. Since 1984, the Schechter programs and activities have had a significant impact upon the lives of Jews throughout Israel and the former Soviet Union who seek to express their Jewish identity and deepen their engagement with Jewish study and practice.

Your belief in our mission and valued support will help us continue our efforts to foster an Israeli society and a Jewish world that are secure in their Jewish roots and strong in their democratic values.

Sincerely,
Saul I. Sanders
Chairman of the Board

Dear Rabbi Kurland,

Thank you for your generous donation to support Israel through the work of StandWithUs. StandWithUs has become a leading international nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening Israel's image in the world through education. At this critical time your gift helps us empower pro-Israel students and activists worldwide as they strive to educate their local communities about Israel. Your gift also enables StandWithUs to respond quickly, vigorously, and proactively to the challenges we face today.

Since the founding of StandWithUs in 2001, we have developed a myriad of effective programs that are changing the terms of debate on campuses and in communities. To date, StandWithUs has:

Created leadership programs on high school, college campuses and communities that have educated tens of thousands of students and community activists globally each year. We have also recently begun working on a curriculum for Middle School!

Distributed millions of educational materials in a variety of languages, run dozens of leadership conferences annually, and produced thousands of pages of Internet resources utilized every day by student and community leaders, elected officials, journalists, teachers, librarians, and other organizations. We have also produced educational films that have been viewed by millions of people around the world.

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Once again, thank you for your support and friendship. Without your partnership during these challenging times, our work would simply be an unfulfilled dream.

With sincere appreciation,
Roz Rothstein, CEO

April Yahrzeits / יזכור

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Condolences/ תנחומים

Ellen Blecher on the death of her husband, Jesse Blecher
Helene Kornstein on the death of her father, Donald Fink

Speedy Recoveries/ רפואה שלמה

Rabbi Kurland
Judy Fenster
Andrew Taub

April Jahrzeits (continued) / יזכור



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Sally Felfand
William Leib |
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NHC April Anniversaries Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

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| 8 | Craig & Carol Rudnitsky | 17 | Gregory & Elena Liberov |
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| 10 | David & Pat Postrion | 29 | Gerald & Gloria Levitus |
| 12 | Arthur & Diane Fishman | | |

Birth Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

Bernetta & Andrew Gordon on the birth of their granddaughter, Jovie Rose Glassner
Amy & Ralph Marchese on the birth of their granddaughter, Juliet Ostroman
Nancy & Lyoyd Kranes on the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Francine Anderson
Phyllis & Ken Benjamin on the birth of their great granddaughter Riley Rose Benjamin
Rachel & Craig Cohen on the birth of their great niece Riley Rose Benjamin

Engagement Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

Heidi & Alan Coffield on the engagement of Heidi's daughter Alexa Stuto to Patrick Riley
Mazal Tov to Heidi & Alan Coffield on the engagement of Heidi's daughter Alexa Stuto to Patrick Riley

Marriage Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

Elinor Kantrowitz on the marriage of her granddaughter Alana Poser to Yuval Harmaty
Lisa & Steven Poser on the marriage of their daughter Alana to Yuval Harmaty

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

Karen & Mark Lefkowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Ezra Fineman
Joyce Shapiro & Ira Blassberg on the Bat Mitzvah of Joyce's granddaughter Madelyn Hoffman

May Yahrzeits / יזכור



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Esther Borenstein
Harry Benjamin
Mark Kantrowitz
Esther Rudnick
Archie Borkon | 13 Fay Wacksman
Bertha G11 Joel Wechsler
Arthur Newfield
Ludwig Heilbronn | 21 Arthur Urvater
David Fabian
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Herman Lang | 12 Martin Freedman
Ruth Fogelman
Charles Zuckerman
Max Greenberg | 22 Sue Littman
Alfred Samuels |
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Anna Vogel | 14 Jean Weisel
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Al Abrams
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Rhea Chalfin | 23 Walter Pomerantz
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Dora Cohen |
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Irving Silver
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Miyoko Brandenburg
Fred Lewis
Sara Atias Hasson
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Howard Kshonz | | |

If you do not see your anniversary listed and would like it to appear next year, please call or email the office with the date.

NHC April Anniversaries Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

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| 6 Andrew & Rachel Benner | 20 Jeff & Karen Schragenheim |
| 15 Richard & Marilyn Hausner | 23 Andrew & Shari Gold |
| 19 Martin & Gwen Wyenn | 25 Kenneth & Debra Rubin |
| 20 Michael & Lisa Scheiner | 29 Nathan & Ann Gross |
| Ira & Joyce Blassberg | 31 Ari & Corey Maas |

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Our website is now www.shirshalomrockland.org (however, please note, it temporarily shows "www.nanuethc.org" at the top).

The new Facebook addresses are:

Congregation Shir Shalom Facebook:

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Congregation Shir Shalom Community Forum Facebook:

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LEAGRAMS

Especially during our unsettling environment, why go to a store to buy greeting cards? For just \$3.00 each, you can have a personalized, handwritten Leagram sent to a member of our congregation, a relative or a friend. These can be sent for any occasion including, birthdays, anniversaries, Mazel Tovs for weddings, engagements, special events such as Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, get well and condolences.



Each month, when the Bulletin is e-mailed, an additional message is sent which includes a Leagram list for the following **month. If you don't have an e-mail address, you can contact the Congregation Shir Shalom office to have a list mailed to you. Just circle the ones that you would like sent, enclose a check for the total amount and follow the instructions on the bottom of the Leagram list.**

In addition, you can also send Leagrams to non-members. Just write the name and address to whom it should be sent and the **type of message you're requesting.**

Please keep in mind that this is a Congregation Shir Shalom Sisterhood fundraiser which helps support our synagogue. You **don't have to be a member of Sisterhood to participate.**

LEAGRAM

Date _____ [event] _____

Name _____ [recipient] _____

ברכת ה' אליכם

THE BLESSING
OF THE LORD
BE UPON YOU.
Psalm 129:8

Leagrams can be used in place of commercial greeting cards for congratulatory messages for birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, marriages and bnei mitzvot as well as get well wishes and expressions of sympathy.

They are also one of Sisterhood's most successful fund raisers, allowing Sisterhood to donate a significant amount of money back to the Shul to help defray various synagogue expenses.

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Reminder: All Leagrams must be requested in writing.

[sender]

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Tzedakah / צדקה

Tzedakah received and recorded by the 10th of the month or the first business day after, will be acknowledged on these pages. If the office is closed because of holidays falling on these days, only donations received before the holiday will appear. Please also note that acknowledgment or lack thereof on these pages does not constitute an official receipt of your donation by the shul. In the event that acknowledgment of your donation does not appear, please let the synagogue office know and we will print it in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Planning Ahead

Now is the time to start the planning that enhances the work of the congregation by raising the necessary funds so dues need not be raised. Our ongoing fundraisers include the Rabbi's Walk and the Tree of Life. To reserve a brick on the Rabbi's Walk or reserve a stone or a leaf on the Tree of Life, call Estelle Eisenkraft in care of the office at 845-708-9181.

Donations to General Fund

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Get well wishes to Rabbi Kurland

In memory of Joe Taylor

Mazal Tov to Karen & Mark Lefkowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson,
Ezra Fineman

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Condolences to Karen Schragenheim on the passing of her father, Herb Spiegel

Jodie Ben-Haim

In memory of mother, Lenore Amir

Phyllis & Kenneth Benjamin

Condolences to Karen Schragenheim on the passing of her father, Herb Spiegel

Condolences to Mitch Spiegel on the passing of his father, Herb Spiegel

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In memory of Edith Staller

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<p>9 Nissan</p> <p>9:00 am Nissan 9:00 am Volunteer at Food Pantry 8:00 am Men's Club Meeting 7:30 pm Menyan via Zoom 8:00 pm Men's Club Poker Night</p>	<p>10 Nissan</p> <p>12:00 pm Rabbi's Club, via Zoom 7:30 pm Menyan, in Sanctuary and via Zoom</p>	<p>11 Nissan</p> <p>4:45 pm Nissan 7:30 pm Menyan via Zoom</p>	<p>12 Nissan</p> <p>7:30 pm Menyan, via Zoom</p>	<p>13 Nissan</p> <p>7:30 pm Menyan via Zoom</p>	<p>14 Nissan</p> <p>8:00 am Part of the First Born, Services and Stryum 8:00 pm Shabbat Service, in Sanctuary and via Zoom</p>	<p>15 Nissan</p> <p>12:00 am Shabbat Service, in Sanctuary and via Zoom</p>
<p>16 Nissan</p> <p>12:00 am Morning Services 7:30 pm Menyan via Zoom</p>	<p>17 Nissan</p> <p>12:00 pm Rabbi's Club, via Zoom 4:00 pm Seniorhood Book Club 7:30 pm Menyan, in Sanctuary and via Zoom</p>	<p>18 Nissan</p> <p>7:30 pm Menyan via Zoom</p>	<p>19 Nissan</p> <p>7:30 pm Menyan via Zoom</p>	<p>20 Nissan</p> <p>6:00 pm MitzvahM8nir Service</p>	<p>21 Nissan</p> <p>8:00 am Morning Services, in Sanctuary and via Zoom 6:00 pm M8nir Service, in Sanctuary and via Zoom</p>	<p>22 Nissan</p> <p>12:00 am Morning Services and Visitor, in Sanctuary and via Zoom</p>
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We thank everyone who joined us at our Congregational Meeting. As a part of the evening, Congregation Shir Shalom Men's Club made a presentation to our MAKOM Religious School of several Chromebooks for use in the classrooms.

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