2021 | PASSOVER @ TEMPLE ISRAEL | 5781



Sunday, March 28

Registration required

Please join your Temple Israel community online as we celebrate the second night of Passover together. We will be using our traditional Haggadah, The Open Door.* Pages will be displayed online (with page numbers corresponding to our printed books) and volunteers will take turns reading or singing the seder texts.

Week of March 22

Seder kits available

Rabbi Dressler will have the following items available for all participants:

- A box of Matzah
- Ritual items for the seder plate
- Other special treats
- Haggadah, (if needed)

*Copies of The Open Door Haggadah are available to borrow for families who do not own them.



5:30 to 6:30 pm (approx.) Passover Seder, Part 1

We share the seder rituals online, from each of our homes to yours.

6:30 to 7:30 pm Break for Dinner

(Breakout rooms will be open for those who prefer to remain on Zoom with others while they eat their meals.)

7:30 to 8:30 pm Passover Seder, Part 2 and Yizkor

We will reconvene to conclude our seder, followed by a brief festival Yizkor service.



From the Rabbi

Yasher Koach to our Purim Hamentaschen Bake-Off Winners:

Hamentaschen "Master Class:"

Daryl Fridenberg (Apricot & Sour Cherry)

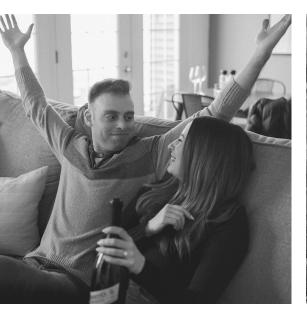
Best Debut Effort:Tudor-Keller Family (Chocolate Chip)

Rising Stars and Most Creative
Hannah & Lillian Shmukler (Apricot & Red Velvet)

When we went into shutdown last March, canceling our upcoming Seder, we consoled ourselves with the expectation that *surely* (!) this would just be for one year. As the one-year mark comes and goes, many of us are struggling with the demands of enduring more months of life under Covid.

The successful development of multiple vaccines fueled our optimism, and then the logistical realities of acquiring and distributing the doses tempered it with pessimism. We have lost too many of our fellow Canadians. Our neighbours are struggling with the economic fallout. Our children are "the walking wounded," navigating the stress of on-again, off-again class time and the loss of the activities, parties, and milestones that usually punctuate their years.

Our Seders conclude with hope: לשנה הבאה בירושלים "Next year in Jerusalem." When we reach those words this year, may our ancestors' ability to pledge that optimism against all uncertainties teach us that our hope is never misplaced.





I am thrilled to share the news that my daughter, Casey Wright, is engaged to marry Jacob "Spike" Kraus in April 2022.

We look forward to having Casey and Jake visit to celebrate their engagement with our Temple family when travel permits.