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Passover 2018

Check Your Chains

Our congregants exhibit positivity and openness so often, yet on this Passover, I would like to offer you a deeper level of understanding so that this coming year will “free” us, our families and our people to aspire to the most basic premises of this holiday.

On the day after the first snow of one particular winter season, a manufacturer of tire chains ran an ad in the newspaper that urged, “check your chains!” Passover also urges us to check our chains that keep us in bondage and prevent us from exercising our human freedom.

The Passover Haggadah instructs that each of us is supposed to feel as though we had been slaves and made the transition to freedom. We are fortunate to live in an open, democratic society and tend to think of ourselves as free. But are we really? Just because we are not physically restricted by a tyrant, are we free?

I would suggest, some of us are chained by blind prejudice that keeps us from seeing people as they are. Some of us are enslaved by tyrannical habits that rule over us with an iron fist. Some of us are kept in bondage by ignorance and superstition that stunt the mind and suffocate the spirit. Some of us are shackled by jealousy that sours us, hatred that poisons us, and self-doubt that disables us.

The Zohar is a collection of commentaries on the Torah, intended to guide people who have already achieved high spiritual degrees to the root (origin) of their souls.

The Zohar contains all the spiritual states that people experience as their souls evolve. To those without spiritual attainment, The Zohar reads like a collection of allegories and

legends that can be interpreted and perceived differently by everyone. But to those with spiritual attainment, i.e. Kabbalists, The Zohar is a practical guide to inner actions that one performs to discover deeper, higher states of perception and sensation.

In Hebrew, Egypt is called Mitzrayim. According to the text on Jewish mysticism, the name Zohar, is derived from the word meaning “narrow straits”. When God took us out of Mitzrayim, He freed us from the place of constricted opportunities, tight control, and narrow-mindedness, where movement was inhibited.

Passover, the Jewish festival of freedom, brings a message of hope to people everywhere who struggle to release themselves from attitudes, habits and mindsets, that are our personal inner despots. Mark Twain told the exasperating but encouraging story of a man who spent long and difficult years in prison, only to walk out one morning when he discovered that the doors had never been locked! We spend large chunks of time imprisoned by the chains we ourselves have forged: The self-imposed prejudices, weaknesses, habits and troubles. We can, if we try, open the doors and walk out into the sunshine of freedom to which Passover summons us.

At the end of the Passover meal when we say “next year in Jerusalem.” Let us remember that “Jerusalem” is more than a place. It is a vision of being at peace with oneself and the world. It is about being content, satisfied and whole. Made possible, by the work of our voices and our hands.

This year we may be slaves. Next year, may we be truly free.

Chag Samayach

Have a joyous Passover holiday



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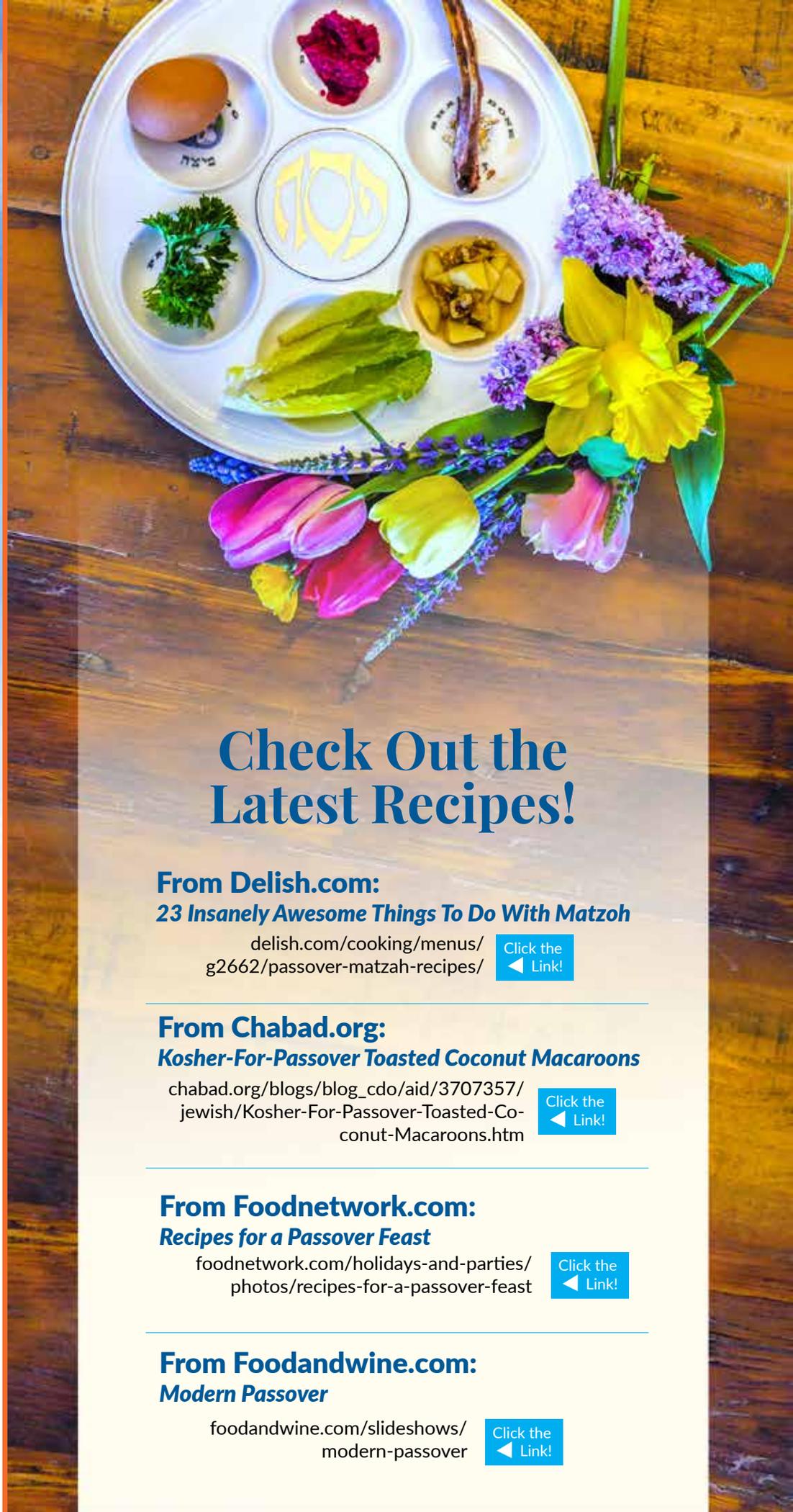
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Member Spotlight

The Nedelman family

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What happens when East meets West? You get a lot of love in the Nedelman family. Meet Rich and Alla Nedelman, long-time members of the Beiteinu family. Alla grew up in Riga, Latvia (formerly part of the Soviet Union, and a

beautiful town, by the way) before coming to the U.S. She was a physician who fortunately needed a dentist – Enter Rich. Rich has been a dentist since 1973, and as fate (or beshert) would have it, Alla’s uncles and parents were Rich’s patients, so Alla became a patient as well. What do you do when this “extremely intelligent, cultured, amazingly empathetic” woman enters your life? Well of course, you marry her! In the words of Rich, “Alla is the nicest person I’ve ever known . . . and she puts up with me.”

Now they work together, and spend their lives enriched by their family and the world of culture including the ballet, European travel and museums. As a connoisseur of ballet, Alla has inevitably turned Rich into a ballet snob, able to see the fine nuances in every performance (“Not-so-secret” secret: Russian ballet is the best). But when it comes down to true entertainment, it’s all about the family.

Together they have four children and six grandchildren. Joe, their oldest, is 49 and works in information management at J&J. Kate is an actuary. Josh is an

aspiring writer working in building management but with his eyes set on literary glory. And Nina works in new project resources at Church & Dwight.

And the best part? They all live close by. It’s a perfect situation for spending time with the grandchildren and enjoying every Shabbat dinner night with Nina’s family.

Rich and Alla have been a part of the Beiteinu community since the beginning, having followed Rabbi Cove from Kol Emet. Rich has been one of the most active members in Friday night Shabbat services in Yardley and Thursday minyan. To ask Rich why he enjoys Beiteinu is to be met with an unbridled passion for and commitment to the Rabbi. Rabbi Cove has been a part of every life-cycle event in their family from bris to bar-mitzvah to wedding to funeral. The Rabbi even joined them in Mexico to officiate Nina’s wedding. When asked why this level of dedication, Rich notes that Rabbi Cove is unique in his ability to bring Judaism to people who would not ordinarily be exposed to it. How does Rabbi Cove do it? It’s very simple. He listens and he cares. Rich commented that “The Rabbi pays attention, notices and remembers every detail about people and most importantly takes the time to truly get to know you.”

So if you come to Beiteinu services, events or minyan, make sure you look out for them. No doubt, Rich will be the one who got there a half hour early to help set up and will be there after everyone else leaves.

Welcome to the World!

Proud parents, Dan & Jen Scotto D’Antuono welcome their baby boy Ethan to their family!

Featured in the Member Spotlight from that last newsletter Dan and Jen are new parents of a happy healthy baby boy!



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Beiteinu's Community PASSOVER SEDER

The Passover Seder, or "order," is one of the most widely observed and engaging of all Jewish ritual events. Join us for an inspirational Passover Seder and experience the deeper meaning of Passover in a warm and open environment, complete with a traditional Seder dinner, insights, singing, four cups of wine, and Matzah galore! Whether this is your first one or one of many Seders, Beiteinu's community Seder will surely offer a stimulating and satisfying experience for all. Join Rabbi Cove and the Beiteinu Family in a warm and welcoming community Seder. Beiteinu's Seder is the place to go.

You Supply the interest, (family and friends invited), we'll supply the rest.

Dinner will include:

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How to say Happy Passover in Hebrew

The spring festival of Passover commemorates the emancipation of the ancient Israelites from slavery. The celebration is a joyous occasion in the Jewish religion. If you have Jewish friends or family, you can impress them and earn a reputation as a real mensch by learning to say "Happy Passover" in the Hebrew language.

- 1.** Say "**Sameach**" for "**happy**." In Hebrew, the idea of happiness is expressed with the word "**Simcha**." To say "happy" as an adjective, we use "sameach," which is derived from the noun.
This word is pronounced "**sah-MEY-akh**." Use a hard "k" sound with a raspy quality from the back of the throat. Don't use an English "ch" sound.
- 2.** Use "**Pesach**" for "**Passover**." This is the traditional Hebrew name for the holiday.
"Pesach" is pronounced "**PAY-sock**." It's pronounced almost exactly like these two English words. Again, end the word with a hard, raspy "kh" sound, not a "ch" sound.
- 3.** **Flip the order of the words.** In Hebrew phrases, the words in a sentence aren't always in the same order that they are in English. In this case, the adjective comes after the noun, so "**Happy Passover**" is actually "**Pesach Sameach**".
To pronounce the whole phrase, just put the pronunciations above together: "**PAY-sock sah-MEY-akh**."
Congratulate yourself for learning a new Hebrew phrase!



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