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Yom HaShoah
Commemoration
Wednesday, April 27
7:00pm



Passover Schedule:

Friday, April 15, First Seder

Festival Services

Saturday, April 16, 9:30AM

Sunday, April 17, 9:30AM

Friday, April 22, 9:30AM

Saturday, April 23, 9:30AM

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From the President

Barb Bookman



Take Pride In Your Judaism

Passover, one of my favorite holidays, is approaching quickly. As I prepare myself and my home – buying special food, switching the dishes, inviting guests and planning the Seder -- I also think about the central message of Passover, freedom.

We tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt, so we can try to imagine what it might have felt like to have gone through that experience ourselves. When I taught in our Religious School, I would ask my Gimel class students what freedom meant to each of them. I was always inspired by their thoughts and opinions. They also understood the significance of this word, freedom.

This year I have been struck by so many instances where freedom, along with the pride of being Jewish, has been at the center of many difficult and life-threatening conflicts. Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are fighting for their lives. Their brave Jewish leader, President Volodymyr Zelensky, lost many of his family members in the Holocaust and is now fighting to save his country and defend their freedom. There are no words worthy of an explanation for this unimaginable and horrific war. We stand with Ukraine and pray that our donations can bring some hope and some aide to the Ukrainian people. We pray for their freedom.

As we know, many Ukrainians have escaped the war by emigrating to Poland. They will be welcomed

by a passionate Jewish community, and I'm grateful to Rabbi Cooper for arranging a Zoom session with Joanna Michal, from The Lauder e-School in Poland. Previously, Jewish children experienced limited access to Jewish study and schooling in Poland. They were raised in isolation, never learning about their heritage. Joanna and her growing class of students meet virtually and even celebrate an occasional Shabbaton together in person. The Polish-Jewish community is passionate in their efforts to provide Jewish education to their children, so they too can experience freedom of Jewish expression.

In other communities, religious freedom has special significance. Thanks to Rabbi Cooper's connection to the community of Abuja in Nigeria, I've learned that these Jews are descendants of the Igbo Tribe. In our Zoom sessions, we've discussed their difficulties maintaining and increasing their Jewish knowledge because they lack proper supplies and materials. The Jews of Abuja are strong and proud of their religion, even against the odds, even in the face of growing anti-Semitism.

Here at home, when I recently attended our synagogue's retreat, I got to know a lot more about a family from our congregation who found their way to Judaism through a long journey. I felt a sense of pride and inspiration as I listened to the family members speak about their passion for Judaism. Sometimes you need to look at things through someone else's eyes

to make your own vision clearer.

Religious freedom and Jewish pride can take many forms. This year, as I prepare for and participate in my Passover Seder, I will reflect on the many blessings in my life and the many ways Jews around the world (and in our own neighborhood) express their pride in being Jewish.

L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim

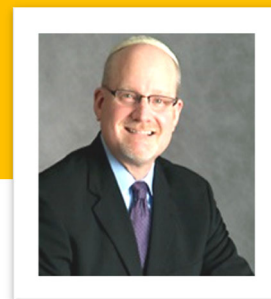
Barb

Please save the
date for our
Lag B'Omer
Picnic
honoring
Rabbi and Lori

Wednesday,
May 18

From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Neil S. Cooper



Helping Ukraine: The Tension Between Humanitarianism and History

There are, from time to time, events in response to which we can say only “this is pure evil”. When Russia invaded Ukraine, without provocation and without mercy, as their armies advanced, I could think only “pure evil.” Cities and schools, civilians, the elderly and even children were assigned no special status as the armies rolled in with indiscriminate killing and, so it seems, impunity. In the face of pure evil, our sympathies and efforts must go to the victims of this attack. The Ukrainians are, without a doubt, a nation made victim through Russian aggression.

Prompted by the news, I ran for my checkbook to make a donation to help the Ukrainian people. As I started to write the check, I noticed that the address to which I was sending my donation was that of a Philadelphia based Ukrainian Catholic Church. I stopped in my tracks. I remember the Ukrainian Catholic Church from my years growing up in Detroit. Not far from my home, there was a Ukrainian Church. Each time we passed the church my mother would say under her breath, “They were the worst.”

My mother was referring, of course, to the complicity of the Ukrainians with the Nazis, how they helped the Nazis to locate Jews and participate in beatings, pogroms and attacks. The Ukrainians facilitated the incarceration, before the incineration of Jews or, in the case of Babi Yar, being shot, pushed

into a trench and covered.

Estimates are that, beginning in 1941 and ending in 1945, nearly a million Ukrainian Jews were killed, supported by the cruel partnership established between the Nazis, the Ukrainian people and the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Hardly friends of the Jews, the Church, was, at best, indifferent and passive as Jews faced their fates. But, at other times, they became active participants urging on the murderous process which resulted in the Shoah. That is what comes to my mind when I hear the words: “Ukrainian Catholic Church.” And, herein lies my dilemma.

As Ukraine is invaded and occupied by Russian forces, my heart goes out to the Ukrainian People, who have done nothing to warrant this attack. My rush to my checkbook was an instinctive act of humanity. Every person, every life, is holy and deserves support and encouragement from us all, but it was my sense of history which stopped me.

I know that those responsible for the Shoah are mostly the parents of those we are helping in Ukraine today. I do not, and cannot, believe that today’s Ukrainians should be considered irrevocably anti-Semitic. Yet, I wonder, how far below the surface of life in Ukraine today are the lessons of their fathers embedded? I wonder if Ukrainian society might return to its wartime anti-Semitism? Although we all agree that Russia has made itself the embodiment of evil, the enemy of pure evil is not necessarily pure good.

The Ukrainian People, neither those born after the Shoah, nor their parents, have acknowledged their capitulation with the Nazis and expressed the guilt which they incurred by cooperating with that war’s evil. I wish them no harm and yet, I cannot forgive someone who has not asked to be forgiven.

I pray that justice, truth and right will prevail, that peace, strong and secure, will be achieved for all of Ukraine. In the meantime, I have chosen to support those organizations, with people on the ground, providing direct aid to the Jews of Ukraine. I recommend the Masorti Olami and the JDC as vehicles to support the Jews of Ukraine. Two websites to consider are: www.masortiolami.org and www.jdc.org

As we sit this year around the Seder table, at a well-known moment during our Seder, we remove drops of wine from our wine cups. We are reminded that our joy is diminished because our victory came as a result of the death of the Egyptian soldiers. Despite our diminished joy, we rejoice over the fact that the Jewish People have survived the onslaught, escaped Egypt under cover of darkness and entered the Land of Israel. However our focus on Pesach is not Egypt, nor on Rome, nor on Russia. Rather, we focus on the survival of the Jewish People.

My contributions to help the Jews of Ukraine remind me of the fact

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we cannot help or save everyone.
But we can help a few....or more.
We can learn from our history that
Jews, and Jews alone, can be
counted on to save Jews.

We can raise our voices against
evil, we can denounce violence and
war. But we must be mindful of
history, our history. The History of
the Jewish People is a story of
survival and triumph despite the

odds against us. Our history
reminds us of the many times we
have won victories over evil, and it
is our historical reality that gives
us the reminder and the hope that
we shall survive yet again. As the
seder reminds:

“In every generation they oppress
us and try to extinguish our flame.
Yet, each time God has saved us
from them.”

News from our Synagogue Family

Mazel Tov To

Cindy and Matthew Hirsch on the
engagement of their children, Sophia
Hirsch to Tal Zaken and Ethan
Hirsch to Nicole Counts.

Alan Iser and Sharon Liebhaber on
the birth of their grandson, Lev
Mordechai Boyer.

Our Condolences To

Alexander Botwinik on the death of
his father, David Botwinik (z”l).

Scott Lewis on the death of his
father, Edward Lewis (z”l).

Caren Hosansky on the death of her
father, Donald Pearlstein (z”l).

Shabbat Highlights



B'nei Mitzvah Students

Eli Hocking on April 2

Beatrice Damrauer on April 9

Havurah Services

Saturday, April 2 at 9:30 AM

Opportunities to meet our Rabbinic Intern Jonathon Adler

April 8 - 10

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Adult Education

Parsha Hashavua (weekly Torah portion) with Jonathon Adler | Mondays | 8:30 AM

Join our Rabbinic Intern for a discussion of this week's parashah over zoom.

**Exploring Jewish Texts with
Adena Potok | Tuesdays |
9:30 AM**

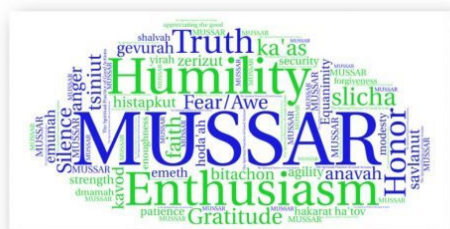
A Zoom class with discussion led by Adena based on a text section or member request.

**Coffee & Chat with Lori |
Fridays | 9:00 AM**

Join Lori Cooper over Zoom as we reflect on the week past and the week to come with friends and the TBH-BE family. This is an informal get-together ending with a word of Torah or a song.

Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh ||
Monday, April 4 | 7:00 PM

Two are better off than one - the power of friendships with Hallie Chandler



**Taste of Mussar with
Sandi Kirschner | Wednesday,
April 6 | 4:15 PM**

Mussar is a centuries old Jewish spiritual practice that supports the cultivation of an ethical life. Students learn to create stronger and more positive relationships in every sphere of their lives



New Congregational Book Club! Second Meeting | Zoom

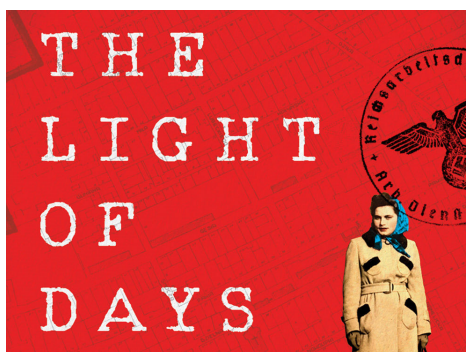
Wednesday, April 6, 8:00 PM
Our new Jewish Book, Book Club
will be reading The Land of Truth:
Talmud Tales, Timeless Teachings
by Jeffrey Rubenstein.

**Study Torah with Friends |
Sunday, April 10 | 11:00 AM**

Maybe you have kids in religious school or just love learning Torah. Come study with Michael Elkins and other community members, in hevruta style learning on Zoom.

Men's Club Book Club
Tuesday, April 12

Sisterhood Book Club Reviews |
Wednesday, April 13 | 1:00 PM
 A Zoom book review and
 discussion on The Light of Days by
 Judy Batalion
 Reviewer: Irene Bolts



Youth Programs

**Cookie Minyan &
Tot Shabbat
Saturdays | 11:00 AM**

Cookie Minyan is for 1st grade and older. Tot Shabbat is for Kindergarten and younger.

10th Grade Confirmation Class
Sundays, April 3, 24, 6:30pm

Community Programs

**Response to Hunger | Sunday,
April 10 | 1:30 PM | Kitchen**

**Cook for a Friend | Tuesday,
April 12 | 4:00 PM | Kitchen**



**Challah Bake | Sunday |
April 24
12:30 - 3:00 PM**

A new monthly initiative at TBH-BE. Come help us bake or braid challot for others or for your own table. There will be pre-baked, frozen, and bake-at-home options if you want to just take. Please RSVP to Hallie Chandler if you'd like to help bake or want to help keep the challah rising by sponsoring a baking session for \$50.

From the Director of Community Engagement

Hallie Chandler



We are blessed to have so many educators and experts in our congregation. Below, I share tips on the seder from our own Saul Wachs.

Some Tips on how to Make the Seder Come Alive

1. A Successful Seder is planned and reflects thought and cooperation.

If you supply everyone with a Haggadah that keeps everyone on the same page but also supply people with different commentaries or ask people to bring Haggadot with commentaries, you can enrich the discussions.

2. Make sure the kids have eaten something before you start and have lots of “munchies” on hand.

3. Find out what parts the kids have learned in school and make sure to include them in the Seder.

4 Invite the participants to each read a section of the Haggadah.

5. The Seder is a great time for telling stories, especially family stories.

Older relatives can supply information about family history and that can be of interest. You might ask people to share stories about a memorable Seder or a person whom they associate with the Seder.

6. Create your own personal Midrashim on the traditional texts.

For example, “What are the greatest Makkot- “plagues” of our time?

“Dayeinu” means-“it would have been enough.” What do you value about living now (as opposed to 100 or 500 years ago) that would make you want to say “Dayyeinu.”

7. Being playful is fine too. For example, the Haggadah says that we are to look upon ourselves as if we were all in Egypt. The leader can “reminisce” about what it was like (“I remember the frogs etc.”) and invite others to do the same.

8. Negotiating over the return of the Afikoman can be a lot of fun. Lawyers can be appointed for both sides. Remember that your “ace in the hole” is that if the kids are totally unreasonable, you can threaten to take any piece of Matzah. and turn it into the Afikoman!

9. If people are willing to prepare in advance of the Seder, its quality can be enhanced by each person coming with a question and a textual comment (not necessarily related).

10. Don’t be upset if kids need to get up during the Seder. If they see and hear adults discussing Jewish history and tradition or other important topics

“Dayeinu.” Remember that you are creating Jewish memories.

A Seder can be a wonderful opportunity to think about freedom and to celebrate Being Jewish with family and friends.

From the Director of the Religious School

Lisa Richman



Transitions

In Sefer Dvarim, (Deuteronomy 31:7), as Moshe is preparing to pass the mantle of leadership to Joshua, he addresses Joshua in the sight of all Israel, making all present witness to the transition that was about to occur. He says to Joshua, חזק ואמץ
be strong and courageous.

As the Torah to this point has reflected on B'nei Israel's past, so do we in the Religious School reflect before that mantle of rabbinic leadership in our synagogue is passed.

I joined TBH-BE over 30 years ago. My relationship with Rabbi Cooper and Lori from then until now has certainly evolved. Thirty-one years ago, I was Lori's assistant in Magic Moments while I was still on maternity leave from my teaching responsibilities at the Perelman Jewish Day School. We began together as colleagues and as friends. not only as congregant/rebbetzin.

Beyond Magic Moments, for many years, Rabbi Cooper, Lori and I, worked together at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Lori worked in Omanut/Arts, Neil as an Advisor, teacher and, ultimately, together they ran Ramah's Family Camp program. I was the Education Director. We spent wonderful times there, finding time, at all

times of the day and night, to laugh and to learn.

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Rabbi Cooper was supportive throughout the past three decades professionally and personally. Three and a half years ago, we became colleagues again, happening mostly because of Rabbi Cooper's encouragement and confidence in me. I currently 'live' on N2L Road (Neil + 2Ls, or, Lori & Lisa) located in the new wing, behind the Chapel. It has been a short walk to Rabbi Cooper's office to talk to him about new ideas or to request that he come to class to address students about current issues. During the summer of 2020, we had a special zoom session for seventh graders and their families regarding racial justice. When the participants of Better Together had to celebrate Shabbat on zoom, Rabbi Cooper and Lori were there. During one particular unit, one of our grades took a tour of the Mikveh with Rabbi Cooper and Lori. Rabbi Cooper has addressed students at their grade level events and helped present them with their personalized siddurim.

Throughout, his office has been the address to which I turn when I want to bounce ideas, talk about our children in Israel, find out how to spell a student's Yiddish/Hebrew

name and so much more.

On Pesach, we celebrate the transition from being hundreds of individuals to becoming a nation. Transitions are hard. Change is hard. I am confident that the inevitable change in rabbinic leadership will bring new excitement and energy to all that we do. But the future will be built on the long and successful tenure of Rabbi Cooper. As we move from strength to strength, we take comfort that we build on a strong foundation. We look forward with optimism. But, if we turn around, there is no doubt that Rabbi Cooper will be right there, saying to us all,

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From the Men's Club



Baseball is back. There will be a full season.

So what does having a good batting average mean, I ask metaphorically? How is it measured? Perhaps just the attempt to swing makes one above average. Does it really matter if one hits a single or a home run? It's the act of doing and being in motion that seems to matter most.

And what really (pitch) counts? Is it just being present at an event for no purpose other than to spend some time with our community? Is it getting involved, in what ever way you can, to help support our Men's Club efforts as well as our synagogue and non-synagogue community?

Enough of my "deep" meanderings. My goal is to keep you interested as to Men's Club, and it is definitely not my intent to strike out.

Men's Club has been continuing to swing the bat. Our evening spent with Rabbi Cooper over dinner and drinks was time well spent. It was nice of us to pay tribute to Rabbi Cooper for his long standing (and hopefully continuing) involvement with Men's Club. It was also clear that our Men's Club community enjoys being in the company of one another. We also honored Gary Friedman, as this year's recipient of the Silver Circle Award, named in blessed memory of Alan Fink.

Upcoming events –

May 22 – in honor of John Rothschild (z"l), who was both a passionate Eagles fan and an avid reader, we are co-sponsoring along

with Book Club, a discussion of A Bird's-Eye View followed by brunch. Paul Domowitch, who is one of the books co-authors and a longtime Phila sports journalist, will be discussing, the book that he co-authored with Leo Carlin, a mainstay with the Eagles. The book is a quick read and can be purchased at Narberth Books.

A trip to a Phillies game is also being planned for July.

Both of our Men's Club softball teams will again be a part of the Sunday morning softball league, Team Remington, the defending league champion and Team Lancaster. Interested in playing? We can always use more players.

We continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month, hopefully soon in person. This is an opportunity to get involved, bring new ideas and get updated as to what is being planned. Without my being a broken record (as compared to being a broken bat) (do most even know what a broken record is?), I am stepping down as "Co-President" at the end of June. Hoping for someone (s) to come to bat to take an active role as to Leadership.

Save the Date for
the Phillies vs the Braves

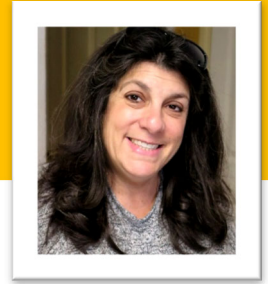
Monday, July 25
7:00 PM

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From the President of the Sisterhood

Debbie Greenberg



As we approach the holiday of Passover, we are all probably very excited to start seeing signs of spring. Spring is the time of rebirth, hope, optimism and renewal - all themes connected to the Exodus. The first mitzvah given to the Jewish people - just as we were about to leave Egypt - was to sanctify our months based on the moon cycle. A lunar month represents renewal and return, a concept embedded in the name for month, Chodesh.

Interestingly, a lunar month is usually connected to darkness. The moon offering no light on its own but rather reflecting light from the sun. Night can be seen as a time of darkness, fear and uncertainty, which we have all experienced this past year. Egypt was also considered a very dark place.

Passover has long been known as the first redemption. There have been many amazing achievements for the Jewish people over thousands of years. The world is a much better place because of the Jewish people. We here at TBH-BE are much better for the collective community we are a part of, including all of us, the women of Sisterhood.

There have been too many periods of nights when the Jewish people were unsure when day would come. We are expected to celebrate the seder at night. It may be dark, but light is sure to follow. It may look barren during the long winter, but come spring, the seeds buried in the ground begin to emerge. Suddenly, we begin to notice there is growth, life, and vibrancy. Sisterhood is the spring of TBH, we are the hope that

can create light, regrowth, and vibrancy among our congregation. I know this to be true because we are succeeding through what has been a time of darkness for everyone.

I simply cannot find the words to express the gratitude that I feel towards our community for the support for Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser of Mishloach Manot. Our committee, chaired by Robin Zwick and Taryn Wortman, worked tirelessly creating the theme, researching the items, buying, bagging, creating routes for delivery and much more. Thanks to all of your support, Sisterhood will be embarking on a kitchen renovation. Since last summer, I have met with architects, cooks, caterers, and people from within the congregation that frequent the kitchen. Several options have been presented, and we are hoping that by the time you are reading this, we will have board approval to move forward. I am thrilled and excited to see the regrowth, optimism and renewal that completing this project will bring to our community. Chag Kasher for Samayach from my family to yours.

Save the Date:

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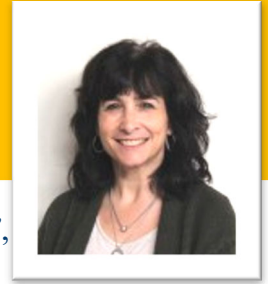
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From the ECC Director

Judith Mont Scarani



With Passover just around the corner I am reminded of my earliest Jewish memories. They all took place during Passover. I recall falling asleep under the seder table as the night wore on. I recall the tiny shot glasses that we were allowed to drink our grape juice from – each one more special than the next. These seders were sit down dinners for 30 people or more! The smell of caramelized onions, however, reminds me of Passover the most. They were in almost every dish eaten at Passover and my grandmother's house was filled with their delicious, sweet smell! To this very day the smell of cooking onions brings me back to my childhood seders and grandma's cooking.

In my family, the children sat at the head of the table as honored guests. In my grandfather's words we were the most important people at the seder table because we were the reason that the seder story needed to be retold. Passover is the quintessential example of Jewish Education. Each year we retell the story of our people from Egypt to freedom. This is but one example of why Jewish Early childhood Education so important. The Passover seder is a prime example of informal Jewish education that we formalize in our classrooms.

I read somewhere that *"Informal Jewish education is rooted in a belief that the experience is central to the individual's Jewish development. The notion of experience in education derives from the idea that participating in an event or a moment through the senses and the body enables one to*

understand a concept, fact, or belief in a direct and unmediated way. Experience in education refers to learning that happens through participation in events or through other direct action, or by direct observation or hearing..." No wonder the smell of onions instantly places me at a Passover seder!

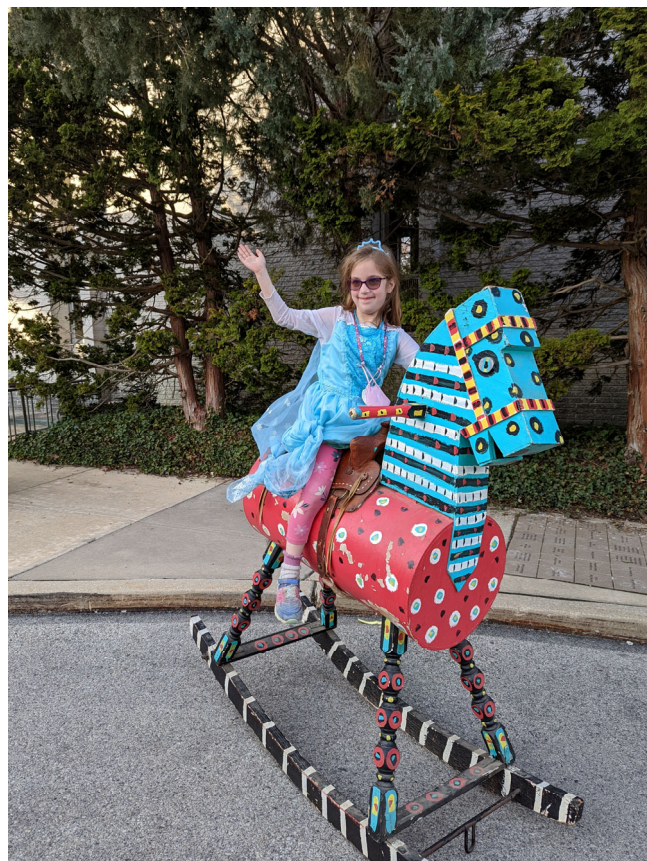
In the ECC our class seders are filled with items to tantalize the senses. From charoset, to maror, from mazoh to gefilta fish, the children taste, smell, see and touch the story of Passover! These are the sensory experiences we aim to recreate for our children in the Early Childhood Center. So while our youngest children may remember the frogs that "jumped in

Pharoah's bed", the older children will remember the story of the Exodus. How they remember the story is not as important as is the need for our children to know and remember it.

From my family to yours may you have a joyous Passover holiday!

Warmly,

Judith



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In memory of Arnold Goldstone,
beloved brother of George
Goldstone

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In honor of George Goldstone's
"big" birthday

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Scott and Caroline Lewis

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In loving memory of Reba
Pellowitz

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Batya Warshowsky

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Mordechai Boyer, grandson of Alan
Iser and Sharon Liebhaber

Barnett and Merle Kamen

In loving memory of Ray Gottfried
and William Gottfried

Jerry and Wendy Santoro

In honor of the birth of a
granddaughter to Barry Klayman
and Anna Kornbrot

Barnett and Merle Kamen

In memory of Donald Pearlstein,
beloved father of Caren Hosansky

Neil and Cheryl Shusterman

In loving memory of Eva Rossman

Neil and Ellen Moscow

In memory of John Spitzer, beloved
father of Juliet Spitzer and Peter
Spitzer

Hilary Barrett
Howard and Francine Elgart

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In honor of the birth of Lev
Mordechai Boyer, grandson of Alan
Iser and Sharon Liebhaber

Virginia Gross Levin

In honor of the engagement of
Naomi Crimm to Robert Coville
and Jeremy Crimm to Sarah Feiner

Mitchell and Bonnie Benson

In memory of Charlotte Love,
beloved mother of Jane Solomon

Avi and Roberta Shaked

[The Rabbi Neil and Lori Cooper Israel Advocacy Fund](#)

In appreciation of Rabbi Cooper

Marilyn Cohen

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In memory of John Spitzer, beloved
father of Juliet Spitzer and Peter
Spitzer

Lou and Marjie Surden

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In memory of Arnold Goldstone,
beloved brother of George
Goldstone

Lou and Marjie Surden

In memory of Leonard Voynow,
beloved husband of Sylvia Voynow

Ruth Hattler

In loving memory of Elaine Weiner

Estelle Benson

[Men's Club Fund](#)

In honor of Gary Friedman

Mitchell Benson

[Prayer Book Fund](#)

In memory of David Brookman,
beloved son of Leanore Brookman

Marilyn Roseman

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
Sarah Stumacher

David and Jodie Rittenberg

Rabbi Cooper's Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of Frieda Becker

Rosalie Wallace and Family

In honor of Georgeanne Elliott's
twenty-five years at TBH-BE

Mitchell and Janie Rosen

In loving memory of Daniel Ross

Rita Ross

In recognition of Cynthia
Saltzman's Torathon honor

Mitchell and Janie Rosen

In loving memory of Miriam Wolf

Nelson Wolf

Rabbi Marshall J. Maltzman Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

In loving memory of Margot
Lippmann

Michael Lippmann

Religious School Fund

In loving memory of Aaron Novack

Frances Novack

Response to Hunger Fund

In honor of the birth of Riley Lexie
Rosenson, daughter of Jen and
Bobby Rosenson and
granddaughter of Merle and Allan
Horowitz

Neil and Cheryl Shusterman

Sisterhood Fund

In memory of Charlotte Love,
beloved mother of Jane Solomon

David and Jodie Rittenberg

Our Funds

Ann Altus Bright Horizons Fund: To support the Bright Horizons preschool
program for special needs children

Charlotte and Nathan Becker Holocaust Torah Endowment Fund: To fund inno-
vative education programs, scholarships and subsidies

Building Fund: For Capital improvements

Cantor's Music Education Fund: For music programs, concerts and to support the
TBH-BE Chorale

College Outreach Fund: To maintain contact with our college students through holi-
day gifts and ongoing communication

Dina Goldstone Memorial Garden: For upkeep and maintenance of the Dina Gold-
stone Memorial Garden

Early Childhood Center Fund: For the purchase of special school items

General Endowment Fund: To support synagogue endowment

Havurah Fund: To support Havurah programs

Honors and Memorial Fund: To augment general synagogue operations

Irwin Ship Adult Education Fund: To augment Adult Education programs

Rabbi Neil and Lori Cooper Israel Advocacy Fund: To support programming to
increase understanding and support of Israel

Kiddush Fund: To support and enhance our Shabbat and holiday Kiddush lunches.

The Sydney & Esther Lazarus Memorial Fund for the Study of Jewish

Ethics: For middle school student programs relating to Jewish ethical behavior

L'Chaim Fund: To support L'Chaim, our empty-nesters group

Men's Club Fund: To support the Men's Club

Joey Fischer & Marlene Fischer Perry Meditation Garden Fund: For perpetual
maintenance of Garden and Pond areas

Prayer Book Fund: To purchase and repair Prayerbooks, Torah scrolls, Megilot, etc

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: For special use as designated by the Rabbi

Rabbi Marshall J. Maltzman Ramah Scholarship Fund: To provide scholarships
for members' children to attend Camp Ramah

Religious School Fund: For special expenses in our Religious School

Religious School Education Endowment Fund: To provide scholarships for TBH-
BE religious school and Hebrew High students.

Response to Hunger Fund: To support the Response to Hunger Food Initiative

Ruth N. Maltzman Memorial Fund: To support Jewish institutions and cultural
programs that strengthen Jewish identity

Security Fund: To support our security efforts.

Sisterhood Fund: To support sisterhood programs & projects

Youth Fund: For Youth Department programs and scholarships

SIYYUM PLANNED FOR THE FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

Friday, April 15, 7:00 AM

The story of Pesach reminds us that, just before the Exodus from Egypt, the Egyptian firstborns were killed. The firstborn Israelites, however, were not harmed. In recognition of this fact, it has become a tradition for the firstborn sons (the eldest child of their mothers) to fast on the day before Pesach. This fast is known as Ta'anit Bekhorim.

An accompanying tradition is one which nullifies the fast for those who participate in a siyyum.

A siyyum is a ceremony of celebration observed upon the completion of study of a tractate of the Talmud or other major volume of study. Those who are present for the siyyum are exempted from the fast.

The congregation is invited to join the first-born sons on Friday, April 15 for Shacharit at 7:00 AM. Rabbi Cooper will conduct the siyyum at the end of services. The siyyum will conclude before 8:00 AM. An informal breakfast will follow.

PASSOVER HIGHLIGHTS - PESACH 5781

Preparing for Pesach includes *Selling and Giving*

As we prepare our homes for Pesach with cleaning and scouring, we include the ritual of *M'Chirat Hametz*, the ancient tradition of selling hametz. Despite the fact that your hametz (all non-Passover goods, dishes and utensils) has been put away, those items are still in your possession. The injunction of Passover requires that these items not remain in your possession. In order to fulfill this requirement, we sell our hametz. This sale is affected either in person or by completing the form on the following page. Having received your power of attorney to sell your hametz, Rabbi Cooper will sell it on your behalf while the items remain in your homes or stored away.

A second tradition, *Ma'ot Hitim*, accompanies the sale of hametz. This tradition (literally, "wheat money") reminds us that there are some families who will not have the wherewithal for *matzah* or other needs to celebrate the holiday. Ma'ot Hitim money is used to support the Jewish families locally and throughout the world. We will report to you on these funds after Pesach.

As you prepare for Pesach, please consider participation in these traditions. To sell your hametz, please complete the form on the following page. Whether you participate or not in selling hametz, we hope you will be a part of our effort to help others in need. Make checks payable to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, attention, Ma'ot Hitim.

PREPARING THE HOME FOR PESACH

Removing the *Hametz*

A central law of Passover observance is the requirement to remove all traces of *hametz* from our homes. Hametz may be defined as any food containing traces of leavening, any dishes, utensils, pots or pans that may have come into contact with leaven-containing products. The quite stringent laws of kashrut for Passover, more exacting than the dietary restrictions during the rest of the year, are designed to eliminate even the slightest possibility that a product containing the minutest trace of hametz would be used or even seen in our homes during Passover.

PREPARING THE HOME FOR PESACH

Removing the *Hametz*

There are five steps in the overall process of removing hametz.

1. *Mekhirat Hametz*—Selling Hametz

Selling our hametz so that we no longer possess any *hametz* food, dishes or utensils can be arranged during the weeks before Pesach. (See authorization form.)

2. *Bedikat Hametz*—Searching for Hametz—Thursday, April 14 (after dark)

Following a complete and thorough cleaning of the house, a formal search of the house takes place on the night before the first Seder.

A. Immediately after sundown, ten pieces of *hametz* (bread, crackers, cereal) are hidden around the house.

B. A candle is lit.

C. Recite the *Bedikat Hametz* blessing, “*al bi’ur hametz.*”

1) *Barukh attah Adonai*

2) *Eloheinu melek ha-olam*

3) *asher kidshanu*

4) *b’mitzvotav*

5) *v’tzivanu*

6) *al bi’ur hametz*

1) Praised are You, Adonai

2) our God, who rules the universe

3) who has sanctified us, instilling in us holiness

4) through the *mitzvot*

5) by commanding us

6) to remove all *hametz*

D. Conduct the search, using the candle to illuminate areas. When a piece of hametz is found, sweep it onto the wooden spoon using the feather, and then deposit the crumbs into a bag or on a paper plate.

E. Be sure you collect the pieces of hametz which were hidden.

3. *Bittul Hametz*—Nullifying Hametz

Immediately following the search for hametz, a formula is recited which nullifies any hametz which may or may not have been found, as a kind of insurance policy. After the search is concluded, recite the *Bittul hametz*—nullification formula.

1) *Kol hamira va-hami’a d’ka virshuti*

2) *d’la hamitei u-d’la va-aritei*

3) *u’d’la yadana lei*

4) *liv-til v’le’hevei hefker*

5) *k’afra d’ara*

1) All hametz in my possession

2) which I have not seen or removed

3) or of which I am unaware

4) is hereby nullified and ownerless

5) as the dust of the earth.

4. Bi-ur Hametz—Burning Hametz

The next morning, on Friday, April 15, before 10:30 AM, the *hametz* collected the night before is burned. The burning may take place outside. After contents have been burned, they may be swept away. After the burning of *hametz*, the following declaration is recited:

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| 1) <i>Kol hamira va-hami'a d'ika vir'shuti</i> | 1) All hametz in my possession |
| 2) <i>da hamitei u'dila va'artei</i> | 2) whether I have seen it or not |
| 3) <i>di va'artei u'dila va'artei</i> | 3) whether I have removed it or not |
| 4) <i>liv-til v-le'hevei hefker</i> | 4) is hereby nullified and ownerless |
| 5) <i>k'afra d'ara</i> | 5) as the dust of the earth. |

From this point on, all hametz including food, dishes, or utensils that contain or have come into contact with *hametz*, must be put away. They may not be handled, used or seen until the end of Pesach, after dark on Saturday, April 23. If you have questions regarding this or any aspect of the preparations for Pesach, please contact the Rabbi.



DEED OF AUTHORIZATION Removing the *Hametz*

I hereby authorize Rabbi Neil Cooper to be my agent to sell all kinds of hametz including, but not limited to, any leavened food, dishes, pots, pans, and utensils used with leavened food which may be in my possession at the address below. I understand that the sale will be affected by 10:30 AM on Friday, April 15. I further understand that if the terms of the agreement are not fulfilled by Saturday night, April 23 by 9:35 PM, the sale will be considered null and void.

Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Please sign and return to the synagogue office by April 14.

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