



# Temple Sinai Newsletter



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## SERVICES

Friday, February 27	Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 28	Morning Services	9:15 a.m.
	<i>Minhah</i> service	12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4	<b>PURIM</b>	
	<i>Ma'ariv</i>	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5	<b>Reading of the Megillah</b>	
	Morning Service	6:15 a.m.
	<b>Reading of the Megillah</b>	

Friday, March 6	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
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**Service will be conducted by rabbinic candidate**

Saturday, March 7	Morning Services	9:15 a.m.
	<b>Service will be conducted by rabbinic candidate</b>	
	<i>Kiddush</i> luncheon following services	
	<i>Minhah</i> service	12:30 p.m.
	<i>Ma'ariv</i>	7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13	Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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**Shabbat Across America/Canada**

Saturday, March 14	Morning Services	9:15 a.m.
	<i>Minhah/Ma'ariv</i>	6:15 p.m.

Friday, March 20	Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
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**Service will be conducted by rabbinic candidate**

Saturday, March 21	Morning Services	9:15 a.m.
	<b>Service will be conducted by rabbinic candidate</b>	
	<i>Kiddush</i> luncheon following services	
	<i>Minhah</i>	12:30 p.m.
	<i>Ma'ariv</i>	8:15 p.m.

Friday, March 27	Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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Saturday, March 28	Morning Services	9:15 a.m.
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**Kiddush sponsored by Sharon and Allen Dickstein**

	<i>Minhah/Ma'ariv</i>	6:35 p.m.
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**Shabbat Across America**

**3/13/15**

**Men's Club Speaker**

**3/22/15**

**Yom Hashoah/Holocaust  
Commemoration Program**

**4/15/15 7PM**

**Tricky Tray Fundraiser**

**4/19/15 1pm**

**Sisterhood Shabbat**

**5/9/15**

**Rabbi & Aviva's**

**Celebration**

**5/17/15**

## Candle Lighting

February 27	5:27 p.m.
March 6	5:35 p.m.
March 13	6:43 p.m.
March 20	6:50 p.m.
March 27	6:58 p.m.

**Pesach:**

April 3 1st night	7:05 p.m.
April 4 2nd night	8:07 p.m.
April 9 7th night	7:11 p.m.
April 10 8th night	7:12 p.m.
April 17	7:20 p.m.
April 24	7:27 p.m.



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Friday, April 3	Morning Service <b>SIYYUM FOR FIRST BORN</b> Minah/Ma'ariv	6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 4	<b>First Day of Pesah</b> Morning Services Minhah/Ma'ariv	9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 5	<b>Second Day of Pesah</b> Morning Services	9:15 a.m.
Mon., Apr. 6 – Thurs., Apr. 9	<b>HOL HA-MO'ED PESAH</b> Morning Services	6:40 a.m.
Thursday, April 9	Minhah/Ma'ariv	7:15 p.m.
Friday, April 10	<b>Seventh Day of Pesah</b> Morning Services Minhah/Ma'ariv	9:15 a.m. 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, April 11	<b>Eighth Day of Pesah</b> Morning Services YIZKOR will be recited during the morning service Minhah/Ma'ariv	9:15 a.m. 6:45 p.m.
Friday, April 17	Evening Service Joshua Levin, the <i>Bar Mitzvah</i> of the weekend, will help to conduct the service	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18	Morning Services <i>Bar Mitzvah</i> celebration of Joshua Levin, son of Jennifer and Robert Levin Minhah/Ma'ariv	9:15 a.m. 6:50 p.m.
Friday, April 24	Evening Service <b>Bet Class Shabbat</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday, April 25	Morning Services Men's Club <i>Shabbat</i> . Lunch'n'Learn <i>Kiddush</i> luncheon following services	9:15 a.m.

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**Friday, March 13, 2015**

**Early Services - 6:00 pm**

**Dinner to follow**



**Cost:**

**\$18.00 per adult**

**\$10.00 per child (6-12)**

**\$ 7.00 per child (5 & under)**

**Due to the extra preparation necessary for this program  
all reservations must be received no later than Monday,  
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## THE MEGILLAH

The story of Purim is at once drama and comedy, with a main story and a subplot of palace intrigue. King Ahasuerous, ruler of the 127 states of Persia, throws a couple of monumental parties. During the second party, he orders his queen Vashti to appear as the “entertainment”. She refuses. The king cannot brook such disobedience, so on the advice of his counselors, he gets rid of her. But he needs a new queen, and to get one a contest involving the beautiful young women of Persia is held. Mordecai, a Jew, enters his cousin Esther in the contest, but he warns her not to let anyone know she is Jewish. Naturally, she wins. Shortly thereafter, Mordecai overhears a plot to kill Ahasuerous and informs the palace guards through Esther. The plotters are seized and Mordecai’s deed is recorded in the annals of the kingdom.

Meanwhile, Ahasuerous appoints a new prime minister named Haman. Probably due to a family or political feud, Mordecai refuses to show the proper respect to Haman, which prompts the prime minister to decide to get even by getting rid of all of Mordecai’s people, the Jews. To select a date for this deed, he picks lots (called “*purim*” in Persian). The date he pulls is Adar 13. But Haman needs permission for his plan from the king. To get that permission, he claims the Jews are useless people who refuse to follow the king’s laws, and then, just for good measure, he offers the king a huge bribe. The king accepts the money and issues the decree. When Mordecai reads the king’s proclamation declaring death for all Jews, he immediately goes into mourning. Esther sees Mordecai dressed in sackcloth and covered with ashes and sends a messenger to find out why Mordecai is acting this way. Mordecai sends back news of Haman’s plot, informs her that she too will be caught up in the pogrom, and urges her to see the king to get the decree reversed. But the king has not called for her recently, and the law forbids anyone from appearing before the king without an appointment. Any attempt to gain admittance to the throne room without prior permission is punishable by execution. However, Esther gathers her courage, fasts and prays for three days, and then goes in to the king despite the possible consequences. Fortunately Ahasuerous is delighted to see her and even more delighted to accept her invitation to two small parties. As part of her plan, Esther also invites Haman to these private luncheons. Haman is thrilled at being included in the queen’s private repasts, and he thoroughly enjoys the first party, but his joy sours when he spots the contemptible Mordecai as he wends his way home. Seeing how upset he is, Haman’s wife Zeresh suggests he get permission from the king to hang Mordecai on a special gallows in his back yard. Haman thinks the idea is a great one, and early the next morning he heads for the palace to get the king’s permission.

However, that night Ahasuerous cannot sleep. To pass the time he listens to old accounts of happenings in the kingdom. He hears for the first time how Mordecai saved his life and decides to find a way to honor him. Haman has just arrived on his own mission, so the king turns to his prime minister for advice on how to honor “a person the king might wish to honor”. Haman thinks the king is referring to himself and puffs with pride as he describes the honoree riding the king’s horse through the streets of Shushan the capital. Imagine his dismay – and the humor of the situation – when Ahasuerous tells Haman to lead Mordecai, his enemy, through the streets in precisely the manner that Haman himself has described. What a parade that must have been!

Crestfallen following his humiliation at leading Mordecai through the streets, Haman returns home, only to be summoned to Esther’s second party. There the doting king asks what he can do for his queen, at which point she begs for her life, and for the continued existence of her people. The king, furious, demands to know who threatens her. Esther points to Haman. In quick succession, the enraged king leaves the room to summon guards, Haman falls at Esther’s knees to beg for mercy, and the king returns to the garden party. What he sees makes him think Haman is trying to seduce Esther, and that prompts even more rage. Upon learning of Haman’s plans for the hero Mordecai, the king orders Haman and his sons to be hung on the gallows Haman had prepared for Mordecai. Mordecai is appointed prime minister, and he and Esther get permission for the Jews to defend themselves on Adar 13. When the day arrives, battles ensue between the Jews and their enemies, with the Jews emerging victorious. Esther requests one more day of fighting in Shushan for the Jews to mop up; the king grants her wish.

On the day following their victories – Adar 14 in the countryside, Adar 15 in Shushan – the Jews hold feasts to celebrate their deliverance from Haman’s decrees. And from that day on, Mordecai declares, we are to celebrate this event by feasting, sending gifts to friends, giving charity to the poor, and reading the Purim story every year at this time.

### OFFICIAL *PURIM* DECREE

IT HAS COME TO PASS at the congregation Temple Sinai that a decree has been issued that the holiday of *Purim* shall be observed with joy and gladness.

WHEREFORE IT IS DECREED THAT the Jews of Middletown, Goshen, Pine Bush, Bullville, Montgomery, Otisville, Scotchtown, Goshen, Slate Hill, Wallkill, Circleville, Bloomingburg, Westtown, Port Jervis, Milford and all surrounding areas shall assemble in costume, for joy and merriment, for the **READING OF THE MEGILLAH and COSTUME PARADE on WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

FURTHERMORE IT IS DECREED that the fun and frolics will continue with the **READING OF THE MEGILLAH on THURSDAY MORNING, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 a.m.**

FURTHERMORE IT IS DECREED that the entire community shall gather on for **games, prizes, food and fun** in the form of a **CARNIVAL on SUNDAY MORNING, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m!**

AND IT HAS BEEN FURTHER DECREED that all humanity endeavor to rid itself of the influence of Haman so that the children of humanity may ever know joy and happiness unto the fullness of days.

## ENJOYING YOUR *SEDER*

A *Pesah seder* traditionally is meant to be a joyous, relaxing and educational event, a high point in the year's activities. In particular the *seder* is supposed to be a comfortable evening with family and friends, a time when family unity is most pronounced, when the entire family can join together for a most uplifting evening. Unfortunately, whether because of differences in expectations or discomfort with the *seder* ritual, too often the *seder* ends up being a meaningless activity, or, worse, an evening filled with tension and even anger. If either of these occurrences have marred your *seder* evenings, perhaps some of the following suggestions for your *seder* will be of use.

Probably the most important suggestion that can be made is to **prepare** for the *seder*, and not just in a culinary sense. For some the *haggadah* itself is an opaque text, and knowledge of the proper ritual procedures is a mystery. In and of itself, that is enough to make the *seder* an unpleasant experience. But lack of knowledge is easily cured; there are *seder* guides in our library, and I stand ready to teach anyone who would like more knowledge just how to conduct the traditional Passover *seder*. Furthermore, the telling of the Passover story need not be done word for word from the *haggadah*, as special as the traditional *haggadah* has become for Jews and Judaism. Some families follow the Four Questions, not with the written text in the *haggadah*, but with lively discussions on the topics at hand: Jewish history, Jewish tradition, the survival of the Jewish people, the meaning of freedom, the importance of ritual, the meaning or the importance of the State of Israel in our lives, and on and on. In other households, hosts and/or guests may share some sort of presentation having to do with Passover. One family I know requires different guests to bring a different way of demonstrating the 10 plagues from year to year: song, poetry, or even props (stuffed toy frogs, for example, or packing popcorn thrown towards the ceiling to signify hail) have all been used to great and sometimes hilarious effect. In still other homes, the traditional text is supplemented with explanations and commentaries found in various different editions of the *haggadah*; such commentaries can be located in our library, or I would be delighted to copy such material from the volumes I have at home. And, as a final suggestion, the story of the exodus can be read directly from the Bible you have in your home (it is pretty exciting reading), either by one story teller alone or by passing the Bible around amongst all present. (I might suggest, if you were to use this option, that you make sure you have a modern translation rather than the old King James-type, thees and thous version.) The relevant passages run from the first through the 14<sup>th</sup> chapters of the Book of Exodus; for those who feel that much reading is a little too much, try reading this condensed version: Exodus 1, 5, 6:1-13, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12:29-49, 14. These are all things that can be prepared ahead of time, without a lot of hassle, which may make the *seder* evening itself more enjoyable.

At the *seder*, there are a few other things that might help the evening along. First of all, involve the children. Encourage them to tell all they know about Passover, to ask questions, to sing songs they have learned (the students on our Hebrew School have been chanting sections from *Hallel*, learning the Four Questions, and singing the songs at the end of the *seder* for over a month, twice a week), to open the door for Elijah, to look for the *Afikomen*. Then you can enjoy the *seder* through their shining eyes. A second possibility: set an extra place setting at the table in order to remember those Jews who cannot join us at the *seder*, especially the victims of the Holocaust.

This simple action may provoke even more questions that could lead to a most enlightening conversation on the topic of the evening. And, finally, relax and enjoy; don't worry that something is not quite right, or that previous generations will judge our performances. The important thing is to be able to pass on a positive feeling of our heritage and our history to the next generation, and that will be done best when everyone can sit around the table and smile.

I hope that everyone has a happy, enjoyable and educational *Pesah*, and if I can be of any help in any way in the preparation for your *seder*, please let me know.

### ***SEDARIM WANTED***

*Pesah* is intended as a gathering of families and friends to rejoice in G-d's gift of freedom. For some people in our community, however, family is distant and friends are not present, and so such people face the first two evenings of *Pesah* with no real gathering place to come to. On the other hand, there are those in the community who would delight in sharing their *seder* tables with those who would like to find a *seder* in town. Rabbi Schwab would very much like to match the two groups. If you would like to join a larger gathering for a *seder*, or if you have room at your *seder* table to offer, please contact Rabbi Schwab so that a *shidduch* can be made

### ***SIYYUM HA-BEKHORIM***

In gratitude to G-d for sparing the lives of our first born when the tenth plague hit the Egyptians, it has become customary for all first born males to fast on the day before the first *Seder*. However, it has also become customary for the rabbi of the congregation to complete his study of a significant amount of learning on the morning before the *Seder*, an action that calls for a party and a feast. Since anyone who attends such a *siyyum* – a completion party – must partake of the feast, all first borns who attend the *siyyum* make themselves exempt from the fast.

*Siyyum ha-Bekhorim* will take place on Monday morning, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at morning services, which begin at 6:30 a.m. Immediately upon the conclusion of the morning service Rabbi Schwab will hold the annual *siyyum* for the benefit of all *bekhorim* (first borns), including himself. All first borns are welcome to attend and thereby release themselves from their obligation to fast on that day.

## THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

# PESAH GUIDE

by Rabbi Barry Starr and the Committee on Jewish Law & Standards (CJLS) *Kashrut* Subcommittee.<sup>1</sup> Introduction by Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff, Chair, CJLS

*Pesah* is the Jewish festival which requires the most preparatory effort and is the most complex. Yet Jews are committed to doing their best to observe the laws of *Pesah*. This Rabbinical Assembly *Pesah* guide is a brief outline of the policies and procedures relevant to the preparation of a kosher for *Pesah* home. With significant changes in the nature and manufacture of kitchen products and food stuffs, new policies are required to maintain a kosher for *Pesah* kitchen. There are also many significant differences of opinion amongst rabbis regarding the laws of *Pesah*. We cannot present all of the various approaches. This Guide, prepared by Rabbis Paul Plotkin and Barry Starr (who are Rabbi Schwab's rabbinical school classmates and good friends) and approved by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, explains in detail the laws and customs regarding the dietary restrictions of Passover, the rules that remind us each time we eat of Passover's messages for us, and is intended to help families maintain a kosher for *Pesah* home in accordance with the principles of Conservative Judaism and its understanding of Jewish Law.

Some of these guidelines are, frankly, quite technical and even complicated; that is the result of the special stringency of the Passover rules in Jewish law and the complex, new ways in which foods are processed in our time. We hope that this Guide will enable Jews to understand what they may eat on Passover and how to prepare their kitchens for the holiday in ways that are clear and understandable. We do not intend this Guide to replace your rabbi's guidance on these matters; on the contrary, any question you have about what is written here or what is missing you should address to your rabbi.

One last, but important, comment. Because Passover involves more dietary strictures than the rest of the year, many Jews become downright compulsive about the rules of the holiday. We should be careful not to use these rules to assert our superior piety over others, and remember that observance of Passover should not come at the expense of the values of honoring our parents and treating everyone with respect. Passover is really important – a central feature of what it means to live a Jewish life. Its very meaning, though, is completely undermined if the dietary rules of Passover lead people to treat each other with disrespect. So as we explain the dietary rules of Passover below, we fervently hope that they will instead function as they are supposed to – namely, to serve as graphic reminders throughout the holiday of the critical lessons of Passover, of the need to free ourselves and the world around us of all the physical, intellectual, emotional, and communal straits that limit us and others in living a life befitting of people created in the image of G-d. May we all succeed in making this and every Passover the stimulus for us to fix the world in these ways every day of our lives.

- paper bags
- paper plates (with no starch coating)
- plastic cutlery
- plastic wrap
- polish
- powder and ointment
- sanitizers
- scouring pads
- stain remover
- water with no additives
- wax paper

# KASHERING THE KITCHEN

It is customary (and easiest) to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, replacing them with either new utensils or utensils used year to year only for Pesah. This is clearly not possible for major appliances and may not even be possible for dishes and utensils.

There is a process for *kashering* many, but not all, kitchen items thus making them kosher for *Pesah*:

## Kashering Specific Appliances and Utensils

### METALS

To *kasher* **pots, silverware, and utensils wholly of metal not used for baking**, thoroughly clean the item with soap and water, then, following a strict 24 hour waiting period during which they are not used, immerse the item in water that is at a rolling boil. For pots and pans, clean handles thoroughly. If the handle can be removed, do so for an even more thorough cleaning. The item must

be completely exposed to the boiling water. Pots and pans are either immersed in a larger pot of boiling water (may be done one section at a time) or filled with water brought to a rolling boil and then a heated stone is dropped into the pot such that the boiling water overflows to cover the sides of the pot. A safer alternative might be let the water boil over the sides of the pot. In the case of silverware every part of each piece must be exposed to the water at a rolling boil. Following this process, each utensil is rinsed in cold water.

**Metal bakeware used in a fire or in an oven** must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and then must be subjected to direct fire or an oven at its maximum setting. Thus using a blow torch or putting it in an oven during self-cleaning are two ways to accomplish this purging. This is a complicated and a potentially dangerous procedure and may result in discoloration or warping of the metal being purged. Exercise caution when performing purging. Metal baking pans and sheets require purging at very high temperatures which may warp the vessel. This may result in a reluctance to submit the vessel to the required temperature.

A **metal kitchen sink** can be *kashered* by thoroughly cleaning and scrubbing the sink (especially the garbage catch), letting 24 hours pass during which only cold water is used, and then carefully pouring boiling water

**The general principle used in kashering** is that the way the utensil absorbs food is the way it can be purged of that food. This principle operates on the basis of the quality or intensity of how the items absorb food. Things used for cold food can be *kashered* by rinsing since no substance has been absorbed by the dish or glass. Items used on a stove absorb the food and thus need a stronger level of action namely expelling the food into boiling water). The most intense form of usage is directly on a fire or in an oven and these utensils require the most intense method of *kashering*, which burns away absorbed food.

**To *kasher* a sink**, pour boiling water over all the surfaces of the sink including the lip. A porcelain sink cannot be *kashered*, but should be thoroughly cleaned, then *Pesah* dish basins and dish racks must be used, one each for dairy and meat.

### GLASS

**Glass dishes** used for eating and serving hot foods are to be treated like any dish used for eating and serving hot food. *Kashering* is effected by cleaning and immersing in boiling water .

**Glass cookware** is treated like a metal pot for *kashering* (see paragraph on metal, above). The issues regarding glass bakeware are complex. Some authorities allow it to be *kashered* and others do not. Drinking glasses or glass dishes used only for cold foods may be *kashered* by a simple rinsing. Some follow the custom of soaking them for three days.

### PLASTICS

**Heavy duty plastics** including dishes, cutlery or serving items, providing they can withstand very hot water and do not permanently stain, may be *kashered* by boiling. If there is some doubt as to whether particular items can be *kashered*, consult your rabbi.

## CERAMIC DISHES

**Ceramic dishes (earthenware, stoneware, china, pottery, etc)** cannot be *kashered*. However fine china that was put away clean and that has not been used for over one Jewish calendar year may be used after thorough detergent and hot water washing. The china is then considered *pareve* and may be designated for meat or dairy use.

## COOKING APPLIANCES

For **ovens and ranges**, every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly cleaned. This includes the walls and the top and bottom of the oven. Then the oven or range should be heated as hot as possible. The oven should be heated at maximum heat for an hour; the range top until the elements turn red and glow. Then parts of the range top around the elements that can be covered should be covered, (usually with aluminum foil). After a general and careful cleaning, self cleaning ovens are put through the full cleaning cycle while empty. Following this process, the oven should be again cleaned to remove any ash. If the oven was very dirty to start, two cycles may be needed to assure a thorough cleaning.

**Smooth, glass top electric ranges** require *kashering* by purging and then by pouring boiling water over the surface of the range top. First, clean the top thoroughly, then turn the coils on maximum heat until they are red hot. Then carefully pour boiling water on the surface area over and around the burners. The range top may now be used for cooking.

**Microwave ovens** that have no convection option should be thoroughly cleaned. Then an 8 ounce cup of water is placed inside and the oven is turned on until the water almost disappears (at least 6 of the 8 ounces is gone). Heating to complete dryness may damage the oven. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be *kashered*.

**Convection ovens** are *kashered* like regular ovens. Make sure that during the cleaning phase you clean thoroughly around the fan.

## ADDITIONAL KITCHEN APPLIANCES

A **dishwasher** needs to be cleaned as thoroughly as possible including the inside area around the drainage and filters. Then a full cycle with detergent (with racks in) should be run while the dishwasher is empty. After 24 hours of not being used the dishwasher is again run empty (with racks in) and set on the highest heat for the purpose of *kashering*. If the sides of the dishwasher are made of enamel or porcelain, the dishwasher cannot be *kashered* for *Pesah*.

**Other electrical appliances** can be *kashered* if the parts that come in contact with *hameitz* are metal and are removable, in which case they may be *kashered* like all other metal cooking utensils. If the parts are not removable, the appliances cannot be *kashered*. We recommend whenever possible that small appliances be used that are strictly for *Pesah*, thus avoiding the difficulty of *kashering* these appliances.

## WORK SURFACES

**Tables, closets, and counters** should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for *Pesah*. The coverings can be contact paper, regular paper, foil or cloth that does not contain *hameitz* (e.g. been starched with *hameitz* starch). Note that the covering material should be made of material that is not easily torn.

Many **counter top surfaces** can be *kashered* simply by a thorough cleaning, a 24 hour wait and pouring boiling water over them). To have boiling water be effective for *kashering*, the surface must have no hairline cracks, nicks or scratches that can be seen with the naked eye.

- Plastic laminates, limestone, soapstone, granite, marble, glass, Corian, Staron, Ceasarstone,

Swanstone, Surell and Avonite surfaces can be *kashered* by pouring boiling water over them.

- Wood without scratches is also *kashered* by pouring boiling water.
- Ceramic, cement or porcelain counter tops cannot be *kashered* by boiling water.

The potential effectiveness of boiling water depends on the material of which the counter was made. A full list of counter materials that can be *kashered* (according to their standards) may be found on the website of the Chicago Rabbinical Council (CRC).

Refrigerators and freezers should be thoroughly cleaned with detergent.

If there are places where food can be stuck (e.g. cracks or difficult corners to reach), these areas should be covered.



## FOODS

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hameitz* (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt) during *Pesah*. Ideally we burn or remove all *hameitz* from our premises which may be effected by donations to a local food pantry.

In some cases, however, this would cause prohibitive financial loss. In such cases, we arrange for the sale of the *hameitz* to a non-Jew and its repurchase after *Pesah*:

### Prohibited foods

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hameitz* during *Pesah*, and since many common foods contain some *hameitz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for *Pesah*.

Prohibited foods (*hameitz*) include the following:

- biscuits
- cakes
- coffees containing cereal derivatives
- crackers
- leavened bread
- pasta

These are foods that are generally made with **wheat, barley, oats, spelt** or **rye** (grains that can become *hameitz*). Any food containing these grains or derivatives of these grains must be certified kosher for *Pesah*.

Flavorings in foodstuffs are often derived from alcohol produced from one of these grains which would render that food *hameitz*. Such products also need *Pesah* supervision.

*Mekhirat hameitz* – **the sale of hameitz**) is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually one's rabbi to handle the sale. This must be considered a valid and legal transfer of ownership and thus the items sold must be separated and stored away from all other foods and supplies. This means that non-Passover dishes, pots, utensils and *hameitz* food that have been sold as part of the selling of one's *hameitz* should be separated, covered or locked away to prevent accidental use. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges to repurchase the items on behalf of the owner, since the *hameitz* at that time is again permitted. One must wait until one is sure the repurchase has been done. If ownership of the *hameitz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of any such *hameitz* remains prohibited after the holiday and any such products should be given away to a non-Jewish food pantry.

### Kitniyot

Ashkenazi Rabbinical authorities added the following foods to the above list of prohibited foods:

- beans
- corn
- millet
- peas
- rice
- soy

These and some other plant foods (e.g. mustard, buckwheat and sesame seeds) are not permitted for eating on *Pesah*. They need not be sold or disposed of before *Pesah*. The processed products, whether liquid or solid, from *kitniyot* are also forbidden by most Ashkenazic rabbinical authorities. These might include, but not be limited to ascorbic acid (vitamin C), corn oil, corn sweetener, and soy oil.

Most Sephardic authorities permit the use of all the *kitniyot* foods other than those that might have come in contact with the prohibited grains. Israeli products are often marked “contains *kitniyot*” and thus Ashkenazi Jews who do not use *kitniyot* need to be vigilant when purchasing Israeli products for Passover.

Our Movement’s Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has permitted the use of peanuts and peanut oil on *Pesah* provided said items have proper year round kosher certification and do not contain any *hameitz* ingredients..

## Permitted Foods

An item that is kosher all year round, that is made with no *hameitz*, and is processed on machines used only for that item and nothing else (such as ground coffee) may be used with no special *Pesah* supervision. As we learn more about the processing of foods and the ingredients they contain, relying on the *kasbrut* of a product for *Pesah* without a Passover *hekhsher* may be problematic. Wherever possible, processed foods ought to have a “*kasher l’Pesah*” *hekhsher* from a reliable source. Since that is not always possible, however, our guidelines reflect some alternatives that are acceptable.

Any food that you purchase with a “*kasher l’Pesah*” *hekhsher*) must have a label that is integral to the package and it should have the name of a recognizable, living supervising Rabbi or creditable kosher supervision agency if possible. If the label is not integral to the package or if there are questions regarding the labeling, the item should not be used without consulting a Rabbi.

### NO *PESAH* *HEKHSHER* REQUIRED

Products which may be purchased without a *Pesah hekhsher* before or during *Pesah*:

- baking soda
- bicarbonate of soda
- eggs
- fresh fruits and vegetables
- fresh or frozen kosher meat (other than chopped meat)
- Nestea (regular and decaffeinated)
- pure black, green, or white tea leaves
- unflavored tea bags
- unflavored regular coffee
- olive oil (extra-virgin only)
- whole or gutted fresh fish
- whole or half pecans (not pieces)
- whole (unground) spices and nuts

### NO *PESAH* *HEKHSHER* REQUIRED IF PURCHASED BEFORE *PESAH*

Products which may only be purchased without a *Pesah hekhsher* before *Pesah*. If bought during *Pesah* they require a *Pesah hekhsher*:

- all pure fruit juices
- filleted fish
- frozen fruit (no additives)
- non-iodized salt
- pure white sugar (no additives)
- quinoa (with nothing mixed in)\*
- unsalted Grade A butter
- white milk

**Frozen, uncooked vegetables** may be processed on shared equipment that uses *hameitz*. It is preferable to purchase those with a “*kasher l’Pesah*” label. One may, however buy bags of frozen

non-*hekhshered* vegetables before *Pesah* provided that one can either absolutely determine that no shared equipment was used or one is careful to inspect the contents before *Pesah* and discard any pieces of *hameitz*. Even if one did not inspect the vegetables before *Pesah*, if one can remove pieces of *hameitz* found in the package on *Pesah*, the vegetables themselves are permissible.

\*It has come to our attention that there is a possibility of grains being mixed with **quinoa** if it is not under *Pesach* supervision. The best option is to purchase quinoa with a *Pesach hekhsher*, if it is available. Where that is not available, purchase Bolivian or Peruvian quinoa, marked “gluten free” before *Pesah*. Please make certain that quinoa is the sole ingredient in the final packaging.

#### PESAH *HEKHSHER* ALWAYS REQUIRED

Products which require reliable *kasher l’Pesah* certification (regular kosher supervision being not sufficient) whether bought before or during *Pesah*:

- all baked goods
  - *farfel*
  - *matzah*
  - any product containing *matzah*
  - *matzah* flour
  - *matzah* meal
  - *Pesah* cakes
- all frozen processed foods
- candy
- canned tuna
- cheeses
- chocolate milk
- decaf coffee
- decaf tea
- dried fruits
- herbal tea
- ice cream
- liquor
- non Grade A butter
- oils
- soda
- vinegar
- wine
- yogurt

Regarding cheeses and non Grade A butter, an inspection by a rabbi of a local dairy may suffice to resolve potential questions in some cases.

#### BABY FOOD

**Baby food** with a Passover *hekhsher* is sometimes available. Of course, home preparation of baby food, using *kasher l'Pesah* utensils and kitchen items is always possible. Pure vegetable prepared baby food that is *kasher* the year round is acceptable for *Pesah*. The use of *kitniyot* for babies is also acceptable with care taken that this baby food does not mix with food from the rest of the family.

Separate dishes and utensils are recommended. Most infant formulas are made from soy and the use of *kitniyo*) does not apply to infants. Thus infant formula products, *kasher* the year round, are acceptable for *Pesah*. Here as in baby foods, the bottles, nipples and formula should be kept away from the general kitchen area and clean up should be done out of the kitchen area (e.g. a bathroom sink).

#### MEDICINES

**Prescription medicines** are permitted. Non-prescription pills and capsules are permitted; for liquids, check with your rabbi.

#### PET FOOD

The issue of pets on *Pesah* is a complicated one. There are several options:

1. The pet is given, for the week of *Pesah*, to a gentile who can feed it whatever food is available.
2. Since *hameitz* is not allowed in our possession on *Pesah*, one could feed the pet either *kasher l'Pesah* pet food, pet foods with no grain, or food off your own table which is already *kasher l'Pesah*. Incidentally *kitniyot* would be permissible.
3. Some authorities allow for the pet to be sold along with the *hameitz*) and, since the pet does not belong to the Jewish owner, regular pet food would be fed. Note that the document of sale would have to include the pet as well as *hameitz*. If you have these pet foods in your home be careful to keep them away from the general kitchen area. Washing of pet utensils should be done out of the kitchen area (e.g. a bathroom sink).

#### NON FOOD ITEMS

Any detergents, cleaners, etc. which are not a food stuff and which are not eaten, may be used for *Pesah* with no *hekhshered* supervision. This would include:

- aluminum products
- ammonia
- baby oil
- bleach
- candles
- contact paper
- charcoal
- coffee filters
- fabric softener
- isopropyl alcohol
- laundry and dish detergent
- oven cleaner



## ***HAMETZ TIMES***

*Hametz* may be eaten until 11:15 a.m. on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Hametz* should be burned before 12:20 p.m. Do not resume eating *hametz* until 8:45 p.m. on Saturday night, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **SALE OF *HAMETZ***

Jewish law prescribes that a Jew must not possess leavened foods (*hametz*) during the holiday. To rid oneself of all prohibited food before *Pesah*, one must burn, give away, or sell all such foods by the middle of the morning before the first *Seder*. Because of the complexities of our economy, Jewish law developed the tradition of eliminating possession of the *hametz* in the community by authorizing the rabbi to sell everyone's *hametz* on the morning before the first *Seder*. You may sell your *hametz* by signing the Bill of Sale that Rabbi Schwab has at any time you can catch him – after *minyan*, during weekday religious school, after a meeting, or whenever – or simply by sending in the following note. At the same time you can fulfill the *mitzvah* of providing for the *Ma'ot Hittim* Passover fund for the poor through a small donation. Please get this power of attorney note to the synagogue office no later than THURSDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I (we) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize Rabbi Joel Schwab of Middletown, NY to dispose of all *hametz* that may be in my (our) possession, wherever it might be, whether at home, in a place of business, or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements in the general authorization contract which members of Temple Sinai have given to the Rabbi.

Please list types of *hametz* and approximate value, and place(s) where the *hametz* will be stored during *Pesah*.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Types of *hametz*: \_\_\_\_\_

Places of storage: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SEARCHING FOR THE *HAMETZ***

There is an old and delightful custom that requires us on the night before *Pesah* to search through the house looking for crumbs of *hametz*, making sure that no leavened materials will accidentally show up in our homes during the "Holiday of Unleavened Bread". The search is traditionally made with a candle, a feather and a wooden spoon, plus a paper bag, which are used to locate (the candle – traditionally the electric lights are turned off for the search), scoop up (the feather and the spoon), and collect (the bag) any pieces or crumbs of bread found anywhere in the home. To make sure that the blessing said just before the search ("...*ah-sheer kid-shah-nu b'mitz-vo-tahv v'tzee-vah-nu ahl bee-ur hah-metz*") is not said in vain, bread is actually placed around the house (out in the open, not hidden – we wouldn't want a piece of bread overlooked in a drawer the night before *Pesah*!) waiting to be found. In some homes the children scatter the pieces of *hametz* and the parents look for them; in other homes it is the parents who place the bread in their places and the children who do the looking. In either case, the search itself is fun for both parents and children, and the collected *hametz* is burned the next morning, symbolically indicating the destruction of all *hametz* from the home in time for *Pesah*. If you have never had the joy of doing *b'dikat hametz*, the search for *hametz*, this year is the year to get started.

The search for *hametz* this year takes place on Sunday night, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For any help you might require, contact Rabbi Schwab.

## YOM HASHOAH...HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00

Yom HaShoah...a day to honor the memory of those lost in the Holocaust; a day to honor those who survived rebuilding their lives as they re-entered the world. The children of survivors carry that time forward...always to remember.

*These now-grown children from our community will take us back to a moment in time as we look through a window into the world their parents inhabited.*

Please join us in bringing honor to the memory of the Six Million who perished...to those who survived...to the generation that followed vowing never to forget...to our congregation who stands with them.



### “LET ONE WHO IS HUNGRY ENTER AND EAT”

We begin our Passover *Seders* with the words, “Let all who are hungry enter and eat.” Again this year, **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger** asks you to give meaning and life to those ancient words by letting one who is hungry enter and eat.

A gift to **MAZON** of *chai* (\$18), or whatever you would spend to invite one extra person to your *Seder*, will bring food, help and hope to poor and hungry people in our own country, in Israel and around the world.

As we celebrate our freedom during Passover, we must remember those millions still enslaved by hunger and poverty. In a world with more than enough food to feed everyone, we can work toward a day when everyone has enough food.

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Los Angeles, CA 90025

## Hebrew School News

I hope everyone is staying warm and safe.

I guess when we all came to Middletown we never had the idea that it would turn into Alaska! Poof! ***Cold and snow, snow, snow.*** I guess we should not complain because in the summer we will be really hot and hope for some cool weather. I still love where we live and we will love seeing spring come!

Now for the news and coming events of the Hebrew School: The Hebrew School is selling ZELDAS CAKES for our Passover Fund Raiser. If you have not yet tried ZELDAS, their cakes are the best around. They are reasonably priced and will help our Hebrew School attain its fund raising goal. If you need forms they are on the rack outside the main office or call the Temple Office and ask them to send you one. All orders will be due March 1<sup>st</sup> or the latest on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Following is a price list:

ORANGE	CHOC.	WALNUT	PLAIN	CHOC.	CHOC.	CHOC.	
CAKE	CAKE	BROWNIE	BROWNIE	MARSHMEL	MATZAH	MANDEL	
\$8.99	\$8.99	\$7.99	\$6.99	\$7.99	\$6.99	\$6.99	
CIN-ALM	LOCUST	FROGS	TRUFFLE	CHOC.	RASP-ALM	MATZAH	TOTAL
MANDEL	BOX	BOX	BOX	COOKIES	MACA-ROON	CRUNCH	AMOUNT
\$6.99	\$9.99	\$9.99	\$20.00	\$6.99	\$6.99	\$6.99	PAID:

On March 4<sup>th</sup> the Hebrew School will be making Hamantashen. This is always a huge success. On March 8<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Purim Carnival. Everyone is invited to attend. On April 24<sup>th</sup> is the Bet Class Shabbat. Please come and see our little ones shine! Spring Break will be from March 29-April 5<sup>th</sup>. School resumes on April 8<sup>th</sup>. On April 12<sup>th</sup> we will have a Parent/Student Event. We also want to wish the Levin Family and the Mizrachi Families Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of Josh Levin.

# They say it's your birthday!

## MARCH

March 1	Suzanne Brown Berkowitz Terry Winter
March 2	Beverly Goetschius
March 3	Gary Matoren
March 4	Murray Bilmes Carmella P. Halpern
March 5	Elliott Friedman Gail Kulak
March 7	Larry Gordon Sheila Gross
March 10	Debbie Bloom
March 11	Joel Appellbaum
March 12	Joel Lovitch
March 13	Ruth Arluck
March 15	Ruth Zaritsky
March 16	John Pernice
March 17	Edward Levy Adele Zukor
March 19	Helene Shafran
March 20	Sterling Chudow Barbara S. Lewis Carol Lovitch
March 21	Linda Bauer Terry Joseph
March 23	Allen Dickstein
March 26	Alan K. Lewis Nancy E. Marcus
March 27	Burt J. Blustein
March 28	Bernd Solomon
March 29	Robert Kulak
March 31	Irma S. Scherz

***Happy  
Birthday  
to you!***



## APRIL

April 1	Louis Heimbach Janet Kass
April 4	Ann C. Jacobson
April 5	Michael Yegidis
April 6	Robin Karpfen Weiner
April 9	Dennis L. Greenwald Harold E. Suresky
April 11	Jeremy M. Dunitz
April 12	Marie Zuckerman
April 13	Kenneth McNally
April 14	Donald Green
April 15	Howard Bloom Steve Friedman
April 17	Susanna Friedmans
April 19	Ruth Preiser
April 21	Stanley Goldberg Lon J. Merin
April 22	Heather Friedman Gary Greenwald David Jacob
April 25	Bruce G. Friedman
April 26	Rita Brodsky Paul B. Halpern Michael Schwartz Janie Stoloff
April 28	Lenore Gensior
April 29	Jill Goldfarb
April 30	Michele P. Ellerin





## **Sisterhood News**

**Purim bags** may be picked up at the Temple on **March 4<sup>th</sup>** during the Megillah reading, and again on **March 8<sup>th</sup>** during the Hebrew School Purim Carnival 10:30- 12:00.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a wine and paint party. More information will follow.

It is never too late to become a Sisterhood member!

## **Volunteers Needed**

to Participate in

**Sisterhood Shabbat**

**Saturday, May 9, 2015**

No special qualifications needed except Sisterhood Membership.

If you're interested in Sisterhood membership and/or participating in the Sisterhood Shabbat, please contact

**Linda Dubin**, Membership Chair at

[eldubin@optonline.net](mailto:eldubin@optonline.net)

or call

**651-0051**



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## Required Declaration

I declare that I accept the Jerusalem Program (below); I am Jewish; I will be at least 18 years of age by June 30, 2015; my permanent residence is in the United States; and I will not/did not vote in the March 2015 Israeli Knesset election.

☐ By checking this box, I certify that the above statement is true.

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1. The unity of the Jewish people, its bond to its historic homeland Eretz Yisrael, and the centrality of the State of Israel and Jerusalem, its capital, in the life of the nation.
2. Aliyah to Israel from all countries and the effective integration of all immigrants into Israeli Society.
3. Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state

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# YAHREZEIT

*We always remember those who are no longer with us.*

## FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Adar 10 to Nissan 11, 5775

March 1	Stephen Markovits Saul (Solomon) Garten Jerome Reznick Joseph Levy	March 11	Henrietta Loonin Fayne Phillip Wall Larry Cohen Edward Schneider	March 20	Joseph H. Babbini David Dlugatz Pearl Dlugatz Sarah Gatterman Leonard Morey
March 2	Georgia Anderman Nathan Friedman David Gilman Theresa Cohen Arnold Taub Rose Sinkowitz Rachel Weiser Morris Katz	March 12	Lou L. Berkman Dorothy Schnirman Abraham Schleifer Ruth Albright Jacob J. Berman	March 21	Isabella B. Hirsch Sophia Schleifer Max Gunzenhauser Ettie Leah Friesler Alex Etkin Emmie Fernich Elaine Schlamowitz Molly Kauffman
March 3	Bertha Libby Brandner Samuel Tanzman Helen Mandel Oscar Wach Abraham Silinsky Ida Popkin	March 13	Betty Mason Herman Goldsmith Sidney Borenstein Harry Jacobs Jamilah Bekhoor Javdan Martin B. Novick	March 22	Stanley Philips Hyman Weber Jules Cohen Rose Pansky Harry Schnirman David Angel Eva Evers
March 4	Sidney Appelbaum Reuban Mokotoff Harriet Gertsman Garten Anna Lee Ernest Helen F. Weintraub	March 14	Faye Dubinsky Ruth Pollets Sheldon Diesenhouse Mary Samilowitz Arnold Winter Leo Landa	March 23	Sarah Smolowitz Hans Barmann Lillian Chiron Emma Kornblau Bernard I. Hahn Harry Edelson Emanuel L. Falk Joseph Shapiro Ludwig
March 5	Nathan Raff Rita Y. Friedman Nasser Mizrahi Charles Berman	March 15	Mary Samilowitz Arnold Winter Leo Landa	March 24	Emma Kornblau Bernard I. Hahn Harry Edelson Emanuel L. Falk Joseph Shapiro Ludwig
March 6	Sarah Siegel William Smulison Stewart S. Wall David Hyman Philip Wall	March 16	Samuel Cohen Benjamin Bascher Lillian Kaufman Anna B. Shuman Harry Cohen Jacob Gillman	March 25	Distelburger Arnold Ellerin Lillian Abramson Joe Cohen Paul Falick Irving Berman Mae Lichtman George Wolf Max Seplowin Rachel Friedman Florence Levine Nattie Cohen Charlotte Schulhof
March 7	Bessie Moskowitz Gordon Geisenheimer Irving Cantor Helen Etkin Dora Bressinger Richard Lewis	March 17	Anna B. Shuman Harry Cohen Jacob Gillman Gilbert Ross Meyer B. Henderson Samuel Greenwald	March 26	Joe Cohen Paul Falick Irving Berman Mae Lichtman George Wolf Max Seplowin Rachel Friedman Florence Levine Nattie Cohen Charlotte Schulhof
March 8	Joseph Brumberg Louis Diesenhouse Jennie Fieldman Richard Lewis Joseph Brumberg Louis Diesenhouse Jennie Fieldman Richard Harris Wand Rose Poortje	March 18	Lester Weiss Bernard Cohen Samuel Rosen Robert Spiro George Ham- merschlag Rose Holtzman Solomon	March 27	Morris Berlin Isaac Seligman Morris Englander Mary Lapides Bessie Pineles Benjamin Mandel Emily Borenstein
		March 19	Nisim Korin Alvin Sobel Libby Kaplan Bertha Mermell Hedwig VanGeldern Tillie Miller	March 28	
				March 29	
				March 30	
				March 31	



## YAHARZEIT

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### FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

**Nissan 12 to Iyar 9, 5775**

April 1	Shimon Ben-Dor Steve Braudy Grace Roskin Esther Hirsch	April 16	Philip Sobotkin Johanna Sekugnab Florence Greenwald Bess Edinger
April 3	Herbert Geisenheimer Florence Najar Kenneth Roskin	April 17	Mildred Freeman Hena Altholz Michael Altholz Morris Borenstein
April 4	Bryant Berkowitz Eda Torenberg Milton Geisenheimer	April 18	Leonard R. Halpern Jack Axelrod Nathan Jacobs Joseph Giardelli
April 5	Charles Judelson Samuel Moretzsky Moses Fass Theodore Rosenthal	April 19	Reuben Sherman Irving D. Rosowsky Rita Cohen Brown Mildred G. Falk Joseph Blackman Abraham Levine
April 6	Clara Koffler Betty Polenberg Ida Gray	April 20	Hymen Holzman Miriam Binenkorb Samuel A. Miller
April 7	Shima L. Berkowsky Harry Gibner David Sher Louis Storch Charles E. Marks Jack Pollets	April 21	Dorothy S. Markovits David Sturman Ethel Ashkenas
April 8	Bernard Teitelbaum Jack Morris Sophia Millman Rose Unger Louis Zukor	April 22	Vicki Levitan Evelyn Rosen Gordon Sam Taub Ida Weinstein
April 9	Bernice Gewing Irving Loewenheim	April 23	Ruth Sacks Wilbert L. Falk
April 10	Alphonse Manzo	April 24	Jacob Isseks Theodore Hofflich Isadore Karasoff Marianne Solomon
April 11	Anna S. Goldberg Charles T. Sitrin	April 25	Tamati Asafora
April 12	Louis Kimball Sam Lobel	April 26	Anna Londer
April 13	Harry Gruebfeld Rose Schweiger	April 28	Sarah Rebecca Levine Rosa Weinstock Sigmund Weinstock Anna Altschul
April 14	Bertha Pohl Mildred Manzo Leo Yegidis	April 29	Morris Berkowsky David Sampson Sarah Osit Joseph David Butensky Helen Katz Arnold A. Weintraub
April 15	Alex Goldfarb Bertha Solomon Minnie Greenberg Rose Muller		Barry Rosenberg

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Ernie Baum our thoughts and prayers are with you for a rapid recovery.

By: Carol & Joel Lovitch & family

Happy Birthday and best wishes to Dr. Stephen Solomon, Gail Kulak & Marjorie Douglas

By: Harriet & Gunther Goldsmith

In memory of my beloved mother, Rose Masia

By: Belinda Genee

In memory of Carol Lovitch's beloved mother, Ruth Greenberg

In loving memory of our dear Gabrielle

Sockol By: Ruth & Herbert Zaritsky

In memory of my beloved Dad, Herman

Loonin By: Judith L. Appelbaum

In memory of my beloved mother, Sally

Genee By: Michael Genee

In memory of my beloved husband, Stanley Zaritsky

By: Marian Zaritsky

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By: David Glick

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By: Yvette Evans &

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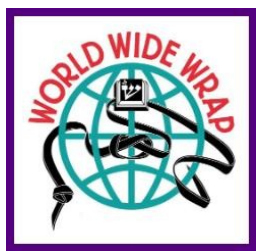
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## Temple Sinai Men's Club Update – March-April 2015

As we continue to move into the new year, the Men's Club had a nice attendance of students and members at our 15th Annual World Wide Tefillin Wrap Program on February 8<sup>th</sup>. See pictures below.



Anyone interested in joining the Men's Club for the remaining 2014-2015 Membership year can complete and send back the Membership Application in this Newsletter. There is a discount for 3 and 5 year Memberships.

Due to this winter's cold, ice and snowy weather, our Family Fun Day at the Movie Paddington and Snow Tubing at Orange County Park resulted in very few attendees. We'd like to thank those who did weather the storms and came out. It sounded like they all had a good time.

Due to the later and limited timing for this year's Purim Carnival on March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Club will **not** be hosting any food or lunch. Hopefully, all who come will dress the part and have a fun time.

On **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Men's Club will be hosting a presentation by Dr. Marc Benhuri, author of "Price For Freedom." His book is being made into a movie (partly filmed in Temple Sinai) that will premier at the Hoboken Film Festival in May and June of this year at the Paramount Theater in Middletown. There will be a book signing after the presentation. See the attached flyer in this Newsletter for more details about the presenter and the book.

April will be a very active month for our Men's Club. The Men's Club will be selling "Yom HaShoah" Yellow Memorial Candles for the Temple's annual Yom HaShoah program on **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. They cost \$5.00 each, or 3 Candles for \$12.00. They can be ordered using the Yom HaShoah Candle Order Form in this Newsletter, or by calling the Temple Office at 343-1861. Please send your check made out to the Temple Sinai Men's Club, and we will have your Candles at the Temple Office for pick up any time before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Men's Club will be helping out with the first annual Temple Sinai Tricky Tray on **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. You can help by contributing a new gift basket of items, or any new merchandise that can be included as a gift for the event. This may also include any gift cards or certificates from local merchants and/or food establishments. Doors open at 1p, and calling starts at 3pm.



You can reserve your tickets at a discount before the event: \$20 for 6 sheets of tickets, by sending a check to the Temple Sinai office. The regular price is \$5 for 1 sheet of tickets. Contributions from this event will help the Temple, MHA Nursery School, Men's Club and Sisterhood.

On **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**, the Men's Club will be hosting their Annual Shabbat followed by a scrumptious Lunch-and-Learn Kiddish. The topic for this event will be determined at a later date. If you would like to participate or receive an Aliyah, please contact Hal Marcus at 914-443-7202. Hebrew and English-speaking parts are available.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, as the Hudson Valley Region – FJMC and Temple Sinai Men's Club will honor two outstanding individuals for their contributions to Temple Sinai, The Men's Club, The Hebrew School and the Sisterhood. This year's 2015 Mench- and Youth-of-the-Year Honorees are Josephine Bloomfield and Layla Gordon respectively. They will be recognized at the HVR-FJMC's annual Awards Dinner on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Temple Israel Center, 280 Old Mamaroneck Road in White Plains, NY between 1:00pm and 4pm. Dinner reservations are \$54/person and Ad costs are provided on the attached Awards Dinner Ad Journal Form below. Please come celebrate these two honorees for all that they have contributed to our Congregation. (See their pictures and bios in this Newsletter)

On **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, the Men's Club will be making a trip to Ellis Island and The 9-11 Memorial Museum by tour bus from Temple Sinai. The cost will include a bagel breakfast at Temple Sinai beginning at 8:15am, with snacks on the bus, the round-trip bus ride, all costs to Ellis Island and the 9-11 Memorial Museum, and lots of fun. There may even be a movie on board for your enjoyment both going down and coming back. The costs is just \$80/Adult, \$75/Senior over 62 and Veteran; and \$65/Child under age 12. Those interested in this trip should send their check to the Temple Sinai Men's Club at 75 Highland Avenue, Middletown, NY **no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**. First Come, First Served! Seats are limited to the first 55 people who register. For further information please contact Hal Marcus at (914) 443-7202. The registration form is included in this Newsletter and also available at the Temple Office. You can also reserve your seat by calling the Temple Office at 845-343-1861, but your payment will guarantee you a seat.

Another "Save-the-dates" are **Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**, when Men's Clubs from all over the US, Canada, South America and Europe will be coming to the FJMC's 2015 Convention in Miami Beach, FL. Any Member of our Men's Club attending this Convention for the first time will get \$600 back from the Hudson Valley Region, and our Club will give you \$250 toward this Convention. That means that \$850 of your \$1,180 Convention fees will be paid back to you, leaving your final cost at just **\$330.00** for 4 days in Miami Florida! This fee includes your hotel room, all meals and snacks, all Convention materials, two pools, the ocean, many activities, and a lot of **Fun**. If you book your air fare now, you can get a round-trip fare of \$236 (\$118 each way) from the regional airports. See more details at: <http://fjmc.org/content/convention-2015>.

Go to: <http://fjmc2015internationalconvention.sched.org/login#.VO0pUfnF8ms> to register today!

We hope to see you at several of these events and thank you for your ongoing support. Have a safe and warmer winter!

Your Men's Club Executive Board

## Temple Sinai Men's Club - Trip to Ellis Island & the 9-11 Memorial Museum

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7th, 2015, 8:15am to 7:00pm**

### Agenda includes:\*

- Bagel Breakfast at Temple Sinai – 8:15am Sharp
- Round-trip Charter Tour Bus From Middletown to NYC – 8:30am
  - Snack & Movie on board Bus going and returning
- Ferry Ride & Admission to Ellis Island (self-guided 2 hour tour)
  - Tour Bus to 9-11 Memorial Museum
- Admission & self-guided tour of the 9-11 Memorial Museum
  - Lots of Fun and Camaraderie



Honoring the lives of those dearly beloved who were lost, is at the heart of our mission. Occupying eight of the 16 acres at the World Trade Center, the 9-11 Memorial Museum is a tribute to the past and a place of hope for the future.

From 1892 to 1954, over twelve million immigrants entered the United States through the portal of Ellis Island, a small island in New York Harbor. Ellis Island is located in the upper bay just off the New Jersey coast, within the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. Through the years, this gateway to the new world was enlarged from its original 3.3 acres to 27.5 acres mostly by landfill obtained from ship ballast and possibly excess earth from the construction of the New York City subway.



Main Building circa 1892



### Registration

This all-inclusive event is just \$75.00/Adult; \$70/Senior (age 62 and up) & Veterans; and \$65/child (age 12 and under). Please send completed Registration form with your payment by May 1st to:

**“Temple Sinai Men's Club”  
75 Highland Avenue  
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**\*Please Note: Lunch is On Your Own!**

**For further information and questions please call Hal Marcus at (914) 443-7202 or [Hmarc57@yahoo.com](mailto:Hmarc57@yahoo.com)**





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**Wednesday, July 8 to Sunday, July 12, 2015**

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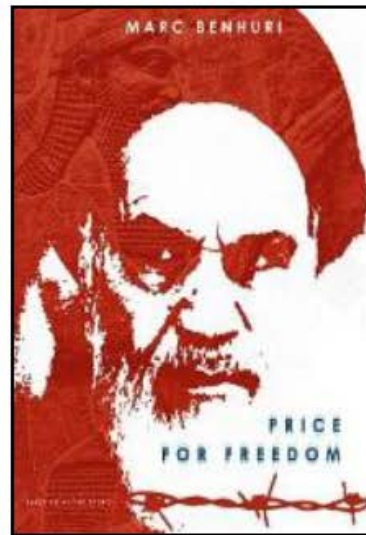
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**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, 2pm to 4pm**

{Doors open to the Public at 1:30pm, Free Admission}



**Dr. Marc N. Benhuri, DDS, DMD**



**“Price For Freedom” Book**

Dr. Benhuri's timely book is based on the life of Dr. Victor Daniels, an Iranian Jew and dentist to the Shah of Iran during the 1970's, who survived the destruction of his \$350 million automotive industry and the destruction of Iran's modern westernized society. Dr. Daniels help his family and many others escape the murdering rampage of the Ayatollah Khomeini, the tyrannical chieftain who ousted the Shah of Iran, and spearheaded the formation of the Hezbollah, Hamas, and ultimately gave birth to what we now call Al-Queda. This gripping story will keep you on the edge of your seat as you learn about Dr. Daniels clever escape to the US and how he helped the Reagan administration negotiate the release of several American hostages from Iran.

Please call Temple Sinai for reservations (845) 343-1861. Refreshments will be available before and after the presentation.

There will be a “Price For Freedom” book signing after the presentation. For further information about the author visit: <http://www.implantsnyc.com/doctors-profile>

Plan to attend the movie “Price For Freedom,” (which was partially filmed in Middletown) at the 2015 Hoboken Film Festival in May at the Paramount Theatre.

***This presentation is sponsored by the Temple Sinai Men's Club***



# **Temple Sinai Men's Club**

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**NOTE:** Checks may be sent to the Temple Sinai Men's Club by April 1<sup>st</sup> if you prefer not to register on line.





**Josephine Bloomfield**

Josephine was born in New York City and is the second oldest with 5 siblings. She felt compelled to work when she was just 14 years old to help support her proud family.

She worked several jobs simultaneously while attending Lehman College and became the manager of one of the most successful stationery stores in New York City for many years.

At age 18, she met Ed, the love of her life, and has been married to him since then. They moved to Middletown in 1988, and she began selling Real Estate as a top producer for ERA Arrowhead. She was there for many years before branching out on her own with Jem World Real Estate, Ltd. When her son Gerry was born in 1997, she decided to be a stay-at-home-mom and direct some of her creative energy into other interests. She is also a past President of the Minisink Valley Rotary Club.

Josephine and Ed became active members of Temple Sinai in 2002. They are both avid Yankee fans and she enjoys traveling. Some of her most recent fund-raising adventures to assist the Temple Sinai Men's Club have included Fashion Shows, Comedy Shows, Guest Presenters, and helping out with various holiday meal preparations and fund-raising events.

Josephine and Ed have graciously hosted the Temple Sinai Annual Congregational Bar-B-Que at their beautiful home in Middletown for the past 3 years.

In her spare time, Josephine has co-produced and had roles in a number of movies presented at the Hoboken Film Festival and Paramount Theatre in Middletown during the last 2 years. She is looking forward to other theatrical endeavors this spring, including a new TV series. She is well-known for postings hundreds of pictures on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, relating to her adventures.

Josephine would like to thank the Men's Club for honoring her as their 2015 "Mench of the Year."





Layla Gordon

I am a Senior at Goshen High School. My Jewish education began at Reuben Gittleman Hebrew day school in first grade and continued through eighth grade. I have remained active in the Jewish community through Temple Sinai and USY.

The highlight of my high school career was the second semester of sophomore year studying in Israel on a program called Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (TRY). I learned about Jewish History while walking in Abraham's footsteps.

I have been an assistant teacher with the Temple Sinai Hebrew School for the past two years. I enjoy sharing my knowledge of Judaism and Israel with the students.

I am the treasurer of Model UN at Goshen High School, and am a part of the National Honor Society and World Language Honor Society. My passion is working with animals and the environment. I horseback ride at least once a week and I volunteer at Pets Alive animal shelter as often as I can. This past summer I participated in a sustainable leadership program in Ecuador.

I appreciate being chosen by the Temple Sinai Men's Club as the 2015 Youth of the Year honoree.



# Temple Sinai Men's Club

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Dear Congregant,

On Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Temple Sinai will be presenting its annual Yom HaShoah Program at 7:00pm to raise awareness in the Community about the 6 million Jews who perished during the Holocaust.

Our Men's Club is distributing these Yellow Yom HaShoah Memorial Candles so that each of our Congregant families can remember those who died by lighting their Candle after sundown on the eve of Yom HaShoah, Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Each candle will burn for 24 hours to both memorialize and remember what occurred.

If you have or know of anyone who died during the Holocaust, this would be the opportune time to say Yarzeit for them.

If you wish to contribute a donation for your own Yellow Memorial Candles, please send your tax-deductible contribution for \$5.00/Candle or 3 Candles for \$12.00, to the Temple Sinai Men's Club at the address above. You can pick up your candle(s) at the Temple office between 9am and 3pm, Monday through Friday.

You are under no obligation to order a candle, but please find the time to light a Yellow Memorial Candle on Sunday evening April 27<sup>th</sup> to memorialize those 6 Million who lost their lives in the Holocaust.

Respectfully,

Your Men's Club Executive Board



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