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Community Seder

Sunday April 28th

5:00pm

\$18 per person

Children 13 and Under Free

Like every great Seder, our Seder will be about liberation and oppression, questions and answers and questions, community, joy, and song. And food, of course – symbolic foods and delicious foods! Like some great Seders, it will be pretty brief – a couple hours. That's one of the things that will make it welcoming to children in addition to adults. Come sing, eat, ask, plot, connect!

Please **RSVP** to office@templebnaiisrael.org by **April 10th**

Passover Seders can always use more volunteers to help plan, set up, serve, clean, etc.

Please let Marjorie Mossberg know at mgoldenmossberg@hotmail.com
if you'd like to help.



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View from a Boardmember in Israel

What is it that makes communities thrive? Connection and relationship – knowing the other.

I had offered to take this spot in the April issue of the Bulletin because it is the month that includes Pesach, our celebration of Spring, newness, and freedom, as well as the month that includes Earth Day. As Tikkun Olam Committee Chair, I thought it an appropriate place and time to address you as our Jewish and secular traditions again ask us to remember our natural world. So though I wish to lift up that perspective, I also felt the need to pivot a little after returning from our family's brief travels in Israel.

I am compelled to speak about building strong community and embracing difference as was so lovingly modeled to us in Israel. What can we take from these observations in our own lives, as we wrestle with the war in Gaza, and as we work to strengthen our synagogue community? Perhaps these observations can be conversation starters.

Rav Jeremy, our daughter Arielle, and I began our visit in Jerusalem at the YMCA where we checked in to stay for a couple of nights. This beautiful building, built in 1933, is an enclave of coexistence in a tense city that is home to many diverse communities. A highlight for us was that our room overlooked the YMCA *gan* (daycare) playground. Each morning of our stay, we would wake up to little (1-2 year olds) Jewish, Christian, and Muslim voices playing, shouting, crying, and laughing together under the supervision of teachers from many backgrounds speaking a variety of languages. What a marvel!

Our gentle nephew, Erez Bleicher, who lives in Jerusalem, was thrilled to show us 'his Jerusalem.' In fact, he is well-versed in the history of the place and has led tours for numerous audiences, but his tours are different than most. "We'll start at the Jaffe Gate," he declared the morning we met, but first he took us to a national landmark of sorts, the Jewish National Fund headquarters. He shared some of one of the main Jewish narratives central to the State of Israel and some of what is problematic about it; primarily that it leaves out others who have lived in the Land for generations. We discussed two significant words that would add to our conversations as we moved through Jewish and then Arab sections of the city:

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YOU CAN DO IT!**Volunteer Opportunities****Fundraising and Development Committee** invites membership!

Currently looking for help with an initiative to get advertisers on our website and public Facebook page.

Contact Sheila Amdur:

sheilabamdur@gmail.com

Library Committee invites volunteers!

Have updated computer hardware, now we need people to breathe life back into the library.

Contact Rochelle Marcus:

rochelle.marcus@gmail.com

Grounds Coordinator position open!

Looking for volunteer(s) to oversee the maintenance of the Temple grounds. Work with the Beautification Committee in coordinating the vendors who mow the lawn, prune the plants, plant flowers and shrubs, and keep the grounds tidy.

Contact Temple Office:

(860)423-3743

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Caring Committee invites volunteers!

Help in the effort to offer support to our congregation members in need.

Contact Ellie Shane:

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Ritual Committee invites

volunteers! Help enrich our shabbat and holiday gatherings.

Contact Judy Stein:

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I'd like to share a few reflections from my travels to Israel, Atlanta, and Montgomery in February and March. (Thanks to those of you who were able to join Merle and me for our slideshow presentation! I'll try not to be too redundant.)

As many of you have heard, Merle, Arielle (our daughter), and I went to Israel in February for a family trip planned before the war. In March, I was in Atlanta for the biennial convention of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association (RRA), plus a one-day journey to Montgomery focused on racial justice.

I felt very personally enriched by both trips. Beyond the pleasures of time with family, friends, and dear colleagues, what was beautiful about both trips was the experience of shared humanity - shared humanity across ethnic, racial, and political difference. And the search for ways to express that shared humanity in the social and political institutions of our lives.

In Israel, we spent time with Jewish-Israelis and Palestinian-Israelis. We were with right-wingers, centrists, and left-wingers. We heard of the shared-and-separate pain of terrorism and war. We ate. We listened. We talked about poetry. We ate some more. We stood with Jews and Arabs standing together to demand a different future for themselves and their children. People who insist on maintaining hope. It fed our souls.

Shared humanity was also a theme at the RRA convention. We devoted most of one of the days to conversation about Israel-Palestine. Although the rabbis in the Association are quite diverse in their assessment about the best way to end the violence in our homeland, or even how to talk about it, our shared Jewish humanity shone through our conversations. We were able to see the love and pain in one another.

I'll mention one small-group conversation that I ended up convening. There were five of us, three of whom had grown up in the Habonim-Dror youth movement I grew up in. What was striking was our ability to laugh in the midst of talking about very heavy topics. We wondered if that stemmed from the fact that the youth movement's orientation toward Israel was not based in fear of antisemitism and existential threats to Jews, but in creative hopefulness about what the Jewish people might create there.

The trip to Montgomery was challenging as we confronted the persistence of some people's refusal over centuries to acknowledge their shared humanity with people of African or Native American heritage, and the accompanying violence to maintain that differentiation. But we also encountered the history of resistance to dehumanizing oppression and the beauty that that struggle entails. This was also an enriching experience.

Let's be humans with other humans, distinctive and also the same. It will enrich the world and eventually bring justice and peace.

Rabbi Jeremy

TORAH READINGS FOR APRIL 2024

Adar II - Nisan, 5784

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

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Shabbat HaHodesh

Parashat Sh'mini

Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47, Exodus 12:1-20

This year: 10:12 - 11:32, Exodus 12:1-20

Haftarah: II Chronicles 29:16 - 30:9

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

5 NISAN, 5784

Parashat Tazriah

Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

This year: 13:29-59

Haftarah: Isaiah 7:20-25

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

12 NISAN, 5784

Shabbat HaGadol

Parashat M'tsorah

Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33

This year: 14:1-32

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

19 NISAN, 5784

Pesach V

Shabbat Chol ha-Moed

Exodus 33:12 - 34:26, Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

PASSOVER'S COMING!

Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz

Here's what I have to say about that: One holiday fits all, but one size doesn't. Long or short Seder? The one that works for your family! As a kid, I loved our family's long Seders – so much laughter and song and passionate discussion of liberation, freedom, and justice! And the thrilling sense that I could grow into one of the fascinating adults around me. But for some, a long Seder is just a long Seder! Boring! Then short would be better. Do you want to focus your look at freedom on political freedom, economic freedom, or on psycho-spiritual freedom? Pick the one that works for you! What definition of "hametz" (the stuff you don't eat on Passover) will you choose? The one that connects you to your Ashkenazic ancestors who didn't eat legumes or rice? The one that connects you to your Sephardic ancestors who did? Just bread? Anything puffy? Choose one that lets you feel the energy of Jewish history pushing you to exercise your free will, which implies discipline, and inspires the simplicity that makes space for personal and societal change.

Make Passover your own (in the context of the Jewish people, of course, or it doesn't really make sense). Or, if that sounds like a burden, make it a someone-else's that's close enough to your own to work for you! In particular, I remind you that there are a ton of Haggadah choices out there, in addition to the make-your-own opportunity at Haggadot.com. Don't buy a new one every year; that's a waste. But occasionally, take a look and figure out the size that fits you.

Hag sameach – Happy Passover!

APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES AND CELEBRATIONS

Please note Zoom and In-Person availability for each week and watch your email for last minute changes!

Friday, April 5, 2024 **5:30 PM** **Community and Family Potluck - In Person**
6:15 PM **Family Friendly Service - In Person & by Zoom**

We're inviting the entire community to participate in a potluck dinner with our Jewish Explorations families at 5:30 PM! Can't think of a dish to bring? Your presence and conversation itself is the perfect addition to dinner. A Shabbat service for young and old will follow at 6:15 PM. Please join us!

Saturday, April 6, 2024 **9:30 AM** **Bagel & Bible - In Person & by Zoom**

Days, Months, Years: Whose Time Is It Anyway? This week's special Torah reading sets the Jewish calendar in motion. What spiritual and political opportunities are implied?

Friday, April 12, 2024 **6:15 PM** **T.G.I.Shabbes - In Person, Zoom opens at 6:45 PM**

This month we'll listen to "Affirmations for Fellow Snails" by Rena Branson. Can a song be cute and quirky and also deep? You decide.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 **10:00 AM** **Shabbat Service - In Person & by Zoom**

Friday, April 19, 2024 **7:30 PM** **Tikkun Olam vaNefesh Service - In Person & by Zoom**

Saturday, April 20, 2024 **10:00 AM** **Nature Shabbat - In Person at Mansfield Hollow Dam**

In honor of Earth Day, join us for a Nature Shabbat hike and prayer! We will meet at the Mansfield Hollow Dam at the end of Mansfield Hollow Road in Mansfield. Dress for the weather and bring a snack. This hike has a moderately challenging hill but is mostly flat. If it is raining we will have a regular Shabbat Service at the synagogue.

Friday, April 26, 2024 **7:30 PM** **Shabbat Service - In Person**

Saturday, April 27, 2024 **10:00 AM** **Shabbat Service - In Person & by Zoom**



PASSOVER YIZKOR SERVICES - PLEASE RSVP

As we've done in the past, for weekday festal services, we'll meet for the seventh day Passover service with Yizkor on Monday, April 29th if we have a minion of RSVPs by April 25th. We will send out an announcement confirming this service on April 26th, or providing you with alternate options for attending a seventh day Passover service in the case we do not receive sufficient RSVPs.

TEMPLE FAMILY NEWS



Refuah Shleyma - Get Well רפואה שלימה

To Fran Jaffe, who is recovering from surgery.



New Members - Welcome!

We're happy to welcome new members Eleiza Braun, Jason Hancock and their family to the congregation!

CARING COMMITTEE - Caring For Each Other In Times Of Need

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Thanks to Margi for her leadership in March. We have no one on call for next month and beyond.

The committee continues to take part in the JFEC Friendly Visitors Program. Gift bags were delivered for Purim and Passover is right around the corner. The visitors this go round were Debbie Stoloff, Carol Kraus, and Susan Meisler. Margi Mossberg has been picking up the bags in Colchester and bringing them to the Temple. Thank you all so much for taking the time to show some love to our Jewish friends in need for Purim.

As always, our committee welcomes new members. Why not consider joining us in lending a hand to our fellow congregants when they're in need? It's a simple commitment and extremely worthwhile and rewarding. Call our monthly leaders, the committee co-chairs, Fran Jaffe and Ellie Shane, or Rav Jeremy if you or anyone you know needs some assistance. Communication is key. We can't help our community if we don't know that they need it!

Looking forward to welcoming spring!

MEMORIAL DAFFODILS BLOSSOMING!

Our beautiful daffodil planting in memory of the 1.5 million children's lives lost in the Holocaust is ready to blossom! Remember to stop by the temple in April to view our daffodils, planted as part of the Worldwide Daffodil Project, lining the deck and stone bench entry area.

Just a brief article this month. Please join our celebration of energy efficiency measures that the State of Connecticut offers! Our Weatherization Campaign Kick-Off event **on Sunday April 7th from 2:00-5:00 PM**, invites you and our local faith communities to come and learn about these programs and how to take advantage of them. Our synagogue has recently had energy efficiency lighting installed and the savings are predicted to be impressive. Your home can benefit from these programs as well, saving you from chilly winter evenings and hot summer days inside your home! Please come learn about these energy efficiency upgrades and enjoy the snacks and EnergizeCT Mobile Van with interactive energy exhibits for all ages (that's what I am most excited about!)

Let Merle know if you have had an energy audit this year or last, or if you have already signed up. We are competing with other faith communities to have the largest percentage of our congregants sign up!

One of the most essential legislative priorities this session will be HB5004, you can find the text of the Bill by searching Raised Bill No. 5004 for a PDF download version or use this link: <https://bit.ly/RaisedBill5004>. It has been labeled the Green Monster for the breadth of issues it is addressing and has failed in past sessions. This is the climate legislation that most advocates in Connecticut, including Temple Bnai Israel, are supporting. It includes language for more green jobs and training, phasing out gas and building our green economy, removing caps on solar, and increasing energy storage targets and incentives. Contact your legislators to support the bill.

We continue to collect items for our young Guatemalan mothers, the basket is fairly empty. Please considering joining our collection efforts. The collection basket is in the lobby with a list of the most needed items. Here are the specific needs that we can support:

- Walmart Gift Cards – Smaller denominations will allow more families to be helped!
- Season-Appropriate Clothes: Boys/Girls, 3 months – 3 years, New/Gently used
- Diapers: Size 1 – Size 7
- Baby Wipes
- Vegetable Oil
- Salt
- Maseca Flour (found in the Goya aisle at Stop & Shop)
- Small bags of white rice

Please leave donations in the basket in the Temple lobby (next to the Bean Box.) Please give Gift Card donations directly to Jackie in the office.

Happy Pesach to everyone!

For more information or to get involved, please contact Merle at jermerle@att.net.



Happy Spring, chaverim!

As I write this, I am still smiling from yesterday's Purim celebration at the Temple. What a fun event!

For those of you who couldn't join us, a recap: I walked through the kitchen to the sound of laughter as our families rolled out and cut dough, spooned in the filling, and pinched them into triangles. Shortly thereafter, the scent of baking hamantaschen filled the social hall. Delicious!

Morah Becca ran a gragger-making station where kids (both young, and young at heart) could make their own creative noisemakers with beans, rice, or both!

Following this was a truly fun Megillah reading by Rav Jeremy. As we sat together and experienced one more time the story of brave Queen Esther and evil-beyond-belief Haman (BOO! BOOOOO!), we sang, we danced, we read parts together in silly voices, and once again we lived the privilege of being Jewish together, of sharing a history and a culture and an experience that unites us.

And our students! OY, our STUDENTS! The Wednesday Jewish Explorations class did SUCH a great job writing short Purim shpiel skits that were embedded throughout the service. They put their own unique spin on the story of Purim, including a texting Mordechai, and Domino's pizza and sushi for Esther's feast (which is why King Achashverosh needed some Tums in Scene 3.) It was so much fun, and they did a great job. Well done, students!

In Jewish Explorations, we learn by experiencing and taking an active part in Judaism, and yesterday was a perfect example! I am so, so grateful to be a part of it.

B'shalom,
Morah Dara



Spaces and Projects Moving Forward

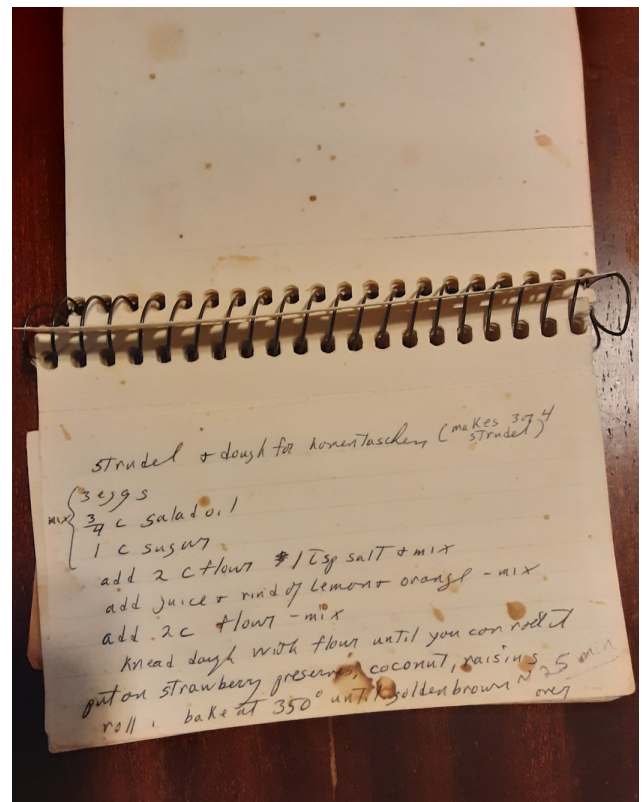
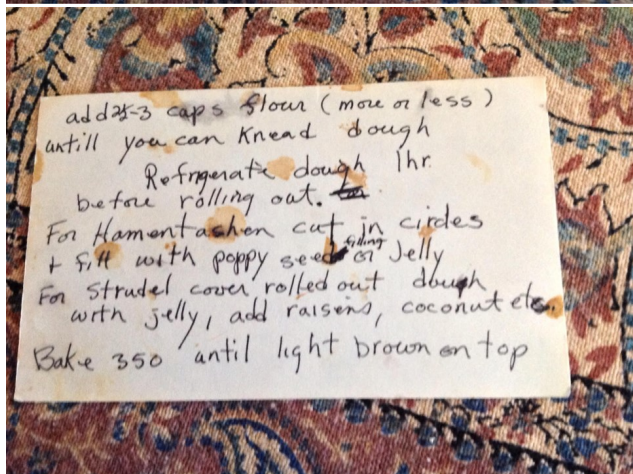
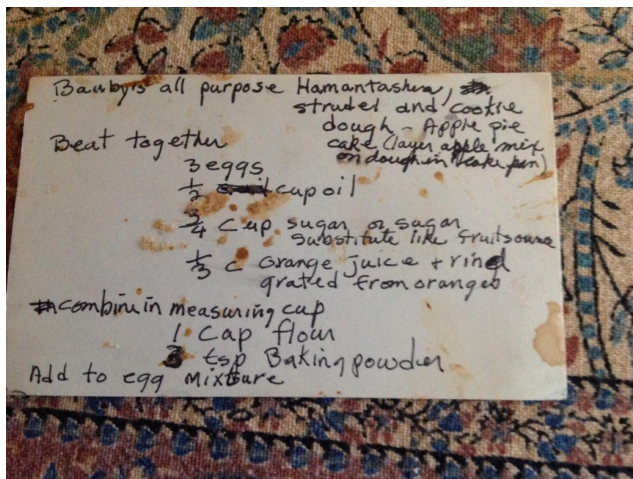
We are delighted to have three projects to tell you about!

Thanks to many helping hands, we have completed the **Temple Bnai Israel Cookbook**. We started compiling a cookbook as part of our year-long study of Food and Jewish Ritual in 2020 – and then COVID happened. Finally, about 45 copies of the “1st Edition” of the cookbook will soon be ready for distribution. Just a few last bits of compiling are needed. We anticipate raising \$20/each for the Cookbooks, filled with dozens of recipes from members and friends. Including, of course, a few surprises and some commentary! Please let Judy Stein or Jackie know if you’d like to order a cookbook.

We’ve reclaimed The Lobby as... a lobby! And we’ve created a prayer space in Greer Auditorium. We hope you will find it a peaceful space to pray, study, and contemplate together. It is blessed with an Ark made by Jim Baber and his son Max, as well as Grace Adams’ incredible, handmade Genesis quilt. When too many of us gather for the new space, let’s also reclaim and meet in the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Revisioning Group has tentatively chosen some chairs and met with a knowledgeable and responsive vendor to look at, and sit in, examples. We also narrowed down fabric choices, a bit. We will need to finish this work and decide on floor covering. That’s next. (Any ideas about removing and/or rehoming the current chairs? Contact Todd Friedland.)

We are excited to be rejuvenating our community and Synagogue. We hope you are too! And, Of course, you’re always welcome to participate.





Telling the Haggadah Story

Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 PM

Haggadah Reminiscences and Discussion

People of the Book, a novel by Geraldine Brooks reimagines the history of the Sarajevo Haggadah through the eyes of Hannah Heath, an Australian book conservator. The context that Brooks imagines makes the characters - some of them based on real people - more memorable.

The novel describes how Hannah arrives in Sarajevo to restore this historic Haggadah. As she studies its pages she notes evidence of its use - salt crystals, a wine stain mixed with blood, a stray hair from a cat and the remnants of an insect's wing. The author then uses these fragments of evidence to spin an intriguing story about what might have happened to the Haggadah's hosts. The characters in her story occupy four different locations and time periods from 1996 back to the fifteenth century.

As part of our Passover celebration, we invite you to read this novel and come together to discuss questions surrounding the Haggadah. The Hochberg Committee purchased a facsimile of this unique 14th C Haggadah whose extraordinary illuminations accompany the history of the Jewish people from Creation. We will be able to examine this facsimile of the Sarajevo Haggadah, and then discuss our own personal stories about our family's Haggadahs, the passages you like the most and the Passover traditions you follow. We invite you to bring your own family Haggadah to share!

Please RSVP by April 4th to Sheila Amdur sheilabamdur@gmail.com or Susan Meisler ssnmslr@att.net.



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G'vul - border, boundary, limit. I know when I am training mentors for the program I run at WAIM, boundaries is an essential topic. To be an effective parent, mentor, boss, or any professional, you must have strong boundaries that provide a sense of safety and allow your relationships to flourish in healthy ways. Building boundaries in our lives also fosters awareness as the mussar masters understood. But of course there can be downsides to tight boundaries, restricting access and preventing interaction and (random) encounters and the opportunity to get to know others. That academic word 'intersectionality' comes to mind – loose boundaries can encourage more opportunities to discover folks you might not ordinarily bump into; and more directly, make visible the marginalized other.

and **Safah** – lip, rim, language. For me, language was an overwhelming part of my Israel experience in that I have lost a lot of my Hebrew comprehension in the years since our sabbatical. *Safah* – we use our lips for speech, and language and speech also connect us. Erez shared the quote, "The limits of my language are the limits of my world." (Ludwig Wittgenstein) Yes, personally being in Israel with limited Hebrew skills really impacted aspects of my experience, not always or completely understanding what was being said, just being slightly on the outside. The experience provided an empathetic perspective for the immigrants who come to our shores and to our small town in Eastern CT, who experience language barriers and exclusion. Perhaps more problematically, there is the misuse of language or the miscomprehension of what is said that can lead to strife and conflict (and Judaism has much to say about the seriousness of misusing words – [*lashon harah*, evil tongue, harmful speech, a Jewish concept/teaching that many of you may be familiar with]). Our words can build worlds and also tear them down. And I have not even specifically mentioned Arabic, the other major language in Israel. Are all the citizens in Israel versed in both Hebrew and Arabic and if not, how does that impact building relationships? What is the *safah* of our synagogue community and are we well-versed in it?

The role of the arts in building community can never be overstated. I am reminded of this when I would sing with *Bat Kol*. I smile thinking of the hours we rehearsed together, working to create our unique musical sound from each of our *safot*/lips – a new incarnation of *Bat Kol* is coming soon, by the way. Near the New Gate of the Old City sits a hidden arts gem. It is the *Al Ma'mal* Foundation for Contemporary Art. The building had been a successful Palestinian tile factory during the 19th and 20th century forced to close after being denied its operating permit from the city in the 1970's. The beautifully refurbished building now houses collections of art from international artists. It is also a space for learning and entertainment. In fact the roof of the building hosts a small stage for music concerts and vegetable planters growing produce for cooking classes. Artists and community members congregate here from around the city and beyond, building relationships and sharing cultural endeavors. Being in this ancient new space, I was inspired to think about old and new ways that Temple Bnai Israel can leverage our breadth of artistic/culinary talent to bridge our generations and to celebrate each other.

We later visited Jeremy's oldest sister, Marcia Kreisel, in Tivon, not far from Haifa in the north. Familial connection and bonds led to some extraordinary visiting opportunities. I should say that in my experience, everyone in Israel is related even if you are visiting from abroad. (In our many travels to Israel, we have been invited to dinner by nearly complete strangers

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numerous times.) Two recent observations that drove this point home were:

Jeremy's brother-in-law's sister's daughter, who lives in *Zichron Ya'akov*, came to play with us one day in Acre/Akko. (It is true that we know her pretty well from a lifetime of family gatherings but still...incredible, don't you think?).

Marcia's son and his wife, who live just south of Tel Aviv, drove hours and hours and hours and hours...through unbelievable traffic, to visit with us for a couple of evening hours before returning home again that same evening. A truly heroic effort to maintain connection and relationship, indeed!

I wonder about the ways we might strengthen our Temple Bnai Israel family ties so that we will continue to show up for each other regardless of hurdles?

Though there is more to share that is relevant to this column, I will leave you with this little incident/vignette. We had the good fortune of staying at an AirBnB on a kibbutz in the north, one that is gated, and you can only get through the gate if you live there. Our host told us just to wait outside the gate, no matter how late we return, because someone is always coming or going and you will not have to wait long to get back into the kibbutz. (From a security perspective I found this pretty astounding!) And lo and behold, it was absolutely true, no matter how late we returned from our visiting, there was always someone coming and going and we were able to pass through the security gate and access the home we were renting! There is some metaphor here that I am not quite articulating...but similarly, I feel like there is so much activity at our synagogue and that there are always people coming and going – meetings, events, celebrations, Shabbat, potlucks and chili cook-offs (this year's was the first that we've missed!)... that if we just wait a moment, the gate will open and we will find our way into our own rich Jewish Community.



PASSOVER FRIENDLY RECIPES

Chicken Marbella (Based on a recipe from barefootcontessa.com)

- ½ cup good olive oil
- ½ cup good red wine vinegar
- 1½ cups large pitted prunes
- 1 cup large pitted green olives
- ½ cup capers with the juices (3½ ounces)
- 6 bay leaves
- 1½ heads worth of minced garlic
- ¼ cup dried oregano
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 2 (4-pound) chickens, backs removed and cut in 8 pieces
- ½ cup light brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1 cup dry white wine

Pre-Marinade

Combine the olive oil, vinegar, prunes, olives, capers, bay leaves, garlic, oregano, 2 tbsp salt, and 2 tsp pepper in a large bowl. Add the chicken to the marinade. (Placing the chicken and marinade in a sealed 2-gallon plastic storage bag works as well.) Refrigerate overnight, turning occasionally to be sure the marinade is getting into all of the chicken pieces.

Cooking Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Place the chicken, skin side up, with the marinade in one layer in a large (15 × 18-inch) roasting pan and sprinkle with brown sugar, 2 tsp salt, and 1 tsp pepper. Pour the wine around, but not over, the chicken. Roast for 45 to 55 minutes, until the internal temperature of the chicken is 145 degrees. Remove the pan from the oven, cover with aluminum foil, and let rest for 10 to 15 minutes. Discard the bay leaves. Transfer the chicken, prunes, and olives to a serving platter, salt if desired and serve hot with the pan juices.



Matzoh Lasagna

- 6 sheets matzoh
- 4 cups marinara sauce
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 cup grated parmesan
- 1 cup sliced mozzarella
- Salt and pepper, to taste

(All ingredients purchased Kosher for Passover)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In an 8 x 8 baking dish, spread a half cup of marinara sauce around the bottom. Place a sheet of matzoh on top, and break another piece to fill the pan.

Spread the top of the matzoh with more marinara sauce, and then cover with a few dollops of ricotta cheese, a heavy coating of mozzarella, and a sprinkling of Parmesan.

Repeat this process until the pan is filled (you should have 3 to 4 layers). Top with matzoh, more sauce, the slices of mozzarella, and another sprinkle of parmesan.

Bake the lasagna for 25 to 35 minutes, until the cheese is lightly browned. Remove from oven, and let cool for 5 minutes before slicing.



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5784 Chai Appeal

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APRIL YAHRZEITS

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Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on April 5th and 6th			
Herman Isselbacker		1 Nisan	April 9
Morris Greenberg		1 Nisan	April 9
Evelyn "Bobby" Shapiro	Mother of Paul Shapiro	1 Nisan	April 9
Sophie Taffel Greenberg		2 Nisan	April 10
Aline Helfer	Mother of Stephanie Malinow	2 Nisan	April 10
Lester Joshua Millman	Husband of Ida Millman	2 Nisan	April 10
Dorothy C. Prague		3 Nisan	April 11
Benjamin Gutstein	Father of Rita Pollack	3 Nisan	April 11
Virginia Piazza	Mother of Eugenia Di Veroli Winokur	3 Nisan	April 11
Helen Borodach		4 Nisan	April 12
Douglass Glassman	Brother of Leanne Rand	4 Nisan	April 12
Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on April 12th and 13th			
Sadie Frankel		5 Nisan	April 13
Seymour Moskowitz	Father of Robert Moskowitz	5 Nisan	April 13
Samuel Kosto	Father of Susan Meisler	5 Nisan	April 13
Rose E. Kushner	Mother of Sandra Roth	5 Nisan	April 13
Ben Abrams		6 Nisan	April 14
Paul Kaplitz		6 Nisan	April 14
Paul DeShong	Father of Scott DeShong	6 Nisan	April 14
Charles Tauster		7 Nisan	April 15
Meihle Stutz		7 Nisan	April 15
Arthur Rosenstein		8 Nisan	April 16
Samuel Ballon		8 Nisan	April 16
William Beckett	Father of Peggy Beckett-Rinker	8 Nisan	April 16
Phil Segal	Father of Herb Segal	9 Nisan	April 17
Milton Lauter		9 Nisan	April 17
Elliot Glassman	Father of Leanne Rand	9 Nisan	April 17
Alice Cohlan	Aunt of Ken Dardick	9 Nisan	April 17
Lainie Harman	Aunt of Gail Petrowsky	9 Nisan	April 17
Joseph Berkman	Grandfather of Ellie Shane	10 Nisan	April 18
Eva Glasner		11 Nisan	April 19
Evelyn Hazlehurst	Mother of Sharon Brettschneider	11 Nisan	April 19
Joseph Halperin	Father of Randee Berliner	11 Nisan	April 19



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Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on April 19th and 20th			
James Robertson		12 Nisan	April 20
David Levine		12 Nisan	April 20
Pearl Diane Newman	Mother of Carol Kraus	12 Nisan	April 20
Meyer Seth Rosen	Uncle of Debra Sarazin	13 Nisan	April 21
Rachel Fishman Schreiber	Aunt of Bernie Schreiber	13 Nisan	April 21
Rivkah Ebram	Aunt of Bernie Schreiber	15 Nisan	April 23
Irwin I. Krug		16 Nisan	April 24
Mollie Krug		17 Nisan	April 25
Nettie Rosen	Grandmother of Debra Sarazin	17 Nisan	April 25
Samuel Gordon		18 Nisan	April 26
Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on April 26th and 27th			
David Feigelstock		20 Nisan	April 28
Nancy Klein	Cousin of Merle Potchinsky	20 Nisan	April 28
Isaac Hochberg		21 Nisan	April 29
Anthony Morascini		22 Nisan	April 30
Mitchell Rosenstein		23 Nisan	May 1
Hazel Adams DeLuca	Mother of Grace Adams	23 Nisan	May 1
Ida Lessner	Mother of Moshe Lessner	24 Nisan	May 2



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CHEVRA KADISHA

After a Jew dies, a burial society, the *Chevra Kadisha* (literally, "holy society") prepares the body for interment. This process, called *Taharah* (purification), involves the ritual cleansing and subsequent dressing of the body, by men for males and by women for females, in preparation for burial. This requires training in the traditions and prescribed methods involved in traditional Jewish burials. This is a very personal and meaningful mitzvah we perform to support our fellow members.

We welcome anyone interested in joining us in this sacred work. Please contact Fran Jaffe (franjaffe@earthlink.net) or Ken Dardick (kdardick@gmail.com), Co-Chairs, or Rav Jeremy (ravjeremy@templebnaiisrael.org).

April 2024 22 Adar II 5784 - 22 Nisan 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <small>22 ADAR II</small>	2 <small>23 ADAR II</small>	3 <small>24 ADAR II</small>	4 <small>25 ADAR II</small>	5 <small>26 ADAR II</small>	6 <small>27 ADAR II</small>
			4:45pm Jewish Explorations 7:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	7:00pm Temple Talks on Zoom	 7:01 5:30pm Temple Potluck 6:15pm Shabbat Service	9:30am Bagel & Bible
7 <small>28 ADAR II</small>	8 <small>29 ADAR II</small>	9 <small>1 NISAN</small>  Rosh Chodesh Nisan	10 <small>2 NISAN</small>	11 <small>3 NISAN</small>	12 <small>4 NISAN</small>	13 <small>5 NISAN</small>
10:30am Mussar Va'ad 2:00pm-5:00pm Weatherization Campaign Event			4:45pm Jewish Explorations	7:00pm Intro to Judaism: UConn Hillel	 7:08 6:15pm T.G.I. Shabbes	10:00am Shabbat Service & Jewish Explorations Shabbat Experience
14 <small>6 NISAN</small>	15 <small>7 NISAN</small>	16 <small>8 NISAN</small>	17 <small>9 NISAN</small>	18 <small>10 NISAN</small>	19 <small>11 NISAN</small>	20 <small>12 NISAN</small>
9:30am Tikkun Olam Comm. Meeting 3:00pm Telling the Haggadah Story	BULLETIN DEADLINE		7:00pm Board Meeting		 7:16 7:30pm Tikkun Olam vaNefesh Service	10:00am Nature Shabbat at Mansfield Hollow Dam
21 <small>13 NISAN</small>	22 <small>14 NISAN</small>	23 <small>15 NISAN</small>	24 <small>16 NISAN</small>	25 <small>17 NISAN</small>	26 <small>18 NISAN</small>	27 <small>19 NISAN</small>
	 Erev Pesach  7:18	 Pesach I	 Pesach II	 Pesach III	 7:24  Pesach IV	 Pesach V 10:00am Shabbat Service & Jewish Explorations Shabbat Experience
28 <small>20 NISAN</small>	29 <small>21 NISAN</small>	30 <small>22 NISAN</small>				
 7:24  Pesach VI 10:00am Sandwich-making at Soup Kitchen 5:00pm Community Seder	 Pesach VII	 (Pesach VIII)				

Fight Climate Change and Save Money by Reducing Energy Use



Inter-Religious Eco-Justice Network and Temple Bnai Israel invite you to our

Weatherization Campaign Kick-Off Sunday April 7, 2024, 2:00 PM Temple Bnai Israel 383 Jackson St, Willimantic

- ✓ Sign Up for your Home Energy Solutions Energy Assessment
- ✓ Become eligible for rebates and incentives to weatherize your home
- ✓ Have fun interacting with a water wall, solar panels gadgets, energy experiments and much more
- ✓ Kids and family friendly
- ✓ Food and drinks will be provided

For more information leave a message for Merle Potchinsky at 860-423-3743 or
office@templebnaiisrael.org

