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Purim Festivities

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March 23 & 24**

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Passover Second Seder

**Tuesday, April 23
6:00 pm at HERJC**

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Notes from the Hazzan



HAZZAN BONNIE ZAKARIN

Celebrating Purim and Passover: A Time for Family and Community

As we embrace the changing seasons and the approach of spring, we are also eagerly preparing for two significant Jewish holidays: Purim and Passover. These joyous occasions provide us with a unique opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the rich traditions that connect us to our heritage.

Purim: A Time for Laughter and Unity

Purim, often referred to as the “Jewish Mardi Gras,” is a festive holiday filled with laughter, costumes, and the retelling of the incredible story of Queen Esther and Mordecai’s bravery. This year, we invite you to join us for our Purim festivities at the synagogue, where we will read the Megillah, enjoy delicious hamentashen, and watch as our children don their creative costumes.

But beyond the fun and games, Purim reminds us of the importance of unity and community. It’s a time when we come together to fulfill the mitzvah of *Mishloach Manot*, sharing gifts of food with our friends and family, and giving to those less fortunate through *Matanot La'Evyonim*. By participating in these acts of kindness, we strengthen the bonds within our synagogue family and extend our care to the broader community.

Passover: A Time for Reflection and Freedom

Passover/Pesach, is one of the most significant holidays in the Jewish calendar. It commemorates our ancestors’ liberation from slavery in Egypt and the beginning of their journey to freedom. The Seder, the centerpiece of Pesach, allows us to relive this remarkable story, reminding us of the importance of faith, perseverance, and unity. Pesach also offers the opportunity to reflect on our own journeys to freedom and renewal, both personally and collectively.

This Pesach, we encourage you to celebrate with your family and synagogue community. Our synagogue will host a communal Seder for the second night that brings generations together to retell the story, share the traditional symbolic foods, and enjoy the warmth of our HERJC family. I encourage you to join us with your families. There will even be a special corner for our children to play.

Embracing Family and Community

As we celebrate these two beautiful holidays, let us not forget the importance of family and community. The synagogue is not just a place of worship; it is an extended family where we can find support, friendship, and a sense of belonging. We encourage you to reach out to fellow members, invite newcomers, and participate in our holiday events and services. These celebrations are not only an opportunity to strengthen our connection with God but also with one another.

So, mark your calendars for our upcoming Purim and Passover celebrations, and let us come together as a vibrant, caring, and joyful synagogue family. Whether you’re sharing a Purim Seudah or singing the Passover songs around the seder table, may these holidays be a reminder of the bonds that unite us and the freedom we cherish.

Wishing you all a Purim Sameach and a Chag Pesach Kasher V’Sameach!



The Rabbi's Remarks



RABBI MICHEL SCHLESINGER

The impact of Passover on the Identities of Man and God

The story of the slavery of the People of Israel in Egypt begins in Shemot (Exodus), the second book of the Torah. The word “shemot” means “names.” As we will see, names played an essential role in the narrative that describes the transition from a life of servitude to one of freedom with responsibility. We note the absence of a name for

Pharaoh and the presence of the names of the midwives with their ambiguous ethnic background. We will also reinterpret a midrash that sees naming as one of the decisive factors in the survival of the Hebrews and their Hebraism (since speaking of Judaism in Egypt would be anachronistic), and finally, we will see how the name of God Himself and His “I.D,” His identity, were definitively impacted by the crossing of the Red Sea.

In an act of civil disobedience, two midwives decide to defy Pharaoh's order to harm the lives of newborn Hebrews. Instead of sacrificing the boys born to women descended from Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, the midwives assist them in circumventing Pharaoh's decree, and life prevails over death.

Commentator Nahum Sarna draws our attention to the fact that Pharaoh is not designated by a proper name; he is simply called Pharaoh. The midwives, on the other hand, are remembered by name. The biblical narrative's goal, according to the commentator, would be to indicate that evil, torture, cruelty, persecution, and wrongdoing die with the dictator, and his name does not deserve to be remembered. Goodness, solidarity, defense of life, empathy, and assistance, on the contrary, are eternalized and endure forever as the memory of the names Shifra and Puah.

Another curiosity revolves around the lack of information about the origin of the two midwives. Were they Egyptian or Hebrew? We don't know. The Torah uses the ambiguous expression “meialdot ivriot,” which can mean both “Hebrew midwives,” as understood by Rashi in 11th-century France, or “midwives of the Hebrews,” as preferred by other commentators. Perhaps the message in this ambiguity is that the midwives' identity is irrelevant. When we choose to do good, it does not depend on ethnicity, religion, social status, gender, or any other characteristic.

There is one last ambiguity worth mentioning. It is not clear what the midwives' reward was. It is written: “And God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong.”

Yitzhak Caro (1458-1535, Spain) asserts that the people's significant growth was the midwives' reward. The number of births increased, and the midwives could work more and earn more money. The theology involved in this analysis is that if we act correctly, God will provide us with dignified sustenance.

However, Zalman Sorotzkin (1881-1966, Lithuania, Jerusalem) believes that the reward is not material, but an intrinsic consequence of the midwives' courageous attitude. Just as our rabbis taught, “the reward of a mitzvah is the mitzvah itself.” The midwives, who had the mission of helping generate life, had the reward in the assurance that lives were being produced.

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HERJC Mission Statement

Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre—Congregation Etz Chaim (HERJC) is a warm, vibrant, traditional-egalitarian Conservative congregation. Our diverse, forward-thinking community is one in which learning, prayer and social action flourish.

Since its founding in 1949, HERJC has been recognized for creating a welcoming environment in which each member – Regardless of age, stage of life or background—feels a connection to one another, to the Jewish people, to the United States, to the land and State of Israel, to Judaism, and to God.

We are committed to continuing to provide innovative, interesting and thought-provoking programs that:

- Foster lifelong learning from pre-school through adulthood
- Celebrate our Jewish heritage
- Deepen the sense of community among our Congregational family
- Promote religious involvement of all members, and enhance their spiritual experience
- Encourage intergenerational cooperation
- Nurture the State of Israel and our relationship with it
- Serve the needs of our members, the local community, the United States, and K'lal Yisrael, the Jewish people, throughout the world.

Pirkei Avot says the world rests on Torah, Avodah, and G'milut Chasadim. So too does our Congregation.

From the Executive Director



LISA STEIN

"Do Not Separate Yourself from the Community"

—Pirkei Avot 2:4

This famous text from Pirkei Avot often resonates in times of crisis. We know that when we are faced with a challenge, or we are dealing with sorrow, Judaism reminds us of the value of being together. Many congregants have felt this at various points in our lives and we have seen this here at HERJC since October 7th, members seeking connection with fellow Jews, as well as unaffiliated Jews reaching out in search of a community to be a part of. It is a wonderful element of our tradition, encouraging us to be together. We can also remind ourselves that togetherness is not needed only in difficult times: we have experienced the excitement during a *simcha* or a holiday celebration, too. My hope is that we will have more and more celebratory times ahead!

I read an article recently which talked about the various primary relationships we have that are Jewish foundations for thought, practice, culture, and life. It reminded me of the integral Jewish concept of community and the importance of being part of the collective. This additional information gave me a new way to think about my relationship with Judaism, these key elements indicating more than just the people in a community. These include our relationship with God, our relationship with Torah and other texts, AND our relationship with people. To me this makes so much sense, especially knowing that we all relate differently and find value and meaning in our own ways. And isn't that true of our relationship with the synagogue as well?

We know that some find a stronger connection during services and with prayer, others put a higher value on social opportunities and connections, and some of us find a closeness to God through our relationship with amazing clergy. And we also have further relational opportunities when engaged in experiences that are bigger than ourselves: volunteering here at HERJC, and contributing with our time and money to ensure that our special community is strengthened. We are stronger together, both as individuals and as a group.

Furthermore, we can appreciate that over time our relationships change. It is incumbent upon us to be aware and open to this fact. Just as with people, our relationship with Judaism and with our synagogue can evolve as well.

It is my sincere hope that between our social events, our holidays, services, learning opportunities and more, everyone will find value in the relationship they have with HERJC and be open to expanding their relationship.

I encourage you to step out of your usual modes of connection and find a way to experience something additional or new. It is likely you will find something special! Relationships are a commitment, a covenant if you will, and on behalf of our HERJC community, I want to thank you for being here with us. It does not go unnoticed or unappreciated that so many families have chosen to bring HERJC into their family. What a wonderful relationship it is! I look forward to seeing you on Shabbat, at Purim, and maybe even at our Passover seder! As always, feel free to call or email if I can be of assistance in any way.



From the President



STEPHEN MOELIS

Great Expectations . . .

I am now acclimated to the rhythm of HERJC “second semesters”: the sprint to Purim, the slower preparation for Passover, and then easing into Shavuot at year’s end. While summers are busy preparing for the High Holidays, the activity from January to June historically diminishes in intensity.

However, the next five months at HERJC will be *anything* but slow-paced. Rather than watching the days pass between festivals, HERJC will be engaged in one of the most exciting times in its history.

The *Harry Kassel Patrons Society* is on pace to eclipse the last two years’ success, raising over \$125,000 to help underwrite HERJC’s educational programs. Comprised of 80 families, this exceptional circle of donors includes eight first-time families.

Now in its 4th year, the Progressive Dinner (February 10th) is a marquee social event where members engage with fellow congregants, some they know and some they first meet. Enjoying the culinary delights prepared by appetizer, dinner, and dessert hosts, the evening regularly attracts 75 attendees with more always welcome.

Continuing efforts will add to HERJC’s Endowment campaign. Having raised \$861,350 from 34 families thus far, our Endowment reflects an economic strategy imbued with the long-term faith of members and guided by the fiscal prudence of its trustees.

Awarded \$200,000 in State grants thanks to the incredible work of Lisa Stein and Keith Harrow, HERJC will begin work on new building security measures. In the wake of rising anti-Semitism, HERJC is responding with vigilance and self-protection.

Our Gala Event (March 2) commemorates HERJC’s Diamond Anniversary, recognizing Jason Melzer as a superb Emerging Leader and honoring an exceptionally deserving Markowitz-Abrams family clan, the Gala will celebrate HERJC’s 75 year legacy.

We will come together again at a communal Seder (April 23). Continuing this newly-minted tradition, HERJC will share the second night of Passover with 150-175 congregants and family members.

And after welcoming 72 new families since 2021, HERJC is actively reaching out to new families interested in becoming members and to past members returning after hearing of HERJC’s new-found vitality.

Kabbalat Shabbat dinners . . . new educational opportunities . . . more social events . . . Why are we building up energy in a roller coaster-like climb rather than coasting into the summer? I believe the answer lies in the most significant upcoming event: Rabbi Schlesinger’s contract extension. Having renewed Hazzan Zakarin’s tenure last Fall and cementing Rabbi Schlesinger’s future with us, the face of HERJC is enriched by the dynamic energies of our spiritual leaders.

HERJC stands at the forefront of Conservative Judaism on Long Island’s South Shore. Activity abounds. Vitality is the currency of our synagogue’s success. The word has spread that HERJC is a warm, welcoming place where Jewish values and pride flourish. As your President for the next five months, I stand as a steward for the next executive who will take the reins of leadership. But make no mistake about this: the “second semester” at HERJC will be *anything* but dull. We are on the move. So buckle up and join the ride!

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SHABBAT

Friday night, 6:00 pm
In person

Saturday morning, 9:30 am
In person and Zoom

MORNING MINYAN

Monday, Thursday,
and Rosh Chodesh, 7:45 am
In person and Zoom

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday, 7:45 am
Check calendar for in
person and Zoom days

Sunday, 9:00 am
Zoom ONLY

EVENING MINYAN

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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS – EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN FOR OUR INTERESTING ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Adult Education Committee has several programs scheduled for early 2024, including a host of ongoing activities:

- **Rabbi Schlesinger's Talmud class** continues with a new session each month on a Wednesday night.
- **Hazzan Zakarin** instituted a new program in January 2024, **Trope by Rote**, meeting weekly Thursdays, followed by in-person evening minyan.
- **Yosef Dlugacz** is continuing his **Conversational Hebrew program**. The class is scheduled for every other Tuesday night on Zoom.
- Adult Education Committee, together with Sisterhood, will be sponsoring a **movie night** on Wednesday, March 6, where we will watch **"Making Trouble: Three Generations of Funny Jewish Women"**

Be sure to visit www.herjc.org/calendar to see our calendar for all upcoming Adult Education programs.

If you have any questions or ideas for new programs, we want to hear from you.

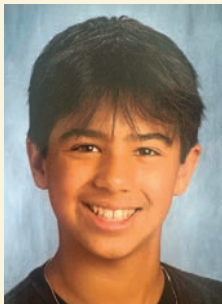
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Mazal Tov to Our B'nai Mitzvah

RYAN KALANTHROFF

March 16, 2024

Mazal Tov to Marissa and Randy Kalanthroff on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ryan, and to Cheryl and Howard Karp on their grandson. Ryan is an enthusiastic basketball and volleyball player with a passion for all sports. He loves spending time with his family and friends at home as well as his summer sleepaway camp friends. Ryan grew up at HERJC and loves to volunteer his time helping his grandmother in the Early Childhood Center on his days off from and after school. Ryan has two younger brothers, Dylan (11) and Luke (9).



MICHAEL ABELEV

March 16, 2024

Mazal Tov to Elana and Zinovi Abelev on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael. Michael is on the High Honor Roll and has received the Hewlett-Woodmere Administrative and Supervisory Association Student Citizenship Award. He actively volunteers at Gural JCC and loves to play basketball and soccer. He looks forward to continuing to participate in community programs and utilizing online resources. Michael has two siblings, Ethan (18) and David (16).



HAYLEY SIEGENFELD

March 23, 2024

Mazal Tov to Lainie and James Siegenfeld on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hayley. Hayley likes cooking, creating jewelry, and dancing. She has helped out and volunteered in making bags for the homeless and helps anytime someone needs her (like learning Yiddish)! She is happy that HERJC has always been there for her family.



Commemorate a happy event by placing a leaf on the **TREE OF LIFE** in our Lobby. Please contact the office.



Patrons Society



If Harry Kassel (z"l) were alive, I believe he would say the Patrons Society which he envisioned 47 years ago has achieved more than he could ever have imagined. Our Early Childhood Center has over 110 students and extended its services this year to Israeli children to provide them with a stable life while fighting rages in Gaza. Our Religious School has over 85 students with the influx of new members who see their children's education as paramount to a Jewish community. Our overall membership rose by over 25 families this year, continuing the trend of HERJC's growth and positive feedback for our synagogue.

In truth, *The Harry Kassel Patrons Society* and those who participate as Patrons reflect the incredible generosity of HERJC members who secure our future by maintaining our present.

Their contributions as Patrons are shining examples of what these families mean to HERJC, and we owe them our gratitude for their stalwart support. Their participation is a sign of the Patrons' collective belief in HERJC and in the legacy Harry sought to create.

Thank you to our list of Patrons in 2023/2024 thus far. If you would like to become a Patron, please contact me at smoelis.lastrada@gmail.com. My thanks & respect—*Stephen Moelis, President, HERJC*

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**New Patrons*



Ethiopia – the custom is to break all dishes and use new ones

Morocco – Jews invite others for the festival of Mimouna, a celebration that includes a feast of lavish sweets and pastries

Poland – specifically in the town of Góra Kalwaria, Jews throw water on the ground to re-enact the crossing of the Red Sea


Iran & Afghanistan – whipping each other with scallions



Spain – the seder leader taps guests on the head


South Africa – apples are a key ingredient at the seder

Turkey, Greece, Spain and parts of Africa – matzah pies, or minas, are a traditional Passover dish





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HONOREES: THE MARKOWITZ AND ABRAMS FAMILIES

L'Dor V'Dor. The Markowitz and Abrams families have been linked for generations. Both families have roots at the Bayswater Jewish Center which have carried over to HERJC. The Markowitz affiliation with HERJC originates with HERJC's founding in 1949, when Rabbi Rubin Dobin, uncle of Myra Markowitz, became HERJC's first interim Rabbi.

Eleven years later, in 1960, Dr. Alan and Myra Markowitz were married at HERJC. In 1965, they returned from Philadelphia and joined HERJC as active members while continuing to grow their family. Throughout the years, Myra served as HERJC's Sisterhood President and participated on the Synagogue Sanctuary Beautification Committee. Both Alan and Myra continue to be members of the Patrons (Kassel) Society. In addition, Alan and Myra celebrated many simchas at HERJC such as the bar-mitzvot of their three sons (Michael, Richard, and Stuart), children's weddings, and welcoming their grandchildren. When Sol and Henrietta Dobin (z"l) (Myra's parents) joined HERJC in 1982, three generations of the Markowitz family were now part of the synagogue.

The Abrams involvement with HERJC started in 1992 with Marty, Louise (z"l), and Tova. As synagogue enthusiasts, Marty and Louise became active in HERJC practically from the start. Louise served in various roles within Sisterhood, including being president. Marty revived the Men's Club as its president and also chaired the Adult Education Committee. Additionally, Louise and Marty were both Simchat Torah honorees. He currently serves on HERJC's Board of Directors, the Ritual Committee, and chairs the Greeters' Committee for Shabbat and holiday services. Marty was also the coordinator of the Israel Fair at HERJC. Marty and Louise's most savory contribution was serving their delicious matzo ball soup during the HERJC Sukkah Hop.

Rabbi Stanley Platek (z"l) was a significant connector between the two families. He was family friends with Alan and Myra and Marty and Louise through their affiliation with the Bayswater Jewish Center (Rabbi Platek's first



*Stuart Markowitz, Tova Markowitz,
Marty Abrams*



Alan Markowitz, Myra Markowitz



*Eitan Markowitz, Shoshana Markowitz,
Tova Markowitz, Stuart Markowitz*

congregation), and he ultimately united Tova and Stuart – Thank you, Cele Platek, for introducing the couple!! In August of 1996, Tova and Stuart were happily married at HERJC. In 1998, they became official members. Stuart's leadership involvement started when he was a child in HERJC's Junior Congregation. In 1980, Stuart won the prestigious Tefilah Award with the gift of a Tikun (which he still uses today). In addition, he was active in HERJC's USY program as the head of Ritual. Today, he serves on HERJC's Board of Directors, the Ritual Committee, and is chair of the Torah Gabbai Committee. Stuart is also a recipient of the Hatan Beresheit Award in 2019 during Simchat Torah. Tova is a member of Sisterhood and was HERJC's 2021 Torah Fund Honoree. The family continued to grow with Eitan and Shoshana becoming the fourth generation. They both celebrated their B'nai Mitzvot here and Shoshana was Vice President of USY.

We are thankful to HERJC for this special L'Dor V'Dor honor. We wish our dear friend, Jason Melzer, a hearty Mazel Tov on his well-deserved honor as HERJC's Emerging Leader.

L'Dor V'Dor. Let HERJC continue to thrive from generation to generation.

EMERGING LEADER AWARD: JASON MELZER

Jason grew up in Island Park, where he and his family were members of Island Park Jewish Center. He attended Binghamton University where he received a B.A. in political science in 1997. Jason graduated from Hofstra University School of Law in 2000 and served as an editor of the Hofstra Law Review.

After graduating law school, Jason began his legal career as a litigation associate at Fischbein Badillo Wagner Harding, LLP. He is currently a senior partner of Cole Schotz, P.C. and has been with the firm for the past twenty years. While his practice is primarily commercial in nature, Jason has a passion for constitutional law and successfully argued a constitutional case of first impression before the Supreme Court of New Jersey.



While working in Manhattan, Jason was introduced to the love of his life by a mutual friend. Jason immediately fell in love with Margo's compassion, intelligence, and elegance, and the two were engaged in less than a year. In 2003, Margo and Jason were married at the Valley Regency in Clifton, New Jersey. Margo and Jason welcomed their first son, Aaron Matthew, into the world on July 29, 2007. Not so long after, they were blessed with their triplets, Anna, Brielle, and Brian on April 5, 2009. Jason and Margo worked long hours both at their respective careers and caring for four children under two years old. Through trying times, Jason and Margo's love for each other and commitment to a Jewish household grew manifold.

After losing Aaron in a tragic accident in 2019, Jason and Margo decided to move from their home in Montville, New Jersey and return to New York to be closer to family. This was a difficult decision, especially because it meant leaving their congregation at Pine Brook Jewish Center. While moving back to New York presented challenges, it was made so much easier by finding their new spiritual home at HERJC. Their family was embraced with open arms by the entire community and quickly it became clear that they had found a very special place. Jason, Margo, Anna, Brielle, and Brian have all been growing in their Jewish learning and observance and the opportunities provided by HERJC have been so crucial in that process. Loving friends, compassionate clergy, and committed leadership at the synagogue have all played such a critical role.

Jason and Margo seek to give back and contribute to the community as much as possible. To that end, Jason currently serves as a Vice President of the Board and Chair of the Ritual Committee, in addition to serving as a member of various other committees. Margo is a teacher at HERJC's Early Childhood Center and delivers food to families in need for Hatzilu. Both Jason and Margo look forward to serving the community for many years to come.

Thank you, HERJC family, for this wonderful honor tonight. Heartfelt congratulations to all three generations of the Abrams/Markowitz family also being honored at this Gala. May HERJC go from strength to strength: *Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazek.*



Holidays

Purim

"Purim is a way of saying: 'Remember the past, but then look at the children, celebrate with them, and for their sake, put the past behind you and build a better future.'"—Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Purim (which means "lots" in Persian) is the Jewish holiday that celebrates how the Jewish people were saved from annihilation in ancient Persia as told in the Biblical book of Esther.

In the story, Haman, the evil advisor to King Ahasuerus of Persia, plots to kill all the Jews. However, through the courageous actions of Queen Esther and her cousin Mordechai, Haman's evil plan is derailed and the Jewish people are spared.

Purim is called the "Festival of Lots" because Haman cast lots to determine when he would carry out his plan (in Esther 3:7). On Purim, Jews celebrate the great reversal of fortune of the Jews of Persia and how the day that was originally set for their destruction transformed into one of great joy and celebration. Purim is one of the most festive and joyous occasions of the year, but it also grapples with the deeper and more troubling themes of the story. (www.jewishunpacked.com)

For more information about Purim watch this video from Mayim Bialik: <https://jewishunpacked.com/how-to-celebrate-purim/>

Purim Mitzvot Extolled!

**Saturday Night, March 23rd
7:30-10:00 pm**

*Let's Join Together on Purim Night
to fulfill the mitzvot of Purim*

- ◆ Bring a MISHLOACH MANOT package for sharing
- ◆ Bring canned goods for MATANOT LEEVYONIM (giving to the poor)
- ◆ Eat light food and drinks for Purim Seuda (festive meal) AND
- ◆ **Stay for a Masquerade Party with a live Klezmer Band!**



Two Megillah Readings

Sunday, March 24th, 9:00 am

One traditional and one family-friendly

Purim Carnival

Sunday Morning, March 24th, 10:00 am

*'Transport yourself to the land of Shushan'
Celebrate like Kings and Queens*

In addition to our traditional carnival excitement, this year we will have:

- ◆ New games
- ◆ Updated prizes
- ◆ Adult and children themed raffle prizes
- ◆ All new cookie decorating station
- ◆ Glitter and glow-in-the-dark tattoos
- ◆ And back by popular demand, PIE HAMAN



Tickets will be available for pre-purchase during the month of March. Be on the lookout for details in your inbox and on social media



Passover

Passover, a widely celebrated Jewish holiday, is a special time for families and for communities. Passover (Pesach) is a Festival of Freedom and Justice. Jews in our community and around the world take the time with family and friends to celebrate and remember our history. A central story, it reflects many prevalent themes in Jewish history, including oppression and the yearning for freedom, the resilience of the Jewish people and the protection given by God, and the importance of a Jewish homeland. We retell the story each year, as we have been doing for thousands of years. Jewish families talk about our ancestors who survived adversity, as well as the challenges that contemporary Jews continue to face. We are compelled to remember that our people were once slaves and now we must do what we can to help others. It is customary to have two *sedarim*, providing ample opportunity for the retelling of the story of the Exodus for Egypt.

Passover and Chametz

There are few aspects of Jewish observance as complicated as preparing for Passover and eliminating chametz.

The Torah (Exodus 12:15-20), prohibits the eating of leavened food, popularly called chametz (also written chameitz, hametz, hameitz), during the entire festival. But the situation is even more stringent than that, for the halakhah (loosely translated as Jewish law) forbids not only eating it, but even deriving any benefit from it or permitting the presence in our homes of any of it that belongs to us during the entire festival period. It is this last requirement that results in the kind of intense labor most of us associate with preparing for Passover.

The forbidden substance, chametz, is defined as any food made of any of the five species of grain—wheat, barley, oats, spelt, and rye—that has been made wet with water, then left unbaked for more than eighteen minutes.

Baking halts the leavening process, so if water is added to any of the above grains but baked within the eighteen-minute period, it is deemed to be unleavened, therefore kosher for Passover.

The Hunt for Chametz

Since the possession of any amount of chametz at all is considered a violation of the law, great effort must be made to remove all food substances that contain chametz from the home before Passover. After intense cleaning and the removal of all visible chametz, a search—popularly called b'dikat chametz—is undertaken the night before Passover after sundown. (This search takes place on Thursday evening when the first night of Passover falls on Saturday.)

Since, by now, almost all chametz should have been removed from the house, it is customary to leave a few crumbs of bread or cake (or any leavened substance) around the house so that something can be found and the search will not feel as though it were carried out in vain.

A candle is lit and used to search out the chametz hidden in even the darkest recesses of the house. The blessing recited before the search can be found at the beginning of the Passover Haggadah. Then, after the search concludes, a special prayer is recited that declares any unlocated chametz to be null and void, “as if it did not exist,” and affirms that a good-faith effort was made to find and remove all of it in one’s possession.

The text of this declaration too can be found in the front of any Passover Haggadah. One who is away from home on the night before Pesach can perform the b'dikah earlier (Masegten Avraham to SA Orach Chayyim 432:6; Mishnah B'rurah ad loc., note 10). Those who will be away for the entire holiday can sell their chametz early and not be obligated for b'dikah (Mishnah B'rurah to SA Orach Chayyim 436:32).

Passover Schedule

EREV PESACH—FIRST SEDER

■ Monday, April 22

Minyan and Siyyum 8:00 am
Burning of Chametz 9:00 am
Candlelighting 7:24 pm

DAY 1—SECOND SEDER

■ Tuesday, April 23

Passover Service 9:30 am
Community Seder 6:00 pm
Candlelighting 8:26 pm

DAY 2

■ Wednesday, April 24

Passover Service 9:30 am

DAY 3

■ Thursday, April 25

Morning Minyan (In-person & Zoom) .. 7:45 am

DAY 4

■ Friday, April 26

Morning Minyan (In-person & Zoom) .. 7:45 am
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

DAY 5

■ Saturday, April 27

Shabbat Service 9:30 am

DAY 6

■ Sunday, April 28

Candlelighting 7:30 pm
Evening Minyan (Zoom) 7:30 pm

DAY 7

■ Monday, April 29

Passover Service (In person & Zoom) .. 9:30 am
Night Yizkor (In person & Zoom) 7:30 pm
Candlelighting 8:34 pm

DAY 8

■ Tuesday, April 30

Passover Service and Yizkor
(In person & Zoom) 9:30 am

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The next morning we participate in a ceremonial burning of the small amount of chametz that was found during the search the night before. This ceremonial burning is called *bi'ur v* ("destruction of v"). This can be done at home, but some communities sponsor communal bonfires where the public brings chametz for burning. A declaration similar to the one made after the search for leaven the previous evening is recited following the burning of the chametz.

The remaining crumbs of chametz must be destroyed long before noon on the day before Passover. (Most synagogues announce the precise time by which it must be destroyed so as not to require individuals to calculate the precise time on their own.)

When Do We Stop Eating Chametz?

The deadline for actually eating chametz, however, is even earlier than that. Nor, however, may matzah be eaten on the eve of Passover until the seder meal itself (SA Orach Chayyim 471:2). And some suggest that one should not eat matzah from Rosh Hodesh Nisan on in order to increase one's appetite for the mitzvah of matzah on the first night of Passover (Mishnah B'rurah to SA Orach Chayyim 471:2,



For detailed information about prohibited and permissible food for Passover please consult the Rabbinical Assembly Passover Guide by scanning this QR code.

Kitniyot

Until the fall of 2015, the CJLS (Committee on Jewish Law & Standards) position on *kitniyot* (for Ashkenazim) has followed that of the longstanding Ashkenazi *minhag* of refraining from eating them. These foods included: beans, corn, millet, peas, rice, soy, and some other plant based foods like mustard, buckwheat and sesame seeds. The one exception was an approved permission of peanuts and peanut oil, provided said items have proper year-round kosher certification and do not contain *hammeitz* ingredients. In the fall of 2015 the CJLS passed two responsa which permit the consumption of *kitniyot* for Ashkenazim.

MECHIRAT CHAMETZ "SELLING OF LEAVEN"

The Biblical injunction reads "no leaven shall be seen or found in your possession" during *Pesach*. To accept the literal, surface meaning of this command would imply that one must DISPOSE OF all his pastry, flour, sugar, etc. for the full week. Imagine what havoc this would cause the baker, manufacturer, wholesaler or any ordinary household! The Rabbis concluded that the leaven may not BELONG TO YOU during the week of *Pesach*. Therefore, if it is sold to a non-Jew, you have fulfilled the law. This, then, became the prevalent practice, though usually with the stipulation (or tacit understanding) that the non-Jew "sell it back" after *Pesach*. Since, however, it is much too cumbersome for each Jew to perform such transactions individually, the next step was to empower one person - usually the Rabbi - to act as agent for the entire community.

Mechirat Chametz Authorization for Sale of Chametz

I hereby authorize Rabbi Schlesinger to sell all *chametz* in my possession.

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

Signed _____

Date _____

- Please mail this form to the HERJC office
- OR email Rabbi at rabbi@herjc.org
- OR scan the QR code



Donations optional
Deadline for receipt is April 19, 12:00 pm

OUR HERJC CHAMETZ BURNING CEREMONY WILL BE ON APRIL 21 AT 9:00 AM



“LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY, COME AND EAT”

When you share the joy of Passover with family and friends, you will enjoy it that much more knowing that you have remembered the Jewish needy when you shop for Passover. Please help those less fortunate fill their seder table, too. Just think of the gratitude we can feel for doing this easy and wonderful mitzvah!



YOM HASHOAH

Yom HaShoah will be observed this year on Monday May 6th.

Yellow candles in memory of victims of the Holocaust will be available for pickup in the main office during the month of April.



Holiday Treats

Funfetti Hamantaschen with Cheesecake Filling for PURIM – Easy, Fun to Make and Delicious!

One of Lisa's favorite Hamantaschen Recipes!
(From kosherinthekitch.com)
Servings: about 20 hamantaschen

Ingredients

2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup oil
¾ cup sugar
2-½ cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ cup sprinkles
1 cup cheesecake filling (recipe below)



Cheesecake Filling

1, 8 oz. package of cream cheese
½ cup of sugar (or ¼ cup if you like it very sweet)
1 tsp. of vanilla extract
Combine ingredients until smooth. Makes about 1 cup.

Directions

Cream together sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla. Slowly add flour and baking powder. Mix together. The dough might be crumbly, use your hands to smooth it out and combine it. Add sprinkles to dough (add sprinkles in slowly, depending on how many you want in the dough and don't over mix them with the dough). Roll out dough on floured surface (about ¼-½ thick. Not too thick since then the circles are hard to shape and will open up. Not too thin since then it will rip when shaping or filling. Cut out circles using a large circle cookie cutter or the rim of a large glass cup or mason jar. Fill center of circle with cheesecake filling (about ½ tsp.-1 tsp.) and bake on 350° for 12-15 minutes depending on how soft or crispy you want them. I like them super soft so took them out around 12 minutes. Once hamantaschen have cooled off drizzle melted white chocolate or cheesecake icing on top. Optional, top with more sprinkles! For cheesecake icing, I took leftover cheesecake filling and added some powdered sugar and milk to get a thinner consistency. Regular icing (powdered sugar and milk or water) would work great as well.

How To Shape Hamantaschen

Place filling in center then slowly fold over one side. Then the next and finally bring the bottom on top. Gently pinch the corners. You can also simply bring up the sides, forming a triangle by pinching the corners together

Doughless Knishes – A Great Side Dish for PASSOVER!

Another holiday favorite from Lisa!
These knishes freeze well! (From overtimecook.com)

Ingredients for caramelized onions

2 medium onions,
peeled and finely diced
¼ cup oil

Ingredients for knishes

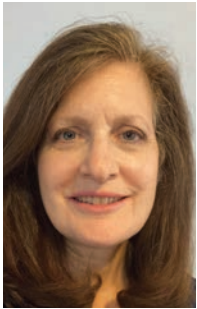
8 medium potatoes, boiled & peeled
½ cup oil
8 eggs
1 cup potato starch
2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. black pepper, optional
oil, for pans

Prepare the knishes

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large bowl, combine the caramelized onions, potatoes, oil, eggs, potato starch, salt and pepper, if using. For best results, break up the potatoes first using a potato masher or a heavy spoon. Using an electric mixer, blend together all ingredients until mostly smooth. A few lumps are fine. Do not over-mix. Grease cupcake pans well with oil (a little extra in each pan is well worth the calories - it really helps the knishes develop a fried-like crust). Fill the pans until almost full with potato batter. Bake at 400° for about 26-28 minutes, until tops are golden brown. Serve hot.



Sisterhood



BEVERLY WACHTEL

Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh, "All Jews are responsible for one another." We could not have known, when this theme was chosen last year for this year's Torah Fund pin, just how relevant it would be this year. While we're reeling from our shock at the Hamas attack on

October 7 and its aftermath, we're also facing an explosion of anti-semitism that followed the attack. In times such as this, we truly understand that all Jews are responsible for one another. We may not all agree on the politics in Israel, but we all believe in the future of Israel. We are a people united in our shared memory, our shared identity, and our shared fate, and we need to stand united.

These are some of the ways Sisterhood is taking action to support Israel and combat anti-semitism.

- In the first few days following the Hamas attack in October, Sisterhood sent \$5000 to (a volunteer in) Israel to provide hot meals and medical supplies to IDF soldiers.
- During Sisterhood Shabbat in January, we included special readings. We were also privileged to have Amy Spitalnik, CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, give a very powerful talk on this topic.
- Sisterhood sponsored HERJC's partnership in the ADL Signature Synagogue Program. We will be arranging for two events for adults at HERJC about combating anti-semitism, in addition to a Words to Action workshop for youth. In addition, Nancy Rehns will be attending the ADL "Never is Now" Summit on Antisemitism taking place March 6-7 and will bring back information for us.
- Sisterhood offered 2 programs about Israel: Israel Night in November (co-sponsored with 5 other Conservative Synagogue Sisterhoods) with Joel Chasnoff, American-Israeli comedian and author, and a Zoom talk in January (co-sponsored by Adult Ed) with Sam Sokol, reporter for *The Times of Israel*.

To build community and welcome new members, Sisterhood continues to deliver Shabbat bags with challah and grape juice to new HERJC members.

Another way of uniting our community at HERJC is by participating in the mitzvah of giving gifts of food for Purim, known as mishloach manot. Sisterhood coordinates this tradition for HERJC. If you haven't already placed your order to send Shalach Manot to your friends at HERJC, **be sure to get your order in by March 7!** To place your order, log in to Happy Purim with your personal login code and choose names from the list of HERJC members and staff to whom you'd like to send Shalach Manot. Your name will be added to the card on the bag of goodies that is delivered to each of those people. Of course, you can also choose "reciprocal" to make sure that you don't miss out on sending to those who send to you! In addition, you can choose to send to all HERJC staff. Look for the email with login information. If you need help placing your order, contact Barbara Kaplan. **Would you like to help pack Shalach Manot bags on March 17 and help deliver the packages?** Let Barbara know if you want to help.

Sisterhood is joining with the Adult Ed committee to offer Movie Night on **Wednesday, March 6** at 8:00pm. In stressful times, it helps to laugh! Join us at HERJC to see the movie "Making Trouble: Three Generations of Funny Jewish Women". It's the true saga of what it means to be Jewish, female, and funny.

Sisterhood **Book Club** continues to meet every other month, at 8pm in person and on Zoom. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, **February 15**, discussing the book "Looking for Jane" by Jane Marshall. The following meeting will be on **Thursday, April 11**, discussing the book "Crying in H Mart" by Michelle Zauer. If you're interested in participating, please contact Roberta Sugarman.

Another way we help to take responsibility for the Jewish community is by supporting Torah Fund, the campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism

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Sisterhood Events

SISTERHOOD BOOK DISCUSSIONS

■ **Thursday, February 15 at 8:00 pm (in person or Zoom)**

***Looking for Jane* Heather Marshall**

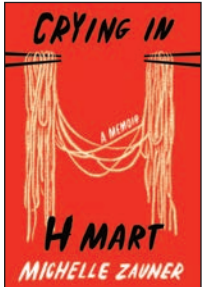
This “clever and satisfying” (Associated Press) #1 international bestseller follows three women who are bound together by a long-lost letter, a mother’s love, and a secret network of women fighting for the right to choose—inspired by true stories. (Amazon)



■ **Thursday, April 11 at 8:00 pm (in person or Zoom)**

***Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner**

An unforgettable memoir about family, food, grief, love, and growing up Korean American—“in losing her mother and cooking to bring her back to life, Zauner became herself” (NPR)



Discussions will be led by Hedy Wohl

Contact the office to find out where the meeting is taking place.

SISTERHOOD & ADULT EDUCATION MOVIE NIGHT



■ **March 16 at 8:00 pm in Board Room**

Making Trouble: Three Generations of Funny Jewish Women

The movie tells the story of six of the greatest female comic performers of the last century: Molly Picon, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner, and Wendy Wasserstein.

These Jewish women broke barriers and shook the social order to make us laugh. (runtime: 85 minutes)

ANNUAL TORAH FUND EVENT HONORING LISA COHEN

■ **Thursday, May 9**

Your generosity helps provide essential scholarships and programs to train future leaders of the Conservative/Masorti Jewish community. Donors who give in the amount of \$180 and above receive a Torah Fund pin.

Giving levels:

Patron: \$1,250 Associate Patron: \$600

Guardian: \$300 Benefactor: \$180

Minimum donation to attend our event \$36

Visit www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund



Torah Fund Campaign of
WLCJ Pin 5784 (2023-2024)

Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh

**All of Israel is Responsible
for One Another**

**ORDER
SHALACH
MANOT
FOR PURIM
TO SEND TO
YOUR HERJC
FRIENDS!**

It's Purim time again!
Spread the joy of giving!
It's a Mitzvah, it's great
fun, and with HERJC's
online ordering system,
it's easier than ever!



Look for your email
from HERJC Sisterhood
with the subject line
**“Time to Order Shalach
Manot for Purim!”**,
then log in to
happypurim.com with
your personal login code
and place your order!

**All orders must
be placed by March 7.**



February Calendar



We hope you've been enjoying our Hakol Archive Articles!

They are an interesting piece of HERJC's history and this issue's archive article is particularly relevant.

Check it out on page 33!



Recycling Opportunities at HERJC

The Early Childhood Center Collects

used ink cartridges, cell phones and "garbage" (which becomes art!), such as CLEAN paper towel tubes, coffee cans, egg crates, baby food jars, plastic containers, ribbons, wrapping paper, wallpaper, buttons, yarn, spools, fabric, shopping bags and anything else you can think of!

They can be dropped off outside the ECC School doors, or call the office at 599-1169.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Support our Purim Carnival

Sponsoring a booth in your family or business name.
Banners will be hung at the carnival!
Renewal Banners \$125 and New Banners \$150



4 25 SHEVAT

9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
9:00 am - Building Blocks through Kitah Vav
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

5 26 SHEVAT

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

6 27 SHEVAT

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
4:15 pm - Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Board of Education Meeting

11 2 ADAR I

9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
9:00 am - Building Blocks through Kitah Vav
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

12 3 ADAR I

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - House Committee Meeting
8:00 pm - Ritual Committee Meeting

13 4 ADAR I

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
4:15 pm - Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay
6:00 pm - Yosef Dlugacz's Hebrew Class (Zoom)
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

18 9 ADAR I

Religious School CLOSED
9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

19 10 ADAR I

Presidents' Day

Office CLOSED
ECC CLOSED
9:00 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

20 11 ADAR I

ECC CLOSED
Religious School CLOSED
7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

25 16 ADAR I

Religious School CLOSED
9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
6:00 pm - Geshet Friendship Bracelet Making and Video Game Night
7:00 pm - USY Iron Chef

26 17 ADAR I

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Board of Directors Meeting

27 18 ADAR I

Religious School CLOSED
7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
6:00 pm - Yosef Dlugacz's Hebrew Class (Zoom)
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan



of Events

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 22 SHEVAT

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:00 pm - Hazzan's Trope by Rote Class
7:30 pm - In Person & Virtual Evening Minyan

2 23 SHEVAT

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
4:55 pm - Candlelighting
5:30 pm - First Friday & Chevra Shabbat Potluck Dinners

3 24 SHEVAT

PARSHAT YITRO

9:30 am - Shabbat Service
5:57 pm - Havdalah

7 28 SHEVAT

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

8 29 SHEVAT

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
6:00 pm - Tzelem Teen Group
7:00 pm - Hazzan's Trope by Rote Class
7:30 pm - In Person & Virtual Evening Minyan

9 30 SHEVAT

Rosh Chodesh Adar I

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
5:04 pm - Candlelighting
6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

10 1 ADAR I

PARSHAT MISHPATIM

Rosh Chodesh Adar I

USY Prom (Off campus)
9:30 am - Religious School Shabbat Service
6:05 pm - Havdalah
6:30 pm - Progressive Dinner

14 5 ADAR I

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

15 6 ADAR I

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:00 pm - Hazzan's Trope by Rote Class
7:30 pm - In Person & Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Sisterhood Book Club

16 7 ADAR I

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
5:12 pm - Candlelighting
6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

17 8 ADAR I

PARASHAT TERUMAH

9:30 am - Shabbat Service
6:13 pm - Havdalah

21 12 ADAR I

ECC CLOSED

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

22 13 ADAR I

ECC CLOSED

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

23 14 ADAR I

ECC CLOSED

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
5:21 pm - Candlelighting
6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service

24 15 ADAR I

PARASHAT TETZAVEH

9:30 am - Shabbat Service
6:21 pm - Havdalah

28 19 ADAR I

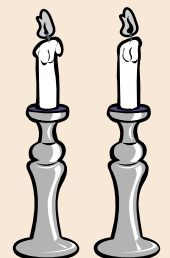
7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
8:30 am - ECC Storytime
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Rabbi's Talmud Class (Zoom)

29 20 ADAR I

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:00 pm - Hazzan's Trope by Rote Class
7:30 pm - In Person & Virtual Evening Minyan

KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, March 15, 7:00 pm
Following Services



March Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

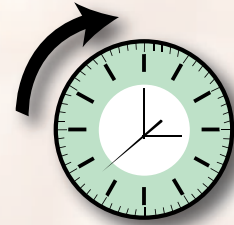
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



Spring Forward!
Daylight Saving Time Begins

On Sunday, March 10
Set your clock **AHEAD** one hour!



3 23 ADAR

9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
9:00 am - Building Blocks through Kitah Vav
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

4 24 ADAR

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

5 25 ADAR

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
4:15 pm - Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

6 26 ADAR

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Adult Education & Sisterhood Movie Night

10 30 ADAR

Rosh Chodesh Adar II
Daylight Savings Begins
9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
9:00 am - Building Blocks through Kitah Vav
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

11 1 ADAR II

Rosh Chodesh Adar II
7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - House Committee Meeting
8:00 pm - Ritual Committee Meeting

12 2 ADAR II

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
4:15 pm - Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay
6:00 pm - Yosef Dlugacz's Hebrew Class (Zoom)
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Board of Education Meeting

13 3 ADAR II

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

17 7 ADAR II

9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
9:00 am - Building Blocks through Kitah Vav
9:00 am - Kitah Dalet & Hay Family Fun Day
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

18 8 ADAR II

ECC Crazy Hair Day
7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Board of Directors Meeting

19 9 ADAR II

ECC Backwards Day
7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
4:15 pm - Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

20 10 ADAR II

ECC Pajama Day
7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
8:30 am - ECC Storytime
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm - Rabbi's Talmud Class

24 14 ADAR II

0:00 - Megillah Reading
0:00 - Purim Carnival
9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

31 21 ADAR II

Religious School CLOSED
9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

25 15 ADAR II

Shushan Purim
7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

26 16 ADAR II

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
4:15 pm - Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay
6:00 pm - Yosef Dlugacz's Hebrew Class (Zoom)
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

27 17 ADAR II

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan



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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

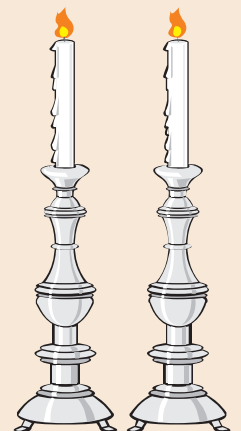
SATURDAY

Light the Shabbat
Candles and
Recite the
Following Blessing

ברוך אתה ה'
אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו,
וצונו להדליק נר
של שבת.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai
E-lohei-nu Me-lech
Ha-olam
A-Sher Kee-di-shah-noo
Bi-mitz-vo-tav
Vi-tzee-va-noo
Li-had-leek Ner
Shel Sha-bat.

Blessed are You,
Lord our God,
Ruler of the universe,
who has hallowed us
through commandments,
and has commanded
us to kindle the
Shabbat Lights.



Candlelighting
times are listed
on the calendar

1 21 ADAR I

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
5:29 pm - Candlelighting
5:30 pm - First Friday Kabbalat
Shabbat & Potluck Dinner

2 22 ADAR

PARASHAT KI TISA

9:30 am - Shabbat Service
6:28 pm - Havdalah
7:00 pm - HERJC Diamond
Jubilee Gala

7 27 ADAR

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual
Morning Minyan
7:00 pm - Hazzan's Trope
by Rote Class
7:30 pm - In Person & Virtual
Evening Minyan

8 28 ADAR

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
5:36 pm - Candlelighting
6:00 pm - Chevra Shabbat

9 29 ADAR

PARASHAT VAYAKHEL

Shabbat Shekalim
9:30 am - Religious School Shabbat
6:36 pm - Havdalah

14 4 ADAR II

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual
Morning Minyan
7:00 pm - Hazzan's Trope
by Rote Class
7:30 pm - In Person & Virtual
Evening Minyan

15 5 ADAR II

ECC CLOSED
7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:44 pm - Candlelighting
7:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner

16 6 ADAR II

PARASHAT PEKUDEI

9:30 am - Shabbat Service
9:30 am - Ryan Kalanthroff
Bar Mitzvah
5:45 pm - Michael Abelev
Bar Mitzvah
7:44 pm - Havdalah

21 11 ADAR II

Fast of Esther

ECC Crazy Hat Day
7:45 am - In Person & Virtual
Morning Minyan
7:00 pm - Hazzan's Trope
by Rote Class
7:30 pm - In Person & Virtual
Evening Minyan

22 12 ADAR II

ECC Costume Day
7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:51 pm - Candlelighting

23 13 ADAR II

PARASHAT VAYIKRA

Erev Purim
Shabbat Zachor
9:30 am - Shabbat Service
9:30 am - Hayley Siegenfeld
Bat Mitzvah
7:51 pm - Havdalah

28 18 ADAR II

ECC CLOSED
7:45 am - In Person & Virtual
Morning Minyan
7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

29 19 ADAR II

ECC CLOSED
7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan
6:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:59 pm - Candlelighting

30 20 ADAR II

PARASHAT TZAV

Shabbat Parah
9:30 am - Shabbat Service
7:59 pm - Havdalah



April Calendar

Ma'ot Hittim

It is an ancient tradition to make a special donatio before Passover to be used to help those in need.

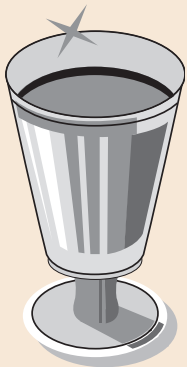
While charity is a mitzvah at all times, it is felt that particularly on Pesach, no one should go hungry and everyone should have the wherewithal to celebrate fully.

If you would like to contribute Ma'ot Hittim, you may send a check, in any amount, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, or donate online at herjc.org.

Seder Hospitality

If you know anyone who needs a Seder to go to or you would like to host someone at your Seder, please call the office at 599-2634 or email office@herjc.org.

Thanks!
What a wonderful mitzvah!



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

1 22 ADAR II

ECC CLOSED

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

2 23 ADAR II

Religious School CLOSED

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

7 28 ADAR II

9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

9:00 am - Building Blocks through Kitah Vav

9:00 am - Kitah Vav Family Fun Day

6:00 pm - Geshur Fun & Fitness

7:00 pm - USY Bake Off

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

8 29 ADAR II

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

8:00 pm - House Committee Meeting

8:00 pm - Ritual Committee Meeting

9 1 NISAN

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

4:15 pm - Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay

6:00 pm - Yosef Dlugacz's Hebrew Class (Zoom)

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

8:00 pm - Board of Education Meeting

14 6 NISAN

USY & 8th Grade Spring Convention (Off campus)

9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

9:00 am - Building Blocks through Kitah Vav

9:00 am - Religious School Model Seder

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

15 7 NISAN

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

16 8 NISAN

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

4:15 pm - Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

8:00 pm - Board of Directors Meeting

21 13 NISAN

Religious School CLOSED

9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

22 14 NISAN

Erev Passover - First Seder

ECC CLOSED

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

23 15 NISAN

Passover Day 1 - Second Seder

Office CLOSED

ECC & Religious School CLOSED

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

6:00 pm - Community Second Seder

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

8:26 pm - Candlelighting

28 20 NISAN

Passover Day 6 - Chol HaMoed

Religious School CLOSED

9:00 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan

7:30 pm - Candlelighting

29 21 NISAN

Passover Day 7

Office CLOSED

ECC CLOSED

7:45 am - In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Night Yizkor

8:34 pm - Candlelighting

30 22 NISAN

Passover Day 8

Office CLOSED

ECC & Religious School CLOSED

9:30 am - Passover Service & Yizkor

7:45 am - Virtual Morning Minyan

7:30 pm - Virtual Evening Minyan



of Events

WEDNESDAY

3 24 ADAR II

7:45 am – Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm – Virtual Evening Minyan

THURSDAY

4 25 ADAR II

7:45 am – In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:00 pm – Hazzan's Trope by Rote Class
7:30 pm – In Person & Virtual Evening Minyan

FRIDAY

5 26 ADAR II

7:45 am – Virtual Morning Minyan
5:30 pm – First Friday & Chevra Shabbat Potluck Dinners
7:06 pm – Candlelighting

SATURDAY

6 27 ADAR II

PARSHAT SHMINI

Shabbat Hachodesh
9:30 am – Shabbat Service
8:07 pm – Havdalah

10 2 NISAN

7:45 am – Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm – Virtual Evening Minyan

11 3 NISAN

7:45 am – In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:00 pm – Hazzan's Trope by Rote Class
7:30 pm – In Person & Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm – Sisterhood Book Club

12 4 NISAN

USY & 8th Grade Spring Convention (Off campus)
7:45 am – Virtual Morning Minyan
6:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:13 pm – Candlelighting

13 5 NISAN

PARASHAT TAZRIA

USY & 8th Grade Spring Convention (Off campus)
9:30 am – Shabbat Service
8:15 pm – Havdalah

17 9 NISAN

7:45 am – Virtual Morning Minyan
8:30 am – ECC Storytime
7:30 pm – Virtual Evening Minyan
8:00 pm – Rabbi's Talmud Class (Zoom)

18 10 NISAN

7:45 am – In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:00 pm – Hazzan's Trope by Rote Class
7:30 pm – In Person & Virtual Evening Minyan

19 11 NISAN

0:00 am – ECC Seder Plate Live
7:45 am – Virtual Morning Minyan
8:45 am – Burning of Chametz in Parking Lot
6:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:21 pm – Candlelighting

20 12 NISAN

PARASHAT METZORA

Shabbat Hagdol
9:30 am – Shabbat Service
8:23 pm – Havdalah

24 16 NISAN

Passover Day 2
Office CLOSED
ECC CLOSED
7:45 am – Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm – Virtual Evening Minyan

25 17 NISAN

Passover Day 3 – Chol HaMoed
ECC CLOSED
7:45 am – In Person & Virtual Morning Minyan
7:30 pm – Virtual Evening Minyan

26 18 NISAN

Passover Day 4 – Chol HaMoed
ECC CLOSED
7:45 am – Virtual Morning Minyan
6:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:28 pm – Candlelighting

27 19 NISAN

Passover Day 5 – Chol HaMoed
9:30 am – Shabbat Service
8:05 pm – Havdalah



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Early Childhood Center

CHERYL KARP

Building Blocks

It all began over ten years ago when a family which was leaving Nursery School expressed concern over the fact that there was a gap between their child's Early Childhood experience and the beginning of Religious School. Long story short, Building Blocks, for children in pre-k and kindergarten, was born over coffee and a lot of discussion in the home of the President of our synagogue.

At Building Blocks, your child, along with a group of their peers, will be exposed to Shabbat celebrations, chapel time, the observance of different Jewish holidays, Bible

Echoing the research on brain development, Jewish learning in the early years provides a solid foundation for building Jewish identity and a Jewish future. The significance of parent-child interactions can also be recognized in a biblical text, later incorporated into the Shema prayer: "Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children." Clearly the Bible was ahead of its time in recognizing the significance of early parent-child interactions in an adult's Jewish identity and engagement. Children are unique participants in their own creation. Long before philosophers of "knowing" strategies for learning styles and brain-imaging technologies became popular, Judaism

asserted the uniqueness of every child and the importance of responding accordingly.

The birth of a child is a life-altering, awe-inspiring moment in one's life. Raising children is a rewarding, sometimes daunting, often challenging, and never dull, journey. Incorporating Judaism into your family's life through our Building Blocks Program will no doubt enhance the experience.

Join our Building Blocks program, and not only will you give your child the gift of a Jewish education, you will also receive the gift of membership in our Synagogue. Please be aware that

we have a **pre-Building Blocks** program for three-year-olds which began in January, as well. For more information about this incredible program, please reach out to me at 516-599-1169 or nurserydir@herjc.org.

Looking forward to building new experiences with you and your children!

—Cheryl Karp, *Building Blocks Coordinator*

“ I would like to express my utmost appreciation to Hazzan Zakarin, Cheryl Karp, Robin Schwam, Nancy Levy, and the entire HERJC Sunday School Staff for the beautiful work they are doing in providing a Jewish identity to our young children. As a parent with two children enrolled in the Building Blocks program, I have witnessed firsthand the tremendous impact it has had on their educational and cultural development. The nurturing environment and dedicated educators have created an enriching space where my children have not only learned about Jewish traditions, values, and history but have also developed a deep sense of belonging and pride in their heritage. The thoughtful curriculum and engaging teaching methods have made their learning experience both educational and enjoyable. I wholeheartedly recommend this program to all families seeking to foster a comprehensive and vibrant Jewish education for their little ones. ”

—Aly Finneran (HERJC Member, ECC and Religious School Parent)

stories, Hebrew, music, and so much more of what Judaism has to offer — all geared to the perfect level for a young child, and taught by early childhood professionals who understand the workings of the minds of young children. Your children will experience Judaism with all of their senses in a safe and nurturing environment designed with their needs and abilities in mind.



Early Childhood Center Schedule

■ February 19-23

ECC Closed,
Mid-Winter Recess

■ Monday, February 26

ECC Reopens

■ Wednesday, February 28

Storytime in Parenting Center

■ Friday, March 15

ECC Closed,
Conference Day

■ March 28-April 1

ECC Closed

■ Tuesday, April 2

ECC Reopens

■ Wednesday, April 17

Storytime in Parenting Center

■ Friday, April 19

Burning of the Chametz

■ Friday, April 19

Seder Plate Live

■ April 22-30

ECC Closed, Passover

Traditionally the days of Purim are always days of merriment and fun!! We are getting ready for some silly days . . .

■ Monday, March 18 Crazy Hair Day



■ Tuesday, March 19 BACKWARDS DAY

■ Wednesday, March 20 Pajama Day

■ Thursday, March 21 Crazy Hat Day



■ Friday March 22 Costume Day

Messages to Israeli Soldiers



THE BURNING OF THE CHAMETZ

■ Thursday, April 21, 9:00 am before the start of school, outside by the ECC entrance

Traditionally, right before Passover, as we clean our homes, we search the house for all leavened products (*chametz*). Join us as we partake in this tradition and burn our chametz with Rabbi Schlesinger. Please bring a leavened product from home for us to burn.

JOIN US!
ALL ARE
WELCOME.





Religious School Schedule

FEBRUARY

■ Friday, February 2

First Friday 4:15-6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner 6:00 pm

■ Sunday, February 4

Building Blocks through Kitah Vav . 9:00 am-Noon

■ Tuesday, February 6

Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay 4:15-6:15 pm

■ Saturday, February 10

Religious School Shabbat 9:30 am-Noon

■ Sunday, February 11

Building Blocks through Kitah Vav . 9:00 am-Noon

■ Tuesday, February 13

Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay 4:15-6:15 pm

■ February 18-25

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S WEEK

■ Tuesday, February 27

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - FIRST FRIDAY

MARCH

■ Friday, March 1

First Friday 4:15-6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner 6:00 pm

■ Sunday, March 3

Building Blocks through Kitah Vav . 9:00 am-Noon

■ Tuesday, March 5

Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay 4:15-6:15 pm

■ Saturday, March 9

Religious School Shabbat 9:30 am-Noon

■ Sunday, March 10

Building Blocks through Kitah Vav . 9:00 am-Noon

■ Tuesday, March 12

Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay 4:15-6:15 pm

■ Sunday, March 17

Building Blocks through Kitah Vav . 9:00 am-Noon
Kitah Dalet and Hay Family Fun Day (Purim Theme)

■ Tuesday, March 19

Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay 4:15 - 6:15 pm

■ Sunday, March 24

Megillah Readings 9:00 am
Purim Carnival 10:00 am

■ Tuesday, March 26

Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay 4:15 - 6:15 pm

■ Sunday, March 31

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

APRIL

■ Tuesday, April 2

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - FIRST FRIDAY

■ Friday, April 5

First Friday 4:15-6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner 6:00 pm

■ Sunday, April 7

Building Blocks through Kitah Vav . 9:00 am-Noon
Miriam's Cup and Tamborine Craft Day ... 11:00 am

■ Tuesday, April 9

Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay 4:15-6:15 pm

■ Sunday, April 14

Model Seder with families 9:00 am-Noon

■ Tuesday, April 16

Kitah Gan through Kitah Hay 4:15-6:15 pm

■ April 21-30

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK



HERJC Youth

SARA ROTJAN



Last month Gesher (5th-8th gr.) and USY (9th-12th gr.) came together for a Bake Off, Sports Night, Gaga Competition, Friends-giving, and Bingo. The excitement, energy, and sense of community felt throughout each program is energizing! Most recently, Gesher enjoyed gooey month our kids come together on a Sunday evening for a fun activity and

look forward to hanging out with their friends. If your children haven't tried out Gesher or USY yet, it's not too late! Come join us at an upcoming program.

To register, use this code.



HERJC USY/Gesher Events

■ Saturday, February 10

USY Prom (Grades 11 & 12) at B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick, NJ - Regional Event

■ Sunday, February 25

Gesher Friendship Bracelet Making & Video Gaming Night 6:00-7:30 pm
USY Iron Chef 7:00-8:30 pm

■ Saturday, March 30 - Monday, April 1

USY (Grades 9-12) & 8th Grade JYCM Climate Justice Retreat - Regional Event

■ Sunday, April 7

Gesher Fun & Fitness 6:00-7:30 pm
USY Escape the Room 7:00-8:30 pm

■ Friday, April 12-Sunday, April 14

USY (Grades 9-12) & 8th Grade Spring Convention - Regional Event

Family Engagement

REBECCA OSDER



Chag Purim, Chag Purim, chag gadol la Yehudim!

Those of you who know me well, know that Purim is my favorite day of the year. One of my greatest joys is working with Team Purim to bring an amazing carnival to HERJC and the surrounding community. It is a day of joy and merriment, but also a day to remember the miracles that happen all around us. It is a day to celebrate together. Young and old, we gather to drown out the name of Haman and rejoice in our survival. This year is especially exciting, because the annual Carnival will be held on Purim day, March 24, following the Megillah reading.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. As a parent, I know firsthand how true this is. As an educator, I know how important the relationship between parents and teachers is and how important the connection to community is. As the leader of Team Purim, I know that it takes a village to create a carnival. I know how much we rely on the cooperation and support of our community to put together a successful carnival.

I am taking this opportunity to ask for help. We need volunteers to make the day a success. We rely on the generosity of those who sponsor banners to fund not only the Carnival, but youth programs throughout the year. There are many ways that you can help. We will be gathering on Wednesday evenings to work on new games, new activities, and decorations. Whether it's once or twice, or every week, all help is welcome. This is an excellent way for middle schoolers and high schoolers to get their much-needed community service hours in. In order to create new games, we need helping hands. Adults and teens are welcome to help in the design and construction of these new games.

We need both teens and adults to help on the day of the Carnival. Please mark your calendar for March 24 and let me know that you can donate some of your time. If you have previously sponsored a banner for the Carnival, we thank you for your continued support. If you are interested in sponsoring a banner, please reach out to any member of the team or the office so that we can provide you with all of the details.

Thank you for being part of my village! Chag Purim Sameach. Can't wait to see you at the Carnival!





MLK Day of Service

We are overjoyed that so many people (over 150!) showed up to lend a hand. Together we were able to pack hundreds of food items and care packages. Thank you all for your help!

RABBI *Continued from page 3*

In addition to the names of the midwives and Pharaoh, the names of the Israelites are also a subject of discussion in our oral tradition. In a midrash, a rabbinic allegory, our sages taught that we were liberated from Egypt because we did not change our names (*Yalkut Shimoni*). Although we were living in a strange environment, we managed to preserve some essential characteristics of our religious and cultural identity, guaranteeing our freedom.

In a globalized world, we have the false impression that freedom is associated with the possibility of erasing all cultural differences and creating a large global community where everyone is equal. In this case, we would incorporate the same language, the same religion, the same identity.

However, the renunciation of our particularities is precisely what leads us to slavery. When we cease to be a specific group of people with our own history, traditions, laws, and peculiar customs, we give up the prerogative of being different and embrace the slavery of the common. Survival in globalization is based on reinforcing our particular identities. Thus, the world becomes enriched by our reaffirmed diversity.

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We live in a new form of slavery. We abandon everything that makes us unique and embrace cosmopolitan emptiness. Postmodernity makes us identify in our particularism the key to freedom. A nation's democracy is measured by the possibility that its citizens have to remain different from each other.

If we maintain our names we will become worthy of the crossing of the Red Sea. When we reaffirm our particular identity, we become worthy of freedom in the globalized world.

And speaking of identity, God has His self-image definitively impacted by the episode of the exodus from Egypt. Symbolically, it can be said that the crossing of the Red Sea generated a new identity for the Creator of the Universe.

When God introduces Himself in the Decalogue, He identifies Himself as the God of the exodus from Egypt. Thus, human freedom becomes part of God's identity. Hashem cannot conceive of a world without the possibility for men and women to choose their own paths and, thus, assume responsibility for these choices.

With the end of the slavery of the Children of Israel, God changed His I.D. He is now not merely “God,” but “(I am) the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”



Newlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre

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**Making
Connections**
Newlett East Rockaway Jewish Centre





Thanks to donations from HERJC members, Sisterhood volunteers were able to collect enough warm outer clothing to fill 15 large bags.

SISTERHOOD *Continued from page 14*

which benefits the institutes of higher learning of Conservative/Masorti Judaism. Your donation to the Torah Fund campaign helps to provide essential scholarships and programs to train future leaders in the Jewish community. Our annual **Torah Fund event** will be held in May (date TBA), and we're thrilled to be honoring Lisa Cohen at our event. Details will be in the weekly email.

The Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region of Women's League has several spring events that are open to all Sisterhood members. Celebrate Women's Heart Health Month with a presentation on February 7 at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Enjoy a full-day event at BQLI's Region Conference "Building Bridges, Sisters Connecting" on April 4. Join us to honor our Woman of Achievement at the BQLI Gala and Board Installation on the evening of June 6. Details about these and other BQLI events will be emailed to our members who are on the BQLI mailing list. To receive news from BQLI Region of Women's League, ask me to sign you up for the weekly email.

Sisterhood continues our ongoing collection of food and personal items for the needy. Donations of (not expired) non-perishable food items are always welcome. We thank the members of HERJC for continuing to support this collection. We also thank Heidi Kreit for continuing to bring these food donations to those in need.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our January events. At Sisterhood Shabbat on January 13, 18 women led morning services, read English readings and chanted Torah and Haftarah. We thank Ellen Margolin who reached out to past participants, and we thank all of the women who participated. We held our annual BRINGO event on January 18 with an Italian dinner. Many thanks to Gail Weinstein, our Fundraising VP, who ran the event, putting together creative images and poems for how to accomplish BINGO in each round, collecting loads of prizes, and of course calling the numbers.

Thank you to all of our Sisterhood volunteers who give so much of themselves, taking responsibility for planning and coordinating our activities and fundraising events to benefit and bring together the HERJC community.

HERJC Community Menorah Lighting





Personals and Donations

Personals

Mazal Tov!

B'nai Mitzvah

Lindsay and Scott Weisner on their daughter, Elexis' recently becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Marissa and Randy Kalanthroff as their son, Ryan becomes a Bar Mitzvah. Elana and Zinovy Abelev as their son, Michael becomes a Bar Mitzvah. Lainie and James Siegenfeld as their daughter, Hayley becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

Births

Nancy and Scott Wachs on the birth of their grandson, Dylan Blake Wachs.

Marriages

Cele Platek on the marriage of her grandson, Sam to Claire Kardin Adele Goldberg and Leo Weinreich on the marriage of their son, Jonathan to Madeline Gelfand

Special Wedding Anniversaries

• MARCH

Naomi and Norman Doctor (55)
Lisa and Richard Drillich (35)
Stephanie and Steven Kaufman (40)
Miriam and Jeff Pasternack (25)

• APRIL

Margory and Leonard Weilgus (45)

Special Birthdays

• FEBRUARY

Stuart Ain	Rabbi Lev Herrnsen
Barry Borodkin	Iris Jacobs
Eileen DeAlto	Melanie Moelis
Jessica Giddings	Amy Moritz

• MARCH

Melissa Heller-Seid

Adrienne Klein

Joanne Liebenstein

• APRIL

Richard Drillich	Robin Perlstein
Jaime Ezratty	Dena Stein
Lisa Keith	Debra Weiss

Condolences

Cheryl Strom on the loss of her mother and father, Constance and Manny Roth.

Joan and Martin Rosen on the loss of their daughter, Nancy Stern.

Ilene Cohen on the loss of her sister, Nancy Stern.

Steven Stern on the passing of his wife, Nancy Stern.

Allen Ostroff on the loss of his wife, Lenore Ostroff.

In Memoriam

We Mourn Our Loss
in the Passing of Our Members

**Nancy Stern
Lenore Ostroff**

Arline and Jules Kotcher

Our Sincere Sympathy and
Condolences to Their Families
in Their Bereavement

Welcome New Members

(November 2023-January 2024)

Doreen Tipiere and Doug Siegal
Laura and Alvin Epstein
Laurie and Kenneth Austin
Pnina and Lewis Knopf

Funds

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the following contributions which were
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Chesed Fund

Zeena Kassel in memory of Renee.
Anita and Sy Zaret in memory of
Zita Hirsh.
Anita and Sy Zaret in memory of
Pauline Kislik.

Education Fund

Sheryl and Robert Behar in honor of
Gail Weinstein reading Torah.
Laurie and Joe Brofsky in honor of the
Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Klonsky.
The Harrows in honor of the birth of
Aiden Rafael, grandson of Laurie
and Joe Brofsky.
The Harrows in honor of the birth of
Cheryl and Jeff Strom's grandson.
Amy and Ehud Moritz in honor of the
birth of their grandson, Jonah Victor.
Cheryl and Jeff Strom in honor of the
birth of Mollie Claire, granddaughter
of Irene and Bruce Drantch.
Valerie, Abbey Doneger and Family in
memory of Marla Golden.
Irene and Larry Fener in memory of
Harold Goldberg.
Anita Friedman in memory of Jeffrey
Ritholtz.

Pam and Dan Gerstman in memory of
Arline Kotcher.

Pam and Dan Gerstman in memory of
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Pam and Dan Gerstman in memory of
Patricia Polokoff.

The Harrows in memory of Jeffrey
Ritholtz.

Judy and Steven Herbst in memory of
Pauline Kislik.

Lisa and Lev Herrnsen in memory of
Patricia Polokoff.

Anita and Sy Zaret in memory of
Milton Berg.

In Memory of Kenneth Herrnsen

Laurie and Joe Brofsky
Naomi and Norman Doctor
Pam and Dan Gerstman
Liz and Mitch Podgorsky
Roberta and Stuart Sugarman

In Memory of Manny Roth

Laurie and Joe Brofsky
Lisa and Ed Cohen
Audrey and Elliott Polinsky

In Memory of Nancy Stern

Naomi and Norman Doctor
Pam and Dan Gerstman
Joan and Donald Schaeffer

Hazzan's Music Fund

Scott Brenner in appreciation of Hazzan
and a lovely service.
Irene and Bruce Drantch in honor of
Gail Weinstein's birthday and the
anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.
Laura and Alvin Epstein in appreciation
of Hazzan Bonnie Zakarin.
Judy and Steven Herbst in honor of
Gail Weinstein.
Audrey and Elliott Polinsky in honor of
the upcoming marriage of Samantha,
daughter of Randi and Jonathan
Polansky to Alex Resnick.
Erica and David Rechtweg in appreciation
of Hazzan Zakarin preparing our
daughter, Zoe for her Bat Mitzvah.
Ellen and George Schieren in honor of
Hazzan Zakarin's birthday.
Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of Hazzan
Zakarin's birthday.
Irene and Bruce Drantch in memory of
Pauline Kislik.
Jane and Marty Lesser in memory of
Manny Roth.
Audrey and Elliott Polinsky in memory of
Patricia Polokoff.

ECC Fund

Gail Baron in appreciation of Cheryl
Karp running a wonderful Early
Childhood Center program.
Irene and Bruce Drantch in honor of the
birth of Madison, granddaughter of
Cheryl and Jeff Strom.

Judy and Seven Herbst in honor of the
birth of Mollie, granddaughter of
Irene and Bruce Drantch.

Judy and Steven Herbst in honor of the
birth of Jonah Victor, grandson of
Amy and Ehud Moritz.

Marsha and Larry Miller in honor of the
birth of Dylan Blake, grandson of
Nancy and Scott Wachs.

Audrey and Elliott Polinsky in honor
of the birth of Mollie Claire,
granddaughter of Irene and
Bruce Drantch.

Audrey and Elliott Polinsky in honor of
the birth of Aiden Rafael, grandson of
Laurie and Joe Brofsky.

Carol Rubinstein, Mazal Tov to two
special people on the birth of
Madison, granddaughter of Cheryl
and Jeff Strom.

Barry Borodkin in memory of
Manny Roth.

Barry Borodkin in memory of
Kenneth Herrnsen.

Carol Rubinstein in memory of
Kenneth Herrnsen.

Prayer Book Fund

Marilyn and Stan Cohen in memory of
Kenneth Herrnsen.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Victor Aguirre in appreciation of
Rabbi Schlesinger.
Barbara and Paul Cooper in honor of
the birth of Debra and Jeff
Langendorff's grandson.
Barbara and Paul cooper on honor of
Zoe Rechtweg's Bat Mitzvah.
Laura and Alvin Epstein in appreciation
of Rabbi Schlesinger.
Sharon and Sheldon Gross in honor of
the naming of Lucy Maya, grand-
daughter of Marsha and Larry Miller.
Marion and Jerry Hauser in honor of
Marty Abrams special birthday.
Nancy and Jesse Kirsch in honor of
Doris and Yosef Dlugacz.
The Polokoff Family in appreciation of
Rabbi Schlesinger graveside service
for Patricia Polokoff.
Erica and David Rechtweg in apprecia-
tion of Rabbi Schlesinger helping
Zoe to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.
Ellen and George Schieren in honor of
Zeena Kassel's special birthday.
Ellen and George Schieren in honor of
Marty Abrams special birthday.
Denise and Bob Sher with wishes for
Marc Goldbergs complete and
speedy recovery.



Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of the birth of Aiden Raphael Corson, grandson of Laurie and Joe Brofsky.
Nora and Jack Skiba with wishes for the complete and speedy recovery of Naomi Doctor.

Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of David Schieren's special birthday.
Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of Larry Miller's special birthday.
Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of Zeena Kassel's special birthday.
Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of Irene Drantch's special birthday.
Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of Jason Melzer's special birthday.
Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of Jon Polansky special birthday.
Nor and Jack Skiba in honor of the birth of Mollie Claire, granddaughter of Irene and Bruce Drantch.
Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of the upcoming marriage of Samantha, daughter of Randi and Jonathan Polansky to Alex Resnick.
Nora and Jack Skiba in honor of the naming of Lucy Maya, granddaughter of Marsha and Larry Miller.
Nancy and Scott Wachs in honor of the naming of Lucy Maya, granddaughter of Marsha and Larry Miller.
Jane Weingrad in appreciation of Rabbi Schlesinger's prayers for her sister.
Marsha Becker in memory of her father-in-law, Harry.
Marsha Becker in memory of her brother-in-law, David.
Sharon Gross in memory of her mother, Marion Calderon.
Shelley and Arthur Debin in memory of Shelley's brother, Jeffrey Ritholtz.
Lauren and Barry Goldstein and Family in memory of Nancy Stern.
Aleta and Ariel Grunberg in memory of Manny Roth.
Lisa and Ken Kornblau in memory of Margot Cohen
Lisa and Ken Kornblau in memory of Marla Golden.
Lisa and Ken Kornblau in memory of Nancy Stern.
The Polokoff Family and Joel Zeitlin in memory of Meric Moshe Underweiser.
Denise and Bob Sher in memory of Arline Kotcher.
Nora and Jack Skiba in memory of Manny Roth.
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Allan Trompeter in memory of his father, Moe.
In Memory of Kenneth Herrnson
Terri and Steven Gold
Audrey and Elliott Polinsky
Nora and Jack Skiba
In Memory of Pauline Kislik
Kathy and Larry Feffer
Lisa and Ken Kornblau
Sharon and Ron Nash
Denise and Bob Sher
Nora and Jack Skiba

Youth Fund

Cheryl and Jeff Strom in honor of the birth of Aiden Raphael Corson, grandson of Laurie and Joe Brofsky.

The Polokoff Family and Joel Zeitlin in memory of Kenneth Herrnson.

General Synagogue Fund

Ronnie and Mark Bendeth in honor of the birth of Mollie, granddaughter of Irene and Bruce Drantch.
Barbara and Alfred Braverman in appreciation of the community Yizkor services.
Shelley and Arthur Debin in appreciation of Gabriella staying safe in Israel.
Shelley and Arthur Debin in honor of Lisa Stein and the HERJC staff for kindness shown during a difficult time of mourning.
Barbara Katz in honor of Gail Weinstein's birthday and her Bat Mitzvah anniversary.
Sara and Ted Liebowitz in honor of the birth of Aiden Rafael, grandson of Laurie and Joe Brofsky.
Myra and Alan Markowitz in honor of Martin Abrams special birthday.
Cheryl and Jeff Strom in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Madison Schapiro.
Amy Kalter and Ross Zuckerman in appreciation of Lisa Stein, HERJC Executive Director.
In Memory of Manny Roth
Irene and Bruce Drantch
Liz and Mitch Podgorsky
Barbara and Joe Sklar
In Memory of Nancy Stern
The Baum Family
Cheryl and Todd Graber
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Jay Alweis in memory of his mother, Bertha.
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Laurie and Joe Brofsky in memory of Laurie's father, Martin Stone.
Dora Burstein in memory of her father, Max Lassinger.
Lisa Cohen in memory of her mother, Sylvia Sonenthal.
Marilyn and Stan Cohen in memory of Pauline Kislik.
Marilyn Cohen in memory of her father, Samuel Greenstein.
Stanley Cohen in memory of his mother, Sherry.

Elyse Coleman in memory of her father, Herbert Eisenberg, her grandfather, Samuel Eisenberg, her mother-in-law, Ruth and her aunt, Ruth Feingersch.
Barbara Cooper in memory of her father, Martin Sass.
Shelley Debin in memory of her father, William Ritholtz.
Alyce Diamond in memory of her father, Louis Landesman.
Norman Doctor in memory of his sister, Linda Fisch.
Shari Doloboff in memory of her father, Stanley Marcus.
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Valerie Doneger in memory of her father, George Familant.
Stacey Ezratty in memory of her father, Leonard Goldberg.
Irene Farber in memory of her father, Isidore Glasstein and her father-in-law, Sol.
Eleanor Feingold in memory of her father, Abraham Bedar, her grandfather, Hyman Bedarsky and her mother-in-law, Bertha.
Roberta Feldman in memory of her stepfather, Harry Kaplan.
Sanford Feldman in memory of his father, Max and his grandfather, Solomon.
Leah Freeberg in memory of her mother, Claire Frankel and her grandmother, Sadie Breitman.
Sherry Friedman in memory of her father, Louis Taishoff.
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Larry Gottlieb in memory of his parents, Mildred and Alex.
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Sylvia Gutenplan in memory of her father, Jack Schmier.
Barbara Held in memory of her mother, Sadie Cohen.
Edward Held in memory of his parents, Anne and Joseph, his brother, Robert and his aunt, Dorothy Ginsberg.
Judy Herbst in memory of her parents, Ethel and Joseph Glass and her sister, Helene Sterkin.
Steven Herbst in memory of his father, Sidney.
Lawrence Herschaft in memory of Arthur.
Ian Herzberg in memory of his mother, Miriam.
Ruth Hirsch in memory of her aunt, Sydell Gould.
Lynn Hirschhorn in memory of her mother, Shirley Kirschner.
Mark Hoorwitz in memory of his mother, Marion.
Robin Hoorwitz in memory of her father, Stanley Misikoff.
Harry Itzkovitz in memory of his father, Isadore.
Linda Itzkovitz in memory of her father George Klomberg.
Steven Kalka in memory of his parents, Ruth and Louis.
Barbara Kaplan in memory of her mother, Goldie Kirschenbaum.
Howard Karp in memory of his father, Solomon.
Zeena Kassel in memory of Arline Kotcher.
Zeena Kassel in memory of her mother, Bella Levine.
Ira Katz in memory of his wife, Marilyn.
Lois Kemp in memory of her grandmother, Berdie Kaufman.
Marc Kemp in memory of his father, Arnold.
The Kishner Family in memory of their grandfather, Sheldon Prager.
Martin Klein in memory of his uncle, Nathan.
Rochelle Knobloch in memory of her mother, Sylvia Turkel.
Heidi and Steve Kreit in memory of Jared Gomberg.
Mark Kurot in memory of his father, Lawrence, his aunt, Adele Tate and George Tate.
Paul Levitt in memory of his father, Philip.
Joanne Liebenstein in memory of her father, Joseph Greenberger.
Sara and Ted Liebowitz in memory of Sara's mother, Rebecca Radusky
Pamela Margolis in memory of her father, Ira Zapolsky.
Alan Markowitz in memory of his sister, Violet Davis.
Myra Markowitz in memory of her father, Solomon Dobin.
Stuart Markowitz in memory of his cousin, Jason Dobin.
Audrey Marrus in memory of her father, Herbert Lord.
Arline Matza in memory of her parents, Florence and Tilton Schwartz.
Harriet Meixler in memory of her father, Michael Weiner.
Larry Miller in memory of his father, Martin.
Judy Mintz in memory of her husband Artie, her father, Bernard Schoengold and her mother-in-law, Sylvia Mintz Greenstein.
Robin Mintz in memory of her father, Sheldon Prager.
Ehud Moritz in memory of his mother, Carmela.
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Sharon Nash in memory of her parents, Pearl and Morris Rosenblatt.
Ruth Nodiff in memory of her father, Oscar Abrin and her sister-in-law, Gladys Filmus.



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 Fred Savoy in memory of his wife, Sara.
 Donald Schaeffer in memory of his father, Emanuel.
 Joan Schaeffer in memory of her mother, Florence Behr.
 Ellen Schieren in memory of her parents, Helen and Herman Commike and her grandmother, Anna Commike.
 David Schott in memory of his mother, Lucille, his grandparents, Henrietta and David.
 Gary Sebold in memory of his mother, Mildred.

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 Denise Sher in memory of her mother, Ruth Harvey, her grandmother Francis Lebovitz and her cousin Janice Berkowitz.
 Barbara Silverman in memory of her father, George Brand.
 Esther Silverman in memory of her mother, Goldie Nestor.
 Arlene Silverstein in memory of her father, Leon Kornbluth.
 Joseph Sklar in memory of his mother, Lena.
 Roni Suffin in memory of her mother, Nettie Knobel.
 Roberta Sugarman in memory of her father, David Bender and her brothers, Howard, and Lyndon Bender.
 Stuart Sugarman in memory of his mother, Sylvia.
 Herbert Tischler in memory of his mother, Betty.
 Ileana Tischler in memory of her father, Willaim Landesman.

Nancy Wachs in memory of her mother, Joan Baum.
 Marjorie Wecksell in memory of her mother, Ruth Kravitz.
 Mitchell Weiler in memory of his mother, Arlene.
 Leonard Weilgus in memory of his mother, Rose.
 Joy and Andrew Weingarten in memory of Andrew's grandparents, Ceil and Al.
 Jane Weingrad in memory of her mother, Ruth Joffe.
 Gail Weinstein in memory of her mother, Ada Geiver.
 Paul Weiss in memory of his mother, Harriet.
 Samuel Yedid in memory of his parents, Evette and Albert and his nephew, Michael.
 Anita Zaret in memory of her mother, Sylvia Levy.
 Seymour Zaret in memory of his father, Oskar Zaretsky.

Yahrzeits

The Yahrzeit of the following beloved relatives of our members will be observed during the next few weeks. It is especially fitting and proper that the members of the family be present at the appropriate Service to observe this occasion.

1/1 - 20 Tevet

Yakub Laufer
 Rabbi Stanley Platek
 Herman Goldberg

1/2 - 21 Tevet

Philip Barsky

1/3 - 22 Tevet

Steven Knobel
 Syd Brown
 Clara Farberman
 Leon Kornbluth

1/4 - 23 Tevet

Carol Platzker
 Carla Siegenfeld
 Isidore Fader
 Louis Kalka

1/5 - 24 Tevet

Bernard Sunshine
 Mark Seid
 Rose Weilgus
 Linda Fisch

1/6 - 25 Tevet

Seyma Dachowitz
 Philip Schnitzer
 Sylvia Levy

1/7 - 26 Tevet

Gertrude Rosenfeld
 Sylvia Sonenthal
 Judith Fischer
 Lillian Levitt
 Nathan Spritzer
 Lyndon Bender
 Sydele Rubinger
 Helene Sterkin

1/8 - 27 Tevet

Sophie Leven
 Nathan Wallshein
 Sylvia Mintz Greenstein

1/9 - 28 Tevet

Joan Baum
 Martin Strom
 Sidney Herbst

1/10 - 29 Tevet

Bessie Goldberg
 Herbert Lord
 Sol Grobman
 Herbert Whiton
 Ruth Green
 Sally Berman

1/11 - 1 Shevat

Ronald Schuman
 Michael Weiner
 Alex P. Gottlieb

1/12 - 2 Shevat

Sam Anstendig
 Melvin Hauser

1/13 - 3 Shevat

Libby Berkowitz
 Martin Sass
 Sylvia Feffer

1/14 - 4 Shevat

Sylvia Sugarman
 Annette Geller
 Pauline Simpson

1/15 - 5 Shevat

Nathan Wolk
 Philip King
 Samuel Levine

1/16 - 6 Shevat

Murray Frischer
 David Katz
 Harold Grill

1/17 - 7 Shevat

Max Lassinger

1/18 - 8 Shevat

Dr. Al G. Rosenblum
 Irving Fischer
 Esther Kalan

1/19 - 9 Shevat

Dorothy Breen
 Theda Okun
 Marvin Siegenfeld

1/20 - 10 Shevat

Ida Kaufman
 Abraham Harrow
 Meyer J. Berman

1/21 - 11 Shevat

Helen Commike
 Anna Pasternack

1/22 - 12 Shevat

Nathan Geller
 Michael Ain
 Steven Brass

1/24 - 14 Shevat

Gertrude Ross
 Irving Ostroff
 David Coleman
 Eliezer Dlugacz

1/25 - 15 Shevat

Jack Schmier
 Rudy Rosenfeld

1/26 - 16 Shevat

Joseph Kalikow
 Stanley Nelson
 Mildred Mast
 Janet Rutledge

1/27 - 17 Shevat

Benjamin Isaacson

1/28 - 18 Shevat

Louis Senter
 Joseph Berkowitz

1/29 - 19 Shevat

Bette Nieman
 Irving L. Greenbaum

1/30 - 20 Shevat

Beatrice Silver

1/31 - 21 Shevat

Louis Rubinstein
 Morris Cohen

2/1 - 22 Shevat

Jason Dobin
 Charlotte Partman
 Mark Solomon

2/2 - 23 Shevat

Dorothy Platt
 Claire White

2/4 - 25 Shevat

Hilda Krasne

2/5 - 26 Shevat

David Davis
 Annie Schaeffer

2/6 - 27 Shevat

Paul Goldberg
 Joan Kaufman

2/7 - 28 Shevat

Lawrence Traub

2/8 - 29 Shevat

Herman Moses
 Malvina Kizhner
 Max Baker
 Mary Garay

2/9 - 30 Shevat

Naftale Hertz
 Ethel Wiederspiel

2/10 - 1 Adar I

Sylvia Goldin
 Barbara Gross
 Larry Kirschenbaum

2/11 - 2 Adar

Pauline Weintraub

2/12 - 3 Adar

Doris Kipilman
 Harriette Ehrlich
 Chaya Dlugacz
 Sidney Sparer

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Yahrzeits (continued)

2/13 – 4 Adar I

Sophie Schusterman
Helene Bernstein

2/14 – 5 Adar I

Bruce Behr
Richard Matthew Schuman
Milton Paulenoff
Bernice Sklar
Paul Burton
Estelle Ezratty
Joseph Zuckerman

2/15 – 6 Adar

Jerome Rusinowitz
Esther Tamaroff
Lillian Skolnick

2/16 – 7 Adar I

Alvin Kahn
Lila Rehns

2/17 – 8 Adar I

Belle Forrest
Robert Gross
Claire Fader
Frank Stern

2/18 – 9 Adar

Evelyn Deninno
Sydney March
Joseph Liebowitz
Joyce Landau
Elisa Jerusalem
Bernard Hoorwitz
Max Gaslow
Gilbert Austein
Abraham Rappaport

2/19 – 10 Adar

Mark Weiner
Allen Frischer
David Stern
Beatrice Sklamberg

2/20 – 11 Adar

Louis Doctor

2/22 – 13 Adar

Joel Berman
Francine Lee Taishoff
Harry Polonsky

2/23 – 14 Adar

Harry Siegelberg
Bessie Sass
Toby Levine
Mildred Pauker Lamle
Molly Gaslow

2/24 – 15 Adar

Lenore Beaver
Milton Rubinstein
Edith Strom
Elissa DeAlto

2/25 – 16 Adar

Arthur Rothafel
Basil Pollitt
Ronna Heller
Irving Rosen

2/26 – 17 Adar I

Arnold Miller
Walter Bieber

2/27 – 18 Adar

Genia Jarczower
Asher Schorr
Violet Greenberg
Bernice Blank

2/28 – 19 Adar I

Jacob Green
Roger Feingold
Miriam Kessin
Carl L. Slatkin
Leila Berg
Sylvia Eisman Jaffe

2/29 – 20 Adar

Eva Friedman

3/1 – 21 Adar I

Marshall Wachs
Solomon Jaffe

3/2 – 22 Adar

Norma Tannor
Beatrice Rosenblum
Jacob Alweis

3/3 – 23 Adar

Lydia Stier
Lillian Lesser
Arthur Brett Silverman

3/5 – 25 Adar

Dorothy Rothafel

3/6 – 26 Adar

Evelyn Drillich
Helen Artzt
Ilene Sarah Abrams

3/7 – 27 Adar I

Richard Friedman
Rachel Siegel

3/8 – 28 Adar I

Sandra Berr

3/9 – 29 Adar I

Michael Krull
Shirley King Green
Ceil Zuckerman
Mortimer Bernstein

3/10 – 30 Adar I

Joseph Paster

3/12 – 2 Adar II

Gertrude Taishoff

3/13 – 3 Adar II

Nancy Strong

3/14 – 4 Adar II

Beatrice Jacobs

3/16 – 6 Adar II

Mary Jempol
Abraham Feffer

3/17 – 7 Adar II

Irving Chinitz
Herman Cowen

3/18 – 8 Adar II

Sylvia Wilk

3/20 – 10 Adar II

Louise Abrams

3/21 – 11 Adar II

Beatrice Katz

3/24 – 14 Adar II

Ruth Abrams

3/25 – 15 Adar II

Martin Bernstein

3/26 – 16 Adar II

Dr. Jay S. Burton

3/27 – 17 Adar II

Harry Laufer
Ann Sebold
Samuel Breen

3/28 – 18 Adar II

Maika Grobman
Joseph Doctor

3/29 – 19 Adar II

Jacob Lamon

3/30 – 20 Adar II

Myron Kaufman

3/31 – 21 Adar II

Morton Perlstein

4/1 – 22 Adar II

Robert David Olin
Adeline Weiner

4/4 – 25 Adar II

Sam Stein
Jim Belmont
Marlene March

4/5 – 26 Adar II

Barbara Braun

4/6 – 27 Adar II

Jacob Levy

4/8 – 29 Adar II

Nora Klein

4/9 – 1 Nisan

Caroline Katz
Bonnie Katz
Howard Platzker

4/10 – 2 Nisan

Benet Doloboff

4/11 – 3 Nisan

Edward Wiederspiel
Morris Weintraub
Minnie Sklarsky
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Lillian Sandler
Tessie Sass

4/12 – 4 Nisan

Michael Liebman
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Robert Spielman

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Sally Sparer

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Dr. Max Weiner
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Rita Winograd
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4/15 – 7 Nisan

Anna Reikes Wilk
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Samuel Rubinger
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Sidney Debin
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4/18 – 10 Nisan

Solomon Artzt
Phyllis E. Julien
Sol Feinberg

4/19 – 11 Nisan

Oscar L. Goldstein

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Arlene Pollack
Gussie Steinberg
Helen Debin

4/21 – 13 Nisan

Dena Belmont
Irene Schaeffer
Tillie Levitt
Abraham Altus
Max Schwartz
Mary Eisenberg
Norman L. Schwartz

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Belle Toor
Marvin Polinsky
Donald Finkelstein

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Max Silverman
Leonard Frank
Seymour Drantch

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Edward "Terry" Davison
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Bruce Feinberg
Joseph Skiba
Ruth Stern

4/28 – 20 Nisan

Sylvia Klein Olkin
Reuben Gorobetz
Oscar Margolis

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Emanuel Rubinger

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*The following was delivered on the last day of Passover
(as part of our Yom Hashoa Service) by Martin Tobet, a Holocaust survivor...*

From the
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ARCHIVE

I was born in a small town in Walbrom, Poland, into a very orthodox family. I had six sisters and one brother. The youngest of my sisters was four, the oldest was twenty. When I was fifteen, and my brother was twenty three, my brother joined the underground, which hid out in the woods. After the war was over, I found that he had been killed by the Nazis in the woods not too long after he left us.

The Nazis took my parents, my sisters and me, together with the people of the town, to a big field, surrounded by the SS with machine guns and guard dogs. They separated me from my parents and sisters, and I never saw them again.

I was sent to a labor camp in Poland called Rzeshev, which was an airplane factory taken over by the SS. There were dogs and wire fences and guards. This camp was the only one in which five men and myself were able to keep our religion to some extent. We were able to bake our own matzas and also able to fast on Yom Kippur, while we worked. The food at the camp was bad, provided that we even got it, and there were times that we couldn't even eat it. We ate peels from potatoes or anything we could get hold of. I remember once, I went with two other men to hunt for potatoes in a field. One man was shot, but two of us were not caught.

My first camp in Germany was Flossenbug, which I will never forget. We arrived in darkness surrounded by the SS and guard dogs. We were wearing striped blue and white pajamas and wooden shoes, and were made to stand outside the barracks all night in the bitter cold, huddled together for warmth. There were one hundred and five men when we started out, but in the morning twenty of our group were dead. Frozen during the night. The rest of us were checked into the barracks, searched, and everything we owned was taken away while we took showers.

Three of the camps I was in, in Germany, had crematoria: Flossenbug, Sachsenhausen and Ravensberg. People were being burned while I was there and the smell was unbelievable. We were made to bring coal for these furnaces.

In New Bradenberg camp, I worked as a tailor. We repaired shirts for the guards. One of the guards liked me and brought me extra bread, which I then divided amongst the prisoners.

The last camp I was shipped to was Ludvickslust. We were taken to open railroad cars (cattle cars) in our striped pajamas and traveled almost all day without food or water. All of a sudden, the railroad tracks were bombed and the guards ran away, leaving us behind. For a few days we were on our own, looking for food. Some prisoners took weapons away from dead guards they found and did some damage to the Germans. I was too weak, and the way I was brought up, I couldn't do what the others did.

A few days later, we were liberated by the American soldiers. Some of the soldiers gave us chocolate and candies and some rich foods and told us to eat a little at a time. Those who did not listen, died. After the war, I looked for my immediate family, hoping they might still be alive, but I found no one.

My name was put on the list at HIAS, and my family in America looking for anyone of my immediate family still alive, found my name and sent for me. I sailed to the United States on the first boat, Marina Fleisher, in 1946.

During the Holocaust, we lost six million Jews. I lost nine from my family. When I was liberated, there was no state of Israel. Today there *is*, **Thank God**.

We were able to help the Russian Jews and the Ethiopian Jews and we should all help Israel as much as we can.
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