

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Friday, April 6**

First Seder - No Services

**Saturday, April 7**

10:30 am Shabbat First Day of Pesach Service

**Thursday, April 12**

8:00 pm Erev Seventh Day of Pesach Service including Yizkor

**Friday, April 13**

9:00 am Seventh Day of Pesach Service including Yizkor

6:30 pm Tot Shabbat Service

8:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service

**Saturday, April 14**

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Darren Bogart

10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

**Friday, April 20**

6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat

Auf Ruf of Daneil Evans and Ashley

Beckerman

**Saturday, April 21**

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah" Alex Kitt

Alex Martinez

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Jared Fishman

Zach Weiss

**Friday, April 27**

8:00 pm Erev Shabbat Music Infusion

Service with Shir Ami

**Saturday, April 28**

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah: Amelia Dome

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Kupferschmid

10:30 am Sunday Minyan

**MESSAGE FROM**

*Joshana Erenberg, Cantorial Soloist*



*The Wicked Child?*

Passover begins on the eve of April 6, and I am once again taken back to my childhood days, sitting around the table with my family and friends, waiting with baited breath, not in anticipation of singing Mah Nishtanah (the Four Questions), a job which I relished, or eating the matzoh ball soup, a dish I craved, or finding the afikomen right before my older sister, using a secret technique that still piques her to this day. No, I waited breathlessly for the reading of the four sons when the leader would say (with side winks to the rest of the family), "okay, now who wants to be the wicked son?" It began harmlessly enough the first time when we gathered siblings and cousins around and, looking at the order of birth, my cousin Peter and I (naturally in the middle) got to share the honor of reading the wicked son. And oh with such gusto I would say "what is this service to you - תוריש כל הז המ -



The theatrical side of me loved it, getting to pout and stomp around and pretend that I was the wicked bad child.

But, the years passed and, as an adult, I would resentfully read the part of the wicked son - now more out of habit than desire, I found myself asking why. Why is he labeled wicked? Should any son or daughter be given that stigma? Is asking the

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**CHAMETZ COLLECTION**

Bring your unopened chametz to the Temple by Thursday, April 5, and we will donate it to Manna.

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**MESSAGE FROM**  
*Mitchell Frost, President*



Ah, spring is here! It's a great time of year, as the daylight hours continue to lengthen, the air warms and the world becomes more colorful; the perfect backdrop to set the mood for the festival of Passover. Passover is the celebration of the Israelites' release from Egyptian bondage and their transition into a life of freedom. Their time was now their own.

But it always amazes me that all along the way to the Promised Land there were naysayers. There were those who, in the face of each adversity, complained and even voiced the opinion that perhaps a life back in Egypt would be better. Thankfully, the majority believed otherwise.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires courage."

And courage is exactly what the Israelites demonstrated, as they ultimately triumphed after enduring 40 years of wandering through the desert. There is a lot that can be learned from the narrative that serves as the foundation to this holiday. That's why we as a people make it our duty to tell and retell the story year after year, throughout the generations.

Courage can fuel the needed perseverance to keep at it in the face of hardship, to not give up or go backwards, and to march straight ahead. And as I mentioned

above, with their newfound freedom, the Israelites' time was now their own. They were able to utilize their time to be introduced to the Laws of Torah and to transform themselves into a new people with a new mindset. It took the passing of a generation and the induction of a new leader, but the Israelites were able to transcend their slave mentality as they courageously travelled to the Promised Land and into a new era.

So this year at the Seder table, one of the things I'll try to concentrate on is my gratitude for the fact that I really am free do as I choose with my time, but that it often takes courage to decide how I truly want to make use of that time and to see it through.

Please remember that this year is unusual in that Erev Shabbat (the eve of Shabbat) and Erev Pesach (the first night of Passover) both fall on Friday, April 6th. Therefore, because we expect the vast majority of our Temple members will be participating in a Seder on that evening there will be no Kabbalat Shabbat (Shabbat Evening Service). Services will be held the next morning as usual, as we celebrate both the Shabbat and the first day of Passover.

Chag Sameach!

*Chadashot*

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# PASSOVER "TWO-FOR"

**Saturday, April 7** .....

**Sunday, April 8**

Shabbat Morning Service  
10:30 am

Family Pesach Celebration  
11:30 am

*Passover sing-a-long with  
Cantor Eschler for preschoolers  
and their families.*

Matzah Brie Nosh  
12 noon

*Come & enjoy this Passover favorite!*



Passover Potluck Dessert & Film  
7 pm

*Bring a Passover-friendly dessert to share as we sit together and enjoy the delightful documentary, "The Gefilte Fish Chronicles."*

Welcome to the Dubroff Passover! Join the clan—Helene, Peppy, Sophie & Rose—for this annual festival and become part of the family as they laugh, argue, cry, mince, peel and reminisce.

## Passover, Passover, Make me a Match!



1st Seder—Friday, 4/6  
2nd Seder—Saturday, 4/7

*This Passover,  
Let All Who Are Hungry  
Come and Enjoy!*

- Can you set another place—or two—at your Seder table?
- Are you looking for a place to spend for Seder?

If you answered "yes" to either question, we invite you to be part of our 2012 Seder Match.

Volunteers who are willing to host others or guests who would like to join another family's Seder, please contact Shelly Gordon (SLG@bethami.org) or 301-340-6818 by April 1 and we will do our best to fill and find seats.

## INCLUDING SHABBAT AT YOUR PASSOVER SEDER

With the first Seder falling on the eve of Shabbat, Friday, April 6 (there will not be an Erev Shabbat Service in the Temple), every family has a chance to take advantage of this unusual occurrence and add an extra dimension to the Seder celebration. Whether we make Shabbat at home on a regular basis, or only occasionally, gathering with family and friends for Seder on a Friday night allows us to incorporate elements of Shabbat ritual into our Seder. This will provides us a unique opportunity to examine, learn and discuss the relationship between these two important elements of Jewish ritual and tradition. Please consider including in your Seder some or all of the elements suggested under these two themes:

What are the connections between Shabbat and Passover?

Adding the beautiful and meaningful ritual of blessing the children (and others) at your Seder.

Go to [www.bethami.org](http://www.bethami.org) for readings, activities, and discussion ideas.

Chag Samayach – Have a Happy Passover Holiday! May we all enjoy this sacred gathering of family and friends, and be inspired by our people's liberation to work for freedom, everywhere.

**COMING**  
*This Month*



**LIVE AND LEARN**

**Daytime Seminars  
from 10:30 am—12 noon**

*A casual daytime learning opportunity  
open to all who yearn to learn.*

**APRIL**

**Rescued Memories:**

Bringing a Name and a  
Face to 20th Century  
European Jewish History



**Tuesdays, April 10, 17 and 24**

**Dr. Lauren Granite**, Education Director, Centropa

*The Central and Eastern European world of our  
grandparents is gone, but we can gain a deeper  
understanding of it and connect to our own family  
histories through this Jewish oral history project that  
uses multi-media to preserve Jewish memory.*

*Please RSVP to Shelly : SLG@bethami.org or 301-340-6818  
Supported by the Sally B. Kera Live & Learn Endowment Fund*

**FUN FACTS ABOUT PASSOVER:**

- Passover (Pesach) is the oldest continuously celebrated Jewish festival
- The rabbis developed the ritual of the seder based on passages from the Torah
- The Hebrew word seder means order
- In the Haggadah, the name of Moses is mentioned only once, in order to prevent Moses from becoming idolized
- The Hebrew word for Egypt is “mitzrahyim”. When Jews talk about being “enslaved in mitzrahyim”, they mean not only in Egypt, but also in all the times and places where Jews were not free to practice their religion
- On every seder table there is a symbolic fifth cup of wine called the “Cup for Elijah, the Prophet”
- The afikomen is the last piece of food eaten at the seder. The word is the Hebrew for the Greek word, epikomion, which means dessert. It is a tradition to hide the afikomen, and for the children to find it. The seder cannot be concluded until the afikomen is redeemed

**WTBA presents:  
Mexican Fiesta & Film!**

“My Mexican Shivah” is a surprisingly universal story, even if the title implies otherwise. A dysfunctional family gathers for the seven day shivah of its patriarch, Moishe, providing delirious amounts of schmoozing and kvetching. Woody Allen’s Upper West Side? No! Mexico City.



Join us for a delicious Mexican buffet followed by a screening of **MY MEXICAN SHIVAH.**

**Sunday, April 15  
5 pm**

**Cost: \$18 pp (\$23 for non-members)  
Includes Mexican dinner, sangria,  
drinks, dessert and movie.**

**WTBA Mexican Meal/Movie — April 15**

Please return reservation with check by no later than April 8

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# attending @ \$18 pp (members) \_\_\_\_\_

# attending @ \$23 pp (non-members) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Contact Rhona Arbit (301) 279-2630  
or arbitfamily@gmail.com**

## Speakers Series Presents: An Evening with George Piro, An American Hero Sunday, April 22 at 5 pm

After his capture, Saddam Hussein met every day with one man, an American he knew simply as "Mr. George."

That man is **George Piro**, FBI Agent and an American success story. Born in Beirut, he

would ultimately be the front man for a team of FBI and CIA analysts trying to answer some of the great mysteries of recent history. **Don't miss the opportunity to speak with George Piro**, who will tell his story of the interrogation of Saddam Hussein.



\$20 (\$25 non-members) includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and an unforgettable evening. RSVP by 4/18.

**RSVP online: [www.bethami.org/programs/register](http://www.bethami.org/programs/register)**

*In the event that George Piro is called up for work-related duties, an alternate speaker will be provided by the FBI.*

**Sponsored by The TBA Brotherhood.**

Friday, April 27 at 8 pm

## MUSIC INFUSION SHABBAT

an exciting, musically enhanced Shabbat experience,



### IN CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S 64TH ANNIVERSARY



*Join us in celebration of Yom Ha Atzma'ut— Israel Independence Day — with a special evening featuring the choirs of Beth Ami. Join us in singing favorite and new songs celebrating our heritage, our land and our people.*



# Felafel & Film Night

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**  
**6 PM**



The ARZA Committee invites you for an Israeli Evening on Sunday, April 29, beginning with a Felafel Buffet at 6 pm followed by a screening of "The Little Traitor." \$10 pp (\$13 non-members). Drinks/Dessert are potluck (see registration form)

*British Palestine, 1947: In just a few short months, Israel will achieve independent statehood. Proffy Liebowitz is a 12 year old militant who wants nothing more than to see the imperialist forces pack their bags and head for the hills. But, when Proffy breaks curfew one night, he has an experience that will forever change his outlook on life. Busted while roaming the streets by an amiable British soldier, Proffy is taken aback to find himself entering into a friendly conversation with a man he would have once sworn off as his mortal enemy.*

**FELAFEL & FILM—Registration**

Please return with check (payable to TBA) by 4/22

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 # ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I WILL BRING: \_\_\_\_\_ Soda \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit

## TIKKUN OLAM

### *Community Service Project*



#### **LEND A HAND**

##### **Temple Beth Ami Community Service Projects**

For more information on TBA community service projects, visit [bethami.org/groups/TO](http://bethami.org/groups/TO).

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The following activities may be appropriate for families, teens or adults. Thank you in advance for your support!

##### **Sukkot in April/Rebuilding Together Volunteers Needed**

- Join other TBA members in repairing and renovating the home of a low-income family in Montgomery County on one or more of the following Sundays: April 22, April 29, or May 6. Contact Roger Rothman at [rothmania@aol.com](mailto:rothmania@aol.com) or 301-770-2176.

**Auction Items Needed** - Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) and the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic need donations for the auction to be held at their Annual Gala on May 19, 2012, at Lakewood Country Club. CMR has been providing a wide range of services to the most vulnerable residents of Montgomery County since 1967. For more information or to donate an item(s), contact Lynn Goodman ([lynngoodman13@yahoo.com](mailto:lynngoodman13@yahoo.com)) or Paul Goozh ([paul-judig@aol.com](mailto:paul-judig@aol.com)).

**Volunteer Ticket Sellers Needed May 26 & 27** - CMR needs volunteers to help sell food tickets at Rockville's Hometown Holidays during Memorial Day Weekend to benefit CMR. Contact Lynn Goodman ([lynngoodman13@yahoo.com](mailto:lynngoodman13@yahoo.com)) or Paul Goozh ([paul-judig@aol.com](mailto:paul-judig@aol.com)).

**Help Bring the Joy of Shabbat to Local Seniors** - Join fellow TBA members in leading/helping with Shabbat services for seniors at Bedford Court in Silver Spring or Brighton Gardens in North Bethesda (contact Colin Alter at [alterc@comcast.net](mailto:alterc@comcast.net)),

or at Renaissance Gardens at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring (contact Allen Shapiro at [allen@design-one.com](mailto:allen@design-one.com)). Volunteers are also needed in Rockville on Saturday mornings to help wheelchair-bound Hebrew Home residents attend Shabbat services. Contact Ed Hopkins at 301-929-1999. Adult and teen volunteers are welcome for all of these programs.

**Senior Connection Needs Volunteers** - Senior Connection, a nonprofit that provides support to promote independent living for older adults in Montgomery County, needs volunteers to escort seniors to medical appointments; help with errands and grocery shopping; make friendly visits or phone calls; or assist with reading, writing, and paperwork. Training provided, and schedules are flexible. For more information or to volunteer, visit

[www.seniorconnectionmc.org](http://www.seniorconnectionmc.org), call 301-962-0820, or e-mail [marcia.custer@seniorconnectionmc.org](mailto:marcia.custer@seniorconnectionmc.org).

##### **Chase Partnership Shelter: Meals Help Needed**

- Volunteers are needed to help provide Thursday meals for the 36 men at the Chase Partnership House on E. Gude Drive in Rockville. Groups are asked to help cook a dinner for the men at the shelter (and to cover the cost of the meal). Individuals can form their own groups or ask to be teamed with others, sports teams can sign up to provide a meal, and Beth Ami groups and organizations can cover a Thursday as a group project. Guidance is available on menu choices and quantities. Contact Debbie Jacobs at [debrajacobs@comcast.net](mailto:debrajacobs@comcast.net).

#### **COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for helping others by donating to these Temple-wide collections for community groups.

- **Ongoing Clothing Drive** - Drop off clean clothes in good condition in the Interfaith Works containers at the back of the Temple parking lot. Receipts available at [bethami.org](http://bethami.org) or in the Temple office.

- **Ongoing Food Drive** - Bring nonperishable food items (canned or boxed goods) to the TBA lobby any time to be donated to the Manna Food Center.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for SUKKOT in APRIL

On Sunday, April 29, our TBA volunteers will again repair and brighten the home of a low income family in Montgomery County.



### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

ages 14+ who are willing to work for several hours to clean, paint, landscape and make necessary repairs. No experience necessary: both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed. All materials will be provided. We also need some volunteers on Sunday, April 22 to help prepare the house.



This is a wonderful way to give back to the community and meet great people!  
Please contact Roger Rothman to volunteer:  
(301) 770-2176 or rothmania@aol.com.

*This project is sponsored by YACHAD, the Jewish Community Housing and Development Cooperation, in partnership with Rebuilding Together—Montgomery County.*

## BROADCAST SYSTEM IN THE SANCTUARY

When calling in, you no longer have to enter 9. Just enter 301-309-3834 and wait to be connected to the sanctuary. If you experience any difficulty, please call the office on Monday and let us know.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The names of Michael and Carolyn Gorsky and Michael Sinnott and Family were inadvertently omitted from the Chadashot list of those who participated in the Holiday Gift Project last November/December. We greatly appreciated their participation in this project and thank them for their efforts to help make a difference in the lives of many foster children during the holidays.

## SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICE LAY LEADERS NEEDED

It is only April and we are already starting to plan for the summer. As in past years, we are looking to congregants who would like to conduct services over the summer for Erev Shabbat and/or Shabbat mornings. While we do not have exact dates yet (it will be sometime between July 14 and August 11), we would like to hear from anyone who would like to help lead services this summer (individuals, families, chavurot, adult B'nai Mitzvah classes, etc). Please contact Gail Brodsky, Clergy Assistant at gsb@bethami.org or at 301-340-6818, ext. 230 and let her know. Services can be led by one person or several people can team up to lead services together. The clergy are always willing to assist you in your preparation. Friday evening services will take place in the sanctuary and Shabbat morning services in the chapel.

## SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It's almost time to turn the air conditioning back on and that means watching your PEPCO bill go up. Remember VIRIDIAN Energy. By signing up to purchase your electricity through Viridian, you can help save the environment (Viridian is greener and you can pick the level of green you want to support), help save on your energy bills and help support TBA. For more information, go to our website at [www.bethami.org](http://www.bethami.org). It's a true win-win!

JUNE CHADASHOT  
DEADLINE APRIL 25

## DON 'T DROP AND RUN!

If you are doing a carpool, waiting for school pickup, bidding your time until a meeting starts, stop into the library and have a cup of coffee, browse through the books, CDs and DVDs, make a new friend. Wifi is available, too. So, make yourself at home at your Temple.

## BROTHERHOOD

### News

#### DON'T BE LEFT OUT

**An Evening with George Piro, Sunday, April 22,** 5pm George Piro is an FBI agent and an American success story. Come talk with the man who interrogated Saddam Hussein. Hors d'oeuvres and wine served. Cost is \$20 for Brotherhood and WTBA members, \$25 non-members. Register at [www.bethami.org/programs/register](http://www.bethami.org/programs/register).

**Candlelight Gourmet Dinner and Wine Tasting, Saturday, May 5, 7:30pm-10:30 pm** Join sommelier Jennifer Wick who will guide you through 15 types of wine during cocktail hour, dinner and dessert. Wine available for purchase (wholesale + \$5 to benefit TBA). Babysitting available at \$5 per child with RSVP to [wsmathon@yahoo.com](mailto:wsmathon@yahoo.com). Cost is \$35pp for Brotherhood and WTBA mem-

bers. \$40pp non-members. Register at [www.bethami.org/programs/register](http://www.bethami.org/programs/register).

**Golf Outing at Worthington Manor, Tuesday, May 15** We welcome all TBA members and guest, men and women, duffers and pros, for a fabulous day of golf at Worthington Manor in Urbana Ms. Shotgun start at 1pm. Cost is \$125 for TBA members, \$135 for non-members. Register at [www.bethami.org/programs/register](http://www.bethami.org/programs/register).

Look for our activities in the Chadashot, the Temple sign board and the Up-To-The-Minute. This year, put the Brotherhood on your calendar and join us for great entertainment with good friends and fabulous food. Become a member and get in on the community.

**Join Brotherhood Today.** We ask the men of Temple Beth Ami to consider joining

the Brotherhood. By joining the Brotherhood and supporting sponsored activities you will have fun, expand your network of friends and business contacts, and help sustain a wide range of temple and community activities. This year your support will help to provide Kiddush cups to our youth becoming B'nai Mitzvah, financial aid for Rebuilding Together, meals for the community based shelter, and sponsorship of family events. Brotherhood membership is FREE to new Temple members.

**Sunday Morning Café, Sundays, 8:30-11:15 am.** Sunday mornings after dropping the kids at school, sit down and enjoy the paper and the company of friends at our new Sunday Morning Cafe.

Looking forward to seeing you  
**Bill Mathon**, President



**WTBA Cooking for Chase Men's Shelter**



**WTBA Mar Jongg**

## WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

### News

#### THANK YOU TO:

- Livia Weinstein for teaching her delicious cooking class. We made three different tasty sauces and then enjoyed them atop chicken and spaghetti.
- Everyone who donated items and money for our February Stuff-a-Duff held.

Our all-day Mah Jongg tournament was even more successful than last year. Sixty-eight women competed for cash prizes and enjoyed a delicious deli lunch. Special appreciation goes to Rachel Maryn for chairing our tournament. Thank you to all of the bakers for providing yummy desserts, Bobbie Winter and Eleanor Sontag for helping with lunch, and Judy Miller and Eve Maryn for helping with scoring.

All TBA members and friends are invited to our **Mexican Fiesta and Film Night on Sunday, April 15th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**. We'll enjoy a south of the border buffet and then watch the movie "My Mexican Shiva", a comedy about how the death of a man results in the celebration of his life. The cost is \$18 per person for Temple members and \$23 for non-Temple members. Please see the flyer in this issue for more details and to RSVP by April 8th.

The **April Book Club meeting has been changed to Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm**. WTBA member Eleanor Sontag will discuss her book Second Generation: Memoir of a Child of Holocaust Survivors.

All TBA members are welcome to join us.

This month's **dinner for the Chase Men's Shelter in Rockville will take place on Thursday, April 19th**. All WTBA members are invited to help us cook the meal in the Temple kitchen from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Afterward, we will deliver the food to the shelter and then go out to dinner ourselves as a group. Please contact Jeanne Kahn at 301-762-4095 or JeanneKahn@aol.com if you are able to help cook for the shelter or if you would like to make a monetary donation to help cover the costs involved.

**WTBA and Brotherhood are co-sponsoring a Candlelit Dinner with Wine Tasting on Saturday, May 5th at 7:30 pm**. Join sommelier Jennifer Wick, who will guide us through sampling 15 types of wine during cocktail hour, and enjoy a catered dinner and dessert. Wine will be available for purchase at only \$5 over wholesale price. Babysitting will also be available at \$5 per child with advance reservation. Cost for this enchanting evening is \$35 per person for Temple members and \$40 for non-members. Registration will be available on the Temple's website.

One of the many ways in which WTBA supports Temple Beth Ami families is to provide a gift of the book *On the Doorposts of Your House: Prayers and Ceremonies for*

the Jewish Home to any **Temple member or child of a Temple member who gets married**. Please email Sona Glickman at saglickman@yahoo.com with contact information so we can send a copy of this wonderful book to the happy couple.



#### Attention B'nai Mitzvah families, Brides and Grooms:

Please remember that you can order your Kippot through the Women of Temple Beth Ami. There are several colors to choose from and our prices are competitive. Contact Livia Weinstein at 301-330-0382 or donlivia2@comcast.net to place your order.

#### Upcoming events:

**New event: Game Night – Wednesday, May 16**

**Chase Men's Shelter Dinner – Thursday, May 24**

**Book Club – Tuesday, June 5**

*Rbona Arbit*, WTBA President

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,  
Director*



During Passover, we remember the story of our people's exodus from Egypt, travels through the desert, and arrival in the land of milk and honey. We not only retell the story, as instructed in the Torah, but we remember it with all our senses so it is more intimately engrained in our memory as a core of our history and a source of our values. Part of this sensational experience is eating special foods. The unique tastes help us recall the adventures of our ancestors.

In nursery school, our children always explore Passover prior to Seder. But this year's calendar allows us to actually be in session during the holiday too. So we will be providing Kosher for Passover lunches to our children on April 10, 11, and 12. We have planned delicious, child-friendly meals, and we thought you might like to try these recipes at home during your holiday celebrations.

### **Easy Chicken Nuggets**

Ingredients:

2 c. matzah cake meal

2 t. salt

½ t. pepper

4 chicken breasts (approx. 1 lb.), cut into 1 inch pieces

¼ c. oil, your preference (it sounds like a lot but is not)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Brush oil onto a rimmed baking sheet.

2. Place the matzah cake meal, salt and pepper into a gallon plastic bag. Shake to mix ingredients.

3. Add the chicken pieces (about ½ c. at a time) and seal the bag. DO NOT PRESS OUT THE AIR. Shake to coat the chicken...this is a great activity for children ☺...then place on the baking sheet. Repeat process until all chicken is coated.

4. Turn each piece over to make sure there is oil on both sides of the chicken piece.

5. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until pieces are baked through.

**Matzah Farfel and Cheese** (Tastes just like Mac&Cheese)

Ingredients:

5 large eggs

1½ c. milk

1 c. sour cream

1 t. salt

¼ t. pepper

8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese

3 c. matzah farfel

4 oz. extra sharp shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

1. Preheat oven at 350 degrees F.

2. In a large bowl, beat the eggs, milk, salt and pepper together. Add the sour cream, blend well. Then add the farfel and the 8 oz of cheese. Mix well.

3. Pour into a greased 9x13 baking pan. Top with the remaining cheese.

4. Cover with tin foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and allow the cheese to brown, about 10 to 15 minutes.

5. Enjoy!

\*This recipe doubles nicely (recommended ☺) and freezes well.

### **Matzah Pizza**

Ingredients:

4 T. vegetable oil

4 large eggs, slightly beaten

1 c. matzo meal

4 tablespoons water

2 teaspoon salt, if desired

1 c. pizza sauce, your choice

1 c. shredded mozzarella

Your favorite toppings

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

2. In a bowl beat eggs; add oil, matzo meal and salt. Blend together. Add water and mix until uniform. Cover and chill in refrigerator for about 20 minutes.

3. Spread mixture over a greased (cooking spray), rimmed baking sheet and prebake for 5 minutes. Remove from the oven and top with the remaining ingredients. Bake for 15 minutes or until cheese is slightly golden.

4. Experiment with your favorite toppings!

**Passover Granola** (TBANS morning snack – without the nuts)

Ingredients:

2 ½ c. matzah farfel

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## B'NAI MITZVAH Profiles

Please join with us at Shabbat Services during the month of April as we celebrate with...



**ALEX COHEN**, son of Yvonne and Barry, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Thursday, April 5 at the Kotel in Jerusalem. He is a seventh grade student at Hoover Middle School. Alex has an older sister, Ivy. Alex will participate and lead his family in a Chesed project in Israel during their trip to Israel.



**DARREN HARRIS BOGART**, son of Lauren and the late Paul Bogart, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 14. He is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Darren has an older brother, Adam, and a younger sister, Julia. Darren is looking forward to being B'nai Mitzvah in Israel this August with his cousin, Samantha.



**ALEXANDER DAVID KITT**, son of Cheryl and Tim, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 21. He is a seventh grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Alex has an older sister, Elizabeth, and a younger sister, Caroline. For his mitzvah project, Alex is working with WINNERS Lacrosse which teaches life skills through lacrosse to inner city kids in Washington, DC.



**ALEX MARTINEZ**, son on Ellie and Alfonso, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 21. He is a seventh grade student at Lakelands Park Middle School. Alex has an older sister, Alana



**JARED MATTHEW FISHMAN**, son of Michelle and Jeremy, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, April 21. He is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Jared has a younger brother, Justin



**ZACH WEISS**, son of Cara and Joel, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, April 21. He is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Zach has an older sister, Marci. For his mitzvah project, Zach is organizing several fundraisers to help support The Brain Aneurysm Foundation in memory of his maternal grandmother, Myrna Weisberg, in hope of bringing awareness and finding a cure for the disease



**AMELIA RACHEL DOME**, daughter of Lauren and Jeffrey, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 28. She is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Amelia has an older brother, Garrett. Amelia is a volunteer for Girls on the Run of Montgomery County, an after school program that promotes healthy choices and inspires physical activity.



**MATTHEW KUPFERSCHMID**, son of Melissa and Keith, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, April 28. He is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Matthew has a younger sister, Jenna. For his mitzvah project, Matthew tutored elementary school students as part of Bells Mill's summer school program.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

*Kim Roberts,  
Director*



### Calendar

#### **NO SCHOOL (April 1-April 10)**

Passover/Spring Break

#### **Sunday, April 15**

Make-up Hebrew Assessments  
Sunday Only Students (Gr 3-6)

Dalet (Gr 4) Family Education

Zayin (Gr 7) Yom Hashoah  
Service

#### **Tuesday, April 17**

Make-up Hebrew Assessments  
Tuesday Only Students (Gr 3-6)

#### **Sunday, April 22**

Vav (Gr 6) Girl's Rosh Codesh

#### **Thursday-Sunday, April 19-22**

NFTY-MAR Spring Kallah

#### **Friday-Sunday, April 27-29**

Kesher/Machon (Gr 11-12) Trip

#### **Sunday, April 29**

Dalet (Gr 4) Parent Meeting  
(B'nai Mitzvah Information)

Our family education programs are well-underway and we are fortunate to be able to offer a variety of programs to our families. Kindergarten families spent time in November learning about Jewish bedtime rituals and making adorable "Shema" pillowcases. In December we hosted storyteller Jordan Hill from Arizona, who got the group up and moving (see page 13).

Our third graders spent a meaningful morning with Rabbi Weiss, hunting through their new siddurim during the "siddur scavenger hunt" and decorating gorgeous custom covers which adorn and protect the siddurim. On the same morning, 6th grade parents joined with their students for a special program with artist-in-residence Mordechai Rosenstein.

Sixth grade families spent a humorous-but-serious morning with Rabbi Luxemberg, talking about their upcoming B'nai Mitzvah. Mrs. Tash described the new Temple initiative to help families find mitzvah projects. See the TBA website under Life Cycle (and then under B'nai Mitzvah) to view the document which describes a variety of opportunities for students to engage in a mitzvah project in conjunction with a bar or bat mitzvah.

Our Gesher students spent a wonderful morning with their parents learning about Israel and tasting some treats from Israel.

Spring is always busy with family ed programming. 5th grade families-Don't miss "Destination: Israel" on Sunday, May 6th during late session ONLY (11 am -12:45 pm). Please be in the main lobby PROMPTLY at 11 am to check in and begin your tour of Israel!

Fourth Grade Parents- please reserve Sunday, April 15th (during your child's "lamata" time) for our meaningful workshop on Death and Dying . We are privileged to have our clergy and social worker Natalie Merkur Rose from JSSA facilitating this program.

For all these programs and more, please stay posted as we send you grade-specific invitations for upcoming Family Education programs. Thank you for a terrific year so far at Machane TBA!

*Sharon Tash,*

Informal/Family Educator, PreK - 7



## 3rd Grade Family Ed Program



## 6th Grade Family Ed Program



## Storyteller Jordan Hill



## SIMCHAS

### *Mazel Tov to...*

**Michael Yentis, Alex Falconer, Matthew Fields, Andrew Scher, Harrison Barr, and Michael Weinberg** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

**VitaMarie Matzkin and Melanie Ezrin** on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

**Kim, Sam and Adin Roberts** on the birth of their daughter and sister, **Noa Elah Roberts**

**Rachel and Jordan Dorfman** on the naming of their daughter, **Ellery**

**Margo Smith** on receiving the JCA Jacqueline Unger Community Service Award for 2011 for outstanding Volunteer Service

**Rachel Tepper**, daughter of **Judy Fox-Tepper and Gary Tepper**, winner of the Tu B'Shevat photography contest sponsored by the DC JCC and the Washington Jewish Week

### Special Thanks to:

The members of the Culinary Crew for providing desserts for the Coffee House Oneg: **Lois Fishman, Pat Harvey, Alan Katz, Catherine Copp, Shelia Yuter, Janet Liebowitz, Shelby Herman, Jeanne Kahn, Lynn Karpay, Carol Plotkin, and Gail Kaplan-Wassell**

**Taylor Carson** for entertaining at the Coffee House Oneg

## Share with Us...

Please inform the Temple of any significant life cycle event, such as a birth, engagement, wedding, illness or death, so we can be in touch. Please contact Gail Brodsky, Clergy Assistant, at 301-340-6818, ext. 230 or [gbs@bethami.org](mailto:gbs@bethami.org)

## PHOTO REVIEW

**YAGMCB,  
Live & Learn - February,  
Shira Kline Visit TBANS,**



## You're A Good Man Charlie Brown Cast





## COMMITTEE News



### TIKKUN OLAM IN ACTION

Temple Beth Ami's Tikkun Olam Committee strives to help Temple members put our faith into action by assisting others in our local community and beyond. We offer

a range of projects and programs aimed at fulfilling the commandment of Tikkun Olam—to help repair the world. For more information about the Tikkun Olam Committee, to suggest additional projects that we might offer, or to be added to our e-mail list to learn about our programs, volunteer/collection opportunities, and upcoming Committee meetings, contact Mark Joffe at [mjoffe@erols.com](mailto:mjoffe@erols.com) or Joanne Brodsky at [jbbrodsky@aol.com](mailto:jbbrodsky@aol.com).

We hope you'll join us by participating in one or more of our projects.

#### • A WIDER CIRCLE

Touch the lives of some of the neediest in the DC area through a variety of activities, including donating furniture and household goods that are in good condition. Contact Betty Shevitz at [roff100@aol.com](mailto:roff100@aol.com) or 301-294-6268, or visit <http://awidercircle.org>.

#### • B'NAI B'RITH PROJECT HOPE

Help deliver bags of Pesach and/or Rosh Hashanah necessities and goodies to Russian immigrant and other needy families in our area. Contact Mark Joffe at [mjoffe@erols.com](mailto:mjoffe@erols.com) or Joanne Brodsky at [jbbrodsky@aol.com](mailto:jbbrodsky@aol.com).

#### • CHASE PARTNERSHIP HOUSE

Volunteers are needed to help provide Thursday meals for the 36 men at the Chase Partnership House on E. Gude Drive in Rockville. Groups are asked to help cook a dinner for the men at the shelter (and to cover the cost of the meal). Individuals can form their own groups or ask to be teamed with others, sports teams or other community groups can sign up to provide a meal, and Beth Ami groups/organizations can cover a Thursday as a group project. Guidance is available on menu choices and food quantities. Contact Debbie Jacobs at [debrajacobs@comcast.net](mailto:debrajacobs@comcast.net) or 301-983-4055.

#### • CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS

Help prepare and serve a festive holiday meal to local homeless citizens on Christmas Day at the Lord's Table in St. Martin's Catholic Church in Gaithersburg. Contact Joanne Brodsky at [jbbrodsky@aol.com](mailto:jbbrodsky@aol.com).

#### • COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF ROCKVILLE – Latino Outreach Project

Assist in English language and American culture/customs classes for Spanish-speaking immigrants. Teen volunteers also needed to spend time with the children of the adults being tutored. Contact Lynn Goodman at [lynngoodman13@yahoo.com](mailto:lynngoodman13@yahoo.com).

#### • COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF ROCKVILLE – Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic

English/Spanish-speaking volunteers needed as interpreters once/week or twice/month to assist the Clinic's medical staff. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lynn Goodman at [lynngoodman13@yahoo.com](mailto:lynngoodman13@yahoo.com) or Paul Goozh at [paul-judig@verizon.net](mailto:paul-judig@verizon.net).

#### • HEBREW HOME

Help wheelchair-bound Hebrew Home residents attend Shabbat services. Adult and teen volunteers needed from 9:30–11:30 a.m. one Saturday per month. Call Ed Hopkins at 301-929-1999.

#### • SENIOR CONNECTION

Senior Connection, a nonprofit that provides support to promote independent living for older adults in Montgomery County, needs volunteers to escort seniors to medical appointments; help with errands and grocery shopping; make friendly visits or phone calls; or assist with reading, writing, and paperwork. Training provided, and schedules are flexible. For more information or to volunteer, visit [www.seniorconnectionmc.org](http://www.seniorconnectionmc.org), call 301-962-0820, or contact Marcia Custer at [marcia.custer@seniorconnectionmc.org](mailto:marcia.custer@seniorconnectionmc.org).

#### • SHABBAT FOR SENIORS

Help bring the joy of Shabbat (and other Jewish holidays) to residents of Bedford Court in Silver Spring, Brighton Gardens in North Bethesda, and Renaissance Gardens at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring by helping to lead services for those who are unable to travel elsewhere to attend services. Contact Colin Alter at [alterc@comcast.net](mailto:alterc@comcast.net) for Bedford Court and Brighton Gardens, or Allen Shapiro at [allen@design-one.com](mailto:allen@design-one.com) for Renaissance Gardens at Riderwood Village.

#### • STUFF-A-DUFF

Help TBA and Child Welfare Services of Montgomery County assemble overnight duffel bags for children and teens placed into foster care on short notice. Donations and volunteers needed. Contact Judi Goozh at [paul-judig@verizon.net](mailto:paul-judig@verizon.net).

#### • SUKKOT in APRIL/REBUILDING TOGETHER

Join other TBA members in repairing/brightening the home of a low-income family in Montgomery County. Contact Roger Rothman at [rothmania@aol.com](mailto:rothmania@aol.com) or 301-770-2176.

**COMING IN***The Months to Come*

## Candlelit Dinner with Wine Tasting

Saturday  
May 5  
7:30 pm



Join sommelier, Jennifer Wick, who will guide us through sampling 15 types of wine during **cocktail hour**, catered dinner **AND** dessert!

Wine will be available for purchase at \$5 over wholesale.

Sponsored by Brotherhood and WTBA

### **CANDLELIT DINNER—Reservations**

Please return with payment to TBA by no later than April 29

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# @ \$35 (members) \_\_\_\_\_ # @ \$40 (non-members) \_\_\_\_\_

# for Babysitting @ \$5/child (please include name(s)/age(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

## Swing into Action

TBA Brotherhood's Golf Outing  
10th Anniversary  
Tuesday, May 15  
1 p.m. Shotgun start  
Worthington Manor Golf Course



All TBA members and Guests welcome

Men & Women—Duffers & Pro

\$125 pp (\$135 non-member) includes:

10th Anniversary Golf Shirt, Range Use,  
Carts, Box Lunch and Buffet Dinner!

[www.bethami.org/programs/register](http://www.bethami.org/programs/register)

Register by April 30th for special bonus gift

If you or your company wish to be a sponsor of this special event, contact  
Steve Feldman — 301-428-3344

[sfeldman@preferredinsurancesolutions.com](mailto:sfeldman@preferredinsurancesolutions.com)

### **MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS**

Every year the Temple participates in the Jewish Women's International program to send flowers to mothers in shelters across the country. What a beautiful way to remember your mom, grandmother, daughter, friend - anyone who is a mom. They will receive a lovely card informing them of your donation and a woman in a shelter will have her day brightened by your thoughtfulness. Watch for the forms soon on our website and in the lobby (you will need a code to order through TBA).

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

A single 60-watt bulb burning 12 hours a day for a year uses up to 6300 gallons of water (It is used to help drive steam turbines in power plants). That's your recommended drinking water supply for 35 years! And switch to fluorescent bulbs – they last 10 times longer and can save two tons of coal a year per home.

### **GREAT NEWS!!! YOU CAN SHOP AT AMAZON AND SUPPORT TEMPLE BETH AMI AT THE SAME TIME!**

Do you shop on the Amazon.com website? Do you know that if you enter the Amazon website from a link on the Temple Beth Ami website, TBA will earn at least 4% of your purchase price for every purchase you make? It is very easy and you will be helping TBA. You can access the Amazon site to earn money for TBA in one of two ways: Either go to the TBA website and click on the small Amazon.com link at the top of the home page, or use this URL which takes you directly to Amazon: <http://tinyurl.com/bethamishop>. BUT REMEMBER, TBA ONLY EARNS MONEY IF YOU GO TO AMAZON THROUGH THE TBA WEBSITE OR THIS URL!

Just imagine, you can "shop 'til you drop" without leaving home and put some badly needed cash in TBA coffers. GO TO IT!

## COMMITTEE

### News

#### CELEBRATING? Remember MAZON

Our Congregation is a MAZON congregation which means that we contribute 3% of every event in which food is served to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger (also \$3 of every Oneg contribution). We ask every member of the congregation to do the same.

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH...**contributing to Mazon brings food and help to the hungry, while it gives your child the opportunity to begin his/her Jewish adult life with a public act of Tzedakah.

**WEDDING...**traditionally it is the obligation of the bride and groom to feed the hungry and help the poor. By contributing 3% of the cost of your wedding celebration to MAZON, you can continue these Jewish traditions.

#### SYNAGOGUE LIAISON PROGRAM

**Need a consultation about a family issue?  
Don't know where to turn?**

TBA members can get free, confidential consultation on challenging personal and family issues including parenting children of all ages, life transitions, caring for aging parents, and marital issues. The Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) Liaison Program, in partnership with Temple Beth Ami, provides our congregation with a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) who can offer support and referrals to JSSA and other community resources, and provide guidance about how to proceed with difficult situations. Call or email Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C, at 301-610-8319 or nmrose@jssa.org to make an appointment

More information on  
our website  
[www.bethami.org](http://www.bethami.org)

#### TBANS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

1 c. chopped pecans, 1 c. slivered almonds (or your favorite nuts)  
¼ c. margarine  
¼ c. brown sugar  
¼ c. honey  
½ t. salt  
1 t. cinnamon  
1 c. raisins, 1 c. chopped dates, 1 c. mini chocolate chips (optional)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
2. Place farfel on a lined, rimmed baking sheet and toast for 15-20 minutes. On a second sheet, do the same for the nuts. Pay close attention to the nuts so that they don't burn.
3. Meanwhile, in a 2 qt. saucepan combine margarine, sugar, honey, cinnamon and salt. Bring to a simmer for a few minutes, stirring constantly.
4. In a large bowl, combine farfel and nuts. Pour margarine mixture over the farfel mixture and stir until evenly coated.
5. Increase oven to 350 degrees F. Spread entire mixture on a lightly greased baking sheet and toast for 20 minutes until golden brown. Stir a few times to avoid burning.
6. Remove from the oven to COOL COMPLETELY. Return to large (cleaned) bowl, add raisins, dates and chocolate chips.
7. Store in an airtight container.

\*This makes great cereal in the morning...maybe without the chocolate chips!

**CLERGY MESSAGE** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

question “what does this mean to you” really cause for that kind of label? Last year I attended a very forward thinking and open minded seder and, this time, my baited breath was due to the thought provoking conversation that I was sure would follow the reading of the four sons. I was not disappointed. As soon as the reading was finished, our hostess declared herself to be resentful of the label of “wicked child” and questioned why any child should have to live with the stigma of “wicked” for his or her lifetime? This instigated conversation between the adults and children at the table. Suggestions flew out of people’s mouths, among them being: maybe the child was misunderstood, or maybe scared of the vast responsibility and burden of what it means to be a Jew, and not ready yet to take on that responsibility as the wise son had.

For the first time as an adult, I did not feel that bubbling resentment, but now a curiosity, tantamount to studying a passage of the Talmud. And now as the time grows near, I again find myself thinking about the wicked child.

So as most curious GenX’ers of our time, I went straight to Google. What I found out, was that I was not alone in my feelings.

Rabbi Gideon Sylvester of the United Synagogue's Tribe Israel writes:

“I have always been fascinated by the rebellious, wicked child of the Seder and our relationship to him. Although part of the family, he gets a bad press.

He then goes on to quote Rabbis who have given different outlooks. For the Netziv (Reb Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin), the wicked child represents those who are searching for the relevance of our religion. “Tradition is nice, but what does it mean to us? Why are we bound by the historical experience and religious beliefs of our ancestors?” they ask. In an age where personal autonomy and expression have become supreme values, such questions are becoming increasingly common and crucial for young Jews.

The Chief Rabbi, Lord Sacks sees the wicked child as someone struggling with his Jewish identity, whose parents pushed him into religious observance, but showed no sign of interest or passion for their own Judaism.

The Chasidic rabbi, Yisrael Kohznitz recognized that many young people around him were having difficulty uncovering the spirituality in Jewish life, saying that in our own times many young people struggle to find spirituality at Jewish ceremonies and

celebrations where so much of the focus seems to be on the festive side, and less on the religious aspect.

In his book *The Jew in the Lotus*, Rodger Kamenetz describes how thousands of young Jews fail to find satisfaction in their heritage, and so they desert the Jewish community and seek spirituality elsewhere.

The traditional response to the wicked son is expressed by the Malbim (Rabbi Meïr-Leibush ben Jehiel-Michel Weiser). He states that there is little point in answering the wicked son's attacks, since by distancing himself from the nation, he is not interested in or explanations. He is a lost cause.

However on a positive note, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach stated that the sharpest questioners are often not the wicked ones at all; on the contrary, they are the most idealistic, religiously-minded people, who simply cannot bear the inconsistencies that they find within our Jewish communities. He asks, many rabbinic students want to be rabbi to those who embrace Judaism, but who will be the rabbi to those who stand on the sidelines, disconnected from their people and their religion?

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, teaches that the wicked son needs to be engaged with love, and calm the ferocity of the wicked child's anger by embracing his questions and engage in a serious, spiritual and intellectually robust discussion, trying resolve their questions by reconnecting them to Judaism.

After reading Rabbi Sylvester's article (<http://www.thejc.com/judaism/judaism-features/29841/what-should-you-say-todays-wicked-child>) I began to think about my journey as a Jew throughout my life and how it connected to the four sons. How in the beginning I took everything in with wonderment, the smells and taste of my mother's kugel, the strangeness of Hebrew to my ears, all without comment, and how in Hebrew school I accepted the Torah as truth, and then as a teen I questioned every aspect of it and my religion. And finally, with my family and synagogue's guidance and love, as an adult found my own acceptance of who I was as a Jew.

I am not just the wicked child, I am all. My Jewish journey would not have been the same, and I would not have been as strong in my Jewish convictions, without the aspect of “wickedness” in me.

## **WE GRATEFULLY** *Acknowledge*

A contribution to a Temple fund is a meaningful way to support the Temple community while honoring a birthday, recuperation, wedding, graduation, birth or any special occasion. Donations may also be made in memory of loved one. For a minimum \$10 donation, an acknowledgement will be sent to the person you wish to honor or the family of the deceased. If you have any questions about existing funds or wish to establish a fund, please call Janice Rosenblatt, Executive Director, at 301.340.6818.

### **ADULT EDUCATION FUND**

In honor of:

The marriage of ARIEL PLOST and SUE TROMPETER by Jeanne and David Kahn

In memory of:

IRENE KOCH, daughter of Audrey Koch, by Barry and Sheila Taylor  
HERBIE BORNSTEIN, brother of Marilyn Lipowsky, by Cecelia and Charles Plost

### **\*ALTER FAMILY SHOFAR FUND**

In honor of:

CHARLOTTE FREEDBERG'S Bat Mitzvah by Colin and Hilde Alter

### **\*AMMERMAN FAMILY MEZZUZAH FUND**

In memory of:

HELEN MARTIN, wife of Seth Ammerman and sister-in-law of Joy Ammerman, by Toby and Joel Shpigel

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In honor of:

The Bar Mitzvah of MICHAEL YENTIS by JL Levit and Paula Mintzies

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HERBIE BORNSTEIN, brother of Marilyn Lipowsky, by Dorothy Welan, Ruth Ann Saffitz  
EDITH SCHWARTZ MEYERS by Phyllis and Mort Lessans

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BONIM:

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In memory of:

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In honor of:

PEARL and BEN VANN'S 70th anniversary by Janice Rosenblatt and Ed Williams

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In honor of:

Her special birthday by AMY SCHER

In memory of:

HERBIE BORNSTEIN, brother of Marilyn Lipowsky, by Edythe and Darryl Runett

IRENE KOCH, daughter of Audrey Koch, by Edythe and Darryl Runett

### **MAZON FUND**

In memory of:

JAMES FREDERICK HUNTER by the Kupferschmid family

In honor of:

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### **MUSIC EQUIPMENT FUND**

In appreciation of:

The wonderful performance of "Charlie Brown" by Barry and Sheila Taylor

In honor of:

LISA FROST, to wish her a speedy recovery, by Tom and Robin Temin  
LISA FIRESTONE, to wish her a speedy recovery, by Tom and Robin Temin

In memory of:

HERBIE BORNSTEIN, brother of Marilyn Lipowsky and uncle of Jody Rosenblum, by Livia and Don Weinstein

### **NURSERY SCHOOL FUND/FUNDRAISING**

In honor of:

LISA FIRESTONE, to wish her a speedy recovery, by Elsa and Milton Weinstein

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In memory of:

NETTIE HANOVER, mother of Lisa Kirsch, by Karen and Jerry Greenberg  
The grandmother of Marcie Taylor Gutman by Karen and Jerry Greenberg

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In appreciation of:

Rabbi Luxemburg for his support by the Kupferschmid Family

Rabbi Weiss officiating at their wedding by Colleen and Robert Bokman

In honor of:

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LISA FIRESTONE, to wish her a full and speedy recovery, by Karen and Jerry Greenberg

The B'nai Mitzvah of VITA MARIE MATZKIN and ALEC FALCONER by Eleanor and Sheldon Matzkin

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In honor of:

The Bar Mitzvah of ALEX COHEN by Herbert and Brenda Cohen

LISA FROST, to wish her a speedy recovery, by Jeanne and David Kahn

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In memory of:

HERBIE BORNSTEIN, brother of Marilyn Lipowsky, by Jeanne and David Kahn

**CHILDHOOD HUNGER PROJECT**

In honor of MICHAEL YENTIS becoming a Bar Mitzvah by Janice Rosenblatt and Ed Williams

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WOMEN OF TBA

In memory of:

HERBIE BORNSTEIN, brother of Marilyn Lipowsky, by Phyllis and Joel Polster

\*Endowment Funds

\*\* as of 2/23/2012

*"May the memory of these Righteous be for a blessing"*

We mourn the recent death of:

Edith Meyers  
mother of Tracy Noble

Jack Wiener  
father of Susan Wohl

Peter Fishman  
step-father of Deborah Turner

Lazare Novack  
father of Laura Rich

Daniel Bierman  
father of Deborah Bienstock

Herbie Bornstein  
brother of Marilyn Lipowsky,  
uncle of Jody Rosenblum

# Pesach (Passover)

**Pesach, or Passover**, is a major Jewish spring festival which commemorates our ancestors' deliverance from four centuries of bondage in Egypt over 3000 years ago. It is the oldest and perhaps the most loved of the Jewish festivals, with the most elaborate home ritual of any Jewish holiday. In celebrating Pesach, Jews think not only of the freedom of our ancestors, but also of the freedom of all enslaved and persecuted people. Pesach is celebrated for seven days by Reform Jews and in the State of Israel, as commanded in the Torah (Exodus 12:15, 13:16) and for eight days by others.

The origins of Passover are both historical and agricultural. The holiday is known as both Chag ha-Pesach, Festival of the Pascal Sacrifice, commemorating the passing over of the Jewish homes, the door posts of which were marked with the blood of the pascal offering and Chag ha-Matzot, Festival of the Matzoh, commemorating the bread which our ancestors ate when they left Egypt. The historical origin of Passover commemorates our ancestors' exodus from Egypt and release from slavery. God commanded them to eat the pascal sacrifice the evening preceding the exodus, which matzah was the bread which they ate while they fled. Later, at the time of the Temple, the pascal sacrifice and the eating of matzah became part of the celebration of Pesach. Passover, along with the holidays of Sukkot and Shavout is a pilgrimage festival, in ancient times Jews would journey to Jerusalem on those three holidays.



## Themes of Pesach

The themes of Passover are redemption and creation. Nisan, the month during which Passover falls, is the first month of the Jewish calendar, the beginning of the agricultural cycle, as well as the period of the creation of Israel as a people.

The story of Passover goes back over 3000 years to the time when our ancestors were slaves to Pharaoh, the King of Egypt. Moses, the leader of the Jews went to Pharaoh nine times to ask that he free the slaves. Nine times Pharaoh said yes and then changed his mind. The tenth time the Jews were set free. The freed slaves fled as fast as they could, without stopping long enough to bake bread. Instead, they took the unleavened dough with them. This is the origin of matzah. Again Pharaoh changed his mind. He went after the Jews with his army, trying to enslave them

again. Moses led our ancestors to the Reed Sea, but Pharaoh's army was close behind. The Bible tells us that God parted the sea to let the Jews cross safely, but drowned Pharaoh and his army. The Jews were free at last.



## Celebrating the Holiday

We celebrate Pesach at home with family and friends with a special ritual meal, called a Seder. Seder means a special order, at which time each participant relives our ancestors' flight from Egypt and their redemption from slavery. The Seder teaches each new generation the story of our slavery, the danger of our escape and the joy of our liberation.

Seders are held during the first two nights of Passover. It is customary to invite extended family, friends, and neighbors who may be curious about Passover traditions, to one's family Seder. The story is told from a special booklet, called a Haggadah. In it is the story of the Exodus on Passover eve, "and you shall tell your children that on that

day, saying: 'It is because of that which the Eternal did for me when I came forth out of Egypt'."

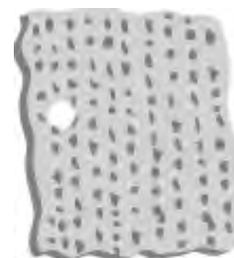


There are many special ritual items related to food, which are included in the Seder. They include: four cups of wine (representing the four promises of redemption made by God to our ancestors when they were released from slavery); Elijah's cup (expressing our hope for our future redemption in the Messianic age); matzot (special unleavened bread); charoset, a combination of apples, wine walnuts and cinnamon (a reminder of the bricks and mortar our ancestors were forced to make in Egypt for the Pharaoh's palaces and temples; and salt water to recall the tears of our people. The afikomen, meaning desert, is broken during the Seder and one half is hidden. The hidden half, the afikomen, must be returned in order for the Seder to be completed. Many children enjoy the tradition of hiding the afikomen from the leader of the Seder who must then get it back; many others enjoy hunting for the afikomen hidden by the leader.



A Seder plate with the special items that are symbolic of our ancestors' bondage in Egypt is placed on the table. The Seder plate includes: a roasted shankbone (a reminder of the offering of the paschal lamb on the eve of Passover in the Temple); maror (bitter herbs), usually horseradish root, to recall the bitterness of Egyptian bondage; karpas, a green vegetable, to symbolize spring's arrival and perpetual renewal of life; and a roasted egg, a symbol of the free-will burnt offering brought to the Temple daily during Passover, also a symbol of the new life the Jews were to enter.

Once of the highlights of the Seder is the asking of the Four Questions, traditionally asked by the youngest child. The child asks: "Why is this night different from all other nights? Why do we eat matzah? Why do we eat bitter herbs? Why do we dip twice in salt water? Why do we recline instead of sitting up straight?" The answers to the questions are the telling of the story.



### Preparing Your Home

A Passover home environment is created by the removal of all chametz (leavened products) on the day before the Seder and replacing it with foods that are Kosher for Passover, as well as dishes and utensils prepared for this holiday. This ritual, called bedikat chametz, involves the entire family and is an important family tradition in many homes. The stringent prohibition against leavened bread and any food containing chametz is stated twice in the book of Exodus. Chametz is defined as any food or drink made from the five major grains – wheat, rye, barley, oats, and spelt; some Ashkenazi Jews also include rice, corn, peanuts and peas. The one exception is, of course, matzah

baked from Passover, or any food which has been specially prepared for Passover to avoid any accidental leavening. Many families take their chametz, to shelters, food banks or other places to feed the hungry.

### Passover at the Temple

Women's Seder with Rabbi Weiss and Cantorial Soloist, Joshana Erenberg, Sunday, March 25, 5 – 7:30 pm  
 First Seder, Friday, April 6 (there will be no Erev Shabbat Service at the Temple. Please see the suggestions on page 3 or the web site for adding Shabbat to your seder)  
 Shabbat/First Day Service, Saturday, April 7, 10:30 am, followed by Matzoh Brei Brunch at noon  
 Family Passover Celebration, Saturday April 7, 11:30 am, followed by Matzoh Brei Brunch noon  
 Passover Potluck Dessert and Film (The Gefilte Fish Chronicles), Sunday, April 8, 7 pm

Erev Seventh Day Service with Yizkor, Thursday, April 12, 8:00 pm  
 Seventh Day Service with Yizkor, Friday, April 13, 9:00 am

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