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Kosher & Happy Pesach!



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2010 PESACH SCHEDULE 5770

Saturday, March 27

Shabbat Hagadol (special d'rasha following Musaf)

Sunday, March 28

B'dikat Chametz (search for Chametz) at 8:05 p.m.

Monday, March 29

Erev Pesach
Ta'anit Bechorim

Shacharit at 6:30 a.m., followed by Ta'anit Bechorim Siyum
Chametz not to be eaten after 10:27 a.m.

Biur (burning of) Chametz by 11:39 a.m.

Biur Chametz at shul between 7:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Candle lighting before 7:05 p.m.; Mincha, Maariv at 7:05 p.m.

First Seder is held, beginning no earlier than 8:06 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

1st Day of Pesach

Shacharit at 9:00 am (We offer prayer for Tal (Dew))

Daf Yomi 6:30 p.m.

Mincha at 7:10 p.m., brief Shiur, Maariv at 8:00 p.m.

We begin counting the Omer this evening

Candle lighting after 8:07 p.m.

Second Seder is held; begin preparing no earlier than 8:07 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

2nd Day of Pesach
1st Day of the Omer

Shacharit at 9:00 a.m.

Daf Yomi 6:30 p.m.

Mincha at 7:10 p.m.

Maariv/Yom Tov ends at 8:08 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

Shacharit at 6:30 a.m., Mincha, Maariv at 7:10 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Shacharit at 6:30 a.m.,

Candle lighting at 7:09 p.m.

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:10 p.m.

Shabbat, April 3

Shabbat Chol HaMo'ed

Shacharit at 9:00 a.m. (Reading of Shir HaShirim)

Eat Seuda Shlishit at home before Mincha

Mincha at 7:00 p.m., followed by Shiur

Shabbat ends at 8:11 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

Daf Yomi at 7:30 a.m.

Shacharit at 8:30 a.m.

Last days of Yom Tov begin in the evening

Candle lighting at 7:11 p.m., Mincha, Maariv at 7:15 p.m.

Monday, April 5

7th Day of Pesach

Shacharit at 9:00 a.m.

Daf Yomi at 6:30 p.m.

Mincha at 7:15 p.m., followed by Shiur

Maariv at 8:00 p.m.

Candle lighting and preparation for 8th Day not before 8:13 pm

Tuesday, April 6

8th Day of Pesach

Shacharit at 9:00 a.m.

Yizkor Memorial Service at approx. 10:30 a.m.

Daf Yomi at 6:30 p.m.

Mincha at 7:15 p.m., followed by Shiur

Maariv/Yom Tov concludes at 8:14 p.m.

Chametz sold by Rabbi Wilensky will have been repurchased by 10:00 p.m.

R ABBI'S MESSAGE

The most glamorous meal in the Jewish calendar is conducted on the Seder Night. The table is set lavishly, the food is prepared impeccably, and the ambiance is breathtaking. Many philosophers have described the act of eating as a "disgraceful must", a necessary pursuit, but a vulgar one at that.

Chazal's approach to food differs starkly from this perspective. R. Soloveitchik (Shiurei HaRav, p. 163) points out a fundamental difference between the eating habits of man and the eating habits of animals. An animal is focused intently on the meal it is ingesting and as such eats in solitude. Man, a social being, eats with the camaraderie of others, enjoying the food while being in the company of his friends and family.

The saying of the zimun prior to bentching impresses upon us the importance of our having eaten not as single entities, but rather as a unified group. It is for this reason that the night of Pesach, the most exquisite meal of the Jewish year, is experienced by our sharing it with our families and friends, enjoying not only the food, but our social network which accompanies it. The seder, therefore, opens with the words 'kol dichfin yeisei v'yifsach' or 'whoever wishes, come and {experience} Pesach with us.'

On the heels of the Purim Gala, we find ourselves well prepared for that communal-meal experience. Our community's outpouring of love and respect in honoring Barbara and Arthur Weinrach at the

annual Gala has left us with that sweet taste of true communal celebration, akin to the camaraderie we will be looking to experience this Seder night.

May beautiful festivities, the likes of the Seder night and the Purim Gala, be the reason for countless Sons of Israel get-togethers, both for our immediate 'Bnei Yisrael' as well as our broader 'Bnei Yisrael'.

With wishes for a wonderful Pesach and a Chag Kasker V'sameach,

Rabbi David Wilensky

F ROM THE PRESIDENT

Believe it or not, the first day of Spring comes March 20th every year!

The economy is not good. The job market is bad. The weather is not cooperating. I can't find a good book to read. There is nothing worthwhile to see on TV. It seems like whoever is in Washington ain't listening to what we are saying. Where can we go to get out from under the doldrums that we seem to be in?

Sons of Israel, that's where to go for a rewarding experience! Our synagogue depends on the activities and involvement of its membership, and there are many places that you can get involved because we really need YOU! The list of needs and desires that you can fulfill is enormous.

Our activities range from the spiritual to the social, and here

are some of the ways that you can participate:

You can come to **Minyan**, morning or night. We have an ongoing need that gives you the opportunity to connect in many ways. Our Minyan is a key element of our shul that helps us spiritually and aids those in mourning for a loved one.

You can volunteer to help the **Kiddush Committee** prepare Kiddush for Shabbos morning. Believe it or not, dicing tomatoes (and similar skills) is of great social value and is the start of a great Kiddush experience.

You can volunteer to work on the **Tallis Weaving Loom**. Our "Loom Ladies" have done this for well over 613 tallaysim, and it is one of the most outstanding gifts you can make to a person, young or old.

You can indicate an interest to join and help a large variety of specific committees which include:

Our **Youth Committee** arranges for Shabbos morning experiences for all of our youth. They arrange both NCSY and Bnei Akiva activities, and hold special youth programs for Hanukkah and other holidays.

Our **Adult Education Committee** is responsible for scheduling educational programming which promotes and enhances the congregation's long-standing commitment to Torah U'Mada. Specifically, the committee is responsible for inviting visiting scholars for lectures and Shabbat scholar-in-residence programs.

Our synagogue encourages all of our members to be warm and

welcoming to guests, newcomers and visitors to our community.

Our **Membership Committee** is mainly responsible to enable new individuals and families to officially join our synagogue family.

Our **House Committee** is responsible for maintenance of the synagogue building, and sees that the building is kept in a good state of repair.

Our **Ritual Committee** provides for the order and decorum at the religious services of the congregation and recommends innovations and improvements in the services.

Our **Purim Gala Committee** arranges the shul's annual banquet and banquet journal. The banquet not only honors those who have demonstrated commitment to our shul, it is also our largest fundraiser.

Our **Sisterhood and Men's Club** work to beautify the shul, enhance services and create social activities. As examples, Sisterhood bakes and sells Hamentashen for Purim, has recently run a cooking class; Men's Club holds a number of Sunday breakfasts during the year and organizes volunteers to set up for the High Holidays.

Our synagogue owns (through a separate corporation) and maintains a cemetery in east Allentown, in combination with a few other synagogues that are no longer in existence. The **Cemetery Committee** is responsible to make arrangements for the sale of burial plots and their maintenance.

The **Chesed Committee** assists members of the community in a variety of ways including welcoming new members, Bikur Cholim, providing assistance to those sitting Shiva, and providing meals to families in times of need.

The **Hospitality Committee** is responsible for arranging host families or other accommodations for visitors that are coming from out of town to find out about our community, and to arrange for meals for families during shiva.

Our **Social Action Committee** takes the principal of Tikkun Olam and extends it to the greater community. Projects that we have undertaken include food drives for Second Harvest or the Jewish Family Service, collection of warm clothing for the needy, and promotion of conservation.

The **Finance Committee** develops the budget and the means to support it for presentation to the board and the congregation.

We have a newly formed **Young Adults Committee** whose aim is to bring new young members into our synagogue and increase the involvement of current members.

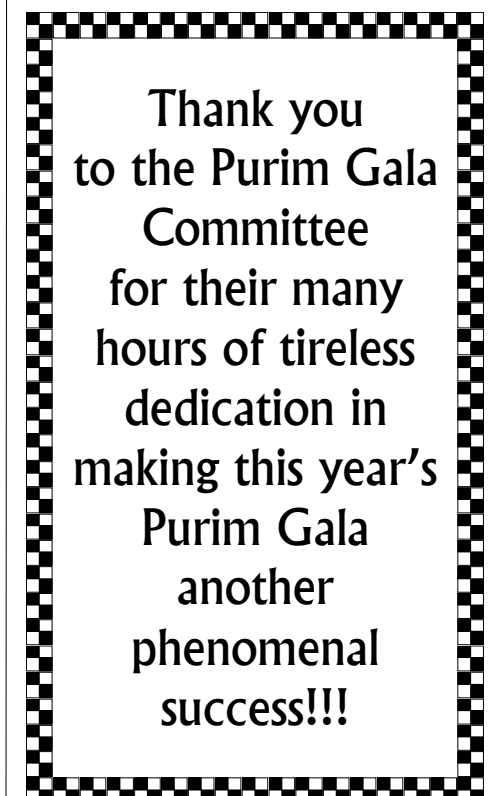
We have some developing activities that are in the process of starting up. We have a need for a **Technology Committee** whose purpose would be to assist the shul in all technology-related services and solutions. This would include maintaining the

Shul Website; keeping up with hardware and software requirements; and data management and backup.

Finally, you can indicate an interest to be on the **Board of Directors**. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee have overall responsibility for both the physical and financial operation of our synagogue. The Board is comprised of the elected members and officers of the synagogue and the chairmen of many of our various committees.

If any of these activities are of interest to you, please see me or any of the other officers of our synagogue. The bottom line is that our synagogue needs you. Your involvement will help build the spirit and atmosphere that we all feel when Winter ends and Spring arrives, as it does every year.

Mike Notis



FROM THE SISTERHOOD

Here is some "food for thought" that you can add to your seder menu.

One of the fascinating and suggestive features of the Haggadah is the prominence of the number "Four," which appears in connection with the following elements of the Haggadah:

- ⇒ The Four Cups of Wine
- ⇒ The Four Sons
- ⇒ The Four Questions
- ⇒ The Four Expressions of Redemption

Why the number "Four" is given this prominence, and what its special connection with Pesach is, is not obvious.

Perhaps it is because of the four seasons, and the fact that Pesach is the holiday of Spring, the season of rebirth and renewal, the birth of the Jewish people with its liberation from Egypt and its march towards Sinai. There the L-rd would accomplish the purpose of the Exodus, giving the Jewish people and, through them to all of humanity, the Torah, wherein is spelled out G-d's instructions for a way of life which is moral and holy, which will accomplish ultimately the rebirth and renewal of humanity.

Or perhaps it is the connection to the four "Imahot," the "Mothers" of the Jewish people: Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah, and the wives and mothers in Egypt and throughout Jewish history, who

have kept the spirit of the people alive.

[The Number "Four" from OU.ORG (compiled from different sources, including The Book of Our Heritage by Rabbi Eliyahu Kitov.)]

Sisterhood happenings and information update:

Sisterhood donations to shul:

- Babysitting '07-'08, '08-'09 & for Holidays — \$2,444
- Torah Tours, "Simchat Torah Shabbaton" & '09-'10 babysitting — \$1,000
- Simchat Torah flags — \$72.50
- Improvements for downstairs offices — \$1,130.89
- Chanukah weekend (Shabbos & concert) — \$1,000
- Holiday gifts for April & Zoraida
- Ad for Purim Gala journal — \$1,200

TOTAL — \$6,847.39

Recent, Ongoing and Upcoming Activities:

- Braiding & taking challah
- Mystery activity – making egg rolls
- Candle making for havdalah & Shabbos
- 2nd annual movie night
- Sewing challah covers for Tu B'Shevat dinner
- Cooking Tu B'Shevat dinner

- Baking hamentashen for shul Seuda & Carnival
- Talis weaving project
- Steve Bonner (from Boscov's) cooking demo & tasting
- Gift cards will be made available at upcoming events.
- Rabbi Wilensky will teach a Pre-Pesach class for our March meeting

Thank you's:

- From Joanna Powers (youth dept.): Thank you Sisterhood for providing babysitting from Rosh HaShanah through the year, and for snacks on Rosh Hashanah & for Yom Kippur.
- From April: Thank you for the holiday gift.
- From Amy: Thank you to these talented members for sharing her talents! — Judy Slyper, Lucy Wahrman & Abby Wiener

Chag Sameach,

Amy Fisher
Sisterhood President



COOKING CORNER

By Regina Brenner

When Purim passes, can Passover be far behind? Traditional food is part of our Seder and all during Chol Hamoed. However, several years ago I learned that Quinoa is permissible to eat on Passover.* Lo and behold I found a delightful recipe using this product, with vegetables, to make a great side dish. You can double or triple the recipe if needed. Enjoy and have a wonderful and Kosher Pesach!

Carrot, Tomato, and Spinach Quinoa Pilaf

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Ready In: 35 minutes

Servings: 5

Ingredients:

2 teaspoons olive oil
 1/2 onion, chopped
 1 cup quinoa*
 2 cups water
 2 tablespoons vegetarian chicken-flavored bouillon granules
 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 teaspoon thyme
 1 carrot, chopped
 1 tomato, chopped
 1 cup baby spinach

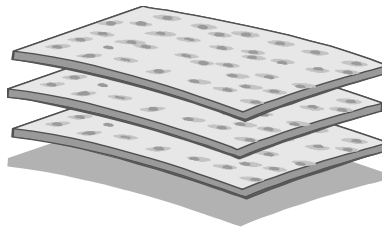
Directions:

1. Heat the olive oil in a sauce pan over medium heat; cook and stir the onion in the hot oil until translucent, about 5 minutes. Lower the heat, stir in quinoa, and toast, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Stir in the water, bouillon granules, black pepper, and thyme; raise

heat to high and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 5 minutes.

2. Stir in the carrots. Cover and simmer until all water is absorbed, about 10 more minutes. Turn off the heat, add the tomatoes and spinach, and stir until the spinach is wilted and the tomatoes have given off their moisture, about 2 minutes.

**Ancient Harvest and Trader Joe Quinoa are the two quinoa brands which may be used for Pesach. One should check the quinoa to be sure that no other grains are mixed in.*



Jewish Family Service Announces Scholarships for 2010-2011 School Year

Jewish Family of the Lehigh Valley seeks applicants for its Annual Martin Philip Memorial Scholarship. The \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to be used towards post high school educational expenses.

Jewish Family Service also seeks applicants for the Gaines Family Foundation Prize in engineering, up to \$5,000 per year to students enrolled in a college engineering program.

Application deadlines for both scholarships is April 30th, 2010.

For information on how to apply, call Jewish Family Service, 610-821-8722.

A CALL FOR MA'OS CHITTIM

If you would like to donate for Ma'os Chittim — funds for Passover provisions for the poor — please send a check to the synagogue office made out to either the Rabbi's Benevolent Fund or Od Yosef Chai. If you know of anyone in our community who could use some financial aid for Pesach, please contact Rabbi Wilensky discreetly. Thank you.

Clean out your Chametz!

**at the annual
Congregation Sons of Israel
Pre-Pesach Food Drive**

**Bring your donations of un-opened,
non-perishable food to
Congregation Sons of Israel
2715 Tilghman Street
Monday 3/15 - Friday 3/26
Weekdays between 8 am -1 pm
Sunday 10 am-12 noon**

****No Matzah or kosher for Pesach food items please!**

**All food collected will be donated to
The Pennsylvania Avenue Interfaith Food Pantry**
(A non-profit member agency of Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley)

**To make a donation, make checks out to:
The Pennsylvania Avenue Interfaith Food Pantry**

Your Passover Guide

How to Sell the Chametz

Since possession of Chametz is prohibited on Pesach, we need to sell all Chametz to a non-Jew. All Chametz that is to be sold should be stored away in closed-off rooms; the closed-off rooms themselves are leased, while the chametz is sold. Since there are many legal intricacies in this sale, only a competent Rabbi should be entrusted with its execution. The Rabbi acts as the agent both to sell the Chametz to the non-Jew on the morning before Pesach starts and to buy it back the evening after Pesach ends.

How to Prepare the Home

Unique to Pesach is the eating of matzah [*Note: Matzah used all year round is not for Pesach use. Only Matzah baked especially for Pesach may be used on Pesach.*], and the stringent prohibition against eating or possessing Chametz. "Chametz" is a general term for all food and drink made from wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt or their derivatives, which is forbidden on Pesach because it is leavened. Even food containing only a trace of Chametz is prohibited and must be removed from our homes.

Getting Rid of Chametz

- Obvious Chametz -- both food and utensils used throughout the year (and not kashered for Pesach) should be stored in closets or rooms which are not easily accessible (locked or taped shut). This Chametz should be sold to a non-Jew, as we explained above.
- Clean the entire house thoroughly to remove even crumbs and small pieces of food.
- Check for Chametz in the car and office (desks and drawers, etc.), clothes, pockets (especially the children's), pocketbooks, and attaché cases. Vacuum cleaner bags containing edible Chametz should be discarded or cleaned.

How to Prepare the Kitchen

To prepare the kitchen for Pesach, we must *kasher* it from Chametz that has

been cooked in it.

Dishes and Utensils: Have special sets of dishes, silverware, pots, pans and other utensils for Pesach use **only**. (If necessary, certain 'year-round' utensils may be used, provided they are *kashered* for Pesach. If you have utensils that need to be kashered, please contact Rabbi Wilensky who can perform the kashering process for you).

Self-cleaning oven: Clean oven and run a self-cleaning cycle for a period longer than the longest time you use for baking.

Conventional oven: Clean every part, and leave for 24 hours. Heat to the highest temperature possible for 1 hour.

Stoves: Clean surface, then heat the burners, grates and iron parts until they glow red-hot. The stove-top should be covered afterwards with aluminum foil. *For smooth-top stoves, see the Rabbi.*

Microwave Ovens: Clean thoroughly. Fill with water a clean container that has not been used in the past 24 hours. Turn on the microwave and let the water steam heavily. Turn it off and wipe out the inside. To use the microwave during Pesach, use a flat piece of styrofoam or any other thick object as a separation between the bottom of the oven and the cooking dish. When cooking, the food should be covered from all sides.

Sink: Meticulously clean. For 24 hours before *kashering*, do not pour hot water into the sink. Then, boil water in a clean pot which has not been used in 24 hours, and pour it -- while it is still bubbling -- on to every part of the sink, including the drain stopper. If the sink is not metal, line it with contact paper.

Refrigerator, Freezer, Cupboards, Closets, Tables and Counters: Thoroughly clean and scrub them to remove any crumbs and residue. Afterwards, cover with a heavy covering those surfaces that come into contact with hot food or utensils.

Tablecloths/Napkins: Launder, low density, no starch.

Shopping for Pesach

While shopping for Pesach we must be careful that the foods we buy are not only kosher but are also kosher for Pesach -- that is, Chametz-free.

Starting from Scratch: All fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as all kosher cuts of meat and kosher fish, are kosher for Pesach -- provided they have been prepared in accordance with Jewish law and have not come into contact with Chametz or Chametz utensils. The prevailing Ashkenazi custom is that on Pesach we do not eat rice, millet, corn, mustard, legume, (beans, etc.), or foods made from one of these ingredients.

Commercially Prepared Products: There are many kosher-for-Pesach packaged foods available. However, care must be used to purchase only those packaged foods that have reliable Rabbinical supervision which is valid for Pesach. Obviously, all leavened foods made from wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt are actual Chametz and are prohibited on Pesach. Examples are bread, cake, cereal, spaghetti, beer and whiskey.

Medicine Cabinet: Some medicines, sprays and cosmetics contain Chametz. Consult a competent Rabbi as to which ones may be used on Pesach. The same applies to pet food.

Searching for Chametz and Burning It

When to search: Make a formal search of the home for Chametz, while holding a lit candle. It is customary to distribute ten small, individual, wrapped pieces of Chametz throughout the home before the search. The search should be conducted on Sunday, March 28th, as soon after 8:05 PM as possible.

One who is leaving his home for Pesach should conduct the search on the last night he will be at home. If the last night at home will be Saturday night March 27th or earlier, no blessing is recited.

The Blessing: Recite the following blessing before the search: Baw-ruch Ah-toh Ah-do-noi Eh-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Hah-o-lom Ah-sheh Kih-dih-shah-nu Bih-mitz-vo-sov Vih-tzi-vah-nu Awl Be-oor

Cham-matz. *Blessed are you, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to remove the leaven.*

Searching: After the blessing, hold the lit candle and search for Chametz in every room, as well as any other areas of the home that may have Chametz, such as the basement, attic, garage, or car.

When the search is completed, recite the following: *All leaven or anything leavened which is in my possession, which I have neither seen nor removed, and about which I am unaware, shall be considered naught and ownerless as the dust of the earth.*

Then take all the Chametz that was found in the search, cover it securely and place it in a conspicuous place, to be burned in the morning. Food intended to be sold or eaten later should similarly be carefully put aside. The search should also be conducted in one's place of business, on the last night one will be there before Pesach.

Burning the Chametz: On Monday morning, March 29th, burn the Chametz that was found during the search, or that was left over from breakfast and not stored with the Chametz which will be sold to the non-Jew. The deadline for this burning is 11:39 AM.

After the Chametz has been destroyed, recite the following: *All leaven or anything leavened which is in my possession, whether I have seen it or not, whether I have observed it or not, whether I have removed it or not shall be completely considered naught and ownerless as the dust of the earth. Each household member should recite this.*

The Eight Days of Pesach

The Morning Before Pesach: On Erev Pesach (Pesach eve), Chametz may be eaten only until 10:21 AM. After that time only foods which are kosher for Pesach may be eaten. However, we do not eat matzah until the Seder.

Fast of the First-Born: When the Al-mighty slew the first-born of Egypt, He spared the first-born of the Children of Israel. Therefore, all first-born sons of

Israel, or fathers of first-born sons under 13, fast on the day before Pesach, in gratitude to the Al-mighty.

It has, however, been a custom for many centuries that this fast day is broken by a festive meal in celebration of the conclusion of the study of a book of the Talmud. This takes place after the 6:30 a.m. minyan in the synagogue.

Seder Preparation: Before Pesach, prepare the chicken neck, horseradish and charoset for both Seder nights.

For the second Seder, set the table and prepare the meal *after* the first day-of Yom Tov ends, which this year is 8:07 PM.

The Concluding Days of Pesach: Pesach is eight days long. The last two days of Pesach are also Yom Tov. Pesach does not end until nightfall after the eighth day of Pesach. The actual time is indicated on the Pesach Calendar. *Until that time, no Chametz should be bought or eaten.*

The Seder

The Seder: The first two nights of Pesach, we conduct a Seder -- a festive yet solemn event. At a table royally set with our best crystal and silver and the finest of kosher wines, we reenact the exodus from Egypt in ancient times. Then we pray for the forthcoming redemption speedily in our days.

In the Footsteps of our Forefathers: At the Seder, each person views himself as if he were going out of Egypt. We begin with our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We are with our people as they descend into exile and suffer cruel oppression. We are with them when G-d sends ten plagues to punish Pharaoh and his nation, with them as they leave Egypt and with them at the crossing of the Red Sea. We witness the miraculous hand of G-d as the waters part, allowing the Israelites to pass, and then return, thundering over the Egyptian legions.

Matzah, the 'Food of Faith': We left Egypt in such haste, there was no time to wait for the bread to rise, and we ate Matzah, unleavened bread. With only Matzah, our ancestors faithfully relied on Gd to provide sustenance for an entire nation. Therefore each year to fulfill the

commandment of "Matzah shall you eat. . ." we eat matzah the first two nights of Pesach.

The Humblest of Foods: Matzah itself symbolizes faith. In contrast to leavened food, the matzah is not 'enriched' with oil, honey, etc. It is *simple* flour and water, which is not allowed to rise. Similarly, the only 'ingredients' for faith are humility and submission to G-d, which come from the realization of our 'nothingness' and 'intellectual poverty' in the face of the infinite wisdom of the Creator.

Shmurah Matzah: *Shmurah* means 'watched,' and this is an apt description of this matzah (unleavened bread). The wheat used is carefully protected against any contact with water from the moment of harvest, since water would cause leavening and disqualify the wheat from Pesach use. These matzahs are kneaded and shaped by hand, similar to the Matzah baked by the Children of Israel on their way out of Egypt. They are baked under strict supervision to avoid any possibility of leavening. Shmurah matzah should be used on each of the two Seder nights, for the three matzahs of the Seder plate. For a more meaningful and happy Pesach, have Shmurah matzah at your Seder table.

If you did not order Shmurah Matzah and would like some, please check with our office. We might have some extra available.

If anyone would like to host a person or persons who are looking for a place for the Seder, please contact
Rabbi Wilensky.

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If you are looking or know someone who is looking for a place for the Seders, please contact  
Rabbi Wilensky.  
Thank you!

*Yasher Koach — Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness!*

**Y** OUR DONATIONS

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

In memory of Sol Haber's beloved father  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*

**ADULT EDUCATION FUND**

In honor of the birth of Moshe Yosef Wilensky  
*Todd & Laura Garber*

**GENERAL FUND**

In memory of Sol Haber's beloved father  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz  
Mike & Cooky Notis  
Jeff & Jill Blinder  
Arthur & Barbara Weinrach  
Regina Brenner  
Alan & Abby Wiener  
The Kimmel Family*

A speedy recovery to Justin Scherline  
*Mike & Cooky Notis*

In memory of Donna Black's beloved brother  
*Arthur & Barbara Weinrach*

In honor of the birth of Moshe Yosef Wilensky  
*Barbara & David Sussman*

In honor of Rachel Fromer's Bat Mitzvah  
*Barbara & David Sussman*

In honor of Alan & Abby Wiener's newborn grandchildren  
*Barbara & David Sussman*

To Larry & Eva Levitt in honor of Sam's Bar Mitzvah  
*Barbara & David Sussman*

In honor of Murray Milkman's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday  
*Barbara & David Sussman*

In honor of Cantor Samuel Weiss's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
*Barbara & David Sussman*

A speedy recovery to Alan Wiener  
*Barbara & David Sussman*

In memory of Ruthann Schwartz's beloved sister, Rosie  
*Barbara & David Sussman*

In memory of Victoria Smoocha's beloved father  
*Mike & Cooky Notis*

In honor of Arthur & Barbara Weinrach for being honored at this year's Purim Gala  
*Monica & Martin Lemelman*

In honor of the birth of Elaine Atlas' granddaughter, Sarah  
*Joan Lichtenstein*

A happy birthday to Helen Besen  
*Joan Lichtenstein*

In memory of Victoria Smoocha's beloved father  
*Regina Brenner  
Alan & Abby Wiener*

**YOUTH FUND**

In memory of Sandra Goldstein's beloved mother  
*The Simons*

To the Markowitz family in memory of their beloved mother  
*The Simons*

In memory of Sol Haber's beloved father  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*

In memory of Donna Black's beloved brother  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*

In memory of Sol Haber's beloved father  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*

In memory of Victoria Smoocha's beloved father  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*

**LIBRARY FUND**

In memory of Donna Black's beloved brother  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In memory of Sol Haber's beloved father  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In memory of Victoria Smoocha's beloved father  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

**KIDDUSH FUND**

In honor of the birth of Bob & Marcia Milkman's grandson  
*Pearl & Melvin Schmier*

In honor of the Kiddush Committee  
*Raizy & Gregory Kaplun*

A happy birthday to Ralph Weiner  
*Joan Lichtenstein*

In memory of Victoria Smoocha's beloved father  
*Pearl & Melvin Schmier*

**RABBI'S BENEVOLENT FUND**

A thank you to Rabbi Wilensky for saying a prayer for Michael  
*Nina Jackson*

A speedy recovery to Justin Scherline  
*Joe Aflalo*

*Yasher Koach — Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness!*

In memory of Daniel Gevirtz's  
beloved wife, Yvonne  
*Marjorie & Baron Jasper*

In honor of the birth of Moshe Yosef  
Wilensky  
*Marjorie & Baron Jasper*

In honor of Murray Milkman's 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday  
*Marjorie & Baron Jasper*

In honor of the birth of Barbara &  
Arthur Weinrach's grandchildren,  
Alexander Stephen and Malka, and for  
being honored at this year's Purim  
Gala  
*Marjorie & Baron Jasper*

**MEL BESEN ENDOWMENT  
FUND**

In memory of Victoria Smooha's  
beloved father  
*Sandy & Seymour Preis*

In honor of the birth of Elaine Atlas'  
granddaughter, Sarah  
*Gladys Morgenstein*  
*Ralph & Anna Mae Grossman*

A happy birthday to Ralph Weiner  
*Gladys Morgenstein*

**DR. STEVEN W. WEINER  
MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of Dr. Steven W. Weiner  
*The Kimmel Family*  
*Aaron & Selma Beshansky*  
*Murray & Marcia Schechter*  
*Melvin & Pearl Schmier*  
*Nina Jackson*  
*Abbott & Judy D'ver*  
*Todd & Laura Garber*  
*Rabbi Asher & Eileen Korenberg*  
*Lyudmila & Boris Belopolsky*  
*Rabbi Mordechai & Caren Torczyner*  
*Dr. & Mrs. Randall Sneider*  
*Bob & Lesley Perlman*

*Mike & Cooky Notis*  
*Holmes & Jeannie Miller*  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*  
*Judith & Jason Saranga*  
*Joan Lichtenstein*  
*Regina Brenner*  
*Gladys Morgenstein*  
*Jeff & Jill Blinder*  
*Ira & Erica Robbins*  
*Ruth & Humi Vishniavsky*  
*Murray Milkman*  
*Gregory & Raizy Kaplun*  
*Richard Cohen*  
*Arlene Hect*  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*  
*Arthur & Barbara Weinrach*  
*Judith & Marvin Packer*  
*Allen and Lesley Rudner*  
*Steven & Jana Cohn*  
*The Kessler Family*  
*Lana & Sam Konstantinova*  
*Glenn Kaye*  
*Sandy & Seymour Preis*  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*  
*Jim Karg*  
*Ralph & Anna Mae Grossman*  
*Diane & Jeffrey Rosenberg*  
*Elsa & Dick Marcus*  
*Deborah Reynolds & Jeffrey Lieb*

A speedy recovery to Justin Scherline  
*Abbott & Judy D'ver*  
*Regina Brenner*



Dear Congregation Sons of Israel:

It was with great sadness that I heard of Steven Weiner's passing today from his brother, Robert. While I haven't seen Steven in a few years, I was quite fond of his parents and was a neighbor of his for many years in Newton, MA. I had visited his father's house last year following the death of his mother, Sandra, and knew that his medical condition had not improved.

I have heard that your members had been a wonderful support for Steven during this medical condition and that his well being was greatly enhanced by your kindness and care that your members provided to him. I hope you will be able to appreciate all the time he was a member of your congregation and dwell on his achievements in life during this period of sadness.

Sincerely,

Richard Cohen,  
Goodview, VA

**A Memorial Service for our beloved member,  
Dr. Steven Weiner, ל'ק"ח, will take place at  
Congregation Sons of Israel  
Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM,  
concluding with Mincha at 6:50 PM.**

**If you are interested in learning mishnayos in  
Steven's memory, please contact  
Rabbi Wilensky.**



AHRZEITS



## APRIL

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Miriam Atlas               | 1  |
| Dolly Pfeiffer             | 2  |
| Nahame Faiga               | 2  |
| *Lydia Jaegendorf          | 4  |
| *Sydelle Weiss             | 4  |
| *Betty Phillips            | 5  |
| Melvin Besen               | 5  |
| Gertrude Heyman            | 5  |
| *Harold Beck               | 6  |
| *Howard Morgenstein        | 6  |
| *Sarah Beck                | 6  |
| Stanley Fox                | 6  |
| *Lotti Fischmann           | 6  |
| *Esther Levitt             | 7  |
| Samuel Abraham Kantziper   | 7  |
| *Meyer M. Brickman         | 7  |
| Robert Wilf                | 8  |
| Reba Kernis                | 8  |
| Simon Szejnblum            | 9  |
| Steven Blinder             | 9  |
| *Sophie Weisman            | 10 |
| *Ethel Grossman            | 10 |
| *Ruchel Epstein            | 10 |
| Josef & Joheved Rubinstein | 11 |
| *Robert Sussman            | 11 |
| Jesse Cooper               | 12 |
| *Sidney L. Jasper          | 12 |
| Ruth Miller                | 13 |
| *Joseph Denitz             | 13 |
| *Paula Frank               | 13 |
| *Lewis Flum                | 13 |
| Zeev Holtzer-Hadar         | 13 |
| Jean Levin                 | 13 |
| Max Mandel                 | 14 |
| Jean Feller                | 14 |
| *Celia Karp                | 15 |
| *David Phillips            | 15 |
| *Edward Schneider          | 15 |
| *Rebecca Molovinsky        | 15 |
| *Max Rapoport              | 15 |
| *Norman Spector            | 15 |
| Solomon Abrams             | 16 |
| Stephen Weinrach           | 17 |
| Taylor Cooper              | 17 |
| Celia Grossbard            | 17 |
| *Isie Schneider            | 17 |
| Charlotte Mandel           | 18 |

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|-------------------------|----|
| Emanuel Roth            | 19 |
| *Pauline Cohen          | 20 |
| *Hessey Epstein         | 20 |
| *Solomon Schwartz       | 20 |
| *Azek Segel             | 21 |
| *Sussman Levine         | 23 |
| *Thomas Epstein         | 23 |
| Jacob Gittleman         | 24 |
| Henrietta Levin Skepton | 24 |
| Julius Miller           | 25 |
| *Bernard Saul Notis     | 25 |
| *Irving W. Wasserman    | 25 |
| *Anna Brody             | 25 |
| *Rose Berkowitz         | 26 |
| *Sadie Sherman          | 26 |
| *Florence Jacobson      | 27 |
| *Irving Benzel          | 27 |
| *David Kuba             | 29 |
| Herman R. Puff          | 30 |

## MAY

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|----------------------------|----|
| *Sarah Twersky             | 1  |
| *Tzvi Bleicher             | 1  |
| *Morris Ratarsky           | 1  |
| *Leo Ritter                | 1  |
| Harold Fox                 | 2  |
| Sol Fink                   | 2  |
| *Olga Katz                 | 3  |
| Milton Goldman             | 4  |
| *Olga Ritter               | 5  |
| *Meyer Sharfman            | 5  |
| *Ida Cherlin               | 5  |
| *Max Rosenberg             | 5  |
| Marion Davidson            | 7  |
| Freda Schochet             | 7  |
| *Josephine Hirsch          | 7  |
| *Clement S. Schifreen      | 8  |
| *Yehoshua Weiss            | 8  |
| *Esther Chana Weiss        | 8  |
| *Frederick L. Herman       | 9  |
| *Melvin "Mickey" Schneider | 9  |
| Judith Greenberg           | 9  |
| *Joseph Rosenberg          | 9  |
| Marshall D. Hallman        | 9  |
| *Rose Rosenberg            | 10 |
| *Louis Grossman            | 10 |
| *Emanuel Gevirtz           | 11 |
| *Hermina Gevirtz           | 11 |
| Annie Schwartz             | 12 |
| *Max Flaxgold              | 13 |
| *Alex Farber               | 13 |
| Carola Eichenwald          | 14 |

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| *Ethel Jacobson          | 14 |
| Louis Weingrod           | 14 |
| Harvey Cohen             | 15 |
| *Sam Jaffie              | 15 |
| Bertha Klein             | 15 |
| *Dorothy Roth            | 16 |
| Yetta Buck               | 16 |
| *Jennie Miller           | 17 |
| *Simon Mogul             | 17 |
| Marjorie Teplitz         | 17 |
| *David Gabriel           | 17 |
| Dorothy Fox              | 19 |
| *David Miller            | 19 |
| *Celia Schmier           | 19 |
| *Samuel Fox              | 19 |
| *George Phillips         | 20 |
| *Ida Rosenberg           | 20 |
| *Emil Jaegendorf         | 21 |
| *Monroe Judd             | 21 |
| *Coleman J. Levine       | 23 |
| *Edward Abromovitz       | 23 |
| *Sam Perlman             | 23 |
| *Julius Rapoport         | 23 |
| *Murray Figlin           | 24 |
| *Bertie Jaffe            | 24 |
| *Feige Ruchel Herskowitz | 24 |
| Sarah Rochel Koton       | 24 |
| *Lipot Ungar             | 24 |
| *Victor Elias            | 25 |
| *Aaron Herman            | 26 |
| Rachel Rosenberg         | 27 |
| *Elias Manne             | 28 |
| Leonard Lipson           | 28 |
| Edwin Mozes              | 28 |
| Telaviv Buchholz         | 28 |
| *Sheina Moskowitz        | 29 |
| Bluma Bolotvsky          | 29 |
| Eward Weinberg           | 29 |
| *Ida Glass               | 30 |
| *Louis Epstein           | 30 |
| *Blanka (Friedman) Ungar | 31 |
| Joseph Steiner           | 31 |
| Morris Cohen             | 31 |

\*Honored with a memorial plaque in our synagogue.

Note: If you recently lost a loved one and would like to receive yearzeit notifications, please contact the synagogue office.