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Rabbinic Reflections

Happy spring! Happy Pesach! Passover think I speak for all of us when I say it does has been my very favorite holiday for as not replace "the real thing" - in-person inlong as I can remember. I love preparing teractions. It is easy to be frustrated about for the Seder. I love making matzoh ball how long we have been experiencing this. soup and Mandelbrot. I love engaging in learning. I love revising my Haggadah every year. I love watching Cecil B. DeMille's I've changed my context about this time in "The Ten Commandments" (despite its departures from the text). And I love having a large group of family and friends over to celebrate and retell the story of the Exodus speed with which this will happen. Wishing from Egypt. But this year, like last year, I won't have a large group of family and these changes and restrictions does not friends here in my home for our Seder; I will only have our immediate family.

A year ago, if you had told me that we found that if I focus only on the negativeswould not be able to gather for Passover this year, I would have said, "Surely that can't do-I find it harder to enjoy what I do can't be!" It's hard to believe that come Pu- have. It is hard to be living through a panrim, my anniversary of coming to TBAY for demic, but I am grateful to be living. As we the first time, we will have been in this pan- have all learned from the families celebratdemic for a year, distanced, separated, ing B'nei Mitzvah in the past year, we can unable to gather in groups. I am grateful for and need to appreciate the moments in our Zoom and the connections it allows, but I

Over the past couple of months, though, my life and I have begun accepting it for what it is. Wanting to get to the other side of the pandemic faster does not affect the we were not experiencing the challenges of make them unnecessary. While these feelings are real and we should acknowledge them, and seek help as needed, I have what I don't have, what I don't like, what I

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IT'S HAPPENING AT TBAY MARCH - APRIL - MAY

Shabbat ALIVE!

Rachel Shabbat

Virtual 5K

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Shavuot Services & Yizkor

Religious School Move Up and 7th grade commencement

Men's Club Comedy Night Passover Services & Yizkor COVID-19 Healing & Remembrance Shabbat Women's League Shabbat

Men's Club Yellow Candle Program

Masorti Shabbat

TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL MINYANIM

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael needs you to help assure our commitment to provide a daily minyan, every day, twice each day, 365 days a year.

> Monday-Friday 7:30 am, except legal holidays 9:00 am Saturday 9:30 am, Sunday 9:00 am Sunday to Thursday, upon request 7:45 pm Saturday 10 minutes past candle lighting Friday 6:30 pm or 8:00 pm

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From Our Co-Presidents

"PASSOVER 2020 WILL CERTAINLY BE A NIGHT THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM . We have provided our Religious School ALL OTHER NIGHTS."

This is how we started a message that we sent in March of 2020. Well, here we are, almost one year later, and most of us are probably planning the same type of Passover seder that we had in 2020, via Zoom with our extended family and friends.

Yet, we have learned so much. We have come together as a community in ways we never imagined.

- We have integrated a new Rabbi
- · We have perfected Zoom daily and Shabbat services
- We achieved meaningful, beautiful, high holiday services
- We have planned and executed many virtual religious and social events
- events in our parking lot
- · We have celebrated several B'nei Mitzvah, finding ways to blend small groups in our sanctuary with the Zoom platform
- · We have offered various educational programs
- We have provided our ECP families with in-person camp and school since July,

following all of our state's guidelines

- families with in person classes since September
- We have formed a Covid-19 Response Committee which ensures that we are maximizing our potential in terms of programming and education while maintaining strict safety measures

There is now a glimmer of light at the end of this challenging time. Many in our community have been vaccinated and we are hopeful that as we achieve broad community vaccination that we can come together more often in person.

In the meantime, we continue to plan a variety of programs and seek ideas for new, fun and engaging events for everyone. We always need volunteers to help with the planning, so please keep that in mind as • We have successfully had a few outdoor we move forward, and reach out to either one of us to get involved.

> As always, we thank you for your continued support in any way that allows you to stay engaged.

Lesley Brooks & Ilene Shewitz **Co-Presidents**

Rabbinic Reflections...continued

lives as they are. A simcha that is different not the joy of appreciating what I actually from what we had wanted and had envi- did have. sioned is still a simcha. It is still wonderful.

self! I am going to prepare my favorite Passover foods and I am going to share ble just as they are. If we bring that context them as best I can. I'm going to hold my to the rest of our lives, we will be able to Seders by Zoom again and perhaps have a embrace the lives we are living and make couple more, so I can connect and share memories we will be happy to remember. the holiday with more people. I'm going to Happy Pesach! enjoy the moments, even though they don't look the way I had hoped they would look. I know that if I don't find a way to enjoy You can watch Rabbi Rubin's sermon by followsadness of not having had what I wanted, pening" menu.

My hope for all of us is that we have a hap-So this Passover, I am going to enjoy my- py and healthy Pesach this year, filled with moments that are memorable and enjoya-

Rabbi Adrienne Rubin

these moments, they will pass me by any- ing the link on her blog on the TBAY website: way. And then I will be left only with the http://www.tbaynj.org/, under the "What's Hap-

TBAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Gift Card Committee wants to thank everyone who has participated in the TBAY Gift Card program since the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2020. As of the end of January, the program had a profit of \$11,850 with 136 membership units participating. We have sold more than \$208,000 in gift cards and stamps this fiscal year. Have you participated?

As another reminder, Full Families need to purchase \$2500 in gift cards this fiscal year, and Single Families need to purchase \$1250. Please continue making progress against these requirements.

Please keep in mind that TBAY makes a profit on every gift card and Forever Stamp sold through the program. The average profit is 5%. Also, please remember, especially during these very difficult economic times, the purchase of gift cards and discounted stamps remains a great way for you to support TBAY with no additional out-of-pocket expense.

Gift Cards and Stamps are available through the TBAY Office. Please call ahead to ensure that the gift card that you want is in stock or look at the inventory link that is included with each bi-weekly gift card announcement. Please Scherzer reach out to Mark at mscherzer100@gmail.com or 908-797-2695 to discuss special orders, to obtain a copy of the entire list of stores that offer gift cards through our supplier, or to discuss membership purchase requirements for the current fiscal vear.

The committee is stocking more than 35 different stores including Grocery Stores, Amazon, Dunkin, Starbucks, Halo Coffee Roasters, Drug Stores, Walmart/Target, Outback, Chipotle, Chick Fil A, Panera, CVS, Bovellas, Alen's Deli, BJ's Wholesale Club, Costco, etc...

Rolls of 100 Forever Stamps remain discounted at \$50. Booklets of 20 Forever Stamps are available at \$10.

If you have any gift cards you would like to donate to the program, please speak to Mark. We can make use of any gift card with any value.

Spring and Summer Events are on the horizon. Gift Cards are always the perfect gift.

Thanks again,

Mark Scherzer, Chair

TBAY'S NEW SOCIAL WORKER

My name is Tova Greenberg and I am a social work intern for Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. I am currently in my last semester at Wurzweiler School of Social Work. It has been a privilege working with the seniors in the community by performing wellness checks over the phone as well as speaking with a few on a weekly basis. Additionally, I have been running a group through Kadima with middle schoolers in the community. If anyone is looking for resources or has any questions, I can be reached at tova@templebethahm.com. I am looking forward to a great rest of the year!

Please join **Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield Face-book Group.** This group is used for most updated information for our synagogue members. Also please follow the **Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Facebook page**.





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Early Childhood Program



Spring has sprung in the Early Childhood Department. Our children have been very busy. Whether they are learning about dental hygiene, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, Passover, or playing outside, the children of the Early Childhood Program are having a great time with smiles on

their faces. Our children learn by doing, not by watching. Walk into the halls of TBAY'S Early Childhood Program and you will feel love, hear the laughter and see the smiling faces of our young children.

Here in the Early Childhood Program, we view each child as independent and confident. When we look at that through a Jewish lens, we refer to the child as being created b'tzelem Elokim, in the image of God. We honor children by providing them with materials that are open-ended and give them many opportunities to use their own imaginations, create their own ideas, and solve their own problems. For example, blocks are open-ended and empower children to build their own world rather than live in one that

we create for them; they are limitless and give children a chance to do their own problem-solving and experience their own accomplishments. Children have the chance to control their environment and constantly build new structures. The possibilities are endless.

School Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is well underway. We offer a wide variety of part-time and fulltime options. Classes begin with infants from the age of 2 months old through Pre-K.

Summer Camp 2021 Registration will be available in March. The Splash Pad continues to be a favorite. We have wonderful themes planned with some special treats throughout the summer Four week and eight week sessions are available. Children ages 15 months through Pre-K are accepted for camp.

For more information about any of our Early Childhood Programs, please reach out to me.

Sandi Newman, Director

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Temple family extends hearty congratulations to these families on their recent life cycle events and special occasions

Faith and Robert Racusin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sari

David Brooks on being named Men's Club "Man of the Year"

Abby Glass on being named Men's Club "Youth of the Year"



CLASS OF 2021

As the college graduation season nears, we want to extend congratulations to those in our congregation who are receiving college or post-graduate degrees.

We have a column in the Bulletin that lists the graduates, but we can only do this with your cooperation. Please tell us the names of those who will graduate from college, professional school or other graduate programs this year.

TELL US THE NAME OF THE STUDENT, THE INSTITUTION AND THE DEGREE.

Send to GigiSchwartz@tbaynj.org or 973-376-0539, ext. 16

We need this information NO LATER THAN MAY 10 to be included in the Summer Bulletin. Your Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael family enjoys sharing these s'mahot with you.

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Religious School



CELEBRATIONS AND COMMEMORATIONS

Spring is chock full of Jewish holidays, both those where we rejoice,

and those that are of a different nature. Each of the days is significant in our lives, and we observe each in a unique way.

We begin by celebrating **Pesach** (March 27-April 4). The holiday of Passover is also called *Z'man Cheiruteinu*, which is the **Season of our Freedom**, and marks the freedom from Egyptian bondage for the ancient Israelites. As each one of us participates in the **seder**, we relive the exodus from Egypt.

Not quite two weeks later, on the 27th day of Nisan (Friday, April 9) we will mark the occasion of **Yom HaShoah**, *Holocaust Remembrance Day*. On that day, we will pay respect and mourn the loss of six million Jews.

Soon after Yom HaShoah, **Yom HaZikaron** (Wednesday, April 14), *Israel's Memorial Day* arrives. On this day we commemorate the heroes who lost their lives fighting to

establish a safe homeland for the Jewish people. Israelis visit Mt. Herzl (Israel's equivalent to <u>Arlington National</u> <u>Cemetery</u>) and have a moment of silence and reflection.

A day later, we celebrate **Yom HaAtzma'ut**, which is *Is-rael's Independence Day* (Thursday, April 15). We rejoice in the fact that a tiny minority of people, who survived centuries of persecution, have their independence and their own homeland. For us, Jews who are living in the Diaspora, these April days give us a chance to think about the importance of Israel in our lives.

During the month of April, with these days of emotional highs and lows, let us not forget where we came from. Four separate holidays--each having significance in our history and each celebrated or remembered by Jews all over the world. It's important that we, as American Jews, and our students in the Religious School learn about them and understand their significance.

To everyone in our TBAY family~~ I wish you all a "Zeesen" and Happy Passover!

Ann Kanarek, Director



SEVENTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT SUNDAY, MAY 16

On **Sunday, May 16**, we will all have an opportunity to celebrate with our seventh-

grade class at their Siyum ceremony. This special event marks the completion of one segment of our students' Jewish education here at TBAY, and the beginning of another, the High School (Teen Institute) program. This is an exciting event for which our seventh graders have been eagerly working. As a culmination of their studies, students will be sharing thoughts on how each one of us can be a better person and a proud Jew.

Please join us as our seventh-grade students "graduate" from Shorashim Religious School and share their thoughts with us. More information will be forthcoming.

Teen Institute



"Chai" lights

Beth Ahm Yisroel Spring semester of Teen Institute is in full swing! Twice a month you can find our students actively

engaged in study, reflection and examination of a variety of "hot" topics. Some of the questions our Teen Institute teens have touched on are: What should I tweet? Should the drinking age be lowered? Should football be safer? and What is ethical kashrut? For one hour each session, the students debate the dilemmas and moral challenges that are raised by each topic and look at issues from many points of view. Our students are learning how to weigh decisions carefully, express their own beliefs and values and make informed choices from both a general and Jewish perspective.

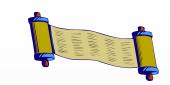
Ann Kanarek, Director

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Religious School Calendar

Friday, March 5:	Shabbat Alive! Family Service, 6:30pm- <i>featuring Kitah Zayin</i>	Sunday, April 18:	Regular school session; Sunday schmooze with the Rabbi
Sunday, March 7:	Regular school session:	Sunday, April 25:	Regular school session; Cooking; 7 th
-	Passover: Matzah baking		grade orientation to Teen Institute
Sunday, March 14:	Regular school session:	Sunday, May 2:	Regular school session
-	Passover craft	Friday, May 7:	Shabbat Alive! Family Service,
Sunday, March 21:	Regular school session:		6:30pm
-	Sunday schmooze with the Rabbi	Sunday, May 9:	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,
Sunday, March 28:	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,		Happy Mother's Day
-	Passover/Spring break	Tuesday, May I1:	Last day of Midweek Religious
Tuesday, March 30	NO MIDWEEK RELIGIOUS		School
-	SCHOOL, Passover/Spring break	Friday, May 14:	Shabbat Alive! Family Service,
Friday, April 2:	Shabbat Alive! Family Service,		6:30pm–Prayerbook presentation-
	6:30pm		Kitah Gimmel
Sunday, April 4:	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,	Sunday, May 16:	Last day of Religious School;
	Passover/Spring break		7 th grade Siyum & Bridge ceremony
Sunday, April 11:	Regular school session;		
	Yom Ha'Atz'maut activity		





B'NEI MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael is proud to announce these Bat and Bar Mitzvahs

Amanda Scott, daughter of Dana and Mark Scott, Saturday, March 13

, son of Ta

Talya Brooks, daughter of

Ben Blank, son of

Alyse and Jeffrey Blank,

Sunday, March 14

Sam Wishna, son of Michele Praport and Scott Wishna, Saturday, April 10

Lesley and David Brooks, Saturday, April 17

All are welcome to attend services and share these s'machot!



WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Co-Presidents' Message

Thanks to our creative program chairs, Lisa Friedman and Laurie Gerstein, we have had meaningful and instructive programs the last few months. In December, Rabbi Rubin shared with us the Talmudic text where the observance of the new moon is delineated, as well as the historical developments in its practice. She also discussed the connection of the observance of the new moon to women. In January, Kerri Bacall of Springfield Holistic Wellness joined us and shared a power point presentation as to the psychological and physical effects of the practice of mindfulness on our wellbeing. She then led us in a mindfulness exercise. In February, we participated with Men's Club in the annual World Wide Wrap with guest speaker, Lisa Glass, who spoke about the services that Jewish Federation of MetroWest provide our community. Also in February, Marietta Peskin led us in a book discussion on "Gateway to the Moon," a historical novel about a Converso community in New Mexico.

Please join us on March 18 for a cooking demonstration and April 23 for Shabbat Services led by Women's League (on Zoom).

We wish you all a healthy and happy Passover and Spring.

Women's League invites you to 8 * A Virtual Cooking Class Welcome in Spring with * THURSDAY, Women's League Shabbat Services **MARCH 18** 7:30 PM **FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021** At 8:00 PM (via Zoom) With Professional Chef Robin Becker Women's League is asking its members to Robin is a graduate of Peter Kump's NY Cooking School, currently known * participate in leading the congregation for as The Institute of Culinary Education, and is a former student of Bobby Flay. She has been working as a private chef in homes throughout NY, NJ this special Friday night service. and CT for the last 16 years. Her business is called Robin's Egg Chef Services. Both Hebrew and English prayers are available, as She will be demonstrating some of her favorite recipes! She will show you well as singing and reading parts. how gourmet cooking can be simple, and healthy cooking can be delicious. She invites you - via Zoom - into her New York kitchen for a fun evening! Please contact Barbara Eglow to sign up at aeglow33@verizon.net or 908-687-0106. RSVP FOR THIS ZOOM PROGRAM by emailing Susan Teller at sudi714@aol.com. The sign-in link will be emailed prior (to all WL members who have rsvp'd). If you have not yet joined WL, please send your \$40 dues payment to WL of TBAY, c/o Andrea Wohl, 239 Lelak Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081. ***************

Helen Jenys and Susan Teller, Co-Presidents

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE



WOMEN'S LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP BASED ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

This scholarship awards up to \$1,000 to a high school senior whose family is a member in good standing at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. The applicant will submit details of his or her community service along with a brief essay about this experience. Applications are available from Debbie Rogut-Chait or Helen Jenys, see below.

JEWISH STUDIES/JEWISH EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship encourages participation in programs that will provide Jewish experiences for Middle School, High School and Undergraduate students ages 13-23, whose families are members in good standing at TBAY. The award will provide up to \$500 per scholarship per applicant within a fiscal year. Contact one of us for additional details and to receive an application form.

Debbie Rogut-Chait Scholarship Chair 908-608-1541 ddchait@gmail.com Helen Jenys Co-President of WL 973-467-9739 hjenys@comcast.net

JUDAICA SHOP

Since the early 1970's, Gary Rosenthal and his team have been creating the most unique and popular items of Judaic art in the country. Welded metals of copper, brass and colorful fused glass have been admired as the contemporary style of the Gary Rosenthal Collection. His inspiration comes from the rich history of the Jewish people which tells us it's a blessing – a mitzvah – to make beautiful, functional art. His timeless collection has been seen worldwide in many fine galleries, museum shops and presented to Presidents and a variety of celebrities.

Sadly, after his many years of producing magnificent Judaica pieces, Gary Rosenthal is retiring. Fortunately, on display in our Judaica Shop we have 7 remaining pieces!







Woman of Valor Large Taedakah I fina on edding-Glass Menurah 50.00 Tall Glass Mirlam Cup SH5.00

If you are interested in any of these 7 works of art or other Judaica items, feel free to contact **Pearl Scherzer (908) 672-8287 or Susan Wohlgemuth (908) 803-9398** and we will be happy to assist you. Women's League appreciates your purchases and remember, our prices are competitive, there is no sales tax and 100% of the profits support Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

Buy local, keep your dollars right here in our TBAY community!

Please call April Modlinger at		
973-715-3457 to send Tribute Cards		Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown-mazel tov on
or Tapestry Cards. You can buy		granddaughter's marriage by
Tribute Cards to mail yourself. Ten	Caren and Richard Manders	Esther Avnet and Norton Scherzer
cards for \$20.	April Modlinger	
T	Steven Garber-loss of mother,	Memorial
<u></u>	Beulah by	Lloyd Kishinsky-loss of Ellen Kurtz by
TAPESTRY	Susan and Jerry Wohlgemuth	Rona and Al Lehner
	Michael Scherzer-loss of brother,	Arthur Kesselhaut-loss of wife,
Golden	Monroe by	Beverly by
Lynn Haliczer-son's engagement by	Susan and Jerry Wohlgemuth	Rona and Al Lehner
Lois and Stan Kaish	Norton Scherzer-loss of brother,	Naomi Yablonsky and Family-loss of
Annette Redick-Bat Mitvah by	Monroe by	husband, Gerald by
Sally Kaufman	Susan Wohlgemuth	Rona and Al Lehner
Rabbi and Genya Mallach-Hayley's		Debbie Chait-loss of father by
Bat Mitzvah by	TRIBUTES	Helen Jenys and Peter Schvarcz
		Naomi Yablonsky-loss of brother,
Sally Kaufman	Golden	Ted Pearlman by
Marlene Moss-get well by	David Glass-get well by	Rona and Al Lehner
Sally Kaufman	Esther Avnet and Norton Scherzer	Babe Greer-loss of husband, Sy by
Managerial	Joan Feldman-mazel toy on new	Rona and Al Lehner
Memorial		
Marc Spector-in memory of mother by	home by Esther Avnet and Norton Scherzer	Sally Kaufman Esther Avnet and Norton Scherzer
Elissa and Yale Greenspoon	Esther Avnet and Norton Scherzer	Esther Avnet and Norton Scherzer

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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Upcoming Special Shabbat Services

Join Us for These Special Shabbat Services*

ATBAY

Friday, March 19 – 8:00 pm RACHEL SHABBAT Raising Awareness of Domestic Violence

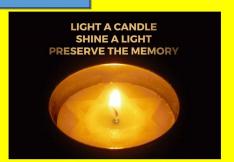
Friday, March 26 – 8:00 pm COVID HEALING & REMEMBRANCE SERVICE An opportunity to reflect on the past year, remember those whom we've lost, and look toward our future together

Friday, May 14 – 8:00 pm MASORTI SHABBAT Highlighting Masorti, the Conservative movement in Israel

*Please see weekly TBAY Newsletter for zoom links



TBAY MEN'S CLUB



Thursday evening, April 8, 2021, Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.

To commemorate this, the TBAY Men's Club will be delivering to members the Yellow Candles to light on that evening as part of our annual project.

We ask everyone to light the candle in memory of the 6+ million who were killed in the Holocaust, the survivors and their families, and the heroes who saved countless others from extermination.

This year we witnessed neo-Nazis and Holocaust deniers as part of the crowd that stormed our nation's Capital. There has never been more of a need for a faithful remembrance of the past than now.

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR PESACH

Reprinted from the Rabbinical Assembly (For more details, see rabbinicalassembly.org/pesach-guide) If you have a question contact me at rabbi@tbaynj.org,

THE KITCHEN

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

Process for kashering many, but not all, kitchen items to make them kosher for Pesach: The general principle used in kashering is that the way the utensil absorbs food is the way it can be purged of that food. This principle operates on the basis of the quality or intensity of how the items absorb food. Things used for cold food can be kashered by rinsing since no substance has been absorbed by the dish or glass. Items used on a stove absorb the food and thus need a stronger level of action namely expelling the food into boiling water. The most intense form of usage is directly on a fire or in an oven and these utensils require the most intense method of kashering, which burns away absorbed food.

GLASS

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

PLASTICS

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

CERAMIC DISHES

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

COOKING APPLIANCES

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

SMOOTH, GLASS TOP ELECTRIC RANGES

These require kashering by pouring boiling water over the surface of the range top. First, clean the top thoroughly, and then leave it untouched for 24 hours. Then turn the coils on maximum heat until they are red hot. Shut off the elements and then carefully pour boiling water over them.

MICROWAVE OVENS

If they have no convection option, they should be thoroughly cleaned. Then an 8 ounce cup of water is placed inside and the oven is turned on until the water almost disappears (at least 6 of the 8 ounces is gone). The cup should be moved midway through the process so that the area under the cup is exposed to the steam. Heating to complete dryness may damage the oven. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

WORK SURFACES

Tables, closets, and counters should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesach. The coverings can be contact paper, regular paper, foil or cloth that does not contain hametz) (e.g. been starched with hametz starch). Note that the covering material should be made of material that is not easily torn. Many counter top surfaces can be kashered simply by a thorough cleaning, a 24 hour wait and pouring boiling water over them. To be effective for kashering, the surface must have no hairline cracks, nicks or scratches that can be seen with the naked eye.

PROHIBITED FOODS

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of hametz during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach. Prohibited foods include the following: biscuits, cakes, coffees containing cereal derivatives, crackers, leavened bread and pasta. These are foods that are generally made with wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye (grains that can become hametz. Any food containing these grains or derivatives of these grains must be certified kosher for Pesach. Flavorings in foodstuffs are often derived from alcohol produced from one of these grains which would render that food hametz. Such products also need Pesach supervision.

In 2015 the CJLS passed a responsa that permits the consumption of kitniyot for Ashkenazim

1.Fresh corn on the cob and fresh beans (like lima beans in their pods) may be purchased before and during Pesach, that is, treated like any other fresh vegetable.

2. Dried kitniyot (legumes, rice and corn) can be purchased bagged or in boxes and then sifted or sorted before Pesach. These should ideally not be purchased in bulk from bins because of the concern that the bin might previously have been used for hametz, and a few grains of hametz might be mixed in. In any case, one should inspect these before Pesach and discard any pieces of hametz. If one did not inspect the rice or dried beans before Pesach, one should remove pieces of hametz found in the package on Pesach, discarding those, and the kitniyot themselves remain permissible.

3. Kitniyot in cans may only be purchased with Pesach certification since the canning process has certain related hametz concerns, and may be purchased on Pesach.

4. Frozen raw kitniyot (corn, edamame and soy beans): One may purchase bags of frozen non-hekhshered kitniyot before Pesach provided that one can either absolutely determine that no shared equipment was used or one is careful to inspect the contents before Pesach and discard any pieces of hametz. Even if one did not inspect the vegetables before Pesach, if one can remove pieces of hametz found in the package on Pesach, the vegetables themselves are permissible.

5. Processed foods, including tofu, although containing no listed hametz, continue to require Pesach certification due to the possibility of admixtures of hametz during production.

If you have a question that is not answered in the guide, email Rabbi Rubin at rabbirubin@tbaynj.org

YOM HAZIKARON ISRAELI MEMORIAL DAY AND YOM HAATZMA'UT ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Yom HaZikaron, Israel remembers and honors the soldiers who gave their lives in both the War of Independence and in protecting Israel since then, as well as the victims of terrorism. Yom HaZikaron in Israel is very different from Memorial Day here in the U.S. Instead of barbecues and parades, Israelis remember their fallen soldiers with silence and ceremonies. When the twominute sirens are sounded, people stop what they are doing, even if they are driving, and stand in silence. This nation-wide pause is powerful. Remembering matters.

We celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut the next day, recognizing that the reason we have an Independence Day is that people were willing to sacrifice their lives that Israel might live. The holiday begins a few minutes after sundown with a ceremonial raising of the flag on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem from half-mast to full mast. The ceremony usually involves performances, speeches, and the lighting of twelve torches symbolizing the Twelve Tribes of Israel. The following day is the day for parties, barbecues, concerts and celebrations. At the end of the day, the Israel Prize, Israel's highest award, is given in a special ceremony to 10-15 Israeli citizens or organizations which have displayed excellence in their fields or have contributed strongly to Israeli culture.

This year Yom HaZikaron begins at sundown on Tuesday, April 13th, and concludes at sundown on Wednesday, April 14th. Yom HaAtzma'ut begins immediately after that, concluding at sundown on Thursday, April 15th.

TBAY'S GOT TALENT

TBAY's Got Talent was a huge success! With over 21 performers, we had a wide variety of acts including singing, dancing, instrumental music, movie production, poetry, comedy, magic, and even some pet tricks. There was participation from all segments of our community. Donned in a sparkle jacket, host Steve Nadel, conducted short interviews with each participant prior to their act. The evening proved to be entertaining and fun for all.

Debbie and Steve Nadel, Co-Chairs

SAVE MY CHILDREN A SPECIAL YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM FEATURING TBAY MEMBER, AUTHOR AND HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, LEON KLEINER Thursday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a special observance of Yom HaShoah, as Leon Kleiner discusses his book, Save My Children: An Astonishing Tale of Survival, And Its Unlikely Hero. Leon will discuss the book and will have time for our questions.

Book Overview

A young Jewish boy and his siblings fleeing a world destroyed by hate. A notoriously cruel anti-Semite hunting for Jews. Why did this violent Jew hater risk his own life to save the children?

An 11-year-old boy and his siblings fight for survival after the evil of the Nazi regime descends upon Poland. Time after time, they miraculously escape certain death, as the murderous fascists attempt to make their hometown of Tluste Judenrein. Their luck seems to have run out when the Germans give orders to liquidate their work camp.

Unexpected help comes from Timush, a man known for his terrible deeds against the Jews. After hearing their mother shout to him in a desperate plea, "Save my children!" as she is marched to her execution, Timush amazingly risks his own life to make sure they survive.

"Save my Children" is the true story of the transformation of a man once filled with hate and violence, who made the ultimate sacrifice to save the people he once sought to kill.

A unique story inspiring hope that hatred can be overcome

"Leon Kleiner's story is one of the most important and unique additions to the countless stories of the Holocaust. It is a riveting and harrowing tale, which offers hope that hatred can be overcome. A must read at a time when anti-Semitism is once again on the rise." -Gerda Weissmann Klein, Polish-American awardwinning writer and human rights activist.

We recommend you purchase the book in advance. The book is available for purchase at

https://www.amazon.com/Save-Children-Astonishing-Survival-Unlikely/dp/9493056570

Registration information will be sent by email.

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SALE OF CHAMETZ PROXY

During the Festival of Passover, we are commanded not to have any chametz in our possession, even if it is locked up and out of sight. In order to prevent a financial hardship from having to destroy or give away all our chametz before Passover starts, the practice arose for people to securely store their chametz before Pesach and arrange to sell it for the duration of the holiday.

We are happy to help you ensure that you are not in legal possession of any chametz during the Festival of Passover. Please return the contract below to Rabbi Rubin by Thursday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m. Since this is a legal contract authorizing Rabbi Rubin to serve as your agent to conduct the sale of your chametz, it must be accompanied by a check in an appropriate amount made out to Rabbi Rubin's Discretionary Fund. Please allow one hour after the conclusion of Passover for sufficient time for Rabbi Rubin to conclude the repurchase transaction, at which time you may legally re-possess your chametz.

If you would like to perform a ceremony of ritual kinyan (acquisition) in person, Rabbi Rubin is available by appointment at other times to conclude an agreement of agency appointment.

To: Rabbi Adrienne Rubin Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081

Date:

Re: CONTRACT FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I/we, the undersigned, hereby authorize Rabbi Adrienne Rubin of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael to act as my/our agent in the sale of any or all chametz that may be in my/our possession wherever it may be - whether at home, at a place of business, or elsewhere - know-ingly or unknowingly - in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law., during the Passover Festival. I understand and agree that any such chametz must be placed in a secured storage area.

_____(signature)

Name:

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6	Saturday	Shaharit Service Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Men's Club Comedy Night	9:30 am 6:37 pm 7:30 pm		Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	6:58 pm 8:00 pm
12	2 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	5:43 pm 8:00 pm	27 Saturday	EREV PASSOVER Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	8:00 pm
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19	Ə Friday	RACHEL SHABBAT Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	6:51 pm 8:00 pm			

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Schedule of Learning: Monday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.: Live Virtual Kickoff Lecture Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.: TBAY Facilitated Learning on Zoom Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.: TBAY Facilitated Learning on Zoom

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.: Live Virtual Concluding Lecture

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APRIL 2021 Nissan—Iyar 5781

Thursday	PASSOVER – DAY 5		14 Wednesday	YOM HAZIKARON	
Friday	PASSOVER – DAY 6 Shabbat ALIVEL	6:30 pm	15 Thursday	YOM HAATZMA'UT	
	Candle Lighting	7:05 pm	16 Friday	Candle Lighting	7:20 pm 8:00 pm
Saturday	PASSOVER – DAY 7 YIZKOR		17 Saturday	Shaharit Service BAT MITZVAH OF	9:30 am
	Shaharit Service Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	9:30 am 8:06 pm		TALYA BROOKS Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	8:21 pm
Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Havdalah	8:07 pm	20 Tuesday	Religious Affairs Comm. Mtg.	7:45 pm
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Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:45 pm	,	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:27 pm 8:00 pm
Thursday	YOM HASHOAH	7:00pm			
	Men's Club Yellow Candle Pr	ogram	24 Saturday	Shaharit Service Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	9:30 am 8:28 pm
Friday	Candle Lighting	7:13 pm			
	Shabbat Service	8:00 pm	30 Friday	LAG B'OMER Candle Lighting	7:27 pm
Saturday	Shaharit Service BAR MITZVAH OF SAM WISHNA	9:30 am		Shabbat Šerviče	8:00 pm
	Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	8:14 pm			
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We record with sorrow the recent passing of our congregants

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We extend our deepest sympathy to their families and pray they will find comfort in the days to come

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The members of the Congregation extend their sympathy to those who have sustained a loss in their family.



Frankie Zurav who lost her beloved daughter Ilene Zurav Reilly

Laurie Kaplan who lost her beloved mother Marilyn Seigel

Norton Scherzer who lost his beloved brother Monroe Scherzer

May the spirit of love, which is everlasting, bring solace to the sorrowing hearts of our congregants and their families. Baruch Dayan Ha'Emet—Praised be the true Judge

MAY **2021** Iyar—Sivan 5781

1	Saturday	Shaharit Service Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	9:30 am 8:36 pm	16 Sunday	EREV SHAVUOT Shavuot Services	
4	Tuesday	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 pm	17 Monday	SHAVUOT YIZKOR	
5	Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:45 pm		Shavuot Service Candle Lighting	9:30 am 8:52 pm
7	Friday	Shabbat ALIVE!	6:30 pm		0 0	·
	,	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:42 pm 8:00 pm	20 Thursday	Women's League Book Club	7:30 pm
				21 Friday	Candle Lighting	7:55 pm
8	Saturday	Shaharit Service Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	9:30 am 8:43 pm		Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
				22 Saturday	Shaharit Service	9:30 am
9	Sunday	MOTHER'S DAY NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL			Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	8:56 pm
				28 Friday	Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
10	Monday	YOM YERUSHALAYIM			Candle Lighting	8:01 pm
14	Friday	MASORTI SHABBAT		29 Saturday	Shaharit Service	9:30 am
		Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:49 pm 8:00 pm		Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	9:02 pm
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15	Saturday	Shaharit Service	9:30 am			
		Minha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah	8:50 pm			

Note: Due to the pandemic, all events, meetings, and services are virtual until further notice. Please check with the temple office for the latest status.

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