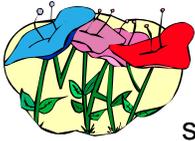


<p>WEEKLY SERVICES FRIDAY 6:30PM SATURDAY . . . 9:00AM SUNDAY 8:00AM</p>	<p>CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA 68 Bay Street, Glens Falls NY 12801 (518) 792-4945 Fax: (518) 792-5966 E-Mail: cstgfn@gmail.com Website: www.shaaraytefila-gfn.org OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30AM - 1:30PM</p>	<p>APRIL 2014  NISSAN - IYAR 5774</p>
<p>RABBI: BOAZ MARMON</p>		<p>EDITOR: LAURIE MOORE</p>

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Passover is about three things: spring, freedom, and children.



Spring usually takes care of itself – this year, winter has put up a fight, but the snows do seem to be melting now. Behind the scenes, however, the Jewish calendar is engineered around keeping Passover in the spring. If it were not so, Passover would have come a month earlier this year, and not been very springy at all. Spring, of course, is symbolic of renewal, and it is no coincidence that, by God's command, our religious calendar is ordered to begin with spring rather than in mid-winter as the secular calendar, or in the fall with Rosh Hashanah. If it seems to you that the Jewish calendar on your wall or fridge began with Rosh Hashanah, you are of course correct, but why that is so is a discussion for another time.



The freedom we celebrate at Passover is not freedom from all obligations, or freedom to do anything we want at any time (which is not really freedom, but anarchy). Beginning from the second night of Passover, we count the days toward Shavuot, the anniversary of God's giving us Torah. Jewish freedom involves a lot of commitments: observing Shabbat, keeping kashrut, giving charity, supporting the community, praying regularly, and so on. These demands impose limitations on our free will, certainly, but heeding God's will when it constrains our own is the ultimate expression of our freedom, the acknowledgment of the responsibilities inherent in that freedom, and the greatest

source of meaning for our lives and our choices as free people.

Passover has two special connections with children. One of the harsh cruelties the Torah recounts concerning slavery in Egypt is the killing of children, so having children freely is therefore a direct consequence of God's rescue of our ancestors on Passover. Particularly following the Holocaust (which we will commemorate with Yom HaShoah on the evening of April 27th), there is great virtue in repopulating the Jewish People and raising our children as Jews. Additionally, the Torah specifically commands us to answer our children's questions about the Exodus on Passover night, and so our entire Seder ritual is built around doing unusual things that will prompt our children to ask questions – and if, somehow, they don't have their own, we have four questions built in. Incidentally, even a person who for some reason is forced to have a Seder all alone is required to ask him/herself at least one question to discharge the obligations of the Seder night.



On the second Seder night (April 15th), don't have a Seder all alone; come join our communal Seder in the synagogue! This year, for the first time, our Seder will be catered by the chefs of Samantha's Cafe (in our kitchen, with kashrut oversight), so we look forward to a delicious meal to complement a joyous evening. Bring your children, bring your inner child, bring your questions, and bring your appetite!

Rabbi Boaz Marmon

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who shared a delightful Havurah Shabbat service with us on Friday evening February 28. A number of ingredients seem to have been crucial for success, including brevity, good food and active congregant participation. The most important factor, however, was the number of people who showed up. As we develop a critical mass for prayer and friendship, such events can become self-sustaining. We hope to have more Havurah Shabbat services in the near future. We are also working on some other ideas for Friday evenings, including a Children/Family Shabbat.

April will be an active month for Shaaray Tefila. Our next congregant initiated activity will be our Shabbat noon Lunch and Learn sessions beginning Saturday April 5. Alik Goldenshtein has agreed to lead the discussions on Pirkei Avot. Please see the description elsewhere in this bulletin.

We will be celebrating the second night of Passover Tuesday April 15 with a Seder at the synagogue. We will be a bit adventurous this year with a delicious catered dinner. Please watch for details in this bulletin or our weekly announcements or our Facebook page.

On Sunday April 27 at 7 PM at the synagogue, we will commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day jointly with the temple. Our own Clara Rudnick has agreed to speak about her personal experience.

Please save the date for our congregational meeting, Monday May 5 at 7PM. We will be presenting a strategic plan for the synagogue at that time for your consideration. We will also have important plans to discuss and decisions to make regarding the coming year. If you have not had a chance to meet with me yet about the synagogue's future, please contact me so that we can set up a time to meet, either in person or by phone. Please be assured, this is not about asking you for money.

Cher and I wish you a joyous Passover

holiday! Mark Hoffman

SYNAGOGUE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office will be closed on April 3rd, April 9th and from Monday, April 14th – Tuesday, April 22nd. Thank you.



KOSHER DELIVERY

The next scheduled Kosher Deliver will be on **Wednesday, April 30th. The last day to place an order is April 20th!** Please call ahead to verify your delivery date at **1-800-727-5674**.

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7PM

Next Congregation Meeting:

Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7PM



Pirkei Avot will be the topic this spring at weekly Kiddush Lunch and Learn sessions at the synagogue every Shabbat noon beginning Saturday April 5. Alik Goldenshtein will lead the discussions. Alik recently moved to this area from Brooklyn with his wife Victoria and daughter Erica.

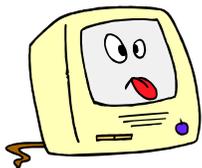
Alik was born in the former Soviet Union and immigrated to Israel in 1990. He completed High School in Brooklyn at Ohr Eliezer Yeshiva with additional studies at Yeshiva Chaim Berlin. After graduation, he served for three years as a tank driver with the IDF and participated in the second Lebanon War. He returned to Brooklyn to graduate with a B.A. in psychology from Brooklyn College while also continuing his Judaic studies with Chabad.

Alik explains that Pirkei Avot is part of an interesting section of the Talmud that deals not with Jewish law, but with moral principles. As such, it deals primarily with human relations rather than the relationship between people and G-d. Perhaps its most famous aphorism is

Hillel's statement, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am for myself only, what am I? If not now, when?"

Please join us this April for some delicious kiddishes and meaningful Jewish learning and discussion.

Recently the office computer suffered a severe breakdown. We had been doing research to find the best deal so we could update the then existing one but our timing was off. So now we have a new office computer complete with a new operating system and a newer version of Microsoft Office. However some data was lost in the email contacts. Most were restored but some were old addressed. If you find that you are not receiving normal emails or information. Please call the office or send an email to cstqfny@gmail.com so we may update our files. Thank you for your understanding.



Best Wishes to the Following Members for a Very Happy Anniversary:

 **Lynn & Martin Meyer**
April 16th
53rd anniversary

Gerald & Nancy Goldstein
April 22nd
47th anniversary

Michael & Amy Gersten
April 24th
31st anniversary

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood Send Their Very Best Birthday Wishes to the Following Members and Friends:

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| Jill Paltrowitz
April 1 | Aleta Fisher
Jamie Rogers
April 4 |
| Gavin M Cohen
April 7 | Andrew Cohen
Jeffrey Schwartz
April 8 |

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| Peter L. Kudan
April 16 | Barbara Ziff
April 19 |
| Judy Aronson
Michael Rapaport
April 20 | Thelma Witepsky
April 23 |
| William Robitel
April 27 | Barbara Rapaport
April 28 |



2014 PASSOVER SCHEDULE

- April 12 – Shabbat HaGadol 9:00 AM**
- April 14 – Fast of the First Born, Morning Minyan, and Breakfast 7:30 AM**

We will also hold an abbreviated morning minyan, after which all are invited to go out (Dutch) for breakfast and a last taste of chamets. First born sons in particular are invited to attend in order to participate in a "seudah shel mitzvah" -- a meal attendant upon a mitzvah -- so that they are absolved from the fast of the first born. The service (not including breakfast) will take about an hour.

April 14 (evening) – First Passover Seder in our Homes
The Seder should begin close to or just after nightfall. After 12 noon, one may not eat chamets or matzah, but lots of foods, such as fruits or gefilte fish or meat, may be eaten. Let young children take a nap in the afternoon so they can stay up late for the Seder.

- April 15: 1ST Day of Passover.....9:00 AM**
Communal Seder.....6:15 PM
- April 16: 2ND Day Passover.....9:00 AM**
- April 18: Sabbath of Passover.....6:30 PM**
- April 19: Sabbath of Passover.....9:00 AM**
- April 21: 7TH Day Passover.....9:00 AM**
- April 22: 8TH Day Passover.....9:00 AM**
Yizkor service.....11:00 AM
(approximately-come early to be sure)

Passover ends at nightfall

SAVE-THE-DATE: PASSOVER SEDER April 15, 2014 at 6:15 PM



Passover second night Seder will be held at the synagogue on Tuesday evening April 15 at 6:15 PM.

A kosher meal will be prepared by Samantha's Cafe. The cost will be \$25 per adult and \$10 per child under age 13. Free for children under age 5. Maximum cost per family will be \$60. Reservations preferred by April 1. The last date that we will accept reservations will be Saturday, April 5th. **Reservations must be accompanied by payment within three days or will be cancelled.** The Seder will be kid friendly. A vegetarian option is available. Please specify chicken or vegetarian when responding.

Please let us know if you plan on attending. Hope to see you there!

Details:

Cost: \$25 for adults, \$10 for Children under 13

RSVP: deadline is Tuesday, **April 1st**

Menu:

Matzah Ball Soup (chicken)

Roast Herb Chicken (breast/thighs)

Potato Leek Soup (vegan)

Cabbage Rolls (vegetarian entrée)

Romaine Salad with Green Apples & Dried

Cranberries (vegan)

Garlic Mashed Potatoes (vegan)

Flourless Chocolate Torte (vegetarian but, no dairy)

If you are ordering chicken you will get the traditional soup and the chicken dish. If you are vegetarian you will get the Potato Leek and the cabbage rolls. Everyone will have the same salad, mashed potatoes, and dessert.

For more Information, call the synagogue office 792-4945

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bingo remains our major fundraiser and we

continue to need additional help in the kitchen and on the floor. Can you please volunteer for one Thursday a month?

Larry Greenberg

This is a list of jobs and the times involved per night.

Chairman: Goes to the bank during the day, sets up cash drawers and is in the building from 5:15 until 9:45PM and is responsible for overseeing the entire operation.

Caller: Calls the balls. Arrives by 6:45PM and leaves when last game is finished around 9:30 PM

Table: Two people sell paper cards to players. Arrives by 5:45 PM and leaves around 7:10 PM.

Floor: Three people circulate on the floor (two up and one down) calling back winning card numbers and selling some game sheets. 5:45-9:30 PM

Bell Jar: Sells tear off tickets from 5:45-7 PM and again during 10 minute break around 8PM. Position is usually finished by 8:30PM.

Bonanza: Sells first game tickets from 5:45-7PM.

Office: Records money taken in and calculates prizes. Works closely with the Chairman. Completes paperwork and counts money for deposit. 6-9:30 PM

Prizes: Prepares the prizes from cash drawer based on value of game and number of winners. 6:50-9:30 PM

Bingo Kitchen: Several volunteers needed to include set up items for sale prior to 3PM on Thursday, oversee food preparation, sales of food and keep an eye on supplies to keep inventory ahead. Clean up after Bingo. We desperately need help here.

Join the *Chevra Kadisha!*

The *Chevra Kadisha* – the Sacred Society for Burial – is an essential organ of the Jewish community. The role of this dedicated group of volunteers is to prepare the dead for burial with dignity and purity. The members of this society are the last to view or handle the deceased. They wash the body with loving care, recite

psalms, and dress the deceased in white shrouds. Great care is taken to treat both the body and soul of the deceased (which is understood in our tradition to remain near to and aware of the body until burial) with reverence, respect, and dignity. The procedure concludes with a touching apology to the departed for any unintentional or unavoidable indignities inflicted in the process.

Assisting in the preparation and burial of the dead is not only a necessary function for the community, and not only a deeply moving spiritual experience, but is also considered to be an immense mitzvah, an act of pure kindness and selfless service with no expectation of quid-pro-quo from the departed. Participation in the *Chevra Kadisha* requires no prior medical or ritual background, only a readiness to learn, a willingness to help, and an ability to be free on short notice when needed, usually on the evening before a funeral.

Our men's and women's *Chevrot* could both use some new faces and extra hands. If you meet the requirements spelled out above and are able to contribute to this unique and powerful mitzvah which is the last act of love and kindness our community performs for each of its members, please contact me directly or speak with Pinchas Shabat (men) or Francine Torra (women) or leave your name with Laurie in the office. Your help is a gift to yourself, to your community, and to each departed soul and grieving family whose proper and dignified burial you help facilitate.

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE
THESE THOUGHTFUL
CONTRIBUTIONS**

BUILDING /GENERAL FUND

In memory of Robert Jacobs
In honor of Al & Judy Korot's wedding anniversary
In honor of Sylvia Kudan's birthday
In honor of Norm & Sylvia Kudan's
72nd wedding anniversary
In honor of Dolph Rotfeld's birthday
In honor of Moe Schwartz's birthday

From, Sid & Shirley Kanofsky

In honor of Norm & Sylvia Kudan's
72nd wedding anniversary
From, Arnold & Diane Alkes

In honor of Jay Oppenheim's birthday
From Sunny Buchman

ELI RUDNICK HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL FUND

Donation from Marvin Rudnick

M/M SAMUEL ARONSON EDUCATION FUND

In honor of Moe Schwartz's 90th birthday
From, Sunny Buchman

TORAH REPAIR FUND

In honor of Norm Kudan's birthday
From, Jean Every

In honor of Al & Judy Korot's wedding anniversary
In honor of Ornit Reindorp's birthday
From, Norm & Sylvia Kudan



SISTERHOOD

GIFT SHOP NEWS

The Sisterhood Gift Shop is opened during normal Office hours. The Gift Shop window and display case are located in the Main Hall.



We have a great selection of candles, plain and decorative, new jewelry, books, limited edition items, children's dishes & other beautiful one-of-a-kind gift items. **Gift Certificates are available!**

Sisterhood thanks you for your patronage.



SISTERHOOD NEWS:

APRIL

**ONEGS AND KIDDUSHES WILL BE
SPONSORED BY:**

Friday, April 4: No sponsor, light fare only

Saturday, April 5: No sponsor, light fare only

Friday, April 11: Services at The Glen, sponsored by Sunny Buchman in honor of her sister Barbara



Ziff's birthday as well as in honor of Barbara's granddaughter Emma Ziff's birthday.

Saturday, April 12 Shabbat HaGadol:

No sponsor, light fare only

Tuesday, April 15, 1st Day of Passover:

No sponsor, light refreshments will be served

Wednesday, April 16, 2nd Day of Passover:

No sponsor, light refreshments will be served

Friday, April 18: Oneg sponsored by Thelma & Esther Witepsky, and Annette Raych in loving memory of their father, Harry Witepsky and in memory of Annette's beloved husband, Mort Raych.

Saturday, April 19: No sponsor, light fare only

Monday, April 21, 7th Day Pesach:

No sponsor, light fare only

Tuesday, April 22, 8th Day Pesach:

No sponsor, light fare only

Friday, April 25: No sponsor, light fare only

Saturday, April 26: No sponsor, light fare only

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to all the generous people who sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush in March: Mark & Cheryl Hoffman, Rose Rothstein, Sunny Buchman, Arnold Mandwelle, Norm & Sylvia Kudan

SISTERHOOD APPRECIATES YOUR HELP

Please call Laurie in the office if you want to sponsor an Oneg for the month of April, limited dates are available 792-4945. If you want Lox, there is an extra charge. Thank you again for your donations and your sponsorship.

 **Yahrzeit Record for**
APRIL 2014 

"The Memory of the Righteous is for a Blessing"

Please note that the Yahrzeit date is listed AFTER the name(s) of the deceased

**Ida Bronne
Mary Friedman
Raymond Kantrowitz
Arnold Kent**

Tuesday, 4/1/2014 Nissan 1, 5774

Irving Rapaport

Joseph Yanklowitz

Wednesday, 4/2/2014 Nissan 2, 5774

Murray Silverman

Thursday, 4/3/2014 Nissan 3, 5774

Rose Aronson

Goldie Brown

Saturday, 4/5/2014 Nissan 5, 5774

David Podell

Dora Sheerer

Abraham Joseph Zweibelson

Sunday, 4/6/2014 Nissan 6, 5774

Ruth Boorstein

Harold Green

Louis Housman

Monday, 4/7/2014 Nissan 7, 5774

Eric Torvi

Wednesday, 4/9/2014

Yetta Cohen

Meyer Dubner

Leonard Gould

Rose Radin

Thursday, 4/10/2014 Nissan 10, 5774

Samuel Rodman

Friday, 4/11/2014 Nissan 11, 5774

Charles Housman

Terrance Sproul

Rose Winer

Saturday, 4/12/2014 Nissan 12, 5774

Ruth Alkes

Darlene Berkowitz

Dr. Milton Greenberg

Charles N. Weill

Sunday, 4/13/2014 Nissan 13, 5774

Cheyah Kaplan

Jacob M. Kirschner

Leonard Schwartz

Ida Seaman

Monday, 4/14/2014 Nissan 14, 5774

Samuel Goldman

Ann Meyer

Anna Weintraub

Tuesday, 4/15/2014 Nissan 15, 5774

Harriet Varnadore

Tuesday, 4/15/2014

Esther Aronson

Jules Dube

Wednesday, 4/16/2014 Nissan 16, 5774

William Aronson

Lillian Brezner

Thursday, 4/17/2014 Nissan 17, 5774

Stella Fuld

Samuel Shapera

Friday, 4/18/2014 Nissan 18, 5774
Harris Kaplan
A. Morton Raych
Harry Witepsky

Saturday, 4/19/2014 Nissan 19, 5774
Shirley Feinberg

Sunday, 4/20/2014 Nissan 20, 5774
Allyssa Bobbin
Sarah Raych

Monday, 4/21/2014 Nissan 21, 5774
Samuel Kopelovitz

Tuesday, 4/22/2014 Nissan 22, 5774
Barbara Friedrichs
Anna Sherman
Abraham Spar

Wednesday, 4/23/2014 Nissan 23, 5774
Moe Friedman
Benjamin Solomon

Thursday, 4/24/2014 Nissan 24, 5774
Rae Krull

Friday, 4/25/2014 Nissan 25, 5774
Isadore Ackerman
Charles Friedman
Herbert Silverman
Michael Winston

Saturday, 4/26/2014 Nissan 26, 5774
Pat Perrotti
William Shapiro

Sunday, 4/27/2014 Nissan 27, 5774
Christine Kaufler
Henry Rapaport
Jerome Tucker
Betty Yaspan

Monday, 4/28/2014 Nissan 28, 5774
Joseph Goldberg
Tillie Lazarus
Carrie Wachtel

Tuesday, 4/29/2014 Nissan 29, 5774
Clara Suckman

Wednesday, 4/30/2014 Nissan 30, 5774

Celia Cohen
Samuel Grauman

Friday, 5/2/2014 Iyar 2, 5774
Hyman Berkowitz
Jennie Elkes
Harry Podolsky

Saturday, 5/3/2014 Iyar 3, 5774
Isadore Smul
Morris Weiner

Monday, 5/5/2014 Iyar 5, 5774
Bernadette Suckman

Tuesday, 5/6/2014
Rita Spar
Louis Weiner

Tuesday, 5/6/2014 Iyar 6, 5774
Lawrence Greenberg
Abraham Kline

Wednesday, 5/7/2014 Iyar 7, 5774
Larry Chapman
Ralph Shapiro
Samuel Shapiro
Lillian Suckman

Thursday, 5/8/2014 Iyar 8, 5774
Edwin Brown
Mary Swirsky
Hyman Tunick

Saturday, 5/10/2014 Iyar 10, 5774
Marriella Marie Cohen
Fannie Mandwelle
Fannie Rosenstein
Mollie Stewart

Sunday, 5/11/2014 Iyar 11, 5774
Esther Friedman
Arnold Silverberg

Monday, 5/12/2014 Iyar 12, 5774
Eugene Harold Modell

Tuesday, 5/13/2014 Iyar 13, 5774
Sarah Aronson
Jacob Seigel
Lillian Snyder

Wednesday, 5/14/2014 Iyar 14, 5774
David Nonkin
Sarah Spar

Thursday, 5/15/2014 Iyar 15, 5774
Paul Beck
Leba Grebova
Joseph Krell
Yitzchak Orshansky
Benjamin Swirsky
Estyr Yaffee

Friday, 5/16/2014 Iyar 16, 5774
Joan DeSignore

Saturday, 5/17/2014
Samuel Grode

 **Yahrzeit Record for**
MAY 2014 

“The Memory of the Righteous is for a Blessing”

Please note that the Yahrzeit date is listed AFTER the name(s) of the deceased

Chayim Gersten
Max Gersten
Isabelle Levy
Rueben Swirsky

Thursday, 5/1/2014 Iyar 1, 5774

Maurice Rosenberg
Saturday, 5/17/2014 Iyar 17, 5774
Bessie Aronson
Bruce Michael Kantrowitz
Philip Schwartz
Louis Silverman

Sunday, 5/18/2014 Iyar 18, 5774
Hattie Cohen
Philip Frank
Sophie Novak
Rose Rodman

Tuesday, 5/20/2014 Iyar 20, 5774
David Chesler
Harry Kaplan
Abraham Koble

Wednesday, 5/21/2014 Iyar 21, 5774
I. Alfred Alkes
Sol Goldstein
Louise Goodman
Emma Rosenberg
Sarah Tate

Thursday, 5/22/2014 Iyar 22, 5774
Sarah Suckman

Saturday, 5/24/2014 Iyar 24, 5774
Frank Greenberg
Dr. Morris Yaffee
Morris Yaffee

Sunday, 5/25/2014 Iyar 25, 5774
Arlene Cohen
Bessie Goldberg
Morris Weiner

Monday, 5/26/2014 Iyar 26, 5774
Lillian Kopelovitz
Stanley Oppenheim

Wednesday, 5/28/2014 Iyar 28, 5774
Mordecai Ginsburg

Friday, 5/30/2014 Sivan 1, 5774
Stanley Robinson
Saturday, 5/31/2014

Allen Elliott
Mary Levin
Mary Snyder
Saturday, 5/31/2014 Sivan 2, 5774

Steven Stark-Riemer



What Archaeology Can Tell Us about the Religion of Ancient Israel

Steven Stark-Riemer will present the religion of Ancient Israel with a focus on how archaeological studies have revealed how ordinary people practiced their religion, rather than how the priests and scribes of the time thought they should.

Steven Stark-Riemer retired from law practice to pursue the study of anthropology and archaeology. He conducted field work in Israel and has a deep interest in the archaeology of Ancient Israel, and critical biblical studies. He has a devoted following in his community adult education courses in the Capital District.

A Pesadich catered lunch will be served

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CONTACT TEMPLE SINAI at 584-8730, mailbox 4, or havurahvatik@hotmail.com by April 3rd, if you are planning to attend, need to cancel your reservation, or if you need transportation.

Havurah is grateful to its sponsors, First Niagara Bank and the United Jewish Federation



LET'S KEEP HAVURAH VATIK GROWING.....BRING A FRIEND!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Havurah Vatik April Event

Tuesday, April 8th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Note that this is the 2nd Tuesday of the month: the 3rd Tuesday is Passover.

At Congregation Shaara Tfille in Saratoga
All area Jewish Seniors 55 plus are welcome!

MI SHEBERACH

Every person must be responsible for his fellow man. That burden extends to every facet of life including illness. The Torah obligates us to collectively care for the needy, the orphan, the stranger, the aged and the sick; in other words for all those who cannot provide for themselves. This set of prayers is ideal for

private at-home prayer or at a Havurah or synagogue healing service.

A sick person generally needs the assistance of caregivers, doctors, nurses and family to get well again. They are also in need of spiritual support from the community. We can fulfill this obligation with prayer. We urge that as many people as possible join daily and pray for a Refuah Shleimah, a complete recovery for all that are sick and ailing.

Imagine all of the people who are sick that could receive God's healing blessings through your prayer. There is no limit to how often one can pray for himself or for someone else. The purpose of healing prayer is to stand before God who is the ultimate healer, a fact that all healers acknowledge.

Please include the following members and friends in your prayers:

Prayer For:

Marilyn Lacombe	Arnold Slawsby
Jim Young	Sylvia Kudan
Mayer ben Shlomo	Jennifer Roy
Peter & Joan Weill	Hans Cherney
Mel Bittman	Sheila Dingman
Cammie Cherney	Adam Skinkle
Laura Skinkle	Bob Morrissey
Beth Morrissey-Marselli	Laura Belcher
Whitney Roe	Jean Every
Shayna Leah bat Gittel	Ruth Heller
Yehonatan ben Malkah	Jenn Steuer
Hindeh Vihna bat Sonya	Pat Medina
Aharon ben Gittel	Stuart Cowan
Leah bat Sarah Imeinu	Leonore Lebowitz
Eliyahu ben Chayah	Joseph Lunz
Jeffery Reinhold	Nachum ben Ettl
Shaul ben Zelda	Terry Lloyd
Mimi Hirsch	Bob Korcz
Jim Wright	Mel Krug
Marilyn Riedel	Rena Bernstein
Harriette Altshuler	Ralph Leinoff
Irene Buchman	Richard Pearsall
Johanna bas Abraham	Michael Berkowitz
Katie Weaver	

PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

1. Kashering of Utensils

It is customary to remove the utensils that have been used and replace them with new ones, or with utensils that are used exclusively for Pesach. Today it is customary to have special dishes for Pesach. However, vessels used during the year may be used for Pesach if they undergo a process of purging known as "kashering" or hag'alah. The aim is to cleanse the vessel in such a way that it is purged of any leaven it may have absorbed. The principle behind the procedure is "as the vessel absorbs so does it rid itself of what it absorbed". Therefore, cooking utensils are kashered by boiling, while those used for broiling over an open fire must be heated until they are red-hot or until they become so hot that a piece of paper will be singed if touched to the utensil. Utensils used only for cold food may be kashered by rinsing.

The process of kashering through boiling is as follows. The utensils to be kashered must first be thoroughly cleansed and should not be used for at least twenty-four hours. They are then immersed in a container filled with boiling water. The utensils are then rinsed in cold water.

This year, the kashering should be completed before ten o'clock in the morning on the thirteenth of Nissan -- Sunday, April 13, 2014.

Earthenware may not be kashered because it is porous and cannot be completely purged. Glassware should be soaked in water for 72 hours with the water changed every 24 hours.

Pyrex dishes may be kashered in the same manner as utensils. Metal utensils glazed with nonporous substances, such as agate or Teflon, may be kashered by boiling.

Knives, forks, and spoons are kashered in the same way as other utensils. If the handles are of wood or some other material attached to the blade, kashering is not effective because particles of food may penetrate the joint in such a manner that they can never be removed. If the handles are of material that is welded to

the blade so that no particles of food can penetrate, they may be kashered.

Tables, closets, and cupboards that have been used for leaven are kashered by pouring hot water over them. Today it is customary to cover them before using for Pesach.

Electrical appliances cannot be immersed. If, however, the parts which come in contact with the leaven are detachable, these may be kashered. Thus the beaters and bowl of an electric mixer can be removed and kashered.

Porcelain is in the category of earthenware and may not be kashered. Fine china, though, if not used for twelve months, has the status of new dishes.

Vessels or articles that may be damaged by hot water should not be kashered. It is customary not to kasher utensils used for kneading of dough.

2. Forbidden Foods

Leaven may not be eaten during the eight days of Passover, beginning with noon of the day preceding Passover. Theoretically, chamets refers to the five species of grain which have been subjected to the leavening process. These are wheat, barley, spelt, rye, and oats. To these, Ashkenazic rabbis added rice, millet, corn, and legumes.

Leavening is caused when the grain or its products come into contact with water. This excludes moistening with other liquids, such as undiluted fruit juices. Hence cakes made with kosher-for-Passover flour and eggs or undiluted fruit juices are not forbidden.

There are several kinds of leaven. Grain or its products that have come in contact with water is visible chamets. Food that is not leaven in itself but contains an admixture or has come in contact with visible chamets is admixed chamets. Since an admixture of even the smallest amount of leaven makes a food forbidden, great care must be exercised with all foods. The articles that contain some admixture are very large (in number), however, and expert knowledge is required to make the proper distinction. Hence there are many articles of food that need a hekhsher,

certification, to show that they are free of such an admixture. Packaged sugar, coffee, tea, salt, frozen vegetables, dried fruits and honey can be used without a hekhsher, provided no other ingredient has been added.

Legumes and corn are forbidden because they can be confused with grain. String beans, however, are a vegetable and hence permitted.

Oil made from legumes is permitted. Beverages that contain grain alcohol are forbidden. This includes rye, scotch, bourbon, beer, and many mixed drinks that contain alcohol. Garlic is permissible. Pills and tablets are normally free of leaven, but any chemist or druggist should be able to tell whether ingredients in a particular preparation are of leaven. Among the more commonly used pills and tablets that are permissible on Pesach are saccharin, aspirin in its various forms, and digitalis.

The only items that need a hekhsher are those in which the ingredients may or may not be of leaven. The hekhsher of a reliable rabbi is a guarantee that the ingredients used do not, in fact, contain any leaven.

3. The Disposal of Leaven

The prohibition of leaven applies not only to its consumption, but also to enjoying any benefit thereof and even to its possession. Therefore, before the advent of Pesach all leaven must be removed from one's premises. Nor should one have leaven in his legal possession.

To satisfy these requirements we must have the search for leaven. This year, the search for leaven (Bedikat Chamets) takes place on Sunday, April 13, 2014 after sunset. The nullification of leaven should be recited on Sunday night and once again on Monday morning around 10:00 AM. The removal or burning of leaven should take place no later than 11:00 AM on Monday morning. The selling of leaven to a non-Jew should occur about 11:00 AM on Sunday morning.

One may not eat regular Matzah after noon of the day before the Seder, so that s/he will eat Matzah at the Seder with an appetite for it.

Dear Congregants,

With the approach of Passover, a holiday so centered around food, Jewish tradition teaches us to think of those who struggle to provide themselves and their families with food. It is an obligation of Passover to donate what is called "Maot Chittim" (Wheat Money) to those less fortunate than ourselves who are in need. In this year's economic climate, sadly, many people - Jews and non-Jews, adults, children, and elderly - will struggle to eat or go hungry during the course of the holiday.

The sale of Chametz is a chance to donate to Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Your donations to this cause at this time are a mitzvah in every sense of the word. Donations to Mazon are tax-deductible and soul-enriching.

Chag Same'ach ve'Kasher,
A Happy and Kosher Passover,
Rabbi Marmon

The procedure for selling chamets is as follows. We use an authorization which gives the rabbi power of attorney. Those who wish to sell their leaven sign their names under this agency appointment and authorize the rabbi to act in their behalf. The authorization empowers the rabbi to sell the leaven they own, indicating the place where it is stored, at terms that he sees fit. The rabbi keeps the authorization and sells the leaven to a non-Jew by means of a document which contains all the terms of sale. At the conclusion of Pesach, he buys it back.

Anyone wishing to authorize Rabbi Marmon to sell his/her chamets may use the form provided.

This information has been garnered from Rabbi Isaac Klein, author of the book A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice and from guidelines of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly.

If you would like Rabbi Marmon to sell your Chamets for you, please return this form to the synagogue office by the morning of Sunday, April 13, 2014. With your authorization, it is customary to include a check which will be sent on to *Mazon*, an organization that provides funds to food banks, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters in the United States and around the world so that hungry people may have what and where to eat while we celebrate our joyous festival of deliverance.

I hereby authorize Rabbi Boaz B. Marmon to sell my Chamets located at (your home address):

and also at (second home, boat, business):

I agree that I shall put aside and lock away my Chamets for the duration of Passover (noon on Monday, April 14, 2014 to nightfall on Tuesday, April 22, 2014) since during the holiday it will belong to someone else.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NISSAN ***** DEADLINE FOR PASSOVER SEDER *****	2 Hebrew Class 7PM	3 7 PM Bingo Office closed 	4 6:30 PM Service Office Closed	5 9 AM Service GOLDEN GIRLS Shabbat Lunch & Learn
6 8 AM Service SRS 9:30 – NOON	7	8	9 Office closed Hebrew Class 7PM	10 7 PM Bingo	11 6:30 PM Service at The Glen Office Closed	12 9 AM Service Shabbat HaGadol
13 8 AM Service No SRS	14 Erev Pesach 7:30 AM Service Office Closed	15 1st Day Pesach 9 AM Service 6:15PM Communal Seder Office Closed	16 2nd Day Pesach 9 AM Service Hebrew Class 7PM Office Closed	17 3rd Day Pesach NO Bingo Office Closed	18 4th Day Pesach 6:30 PM Service Office Closed	19 9 AM Service 5th Day Pesach
20 6th Day Pesach 8 AM Service No SRS Last day to order for Kosher Delivery	21 7th Day Pesach 9 AM Service Office Closed BOARD MTG 7PM BULLETIN DEADLINE	22 8th Day Pesach 9 AM Service 11 AM Yizkor Office Closed  EARTH DAY	23 Hebrew Class 7PM	24 7 PM Bingo	25 6:30 PM Service Office Closed	26 9 AM Service
27 Yom Ha Shoah 8 AM Service SRS 9:30 – NOON Yom Ha Shoah Service 7 PM (main sanctuary)	28	29	30 IYAR KOSHER DELIVERY Hebrew Class 7PM			