



RABBI'S MESSAGE

Towards the end of April, the Jewish world will be celebrating Pesach, the festival of our freedom. At our annual sederim, we relate the story of how our ancestors became slaves in Egypt and how God liberated them. The beginning of this narrative appears in the first chapter of Exodus. Verses 8 and 9 state:

Now a new king rose up over Egypt, who knew nothing of Joseph. And he said to them: "Lo! the sons of Israel are a nation, too numerous and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal cleverly with them, lest they multiply, and then if, in the course of events, there should be war, they will join our enemies, or fight against us themselves, and move up from the land."

The big question is: "Was this a new king or did the old king make a 180 degree turn in terms of his domestic policy?" Seforno, an Italian commentator from the sixteenth century, states that Egyptian slavery was Divine punishment for assimilation and immorality. Therefore, he argues that it was the same king who was reacting negatively towards our ancestors' behavior.

Seforno further comments: "Although there certainly was a record of Joseph's good deeds in the annals of the kings, nevertheless, the new king could not conceive that Joseph could have been a member of this same people so that Israel should be worthy of consideration on this account." This interpretation suggests that because there was such a huge gulf between Joseph and the sinful people that came after him, it was not necessary to show appreciation for Joseph's deeds. The prevention of mass starvation in Egypt belonged to another era.

The problem with this interpretation is that it blames the victim. Many years ago I shared a podium with an Orthodox rabbi at a public forum entitled, "Where was God During the Holocaust?" He had the *chutzpah* to argue that the Holocaust was Divine Punishment for Jewish assimilation in Germany. How outrageous!

Samson Raphael Hirsch, a nineteenth century Orthodox Rabbi, claims that a new king truly rose up, probably as the result of a violent overthrow of the previous ruler. While the Egyptian masses remembered Joseph's achievements, the new Pharaoh directed domestic policy from the top, demanded a radical change in terms of Egypt's treatment of our ancestors, and operated as if Joseph never existed.

Samson Raphael Hirsch was acutely aware of world history in general and the patterns of Jewish history in particular. In direct opposition to Seforno, he argues that this earliest instance of Jew-hatred was not caused by anything that the Jews had done. Hirsch states:

Pharaoh was unable to charge them with any wrongdoing. Had he been able to level a specific accusation against them he would not have to resort to dealing cleverly with them, but could have simply taken overt action. The very first instance of Jew-hatred did not arise spontaneously from amidst the people, but had been fomented by the ruling circles; it was they who had to goad the people into envying the Jews. Jew-hatred was a political tool which the new ruler used in order to consolidate his own power. There is little that is new under the sun, and basically all the phenomena of history are as old as history itself. Whenever a despot sought to oppress his subjects he would throw at their mercy another people

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T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

March 2016 ADAR-ADAR II 5776

Friday, March 4, 2016 ADAR I 24

6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*
8:45 pm: *Maria Lago Art Opening*

Saturday, March 5, 2016 ADAR I 25

**Parashat Vayakhel
Shabbat Shekalim**
10:00 am: *Shabbat Morning Service*

Friday, March 11, 2016 ADAR II 1

6:30 pm: *Family Service and Dinner*

Saturday, March 12, 2016 ADAR II 2

Parashat Pekudei
10:00 am: *Shabbat Morning Service*

Friday, March 18, 2016 ADAR II 8

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

Saturday, March 19, 2016 ADAR II 9

**Parashat Vayikra
Shabbat Zachor**
10:00 am: *Family Friendly
Shabbat Morning Service*
12:00 pm: *Study of the Zohar*

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 ADAR II 13

6:30 pm: *Erev Purim*

Friday, March 25, 2016 ADAR II 15

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

Saturday, March 26, 2016 ADAR II 16

Parashat Tzav
10:00 am: *Shabbat Morning Service*

SAVE THE DATE

Community Seder is the first

evening of Passover

Friday, April 22, 2016



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April 2016 ADAR II-NISAN 5776

- Friday, April 1, 2016** ADAR II 22
6:00 pm: *Tot Potluck Fundraiser*
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*
- Saturday, April 2, 2016** ADAR II 23
Parashat Shmini
Shabbat Parah
10:00 am: *Shabbat Morning Service*
- Friday, April 8, 2016** ADAR II 29
6:30 pm: *Family Service and Dinner*
- Saturday, April 9, 2016** NISAN 1
Parashat Tazria
Rosh Chodesh
Shabbat HaChodesh
10:00 am: *Shabbat Morning Service*
12:00 pm: *Study of the Zohar*
- Friday, April 15, 2016** NISAN 7
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*
- Saturday, April 16, 2016** NISAN 8
Parashat Metzora
Shabbat HaGadol
10:00 am: *Shabbat Morning Service*
- Friday, April 22, 2016** NISAN 14
Erev Pesach
5:45 pm: *Erev Pesach*
6:30 pm: *Congregational Seder*
- Saturday, April 23, 2016** NISAN 15
Pesach I
10:00 am: *Shabbat Morning Service*
- Saturday, April 24, 2016** NISAN 16
Pesach II
10:00 am: *Pesach II Service*
- Friday, April 29, 2016** NISAN 21
Pesach VII
10:00 am: *Pesach VII Service*
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*
- Saturday, April 30, 2016** NISAN 22
Pesach VIII
10:00 am: *Shabbat Morning Service*

HAPPY PURIM!

It's time to order Mishloach Manot boxes to send to friends and family. You can find the order form on the Hebrew Tabernacle website, hebrewtabernacle.org.

Under the **Youth And Family** menu, click on **"Order Mishloach Manot"** and follow the directions.

Please take note of the dates so that you send your forms in on time. Don't miss out on this opportunity to celebrate Purim and help support the Hebrew School!

If you'd like to help pack the boxes or if there are any questions, please email me at skhspr@gmail.com

Thanks for supporting our Mishloach Manot fundraiser!
Peace, Sheldon Koy, *Hebrew School Principal*

RABBI'S Message

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whom they could oppress in turn, so that they would not turn against him. Many anti-Jewish laws have owed their origins to such a policy.

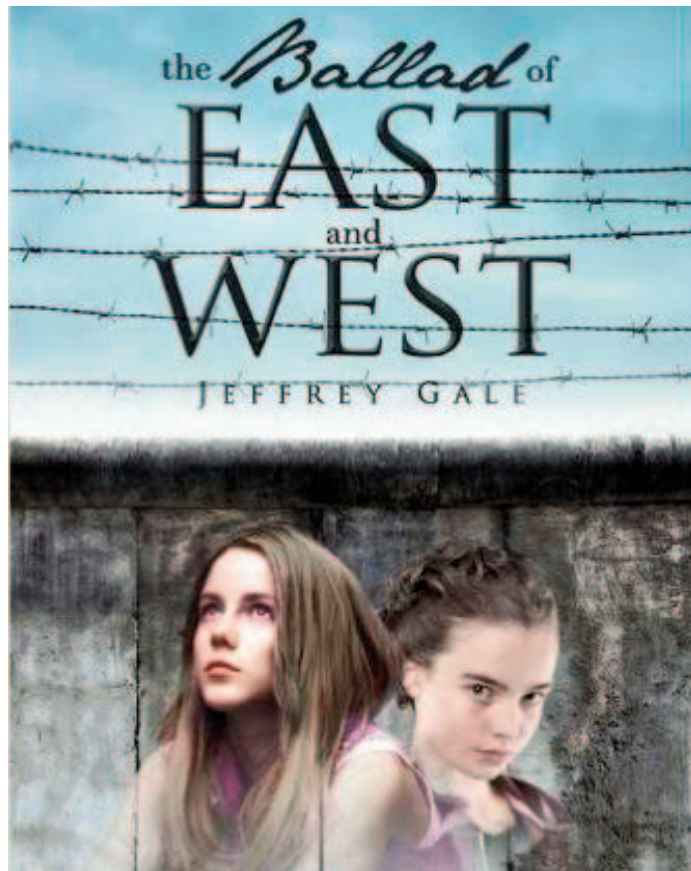
Of course, Samson Raphael Hirsch, speaks of the precariousness of Jewish life in the Diaspora. For a period of time, Jews could be living quite comfortably in their host countries. A change of rulers could suddenly bring upon a radical change of policies towards the Jewish population. The *Reconquista*, which spanned the eighth through fifteenth centuries, brought about the end of the "Golden Age" in Spain. The trial of Alfred Dreyfus, a high-ranking French officer, led to a horrible backlash of anti-Semitism in a supposedly modern, western democracy. The rise of Adolf Hitler led to the rapid dis-emancipation of German Jews and, ultimately, to the Final Solution in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Hence, I embrace Samson Raphael Hirsch's take on Egyptian slavery rather than Seforno's interpretation. Rather than explain government-sponsored anti-Semitism by blaming the victims, I prefer to explain it in terms of the precariousness of Jewish life in many parts of our world. No country, including our own, is immune to ISIS terrorism which is often directed against Jewish institutions. Tension in Israeli-Palestinian relations has often led to Jewish backlashes outside the Middle East. If politicians can glibly call for banning non-American Muslims from entering our country, for radically controlling or eliminating refugees from Syria, or for getting "tough" with illegal immigration, the day could come when such rhetoric is directed against Jews.

Therefore, the Pesach narrative teaches me that freedom can never be taken for granted. It could disappear overnight. Therefore, I embrace such organizations as AIPAC, the Religious Action Center, and the National Council of Jewish Women that lobby for Jewish interests and civil rights. Above all, I embrace the modern state of Israel where Jewish values and Jewish observance come not from the generosity of non-Jewish rulers, but from the words of Torah.

The Blizzard Bat Mitzvah

One Upper West Side synagogue cancelled their Jan. 23 Bat Mitzvah due to the blizzard but, thanks to a united community effort, Sara DaSilva's Bat Mitzvah went fabulously forward at Hebrew Tabernacle. At his request, Rabbi Gale was hosted by an HT family in the Heights for two nights. Sara's tutor, Nina Neshet, kindly agreed to step up as an a capella cantor when Cantor Ken Feibush and accompanist Ralph Selig were both snowed under. Many of Sara's friends and family braved the storm—the only important person missing was her grandmother, who could not get a flight out of North Carolina. Tabernacle members, Hebrew School families, and many Beth Am members filled out the sanctuary. Sara's chanting, prayers and D'var Torah were wonderful—well worth the snowy schlep! Congratulations to Sara, her parents, and our community on this unforgettable Blizzard Bat Mitzvah.



The Ballad of East and West

The Ballad of East and West by Rabbi Gale is an important reminder of how lucky we are to be free. I picked up the book after Rabbi Gale spoke about it during his Yom Kippur sermon. Reading about Rabbi Levin helped me gain insight into Rabbi Gale. I realize how lucky we are to have him at Hebrew Tabernacle. His book was easy to read but profound in content. The story is written by intertwining the story of a Bat Mitzvah and her Refusenik twin with Rabbi Levin's story. As a child growing up at the end of the cold war, I was amazed at how much recent history I had forgotten. Reading the tale of Rabbi Levin's work with the Refuseniks brought back many important lessons. It is good to be a Jew. We are lucky to be free to practice our religion. Rabbi Levin is showing us that we should remember those freedoms and never take them for granted. Rabbi Levin was brave and humble in his work with the Refuseniks. I found myself caught up in the characters and what happens next. Rabbi Gale wove Judaism, love, excitement, drama, humor, and history all into an enjoyable narrative. I even found myself crying at one part. I don't want to give anything away, but I can't wait for the next installment. I recommend you pick up a copy today.

— Tara Collins

NOTE: It is available on Barnes & Noble and Amazon, in paperback and as an e-book.

We note the passing of long-time member Ruth Hirshfield, on February 11, 2016. May the mourners be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Family-Friendly Services on Fridays and Saturdays

On January 8, Hebrew School families and other members learned about Shabbat from the Aleph class who recited a poem about candles, Kiddush, challah, games, candy and Havdalah. Then everyone in the sanctuary shared some of their favorite things to do on Shabbat. After a Kabbalat Shabbat service of singing and praying, we gathered downstairs for Kiddush.

Before dinner, Kita Dalet acted out an ethical dilemma and discussed a Jewish response: While other students are watching through a window, some students mess up the classroom—the teacher had left for a break. When she returns she demands that any student who knows the guilty parties tell her their names. The innocent students refuse, and the teacher must decide whether to punish them all. “Rabbi Moshe Feinstein says a teacher should not force students to tell on others, but use other means to find the truth. Using force sets a bad example for the students—who are always learning from observing their teacher.” The Dalet class agreed with this, but put the question to the rest of the congregation. Different people suggested different strategies for finding the truth without threatening the innocent. This is one of many Jewish responses to ethical issues that they are learning about this year.

Two weeks later on Saturday, Cantor Ken, accompanied by Ralph Selig on piano, led the Family-Friendly Shabbat Service and the adult Torah discussion, during Rabbi Gale’s vacation. Eighteen adults, including seven parents, read and discussed the Ten Commandments. One interesting question: “Why are the ones on God and Shabbat so detailed and the ones on individual morality so brief?” For example, there is a whole paragraph on Shabbat vs. a one-liner on murder. Perhaps, we discussed, the monotheistic ideas were newer and needed more explaining than the existing legal and moral norms about murder and stealing. We also asked ourselves, “What does the commandment that everyone should get a Shabbat mean for low-wage/long-hour workers today?” “What does the commandment that work animals should get to rest mean for our modern understanding of animal rights?”

Meanwhile, in a separate location, seven kids were discussing the Ten Commandments with a teacher and deciding what they would add, if there could be 11th and 12th commandments. Andie Authers reported back her 11th Commandment for the group: “Peace out! That means use your words when there are disagreements, not violence.” Other children had chosen “Don’t kill animals”; “Be good to the earth”; and “Treat other people the way you want to be treated.” There was food for thought, and Dairy Potluck food for our bodies, too. Next Family-Friendly Shabbats will be 2/27 and 3/19.

The Hebrew Tabernacle's Armin and Estelle Gold Wing March - April, 2016

Exodus

Paintings and Sculpture By Maria Lago



Maria Lago portrays something that repeats throughout history. It is recalled by the immigrants and refugees of New York neighborhoods such as ours, and in the Jewish holiday of Passover. Her works inspire the viewer to experience a higher awareness and a spiritual revelation from the movements of peoples throughout the world.

Artist statement:

I usually employ primitive symbols and archetypal images that allow me to explore the universal condition and interpret my own personal experience together with contemporary issues. The images emerge organically from this collective unconscious. Each work is a thick mix-

ture of organic materials that I use to cover the canvas. I go beneath the surface and let the material evolve into its own unique form. The thickness of the mix simulates the beauty and textures of earth and sea.

The material has become essential to me in my work, and I am continually exploring different mediums to achieve new and different effects. Maria Lago was born in Spain and has an art gallery in Beacon, NY. She has published and had individual and collective art exhibitions since 1987. www.marialago.com.



Artist's Opening Reception: Friday, March 4, 8:45 pm
Sabbath Services begin at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.



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PASSOVER 2016

Join us in our Congregational Family & Community Seder, which will be held on the first night of Passover, Friday, April 22, 2016 at 6:30 PM, immediately after the brief Sanctuary service which begins at 5:45 PM.

Our moving and melodic traditional Seder Service will be conducted by our clergy, Rabbi Jeffrey Gale and Student Cantor Kenneth Feibush. As always, it will be an evening of conviviality, learning and song. Of course, a strictly kosher meal will be served, with a choice of beef, roast chicken, or vegetarian, and a child's meal option (chicken fingers). For dessert either fruit salad or sorbet is available.

As we found in past years, starting our service a little earlier will ensure that the evening concludes close to 10:00 PM. Since "open seating" proved popular, we'll continue with that policy, so there is no need to indicate in advance with whom you would like to sit.

Thanks to the generosity of the many contributors, we've been able to keep the cost to Tabernacle members and their guests at only \$50.00 per person, or \$55.00 for non-members. To encourage families with children to participate, the charge for each child from 4 to 12 years of age is \$25.00. Children under 4 are free.

Aides or companions, attending with some of our elderly participants will also be accommodated at half-price of \$25.00. Moreover, if these costs present a hardship for any members, provision can be made for additional financial aid, if you will contact the temple office.

We hope you will join us for our Congregational Family & Community Seder. Please complete the form below indicating your choices of main course (and dessert) and return it, with your check in the appropriate amount, payable to the Hebrew Tabernacle.

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In grateful memory of the departed whose names are taken from the records of Hebrew Tabernacle and Beth Am and which appear on a separate weekly Yahrzeit list. It is our minhag to read Yahrzeit names at the Shabbat services following the date. **If you would like a name read, please call the office in the preceding week.**

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Louis Fein
Ernst D. Frank
William Freeman
Willy D. Fromm
Charlotte Haendel
Albert Hamburger
Bina Hanauer
David Harris
Lore Heilbronn
Arthur Hirsch
Simon Hirsch
Margot Hochberger
Edith Jacobi
Curt Jellin
Julius Yale Kaplan
Lotte Katz
Minnie Klebanoff
Isidor Kulb
Ruth Landsberg
Hanna Langstadt
Sigmund Levin
Eric Loeb
Selma Loebenberg
Nathan Maier
Paula Marshall
Moses Milshtein
Jack Morris
Sigmund Muetz
Norman Myers
Tessie Myers

Bessie Nemlich
Rose Ober
Daniel Pinsky
Walter Rinehouse
Anna May Freeman Rose
Martha Rothenberg
Robert Rothenberg
Jacob Seligman
Julius Sessler
Marie Smith
Kurt Speier
Agnes Steiner
Ernest Strauss
Thilla Suessel
Dr. Arnold Taub
Henry Uhlfelder
Jeanette Ward
Siegfried Weil
Emma Weinberger
Alma Wolff

April 1 & 2

Albert Alexander
Dina Alexander
Maxine Baar
Nelly Bloch
Irene Cahn
Emily Cappel
Millie Coster
Isidore Dolinger
Lena Doniger
Ruth Wolf Ehrlich
Martha Federmann
Bernhard Feist
Herbert Feist
Bianca Ganzman
Jennie C. Gold
Dora Seidner Greenbaum
Charles H. Greenberg
Erwin E. Haimann
Salo Hamburger
Hermann Himmelweit
Toni Kahn
Walter Kaufman
Seligman Levi
Rev. Meyer A. Levinson
Lina Levite
William Levitman
Bettina Silver Lorris
Marcus Lowenthal
Erich Marx
John H. Mayer
Arthur Muller
Henry Nesselroth
Sally Neu
Otto Samuel Oppenheim
Isabel Perlman
Lynn Presley
Helma Roos
Simon S. Rosenstamm
Fritz Ultmann
Anna Vickers
Ruth S. Weiss
Hansi Wickert
Justin Winter
Ernest A. Wolff

April 8 & 9

Ilse Amson
Egon Bachrach

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Walter Berney
Frank Bloch
Lillie Cohen
Abraham L. Diamant
Donald Edwards
Julia Ehrenreich
Lore Emanuel
Justin English
Gretel Feibelman
Bernard Forscher
Edith Friedman
Julius Froehlich
Jack Gerber
Armin Gold
Charles Graff
Lee Sally Grossman
Hedwig Gruenbaum
Erna Heart
Herman Heidelberg
Elizabeth Heymann
Isaak Jutkowski
Chava Rivka Kohn
Gershon Levin
Ludwig Loewkowitz
Bernard Lowenthal
Bertha Magasiner
Sophie Magasiner
Emmy Marx
Henny May
Marion E. Mayer
Joseph Melzer
Charles Neadel
Magda Oberlander
Renee Obermeier
Paul A. Salz
John H. Scharf
Annie Schiff
Aaron L. Schwartz
Julius Simon
Joseph P. Smith
Ada Speyer
Dr. Frederick D. Stern
Fanny B. Strauss
Lillie Stream
Riyan Tejada
Hans David Tobar
Charlotte Tucker
Simon Weinberger
Manfred Westheimer
Esther Zacks
Javier Garcia Zurita

April 15 & 16

Irene Adler
Victor Adler
Harriet Appel
Irene Baltuch
Walter Bergmann
Mildred Besser
Sarah Chekinsky
Phil Deutsch
Cantor Henry Ehrenberg
Edith Eisemann
Arthur Frank
Bernard Frank
Elsie Frank
Ernst J. Galewski
Mathilde Golden
Dr. Arthur Hahn

Sigmund Herz
Dr. Martin Hirschowitz
Moritz Hirschowitz
Herbert Kann
Pincus L. Klein
Samuel Konig
Ruth Krautman
Rebecka Lachmann
Emma Lambert
Jules Lebell
George Lebow
Jacob Lefkowitz
Alfred Lehmann
Siegfried Loewenstein
Ruth Lowenthal
Max Maas
Charles Mayer
Jacques J. Mayer
Julius Morgenroth
Walter Mosbacher
Abraham Ober
Barnet Perlman
Theo Rendl
Mina Roos
Mamie Rosenbluth
Richard Schulz
Milton Semes
Klara Simon
Linda Diane Solomon
Josef Sonnenfeld
Max Stern
Olga Weihermann
Bernard Weissman
Benjamin Willis
Fred Wolff
Jacob Wolff
Peter L. Wolff
Max Zobel
Robert M. Zweig

April 22 & 23

Sol Altschuler
Salo & Rosa Bandmann
Harry N. Baruch
Leo Blankenstein
Machla Braun-Speishandler
Max Breitbarth
Henry K. Bronheim
Gustav Buchdahl
Clara Dittmann
Carol Feller
Jeanne Florsheim
Arnold Fraenkel
Arthur Frank
Martin Freund
Eva Gorton
Alfred Grau
Steven Allen Greenbaum
Sarah Grinstein
Traude Hamburg
Joseph Hirsch
Anne Hoexter
Anna Kalfus
Bertha Kaufman
Florence Keidan
Arthur S. Klashman
Annie Kohlhausen
Anna Kramer
Selma Landauer
Joseph Leindheim
Martha Levi
Richard Lewitus

Ilse Lichtstern
Fritz Loeb
Erna Loewenstein
Stefanie Lowen
Jacob Mandelbaum
Max Marx
Julius May
Renate Mccutcheon
Dr. Henry Mintz
Lina Mosback
Anna Nadelman
Zessi Nelkens
Enoch Nordlinger
Jonathan Ragovin
Kurt Reis
Henny Rinehouse
Ray Roman
Ruth Rosenbaum
Bruno J. Salomon
Flora Schloss
Leo Secunda
Esther Seide
Eugenie Seligsberg
Lilli Seligsohn
Ben J. Sondheim
Otto Sonnenfeld
Dr. Ernst Springer
Helene Stern
Berthold Strauss
Thekla Strauss
Irma M. Tyson
Erwin Winter

April 29 & 30

Nathan Abrams
Sonia Ahrens
Emanuel Bellefond
Charlotte Blatt
Abraham Cohn
Irene Danziger
Irene Danziger
Pfc. Gunther Dorzback
Irmgard Ehrlich
Georg Feibel

Sophie Fleischmann
Rita Greenberg
David Heimann
Meta Hermann
JoAnn Hoffman
Amelia Reisel Horowitz
Eva M. Huvos-Lowenthal
Mina Jarajewski
Alfred Katz
Bess Kaufman
Herman Kohlman
Benjamin Laguna
Daniel Levy
Ray Lewis
Leo Maier
Doris Mannheimer
Alice Marx
Erna Marx
Hilde Marx
Ernest May
Gary Mendel
Robert A. Muller
Dr. Jacob Joseph Nadel
Katherine Neumann
Bessie Newman
Emma Norman
Rosa Ochs
Max & Clara Rohrheimer
Mark Rosenfeld
Faith Rosenzweig
Max Salomon
Irving Schuster
Rudy Simonstein
Max Spector
Oscar Spector
Ruchel Spiewak
David Stern
Erna Strauss
Solomon Strisower
Hans Weile
Ethel Weisbard
Gertrude Wittner
Herman Wolf
Sidney S. Wolff

Interfaith Collaboration on Community/Police Relations Follows Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

After a successful and moving Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 22, our congregation has been working with our community partners to foster better community/police dialogue and relations in our neighborhood. Together with the Uptown Church, Ft. Tryon Jewish Center, Trinity Grace Church, Operation Exodus, Christ Crucified Fellowship, the Church of the Heights, and Our Saviour's Atonement, we had celebrated "living together in peace as good neighbors" and honored ten amazing community volunteers from the Gold Wing exhibit "Our Hands upon the Planet." That celebration of our multi-cultural and multi-lingual community—our children were blessed in Hebrew, English and Spanish—was followed by fellowship over Kiddush. We were able to break bread together thanks to many volunteers and donors of food and funds, including Fredy Seidel, Denny & Rachel Kelk, John Chern, Denine Carter of Trinity Grace Church, Diana Douglas, Rev. John Flack of Our Saviour's Atonement Lutheran, Eileen Scigliano, Christ Crucified Fellowship, Desma Holcomb, and Uptown Church.

But this collaboration is not just a once-a-year event. Some of these congregations share our building with us year round. Now we are exploring, together, our ideas for identifying and solving problems between some community members and local police, and we are seeking available public funding for this on-going dialogue and work. As our City Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez stated at the Celebration, "Usually diverse congregations and the community come together only after there is a crisis. It is so beautiful to see you all together today, gathered to build mutual understanding and to strengthen this community."



HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR TAXES AND SUPPORT THE HEBREW TABERNACLE

If you're 70 years old, most of you, your family members, and friends know that at 70½ you have to start taking the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year from your IRA Account (not Roth), that's taxed at normal income tax rates.

As part of the "Bush Tax-Cuts" in 2006, the IRA-Charity Rollover was created. This legislation let you take all or part of your RMD and roll it over to a Charity — such as Hebrew Tabernacle — to make a tax-free contribution. When the original Tax Act expired after a few years, the IRA-Charity Rollover portion was extended annually by Congress.

As of December 18, 2015, Congress has renewed the Charitable IRA Rollover **PERMANENTLY** as PATH 2015 (Protecting Americans from Tax Increases).

The charitable IRA rollover, or Qualified Charitable Distribution, is a special provision allowing donors 70-1/2 and older to exclude certain transfers of Individual Retirement Account (IRA) assets from taxable income. These transfers need to be made directly to public charities, like Hebrew Tabernacle.

Several HT members and others are making donations from their IRA using their RMD. So when you have to take your Required Minimum Contribution, use the tax benefit to support the Tabernacle, especially since the RMD can be used to pay your membership, Kol Nidre pledges and other donations.

Important Details: Distributions (not to exceed \$100,000 – we should be so lucky) from your IRA to charities must be paid directly to the charity (rolled over) by your broker, bank, custodian etc. You must be at least age 70½. You can not obtain any economic benefits (dinners, merchandise) from these charitable gifts. They cannot be used for a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, or contributed to a donor advised fund or private foundation. If you have a 401(k) or other type of qualified plan, you must first make a tax-free rollover of funds to an IRA and then make your charitable distribution rollover.

Withdrawal from your regular IRA account (not Roth) for direct distribution to Hebrew Tabernacle will not be subject to income taxes. Even if you do not itemize deductions, you gain benefits from your charitable gifts by avoiding income taxes on IRA withdrawals.

Seder Fund Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Seder Fund. We are well on our way to our traditional First Night of Passover Seder on April 22, 2016. However, we are still short of our goal. So, just a reminder that your tax-deductible donations to our 2016 Hebrew Tabernacle Congregational Community Seder Fund will keep it affordable for all. Thank you.

Gary Thalheimer, Chair, Seder Committee

MARCH 2016 ADAR-ADAR II/5776

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Adar 21	Adar 22 4:00 pm: Hebrew School	Adar 23	Adar 24 6:00 pm: Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:30 pm: Maria Lago Art Opening	Adar 25 Parashat Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service
		1	2	3	4	5
Adar 26	Adar 27 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 6:00 pm: Hebrew High School 7:00 pm: Exercise Class	Adar 28	Adar 29 4:00 pm: Hebrew School	Adar 30 Rosh Chodesh Adar II	Adar II 1 Rosh Chodesh Adar II 6:30 pm: Family Service and Dinner	Adar II 2 Parashat Pekudet 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Adar II 3	Adar II 4 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 7:00 pm: Exercise Class	Adar II 5	Adar II 6 4:00 pm: Hebrew School	Adar II 7	Adar II 8 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Adar II 9 Parashat Vayikra Shabbat Zachor 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service 12:00 pm: Study of the Zohar
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Adar II 10 11:00 am: Purim Carnival	Adar II 11 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 7:00 pm: Exercise Class	Adar II 12	Adar II 13 Erev Purim 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 6:30 pm: Erev Purim 7:00 pm: Purimspiel and Chai for a Pie	Adar II 14 Purim	Adar II 15 Shushan Purim 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Adar II 16 Parashat Tzav 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Adar II 17	Adar II 18 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 6:00 pm: Hebrew High School 7:00 pm: Exercise Class	Adar II 19	Adar II 20 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 7:30 pm: HT Board Meeting	Adar II 21		
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2016 SH'VAT-ADAR/5776

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Adar II 22 6:00 pm: Tot Potluck Fundraiser 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Adar II 23 Parashat Shmini Shabbat Parah 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service
					1	2
Adar II 24	Adar II 25 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 7:00 pm: Exercise Class	Adar II 26	Adar II 27 4:00 pm: Hebrew School	Adar II 28	Adar II 29 6:30 pm: Family Dinner and Service	Nisan 1 Parashat Tazria Rosh Chodesh Nisan Shabbat HaChodesh 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service 12:00 pm: Study of the Zohar
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nisan 2	Nisan 3 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 7:00 pm: Exercise Class	Nisan 4	Nisan 5 4:00 pm: Hebrew School	Nisan 6	Nisan 7 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Nisan 8 Parashat Metzora Shabbat HaGadol 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Nisan 9	Nisan 10 4:00 pm: Hebrew School 7:00 pm: Exercise Class	Nisan 11	Nisan 12 4:00 pm: Hebrew School	Nisan 13	Nisan 14 Erev Pesach 5:45 pm: Erev Pesach 6:30 pm: Congregational Seder 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Nisan 15 Pesach 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nisan 16 Pesach II (CH"M)	Nisan 17 Pesach III (CH"M) 7:00 pm: Exercise Class	Nisan 18 Pesach IV (CH"M)	Nisan 19 Pesach V (CH"M)	Nisan 20 Pesach VI (CH"M)	Nisan 21 Pesach VII 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat	Nisan 22 Pesach VIII 10:00 am: Shabbat Morning Service
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Letter from one of the Vice Presidents

SISTERHOOD

Many of you may know that this coming April Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, Inc. turns 110 years old. We hope to have a few events to commemorate this special occasion that will lead up to our grand gala in the spring of the following year. But did you know that the founding mothers of our congregation was our Sisterhood? The Sisterhood was actually founded in May of 1905. In October of the same year together Reverend Dr. Edward Lissmann (our first rabbi) and Mr. Adolph Schwarzbaum (our first secretary) founded the Sunday school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SISTERHOOD ON THEIR 111 ANNIVERSARY

Today Diana Douglas, their new president, continues that proud tradition. Under Diana's leadership the number of times the sisterhood meets has been expanded. The sisterhood gathering now also includes Yoga, and a discussion group with a social service person, Chevi Marks, who leads discussions relevant to the needs of sisterhood members. The tradition of playing rumique, canasta and other card and board games continues, along with the serving of refreshments. The sisterhood is looking into expanding its programs and other activities. One of the future programs in the works is to feature guest speakers.

The Sisterhood is always ready to welcome new members. You do not have to be a member of the Hebrew Tabernacle (but of course we would love you to be part of our larger family as well) and you do not even have to be a female. If you are interested in becoming a member or want to know more information, please contact the office or Diana.

FOOD DRIVE

Please remember that hunger is still a major problem even in our own neighborhood. We are still collecting non-perishable foods for the local food pantry. The next time you come to services or are just stopping by, please bring items like canned goods or a box of pasta and place them in the large grey bin as you enter the large double gray doors on 185th street.

NEW MEMBER

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the entire congregation we welcome our newest member Alex Gabriel Muller. We look forward to spending many happy occasions with Alex.



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