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The Harbinger

MARCH 2021

ADAR - NISAN 5781

Sholom Jewish University – Spring 2021 / 5781

Temple Sholom, Monticello, NY

VIA ZOOM

The ZOOM link will be
 sent to those who register.
 Call Rabbi Medwin to join.

Tuition - The cost is \$36 for temple members and \$54 for non-Temple members.
 Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the full cost of the class.
 Please contact Rabbi Medwin regarding scholarships. (rabbimedwin@me.com)

Back to Basics: Torah Study from the Beginning

Taught by Rabbi Michele B. Medwin, D. Min.

Tuesdays, Noon - 1:15 PM

March 2 - May 11, 2021

(No class during Passover on March 30)

We will continue from where we left off in the Fall Semester, at Genesis Chapter 13.

We will read verse by verse and discuss the various ideas and concepts that come up. What are the messages we gain from the text? How does the verse speak to me personally? We will use *The Torah's Seventy Faces: Commentaries on the Weekly Sidrah* by Simcha Raz to supplement and add a spiritual dimension to our understanding of the texts. The book is available on Amazon or authorhouse.com.

You are welcome to bring any Torah commentary you have to add to the discussion.

You do NOT need to have taken this class before. You will be able to follow along without any previous knowledge of Torah.

If you have never used ZOOM before, you will need to download the software and follow the instructions. (See page 16.)

ZOOM is usually started by 11:45. If it is not up by noon, you can call the rabbi's cell phone, 607-765-2895.

From the rabbi:

Personal Reflections for Passover



The rabbis declared that we should have a Passover seder each year. They outlined the fourteen steps involved in the seder, yet many of the details within each step are left to us. Because of this, there are thousands of *Haggadot* available offering different approaches to this unique holiday ritual. I would like to share some ideas from a Haggadah called *The Ayeka Haggadah: Hearing Your Own Voice*, written by Rabbi Aryeh Ben David. He asks us to consider various questions to better personalize the meaning of the Passover story and the Passover seder. I share some of these questions for you to reflect on for this year.

❖ *Kiddush* - The Hebrew word for the blessing over wine, *Kiddish*, means holy. What was one holy moment in your journey this year?

❖ *Kol Dichfin* – Let all who are hungry come and eat.

- If we weren't concerned about COVID, or travel distance, what guests would you want to invite to your Seder? (People you know, public figures, historical figures...)

- We are hardwired to give. Share a moment when you either carried out or witnessed a momentous act of extraordinary giving.

❖ The Four Sons/Children - What questions do you imagine the wise child would ask today?

❖ We talk about the journey of the Israelites as they escaped from Egypt.

- What would be the most helpful question someone could ask you about your journey during the past year? What is one smart thing you did on your journey?

- On your journey, was there ever a moment when you felt helped by God or felt a deep spiritual connection to something beyond?

- Every journey has moments of exaggeration. Years from now, what moments in your journey do you think will be exaggerated?

- *Dayenu* - Every journey has moments of gratitude. What specific moment of your journey is worth singing about?

❖ Retelling the story of Passover gives us hope. What would you say was the greatest moment for the Jewish people in your lifetime?

❖ The *Korech* sandwich combines bitter herbs and sweet charoset. What was a bitter experience that ended up being important for your personal journey and growth?

Questions for Kids

❖ If matzah could talk, what do you think it would say?

❖ If *maror* (bitter herbs) could talk, what do you think it would say?

❖ What do you think Pharaoh's kids were telling him during the ten plagues?

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VIRTUAL MODEL SEDER

Friday, March 26, 2021

7:00 PM via ZOOM

NOTE THE EARLY START TIME
TO GIVE US ENOUGH TIME FOR
DISCUSSION DURING THE SERVICE

Join is for a spiritually informative Passover experience as part of our Shabbat service. Based on *"The Ayeka Haggadah: Hearing Your Own Voice,"* by Rabbi Aryeh Ben David, we will have an interactive model seder experience. This Haggadah offers us opportunities to reflect on our own personal journey as it relates to the symbols of the Passover seder. During the service we will have a few breakout groups, (Zoom randomly creates small groups), to be able to discuss some of the inspiring questions offered by Rabbi ben David. (See Rabbi Medwin's article on page 2.) You DO NOT need to have this Haggadah. Everything will be shared on the screen.



Have with you:

- Wine/grape juice and kiddush cup
- Parsley or something green
- Matzah
- Bitter herbs or something sour, or a picture of bitter herbs
- Charoset or a picture of charoset

TEMPLE SHOLOM and THE FLOOD

Burst pipes caused a river to flow through Temple Sholom.



Neal Jacobs and Howard Perlman spent days cleaning up the temple so the construction crew could make repairs. Great support and assistance were given by: Lauren Miller, Judy Cutler, Sue Kantor, and Stephanie Phillips.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

MARION SCHAAL

Passover 2021
March 27- April 3

Passover Greetings
in the **April** Harbinger

Add your name to the list of those who will
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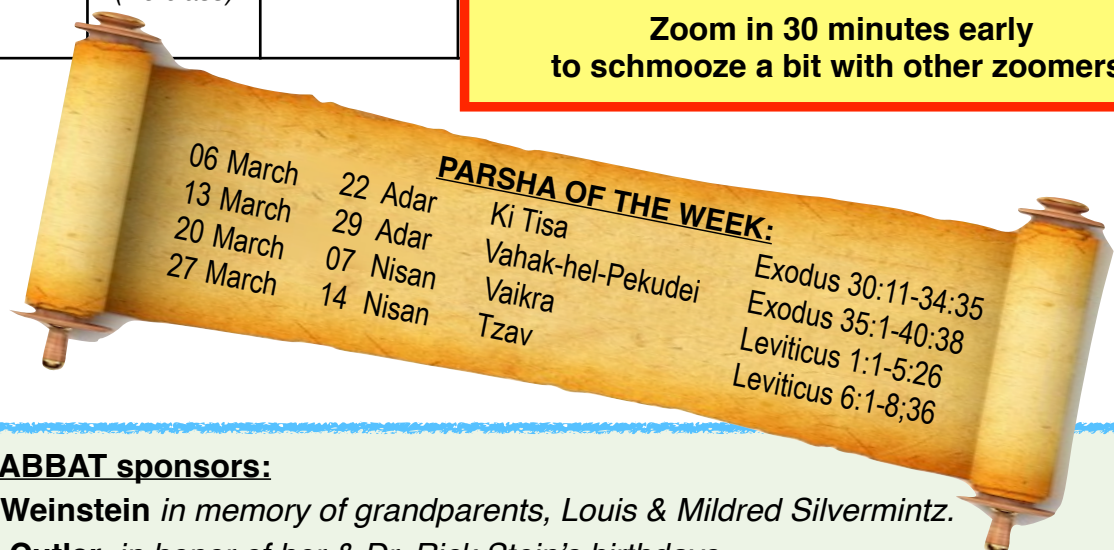
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	1	2 SHOLOM UNIV	3	4	5 Shabbat Services 7:30 (via ZOOM) Candle lighting 5:34	6 Ki Tisa
7	8	9 SHOLOM UNIV	10	11	12 Shabbat Services 7:30 (via ZOOM) Candle lighting 5:42	13 Vayak'hel-Pekudei
14  Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16 SHOLOM UNIV Board of Trustees mtg	17	18	19 Shabbat Services 7:30 (via ZOOM) Candle lighting 6:49	20 Vaikra
21	22	23 SHOLOM UNIV	24	25	26 VIRTUAL MODEL SEDER NOTE EARLY TIME 7:00 Candle lighting 6:57	 Tzav
28 First Day of Passover	29	30 PESACH (No class)	31	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Shabbat Services start 7:30 PM via ZOOM Zoom in 30 minutes early to schmooze a bit with other zoomers. </div>		



Virtual ONEG SHABBAT sponsors:

MARCH 5: Lois Weinstein in memory of grandparents, Louis & Mildred Silvermintz.

MARCH 12: Judy Cutler, in honor of her & Dr. Rick Stein's birthdays.

MARCH 19: Sue & Don Horowitz, in honor of Sue's birthday.

MARCH 26: Sponsor needed

Passover is rich in social justice themes. It is impossible to study the Jewish story of redemption and not feel compelled to eradicate injustice in the world today. Among the primary social justice themes found in the Exodus story and in the Passover observance are hunger, homelessness, oppression, and redemption.

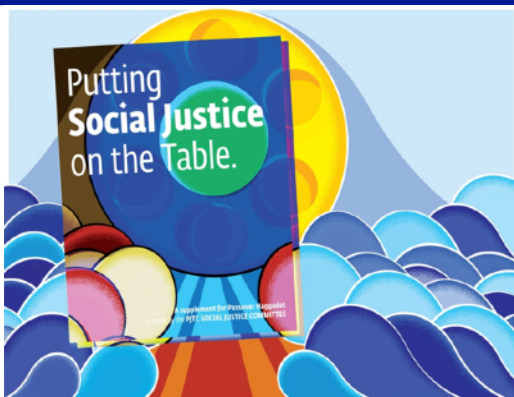
At Passover, we are reminded of a time when Jews were once restricted to eating only **matzah**, considered the “bread of affliction,” due to the hasty retreat from Egypt. This experience with hardship following the exodus from Egypt is an inspiration to consider those who eat the metaphorical “bread of affliction” in present times.

In the **Babylonian Talmud**, we are taught, “Even the poorest person in Israel may not eat until he reclines, and they must not give him less than four cups of wine.” This is a reminder that it is imperative to take care of everyone in the community, even the poorest person. The requirement that even poor Jews be provided with ample wine – and presumably with all of the holiday’s ritual foods and practices – leads to the expectation that Jews should help the poor and the hungry not just during Passover but throughout the year.

Passover also serves as a painful reminder that the Jewish people were seen as strangers in the land of Egypt and spent 40 long years of wandering in the wilderness without a home. These elements of the Passover story remind us of current issues of immigration and refugee concerns, and the memory of being displaced instills in us a desire to eradicate homelessness in the modern era.

At Passover, we read, “This year we are slaves. Next year, may we all be free.” Jews are commanded to be directly present in the Passover story, remembering what it was like for the Children of Israel to be slaves in the land of Egypt. This personal experience is a motivation to examine the current international situation and wrestle with cases of injustice, oppression, and modern-day slavery. Thus, Passover provides us an opportunity to raise awareness of contemporary examples of slavery and oppression throughout the world, such as human trafficking, the sex trade, and even domestic violence, which traps victims within their homes, limiting their freedom as surely as if they were enslaved.

Copy and paste this link to see how you can incorporate social action themes into your Passover observance. https://reformjudaism.org/passover-social-action-guide?utm_source=BulletinBytes&utm_campaign=Passover&utm_medium=email&utm_content=2021_1_27



The link below will allow you to download a collection of readings, activities, and songs that both extend the traditional Seder and resonate with it. The Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center have tried to include selections that will be meaningful (and interesting) for children and young people as well as their parents and grandparents. They invite you to pick and choose what will work best for your own Seder.

<https://pjtcsocialjustice.files.wordpress.com/2019/04/pjtc-sjc-passover-supplement-2018-rev.pdf>

Religious School News

There are presently 2 religious school classes. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah class is a virtual class and is going well. In the primary class, also virtual, are the younger students. Though the technology is challenging, they are learning to sing the blessings, learning about the Jewish holidays, and learning what it means to be a good Jew. **(See Passover article page 5.)**

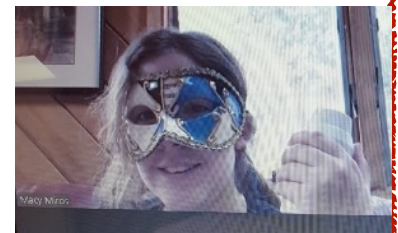
Much credit is to be given to Lauren Miller, our very dedicated primary teacher. It is hard while connecting through zoom to keep the youngsters focused and actively learning. The children want to learn and so they try very hard.

Everyone is hoping to be back in the building sometime in the fall.

Religious School students and teacher Lauren Miller survived a technically challenging **Tu B'Shvat** seder. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all.



And then there was **PURIM** — Lauren Miller read the Purim story with the help of King Ahasuerus. Macy and Lauren dressed up and shook their groggers when they heard Haman's name. It was quite an enjoyable Purim lesson.



Golden Books

To **Howard Perlman & Family**, condolences on the loss of your brother, Lonny Perlman. *From: Maureen & Bob Velten*

To **Barbara & Richard Drew**, Mazel Tov on the marriage of your son, Matthew to Jill Schoenfeld. *From: Maureen, Bob & Julie Velten*

To **Sue Horowitz**, in celebration of her birthday. *From: Mary Jane Harris*

To **Joan Rosenfelt**, Happy Birthday. *From: Mary Jane Harris*

Mitzvah Cards

To **Howard Perlman & Family**, condolences on the loss of your brother, Lonny Perlman.

From: Ellen Nesin & Family

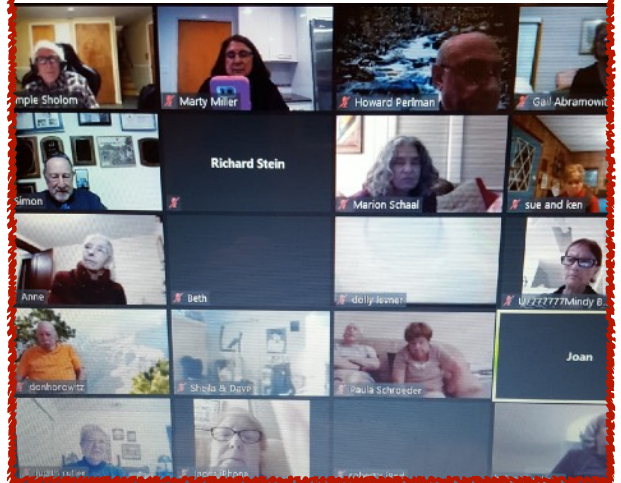
To **Ira Simon**, thank you for planning and leading Shabbat Services while Rabbi Medwin was on vacation.

From: Lauren & Marty Miller

To **Michael Zalkin**, thank you for planning and providing technical expertise while Rabbi Medwin was on vacation.

From: Lauren & Marty Miller

Our VOLUNTEERS are THE BEST
SPECIAL THANKS to Ira Simon
and Michael Zalkin, for
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services while Rabbi Medwin
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March

- 3 Ralph & Ellen Cutler
- 23 Dr. Rick & Marilyn Stein
- 29 Brian & Sheri Miros

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- ★ **Steve Plotkin** for the kiddush and holiday wines
- ★ **Sue Kantor** for organizing our virtual oneg sponsors
- ★ **Mary Jane Harris** for building and maintaining the website
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- ★ **Sue Horowitz** for sending out the Yahrzeit reminder letters
- ★ **Anne Palley** for sending out the birthday cards
- ★ **Shain Fishman** for creating the monthly Harbinger
- ★ Harbinger proofreaders: **Mary Jane Harris, Susan Kantor, Rabbi Medwin, Lauren Miller, Stephanie Phillips, Paula Schroeder, Jane Jacobs, Ira Simon**
- ★ **Anne Palley** for monthly labeling and folding the Harbinger, and for helping in the office when needed.
- ★ **President Neal Jacobs and Board Member Howard Perlman** (*our handymen*) who are at the temple every Wednesday doing all the small (and not so small) jobs required to maintain our 66-year-old building.

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- ★ *Volunteer your time at temple events (\$0)*

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Judith Cutler (10/20)

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March 12: Isadore Cohen, Herman Lewinter, Henry Wrobel, Ralph Jacobs, Alois Eisner, Evelyn C. Silverstein, Rudiger Spiegl, Yetta Slotnick, Helen Rubler, Sidney Epstein, Hyman Mintz, Walter Gersten, Morton Farber, Irma Krieger, Jean Miller, Abraham Brafman, Benjamin Fein, Norman Plotkin

March 19: Jesse Wolfson, Carol Imbey, Muriel Gitlin, Samantha Brafman, Hyman Himmel, Sam Woda, Morris Strieffer, Dr. Russell Pantel, Dr. Frederick M. Shulman, Maria Stein

March 26: Sarah Margolis, Mary Victoria Barnes, Diana Laub, Dr. Gustav Gavis, Ann Fuss, Abraham "Al" Kantor, Mavis E. Mednick, Sidney Mordin, Howard Hayden, Robert David Mastropiero, Wayne Detwiler, Ellen Rabelskie, Abraham Edelman, Rose Ray, Judah Altman



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11	12	13	14 YOM HAZIKARON <div>DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ISRAELI FALLEN SOLDIERS AND VICTIMS OF TERRORISM </div>	15 YOM HA'ATZMAUT <div>Israel Happy Independence Day! </div>	16 <div></div> YOM HA'ATZMAUT Shabbat 7:30 (via ZOOM) Candle lighting 7:23	17 Tzria- Metzora	
18	19	20 Board of Trustees mtg	21	22	23 Shabbat Services 7:30 (via ZOOM) Candle lighting 7:31	24 Achrei Mot- Kedoshim	
25	26	27	<div><div>PARSHA OF THE WEEK: Exodus 33:12-34:26 Leviticus 9:1-11:47 Leviticus 12:1-15:33 Leviticus 16:1-20:27 Leviticus 21:1-24:23</div><div>03 Apr 21 Nissan Pesach 10 Apr 28 Nissan Shemini 17 Apr 05 Iyyar Tzria-Metzora 24 Apr 12 Iyyar Achrei Mot-Kedoshim 01 May 19 Iyyar Emor</div></div>			30 Shabbat Services 7:30 (via ZOOM) Candle lighting 7:38	MAY 1 Emor

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APRIL 2: Ira Simon, in memory of his mother, his 71st birthday, and Ira & Karen's 39th anniversary.

APRIL 9: Helene & Howard Perlman in honor of Howie Perlman's birthday.

APRIL 16: Lois Weinstein in honor of her mother, Rita's, birthday on April 15th.

APRIL 23: Dolly & Howie Levner, in loving memory of daughter,,Jocelyn.

APRIL 30: Sponsor needed

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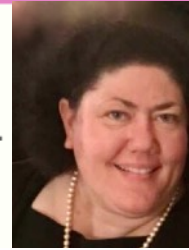
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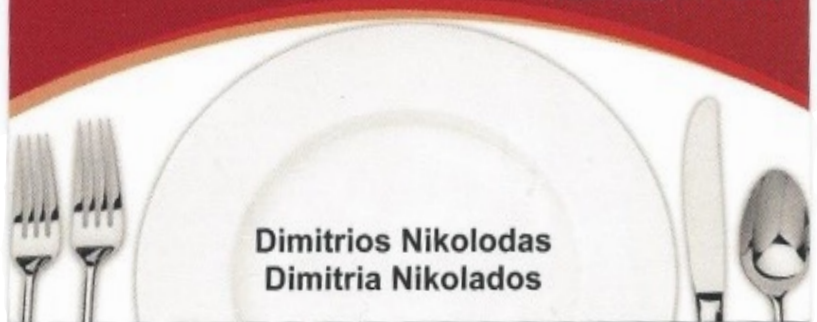
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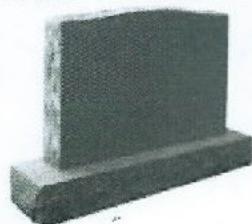
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FRIDAYS: Rabbi arrives at temple 1½ hours before Shabbat.

OTHER DAYS: Rabbi is at the temple at least one day a week, preparing for classes, services, and temple business.

Please note: Contact the rabbi directly if you would like to talk or set a time to meet.

- Call on her cell phone any day: **607-765-2895**. If you get voicemail, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.
- Send e-mail: rabbimedwin@me.com

Rabbi Medwin is happy to arrange a specific time to meet with you earlier or later than the above mentioned hours.

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