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From the President

Zecher L'Tziat Mitzrayim

Not being a rabbi, nor being nearly as knowledgeable in Torah or Jewish tradition as many other members of our congregation, I have steered clear of addressing religious topics in this column. Nevertheless, with Pesach staring us in the face, it seems fitting to say a few words about the holiday.

Pesach, along with Shabbat, is special in that these two holidays are primarily celebrated in the home rather than in the synagogue. In the case of Pesach particularly, this allows for a proliferation of traditions. Along with that comes a proliferation of Haggadot. The Haggadah collection at the National Library of Israel has on the order of 15,000 different Haggadot from many countries and ages. Your Haggadah is probably not the same as my Haggadah, and your seder is probably not the same as my seder, which may be why Pesach is the favorite holiday for both of us.



What else makes Pesach so popular? For one, it is designed to teach our children. Right near the beginning of the seder a part is set aside especially for the kids—the Ma Nishtanah. The rest of the seder could be a long, boring lesson, but good teachers know that a long lesson must be broken up



From the President (continued)

by a variety of activities. The seder does just that. We wash our hands; we dip greens in salt water; we go looking for a hidden matzoh; we open the door for Elijah; we sing songs; we make a sandwich. In some traditions we even flail each other with green onions.

In my house we have taken it a step farther. We have theme seders, with assignments given out before the event. We've had seder plays and seder puppet







shows. We've illustrated pages of the Haggadah and adorned ourselves with seder hats. One year we challenged each participant to learn and lead a seder song, and in another we asked them to do their parts as rap hip hop chants. There was the year we asked each person to tell a Pesach joke, and another time we asked them to talk about a number that appears in the Haggadah. This year, since you asked, we will play a seder quiz game called Kahoot. (Never heard of it? Google it.)

But, as is said about Shabbat, it isn't just that the Jews keep Pesach; Pesach has kept the Jewish people. I have a theory about why that is. People who suffer through difficult situations together share a common bond for the rest of their lives. The Jewish people suffered together through slavery in Egypt, and our tradition makes sure that we never forget that. References to the escape from bondage are sprinkled throughout our liturgy. The kiddush says that Shabbat is a reminder of our

exodus from Egypt: "Zecher L'tziat Mitzrayim." The V'ahavtah ends with the Lord reminding us that it was He who brought us out of the land of Egypt "asher hotzeiti etchem mai-Eretz Mitzrayim." And the Haggadah, of course, is all about the exodus from Egypt, warning the aloof, uninterested son that if he had been there, he would not have been set free.

Enjoy the Feast of Freedom!

Steph

Stephanie Phillips, PhD President

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Please contact Ellen Nesin if you need the balance owed on your account or if you have any questions. We would really like to save the cost of mailing out invoices.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ellen Nesin (nesineh49@gmail)

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Temple Sholom of Monticello

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To **Rick Stein,** Happy Birthday. *From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

To **Bob Velten,** Happy Birthday. *From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

To **Neal Jacobs,** Happy Birthday. *From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

To **Michael Zalkin,** Happy Birthday. From: Sue & Don Horowitz

To **Bill & Lori James,** Condolences on the passing of your mother.

From: Rick & Marilyn Stein

Tribute Cards

To **Bonnie Mitzner,** In memory of your mother Iris. *From: Linda & Noel Levin*

To **Steve Wofsy,** Condolences on the passing of your sister Rowena.

From: Sue & Don Horowitz

To **Judy Cutler,** Happy Birthday.

From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch,

Paula & Phil Schroeder, Lauren & Marty Miller

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From: Paula & Phil Schroeder, Sue & Don Horowitz, Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

To **Marcia Salton,** In appreciation for the many years of service to Temple Sholom.

From: Judy Cutler

THANK YOU Laura Warren

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April



4 Karen & Ira Símon

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We are pleased to report that Temple Sholom now has a Good and Welfare Committee. Members include Gail Abramowitz, Ira and Julia Levin, Ellen Nesin, and Gloria Wagenknecht.

The purpose of this group is to provide comfort, support and concrete services for members of the temple during times of illness, stress, loss and isolation.

If you are aware of anyone who might benefit from these services, please contact the committee through Ellen Nesin at 914-799-3650.

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2023 Mitzvah Members

Thanks to the Payroll Protection Loan that Michael Zalkin spent hours getting for us and the generosity of members and non-members, Temple Sholom has been able to continue our service to the Jewish community of Sullivan County. So that we can ensure our future, Temple Sholom members are being asked to contribute, according to their ability, an additional amount above regular membership dues. Can you step forward to support the continued existence of Reform Judaism in Sullivan County?

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IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

April 7: Dr. Gustav Gavis, Ann Fuss, Abraham "Al" Kantor, Mavis E. Mednick, Sidney Mordin, Howard Hayden, Robert David Mastropiero, Ellen Rabelski, Wayne Detwiler, Abraham Edelman, Rose Ray, Judah Altman, Helen Kassman, Pauline Borkin, Mildred Nedwin, Louis Schwartz, Ada Kotin

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April 21: Eva Birns Rosen, Naomi Berkowitz, Mark Kravitz, Sylvia White, Millie Halpern, Barry Woda, Joseph Jesse Abel, Gertrude R. Pearlman, Freddie Ellers, Carole Berg

April 28: Anne Proyect, Pauline Loewe, *Bernard Glaser, Gussie Levine, Daniel Supon, Sol Mintz, Jeffrey Gilbert, Goldie Lerner

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"Hello Spring" Plant Sale

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Pick up your plants from 3-6 PM

Temple Sholom is counting on your generous support.

Purchase plants — Make a donation — Volunteer!

Proceeds benefit the Beautification Fund.

Checks and orders due by Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Please remit to: Temple Sholom, P.O. Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701

"Hello Spring" Plant Fundraiser

In cooperation with Monticello Greenhouse, the Beautification Committee is offering a choice of two (2) planters. It's the perfect gift for someone special or treat yourself.

Hanging Basket, \$20 each. Overflowing with colorful Million Bells Mini-petunias. Bloom all summer. No deadheading. NEW FOR 2023!

Oval Planter, \$16 each. Terra-cotta color, filled with a lovely geranium, spike and and an array of flowering annuals.* 12"L x 4"H.

*Depending on what is blooming at the time, it may be necessary to substitute plants of equal value. Colors are subject to availability.

Orders must be prepaid and received in the Temple Sholom office by Tuesday, May 2.

Pick up your orders at Temple Sholom Tuesday, May 23 from 3-6 PM We cannot hold plants at the temple past May 23.

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I would like to volunteer to help with this year's Beautification Project.

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To make sure you receive the plants you ordered, and so we know where to contact you if necessary, please complete this form when placing your order.

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Here's my plant order - Pr	ices same as last year!
Hanging Basket(s)	\$20 each \$ or 2 for \$38
Oval Planter(s)	\$16 each \$ or 2 for \$30
Total for pla	ants \$

Make a Contribution

I would like to make a contribution to the Temple Sholom Beautification Fund of

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PRIMETIMERS

Next meeting: Monday, June 12 at 1:00 PM

We hope you had a healthy winter and are ready to return to our interesting meetings and fun trips. Our first meeting will be on **Monday, June 12, at 1 PM** at Temple Sholom. We are privileged to have Allan Dubow as our guest speaker. Besides being Stephanie Phillips' cousin, he was Comptroller of the American Society for the Technion Israel Institute and of the Council of Jewish Federations. He will speak to us about the many problems seniors face with finances, planning, wills, and families. You can submit questions in advance to phillipssteph@gmail.com. The meeting will be followed by coffee and cake.

Please mark your calendars for our events and trips:

- *Wednesday, June 21, and Wednesday, August 16, we will have a day on your own bus to NYC. Trip is only \$45/pp. See a show, museum, family, etc.
- *Wednesday, July 12, we will have a day trip to New Paltz The bus will take us on a scenic tour to Historic Huguenot Street. We will have a guided tour for an hour. We will have lunch on our own in the quaint town of New Paltz and then a guided tour of the New Paltz Campus. All this for only \$55/person.
- *Monday, July 31, we will have our annual card and Mah Jongg party for the benefit of Temple Sholom. As always, there will be a full catered luncheon and magnificent raffle prizes. Still only \$30/pp.
- *Thursday, August 31, we will have a bus trip to the Wild Creek Casino in Bethlehem PA. A beautiful bus ride, \$25 free casino slot play, and amazing outlet stores. Donation \$50/pp.

Call Paula for reservations for any of the trips: 561-504-7192.

Looking forward to having you join us this season.

Shalom,

Paula

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MAY 2023

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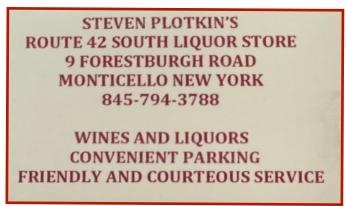




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