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PASSOVER 2024, April 22 - 29

Pesach is the oldest and most transformative story of hope ever told. It tells of how an otherwise undistinguished group of slaves found their way to freedom from the greatest and longest-lived empire of their time, indeed of any time. It tells the revolutionary story of how the supreme Power intervened in

history to liberate the supremely powerless. It is a story of the defeat of probability by the force of possibility. Three thousand three hundred years ago, a group of slaves were liberated and began what Nelson Mandela calls the long walk to freedom. And ever since, at this time of the year, we've re-lived their story on what we call Pesach, Passover, the Jewish festival of the exodus.



To me it raises a fascinating question. Imagine we could travel back in time and meet the great Pharaoh himself, Ramses II. I know what I'd say. Ramses, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that one people alive now will still be alive in thousands of years' time. The bad news is: it won't be yours. It will be that group of slaves out there, building your great temples, the people you call the habiru or Hebrews, the children of Israel.

Nothing could sound more absurd. The Egypt of the Pharaohs was the greatest empire of the ancient world; and the Hebrews were nothing - slave labor, powerless, not even yet a nation. Yet it was they, not the Pharaohs, who survived, and still do to this day. How did it happen? The answer, I believe, is this.

Ancient Egypt and ancient Israel were two peoples who asked the most fateful question of all. How, in this all too brief span of years, do we create something that will endure? How do we acquire a share in immortality? The Egyptians gave one answer. Build great monuments of stone - temples, pyramids - that will outlast the winds and sands of time. And they did. What they built still stands. But only the



buildings, not the civilization that once gave them life. The Israelites gave a different answer. You don't need to create monuments. All you need to do is tell the story, generation after generation. You need to engrave your values on the hearts of your children, and they on theirs, so that you live on in them, and so on to the end of time. You need to build a civilization around the

home, the school, and education as a conversation between the generations. You need to put children first. That is what Jews did for thousands of years; and it's why we're here today.

The Pesach story, more than any other, remains the inexhaustible source of inspiration to all those who long for freedom. Freedom is a moral achievement, and without a constant effort of education it atrophies and must be fought for again. Nowhere more than on Pesach, though, do we see how the story of one people can become the inspiration of many.

~ The Late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l

From the President....



Ups and Downs

Our Building Committee has swung into action. We now have a beautiful new elevator, or "wheelchair lift," in official terminology. The lift has room for two standing people plus a sitting person in a wheelchair.



We thank Accessibility Solutions for their timely work. They had warned us that the price for the lift itself was going to go up in January, and we needed to order it quickly, which we did. Once it was delivered, the team went right to work and completed the job within a month.

Our problem was providing access to the building on the days

when the installers wanted to be here. Thanks to our volunteers, Howard Perlman, Ruth Turk, Lois Weinstein, Dave Ellman, me, and especially Pat Halprin, we were able to juggle our schedules to make this happen, despite a truck breakdown in the early days of the installation that lost us a couple of days.

What's next on the security agenda? The grants from New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services have provided us with funds to upgrade our alarm system, including installation of video cameras, and we are moving forward with that. We will also be replacing some decrepit and vulnerable wooden doors with new metal doors. Watch for these security improvements coming soon!

Stephanie Phillips, PhD

President of the Board of Trustees



We are delighted to be together for the month of Nissan, as we welcome in spring and our Passover celebration. In recalling our liberation from the narrow place of Mitzrayim, the Egypt of old, in which a tyrant seemed to hold the power to crush our will and spirit, we gather in our beautiful sacred space of the temple and online to remember love and the resilient nature we each have been given.

Even in uncertain times, we know that darkness will not last. Using the Torah as our assurance and our model, we create a space for God to dwell in us and among us. We put our focus on our roots and enter into receptivity.

After doing the groundwork for peace, acting in faith, we can allow ourselves to wait for the grace and power of God to direct, guide, and prompt us as we move into Nissan. We look forward to singing and praying with you and sharing some virtual and real matza and cream cheese.

Love and Shalom, Ira and Julia

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ADAR II / NISAN

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APRIL 2024

AFRIL 2024 — ADAR II / NISAN 5764							
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21	22 Erev Pesach Passover PESACH 1st SEDER	PESACH 2nd SEDER	24 Pesach	25 Pesach	26 Pesach Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services (HYBRID) The Levins 7:00 PM Candles 7:29	27 Pesach Pesach	
28 Pesach	29 Pesach	30 Pesach	ONEG SHABBAT: APRIL 5: Lauren & Marty Miller - IN PERSON APRIL 12: Sponsor Needed				

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APRIL 19: Dolly Levner in memory of Jocelyn gone 9 years (May 4) and honoring her 50th birthday (April 23)

APRIL 26: Sponsor Needed

PARSHA OF THE WEEK: 06 April 27 Adar II Shmini Leviticus 9:1-11:47 13 April 05 Nisan Tazria Leviticus 12:1-13:59 20 April 12 Nisan Metzora Leviticus 14:1-15:33 Exodus 33:12-34:26 27 April 19 Nisan Pesach

Passover Greetings





To the **Family of Mindy Barcham** (Andea Westerkon), Condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother.

From: Gail Abramowitz, Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

To **Iris Rohrlick,** In memory of your sister Mindy Barcham.

From: Carol Hopkins, Beth Teich, Nina Amaday

To Anita Peltzer and Family of David Peltzer, Condolences on his passing. From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

To **Ellen Nesin,** Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandchild. From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

To **Judy Cutler,** Happy Birthday, wishing you a Happy & Healthy year. From: Paula & Phil Schroeder, Sue & Don Horowitz

To **Sue Horowitz**, Happy Birthday.

From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch, Paula & Phil Schroeder

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"Hello Spring" Plant Sale Thursday, May 23, 2024 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.

In cooperation with Monticello Greenhouse, the Beautification Committee is offering a choice of two hanging baskets as well as oval planters.

Hanging Baskets, \$20 each (Season-long flowering)
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Oval Planter, \$16 each Terra-cotta color, filled with a lovely geranium, spike and an array of flowering annuals.* 12"L x 4"H.

It may be necessary to substitute plants of equal value. Colors of all plants are subject to availability.

Pick up your orders at Temple Sholom Thursday, May 23 from 3-6 PM

Plants cannot be held at the temple past May 25 before Shabbat Services.

Checks and orders due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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Please complete and submit this form with your payment.

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

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PRIMETIMERS - Monday, June 10 at 1:00 PM

We are looking forward to our wonderful meetings, day trips, and luncheons for the coming season. Get your calendars out so you can plan to attend our events. Our first meeting is on **Monday, June 10, at 1:00 PM** at Temple Sholom. Mimi Lewinter Werner will give a power point presentation describing her photographer parents' (Clara and Herman Lewinter) illicit photographs within the Janowska Concentration Camp during the Holocaust.

On **June 19**, we will have a bus to New York City for a day on your own . We need to have at least 50 people to make this a go. The busses are very expensive but our \$55 round trip with tip is still cheaper than Shortline or driving on your own with parking. So far I have about 20 reservations. Please call me at 561-504-7192 if you want to go. We also have a bus on **August 14** to New York City.

On **Thursday, July 18,** we will have a bus to the Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA. There are discount stores and a variety of eating places. It will be \$55/pp and you will get back \$30 for free play. It's a beautiful bus ride and we hope you will join us.

Our annual card party will be on **Monday, July 29,** from 11:30 to 4:00 PM.. Details will follow. Meeting dates are **June 10, July 8, August 12,** and **Sept 9.** We hope to have a show at Shadowland in August.

Please support our fundraising endeavors. Shalom,

Paula

PRIMETIMER APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Helene Perlman
- 2 Suzan Sankel
- 3 Marsha Pollack
- 3 Larry Ravdin
- 4 Willie Stozki
- 7 Harriet Fox
- 8 Warren Streisand
- 11 Howard Perlman
- 12 Mary Jane Harris
- 16 Gary Werner
- 19 Jeffrey Kaplow
- 21 Penny Reinleib
- 21 Barbara Rudick
- 25 Larry Cooper
- 25 Peggy Sturtz
- 26 Judy Desatnick
- 27 Bonnie Hoffman
- 28 Leona Vogel

APRIL

- 2 Helene Perlman
- 6 Ira Simon
- 11 Howard Perlman
- 15 Shain Fishman
- 16 Marilyn Stein
- 16 Gary Werner
- 17 Paul Manz
- 19 Jeffrey Kaplow



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APRIL

4 Karen & Ira Simon

IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

April 5: Sheldon Greenbaum, Ralph Jacobs, Joseph Mildner,
 *Alois Eisner, Evelyn C. Silverstein, Rudiger Spiegl,
 Yetta Slotnick, Helen Rubler, Sidney Epstein,
 Hyman Mintz, Walter Gersten, Morton Farber

April 12: Jean Miller, Irma Krieger, Louis Silvermintz, Abraham Brafman, Benjamin Fein, Max Rappaport, Norman Plotkin, Clara Zeigler, Jesse Wolfson, Daniel Schwartz, Carol Imbey, Hyman Himmel, Samantha Brafman, Morris Striefer, Dr. Russell Pantel, Dr. Frederick M. Shulman

April 19: Maria Stein, Dr. Joseph Lauterstein, Sarah Margolis, Mary Victoria Barnes, Diana Laub, Dr. Gustav Gavis, Ann Fuss, Abraham "Al" Kantor, Mavis E. Mednick, Sidney Mordin, Howard Hayden

April 26: Robert David Mastropiero, Ellen Rabelskie, Wayne Detwiler, Abraham Edelman, Rose Ray, Judah Altman, Helen Kassman, Pauline Borkin, Mildred Nedwin, Ada Kotin, Bernard Abel, Kerry Butler, Jason Feinstein

*Holocaust victims from Pisek who perished in Terezin

Torah Services at Temple Sholom



The Ritual Committee is in the process of scheduling one Shabbat a month as a Torah Service, returning this integral aspect of the service into our worship.

If you can chant or read the Torah and are willing to participate in this mitzvah, please reach out either to the temple office <u>templesholom1954@gmail.com</u> or to Lauren Miller <u>lauren.miller13@gmail.com</u>.

2024 Mitzvah Members

Thanks to 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?

The three levels of of Mitzvah *Membership are:*

→ Platinum Level - additional \$500 above dues

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THE WORD "MITZVAH" IS A COMMANDMENT TO DO A GOOD DEED. IT'S KINDLING TO THE SOUL.

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8 Gold (250)

Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch (7/23)
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Judy Cutler (11/23)
Anne Palley (11/23)
Gail Abramowitz (11/23)
Michael Zalkin (11/23)
Marion Schaal (11/23)

♥ Silver (125)

Sue & Ken Kantor (4/23)

Mitzvah Membership listing in *The Harbinger* will appear the month following receipt of your donation and will continue to be listed for the following 12 months.

As long as your membership dues are up to date, consider making a tax-deductible Mitzvah Membership donation any time during the year.

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5	Yom HaShoah	7	8	9	10 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM Candles 7:44	11 Kedoshim
12	Yom HaZikaron	Yom HaAtzma'ut	15	16	17 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM Candles 7:50	18 Emor
19	20	21	Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM	23	24 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM Candles 7:57	25 Behar
Lag BaOmer	27	28	29	30	31 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM Candles 8:02	June 1 Bechukota

ONEG SHABBAT: SPONSORS NEEDED!!!

May 3:

May 10:

May 17:

May 24:

May 31:

Virtual & in-person ONEG SHABBAT: You can sponsor an oneg to highlight a birthday, an anniversary, the memory of, in honor of, to celebrate Shabbat, or simply to support the temple.

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11 May
18 May
26 Nisan Achrei Mot Leviticus 16:1-18:30
25 May
10 lyyar Kedoshim Leviticus 19:1-20:27
24 lyyar Behar Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Bechukotai Leviticus 25:1-26:2
Leviticus 26:3-27:34



Oneg Shabbat means, "The Joy of Shabbat."

We are now HYBRID!

You can sponsor an IN-PERSON ONEG SHABBAT or host a VIRTUAL ONEG SHABBAT.

Pick a Friday night that you would like to sponsor. Contact SUE KANTOR (845-798-0578 or

skantor914@yahoo.com) Tell her which Shabbat you will sponsor and if you have a specific reason: birthday, anniversary, in memory of, in honor of, to celebrate Shabbat, to support the temple, etc.

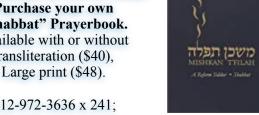
> For virtual oneg — Send a donation check to: Temple Sholom PO Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701 Write "Virtual Oneg Shabbat" in the memo line.

You will be recognized as the sponsor/host in the email sent to temple members the week of your oneg, and you will be acknowledged during the service and on facebook.

Is your friend sponsoring an oneg? You can make a donation to the temple in their honor.

The temple supplies paper goods, utensils and coffee. However, due to increased cost, we are now asking sponsors to donate an additional \$18 to cover the cost. You have the option to bring your own tablecloth. paper goods, and coffee instead of paying \$18. In addition, your donation to Temple Sholom is always encouraged and welcomed.

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If you have never used ZOOM before, you will need to download the software and follow the instructions. Go to https://zoom.us/download and from the **Download** Center, click on the **Download** button under "**Zoom** Client For Meetings". This application will automatically **download** when you start your first **Zoom** Meeting.

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