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Pesach Message From Rabbi Klibanoff

In the moving portion of the Hagaddah called "V'Hi She'Amdah," we raise our wine cups and recite "Ela Shebchol Dor Vador, Omdim Aleinu L'Chaloseinu." "In every generation there are those who rise up to destroy us." We usually sing this paragraph to a rather upbeat tune. (Perhaps this is because we sense we are getting closer to eating).



I have often wondered why we sing almost triumphantly about our persecution. Is this something we should raise our glasses to? Would it not be better to perhaps recite this quietly in an undertone?

Furthermore, there are those who write that the reason we use red wine specifically at the Seder is to commemorate Jewish blood that was spilled by Pharaoh in Egypt! If so, then raising our glasses of "Blood" to cheer anti-Semitism would be downright creepy!

In actuality, we can never be too comfortable and secure in our alleged peaceful surroundings, for in reality, there exists in every generation those who seek to destroy us. If you think this is untrue, then you should ask the twelve year old Tamar Fogel what kind of Pesach she will have this year now that she is the oldest surviving member of her family after her parents and siblings were brutally murdered and slaughtered after a lovely Shabbos meal a few weeks ago. All they did was celebrate being Jewish on the holy Shabbos in our Holy Land teaching our Holy Torah to fellow Jews! If you think we are impervious to anti-Semitism then you need a wake-up call!

This alarm rings on the eve of the Seder. We raise our glasses and remember all the Jewish blood that has been spilled since Egypt, Europe, Israel and every other place we have been. We sing triumphantly not at the horror or the persecution, but at the fact that even so, despite all the horror and persecution, we still commit to observe the commandments and Mitzvot of Hashem. We dare never ever forget those who have paid the utmost price for being Jewish, yet we also celebrate the fact that we have the privilege of being able to live our lives as Jews in a proud and open fashion.

"Vehakadosh Baruch Hu Matzileinu Miyadam!"

Sarah, Rachelli, Eliana, Gila, Yocheved and Adina join me in wishing you all a Chag kasher V'Sameach. May we all merit to have the privilege of living as proud Jews.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SHABBAT

To reserve a Torah or Haftorah reading for the coming months, please contact Rabbi Klibanoff, Cantor Weiss, Murray Voroba, Sam Offir or Herschel Sennett. If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush luncheon or Shalosh Seudot meal, please speak to Jayne Luger.

PESACH

Please remember to return your Sale of Chometz Form (page 6) to Rabbi Klibanoff by Sunday, April 17. Please refer to the Passover calendar on page 3 for special times throughout the Yom Tov week.

MEN'S CLUB



It is a mitzvah to give tzedakah prior to the holiday- please be generous in remembering The JCAB's Ma'os Chitim Fund. This allows The Men's Club to purchase kosher for Passover food for distribution to needy families prior to Pesach. Please make checks payable to "JCAB Men's Club." Many thanks to Mark Ramer, Gary Menachem and Morri Weinberg for organizing the Eric Jonas/Men's Club Passover Food Drive scheduled for Sunday, April 10. Our deepest appreciation to those families who can help deliver these packages to needy local families!

SISTERHOOD



Sisterhood's "Tea Time" theme for the 5771 Purim Mishloach Manot was bright and cheerful, as was everyone involved in the production and delivery. Many thanks to Marcia Ringelheim, Caryn Fisch and all our JCAB volunteers. Kudos to Sisterhood for organizing the 2nd Annual post Megillah Purim Dessert Party.

The Chesed Committee will be happy to visit and or deliver meals to new moms, and those recovering from surgery or an illness. Please contact Rabbi Klibanoff, Toni Magder (371-4876) or Bobbe Rothenberg (239-4744).

YOUTH

Many thanks to JCAB members Diane and Joel Silver for sponsoring the 2011 Hayden Schulman Purim Carnival! Many thanks too to our Youth Directors Oran and Reut Bendelstein and our teen volunteers for making the carnival a huge success!

SENIOR'S MODEL SEDER

Many thanks to Naomi and Mark Ramer for sponsoring our 3rd Annual Model Seder for Holocaust Survivors on March 31. The overflow attendance at this inspiring event indicated how popular it is with our guests. Many thanks to Rabbi Klibanoff, Cantor Weiss and our JCAB volunteers who rocked the day!

YOM HA'SHOAH

The JCAB is participating in a community-wide memorial service for the 6 million martyrs. The program features guests Mr. Roman Kent, Mr. Benjamin Brafman, and Mr. Eli Gerstner. Join us at 7 pm on Sunday, May 1 at Temple Beth Shalom in Lawrence.

DAY CAMP/ NURSERY

Registration is underway for day camp (summer 2011) and Nursery School (201-2012); please call director Nancy Goldschmidt at 371-0972 for further information.

Pesach Schedule 5771

Shabbat, April 16

Shabbat Hagadol

Mincha - 6:45 pm followed by
Shabbat Hagadol Derasha
Shabbat Ends - 8:17 pm

Sunday, April 17th

Last day to submit
Sale of Chametz forms
Bedikat Chametz - Search for Chametz
after nightfall



Monday, April 18

Erev Pesach

Shacharit followed by Siyyum of first born sons -
6:50 am
Last time to eat chametz - 10:17 am
Last time to burn chametz - 11:36 am
Candle lighting - 7:19 pm
Mincha - 7:15 pm
First Seder

Tuesday, April 19

First Day of Yom Tov

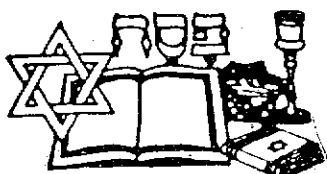
Shacharit - 9:00 am
Rabbi's class - 7:00 pm
Mincha - 7:25 pm
Candle lighting from pre-existing flame -
after 8:21 pm
Second Seder



Wednesday April 20

Second Day of Yom Tov

Shacharit - 9:00 am
Mincha - 7:25 pm
Rabbi's class following mincha
Yom Tov Ends - 8:22 pm



Thursday, April 21 - Chol Hamoed

Shacharit - 6:45 am

Friday, April 22

Chol Hamoed

Shacharit - 6:45 am
Candle lighting - 7:23 pm
Mincha - 7:25 pm

Shabbat Chol Hamoed, April 23

Shacharit - 9:00 am
Shir Hashirim - Song of Songs
Mincha - 7:20 pm
Rabbi's class following mincha
Shabbat Ends - 8:26 pm

Sunday, April 24

Chol Hamoed

Shacharit - 8:00 am
Candle lighting - 7:25 pm
Mincha - 7:30 pm

Monday, April 25

Shevii Shel Pesach

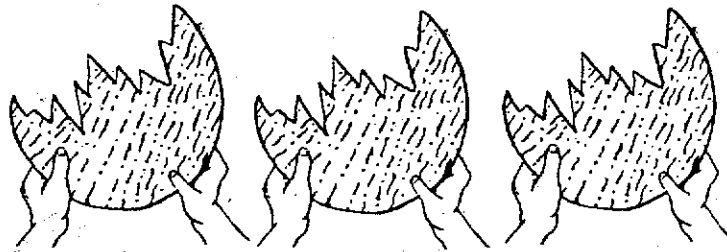
Shacharit - 9:00 am
Rabbi's Class - 7:00 pm
Mincha - 7:30 pm
Candle lighting from pre-existing flame -
after 8:28 pm

Tuesday, April 26

Acharon Shel Pesach

Shacharit - 9:00 am
Yizkor - 10:30 am
Mincha - 7:30 pm
Rabbi's class following mincha
Yom Tov Ends - 8:29 pm

*Please do not eat chametz until
9:00 pm to allow Rabbi Kliбанoff
sufficient time to purchase back the chome
on your behalf.*



Seder Check-List

Before you sit down to the Seder make sure that you have everything in readiness. The following list should be of assistance.

I. WINE

1. *Wine decanter on table.*
2. *Enough wine for the "Four Cups of Redemption"*
3. *Wine goblet - silver or crystal - for each person*
4. *Cup of Elijah - large silver cup*

II. MATZAH

1. *Matzah plate for the "Three Matzot"*
2. *The Matzoh Cloth*
3. *Three Matzot - place them into the cloth compartments*
4. *A napkin in which to wrap the Afikomen*
5. *A separate plate with matzah for the meal*



III. THE SEDER PLATE

1. *The Seder Plate itself*
2. *Zero'a - roasted bone or chicken leg or neck bone - as symbol of the paschal lamb each family sacrificed and ate in ancient times.*
3. *Beitzah - roasted hard boiled egg - symbol of the special festival sacrifice offered in the Temple. Also the symbol of rebirth.*
4. *Haroset - peeled apples and nuts ground together mixed with cinnamon and red wine making sweet brown paste - symbol of the brick and mortar the Israelites were forced to labor at. Also symbolizes the sweetness of freedom.*
5. *Maror - the bitter herb, represented by the head of the horseradish root - symbol of the bitterness of slavery.*
6. *Karpas - the green vegetable, usually a piece of parsley, or boiled potato, symbol of spring-time's renewal of life.*

IV. OTHER ITEMS

1. *Grated horseradish - ungarnished, in a separate bowl, enough to distribute to each participant for the brakhah.*
2. *Haroset - a separate bowl of haroset to distribute with the horseradish.*
3. *Vegetable - a dish of parsley, lettuce or preferably boiled potato, enough for each participant.*
4. *Salt Water - a small dish of salt water for each participant into which he can dip his vegetable for the "Karpas."*
5. *Hard boiled eggs - a dish of hard boiled eggs, enough for all participants, which will be eaten with the salt water as entree to the seder meal.*
6. *Salt shakers - for salting the matzah when the brakhah is made.*
7. *Pillows - for the head of the household and for anyone else wishing to fulfill the mitzvah of "reclining."*
8. *For washing the hands - a pitcher of water, a bowl and towel with which each male can wash the hands, first before the "Karpas" and again before eating the "Matzah."*

V. AND FINALLY

Does each participant have a HAGGADAH?

NISSAN

The glorious month of Nissan is upon us. The harbinger of warm weather, longer daylight hours and a wonderful holiday season are part of the message of the month. Here in Israel we had a rather mild winter punctuated by periods of strong rains. Yet all of us look forward to the unbroken period of sunshine that the next months promise us.

There is probably no other month in the entire Jewish calendar year that engenders the positive welcome that occurs with the entry of Nissan. The Torah told us that this month of Nissan is "yours" and the Jewish people have certainly taken that message to heart.

The exciting, if somewhat taxing and expensive, preparations for Pesach dominate the first half of the month. And then Pesach arrives with its message of hope and freedom, optimism and family. That leaves us another week to recover from the holiday and to continue to bask in the warmth of its message and the memories of our contentment.

This the only month of the year when penitential prayers are not recited, eulogies are curtailed and great efforts to help the needy are maximized as being mandatory obligations.

The month of Nissan has a special aura to it both physically and spiritually. It sets our calendar (and our clocks here as well) and is the month of the year upon which all other months of the year are dependent. It therefore has a special Shabat that introduces it and prepares us to appreciate its presence and blessing.

There are two differing opinions in the Talmud as to when the world was created. One opinion is that it was created in Tishrei and the holiday of Rosh Hashanah which occurs in that month is proof of this.

The other opinion is that the world was created in Nissan – so to speak, the planning and decision to create our universe took place in Nissan even though the actual process may not have begun until Tishrei. Jewish tradition treats Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Tishrei, as being the day of the birth of the creation process. Nevertheless, the idea of Nissan as being the anniversary of the world's formation is an intriguing one.

The Talmud teaches us that the world was originally created *b'midat hadin* – by the standards of strict

justice. That certainly is represented by the month of Tishrei, which is the month of judgment when we are all weighed in the scales of G-d's unfathomable justice. However the rabbis teach us that our world would have no chance of permanent existence if it was judged by *midat hadin* solely.

So, G-d, so to speak, tempered the *midat hadin* with *midat harachamim* – the measure of mercy, forgiveness and compassion. That *midat harachamim* is represented by the month of Nissan, warm, optimistic, fresh and invigorating.

It is true that judgment takes place in Tishrei and that our years are counted from that month onwards. But the influence of the month of Nissan is nevertheless felt even in the midst of judgment six months later – it is our hope for a merciful outcome on the days of judgment.

The same type of differing opinions appears in the Talmud regarding the time of the ultimate redemption of Israel. One opinion is that it will take place in Tishrei and the alternate opinion is that it will occur in Nissan. Here also I feel that we are not so much concerned regarding actual dates, as we are regarding the climate and environment that will lead us to eventual redemption, security and peace.

The idea of Tishrei is, again, one of judgment – that we will merit the redemption based upon our sterling character and impeccable behavior. We will be entitled to redemption for we have earned it through our behavior and obedience to G-d's will and commandments.

Well, in our current world that seems to be a bit of a stretch for us. But if the redemption is Nissan born, arriving through Heaven's mercy and compassion and independent of our human failings and errors, then Nissan is truly the month of our redemption.

Some of the rabbis in the Talmud stated that the first redemption of Israel from Egyptian bondage occurred in Nissan. The Jewish people, on their own merits, are not entitled to deliverance. So, too, will the final redemption of Israel also occur in Nissan – by God's mercy, compassion and in His own inscrutable way.

It is because of this that Nissan is so joyously welcomed by the Jewish people, mired as we are in so many difficulties, disappointments and doubts. Nissan, the month of springtime, raises our hopes and spirits.

MILESTONES

Mazel Tov

To Inge & Ira Rennert on the birth of their grandson.

To Gitty & Kermit Wolpin upon the marriage of their grandson Adam Rand to Emily Foster.



IN APPRECIATION

Wishing a Mazel Tov to Natan Packin on his engagement to Arielle Goldman:
Miriam & Lynn Goodman(L)

Wishing a Mazel Tov to Debbie & David Sable on the engagement of their daughter Elianna to Yoel Kaye:
Howard Schulder(B)

Wishing a Mazel Tov to Gitty & Kermit Wolpin on the marriage of their grandson Adam Rand to Emily Foster:
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Sarah & Bob Wax(B)
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Wishing a Mazel Tov to our grandson Adam Rand on his marriage to Emily Foster:
Gitty & Kermit Wolpin(L)

Wishing a Mazel Tov to Sarah & Martin Goldman on the birth of their granddaughter Madeleine:
Sylvia & Bert Fisher(B)
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Wishing a Mazel Tov to Inge & Ira Rennert on the birth of their grandson:
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Wishing a Refuah Shleimah to Grace Wallen:
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In Memory of Robert Belsky:
Linda & Paul Ehrlich(B)

In Memory of June Binder's father:
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In Memory of Jean Lindenbaum's mother Korda Caplan:
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In Memory of Roberta Kaylie's grandmother:
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Jean Lindenbaum



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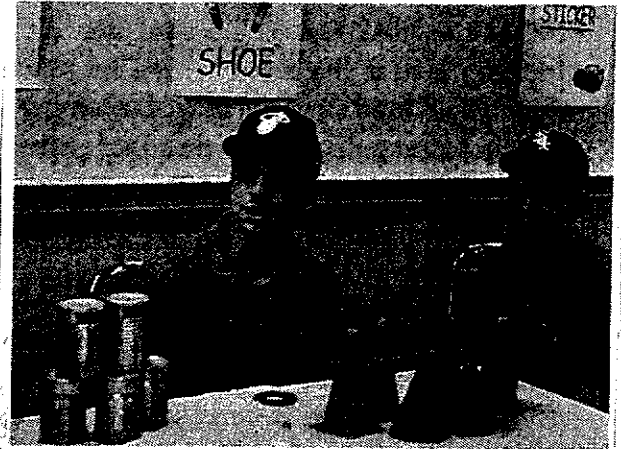
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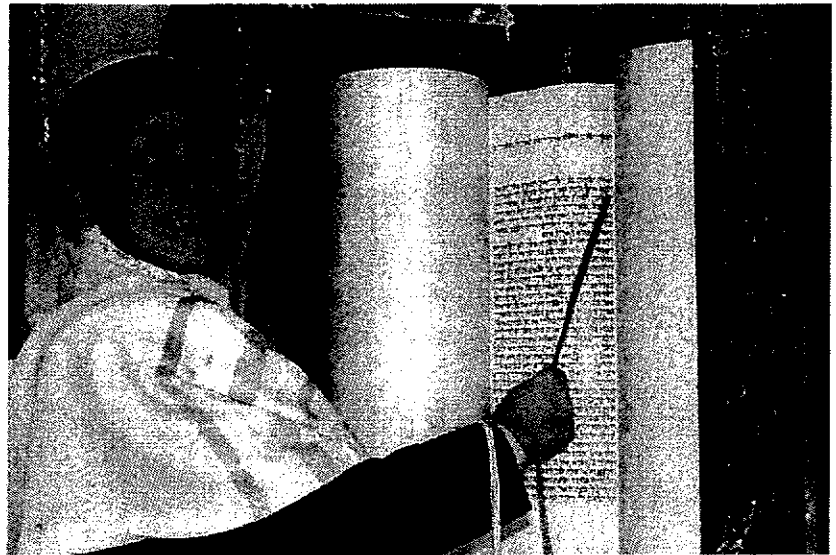
Many thanks to Nikki Capobianco for submitting pics of the Carnival and to Barry Ringelheim for submitting the pic of Sisterhood Mishloach Manot packing day!



BAR MITZVAH PROFILE

NOAM BARAZANI celebrated his Bar Mitzvah first at the Kotel where he read from the Torah on Thursday, December 25. On Monday, January 17, he honored the memory of his grandpa, Cantor Manny Ehrlich, z"l, at his Bar Mitzvah at The JCAB.

Noam lived his whole life in Atlantic Beach until just over a year ago, when he moved to Lido Beach. Noam attended the JCAB Nursery School and is currently in the 7th grade at The Bracndeis School, where he has been since pre-K.



Noam is a Kavod Honor Roll student and was the second place winner in the group documentary category in the Long Island competition and won the third place award for New York State in the 2010 National History Contest for his film about the Peace Corps. This past September on Selichot evening, he sang with the Maccabeats at The JCAB, led by Cantor Weiss.

His extracurricular activities include playing tennis and playing football for the past four years with the Inwood Buccaneers. The team held the division championship in this year's league. Noam has gone to Camp Coleman since he was three years old, and will attend Camp Monroe's second session this summer. He enjoys a portion of his summer and school breaks in Israel where his abba Gideon resides.

A hearty Mazel Tov is extended to Noam and his very proud family: mom Pamela, dad Gideon, stepdad Kim Takal, brother Etan and grandmother Joyce Ehrlich.

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4/29-30	Kedoshim	7:30PM	7:00PM	7:25PM	8:34PM
5/6-7	Emor	7:38PM	7:00PM	7:35PM	8:42PM
5/13-14	Behar	7:45PM	7:00PM	7:40PM	8:50PM
5/20-21	Bechukotai	7:51PM	7:00PM	7:50PM	8:58PM
5/27-28	Bamidbar	7:57PM	7:00PM	7:55PM	9:05PM
6/3-4	Nasso	8:03PM	7:00PM	8:00PM	9:11PM

SPECIAL TIMES TO BE AWARE OF

Monday May 2nd – Yom Hashoah – Holocaust Memorial Day

Wed/Thurs.- May 4-5th – Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Monday – May 9th – Yom Hazikaron

Tuesday – May 10th – Yom Ha'Atzma'ut – Israel Independence Day

Wednesday May 18th – Pesach Sheini

Sunday May 22nd – Lag Ba'Omer

Wednesday June 1st – Yom Yerushalayim

Friday June 3rd – Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Sunday June 5th – Salute to Israel Day Parade



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