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Coming in April & May

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Candle Club

April 18

Yom HaShoah Memorial Service

APRIL 21

Club Shabbat

APRIL 29

Book Club

May 6

Israel Bonds Event

SRAEL BONDS of PARAMUS







CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL SPRING EVENT

Honoring Dan & the late Fran Leib

Dr. Ralph Nurnberger from Georgetown University will be the guest speaker.



Sunday, May 6, 2012; 5:15 P.M. at the Jewish Community Center of Paramus Please watch your mail for your invitation.



For more information, please call Elana & Eugene 201-449-0562.



PASSOVER IS HERE!

See inside for...

Passover Seder and Service Schedule,
Guide to Observance, Selling Your Chametz



From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

My column in our April Bulletin normally contains a holiday message or a discussion of the laws of Passover, and the meaning of both the holiday and those laws in our lives. With Passover but a few days away, this would be an especially appropriate time to do so. Yet this month I would like to use my column to write about several other upcoming observances of extreme importance. I don't often have the opportunity to speak about these observances, but they also deserve special attention. So please read through the Passover information and resources that are contained in this month's Bulletin and contact me at the synagogue office or email me at rabbi@jccparamus.org with any specific questions.

The first of the three important observances following Passover is Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Memorial Day. Yom HaShoah, which falls on the 27th of the Hebrew month of Nisan and is observed in our communities on Wednesday evening, April 18, is devoted to the remembrance of the Holocaust. In 1953, the Knesset (Israel's Parliament) passed the law designating this date as Yom HaShoah. For two generations, Jewish communities throughout the world have held memorials and ceremonies to learn about the tragedy experienced by the Jewish communities of Europe from 1933 to 1945, to remember and honor the six million of our fellow Jewish brothers and sisters who were murdered, and to consider how we can both secure a safe Jewish future as well as ensure that no other community ever suffers a similar fate.

As the generation who survived the Holocaust ages, it is more important than ever for the entire community to hear their stories, to learn about their experiences and to be inspired by their will to live despite the horrors they faced. I hope our entire community will be with us on April 18 as we observe Yom HaShoah in our synagogue. Please see the information about the event in the Bulletin.

The next two events are Yom Hazikaron (Israel Remembrance Day), and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). Yom Ha'atzmaut is a well-known day of celebration of Israel's birth, both in Israel and the Diaspora, Yom Hazikaron is not as well known but it must not be ignored by world Jewry.

In Israel, the day before Yom Ha'atzmaut, Yom Hazikaron is observed with sober reflection. Israel national radio and television change their format to broadcast the stories of the men and women who gave their lives for the State of Israel. Tens of thousands of Israelis from all walks of life visit cemeteries. Public life reflects the seriousness and solemnity of the day. On the 3rd of Iyar (this year observed on April 25), at about 11 a.m., the nation literally comes to a halt as Israel observes a moment of silence to honor its fallen soldiers and heroes. Businesses stop transacting business; schoolchildren stand at attention; factories stop production; even public transportation halts for a few moments to

give every Israeli an opportunity to recall the great price that Israel had to pay for its independence and freedom. I truly believe that it is the responsibility of Jews throughout the world to do the same.

Following Yom Hazikaron, the nation quickly transitions into the celebration that is Yom Ha'atzmaut. Thousands of Israelis take to the streets to celebrate their homeland and its independence with parades and music. Patriotism is in abundant display. And in Jewish communities throughout the world on April 26, the celebration will continue as well.

It is my great hope that each member of our congregation will observe these important days with the attention and respect they deserve. Though perhaps lacking the intricate demands and laws of Passover, they are critical to modern Jewish life and help us better understand our responsibilities as Jews living at this critical juncture in history.

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Light Sabbath Candles



Friday, April 6	7:06 PM
Friday, April 13	7:14 PM
Friday, April 20	7:21 PM
Friday, April 28	7:28 PM



Services

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, April 67:05 p.m. There is no late service because of Passover.

ONEG HOST: JCCP

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, April 7.....9:00 a.m. TORAH READING: Passover KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m. MINCHA & MA'ARIV......7:10 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, April 137:15 p.m. There is no late service because of Passover.

ONEG HOST: JCCP

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, April 149:00 a.m. Includes Yizkor Memorial Prayers TORAH READING: Passover KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP JUNIOR CONGREGATION10:00 a.m. MINCHA7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, April 20......8:30 p.m. Young Jewish Families......7:30 p.m.

ONEG HOST: JCCP

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, April 219:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Shemini KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP

TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN SANCTUARY EGALITARIAN SERVICE IN BODEEN CHAPEL

JUNIOR CONGREGATION10:00 a.m. CLUB SHABBAT......10:30 a.m. MINCHA & MA'ARIV......7:25 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, April 27......8:30 p.m. ONEG HOST: JCCP

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, April 289:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Tazria-Metzora

KIDDUSH HOSTS: JCCP

JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m. MINCHA & MA'ARIV......7:30 p.m.

President's Message



Russell Rothman

During our Shabbat Across America dinner, I sat at a table with several people from our local Jewish federation, and the one thing that impressed them the most about our synagogue was the friendliness and warmth of our members. They were greeted by many people: in the lobby, in the sanctuary and finally during dinner.

What has been clear to me during my 20-plus months in office is the thing that makes our synagoque so unique and special is our large pool of dedicated volunteers. People old and young; trustees and committee members working into the late hours of the night; volunteers helping in the kitchen preparing food for an event or Kiddush; an army of workers preparing shaloch manot baskets and operating the Purim Carnival. Other people waiting in the lobby, greeting people as they enter for services or some other event, running events for our children, visiting shiva homes, participating in morning or evening minyan (we could still use more help!), putting the monthly Bulletin together, preparing the weekly Shabbat newsletter each week ... and this is just in the last

We cannot put a dollar value on all this energy. It cannot be measured like thermal units from PSE&G; it is immeasurable. Yet it is this energy that sustains our synagogue and shapes the culture of our family here. It also helps sustain us through difficult times and adversity, such as a death in the family or the potential calamity that almost occurred here in January. It also elevates our spirits during more happy and joyous lifecycle events. This very large generosity of spirit and kindness makes me proud to be a part of

IN APPRECIATION...

On behalf of Stanley, myself and our family, we wish to express our deep appreciation to Rabbi Weiner, President Rothman, the Board of Trustees and the Congregation for the honor, blessings and good wishes expressed to Stanley on the occasion of his 103rd birthday.

We are grateful to everyone who came to services on that memorable snowy Shabbat and who shared with us this very special date in Stanley's and our lives. All ofthe Congregation's genuine affection and spiritual support gave Stanley the strength to chant the Haftorah with vigor and meaning.

It seems that everyone who was present at the Temple on that Shabbat on January 21st, will remember the Haftorah so beautifully chanted by 103-year-old Stanley. We hope and pray that he will repeat it for many years to come.

> With love and blessings, Selma, Stanley and Family



From the Executive Director



Joe A. Herrmann

For those who were not aware, I was in Israel Feb. 16-27 on a trip that was primarily business, with a few days of personal travel. In Israel, I attended the 2012 Israel Conference of the North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE), the Conservative movement's organization of executive directors, of which I am a member.

During this incredible week of learning, we experienced the sights, sounds and tastes of Israel. For example, we ate dinner in Tel Aviv's Yemeni district and were entertained in the restaurant by a group from the Noam youth project called the Shirat Machar Choir.

We listened to Yizhar Hess, executive director and CEO of the Masorti (Conservative) movement in Israel, who discussed the facts and figures about the differences in how the secular, Masorti and Orthodox communities are treated by the Israeli government. We toured the Midreshet Iyun Study Center and studied with Rabbi Roberto Arbiv of Kehillat Sinai of Tel Aviv. Rabbi Arbiv told us of the community's struggle — with the government and with escalating costs — to have its own facility.

We visited the Yitzhak Rabin Center and met privately with Rabin's daughter, Dalia. We met with Emily Levy-Schohet, chair of Masorti, at the Hod Vehadar Masorti Kehilla in Kfar Saba. We saw theater performed by a troupe of all deaf and blind members of Na Lagaat Theater in Jaffa. I participated in a service project at the Jaffa Institute packing boxes of food for Tel Aviv's needy children. We learned about spices grown in Israel at Tavlin, a country spice farm.

Upon arriving in Jerusalem, we said the Shecheyanu and davened mincha/maariv at the Haas Promenade. We heard from Rabbi Andrew Sacks, director of the Rabbinical Assembly, who spoke of the daily fight to help right the inequities of the Israeli government on behalf of Masorti and other Jews. We visited and played with Ethiopian kindergarten children at an absorption center, and toured Israel's High (Supreme) Court of Justice.

Half of our group of 85 davened Rosh Chodesh services with The Women of the Wall at the Kotel and Robinson's Arch. It was a very uplifting experience spiritually for the men and women. Our scholar in residence for Shabbat was Rabbi Tamar Elad-Applebaum, who taught us Torah and more. Rabbi Tamar is the sister-in-law of our local federation's current shaliach, Avi Noam Segal. Many of us attended Shabbat services at the USCJ synagogue at the Fuchsberg Center. And on the last morning in Israel, we heard from Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, who discussed the growth and pluralism in Jerusalem.

On personal time I visited the Diaspora Museum and Yad Vashem while also adding to the Israeli economy by doing plenty of shopping, including a new tallit and shofar for myself.

As you can see, it was not your typical tourist trip to Israel. We had our eyes opened to what the Masorti movement faces every day, a truly profound experience.

Many of us did not realize how fortunate we are living in North America. We have the freedom to choose from traditional or egalitarian practices and rituals. And while we have our differences with the Reform, Reconstructionist and Orthodox movements, the Conservative movement in North America does not have to fight the government to exist as it does in Israel. Here our kehillot exist because they want to exist, and no movement is subsidized by the government.

Before the trip, many of us did not thoroughly understand the obstacles faced every day by the Masorti movement. As executive directors we were told to educate our congregations about these problems and encourage all to join and support Mercaz and the Masorti movement. Rabbi Matt Berkowitz spoke to us about that week's parsha while we visited with him, explaining that it takes each of us to build a community, just as it took the people of Israel to work together to build the Mishkan, NAASE, the name of our organization, means "we will do" together we can do it.

From my family to yours, have a happy, zissen Pesach.

Purchase Supermarket scrip for Passover and support the JCCPII





For more information or to purchase scrip please contact: Esther Marks ~ 201-261-7499 ~ hubbiem@aol.com or Ruth Smith ~ 201-261-2743 ~ ruthasmith1@gmail.com



Honoring Dan & the late Fran Leib...



Every year, the Israel Bonds Committee at the Jewish Community Center of Paramus holds an event in the spring to honor special members of our community and to sell bonds for the State of Israel. This year we are honoring two exceptional people. These two people, this couple, are long time members of the JCCP and of the Israel Bonds Committee.

Fran and Dan Leib's involvement with Israel Bonds dates back more than 30 years. Their dedication to Bonds stems from the belief that it is vital that Israel remain a strong homeland for Jews, and their desire to have a hand in its continued success.

Fran, a native of the Bronx, graduated from James Monroe High School, Hunter College and William Paterson University, from which she received a master's degree. A member of the JCCP for more than 40 years, she served on the Board of Trustees and a multitude of committees, including Community Affairs. Her emphasis in later years centered on feeding the hungry, and the semi-annual synagogue food drive has been named in her memory. Fran was known

in the synagogue as "the Turkey Lady." In addition, Fran served on the Israel Bonds committee for more than 30 years and was a cochair of the committee for more than 20 years. She attended every Israel Bonds dinner during those years. Last year, much to her sorrow and due to her illness, she was able to help only via telephone conversations and could only attend the event for a few minutes at the very end.

Dan, born in Haifa and raised in the Bronx, graduated from Brooklyn Tech and Fairleigh Dickinson University, and he received a master's degree from NJIT. He served as president of the JCCP and remains active on the Board of Trustees. Dan has a special connection with Israel. In 1933, his father found refuge in pre-state Israel when he was forced to flee Germany. Dan has several cousins and friends who are citizens of Israel. He started out working for Bonds as High Holidays chair and later joined Fran as co-chair. He is also active in the food drives that Fran began and can be found in the JCCP parking lot twice a year wearing a turkey hat while collecting food.

Fran and Dan visited Israel three times, the latest in July 2009. Their children Larry, Ann and Michael share their dedication to Israel. Each has visited Israel; Michael spent a year studying at Hebrew University.

Coming this spring to the Jewish Community Center of Paramus

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an engaging, interactive Shabbat morning experience for children ages 2 - 6 with a parent, grandparent or caregiver

facilitated by our Early Childhood Director, Judy Fox

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April 21

May 12

June 9

10:30 ~ 11:30 a.m.

and join us afterward for our weekly congregational Kiddush luncheon

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The winners are ...

Andrea and Jeffrey Link



Congratulations and Mazel Tov!!



Thank you to everyone who supported the Purim Raffle

The Jewish Community Center of Paramus invites the entire congregation and community to join for our annual

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 – 8:00 PM Jewish Community Center of Paramus

We are honored to announce that our service will feature a panel comprised of local Holocaust survivors who will address us on the subject:

Reflections on the Shoah: A Personal Perspective

Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner, Cantor Sam Weiss, and the JCCP Singers will conduct a memorial service featuring prayers, readings, and musical selections. There will also be a candle-lighting memorial ceremony in which all in attendance will participate.

Join with the entire community to commemorate Yom HaShoah. Your participation will help insure that the Holocaust and its victims will not be forgotten.





Early Childhood Center News



Judith S. Fox

Why is this night different ...

The rabbis who developed the concept of the Pesach seder must have been early childhood specialists! They knew that individual children must be taught according to the dictates of their individual personalities and abilities (a very current concept in education). And they also knew that children are naturally curious and love to ask questions.

Children want to know about everything! Asking questions, and asking them again and again, is one of the ways they make order of their world. Children's auestions often seem tedious and repetitive to adults, even those of us who choose to make early childhood education our lifework. And the younger the child, the more tedious and repetitive the questions seem, and the more the child uses the word "why."

"Why is the sky blue?"

"Why can't I have my dessert first?"

"Why can't I climb on the climber with slippery shoes?"

"Why are daddy and mommy yelling at each other?"

"Why?" "Why?" "Why?"

Sometimes it appears that children keep asking "why" questions in order to keep adult attention on

themselves or to prolong a conversation. Research, however, sugaests otherwise.

Often when a young child says "why," what her or she really means is "how" or "how come." "Why does the blender make that sound?" translates really to "Tell me how a blender works." "Why is the ice so slippery?" probably means "How come it's so slippery, and what can we do about it?" Older children are able to ask more differentiated questions, expanding on the "how come" and "tell me more" lines of questioning; hence, "Why is this night different" extends and enlarges to "Tell me about matzah, tell me about bitter herbs, dipping and reclining."

A study done at the University of Minnesota, and reported in the November 2009 edition of the journal Childhood Education, focused on "why" questions. The study concluded that "Young children are motivated to actively seek information ... [they] use specific conversational strategies to obtain information. When preschoolers ask 'why' questions, they're not merely trying to prolong conversation, they're trying to get to the bottom of things." The study concludes that by age 2, children contribute actively to the process of learning about the world around them.

My father, of blessed memory, taught me that the purpose of a seder is to create a framework in which children are encouraged to ask and parents to answer. The rest of the seder is in service of that goal. When your young children or grandchildren ask you a "why" question, at the seder or any other time, keep in mind that he or she probably means "how come" or "tell me more about it." Listen to your child's questions and, as the Haggadah says, answer the child fully, according to the child's question, situation and need.

Happy Pesach!

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Tuition has been held at last year's rates. Fnrollment incentives are available. JCCP members receive priority.

Registration is also open for SUMMER 2012

Please call Judy at (201) 967-1334 or e-mail her at eccdirector@jccparamus.org for information & to request an application.

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May 12, 2012

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> Come for an enjoyable dual service Shabbat and worship in the service of your choice.

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*Bring your children!

Any questions or to sign up to help, please contact either Debbie Simon, Joy Sapin or Marissa Rosenzweig:

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Hebrew School, Please send all donations to Chaverim, Kadima and USY participation!



Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

Where has this year gone? Quite unbelievable that it is almost Passover!

March was indeed packed with excitement.

- The Purim Carnival again was outstanding. The kids had such a good time — and I think the parents did, too!
- · And Purim night what a crowd! Great food and fabulous entertainment!
- The Kehillah program had its grand finale, and the participants were thrilled with the overall impact of this excellent program and learning about Israel through various cultural arts.
- Our seventh-graders presented awesome projects to the congregation at a Kabbalat Shabbat service. Thank you to Stu Lehrer for preparing them so well.
- · And thanks to Morah Laura and Morah Sue for working with the younger kids and their parents in preparation for Passover. Yasher Koach to all!

I want to share with you an idea of Dr. Wendy Mogel, a well-known clinical psychologist, who wrote "The Blessing of a Skinned Knee" and "The Blessing of a B Minus." I paraphrase:

We are all born in the image of G-d. When we think of our children, we could think of them as seeds that came in a packet WITH-OUT a label. We don't know which season they will bloom, nor do we know what type of flower they will be. All we know is that we must give these seeds the best opportunities available. We must plant them firmly in soil, feed and water them (and give them a good Jewish education). We must remember that we, the adults, are the role models that our children look up to for guidance. Then we have to wait and see who G-d has given us, which plants we will watch grow and prosper.

I found this so beautiful. We try our best as parents and educators to provide our children with the best opportunities for growth, and then we have to pray a lot and see who they will be. At this time of year, the Board of Education and I begin to plan for the new school year. We are creating new experiences (planting new seeds) and programs for our children and their families, and we would be happy to hear from parents who have creative ideas. Please be in touch.

UPCOMING IN APRIL:

• Sunday, April 1: Candle Club from 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Alef Kabbalat Siddur

• Tuesday, April 3: Passover preparations and celebrations in the Hebrew School

- Sunday, April 8-15: No Hebrew School
- Tuesday, April 17: School resumes
- Wednesday, April 18: Yom HaShoah program with post-hey class participation.
- Tuesday, April 24: Post-hey class at 7:15 p.m.
- · Sunday, April 29: School trip day

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- · Shabbat, May 12: Youth Shabbat — a MUST for all!
- Sunday, May 20: Hey class graduation, Yom Yerushalayim festivities, awards and BBQ for all!
- Tuesday, May 22 & 29: Fun days at Hebrew School.
- Sunday, June 3: Salute to Israel Parade!

Shalom Ulehitra'ot!

USY News

March was a thrilling month for Paramus USY! Several members of our chapter had a fantastic time at the regional Junior/Senior USY Prom. At the beginning of the month, we helped run our synagogue's incredibly successful Purim Carnival. In particular, I'd like to thank our JCCP president, Russell Rothman, and board member Shel Schmidt for being such good sports and volunteering to be our crowd-pleasing "Pie in the Eye" targets. Great job to the USYers on running the booth as well as face painting. We also had a great time participating in the "Mr. Hagalil" regional event.

On Sunday, April 1, we'll be getting together for a USY Movie Night. On April 22, we'll be getting our hands dirty and planting flowers in honor of Earth Day to beautify our synagogue.

April 27-29 is the regional Spring Convention -- a great end to the regional calendar year. Stay tuned for more Paramus USY in May!

Seffi Kogen ssrk419@gmail.com 201-674-9716

Young Jewish Families

- Welcome to Young Jewish Families.
- We are the group for children 13 years old and younger and their families.
- > Sponsor a YJF Friday night oneg for birthdays, anniversaries, even good report cards.

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM Friday, May 4 and June 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our family-friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program. Light service, interactive story time, followed by playtime and DAIRY nosh in the gym. Friday night Shabbat service geared toward children; then the children play and the parents schmooze. Sponsor a YJF Friday night oneg for birthdays, anniversaries, even good report cards.

Once a month, usually the first Friday of each month, we hold our Friday Night Family Program. It is a light, family friendly Friday night service followed by an oneg and play time in the gym. If you would like to sponsor the oneg, please contact us: \$18 for a birthday cake; \$18 for other snacks.

PASSOVER

April 6-14

Check the JCCP website for all timing information for the holiday, seders, services — and when we can have a bagel with a shmear on the 14th!

EVERYONE IS **W**ELCOME

Young Jewish Families is the club for families with a child or children under Bar or Bat Mitzvah age, their siblings, parents, and extended families. However, everyone is welcome to attend our activities and events

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit us at www.jccparamus.org, or contact us at yjf@jccparamus.org.

We wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Kosher Passover.

Eugene and Elana Heitlinger

PASSOVER SEDER AND SERVICE SCHEDULE • 5772 - 2012

		FIRST TWO DAYS OF	PASSOVER	
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	8:30 p.m.			
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LAST TWO DAYS OF PASSOVER

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HERE'S HOW TO SELL YOUR CHAMETZ

•	all other Chametz, put your remaining Chametz in a place an extra freezer, a cupboard, etc.
2. Seal it or lock it, not to b that time in any case – the	e opened until after the last day of Pesach (it's not yours all space is leased out!!!)
your Chametz. All forms m Please mail this form to the On Sunday, March 25 or A Weiner. Traditionally, a sm	appowering Rabbi Weiner as your agent in effecting the sale of just be received before Thursday morning, April 5, 2012 . The Jewish Community Center of Paramus as soon as possible. April 1, you may come in person to sell the Chametz to Rabbi hall donation is enclosed, a part of which is used for the sale be used for Ma'ot Hittin, helping the poor Jews with their
enclosed contribution in pa specified time before Pesa	, hereby designate Rabbi Arthur Weiner as the nunity Center of Paramus, Paramus, New Jersey, to use any art to sell my Chametz* as required by Jewish Law, at the ch 5772. To this end, I empower Rabbi Weiner to affix my empowerment register in his possession. Remaining funds are ittin.
	Signature
	Date
	Address
	(All addresses, including place of business, are required)

*Wherever it may be in any of my properties and residences.

GUIDE TO PESACH OBSERVANCE

DEFINITION OF CHAMETZ - In Exodus 12:15 the Bible tell us, "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread: on the very first day you shall remove leaven from your houses ... ".The Rabbis specified five grains which can become <u>chametz</u>: wheat. barley, spelt, rye and oats. Additionally, Ashkenazic authorities prohibited rice and ""Kitniot.... Kitniot are usually defined as legumes, and include beans, peas, lentils, corn, maize, millet and mustard. While rice and kitniot are not <u>chametz</u> strictly speaking, and are only prohibited for eating, it is easiest if they and products containing them are treated like <u>chametz</u>. Sephardic authorities prohibit only the five specified grains, and thus Sephardic Jews are allowed to eat legumes and rice during Passover. According to Jewish law, matzah may be baked only from one of the five grains, although traditionally it is made from wheat.

GENERAL LAWS CONCERNING CHAMETZ - During Passover it is prohibited to derive any benefit whatsoever from <u>chametz</u>. One may not eat <u>chametz</u>, or run a business involved in the buying or selling of <u>chametz</u>. Even ownership of <u>chametz</u> is forbidden. We are also obliged to remove <u>chametz</u> from our possession. This is done by a <u>bitul</u>, renouncing the possession of all <u>chametz</u> in one's household, using the <u>kol chamira</u> formula found in the beginning of most Haggadot . Any <u>chametz</u> left over should be burned. Another way of renouncing ownership is by selling the <u>chametz</u> in one's possession. (See <u>Mechirat chametz</u>).

PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER - Special care must be taken with Passover foods. If a mistake is made while preparing foods throughout the year, the law provides several remedies. These remedies do not apply to the laws of <u>chametz</u>. The laws of annulment (one part in sixty) do not apply regarding <u>chametz</u>. Chemicals permitted during the year might be prohibited on Passover. All utensils, pots, dishes, counters and anything used during the preparation of food must be kashered. If it is not possible to kasher them, they should be replaced with utensils used exclusively on Passover.

All areas of the house should be thoroughly cleaned and examined for <u>chametz</u>. A person renting a room from a non-Jew (e.g. a student in a dormitory) is responsible only for the space he or she occupies. Traditionally an additional search (<u>bedika chametz</u>) is held the evening before the first day of Passover, using a candle (for light) and a feather (to sweep up crumbs).

SALE OF THE CHAMETZ - It is sometimes impossible to destroy or remove all of the chametz in one's possession especially when great financial sacrifice is involved (<u>Hefsed Merubah</u>). Therefore, rabbinic authorities used a legal device embodying a special sale called <u>Mechirat Chametz</u> which is arranged through a Rabbi. Since the <u>chametz</u> is sold to a non- Jew, it does not belong to a Jew during Passover. All <u>chametz</u> material to be sold is isolated from the food and utensils used on Passover. Pets and other animal food should also be sold (although they remain in the house as usual) since most animal food contains <u>chametz</u>. The Rabbi arranges for all materials thus sold, to be sold back immediately after Passover.

PROHIBITED FOODS - Include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (kitniot) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however using string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other that their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult the rabbi for guidance in the use of these products.

PERMITTED FOODS

A. The following foods require no kosher le-Pesach labels if purchased prior to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (however, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover, unless marked KP), sugar, pure tea, salt (not iodized), pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see previous page), milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft), and Camembert (soft), frozen (uncooked)fruit (with no additives), baking soda.

- B. The following foods require no kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes, see previous page), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.
- C. The following foods require a kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: all baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah), canned or bottled fruit juices (these juices often contain kitniot which are not listed among the ingredients. However, if one knows there are not such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to Pesach without a kosher le-Pesach label), canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water, has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein, however, if it is known that the tuna is packed exclusively in water, without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a kosher le-Pesach label), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, and soda.
- D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen), require a kosher le-Pesach label if purchased during Pesach: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in category C above.

MEDICINES - Because the principle of pikuach nefesh (the preservation of life) takes precedence over all other laws, medicines prescribed by a doctor in connection with life sustaining therapy are permitted on Passover. Other substances used for medical purposes (e.g. aspirin, vitamins, tranquilizers) while not made from chametz may contain chametz as a binder. As a general rule, capsules are preferable to tablets.

As in all cases, when a question arises, the Rabbi should be consulted. Generally we are very lenient with regard to medicine.

COSMETICS - Lotions, ointments and creams need no special Passover formulation. Many other cosmetics however, have an alcohol base. Those made from grain alcohol are regarded as <u>chametz</u>.

BABY FOOD - Baby food for Passover use is readily available. If Passover baby food cannot be obtained, however, the baby's food should be prepared in a separate part of the house so that this food is not mixed with food for other members of the family.

PET FOOD -Most pet foods contain <u>chametz</u>. Both the pet and the pet food should be sold (see <u>Mechirit Chametz</u>) during Passover. This arrangement can be discussed with the Rabbi.

KASHERING UTENSILS FOR PASSOVER

There are two basic methods of Kashering:

A .PURGING (Hag'alah) - Most cooking utensils can be made kosher by immersion in boiling water. This includes metal pots, most baking pans and flatware and most other kitchen ware. The procedure is as follows:

- 1. The article to be kashered is thoroughly scoured.
- 2. The article is set aside and not used for 24 hours.
- 3. The article is completely immersed in a pot of actively boiling water.
- 4. If the pot is too large to fit into another pot, the pot to be kashered is filled to the brim with water, and that water is brought to a boil. While the water is still boiling a hot stone or piece of metal is dropped into the pot in order that the water is kept at its' peak heat and also, so that the water boils over the side of the pot.
 - 5. The articles are then rinsed immediately under cold water.
 - 6. The pot in which the articles were kashered is the itself kashered. (See step 4).
- **B. OPEN FLAME** (Libun) -Any utensils which come indirect contact with fire, such as a barbecue spit, a barbecue grill, a broiling pan or rack, is kashered by open flame. The procedure is as follows:
 - 1. The article to be kashered is thoroughly scoured.
 - 2. The article is set aside and not used for 24 hours.
 - 3. The article is then put under an open flame and thoroughly heated until the metal glows red hot or is so hot that a piece of paper is singed when it is touched to the metal.

SPECIAL CASES - Utensils with wooden handles cannot be kashered, because particles of food which could lodge between the handle and the blade cannot be effectively removed by purging.

The proper method to kasher glassware is to soak it in clear water for 72 hours, changing the water every 24 hours. Fine (glazed) china that has not been used for twelve months can be considered as new. Earthenware and other pottery cannot be kashered, since the material they absorb cannot be purged. Most glazes are porous, and thus cannot be kashered. Utensils covered with a non-stick surface such as Teflon can be kashered like other utensils. Countertops and tables made of Formica or Abroite should be thoroughly scoured. Those made of wood are scraped with a steel brush. The surface is then left bare for 24 hours, after which the surface is thoroughly rinsed with boiling water poured directly from the pot in which it was boiled.

APPLIANCES - An oven is thoroughly scoured. The burners are then turned on full until the metal glows red hot or a piece of paper is singed when touched to the metal. Remove all plastic knobs from around the oven to prevent melting. If the oven is of the continuous-cleaning type (not self-cleaning), the Rabbi should be consulted.

The shelves and bins of refrigerators and freezers are removed in order to facilitate cleaning. The shelves, bins and walls are then thoroughly washed. A metal sink is kashered as a large pot - a porcelain sink cannot be kashered and should be thoroughly scrubbed with heavy duty aluminum foil. Plastic tubs should be used to wash dishes.

The interior of a dishwasher is thoroughly scoured, paying careful attention to the strainer over the drain. The dishwasher is left unused for 24 hours and then run through a wash cycle without soap.

Any metal surface of a small appliance that comes in contact with food should be kashered by purging. Plastic parts are treated as mentioned above. An electric frying pan which can be immersed, should be purged. Many electrical appliances cannot be immersed and therefore cannot be kashered. An electric mixer should have its' beaters purged and its bowls either purged (metal) or washed (glass). An electric can opener should have its' blade and magnets removed and purged. The rest of the appliance should be cleaned so that no food remains in any crevice.

MICROWAVE OVENS - Microwave ovens present a special case since the inside surface does not become hot. One recommended procedure is to thoroughly clean the inside and then place a dish of water into the oven and allow it to boil for a few minutes. If the oven is a combination microwave and standard oven, consult the Rabbi.



Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

We are looking for people to help with a **Green Thumb** project to provide plants to residents of local nursing homes and senior housing. We will provide plants and pots, soil and decorations, but we need a volunteer to chair this effort. We would love to hear from anyone who can make some cuttings from their plants as well as provide the leadership for this project. Please call **Roz Gerard** at (201) 262-5828 to volunteer to help.

The Kosher Meals on Wheels program of Jewish Family Services needs some volunteers to deliver food to clients in Glen Rock and Ridgewood. KMOW now delivers frozen meals to all recipients and the pick-up and delivery of frozen meals can be arranged at a time and day that is convenient. Please contact **Melody Sandor** at MelodyS@jfsbergen.org, or call her at (201) 837-9090, Ext. 238, for more information.

The JCCP provided dinner for 150 people at the **Walk-In Dinner** program at the Bergen County Homeless Shelter. Thank you to Roz Gerard and her crew of volunteers who helped serve dinner on March 18 at the Health and Human Services Center in Hackensack. Thank you also to Roz's son Steven who provided the chickens we served, as he does each year.

The **Fran Leib Memorial Spring Turkey Drive** took place on Wednesday, March 21. Thank you to the generous members who donated turkeys, groceries, gift cards and checks. All the food was donated to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. Please continue to bring items of non- perishable food to the JCCP whenever you can. Some weeks we bring the donations to the food bank at the Paramus Department of Human Services when we learn that their shelves are empty; Marty Cohen delivers the items collected to the Center for Food Action.

Maintaining our daily morning and evening minyans is part of an important commitment to our members and the community. Please make attending either morning or evening minyans part of your regular schedule. Evening minyan is at 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and morning minyan is at 9 a.m. Sunday, 6:45 a.m. Monday and Thursday, and 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Your help is needed NOW, more than ever.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities in our northern New Jersey community, the Volunteer Opportunities link on the Jewish Federation of NNJ site — JFNNJ.org — has a list of projects that need your help. For questions, please contact **Alice Blass**, volunteer coordinator, at (201) 820-3948 or AliceB@jfnnj.org.

If you love to knit and crochet, we are continuing to hold our knitting bees. We have a request from the Tikvah Orphanage in Odessa, Russia, for more sweaters, blankets and other items. Won't you help us to help them? Elaine Cohen reports that we still have lots of yarn for you to work with. We'll even pick up your work! We usually meet on the last Monday of the month, but we encourage you to knit on your own if you don't have time to come to our knitting bees. For more information, please contact **Elaine Cohen** at (201) 447-2485.

Our Chesed Committee has volunteers available if you or someone you know needs temporary help shopping or a ride to services or doctor appointments. Call **Eileen Schneide**r at (201) 722-1606 or **Nina Glaser** at (201) 262-1775. Call Eileen if you would like to volunteer to drive.

Adult Education

"He who does not increase his knowledge, decreases it ..." (Pirke Avot, 1:13)

The JCCP was proud to host the JTS Context Program Mini-Course on Passover in March. "How Has This Night Been Different from All Others" was taught by leading scholars from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and was an enriching educational experience for the 22 people who enrolled.

The **JCCP Singers** are meeting again with **Cantor Weiss** to learn songs for Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut. No experience is necessary, so please try it out; you might really enjoy it. The last two sessions will be on April 10 and 17, right after the minyan. Please contact any of the singers or Cantor Weiss with any questions.

Stu Lehrer will teach a class titled **The FUNdamentals of Judaism: from A to Z**. Stu describes his class as a fantastic, fascinating, and fun journey to learn a little bit more of the Jewish Who's Who and What's What! It will meet for six consecutive **Mondays**, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., from **April 16 to May 21**.

The **JCCP Book Club** will meet on Sunday, April 29, at 10 a.m. **Dina Stein** will be our facilitator for the book Triangle, The Fire That Changed America, by David Von Drehle. Many copies of the book are available in libraries in the BCCLS system; you can request it through your own library.

Save the Date: On Wednesday, May 9, Shoshana Cohen will be speaking at the JCCP in a program co-sponsored by Sisterhood. She is a fellow at the Hartman Institute's Seder Nashim Beit Midrash for Gender and Judaism. She teaches Tanach and Women and Halacha at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

If the warm weather has you thinking about the summer ... yes, for the fourth year Rabbi Weiner will be teaching an Adult Education class on Wednesdays beginning in June and running through July; subject to be announced.

Please join us for these ongoing classes and meetings:

- Drosh and Nosh Wednesdays, 7:30-8 p.m. An opportunity to study the week's Torah portion with fellow congregants, taught by a different person each week. Come once and you will want to be there every Wednesday night. We welcome you to come and see what it's all about.
- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join these lively and popular weekly discussions led by Al Nahum.

For more information or to let us know what your interests are, please call committee chair **Mark Topel** at (201) 967-9179, or email marktopel@verizon.net. We welcome and need your input.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS APRIL 7!





Sisterhood News

We have decided to Pass Over this month and just extend our very best wishes for a Chag Kosher V'Saymayach.

We are looking forward to a strong attendance at these future dates.

Please do not just (May)be consider them ... attend these FREE events. Contact us if you need a ride.

Sunday, May 6:

Estate Planning Seminar. Join us at 10 a.m. for breakfast. Our guest speaker will be an estate tax attorney.

Wednesday, May 9:

Mid-Atlantic District Scholar-in-Residence Program.

Guest lecturer: Shoshana Cohen, from the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Shoshana Cohen is a fellow at the Hartman Institute's Seder Nashim Beit Midrash for Gender and Judaism.

Sisterhood members meet and greet at 7 p.m.

Speaker engagement to begin at 8:15 p.m.

The entire JCCP community is welcome.

and remember ...

Saturday, June 9:

Sisterhood Shabbat. Your participation will make this a warm and welcoming Shabbat.

As always, our heartfelt thanks to our Sisterhood members for their time and efforts in making our programs so successful.

Ruth Smith and Eve Lehrer Co-Presidents

Men's Club News

A joyous Passover to everyone!

We want to thank Rabbi Weiner for speaking at our March 25th breakfast. As always he educated and enlightened us about preparing for Passover. We hope to make this an annual event for the rabbi and the congregation.

Men's Club is constantly looking for new ideas for social or fundraising events. Our meetings are open to everyone. Please come and share your ideas with us.

Check back next month for information about May's breakfast and our annual spaghetti dinner.

Until next time.

Jerry Menter and Joe Esrig Co-Presidents

The Jan Lauren Schonberg Library

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Sun. 9:00 a.m. - noon

JCCP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2012

Rabbi Weiner reported that the afternoon and evening Adult Ed classes have been well attended. The Religious Committee is considering replacing our current Machzor. Several copies of a new Machzor are available in the Rabbi's office for anyone who wants to look at it.

Membership count is at 429. We are looking into online credit card payment options similar to PayPal.

The Finance Committee presented a proposal that outlines payment terms for our members and also serves as a census, so we can accurately update our membership database.

The ECC has started a reading program in which our members could go to the ECC and read to the kids. In March, they will host a community Passover Program. Club Shabbat programs are scheduled for April, May and June.

The Board of Education continues to work on the collaborative Hebrew School program.

Our Purim celebration this year will combine the teen service with the family service. At the gala festivity, we will have recorded music instead of a live performer.

The Fran Leib Memorial Turkey Drive will be held on March 21 from 7:15 to 9 a.m. The walk-in dinner program in Hackensack will be on March 18.

The Membership Committee reported that Rhoda Fried will be the co-chair for seniors, and Eugene Heitlinger will co-chair the Generation X group.

We are hosting a four-part course on Passover on March 5, 12, 19 and 26. The class will be taught by scholars from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Scrip for Shop Rite is now available for purchase. We will have a table on the night of the Megillah reading and at the Purim Carnival for anyone who wants to purchase the scrip.

The Endowment Committee is planning to introduce the Endowment Campaign at a breakfast.

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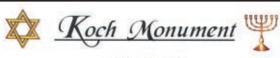
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