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From the Desk of the Rabbi ***Pesach-Why Will This Night Be Different From All Other Nights?***

As I write this article for our bulletin this month, so many things are different from just a year ago, let alone just these last few weeks. How much everyone in our country as well as around the world is struggling with the challenges that the COVID-19 virus continues to bring into our lives every day. There is not a day that goes by that the COVID-19 virus is not impacting our cities, counties and states in our country. The virus even hits close to home when members of our Tyler community are in harm's way as they are struggling for life in our hospitals.

Most of us have never seen something like this in our lifetime. We hear of viruses and illness in Africa as well as other 3rd world countries. Occasionally we hear of a few cases here and there in our country but they seem to be small isolated cases and then we hear no more about them. This time however, we are witness to a global condition that challenges all of humanity and we must turn to prayer and faith in Hashem that He will send the gift of healing to all those infected by this virus.

Currently we are in a Stay at Home status as mandated by our County's authorities. This places us in a position where weekly Shabbat Services are out of the question, as well as coming together as a community to celebrate Passover as is our usual custom. There will be no large Seders at my house this year. This will indeed be a night (or nights) that will be different from all other Pesach Seders in my past. It has been so long since I can remember a "small" attendance at my Seders, I can't ever remember a time when we didn't have a large gathering of people. It will certainly be a change to the routine.

Thousands of years ago, our ancestors huddled in their homes and prayed as Hashem passed over them when He brought the 10th plague upon the land of Egypt. As we hold our own individual family Seders in our homes this year, let us offer an additional prayer to Hashem to send healing to all those who are ill when we offer up the words; "let all who are hungry, come and eat." May we speedily see the end of our challenging times. May we merit worshipping together as a community soon.

Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have as you work to put on your own Seders. If you need any resources or extra Haggadas, I have plenty to loan out. The Rabbinic Assemblies guidelines for Kashuring are online. Let me know what I or the Synagogue can do to help make your Seder more meaningful as we navigate through these difficult times. Most of all, pray for the healing of this world.

With Torah Blessings and a Chag Sameach Pesach,
Rabbi

Co-President's Message

In this past month, we have all experienced unprecedented upheaval in our lives and in the lives of our families and friends. I don't want to dwell on the upheaval, but on the support that has been garnered as we all persevere and grow because of the trials. I know we will be stronger and closer when we return to gather physically for services, classes and events. We know that Hashem will give us that strength as we need it.

Now for a little tongue-in-cheek preparation for Pesach this year – we all know those 4 Questions, but as a friend shared this article with me, I determined to share it with all of you for the 5 Questions!

Now it's the five questions of Passover

March 14, 2020

By Jerry Klinger

BOYNTON BEACH, Florida — In these days of the coronavirus pandemic, we now ask five questions at our Passover seders.

Shebb'khol hallelot anu okh'lin hamets umatsa, vehallayla hazze kullo matsa?

Q: Why is it that on all other nights during the year we eat either leavened bread or matza, but on this night we eat only matza?

A: Because Matzah has been fire burned into sterilized almost inedible cardboard. No question, it will be free of Coronavirus. Who knows about delicious bread, with the soft golden crust, sweet and tender?

Shebb'khol hallelot anu okh'lin sh'ar y'rakot, vehallayla hazze maror?

Q: Why is it that on all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on this night we eat bitter herbs?

A: Of course, we eat only bitter herbs. No baseball, basketball, no movies, no entertainments, no life, nothing but board games at home. We can't go out. We can't safely visit friends – they could be infected. We can't do nothing. Of course our lives are bitter.

Shebb'khol hallelot en anu matbillin afillu pa'am ehat, vehallayla hazze sh'tei fe'amim.

Q: Why is it that on all other nights we do not dip [our food] even once, but on this night, we dip them twice?

A: Jews are not stupid. We dip twice. The first dip is into a medicinal, edible disinfectant. The second into salt water just to be safe. The rabbis are debating if a third time is required by *halachah*. A *teshuvah* is pending.

Shebb'khol hallelot anu okh'lin ben yosh'vin uven m'subbin, vehallayla hazze kullanu m'subbin.

Q: Why is it that on all other nights we dine either sitting upright or reclining, but on this night we all recline?

A: Nobody in their right mind wants to sit next to someone reclining at the seder table. They must be sick with coronavirus. They can't even sit up straight.

Q: What the hell are we doing here? None of us have been tested for Coronavirus yet at the Walmart Drive thru? We could give each other the Virus!

A: OY Gevalt! Kene HaRah, Pfue-Pfue, Baruch Hashem.

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Jerry Klinger, president of the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation, is also an author and freelance writer. Watch for his forthcoming book: *Boynton Beach Memoirs: Tails of Norman*.

The Board of Trustees have determined that services, classes and other events will not be held "in person" through the month of April, based on CDC and NETHealth recommendations. The Board will re-evaluate the

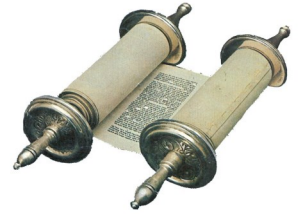
situation on April 15th.

We will send an email immediately upon that decision.

Please check your email frequently as updated information and items of interest will be sent often.

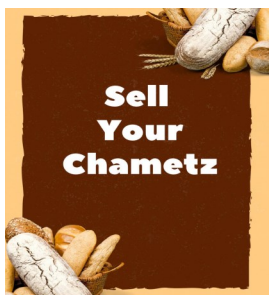


shabbat shalom



APRIL SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Friday	April	3	Evening	Shabbat HAGADOL
Saturday	April	4	Morning	TZAV
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 6:1 - 7:0
			Haftarah	Malachi 3:4 - 24
Friday	April	10	Evening	Shabbat CHOL HAMOED
Saturday	April	11	Morning	PESCAH
			Torah Reading	Exodus 33:12 - 34:26
			Maftir	Numbers 28:19 - 25
			Haftarah	Ezekiel 37:1 - 14
Friday	April	17	Evening	Shabbat HaChodesh
Saturday	April	18	Morning	SHEMINI
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 9:1 - 10:11
			Haftarah	II Samuel 6:1 - 7:17
Friday	April	24	Evening	Shabbat Rosh Chodesh
Saturday	April	25	Morning	TASRI'A - METZORA
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 12:1 - 13:39
			Maftir	Numbers 28:9 - 15
			Haftarah	Isaiah 66:1 - 24



Please make sure and send your chametz sale forms along with your donation to the synagogue office by April 8th, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.. This year we will accept email, please include the amount of your donation and follow that up with your donation by mail or... As always, you can mail your forms or drop it by during office hours and slide it under the door or leave it in the mailbox!

Shabbat Shalom



BULLETIN DEADLINE:
APRIL 18
for **MAY**
Bulletin

Submit articles to:
caasecretary@
suddenlinkmail.com
Thank you !

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Will be held but date and location is to be determined.
If you have an item for the agenda, please call or e-mail Ruth Elmakiss or Tim Birmingham

SISTERHOOD NEWS

The Sisterhood has been working on a fundraising project and we need your input!

We have been collecting recipes from members for several years in order to produce a cookbook. After researching options for printing, we have found a company that can publish a nice quality bound book that would sell for approximately \$20.

Here's where you come in: how many copies would you want to purchase for yourself, family members, friends, or perhaps to in turn sell to others?

Please let Leanne know by March 13 either by email:

caasecretary@suddenlinkmail.com or by phone: 903-561-4284.

This is not an obligation on your part but simply helps us estimate the number we need to order.

This is our second request, please let us know!!

Debbie

NEXT SISTERHOOD MEETING IS MAY 3rd at 9:00 A.M.



HOME MADE MATZO

Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup water

Instructions

1. Get everything that you need ready before you start. Preheat your oven to 475 degrees. Line your baking sheets with parchment paper. Get a rolling pin, pastry brush, and fork out. You only need two ingredients, flour and water.
2. Set your timer for 18 minutes.
3. Mix together 2 cups of flour with 1 cup of water.
4. Knead the dough on a well floured board until it comes together. It takes about 3-4 minutes. If the dough is really sticky (and mine was) add flour a Tablespoon at a time until it isn't anymore.
5. Cut the dough into 8-12 chunks. Roll them out as thinly as you can. Make sure that you flour everything really well, this dough was sticky and it took a lot of flour for it to not stick.
6. Put the flattened dough onto the parchment lined baking sheet. Prick with a fork. Brush off some of the excess flour, I didn't, and I should have. This dough does not spread so you can put a bunch on a sheet. Put in the preheated oven. And start working on the next batch. The clock is ticking.

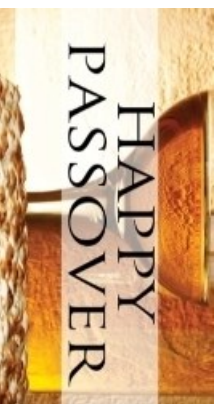
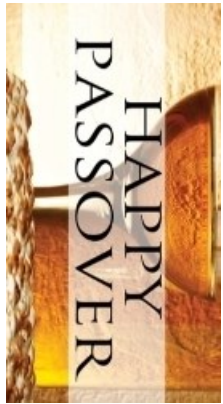
After 3-4 minutes, they will be golden brown and crispy.

Recipe provided and tested by Fran Birmingham
and approved of by Tim



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 Nisan	2 8 Nisan	3 9 Nisan	4 10 Nisan
5 11 Nisan	6 12 Nisan	7 13 Nisan	8 14 Nisan	9 15 Nisan	10 16 Nisan/1 L'Omer	11 17 Nisan/2 L'Omer
12 Hol Hamoed Passover II	13 Hol Hamoed Passover III	14 Hol Hamoed Passover IV	15 18:38PM/18:38PM Passover VII	16 18:39PM Passover VIII (Yizkor)	17 17:37PM	18 18:41PM
19 18 Nisan/3 L'Omer	20 19 Nisan/4 L'Omer	21 20 Nisan/5 L'Omer	22 21 Nisan/6 L'Omer	23 22 Nisan/7 L'Omer	24 23 Nisan/8 L'Omer	25 24 Nisan/9 L'Omer
26 25 Nisan/10 L'Omer	27 26 Nisan/11 L'Omer	28 27 Nisan/12 L'Omer	29 28 Nisan/13 L'Omer	30 29 Nisan/14 L'Omer	30 30 Nisan/15 L'Omer	
		21 Yom Hashoah 8:43PM	22	23	24 17:42PM Rosh Hodesh I	25 18:46PM Rosh Hodesh II
		28 Yom Hazikaron 8:48PM	29 Yom HaAtzmaut 8:49PM	30		
2 1yar/17 L'Omer	3 1yar/18 L'Omer	4 1yar/19 L'Omer	5 1yar/20 L'Omer	6 1yar/21 L'Omer		





TODAH RABAH



Last month's brunches were generously sponsored by:

- March 7 *Linda & Don Thomas in Honor of their 23rd Anniversary*
- March 14 *Susan Cason-Parkş in Memory of Hortense Israel*

Brunches scheduled and paid for the month of April will be rescheduled as soon as services resume.

Leanne will be in contact with sponsors to chose new dates to reschedule the brunches.

Thank you for your support of our brunches!

BREAKFAST FUND

- Tim & Fran Birmingham
- Ruth Elmakiss
- Larry & Leslie Krasner
- Marleen Swerdlow
- Dr. Stan & Janice Weiner

EDUCATION FUND

- Dr. Ron Beals
- Sean & Shannon Hammel
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- Steve & Debbie Roosth
- Chuck & Dee Wapner
- Dr. Stan & Janice Weiner

SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

- Larry & Leslie Krasner



April Celebrations Birthdays

- 2 Michael Roosth
- Sunshine Justice-Learner
- 4 Pauline (Polly) Roosth Hall
- 12 Marvin A. Beleck
- 16 Katie Amanda Rose
- 17 Peter Goldfarb
- 22 Ad Shoshana Hekier
- Asher Joseph Taxon
- 25 Elizabeth Goldfarb
- 26 Edward T. Jacobs
- 28 Rachel Elmakiss
- Melinda Beaver



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INDICATE THE FUND OF YOUR CHOICE BELOW AND IN THE MEMO AREA OF YOUR CHECK. MINIMUM DONATION \$5 PER REMEMBRANCE.

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- Maintenance Fund
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- Safety Fund
- General Fund
- Rabbinic Fund
- Book Fund

THE FUNDS BELOW REQUIRE A SEPARATE CHECK

- Sylvan Mellinger Maintenance Fund
- Rabbi Discretionary Fund
- Sisterhood Flower Fund - **CAA SISTERHOOD**
- Cemetery Fund - **CAA CEMETERY**

Yahrzeits

APRIL 1 - APRIL 2

- 1 Ida Hannah Lazarus
Jacob Meyer
2 Beatrice Goldfeder
Bennie Roosth
Bob Benjamin Taylor

APRIL 3 - APRIL 9

- 4 Jerry Lee Jeffers
5 Manuel Zimmerman
Sarah Zuckerman
6 Pearl Krumholtz

APRIL 10 - APRIL 16

- 11 Sam Levine
12 Clara Levine
15 Abraham Flicker

APRIL 17 - APRIL 23

- 17 William D. Roosth
19 Ralph Davis
20 Judge Earnest Stevens
Ruth Waghalter
21 Maurice Waghalter
22 Isabell Davis
23 Anna Eisen

APRIL 24 - APRIL 30

- 24 Morris Rudman
26 Hyman Smith
27 Arthur Frank
Mary Mirsky
28 Raye Bromberg
Ruth Gross
Selma Greenberg
Pauline Heffler Roosth
Jerome Wolf
29 Mary Hendelman
Betty Beck
Boris Tobes
30 David Learner

MAY 1 - MAY 7

- 1 Otto Hellfer
Eva Offricht
5 Max Chodorow
Sarah Golenternek
6 Celia Roosth
Joe Roth
7 Fannie Greenwald

MAY 8 - MAY 14

- 8 Charles Greenwald
9 Dr. Hyman P. Roosth
10 Goodman M. Irving
Abraham Offricht
11 William Kelfer
Rebecca Tuck
12 Simcha Bigus
Leibel Bigus
Moshe Bigus
Chanah Bigus
Malkah Bigus
Aaron Bigus
Avram Bigus
Ester Bigus
David Bigus
Yaakov Mordechai Bigus
Pinchas Bigus
Rae Forman
Ruth Mastbaum
Haim Mastbaum
Nathan Mastbaum
Aaron Mastbaum
Hillary Mastbaum
Jacob Mastbaum

MAY 15 - MAY 21

- 19 Michael Schumer
20 Rosa Krumholtz
21 Paul Forchheimer
Louis Glasser

MAY 22 - MAY 28

- 23 Jacob Fridkin
Mollie Sherman
Bessie Spero
24 David Gross
25 Thelma Sobel
26 Sam Gross
27 Sadie (Babe) Weintraub
Tanchum Meir Roosth
Myer Kline

MAY 29 - JUNE 4

- 29 Florence Strum
30 Isadore Mellinger
31 Freida Schumer
1 Henry Berry
Doris Ginsberg Diamond
3 Sadie Wapner
4 George Vainer
Isaac Benedict Heffler

JUNE 5 - JUNE 11

- 5 Feiga Ginsberg
Israel Sutton
8 Louis Sherman
9 James Harold Hill
10 Harry P. Goldberg
11 Samuel Cohn

JUNE 12 - JUNE 18

- 13 Rose Rudman
14 Dorothy Cohen Smith
16 Etta Golenternek Gross
Thomas Werbner
17 Robert Muntz
Sam Sable
Bill Werbner
18 Sol Ginsberg

JUNE 19 - JUNE 25

- 19 Eugenia Levite
22 Herman Jay Shafts
24 Frances Fridkin
25 Fannie Mosier

JUNE 26 - JULY 2

- 26 Nora Modisett
1 Arnette Sutton
2 Bella Rosenberg
Berma Dean Levine



May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

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SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

Interested in ordering flowers for the Bimah?
Contact Charlene Goodman 903-894-7488

After you order, send your check, made out to:
Congregation Ahavath Achim Sisterhood to
The Synagogue

OUR TREE OF LIFE - A SISTERHOOD FUNDRAISER

Upon entering the synagogue, one is welcomed by a beautiful, wooden tree, with golden leaves. This tree is our Tree Of Life and is a way to honor, thank, congratulate, show love, and/or appreciation for a living person in your life. Let's fill our Tree of Life with lots of joy and happiness.

To help you with your wording, please look at the leaves currently on the tree. You will notice that the fewer words, the better, as the letters are larger and can be seen more clearly. We encourage you to follow this formula when you plan the wording for your leaf. If there are too many words, you will be asked to revise the wording and I will give you suggestions for changes. Remember.....simple is better!!

Each leaf is \$100.00 and should take about 3 weeks from order, to receipt, to placement on the tree. You may choose the placement of your leaf. Please consider these things when you are placing an order. If you are interested in a leaf, please contact Leanne the secretary and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you, Leanne