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President's Message

Wishing everyone a happy and a healthy Pesach and may you have enjoyable seders. Congratulation to the Finklesteins, on the birth of a baby boy.

Congratulations to the Katim's on the birth of a baby boy and to the grandparents, the Ferstenbergs.

Congratulations to Shaina Goldenberg on her Bat Mitzvah and the entire Goldenberg family.

It was very nice seeing all the old members of the synagogue on the Young Israel Café for the presentation about Anna Greenwood by her granddaughter. I think this was the largest turnout for the Café. It was a chance to see old faces and talk with each other. The Café is a way to see speakers who you would normally not be able to see and ask questions. Watch the

Rabbi's email for a list of future dates and speakers.

Now that the vaccine has started to roll out, we hope to see some more people in shul over the coming weeks.



Charles Miller, President



VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

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Dear friends,

Pesach this year falls out on a Saturday night. This sequence poses an unusual change in the way we prepare for the holiday.

First off, the Mitzvah to [search for Chametz](#) (leaven), usually done on the eve prior to the first Seder, this year will be done on Thursday night instead. Also, on the day before Pesach – erev Pesach – (the morning of the first seder) we usually eat Chametz until a certain time, and then burn it about an hour later. This year, due to the fact that erev Pesach is a Shabbos, the burning of Chametz, along with the [fast of the First Born](#) (or attending a Mitzvah feast) is observed the day prior (Friday).

Now here is where it gets tricky. For all practical purposes, the house needs to be ready for Pesach by the time we begin Shabbos. This poses a problem concerning making Hamotzi. Eating bread following the Kiddush of Friday night and Shabbos lunch is a Mitzvah, but how can we do that if the house is already prepared for Pesach? (Making Hamotzi on Matzah not an option because we don't eat Matzah between Purim and Pesach.) The practical solution is to make Hamotzi slightly away from the table, being careful to gather any leftover Challah and all crumbs, flushing them down the lavatory.

Another implication is the timing for Shabbos lunch. This year, in Lawrenceville, eating Chametz must be completed on Shabbos morning by 10:58 AM. This means that morning prayers need to be recited earlier than usual, as it's forbidden to eat bread before morning prayers. Members of our congregation will therefore recite morning prayers (Shacharit) at home, followed by Shabbos lunch to be completed by the above-mentioned time, and then arrive to Shul at 11:00 AM for Torah reading and Musaf.

At this service, we will also be sure to “annul” the leaven by reciting this [nullification statement](#) prior to 12:01 PM.

Please reach out to me for clarification on this or any other Pesach questions that may come up.

Wishing you Pesach Kasher Vsame'ach!



Rabbi Y. Goldenberg





Young Israel—Community Bulletin Board

YIOL offers a range of programs and services which enables opportunities for exploring Judaism in a non-judgmental way. Whether it be a prayer service, Torah class, or social gathering that you're seeking, you will be enthusiastically welcomed and celebrated, So come for a visit...and stay a while.

Adult Education Program

Please join us for our classes. All classes are conducted in English and are held at the Synagogue.

- **Tuesday evening class** -- Rabbi Goldenberg will be announcing a new series for his Tuesday night class.
- **Women's class** — Rebbetzin Goldenberg teaches a women's class on alternate Mondays at 7:30.

There is no charge for participation. For further information, call the synagogue at (609) 883-8833 any day from Saturday at nightfall through Friday early afternoon. If there is no reply, leave a message on the answering machine

Tzedakah Fund



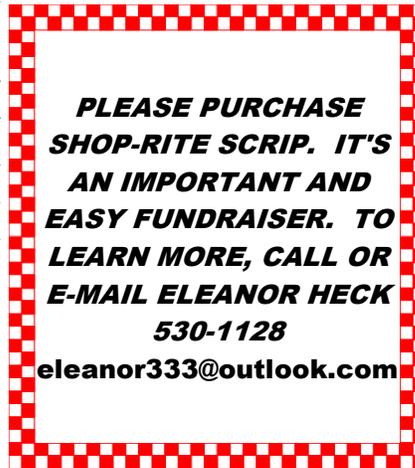
Our Shul has a Tzedakah fund to help those in special need of assistance. The fund is derived primarily from contributions collected from the "pushka" in Shul. If you know of such a person, please advise either Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller.

Kiddushim

our thanks to those who have sponsored kiddushim. For a full list of recent kiddush sponsors, please refer to Donations and Good Tidings. To celebrate your special occasion with a kiddush, please e-mail Dina Goldenberg:

dinagoldenberg@aol.com

When paying your dues, please send your Kiddush assessment (\$100) in a separate check, payable to the Sisterhood.



The Memorial Board

The Memorial Board in the Synagogue is a special way to honor, in perpetuity, the memory of departed loved ones. Plaques are \$250 each and may be ordered by contacting the Synagogue.



Yahrzeit Advisory

It is very important that our Shul provide a minyan to enable members and others to observe a Yahrzeit anniversary. Whenever you need to observe a Yahrzeit, please contact one of our gabbaim several days in advance so we can ensure a minyan will be available. Please contact Charles Miller (530-1846).

Visiting the Sick



It is a religious duty (a *mitzvah*) to visit someone who is ill. If you become aware of someone who is unwell or infirm, please advise Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller immediately so that the person may be contacted and visited at an appropriate and convenient time



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG ISRAEL

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March 2021 - Nisan 5781

Dear Fellow Young Israelites,

As we read the Haggadah and discuss the hardships our ancestors faced in Egypt, one of the predominant themes that stands out is the linkage between our past and our future.

During the Seder, we say, "Now we are here; next year in the land of Israel. Now – slaves; next year we shall be free." Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, zt"l, notes that at the same time we gather with our families to remember the past, we speak about the future and view the present not as an isolated moment in time, but as a link that connects the past and the future. Because the Jewish people were freed from bondage, our ancestors were confident they would be liberated again and return to the land of Israel. As Rabbi Sacks eloquently notes, "those who remember the past have faith in the future."

At the National Council of Young Israel, we remember and honor our past while looking ahead to the incredible possibilities that the future holds in store.

Ever since its establishment in 1912, the National Council of Young Israel's purpose has been to serve its branch synagogues and members. The newly elected Board of Directors, which is comprised of members of 19 different Young Israel branches, is focused on enhancing synagogue services and renewing and reinvigorating the relationship between the national organization and the branches through greater cooperation and communication.

In the month since we were elected, the new Board held a productive Zoom meeting with Young Israel rabbis and distributed a survey to branch rabbis and presidents to solicit the thoughts of branch leadership teams on key issues and ascertain how we can better support the branches. The findings will guide very specific program and service undertakings on behalf of the branches that we look forward to sharing in the not-too distant future. We are also reconstituting the Young Israel Council of Rabbis and speaking with other major Jewish organizations about partnering with them on matters impacting American Jewry.

As we recount the story of the Exodus this Pesach and recall the past, we must also ruminate about the future. Our future as a family. Our future as a community. Our future as an organization that is deeply committed to supporting our branches and dedicated to enhancing the vibrancy of Modern Orthodoxy, Religious Zionism and the State of Israel.

It has certainly been a difficult year for all of us and we extend our thoughts and prayers to the many families who sadly lost loved ones to Covid-19. This Pesach, which is a time of renewal, is an opportunity to reflect on how our collective vigilance and resilience has us poised to emerge from the pandemic as a stronger and more cohesive community. Certainly, the ability for many of us to once again spend the holiday with family will add a level of joy and comfort.

Please feel free to share any ideas and comments with me directly at president@youngisrael.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you and your families a Chag Kasher V'Sameach,

Rabbi David Warsaw
President, National Council of Young Israel



Purim 5781-2021

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“May G-d bless those who dedicate synagogues for prayer and those who enter them to pray, those who provide light for them, wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread for guests and charity to the poor and all who are involved faithfully in the needs of the community.”

(from the Yekum Purkan prayer said every Shabbot at the end of the Shacharis service).

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SISTERS IN THE HOOD

We all have asked and been asked the following questions;

1. Where were you when Kennedy was shot? (school)
2. Where were you when the black out of 1965 happened? (home in the dark, fighting with my brother Lewis. I blamed him when the lights went out)
3. Where were you when the towers came down? (home, glued to the TV)

And now, Where were you for Seders 2020? (home with Bill)

This year as most of us have had Covid19 or been vaccinated against it, Seders may be larger and less private. As I am not as mobile as I would like to be, so Bill and I will be private.

We all celebrated Pesach last year and will celebrate it again this year. The telling of the story of our freedom has to be told and retold every year "Teach your children well". It does not matter how many people are at your Seder or how many are missing from your table.

Mazel Tov to Danit and Joel on the birth of a son.

Tova (re:Ferstenberg) and Evan had a boy two days after Karrie's father was buried. The baby is named after him.

My sympathies to Karrie and her family on the death of her father, and to Art Katim (Cantor Adith Israel) and his children on the death of his wife. May they continue to hold a place in your heart and head. May you and all the mourners be comforted in Zion.

Allison Berg presented a wonderful program for the YI Kosher Cafe on Zoom. Her topic was her grandmother, Anna Greenwood. Anna who died at

99 was a Holocaust survivor, and lived a remarkable life. She spoke a number of languages and lived many places before coming to the US. Anna and her husband Eugene were founding members of Young Israel (called by a different name). Many former Young Israel members attended the program. It was wonderful to see and speak to old friends. Thank you Allison for sharing your grandmother with us. Many thanks to Mort for putting together this and all the Kosher Cafes. He deserves a round of applause.

Lynda put together the Purim project this year. I hope you enjoyed the tasty treats. Thanks much.

For the last few years on every holiday when Yiskor is said Bill and I have lit an extra candle for those who have no one to light for them or to remember them.

There was more I wanted to say, but since I cannot remember what it was, I will sign off. Till next time, from my family to yours, Happy Passover/Pesach Simach.

P.S. I just remembered what I wanted to say. Mazel Tov to Shaina on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. May you continue to grow as a wonderful Jewish woman.



Carol, for Sisterhood



Bringing Out The Truth By Lynda Sacharov

As a kid, I remember hearing from my Parents that I shouldn't be gullible, and shouldn't believe anything until the facts are checked first. These days, with "fake news" and "disinformation", sometimes it's hard to do. What is the truth...?

Joel Finkelstein, Ph.D, is Director of The Network Contagion Research Institute, Senior Research Fellow, Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience, Rutgers University. He is also a valued member of YIOL who is concerned with certain societal trends he has observed through his work with the Institute.

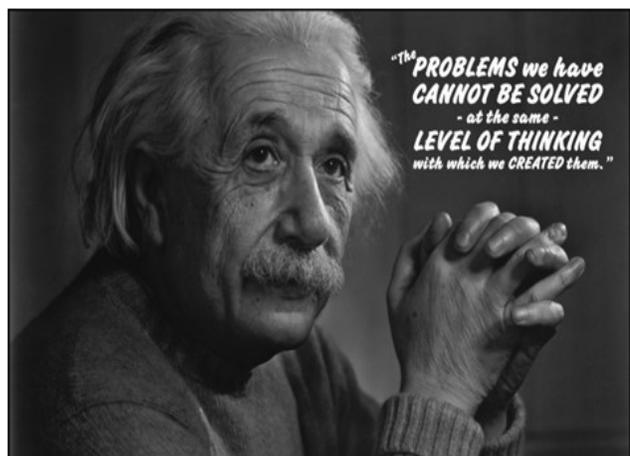
Apparently, those at 60 Minutes television show were interested in hearing more from Joel and recently invited him to appear on the show and share his work.

By going online to www.ncri.io/reports, you will be able to read the most recent report from the Institute entitled, "A Contagion of Institutional Distrust: Viral Disinformation of the COVID Vaccine and the Road to Reconciliation".

You can also check out www.ncri.io.

Joel is a firm believer that if people were more informed and would actually SPEAK to each other, we could come to a better understanding, or take a "neutral position" of our problems, and with understanding, comes resolution. *"Eat your vegetables, then you'll get dessert"*.

Check out the website for other thought-provoking reports, like "NCRI Assessment of the Capitol Riots: Violent Actors and Ideologies Behind the Events of January 6, 2021", "The QAnon Conspiracy: Destroying Families, Dividing Communities, Undermining Democracy", "Antisemitic Disinformation: A Study of the Online Dissemination of Anti-Jewish Conspiracy Theories", among others.





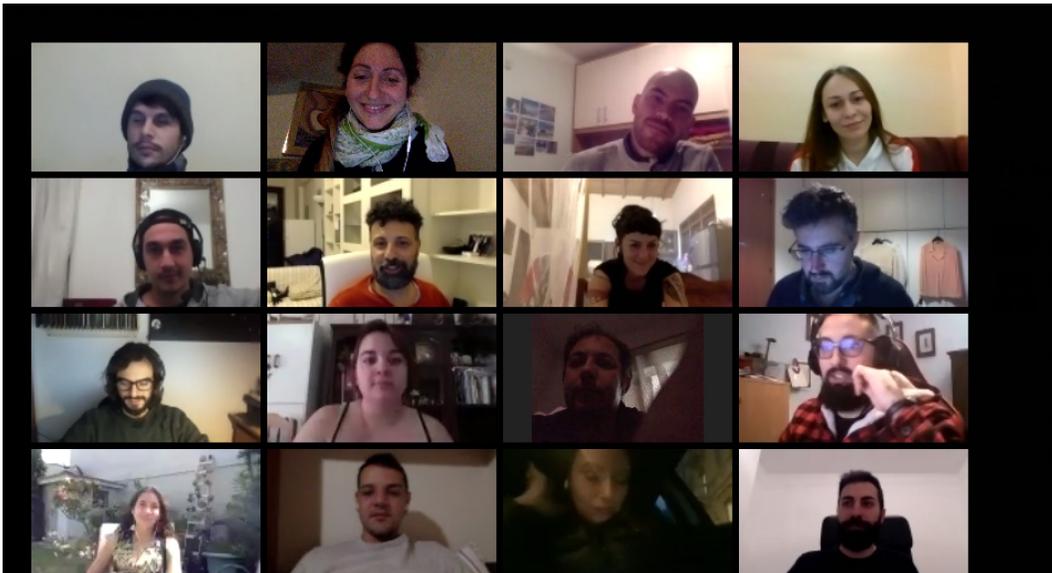
Hooray for the Café



Wondering how to fill that empty void you find in your pandemic social schedule? The solution is easy! Be sure to set a calendar reminder for 8 o'clock every Tuesday night to logon to the online Young Israel Café.

Zoom on in and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow congregants and friends while being entertained by a wide variety of interesting guests.

You get to bring your favorite snack and beverage to enjoy while having the opportunity to help perpetuate our congregational friendships during these otherwise isolating times. Watch for the exciting lineup of guests planned for this fall. As always, suggestions for thought-provoking speakers are always welcome. Perhaps best of all is that the dress code is informal, and you can feel free to invite a friend from anywhere!



Come for "Café"



Ask the Rabbi...

*Have a question for Rabbi Goldenberg?
Email it to LSach@msn.com.*

Your answer will appear in the next newsletter.



Dear Rabbi,

As is customary, we change our houses over for Passover. We use different dishes, pots, pans and food. My question, is do we have to use new boxes of Shabbos candles, paper napkins or paper towels?

...and the Rabbi Says...

The custom is not to use on Pesach packaged items that were previously open and used near Chametz. If we are sure that no crumbs or the like have made their way in, those items can be used.

While on the topic, with regards to napkins and paper towels, some brands use starches that make them problematic to be used on Pesach. For this reason, some kosher for Passover approved versions are available.

I am available to assist with all your Pesach related questions.

Wishing you and yours Pesach Kasher Vesame'ach!



The “No-Hassle Kiddush Initiative”

The “Kiddush Initiative” is temporarily on hold until the threat of COVID has passed.

Dear Fellow Shul Goer,

I would like to present the community with an opportunity that could benefit its members: I’ll call it the “No-Hassle Kiddush Initiative”.

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush but you can’t (or don’t want to!) deal with the headache of shopping, preparing, setting up, etc., no worries. I will do it for you. Yup, you read that correctly. I will prepare your entire Kiddush – all you need to do is show up! It’s that simple.

I will offer you choices of delicious homemade salads and baked goods, pretty platters, tasty deserts, and more. I will even include the paper goods J Below, you will find a list of options, as well as other information that you might need.

Note: this offer is my own personal initiative. It is in addition to, not in place of, what is currently being arranged by the YI sisterhood.

If you have any questions, you can contact me:

dinagoldenberg@aol.com

609-231-8609





From Dina's Kitchen

BASIC KIDDUSH - \$150

Salads (vegetable): Choice of 3

(Each additional salad \$7)

Eggplant – marinated

Eggplant – babaganoush

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Potato

Carrot – cooked or grated

Tomato

Egg Salad

Olive dip

Chummus

Platters: Choice of 1

Fresh vegetable

Fresh fruit (seasonal)

Fish: Choice of 2

(Each additional \$10)

Gefilte fish with horseradish

Tuna (plain or scallion)

White fish salad (store bought)

Herring (store bought)

Nosh: One of each

(Each additional \$5)

Cookies – 2 types (rugelach, biscotti, chocolate chip, etc.)

Potato chips or Tortilla chips

Pretzels or other chips

Crackers – 2 types

Drinks: 2 seltzers and 1 juice (Soda upon request)

DELUXE KIDDUSH: \$225

Same as basic plus:

2 additional vegetable salads

Fish platter **OR** deli platter

Kugel – choice of potato, noodle or apple

Nuts or chocolate

Extras:

Cake for special occasion: \$50

*Price includes paper goods

*Liquor provided by Kiddush sponsor

List is flexible. If you would like specific or select items, that can be arranged.

One week advance notice for all orders!

Orders must be pre-paid.

NOTE: If you are expecting a larger than usual crowd, please indicate approximately how many additional



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Bereavement Services

King Solomon said, "There is a time for all under the heavens — a time to love, a time to journey, a time to plant, a time to reap, a time to rejoice and a time to mourn."

In a most loving and caring way and with the greatest sensitivity, Rabbi Goldenberg will make it his business to offer all the comfort, guidance and bereavement support needed. In addition, he will be glad to offer his assistance in preparation, officiating at the funeral, making Shiva services, arranging for the kaddish to be recited, etc.

For assistance, or for more information, please call: (609) 882-4330.



THIS SPACE HAS TRADITIONALLY LAID OUT LIGHTING AND SERVICE TIMES FOR SHABBOS AND YOM TOV. HOWEVER, THANKS TO THE CHABAD OF LAWRENCEVILLE CALENDAR THAT THE RABBI MAILES OUT ANNUALLY AND TO THE RABBI'S WEEKLY E-TORAH E-MAIL, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT IT MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE

INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE NOTIFY RABBI GOLDENBERG IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE CALENDAR OR BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE THE E-TORAH PLEASE FEEL FREE TO NOTIFY ELEANOR, LYNDA, OR THE RABBI IF YOU WOULD PREFER THAT THE NEWSLETTER ALSO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION.





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