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Making Smiles -Baking Hamantashen

Familyhood held our annual "Make and Bake" Hamantashen event on February 11, 2018. Along with over 60 people, Rabbi Kail, Cantor Katz and Mrs. Tract joined the amazing event to make fresh and delicious Purim treats.

Kids and adults rolled out the homemade dough, cut circular shapes, created great flavor combinations including grape, apricot, chocolate, marshmallow, gummy bears and even our own 'Or Elohim' flavor which was chocolate chip dough with marshmallow filling. In the oven the hamantashen went. Within minutes those triangular shaped delights were ready to be placed in a personalized bakery box or bag!

Familyhood is proud to provide events to our families and members to keep tradition and fun within reach. Look for future events at our website: templeorlohim.com or on our Facebook (closed) group: facebook.com/groups/OrElohimFamily. More pictures of this event, and other events, may be found by logging on to: templeorlohim.shutterfly.com.

To learn more or if you have questions about Familyhood, email jodibreslin@yahoo.com or steve@ProfessorPedals.com.



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We commemorate the lives of those we have loved and lost. It is also appropriate to commemorate events in the lives of those we love in the here-and-now. We'd like to announce special events in your lives. Please forward all such information to:

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Services Schedule:

Fri.	Mar. 2	Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah Purim Shpiel	7:30 PM
Sat.	Mar. 3	Bagels & Torah Shabbat Shalom	8:45 AM
Fri.	Mar. 9	Shabbat Across America Erev Shabbat Service led by Monday Fast Forward	7:30 PM
Sat.	Mar. 10	Rabbi Schwartz leading class on Albert Einstein Shabbat Shalom	9:00 AM
Fri.	Mar. 16	Erev Shabbat Service led by Thursday Fast Forward & Tues/Thurs 5/6 Grade Class Featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	Mar. 17	Bagels & Torah Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah Jared Lichten	8:45 AM 6:45 PM
Fri.	Mar. 23	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Mar. 24	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Jocelyn Freedman	10:00 AM
Fri.	Mar. 30	Passover – FIRST SEDER – NO SERVICE	
Sat.	Mar. 31	Congregational Seder	

Thoughts & Prayers:

We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul).

Please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Kail, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee with any requests that you may have.

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From Our Rabbi:

It was the day before Passover. I walked into the prison with a box of matzah under each arm. "I'm here to see these inmates" I said, while handing the officer a piece of paper with two scribbled names. The guard buzzed me in and escorted me to a room about the size of a New York City kitchen. It was furnished with wooden chairs, and an old tube-top TV.

I knew virtually nothing about the people I was visiting. All I knew was that they had expressed a great desire to be Jewish. This is not uncommon in a prison, where people are often in search of meaning. I was there to talk to them about Judaism, bring them matzah and to determine the sincerity of their newfound faith.



Two minutes later, men in their thirties entered the room donning orange outfits. They stared curiously at the matzah in my hand. This is the bread of affliction, I said. It's the meager meal of slaves just trying to get through each day within the confines of Egyptian bondage. One man looked down at his orange jumpsuit and then up at me. The irony wasn't lost on me either.

I explained, the Haggadah teaches that our ancestors ate mazah on long hard days of labor. They craved longingly for anything other than this near flavorless cracker. The Hebrew word for Egypt is mitzrayim, meaning narrowness. As they ate the matzah of affliction, they felt the narrowness of the world and yearned for something more.

It is curious then that this very same matzah is later called the bread of freedom. When the Israelites prepared to leave Egypt, we learn, they didn't have enough time to allow the bread to rise, so they ate matzah. The same bread they despised every day of their lives became the bread that gave them hope and filled their hearts with appreciation.

"It is not unusual for ex-slaves to invert the very symbols of slavery to express their rejection of the masters' values," Irving Greenberg wrote. "But there is a deeper meaning in the double-edged symbolism of matzah. It would have been easy to set up a stark dichotomy: matzah is the bread of the Exodus way, the bread of freedom; hametz is the bread eaten in the house of bondage, in Egypt. Or vice versa: matzah is the hard ration, slave food; hametz is the rich, soft food to which free people treat themselves. That either/or would be too simplistic. Freedom is in the psyche, not in the bread.

The difference between the bread of affliction and the bread of freedom is not in the bread itself, but rather in our state of mind. When we take stock of our world, do we feel stuck in a place of narrowness or struck by the free expanse before us?

Just before Passover, we rid our homes of chumetz—of all leavened products. Perhaps even more important is the work we do within. As we take stock of the bread, cookies and cheerios that somehow linger years after little hands have lost interest, we take stock of ourselves as well.

"The Passover journey isn't just a historical journey," writes Greenberg, "it's one we take every year of our lives. And it isn't just an external journey; in order to have true meaning, it needs to change us on the inside, where freedom really matters. The difference between slavery and freedom, between constriction and expansion, is our state of mind."

An inmate looked at me with tears in his eyes. "Yes. That's what I needed to hear. It's like it's talking about us in prison. You're talking about me." Yes," I replied "And I'm talking about every one of us."

All of us make mistakes that land us in prisons, real or metaphorical. We get stuck in patterns that harm us, patterns often difficult to break, patterns that take over and start to define us. Perhaps we smoke or drink to excess. We let our anger get the better of us. Perhaps we devote too much time to work and not enough to family. Perhaps we don't believe in ourselves enough, or we get haughty and are unwilling to compromise. Each of us has a prison holding us back from being truly free and reaching our full potential. And each of us, with time and help, can change that.

As we left the room, one of the men smiled at me and said "I have some thinking to do, but I feel a little freer already." So may it be for all of us.

Josh, Noam, Talia and I wish you a meaningful and joyous Passover.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Cassi Kail

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From Our Cantor:

Welcome to the month of fun! The month of March is the time we celebrate Purim. Purim is one of the holidays where we actually are encouraged to be very outrageous, crazy and have FUN! It seems to me that many of us, because of our busy lives, don't get to have as much fun as we wished we could.

If this is the case for you, then your fun days are back! Because this month we will be celebrating Purim with our Purim Shpiel, as well as having our fabulous and ultra-successful Purim Carnival.

At each of these events, you can show up with your family dressed as any character or person you wish. The more crazy and fun your costume is, the better.

If you were unable to come and hear the Megilla reading and attend our Purim Shpiel, you missed a doozy! We set the story of Queen Esther to the music of ABBA. It was called Esther Mia!!! This is such a fun time, kids and adults alike enjoyed themselves.

Our band was also there to help the music along. We had various "Purim Players" from our temple board and staff participating.

I must thank everyone involved who gave of their time and energy to make this Shpiel happen.

Last month, you may have noticed that we tried to get our Temple into the Guinness Book of World records with our terrific Familyhood holding their annual Hamantashen baking event. If you have never attended this event, you are truly missing out. It is loads of fun and really does set us up and get us in the mood for the upcoming holiday. Thank you to Familyhood for all their effort as well.

On another future event note, please hold the date of March 11, 2018 in your calendar. This is the date of our annual Purim Carnival. Each year more and more families attend the carnival making this one of our largest family events. In addition, all the games played raise money for our Temple, so you are doing a double mitzvah by attending!

I hope you are all able to experience the joy and lightness the Purim Holiday can bring. You must take action and come to Temple to make it happen!

Have a wonderful Purim Holiday.

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President's Message:

Dear Congregational Families and Friends,

Greetings and salutations to our Temple families as warmer weather looms on the horizon. Our February Bagels & Torah studies were an inspiring success as more and more congregants and friends filled our Temple's library joining our Rabbi for the Parsha of the week. The Rabbi infused us with Judaic insight and wisdom. I am always there and so should you. Just try it once and you will be hooked.



The DACA presentation on Sunday, February 4th was extremely educational with Assemblyman Charles Lavine and Nelson Melgar, a Dreamer, educating us with in your face people about all that is going on and poignant in our times. It was interesting to see all the different aspects of people's opinions and questions on both sides. Everyone was fascinated and mesmerized by the discussion, followed by a question and answer period. Rabbi Kail organized this and it was a huge wow for me. Yasher koach Rabbi.

Our Purim Hamentashen bake off was another huge success. The Temple was filled to standing room only with children and families trying to once again beat the Guinness Book of World Records for the biggest hamentash EVER. As President, Familyhood is now dubbed officially Or Elohim Royalty. Steve Finkelstein and Jodi Breslin, what would we do without you guys? Your innovative ideas, energy and commitment is just beyond, not to mention the pure fun had by all.

Men's Club new member dinner, meetings from today until tomorrow, a WEDNESDAY Megilah reading and adult study session with our Rabbi (I hope you didn't miss that one). It was a busy month. I hope everyone had a chance to alleviate some tension and get away for winter break the week of 2/19. Lucy and I disappeared for our 27th Anniversary to Cancun. We got back just in time for the PURIM SHPIEL's rehearsal filled with songs from ABBA and Mamma Mia. You will think Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan are at the Temple. Do not miss this Friday night musical extravaganza on March 2, accompanied by our very own NISHAMAH.

Kudos to Cantor David and our Director of Education Deborah Tract for taking hold of the Hollywood side of the Temple for another rip roaring Purim Shpiel from Ganedin (Hebrew for heaven).

For those families looking for second night Passover seder excitement and have no other place to go, do not forget that on Saturday night, March 31st at 6:00 pm, Rabbi Kail will lead our congregational families in a traditional Seder accompanied by music and song. Rabbi Kail will bless us with religious relief. Please look for the Temple blasts about our Seder and make sure to call and reserve your spot.

From my family to yours, may nothing bad befall any of our Temple families. Live long and prosper.....AMEN

Respectfully,

Michael Wilner, President

michaelwilner@danielgale.com

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If you have Facebook and have not already "liked" the Temple Or Elohim Facebook page, please do! There are lots of great updates and reminders.

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There's no need to constantly look us up!



Religious School:

Shalom Friends!

March Madness is here.....On March 2, 2018, we will celebrate Shushan Purim! Join me and the "Esther Mia" cast, as we celebrate Purim, the story of courage and triumph. We will take you back to Shushan, a Persian town through the songs of "Mama Mia" and the music of Abba! Bring your friends, family and neighbors as we pay tribute to the "Dancing Queen", Esther! It will be a Purim extravaganza with a Megillah reading, our band Nishamah and a service filled with RUACH!



On Friday evening, March 9, 2018, our Monday Fast Forward 5th/6th grade students will lead our congregation in worship with prayer, song, D'var Torah and a celebration of "Shabbat Across America."

On Sunday, March 11, 2018, our 5th graders invite all of you to visit the "Madame Esther's Living Wax Museum". Our students have been working diligently to prepare for their grand debut of prominent Jewish figures that have made a lasting impression: Sport players, entertainers, leaders and perhaps a notable figure from our Bible. Come and take a walk down memory lane to learn about all the famous Jewish people who have contributed significantly to our world today.

On the same day, TOE's Religious School will host a community wide Purim Carnival that is also a fundraiser for our school. All proceeds raised go directly back into our school, to provide enrichment programs for our children. DJ, Bounce House, NEW GAMES, Plainview/Old Bethpage Robotics' Team, prizes, food and more will bring hours of fun to children of all ages.

A huge thank you to our Purim Carnival Co-Chairs Kim Brodsky and Allison Damast, as well as the entire committee for their time, efforts and dedication.

We are now accepting items for gift baskets and raffles. Please ask the restaurants, salons, boutiques, cleaners and any establishment you patronize for a donation! On behalf of the TOE's Religious School Faculty, I want to extend a huge thank you in advance for your ongoing support and generosity to our school's mission, to provide a meaningful and concrete Jewish education for all children.

On March 16, 2018, our Thursday Fast Forward Class and our Tuesday/Thursday 5th/6th graders will lead our congregation in worship with our Nishamah Band. Our students have worked very hard and are excited to ascend to the Bema. They will deliver a meaningful and heartfelt service.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Kabbalat Shabbat Services, our Wax Museum, our Purim Extravaganza fundraiser and our very own Jericho on Broadway's production of "Esther Mia."

B'Shalom,
Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education
(516)433-9888 Ext. 15

B'nai Mizvahs:

March 17, 2018
Jared Lichten
Son of Marc and Tracie

March 24, 2018
Jocelyn Freedman
Daughter of Jon and Dayna

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Men's Club:

Everyone who knows me knows that I'm a raging, incurable, incorrigible card-carrying chocoholic. Dark or milk, it doesn't matter. As I sit here writing this installment in mid-February, I find my addiction under siege yet again. It's all there. Chocolate covered cherries, an old favorite, dark chocolate covered orange peel, a childhood favorite loaded with fond memories, the chocolate covered marshmallow heart – you can't beat the classics. Wait, what is it? It looks delicious. Caramel, fudge, rich chocolate flavored coating !?!?! It's not real!

I find much in today's world is not real. Things look terrific, but underneath the style, where's the substance? I see it in the news, in the way things are reported on hearsay, rather than extensive research. I see it in people's relationships with each other, the insincere smiles and the doubletalk. I taste it in the food I eat, filled with artificial colors and flavors. I feel it in the fabric of my clothing, a really good synthetic imitation of wool or cotton. What is real these days? This wonderful Temple of ours. That's what's real. The real love. The real joy. The real way people here care about each other and the common goal of seeing our Temple healthy and thriving. This to me is better tasting than a hundred pounds of real dark chocolate covered orange peel.

So, what's new with Men's Club, you ask? Even if you didn't ask, I will tell you anyway. First up, we had a terrific post-Shabbat service movie on Friday evening, February 23rd, as we screened "Menasche," a truly heartwarming and inspiring tale of a Hasidic man working to gain custody of his young son. All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed it.

All Temple gentlemen are cordially invited to join us for our annual Men's Club dinner on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 PM at Frank's Italian Restaurant in Woodbury, across from the fire station. New members eat FREE! Please RSVP to me as soon as possible at Hellerhardware@gmail.com.

As a reminder, save April 22nd for our financial presentation hosted by our own Mike Mogavero. It promises to be entertaining and informative. More details to follow.

Also save Sunday, April 29th for our spring dinner and movie night, once again featuring our very own master chef Ken Gerome's melt-in-your-mouth pastrami, corned beef and turkey. Look for more details in next month's Shofar and e-mail blasts.

Finally, our annual night out at Citi Field to see the Mets is coming up on May 31st. A night out at Citi Field is always fun! We hope to see all of you there. Keep an eye out for more details in the April Shofar and email blasts..

The Men's Club is always on the lookout for new ideas for events and ways that we can better serve our Temple and community at large. If you have an idea, please, by all means, send it in!

So friends, don't go crazy at the Valentine's Day candy clearance sales and always keep it real.

Until we meet again, please be kind to one another.

All The Best,
Mark

WHAT IS ROUND TABLE RAP ?

ROUND TABLE RAP meets one Sunday morning a month over bagels and coffee to discuss topics in the News brought in by members. Discussions are lively and friendly. Samples of topics recently discussed include: The ME Too Movement; The Upcoming Olympics in Korea; The movement of the US embassy to Jerusalem; 3D printers and medicine.

Round Table Rap was originally formed for TOE members 55 and over but is open to all congregants.

For our upcoming meetings or additional information see Temple bulletins or contact:

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March Birthdays

1 Evan Damast	9 Joan Baiman	16 Steven Peller	24 Avery Mark
1 Barry Leff	9 Taylor Brecher	16 Roslind Vermut	24 Abe Milstein
1 Spencer Moore	9 Daniel Flatow	17 Emily Goodkin	25 Wendy Bruno
1 Mary Ann Schwartz	9 Noah Svetcov	17 Sophia Goodkin	26 Gary Miller
1 Max Sigler	10 Maddox Felsen	18 Paul Kazan	26 Sandra Simon
1 Jonathan Spivak	11 Ellen Eilberg	18 Erna Leff	26 Donna Wolff
1 Jonathan Wiener	11 Richard Jankowitz	18 Susan Levine	28 Alan Geller
2 Miriam Rosen	11 Marilyn Kellman	18 Jamie Maldow	28 Stephanie Lerner
3 Gavin Baeringer	11 Ilyssa Pastolove	18 Benjamin Skopicki	28 Melanie Roth
3 Joanne Blutter	11 Matthew Pisarz	18 Sarah Wilner	29 Kayla Blank
3 Caitlyn Schultz	11 Laramie Sperling	19 Ricky Becker	29 Meredith Epstein
4 Jason Senzon	11 Mark Starr	19 Jeanette Koster	29 Jacob Lefkowitz
4 Natalie Sklar	12 Rose Bruy	19 Andrew Sommer	29 Steven Ross
5 Ian Reddock	13 Marilyn Bertan	20 Dana Aronowitz	30 Liam Bekerman
5 Adam Everard Wactlar	13 Paige Hutner	20 Hanna Bruy	30 Kyle Corey
6 David Berg	13 Lara Scher	20 Laura Cohen	30 Talia Dvis
6 Michael Stekol	13 Theodore Zucker	20 Marc Greenberg	30 Larry Menkes
7 Theo Azizollahoff	14 Natalie Becker	20 Andrea Kislik	30 Erica Zion
7 Samantha Etess	14 Abigail Kleinman	20 Marilyn Rose	31 Kimberly Ballen
7 Jeffrey Getelman	14 Mark Sklar	21 Eli Ginsberg	31 Samantha Coleman
7 Oren Gold	14 Sam Tract	23 Alison Beller	31 Jennifer Hatz
7 Meredith Kaufer	15 Matthew Beckerman	23 Chase Brodsky	31 Robin Levine
7 Amy Kotowitz	16 Trey Freedman	23 Jordyn Landman	31 Douglas Miller
8 Pearl Jacobs	16 Barry Lawrence Hauptman	23 Michelle Weiss	31 Erica Lauren Ross
8 David Kislik	16 Abigail Katz	24 Eric Battino	31 Darien Schultz
8 Marc Weinstein	16 Vanessa Katz	24 Carolyn Jaenisch	31 Brian Schwartz



March Anniversaries

3 Irwin & Barbara Ross
10 Evan & Allison Damast
21 Eric & Arlene Roth
26 Lon & Lisa Goldstein
26 Daniel & Kim Sternick
29 Mark Osnowitz & Joan Ritter
31 Dennis & Karen Blinder

Yahrzeits – March 2018:

Week of March 2

Arlene Abrams, Sam Adler, Belle Becker, Gussie Belkin, Leon Blick, Sidney M. Blumenthal, John W. Brady, David Brown, Robert Cohan, Sylvia Feinstein, Regina Franco, Estelle Friedman, Donald Gerome, Herbert Grayson, Samuel Greenberg, Adolph Hersh, Arleen Kaye, Robert Lobell, Abraham Minchenberg, Norbert Neumann, Helen Potashnick, Ben Raisman, Herman Resnick, Samuel Rodin, Sol Rome, Saul Sachs, Bertha Schatzki, Gloria Schechterman, Marta Schlachet and Annette Woliner

Week of March 9

Irving Behar, Henrietta Bohrer, Nathan Burg, Rose Chafetz, Herman Nathan Cohen, Estelle Diamond, Philip Dinofsky, Shirley Dratler, Esther Epstein, Molly Finkelstein, Edward Flax, Abraham Fox, Morris Garelick, Shirley Gelber, Stewart Gluck, Jacob Goldberg, Irwin Goldstein, Abraham Grosman, Pearl (Pat) Harnett, Harriet Kaye, Rose Kellman, Lawrence Krause, Harry Lewis, Frances Helen Moed, Matthew Mogavero, Louis Nackman, Otto Napell, Elliot Newman, Esther Kellman, Peterman, Dora Schwartz, Charles Smith, Murray Sohmer, Abe Stein, Ruth Teichholz, Joseph Wapnick and Samuel Zimmerman

Week of March 16

Marion Blum, Sarah Dinofsky, Charles Ettinger, Fay Fink, Adam Daniel Goldblatt, Albert Goldman, Jerry Greenwald, David Seth Hauptman, Ida Hill, Tristen Jacob Isserles, Beatrice Kaufman, Seymour S. Lanton, Arthur Lippman, Phyllis Newman, Lillie Perl, Lillian (Libby) Piken, Samuel Pinto, Noima Rabunski, Elsie Rosenberg, Sherman Scheinthal, Rebecca Seiden, Harry Shopsin, Bessie Singer, Stanley Strauss, Rose Tabacoff and Martin Wolkoff

Week of March 23

Bertha Adler, Sylvia Blum, Julius Citron, Hyman Edelman, Philip Fine, Isidore Finkelstein, Louis Ginsberg, Susan Haber, Alex Hantman, Louis Kessler, Julie Kline, Jack Lamel, Abraham Lish, David Lubard, Patricia Mallamud, Jeanette Rauch, Solomon Rauch, Anna Rumaker, Herbert Schwartz, Dora Stein, Thelma Stuppler, Bertha Theodore, Blanche Vandow, Gloria Wasserman, Irving Weiner, Sylvia Weisbrod, Abraham Weiss and Joseph Ziporkes

Week of March 30

Elaine Achenbaum, Sadik Battino, Gertrude Belenko, Harry Bilfeld, George Cohen, Jack Eisenberg, Herman Epstein, Milton Flaum, Joseph Getelman, Mary Goscinsky, Sol Isserles, Sarah Kohler, Louis Lerner, Dean J. Leslie, David Levine, Herbert Lucas, Gerald Paul, Samuel Peters, Louis Piken, Abraham Rebold, Frank Reichenthal, Jacob Rothstein, Jacob Saltz, Judy Scheman, Herbert Schirmer, Alvin Senzon, Lenka Strasser, Kay Weintraub and Jack Weissman

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Torah Notes:February 25-March 3 - Ki Tisa (Exodus 30:11-34:35)

This Torah portion begins discussing the creation of the Sanctuary. Israelites are asked to contribute a half shekel of silver to create it. God places "wise hearted" artisans Betzalel and Aholiav in charge of the Sactuary's construction. The Torah portion then switches abruptly to Moses, who did not return from Mt. Sinai quick enough for the anxious Israelites. They create a golden calf and begin to worship it. Upon seeing the Israelites dancing to an idol, a distressed Moses break the tablets containing the Ten Commandments. After begging for God's forgiveness Moses again receives the Ten Commandments once more.

March 4-10 - Vayakjel-Pekudei (Exodus 35:1-40:38)

Moses informs the Israelites about God's desire for them to build a tabernacle, which he describes in painstaking detail. The Israelites donate goods, time and talent to the creation of this most sacred space. In addition to the Sactuary, Israelites create eight priestly garments for Aaron and his sons. When the sanctuary is completed, Moses erects it, anoints it with holy oil and ordains Aaron and his four sons as priests over Israel.

March 11-17 - Vayikra (Leviticus 1:1-5:26)

This first Torah portion from the book of Leviticus focuses around the sacred offerings at the Sactuary. It describes animal and meal sacrifices the people offer on the altar. These include an ascending offering a meal offering, a peace offering, a sin offering and a guilt offering.

March 18-24 - Tzav (Leviticus 6:1-8:36) Shabbat Hagadol

This week's Torah portion delineates the responsibilities and rights of the priests who offer sacrifices in the temple. It explains the importance of an eternal fire upon the altar and the ways sacrifices should be treated.

It is also Shabbat HaGadol, or the "Great Shabbat," which is the Shabbat immediately preceding Passover. There is a special Haftarah reading from the book of Malachi.

March 25- 31 - Pesach Day 1 (Exodus 12:21-12:51; 28:16-28:25)

This week, Pesach begins on Shabbat evening. The Torah portion we read on Saturday morning is from the book of Exodus. It discusses the final plague brought against the Egyptians, as the Israelites yearned for freedom. It discusses the Israelites journey in the middle of the night, towards freedom.

We Sorrowfully Mourn the Passing of:

Estelle Brodsky, mother of our member Neil Brodsky



Tidbits from Larry Jacobs

IN THE YEAR 49 B.C.E., Julius Caesar started a civil war against Pompey, defiled the Temple's Holy of Holies, mocked the Jewish religion and shipped thousands of Jewish slaves to Rome. Once Caesar won the war, he allowed the walls of Jerusalem to be rebuilt, instituted a taxation system that took the sabbatical year into consideration and made it possible for Jews living in the Italian peninsula to form into communities. Romans of the time noted the unusual grief displayed by Jews when Caesar was assassinated by Brutus and his cohorts.

IN THE YEAR 1180, Phillip Augustus, the new King of France, arrested large numbers of Jews while his father, Louis VII, a sometime protector of the Jews, was still alive. All Jews found in synagogue on the Sabbath were arrested. Phillip agreed to free them for 1,500 silver marks.

IN THE YEAR 1301, Andrew III of Hungary died, ending the Arpad Dynasty in Hungary. King Andrew III had reversed the anti-Jewish practices of his predecessor, insisting that Jews should enjoy all of the liberties of citizens. Things went downhill for the Jews after Andrew's death. The Jews were expelled from the kingdom in 1394 under the belief that Jews were responsible for the Black Death that wiped out one third of Europe. Many countries in Europe did the same at this time.

IN THE YEAR 1606, the Governor of Puerto Rico reported that one fifth of the white population of the island was Portuguese (most likely Conversos).

IN THE YEAR 1625, John Milton was admitted to Christs College in Cambridge at the age of 16. During his lifetime, Jews were officially not allowed to settle in the British Isles. But, like many Puritans living in the England of Oliver Cromwell, Milton saw a connection between his brand of Christianity and the Israelites. Until his eyes weakened, he read the Hebrew Bible on a daily basis and expressed a positive view of Mosaic Law. Milton also served as Secretary to Oliver Cromwell and was part of the group who negotiated for the return of the Jews to England.

IN THE YEAR 1815, General Andrew Jackson defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans. At his side were 2 Jews, famous for very different reasons – Pirate Jean Lafitte, whose mother's Sephardic family had fled the inquisition and Judah Touro, scion of the New England Touro Family (the famed Touro Synagogue).

IN THE YEAR 1852, Mt. Sinai Hospital was incorporated in New York City by Simson Sampson and 8 associates. It was the first Jewish hospital in the United States.

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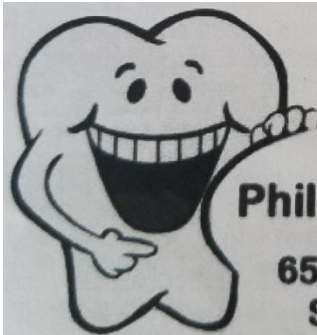
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4	5	6 Moving On meeting 7:30 PM Men's Club Dinner 7:00 PM	7	8	9 Shabbat Across America Monday Fast Forward leads Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	10 Rabbi Schwartz leads class on Albert Einstein 9:00 AM
11 Purim Carnival 11:00-1:30 PM 5th grade Wax Museum 10:30 AM	12 Sisterhood Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Ritual Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	14 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	15	16 5th/6th Tues/Thurs and Thurs FF lead Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah 7:30 PM	17 Bagels and Torah 8:45 AM Havdalah Service 6:45 PM Bar Mitzvah Jared Lichten
18 Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	19	20 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	21	22	23 Erev Shabbat Service featuring Adult Choir 7:30 PM	24 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Jocelyn Freedman
25	26	27	28	29 Passover Recess begins	30 First Seder - No Service	31 Congregational Seder 6:00 PM