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A CONGREGATIONAL SEDER FOR THE AGES



The second night of Passover was a very special one at Temple Or Elohim. Over 50 people, from toddlers to octogenarians, enjoyed our Congregational Seder. Led by Rabbi Kail and Cantor Katz, it was a night filled with infectious joy, laughter and song.

The highlight of the service was several of the children chanting the four questions together with Rabbi Kail. The energetic crowd was enthusiastically singing along with the Cantor throughout, even at the end of the festivities. Catered by Ben's, all enjoyed a smorgasbord of the usual Passover delights, including gefilte fish, brisket, chicken, tzimmes, kugel, a variety of vegetables and of course some special desserts.

Kudos to all of those who worked so hard to make our Congregational Seder so memorable: Rabbi Kail and Cantor Katz, who meticulously planned and coordinated the musical and non-musical portions of the Seder; Laurel Fried along with Neil Miller, supervised the entire event, including the ordering and preparation of the food and the set-up of our social hall for the occasion; our custodians Greg and Rich, who made sure everything that needed to get done that night in fact got done; Nancy and Goldie who did all the "behind the scenes" preparation and a very special thank you to Robin Grossman, who although she could not attend the Seder, nevertheless provided invaluable assistance during the critical set-up time.

While we all like to end our Seders with the phrase "Next year in Jerusalem", if you don't make it to Jerusalem for Passover 2019, why not experience the unique joys of our temple family at the second Seder next year! All people of all ages, whether temple members or not, are welcome.

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We encourage our members to submit articles, photos, and simchas for us to include in future issues. We also welcome suggestions for future issues. Please contact Esther Reich at: (917)922-4993 or Shofar@templeorelohim.com.

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Please call Deena Yaris at (516)433-0771.**Rabbi Requests Information:**

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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Fri.	May 4	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	May 5	Bagels & Torah	8:45 AM
Fri.	May 11	Erev Shabbat Service Featuring Nishamah 7 th Grade Moving Up Staff Appreciation Ceremony	7:30 PM
Sat.	May 12	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	May 18	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	May 19	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Ryan Hudzik	10:00 AM
Sun.	May 20	Shavuot Service & Yizkor	10:00 AM
Fri.	May 25	Erev Shabbat Service Featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	May 26	Shabbat Service B'nei Mitzvah Sydney and Michael Sabesan	10:00 AM

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:

Shavuot is a unique holiday. Falling around the time of graduations and end of the year celebrations, Shavuot rarely receives the attention it deserves. This year, we will celebrate Shavuot on the morning of Sunday, May 20th.

The Torah carefully describes many of our most sacred holidays. It includes the dates on which we celebrate them. For example, Rosh Hashanah takes place on the first of the month of Tishrei, while Sukkot is on the 15th. We begin celebrating Passover on the 15th of Nisan. Shavuot, however is an exception. Rather than giving Shavuot its own official day, the Torah tells us to count 49 days from Passover's second evening. On the fiftieth day, we celebrate Shavuot.



The rabbis puzzle over the connection between these two seemingly incongruous holidays. While Passover and Shavuot share similarities (they are both originally harvest holidays), they have a fair number of differences as well.

The late comedian Alan King aptly summarized Passover in one pithy line: "They tried to kill us; we won; lets eat!" On Passover we recall the suffering and oppression we endured under Pharaoh's rule. We celebrate our resilience, God's miracles and Moses' leadership in helping us march towards freedom. We do a fair amount of eating as well, with Passover tables overflowing with matzo, gefilte fish, eggs, kugel and other Passover delights.

Shavuot, in contrast, is not about overcoming evil plots or oppressive forces. It is about receiving the Torah from God. On Shavuot, thousands of years ago, the Jewish people gathered around Mount Sinai and received the Ten Commandments. Each year on Shavuot, we gather in temple to reaffirm our commitment to Jewish learning, community and values.

The rabbis speak about the spiritual ascent these two holidays represent. The Israelites' liberation from Egypt was not an ending point, but a beginning. For fifty days, the Israelites marched in the desert, grappling with the concept of Jewish identity, before God responded with words of Torah. The rabbis teach that on Passover, the Israelites began their courtship with God. Shavuot was their wedding day and the Torah their ketubah.

Each year, their pairing of Passover and Shavuot enables us to consider our own Jewish identities. On Passover, we define ourselves by our ability to overcome oppression which has plagued us in every age. On Shavuot, we define ourselves not by what we have been through but rather who we aspire to become. On Passover, we celebrate physical liberation; on Shavuot, we celebrate spiritual connection and commitment.

This year, we will celebrate Shavuot as a community on Sunday, May 20th, beginning at 10am. Temple Or Elohim is proud to offer a family-friendly service full of music, poetry, and Torah. Afterwards, we will enjoy traditional dairy foods. Stay tuned for more exciting additions in works. I hope to see you there!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Cassi Kail

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B'nei Mitzvah:

May 19, 2018

Ryan Mia Hudzik

Daughter of Colette Paul and Oren Gold



May 26, 2018

Sydney and Michael Sabesan

Daughter and Son of Alana and Peter

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to
Ron and Elyse Burger on the birth of their new
grandson Dylan Marcus Burger,
son of Allyson and Jeffrey Burger!



From Our Cantor:

Shalom and welcome to the Spring! It's that time of the year again to get out without worrying about the cold and come enjoy the fabulous temple you are a part of. This month couldn't be a better time either. We have a jam packed month ahead of us.



But before I get into this month, I have to reflect back on our last month and its services and events. First and foremost, I must thank every one of you who sent cards and get well wishes to me and my family during my stint with a broken foot. We appreciated it all so much and felt so taken care of and supported by our temple community. I must admit, doing face to face lessons with our B'nei Mitzvot kids and studying Torah this WAY is more fun and inspiring than having lessons on the phone with my foot elevated!!! But, none-the-less, we didn't miss a beat.

We also had a fabulous second Seder during the Passover holiday here at the Temple. If you ever get a chance to come to our second Seder please do, you will have a great time.

We also had a number of beautiful B'nei Mitzvah services, even though you may not be related to or know the child, we still have our Shabbat service and you are more than welcome to attend and celebrate Shabbat and enjoy our wonderful kids chanting Torah.

Our grade led services were a sight to be seen and heard as well. We have such amazing kids here at our Temple. But, amazing kids need even more amazing teachers, and our teachers led by Deborah Tract are remarkable. It is such a joy to hear them read and lead services the way they do.

Now on to this month.....

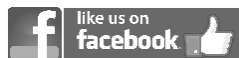
We are looking forward to our annual concert on Saturday, May 5th. I know it will be a huge success due most in part to all the people who have given their time and energy to put this concert together to make it run as smoothly as it will. I cannot thank all of you enough for your help and support for this annual event. I know that all of you who attend will be supporting one of the biggest fundraisers of the year.

For Shabbat services we have our monthly musical Shabbat on May 11th. A wonderful time to be had by all ages. Our band is the best around and the prayers never sounded better. Come and get your Shabbat on during our musical services.

Shavuot is also in the month of May. We will be having a service and Yizkor on Sunday May 20th. Please do attend and learn about the holiday of Shavuot and hear the music of the Shavuot service along with Yizkor. Don't forget all the other events and programs we have ongoing each month as well. There is always something for everyone here at temple. And we are always here for you.

B'shalom,
Cantor David Katz
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When you are on Temple Or Elohim's Facebook page, click on TURN ON NOTIFICATIONS (see the "following" box, use down arrow and check notifications) so that you will get all the latest and greatest info appearing right in your news feed.

There's no need to constantly look us up!

*We wish the very best to
Elaine Hauptman who is moving south and
Janet Weinberg who is moving west.
You will be missed.
Please keep in touch.
Remember your Or Elohim family
will always be here for you.*



President's Message:

Dear Congregational Families and Friends,

Greetings to all families and congregants at Temple Or Elohim. The first ten days of April had us feeling like winter would never end with a cold snap that kept our winter coats ready at hand. I trust everyone's Pesach was filled with family and friends as the bonding and intimate family moments filled our memories with pleasant thoughts for the months to come. Regardless if you were Pesach vacationing in warmer climates or here in NY, I am sure Eliyahu and Miriam found everyone's seder goblets to secure the miracle at our Passover tables. My family escaped to sunny Miami where the hotel we stayed at was filled with 1,000 Syrian religious families sectioned off for Kosher L'Pesach culinary delights for the entire week. It was something special to watch and behold.



The month began with a beautiful Shabbat service followed by Yizkor ending with a light breakfast. This was one of the few times that Yizkor fell on Shabbat, so we had a chance to also read from the Torah.

Our 7th grade Yom Hashoah program on Thursday 4/12 was a rousing success as our Director of Education Deborah Tract was once again able to secure a survivor of the holocaust to educate our children about our legacy of always remembering "Never to forget". Great job Deborah.

The month was filled with countless meetings with the balance of April filled with B'nei Mitzvah services every Shabbat. Great job Cantor David in preparing these B'nei Mitzvah students for their future Torah responsibilities. Nishamah once again filled our sanctuary with music on 4/20 & 4/27. Third and fourth grade students led the services with exemplary Judaic leadership qualities. Another phenomenal Deborah Tract, Director of Education, moment.

April ended with our yearly Pastrami movie night with Chef supreme Ken Gerome basting special glazing on Kosher turkey, corned beef and pastrami to heavenly perfection. Thank you Mark Heller for taking my movie suggestion with the most appropriate Jewish theme movie "The Frisco Kid." I could watch that movie over and over again. Gene Wilder was never funnier. Great job Men's Club. It was a true success.

I would like to take this moment to wish Janet Weinberg a sincere Bon Voyage for all her years of total temple dedication as she moves away to California. Her advice and years on the Ritual Committee will be missed. What will we do without you?

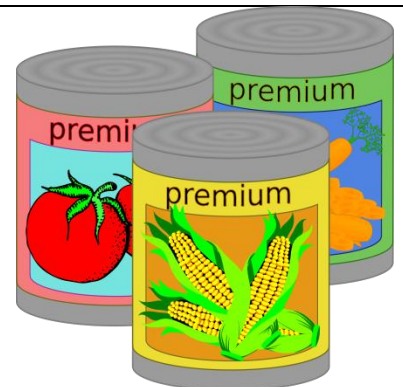
From my family to yours may nothing bad happen to our loved ones and may we as a temple blossom and thrive as our lives progress.

Respectfully,
Michael Wilner, President
michaelwilner@danielgale.com

Social Action Committee

Did you know that the Social Action Committee collects non-perishable food items all year round? Food collected will be donated to various food pantries on Long Island. So, the next time you come to the Temple bring a food item with you! Thanks!

Please reach out to Susan Levine at susanlevine318@gmail.com with any suggestions that you may have.



Religious School:

Dear Parents!

As we begin to prepare for our end of the year, I would like to reflect on a very special service that our 7th grade class led to commemorate a very dark period in our history, the Holocaust. Our young students studied and learned about the horrific destruction of six million Jews during World War II. They also learned about the courageous acts of many good people who risked their lives to save a Jew.



On April 12, 2018, our children read prayers and various readings pertaining to the Holocaust. Six Yahrzeit candles were lit, each candle representing the victims, communities, partisans, rescuers, liberators and the children. Music was heard in the ghettos and concentration camps. Cantor David Katz sang The Last Butterfly, a poem written by Pavel Friedman, who perished in Auschwitz at 23 years old. He brought tears to many when he sang Ani Ma'amin - I BELIEVE. Cantor completed our heartfelt service with Hatikvah, Israel's National Anthem. Cantor Katz's beautiful voice brought soothing comfort to all who sat in our holy sanctuary.

Following our emotional and sensitive service, we were honored to hear from our special guest and Holocaust Survivor Sol Ginsburg. Mr. Ginsburg shared his story of courage, strength and his motivation to survive. Mr. Ginsburg was born in Vilna, Poland in 1937. He and his family was deported to a Siberian village. He ended up in a Displaced Person's Camp before immigrating to Brooklyn. He shared the many details of starvation, losing family members and years later the loss of his beloved brother, Dov Ginsburg, an Israeli Hero who died saving lives in the Israeli army. Sol Ginzburg is an inspiration and his story of survival will continue to be passed down from generation to generation. Please be sure to google this exceptional man's story, so we may all continue to share his memoirs. May WE Never Forget. May WE continue to go from strength to strength. The stories of Holocaust survivors must be passed down from generation to generation. It is up to all of us to ensure that this horrific period is never forgotten or dismissed.

On May 11, 2018, our terrific 7th graders will be honored in a "Moving Up" service. They will lead our congregation in worship. They have completed years of Jewish education and it is our hope they will continue to learn in our Hebrew High School Program. On the same evening, we will pay tribute to our Clergy, Teachers and Staff for their ongoing dedication to our children. Please come and celebrate with all of us!

B'Shalom,
Deborah E. Tract
Director of Education



7th Grade Yom Hashoah Program

Men's Club:

I hope everyone had a sweet Pesach. Mine was quietly joyous – no big crowds this year, just smaller groups of friends and family. It was everything it should have been – warm, happy, free of drama and VERY filling!

One inescapably thinks of food at Pesach and thinks about what will I eat for eight days that won't make me feel so uncomfortable. The last meal before the first Seder is especially important. To me, this meal represents the plentiful and happy days of the Jews in Egypt before Pharaoh declared them a burden on the land. So, nothing less than a dieter's worst nightmare will do. This year it was Five Guys with my son, Max, double cheeseburger, fries and a black and white shake. Perfect!

The first meal after Pesach is just as significant. Pizza is the meal of choice as a rising crust represents the rising spirits upon being freed from bondage and their rising hopes for a better future.

Now that I've made everyone hungry, here's what's happening with Men's Club:

The foodies and Gene Wilder/Harrison Ford fans among us are very quickly snapping up reservations to Pastrami Night on APRIL 29th. Don't miss out on Master Chef Ken Gerome's incredible gourmet meats and the hysterical comedy of Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford in The Frisco Kid. Call Goldie in the temple office at 433-9888, ext. 14 now and make sure you have a seat at the table!

Even a Yankee fan can't help but be impressed by the Amazin' start the Mets are having. It's shaping up to be a great season for them. Why not be a part of it and join us on May 31st for Men's Club's night out at Citi Field. Tickets MUST be reserved by April 25th. THE COST IS \$40 PER TICKET. You can RSVP to the Temple office by stopping in, e-mailing Goldie at office@templeorelohim.com or calling Goldie at 433-9888, ext. 14. For more information, call Neil Miller at 659-0352.

Life at Or Elohim does not stop at June and resume in September. We have some really fun and different events planned for the summer in the works which everyone, kids, parents and grandparents will enjoy. Watch this page for more details! So, friends, until we meet again, enjoy the arrival of Spring and as usual, please be kind to one another.

All the best,
Mark



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1	Caitlin Chestler	10	Alanna Herling	18	Ethan Hatz	26	Matthew Silpe
1	Jamie Mark	11	Paula Finkelstein	18	Marnie Hutner	26	Stacy Spivack
1	Brody Walsh	11	Darren Mollick	18	Mindi Messinger	26	Jill Zeller
1	Glen Yaris	11	Paula Rosenthal	18	Philip Rubin	27	David Davis
2	Jason Barrie	11	Rabbi Arthur Schwartz	19	Renata Leavitt	27	Bernard Mark
2	Emily Kweit	11	Matthew Suroff	19	Michael Miller	27	Emma Tanner
2	Hannah Kweit	11	Janet Weinberg	19	Mark Wurtzel	29	Alex Menkes
2	Barbara Ruvin	11	Harvey Yaris	20	Sarah Cohen	29	Bonnie Oliver
2	Joshua Schanker	12	Alexa Albicocco	20	Jeffrey Etes	29	Harrison Roth
3	Stanley Friedman	12	Ross Brill	21	Glenn Hutner	29	Brian Scott Wactlar
4	Bonnie Harris	12	Neil Brodsky	21	Joshua Landsberg	30	Samantha Krauss
4	Laurence Tract	12	Allan Cohn	21	Gayle Wengrover		
5	Ethan Goltzman	12	Sloan Kass	22	Steven Ballen		
5	Danielle Paticoff	12	Aaron Sorkin	23	Stefani Lashin		
6	Richard Battino	13	Lauren Burger	23	Monte Sperling		
6	Ronald Burger	13	Ken Marcus	23	Nicole Stekol		
6	Anne Edelman	14	Marc Graber	24	Robert Perlmutter		
6	Bradley Reisman	14	Brooke Siegel	24	Brett Rosenblatt		
7	Linda Biderman	16	Emma Birnbaum	24	Daniel Sternick		
8	Emily Flax	16	Samantha Blinder	25	Jill Bachman		
8	Cory Haber	16	Louis Ginsberg	25	Daniel Karp		
8	Dylan Weiss	16	Alene Miller	25	Stacey Menkes		
9	Melissa Beekman	16	Peter Weinstock	26	Brett Goldberg		
9	Jocelyn Freedman	17	Alex Gerome	26	Robert Kandel		
9	Sahar Sorkin	17	Max Heller	26	Jordan Mollick		
9	Michael Synnott	17	Marc Stein	26	Lila Mollick		
10	Eric Finkelstein	18	Meredith Greenberg	26	Wesley Sigler		



May Anniversaries

3	Lanny & Helene Harris
6	Richard & Maria Krause
6	Ira & Lori Lampert
7	Kyle & Diane Corey
7	Craig & Debra Goldstein
8	David & Carrie Davis
16	Jay & Barbara Lubliner
17	Howard & Cathy Allen
17	Seth & Sara Azizollahoff
19	Alan & Susan Levine
25	Benjamin & Jennifer Hatz
26	Kevin & Jodi Breslin
26	Neil & Kimberly Brodsky
26	Marc & Nicole Weinstein
27	Steven & Linda Spivack
29	Robert & Cheryl Goldberg
30	Adam & Jennifer Landman
31	Michael & Cyndi Pressman

Yahrzeits – May 2018:

Week of May 4

Mark Broxmeyer, Jack B. Byck, Harry Davis, Bernie Glow, Edwin Goldfarb, Pearl Goldwyn, Anna Gottlieb, Leonard Harnett, Samuel Harnett, Sue Isaacson, Ida Kravit, Anna Ladisky, Philip Levine, Mollie Math, Robert Medvin, Minnie Messinger, Roslyn Mitchel, Leon S. Newton, Debbie Passigli, Helen Resnick, Fay Rome, Sadie Rosenberg, Nadia Saglimbeni, Morris Schanker, Morton Schultz, Leo Seiden, Anny Wolfner and Joseph Yaglom

Week of May 11

Etta Bachrach, Samuel Baiman, Anne Ball, Israel Berkenfeld, Sylvia Bilmas, Ben Cohen, Rose Cohen, Jan Czerwonka, Leonard Delman, Morris Diamond, Ida Dubovsky, Yetta Feigenbaum, Murray Fox, Murray Freilich, Rose Greenberg, Joel Haber, Joseph Jonas, Moe Krakoff, Jeffrey Marc Lanton, Leonard M. Lewis, Myron Miller, Paul Miller, Milton S. Mischel, Charles Moed, Paula Perlmutter, Rose Rader, Frances Rose, Murray Rosenthal, Leonard Ross, Anna Rubin, Joseph Sachs, Ruth Samanowitz, Florence Schwartz, Merrill Seldes, Sophie Silverman, Theodore Snyder, Lila Sobel, Etta Sussman, Bernard Teichholz, Abraham Theodore, Benjamin Weiner and George Weinstein

Week of May 18

Harry Albin, Seymour Blinder, Sylvia Blutter, Harold Bukzin, Betty Diamond, Dinner, Morris Friedman, Sylvia Herman, Jo-Anne Isenberg, Esther Jacobs, Leonard Kenger, Paula Kolson, B. Douglass Lecher, Stacey Leff, Walter Matzner, Hyman Messinger, Charles Pores, Wolf Serko, Gerald William and William Wolf

Week of May 25

Henry Babus, Carl Baine, Rhoda Bloomberg, Esther Dovin, Maurice Dratler, Salomon Elalouf, Irving Elkin, David Ellman, Harvey Finkelstein, Sidney Fried, Jeffrey Goodkin, Israel Jedeikin, Philip Kalb, Marjorie Kasner, Dora Keller, Tillie Levy, Betty Mogavero, Rosita Samuelson, Freda Charlotte, Schwartz, Herman Schwartz, Sol Schwartz, Samuel Sussman, Gussie Taylor, Harvey Weintraub, Samuel Winston and Abraham Wolf

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Torah Notes:

April 29 – May 5 Emor (Leviticus 21:1-24:23)

The Torah portion Emor begins with guidelines regarding the sacrificial offerings and the holiness of the priests themselves. Chapter 23 is concerned primarily with the dates, traditions and foods we eat on Festival holidays as well as Shabbat. After a brief discussion about a portable sanctuary called the Tabernacle, the Torah discusses a man who blasphemed against God, and the severe punishment that ensued. We are forced to ask why saying God's name in vain was seen as such an egregious error that it cost this young man his life and what "eye for an eye" really means.

May 6 - May12 Behar-Bechukotai (Leviticus 25:1-27:34)

The Torah portion discusses the Jewish concept of letting the land lay fallow. Every seven years, it instructs us to give the land a rest. During this year, we do not sow the land or prune the vineyard, but we may eat anything the land naturally produces. Every fifty years, there is a jubilee year on which the land again lays fallow. In addition, land is returned to its original owners and slaves are freed. God instructs the Israelites to keep Shabbat, take care of the sanctuary and to refrain from making idols. God promises blessings to the Israelites in exchange for them following God's law. The Torah then discusses funds, gifts and dues given to the Sanctuary. With this portion we end the book of Leviticus and declare *Chazak Chazak V'nitchazek*, "Strength, strength and may we strengthen one another."

May 13 - May19 Bamidbar (Numbers 1:1-4:20)

This first portion in the book of Numbers includes a census of all Israelite men over the age of twenty. The Torah specifically does not include the Levites in the census. Some scholars explain that the census was done to determine how many able-bodied men could go to war. Having other priestly obligations, the Levites could not be included in this number. The Torah describes the Levites' duties and responsibilities. It later goes into detail about specific priestly groups, such as the Kohathites and the priestly (Cohen) class, including Aaron and his sons.

May 20 – May 26 Naso (Numbers 4:21-7:89)

Parashat Naso is concerned with purity and impurity. God speaks to Moses about people who are ritually unclean, people who are repentant and women suspected of committing adultery. The portion discusses Nazarites, who are people who take a vow devoting themselves to God's service. This vow also forbids them from cutting their hair or drinking any alcohol. God tells Moses how to teach Aaron and his sons the Priestly benediction. To this day, the benediction is said by parents over their children each Friday night, at baby naming, brises, weddings, Holy Days, and other special occasions. Finally the portion consecrates the Sanctuary. The chieftains bring gifts and Moses and God speak within the Tent of Meeting.

May 27- June 2 Beha'alotecha (Numbers 8:1-12:16)

God instructs Moses about the menorah for the Tent of Meeting (Unlike the Hanukkah, this Menorah has 7 lights). The Torah portion explains that the Levites are to act as assistants under the priests, Aaron and his sons. Anyone who was unable to celebrate Passover in the month of Nisan is invited to observe a "second Passover." As the Israelites wander through the desert, they feel God's presence over the Tabernacle. When the cloud lifts from over the Tabernacle, they move with it, in effort to follow God's presence. The Israelites complain that there is no meat in the desert, to which God responds by giving them so much meat "it comes out of [their] nostrils." Miriam and Aaron talk about the "Cushite woman" married to Moses. In a fit of jealousy, they complain that God speaks through Moses and not through them. Miriam comes down with leprosy, Moses prays for her health and she recovers.

Tidbits from Larry Jacobs

In the year 1755, Pope Pius VI issues an edict over the Hebrews. The edict, among other things, prohibits Jews from the possession of Talmudic writings. It mandates death to Jews who pass the night outside the ghetto, prohibits Jews from selling bread or meat to Christians and forbids any Christians from entering a synagogue. This remains in effect until the arrival of Napoleon, 25 years later. Napoleon breaks down the ghetto walls. The army Marches through Europe and in effect allows Jewish life to begin.

In 1948, a ship from Yugoslavia docks at Tel Aviv. Hidden and in the ship's cargo of potatoes and onions are 500 rifles, 200 machine guns and large quantities of ammunition. Despite close scrutiny by the British, they were unloaded and delivered to the Haganah.

Warren Buffet has made investments in many companies in Israel. He said, "I am not Jewish, but Israel reminds me of the United States at its birth. The intelligence and initiative of its people are remarkable and extraordinary."

Ten days after the shooting in Parkland, Florida, the Israeli trauma Coalition was on site for teachers leading them to face the future. Unfortunately, Israelis have extensive experience from what they have experienced at home.

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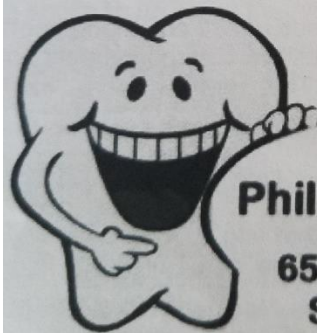
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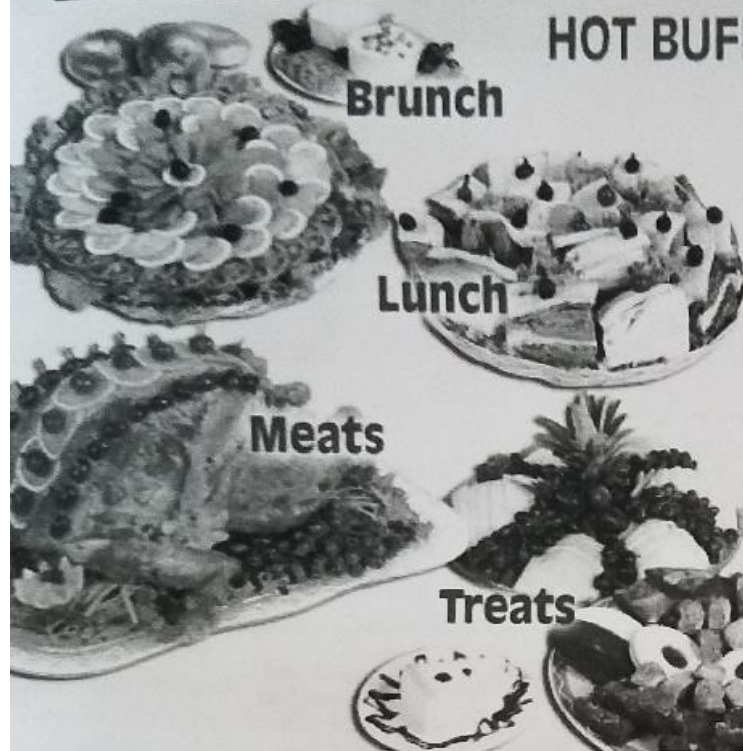
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6 Familyhood Lag B'omer S'mores & Schmooze event 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	7	8 Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM	9	10 Ritual Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	11 Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah and 7th grade Moving Up/Staff Appreciation Ceremony 7:30 PM	12
13 Mother's Day Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	14 Last Day of School Sisterhood Meeting 7:30 PM	15 Last Day of School	16 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	17 Last Day of School	18 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	19 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Ryan Hudzik
20 Shavuot Bagels & Torah 8:45 AM Service and Yizkor followed by dairy Kiddush 10:00 AM	21 Shavuot	22 Board of Trustees meeting 8:00 PM	23	24	25 Musical Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah 7:30 PM	26 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM B'nei Mitzvah Sydney and Michael Sabesan
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31 Outing to Mets game, sponsored by Men's Club		