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Message From Rabbi Goldstein

Think of the Passover Seder as our opportunity to tell our stories. Our journey from degradation to dignity. One line from the Haggadah can trigger the recognition: “My Father was a wandering Armenian.” Those few words can provoke a sacred moment when everyone at the table speaks of, or learns about, their personal histories. “Grandpa Joshua came to America from the Austro-Hungarian Empire before the Holocaust. He and his parents lived in a world that despised Jews, but they stayed true to their tradition. And long before that, my people broke the chains of 430 years of Egyptian slavery, inspired by faith and by the dream of returning to our homeland.”

That’s part of my story. Our story. Passover’s story. And the telling of it at the Seder should evoke Jewish pride in each of us.

And, in a more contemporary sense, we might even speak of the metaphorical chains that kept us enslaved to different challenges (addictions, obsessions, job loss, broken families, illness, etc.) and how we’ve tried to heroically break through. Speak, too, of how we now live at the high point of Jewish history, when our homeland exists and thrives.

Now that’s a Passover Seder that doesn’t rely on gimmicks or time restraints, but does rely on a willingness to tell our Jewish stories. Through those stories we discover purpose and meaning as we annually re-embrace our remarkable history, and the forces that brought us to this season. Chag Sameach!

APRIL 11: (Tuesday evening): Congregational Seder for the Second Night of Passover
Captain’s Inn, Forked River 5PM

APRIL 21: “Lessons of the Holocaust As We Mark Yom Ha’Shoah” 7:30PM

President's Message

Here we are in the beautiful spring-time of our year (April) and in the Hebrew month of Nisan. On the tenth of this month we celebrate a major Jewish spring festival known as Pesach and/or Passover in English. Today, this holiday is a celebration of freedom and family.

I thought about the present day's meaning of Passover and it brought to mind our rising above prejudices and working toward unity and coherence. For sure our Temple can, through collaborative and purposed endeavors become more and more prosperous and flourishing. Our year is coming to a close at the end of May and we will be welcoming an executive board of officers to continue and increase progression.

Once again, let's set aside time to assist and support the Temple in activities in which it engages. I hope by the time you receive our newsletter, many of you have participated in the Miriam Seder dedicated to women. Celebrating at this seder is a wonderful opportunity to honor Miriam and the role she played in the Jew's exodus from Egypt. Miriam was the older sister of Aaron and Moses.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Passover.

Dues Reminder

Notices for 2016 – 2017 membership dues have been emailed or mailed to each member. The dues structure has not changed for several years; \$325.00 for singles and \$650.00 for families. If your dues are not paid in full kindly speak to a member of the Finance Committee as to when you can complete payment.

Membership

Let's all pitch in and help to grow our membership....we need everyone's help to grow our congregation..we all are congregants with a mission. Reach out to your unaffiliated friends, neighbors, family members...ask them to join our spiritual community. This is of up-most importance for us to move forward as a Jewish Community and to be known in the community at large. Without our members we do not have a community..let's do this and get new members!!!

Adult Education

.....A new course listing and dates will be available soon.....

Tributes

This is a fabulous way to support our congregation..and also save yourself time and \$\$... These cards are sent for you...all you have to do is contact Joan Silverman phone; 609-698-0000 or email at Joan 341 @yahoo.com with your information...upon receipt of payment the card will be written, addressed, stamped and mailed for you....what could be easier?!?! Think of sending these cards for a Simcha, Life Cycle Event, Birthday, whatever needs to be celebrated. Your donation will be a tax deduction for you and income for our congregation!! Remember.....time saving for you, assistance for our congregation!!!

To: Norma Kimmelman.

Sincere condolences on the passing of Cousin Edie. May her memories live on and be a comfort and blessing to you.

From: Hope Gardiner



April

Fran & Joe Breese

04/07

Helen & John Cocuzza

04/28



Birthdays are always something to celebrate

April

David Jonas

04/11

Beatrice Michelson

04/12

Congratulations on your 101st Birthday!



Yahrzeits

יתגדל בראבא

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing

	First Year	
09/20/2016	Maralyn Ricciardi	Companion of Jack Crespy and Founding Member
	April	
04/06	Bernard Lewis	Father of Sam Lewis
04/10	Paul Taub	Cousin of Cyndy Friedland
04/12	Jon Brody	Cousin of Justin Friedland
04/22	Nancy Oliva	Friend of Cyndy Friedland
04/26	Sylvia Chasanoff	Mother of Deanna Bovasso
04/27	Jack Silverman	Father of Terry Silverman
	May	
05/01	Albert Hanok	Uncle of Helen Cocuzza
05/01	Joseph Flum	Father of Charles Flum
05/02	Herb Feldhuhn	Husband of Marlene Feldhuhn
05/05	Ted Cohen	Father of Phil Cohen
05/07	Christine Kaplan	Sister of Dolly Weiss
05/17	Matthew Dunn	Father of Robert Dunn
05/24	Isadore Levy	Father of Allan Levy
05/25	David Crespy	Father of Jack Crespy
05/26	Shirley Levy	Mother of Allan Levy
05/28	Adele Berlin	Aunt of Syble Bleiweis
05/29	Eric Kriesler	Son of Mark and Rena Kriesler
May	Alice Breese	Mother of Joe Breese
May	Aaron Shapinsky	Uncle of Helen Cocuzza

Oneg Sponsorship

Do you or your family have a Simcha to share with our congregation? What better way to celebrate than sponsoring an Oneg! We offer several levels that can be sponsored. \$50, \$75, and \$100. Our Onegs include wine, juice, challah and other desserts. The upper levels include fruit and extras to enhance the Oneg. Kindly contact Madelyn Dunn at 609-660-1614 to reserve your date.

Fundraising News

FEATURED FUNDRAISING EVENTS

DONATE YOUR GENTLY-USED OLD CLOTHES...LINENS...SHOES...HANDBAGS

WE ARE HAVING A CLOTHING DRIVE APRIL 17 TO APRIL 23. YOU MAY BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO SHABBAT SERVICES ON FRIDAY APRIL 21ST OR DROP THEM OFF AT THE HOME OF MADELYN DUNN, 148 LEEWARD ROAD, MANAHAWKIN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MADELYN AT 609-660-1614.



TOUCH-A-TRUCK

THE STAFFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS HOSTING A TOUCH-A-TRUCK AT MANAHAWKIN LAKE PARK, MANAHAWKIN (WHERE WE CELEBRATE TASHLICH EACH YEAR) FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM. CONGREGATION SHA'AREY HA-YAM WILL HAVE A TABLE AND WILL BE SELLING TRUCKS (SMALL ONES!) AND FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY. IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME AND CAN HELP OUT, PLEASE CALL CYNDY FRIEDLAND (609-698-4459).



SHOPRITE...GIFT CARDS

SO, LET'S DISCUSS WHAT GOES ON WITH THE SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS....OUR CONGREGATION SELLS THESE GIFT CARDS AS A FUNDRAISER....IT'S A VERY PAINLESS PROCESS!! ANYONE CAN PURCHASE THESE CARDS...THEY ARE IN INCREMENTS OF \$25, \$50, OR \$100.

THE PLUS TO THIS FUNDRAISER IS.....

- #1..YOU WRITE YOUR CHECK TO THE CONGREGATION**
 - #2..THIS IS THE SAME AS USING CASH AT SHOPRITE, NOTHING DIFFERENT**
 - #3..YOU ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR DISCOUNTS, USE COUPONS, QUALIFY FOR SALE PRICES, ETC. IF YOU USE THE GIFT CARD**
 - #4..YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP DONATE TO THE CONGREGATION.....WE EARN 5% ON EVERY \$100 WE SELL...**
 - #5..IT DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING OUT OF POCKET...YOUR PURCHASE OF THE SHOPRITE GIFT CARD IS THE TOTAL VALUE YOU GET TO SPEND IN SHOPRITE...**
 - #6..CURRENTLY, APPROXIMATELY 12 MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNDRAISER...IF EVERYONE PARTICIPATES, WOW...SUCCESS!!!**
- HELEN COCUZZA (609-978-8653), LAURA MILLER (609-713-1771), AND MADELYN DUNN (609-660-1614) ARE THE KEEPERS OF THESE CARDS....REACH OUT TO THEM AND BE A SUPPORTER!! THEY HAVE CARDS AT EVERY SERVICE...**



TRIBUTE CARDS

TRIBUTE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM JOAN SILVERMAN 609-698-0000. THIS IS A

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GREAT WAY TO DONATE TO OUR CONGREGATION WHILE CELEBRATING SIMCHAS, ACKNOWLEDGING BIRTHS, WEDDINGS, GET WELL WISHES, ETC. NON-JEWISH INDIVIDUALS CAN ALSO RECEIVE THESE CARDS!! TRIBUTE CARDS WILL BE MAILED AS SOON AS RECEIPT OF PAYMENT IS MADE.

Amazon Smile

When shopping at www.SMILE.Amazon.com you can designate REFORM JEWISH COMMUNITY of BARNEGAT (there are no additional fees, the congregation makes a percentage).

TD Bank Affinity Program

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to our Congregation simply based on the activity of our member's TD bank accounts. All you need to do is go into your local TD Bank OR visit Dorothy Lassik in the Manahawkin branch (609-978-1112). Tell her (or your local branch) you are a member of "The Reform Jewish Community of Barnegat" and that you want to participate in the Affinity Program. At the end of the year, TD Bank will make a contribution of \$10.00 per enrolled checking account to us – **no funds come from your accounts**. For every new checking account, TD Bank will make a 1-time contribution of \$50.00 to our congregation.

Board of Trustees

There next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7 PM at the home of Cyndy Friedland. If you would like to attend, please contact Syble at (609)978-4240.

2017 (5777) Shabbat & Holiday Services Dates/Times

April 2017

Tuesday, April 11, 6 PM (**2nd Night Seder**)

Friday, April 21, 7:30 PM

May 2017

Friday, May 5, 7:30 PM

Friday, May 19, 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 21, 7:00 PM (**Annual Congregation Meeting**)

June 2017

Friday, June 2, 7:30 PM

Friday, June 16, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times and Holiday Calendar						
April 2017/5777						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 5 Nissan
2 6 Nissan	3 7 Nissan	4 8 Nissan	5 9 Nissan	6 10 Nissan Feast of Esther	7 11 Nissan Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:09 PM	8 12 Nissan
9 13 Nissan	10 14 Nissan 1 st Passover Seder	11 15 Nissan Passover	12 16 Nissan Passover	13 17 Nissan Passover	14 18 Nissan Passover Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:16 PM	15 19 Nissan Passover
16 20 Nissan Passover	17 21 Nissan Passover First Day of Spring	18 22 Nissan Passover Tax Day	19 23 Nissan	20 24 Nissan	21 25 Nissan Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:24 PM	22 26 Nissan
23 27 Nissan	24 28 Nissan Yom Ha'Shoah	25 29 Nissan	26 30 Nissan Administrative Professionals Day	27 1 Iyar Take our Daughters and Sons to Word Day	28 2 Iyar Arbor Day Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:31 PM	29 3 Iyar
30 4 Iyar						

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees			
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Temple Committees	
Committee	Chair/Membership
Music/Choir	Cyndy Friedland, Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Syble Bleiweis, Helen Cocuzza
Finance	<u>Treasurer, Robert Dunn</u> Financial Secretary, Cyndy Friedland President, Syble Bleiweis
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Greeters	Hope Gardiner, Rhona Levy, Myles Levy
Hospital Visits	Jack Crespy
Membership	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman, Helen Cocuzza
Newsletter	Helen Cocuzza
Oneg & Dinners	<u>Madelyn Dunn</u> Filomina Jonas
Education	Phil Miller, Helen Cocuzza
Ritual	<u>Allan Levy</u> Jack Crespy, Charles Flum, Mike Weiss, Helen Cocuzza
Tributes & Get Well	Joan Silverman
Yahrzeits	Helen Cocuzza

Kibbitz Corner

General Announcements

Local Events:

American Cancer Society, Relay For Life

Friday April 28 – 3 PM Barnegat High School, Barnegat, NJ

Saturday May 20– 2 PM to Midnight, Southern Regional High School, Manahawkin, NJ.*

**There will be a luncheon for survivors (meaning anyone with cancer who is 1 day from diagnosis – doesn't matter if you are still in treatment or have successfully achieved remission or are CURED!) plus 1 caregiver, from 1 to 3. If you would like to participate in the Southern Ocean Relay and/or attend the Survivor's Luncheon on 5/20, please contact Helen Cocuzza (201-370-8927) to make arrangements.*

Touch-A-Truck

The Stafford Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Touch-A-Truck at Manahawkin Lake Park, Manahawkin (where we celebrate Tashlich each year) from 11 AM to 4 PM.

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam will have a table and will be selling trucks (small ones!) and flowers for Mother's Day. If you have some time and can help out, please call Cyndy Friedland (609-698-4459).



On Wednesday April 5, Congregations Sha'arey Ha-Yam and Beth Am Shalom held a joint Miriam's Seder. All the women had a great time celebrating the prophetess Miriam and the important part she played in our ancestor's exodus from Egypt.....hopefully this will be an annual event.





On Tuesday April 11, Rabbi Goldstein led our annual 2nd Night Seder. Everyone had a wonderful time, commemerating and celebrating our ancestor's release from bondage in Egypt.



Congratulations to winner of the Miriam's Cup Raffle....Phil Miller!



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Back by popular demand.....here's a recipe for Passover Brownies.....

PASSOVER AWESOME BROWNIES

Ingredients

4 eggs

2 cups white sugar

1 cup unsalted butter, melted

6 TBS matzo cake meal

1 cup cocoa powder (Ghiardelli is best)

1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (OPTIONAL)

**FROSTING

4 oz. Semi-sweet chocolate melted (either squares or chocolate chips)

1 TBS Crisco® melted

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°. Line with aluminum foil and grease a 9" x 9" inch* baking pan.

In a medium size mixing bowl, blend eggs, sugar and butter. Mix in matzo meal, cocoa powder and nuts. Transfer batter to prepared baking pan.

Bake for 35 minutes.*

For frosting, blend chocolate and Crisco® in microwaveable dish, slowly, until melted. Spread over COOLED brownies.

*If you use an 8 x 8 pan it may seem to be very jiggly after 30 minutes. If it's VERY jiggly and a toothpick inserted in center is VERY wet, return to oven for about 5 minutes. It will still look not completely cooked, but it is and will set up nicely. You don't want to overcook these brownies.

** You can use the above recipe for a frosting on the completely cooled brownies OR you can use Duncan Hines icing and decorate each individual cut brownie. I use the vanilla and it tastes and looks great. ALSO it looks great to simply dust the brownies with confectioner's sugar AFTER they've been cut

NOTE: Brownies should be cooled before cutting into 2" pieces (2x2)