

# REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

*"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."*

EXODUS 25:8

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## ANNUAL MATZOH FUND DINNER

*Proceeds go to the needy for Passover*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011  
5:00 P.M.**

## WOMEN IN JUDAISM PRE-PASSOVER SEDER LEARN-IN & DINNER

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH  
5:30 P.M.**

*Cynthia Zalisky, Lecturer  
Noreen Daniel, Chair*

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## COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER MONDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

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**Seder to Begin at 7:15 P.M.**

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## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

The tales and commentaries surrounding the Pesach celebration, and the retelling of the Exodus from Egypt are legend. And why not?

Letziat Mitzrayim, the going out from Egypt, is the central historical moment of the Bible, and serves the rabbinic tradition as the verification of G-d's promise of future redemption for the Jewish people and the world.

The Pesach Haggadah reminds us that each of us must see himself/herself as if he/she personally has been freed from the bondage of Egypt. Indeed, many of us have lived through experiences in the course of which we have felt as if we have been liberated.

I share with you the following "Pesach Tales" in the hope that they may provide you with additional insights into the significance of our Festival of Freedom, and may make this Pesach a more meaningful holiday for you and your loved ones.

When Moses said to the Israelites, "In this month you are to be redeemed," they said to him, "Our teacher Moses, how can we be redeemed, seeing that we have no good deeds to our credit?"

He comforted the people, saying, "G-d wants to redeem you, and He will discount your evil deeds, and consider the acts of righteous among you."

And so Israel was redeemed from slavery on account of the righteous, the righteous women of that generation. There were the two midwives, Shifrah and Puah, who saved the Israelite boys from being drowned in the river. There were Yocheved and Miriam, who saved the life of the infant Moses, and insured that he was imbued with a love for G-d and for his people, even as he was being raised in Pharaoh's court. And there were the countless Israelite women, who risked their lives to ensure that the Children of Israel continued to multiply in Egypt, in spite of Pharaoh's forced separation of husbands and wives. For it is told that the Israelite men would sleep on the fields and the women in the city; the women came to their husbands in the fields in the mid-day with food and with words of love and comfort, and they were together and they bore children.

And thus it is said: through the merits of the righteous women, the Israelites were redeemed from Egypt.

Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev wanted to argue with G-d on behalf of the Jewish people. A passage in the Haggadah calls to mind one of Rabbi Levi Yitzhak's discussions with the Almighty. We read that the t'filin, "a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead," are to remind us "that with a mighty had the L-rd freed us from Egypt." In his quest for the redemption of the Jews of his generation, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak confronted G-d with the following argument:

"Master of the universe," he said, "when a Jew drops his t'filin on the floor, he hastily picks them up and kisses them. Your t'filin, Your people Israel, have been laying on the ground for nearly two thousand years. Why do You let them lie there, trodden underfoot? When will You gather up Your t'filin and embrace them?"

If the Haggadah teaches us, that, the redemption of Israel from Egyptian bondage is a foreshadowing of G-d's ultimate redemption of his people, then Rabbi Levi Yitzhak wanted to know, what was holding things up?

In a similar vein the Berdichever commented on the blessing with which the narrative portion of the Haggadah ends - "Blessed are You, L-rd, who had redeemed Israel." Rabbi Levi Yitzhak asked, "How dare we recite this blessing in the past tense? The true redemption is yet to come!"

He responds to this question with a parable - "A child asks his father for a cookie, but the father refuses to let him have one. If the child is smart, he will shout the blessing, 'Blessed are You...who creates the species of grain.' Since his father will not want him to have said a blessing in vain, he will have to let him eat the cookie. So we challenge G-d and call out, 'Blessed are You, L-rd, who has redeemed Israel.' The rest is up to Him."

In the Dayeinu we say: "Had He given us the Torah, Dayeinu, it would have been enough."

We all stood at the foot of Mount Sinai, and we all heard the divine pronouncement. But what exactly did we hear?

Rabbi Mendel of Rymanov taught that we heard the "immense aleph," only the first sound of the first word of the first commandment, the aleph of Anochi, "I am." We heard the preparation for communication. For aleph is the source of articulate sound, encompassing the whole alphabet, and all human discourse.

It remained for Moses and his heirs to translate the sound, to interpret and communicate the substance.

"The Torah contains, in actuality or in embryo, all knowledge, all wisdom," say the Sages.

Everything our teachers have taught us through the ages was already made known on Moses at Sinai. Continuity of revelation is maintained, as the sages of each generation draw out from the aleph, the lessons of the Torah for their age. And our prayers are addressed to G-d, who gives us the Torah every day, in the hope that every day we will receive it and fulfill it anew. Amen!

The Rebbetzin and I wish everyone a happy and meaningful Festival.

Chag Kasher Vi-Sameach,  
Rabbi Samuel Waidenbaum

**ANNUAL CENTER MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011  
7:30 P.M.**

**ELECTION OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2011**

The following have been proposed by the Nominating Committee for the office of Trustee, 2011 - 2014.

Jack Alkana  
Sandi Goodman  
William Katz  
Martin Novzen  
Jay Parker  
Jack Siegel  
Ruthe Unger

There was also a petition received by the nominating committee from the following member:

Donald Weinberg

At this meeting, ballots will be given out to all members in good standing who attend. Refreshments served.

**RABBI'S  
WEEKLY TORAH CLASS**

**Rabbi Waidenbaum leads  
a class & discussion  
on the Weekly Torah Portion  
Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.  
following evening services.**

**SELLING OF CHOMETZ**

A certificate authorizing the sale of chometz appears on page in this Bulletin and is also available outside the Center office. You may mail in your form or you may come and sell your chometz directly to Rabbi Waidenbaum according to the following schedule:

Monday, April 11	7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
Wed., April 13	5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 14	5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
Sunday, April 17	8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.
Monday, April 18	7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
Monday, April 18	Siyum Bechorim Fast of First Born - 7:00 A.M.
Monday April 18	Last time to eat chometz- 10:40 A.M.
Monday, April 18	burning of chometz at RPJC - 11:45 A.M.

If you mail in your form, please call to make sure it was received.

*Chometz that was sold may be eaten*

**YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST  
COMMEMORATION**

**SUNDAY MORNING,  
MAY 1, 2011  
11:00 A.M.**

Join us for a moving candle lighting ceremony, marking the destruction of Six Million.

Names of those who perished will be read and the Av-ha-Rahamin will be chanted.

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# FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD

## *ZEMAN LEHAZKIR - A SEASON TO COMMEMORATE*

Before Chodesh Ha'Aviv - the month of Nissan - the month of Spring - all of us are turning our thoughts to the coming festival, Hag Ha'Matzot. The Passover is designed to bring to life what Abraham Joshua Heschel called "The Commandment of Faith." Again and again we are called on to remember that we were slaves in Egypt. "Sekher L'isi'at Mitzra'yim" - "and we were redeemed and we were brought out to our freedom." Now we are commanded to rid our homes of all chomets which ferments. As we are fulfilling this Mitzvah, let us also consider with what fermentation we, as individuals, are enslaved. What poisons of narrow-mindedness keep us accepting new ideas, fresh outlooks, a wide circle of friends? Are we slaves to habit, fashion, conformity? As we celebrate the deliverance of our people, may we recognize the areas in which we are living in self inflicted slavery and let us free ourselves.

As we have these thoughts in mind, we shall have our pre-Passover meeting on Monday evening, April 4th at 7:00 P.M. It will be the evening of the culmination of our raffle. We are running our raffle in order to obtain funds for the enhancements of the religious aspects of our beautiful Synagogue - and more importantly, for the support of our children - for the children attending our growing Hebrew School. L'Dor V'Dor. What we raise will be used to perpetuate our future, to provide an education for our children and to ensure that they will know how ask the "four kashes." Before we go to the excitement and anticipation of the raffle, we shall have a short program pertaining to the approaching festival of Passover. Of course, we will have and show you, from our Gift Shop, what you will need for your seders, as well as some of the beautiful items that you can use as hostess gifts to enhance the tables of friends and family. Look at our seder plates, matzoh covers, kiddush cups, etc. We also have a most beautiful hand made matzoh cover - it was embroidered by Barbara Arion and donated by her to Sisterhood. Look at it - it is very special - and would look lovely on your table. Barbara, Todah Rabah.

Those of you who attended our March meeting were well rewarded by a very informative and

enlightening afternoon arranged by Bette Engel, Special Events Director of the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare. We had a most erudite speaker advising us about different and varied aspects of mental health, especially as pertaining to seniors. This was followed by a speaker who highlighted the problems as well as different aspect of osteoporosis, falls and fractures, as well as physical and occupational therapy related with these phenomena. The final group was from North Shore hospital - it included a doctor who made us all very aware of the symptoms, causes severity and hazards of strokes. This was followed by a nurse/nutritionist who gave us very valuable nutrition advice. Finally there were two nurses who took blood pressure and gave valuable information and advice to those who requested it. Again, thank you to Bette Engel.

Once again it's Journal time! And how very special it will be this year! We are honoring our President, Romiel Daniel and his First Lady, Noreen. Now is the time to show our gratitude to them and to show appreciation to our Center for allowing and affording to us the opportunity to be a part of this extraordinary community. And can we top this? Yes we can! This year our Journal Dinner will be held at the Hollis Hills Jewish Center on July 10, 2011 - make sure that you secure at least \$200.00 in ads - or your own donation - so that you can be a part of this gala affair and pay honor to the Daniels and to our Synagogue. More next month, but remember that it is our obligation to give back to our Center what it has given to us for the past 71 years. Help Sisterhood to help the Center.

We congratulate our dear member Malka Gross on the birth of a darling granddaughter Emily Sophia on January 15th. The proud parents are Jonathan and Michele Gross. Mazal Tov to all of you.

As we sit together at our seder tables, we forget the hard work, the hustle and bustle of the past weeks, because a joyous "ruach" prevails. And as we hear the words, "and whoever is hungry,"...let us commemorate and DO.

Hag Same'ach and have "A Suessen Pesach."

Ruth Loewenstein

# SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP NEWS

## ENHANCING SPRING WITH FASCINATING EVENTS

Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator

### **REPORTS**

#### ***EXPRESSION IN THE ARTS***

Expression in the Arts stimulated and sparked the creativity in the group attending the brunch on March 27th. Leora Agron led us in producing collage art. It was fun and so exciting to see the unique, colorful pieces of art made from bits and pieces of colored cards, papers and odd items at hand. Cutting and pasting their projects were poets, story tellers, writers, actors, singers - all participating and sharing in one art.

We thank Leora and Penny for making this a most delightful experience.

#### ***THE JOYS OF PURIM***

After the Megillah reading, the Crystal Ballroom filled with a large crowd to enjoy Leah Indelman's very hilarious Purim Spiel. We thank Leah, Mildred Pelton, Charles Lehat, Jack Alkana and Bernice Mandell. The Spiel script turned history upside down. Haman's ugly daughter entered the contest to be chosen as queen; trying to give her a makeover kept the audience in gales of laughter. Ari Leshans' music and the hamantashen, made it a most enjoyable evening.

Lee Lobel-Zwang  
Event Coordinator

### ***WOMEN IN JUDAISM***

#### ***SEDER LEARN-IN AND DINNER***

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH**  
**5:30 P.M.**

featuring

**“THE NIGHT BEFORE THE  
DEPARTURE FROM EGYPT”**

**Cynthia Zalisky, Lecturer**  
**Noreen Daniel Chair**

“The year is 1275 B.C.E. Aaron and Moses return to Egypt and confront pharaoh. Only after the 10 plagues, Pharaoh allows the Israelites to leave. The Israelites eat the first Passover meal and depart the next day.”

Come learn about the 24 hours before liberation. Who attended the first seder? Now after 3,275 years, the seder has brought the special meaning of Passover, from generation to generation.

A delicious meat meal will be served. \$18.  
Please reserve by Friday, April 1st

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**SPECIAL EVENTS  
GROUP NEWS  
WISHING EVERYONE A  
HAPPY, SWEET PASSOVER**

**Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator**

***PARASHAT & HAFTARAT CLUB***

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH - 12:30 P.M.**

In the Sisterhood Room - Lite Bite

**LEVITICUS - METZORA 14.1 -15.33**

The theme of Parashat Metzora deals with the various health problems the Israelites encounter, including diagnosis and treatment. Purification and cleansing instructions are given to Moses by G-d. The treating of skin afflictions, impurities and diagnosing leprosy is detailed. Prescribed were rituals of sacrifices to purify the body from discharges of menstrual flow and nocturnal emissions. "The one to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off his hair and bathe in water." "Put the Israelites on guard against their uncleanness, lest they die by defiling My Tabernacle which is among them."

**HAFTARAT MALACHI  
(During a Leap Year) 3.4 - 3.24**

"The offerings of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of yore and in the years of old. But first I will stop forward to contend against you, and I will act as a relentless accuser against those who have no fear of Me: who practice sorcery, commit adultery, swear falsely, cheat laborers of their hire, and subvert the cause of the widow, orphans and strangers," said the Lord of host.

"I have not changed, you are the children of Jacob - you have not ceased to be from the days of your fathers. You have turned away from My laws - turn back to Me and I will turn back to you."

We look forward to an exciting discussion. Everyone is invited!

Presenters: Rabbi Samuel Waidenbaum, Romiel Daniel, Charles Lehat.

***MEN'S CLUB NEWS***

The Men's Club is happy to announce that our "Shabbat Across America" Friday services and Shabbat dinner were enjoyed by all. Men's Club members were active participants in Shabbat morning services and we followed that with a Shabbat kiddush that delighted all our congregants.

The Men's Club was pleased to bring this Shabbat pleasure to all who participated. Shabbat is a holy and unique event in the lives of Jews observed fifty-two times a year.

Now for the kudos for those who made those events possible. Thanks are gratefully extended to Lynne Goldwaser who helped coordinate the Friday night dinner. Next, wives of the few active members of the Men's Club were most helpful - Mollie Alkana, Robin Hochberg and Sheila Sasmor. Jack Siegel undertook the responsibility of ordering the delicious food, the Friday night dinner and the Shabbat kiddush, and assisted in the kitchen with Mark Hochberg, Ken Sasmor and Lionel Jean-Pierre on Friday evening and on Shabbat. And thanks to Robin Basdeo for his help during the Shabbat kiddush.

From all reports everyone had a most enjoyable time at both events which included joining Rabbi Samuel Waidenbaum in singing the Shabbat favorites and in concluding with "Grace after Meals" (Birkat Hamazon) prayer.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, April 6th at 8:00 P.M. All male members of Rego Park Jewish Center are encouraged to attend. It will be a most important meeting! "Y'all come down now - be part of the team!"

Men's Club wishes everyone a most joyous and enjoyable Passover.

Jack J. Alkana

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*Please return this form to the Rego Park Jewish Center office  
or directly to Rabbi Samuel Waidenbaum*

*Return this form by 8:00 A.M. on Monday morning, April 18, 2011.*



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The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hametz* (leaven) during Pesah. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the *hametz* to a non-Jew. The transfer, *mekhirat hametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted *hametz*. If ownership of the *hametz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this *hametz* is prohibited after the holiday as well (*hametz she-avar alav ha-Pesah*).

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hametz* during Pesah, and since many common foods contain some admixture of *hametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesah.

During the eight days of Pesah, *hametz* cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of *hametz* renders the whole admixture *hametz* and its use on Pesah is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, *hametz* follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e. it loses its identity in an admixture of one part *hametz* and sixty parts of non-*hametz*. This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesah.

What follows is a general guideline. However, your Rabbi should be consulted when any doubt arises. *Kosher le-Pesah* labels that do not bear the name of a rabbi or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting your rabbi.

Prohibited foods include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (*kitniyot*) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts, peanut oil & natural unprocessed peanut butter, if purchased prior to Pesah, are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult your rabbi for guidance in the use of these products.

**PERMITTED FOODS:** A. The following foods require no *kosher le-Pesah* label if purchased prior to Pesah: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives. (However, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover unless marked KP); sugar; pure tea; salt (not iodized); pepper, natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes see above); milk; butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese; ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and Camembert (soft) - (however, processed cheese (e.g. American) and cheese foods are not permitted); frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda.

B. The following foods require no *kosher le-pesah* label if purchased before or during Pesah; Fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes see above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a *kosher le-Pesah* label if purchased before or during Pesah: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices (These juices are often clarified with *kitniyot* which are *not* listed among the ingredients. However, if one *knows* there are no such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to Pesah without a *kosher le-Pesah*

label); canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water, has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein, - however, if it is known that the tuna is packed *exclusively* in water, without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a *kosher le-Pesah* label); wine; vinegar, liquor; oils; dried fruits; candy; chocolate flavored milk; ice cream; yogurt and soda.

D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen), require a *kosher le-Pesah* label if purchased during Pesah: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in Category C.

**DETERGENTS:** If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a *kosher le-Pesah* label.

**MEDICINE:** Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult your Rabbi. In all cases, capsules are preferable.

**KASHERING OF UTENSILS:** The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (*ke-voleo kakh*

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halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (*ke-voleo kakh poleto*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

A. *EARTHENWARE* (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. *METAL* (wholly made of metal) *UTENSILS USED IN FIRE* (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

C. *OVENS AND RANGES*: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.

*MICROWAVE OVENS*, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned thoroughly. Then, after non-use for 24 hours, a cup of water should be placed inside. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesah.

D. *GLASSWARE*: Authorities disagree as to the method for

kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesah, or putting them through a dishwasher. Technically, glass does not absorb and therefore does not require kasherings beyond careful cleaning and rinsing; however, for symbolic & educational reasons, when utensils are to be changed from *hametz* to Pesah use, kashering by immersion in boiling water is desirable (though if utensils are inadvertently used without such a process, food placed in them would not become *treif*). Pyrex & Corningware may be kashered in the same way as glassware.

E. *DISHWASHER*: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

F. *ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES*: If the parts that come into contact with *hametz* are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

G. *TABLES, CLOSETS AND COUNTERS*: If used with *hametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

H. *KITCHEN SINK*: A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

I. *HAMETZ AND NON-PASSOVER UTENSILS*: Non-Passover dishes, pots and *hametz* whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

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## ***HELP FILL THE EMPTY PLATES WITH FOOD!***

For more than 30 years it has been the tradition of the Rego Park Jewish Center to sponsor a Matzoh Fund Dinner as well as make an urgent Matzoh Appeal for funds to help the less fortunate celebrate Passover with dignity.

If you have sent in your reservation for our dinner on April 3, 2011, or you have sent in a donation as per our Matzoh Fund Appeal, we sincerely say "Todah Rabah" - thank you.

There is still time for you to participate in this great mitzvah. We will be accepting donations to our Matzoh Fund appeal until Passover.

When you and your family sit down at your own seder, do so with the knowledge that, through your generosity, you have helped someone else sit down to his. Remember: Hunger has no holidays. Hunger is closer to home than you think.

We wish you all a freilach and zessin Pesach.

B'Shalom  
Ruthe Unger  
Ruth Loewenstein  
Chairpersons

## ***YIDDISH VINKEL***

Yiddish is alive and well. Where? In our Yiddish Vinkel, of course. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 P.M. We speak Yiddish - we tell Yiddish stories & poems and sing Yiddish songs. Oh yes, then we enjoy coffee, cake and warm friendship.

So come and have "fargeneegen."

Mildred Pelton  
President

## ***JEWISH WAR VETERANS***

The Kew-Forest-Woodside-Loitz Post 250, Jewish War Veterans of the USA and their Ladies Auxillary, have announced that their next two Sunday morning, 9:30 A.M. meetings will be held on April 3rd and May 15th. Norbert Chwat will speak on April 3rd about the local community board, and State Senator Toby Stavisky will speak on May 15th about the State Legislature.

The congregation is invited.

For further information contact Sy Weber at 718-271-6015 or Past Queens County Commander Kenneth Lloyd Brown at 718-297-7711.

## **OUR MEMORIAL TABLETS**

May we call your attention at this time to our perpetual Memorial Tablets on the walls of our Sanctuary. Each bronze name plate bears the name and Yahrzeit date of a loved one. The memorial lamp adjoining the plate is illuminated for every Yahrzeit and for every Yizkor Service.

The memorial plaque is truly a perpetual memorial. Every departed loved one of a family should be perpetuated and memorialized in the Synagogue in the reverent fashion.

Please call the Center office for further details.

# **BINGO**

**EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT  
AT REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER**

**Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.  
Early Bird Game Starts - 7:00 P.M.  
Regular Games Start - 7:15 P.M.**

**Over \$ 1,000 in Cash Prizes  
\$3.00 Admission includes 12 games**

**Food Concession -  
No Outside Food Please**

***Bring Your Friends & Neighbors  
& Enjoy a Fun Evening***

**We also need more volunteers -**

- \* BINGO CALLERS \***
- \* FOOD CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS \***
- \* FLOOR HELP \***
- \* BINGO CARD SELLERS \***

***If you are a member of the  
Rego Park Jewish Center  
& can help at "Bingo", please call the  
Center office at  
718-459-1000.***

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## **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**



The Book Discussion Group is special to many of us; we share a love of literature and enjoy a rapport that brings us together. Our feelings, thoughts, and ideas differ but we find a commonality in our love of reading. If you would like to be with intelligent, thoughtful people, please join us.

The selection for our April 27th meeting is Cynthia Ozick's Foreign Bodies. The story takes place in the 1950s and tells about a financially successful father who sends family members to Paris to bring home to the United States his son who he fears is wasting his life engaged in nonserious matters.

Cynthia Ozick is one of America's literary treasures. In Foreign Bodies the nuanced and disquieting themes handled by this master of fiction are betrayal, exile - literal and emotional, and the many facets of anti-Semitism. The author brilliantly weaves together the multiple strands of her narrative through letters, flashbacks and observations of social behavior.

Ms. Ozick is the author of numerous works of fiction and nonfiction. She is the recipient of the National Book Critics Circle Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the Man Booker International Prize. Her short stories have won four O'Henry first prizes.

If you would like to join us, or want more information, please call me at 718-263-4973. We meet one Wednesday each month at the Rego Park Jewish Center from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. A sweet and healthy Passover to all.

Mollie Alkana

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## **T'AI CHI GROUP NEWS**

During the month of February, which began the second half of our full season, Center member Clara Herscu joined our group. Why? She wanted a gentle exercise form which would benefit her. Her doctor recommended T'ai Chi as an excellent gentle exercise for people who want to receive all the benefits of strenuous exercise without heavy exertion.

T'ai Chi will also help your mind. The T'ai Chi form we use (there are five different forms) is the Wang short form consisting of sixty simple movements combined together to form what appears to be an orchestrated simple ballet dance. Come and join us and enjoy the benefit from the combined Chi Gong exercises and T'ai Chi with the added advantage of ending our sessions with several minutes of relaxation meditation. In a few weeks you will notice a difference. It comes on slowly and continues to aid you in your daily life. You will begin to feel more alive - join us.

We meet twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. The group will be looking forward to welcoming you.

We wish everyone a wonderful Passover holiday. Enjoy!

Jack J. Alkana

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## **MAZAL TOV**

Mazal Tov to Malka Gross on the birth of her granddaughter Emily Sophia on January 15, 2011. Proud parents are Jonathan and Michele Gross.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brian Alweiss  
Jacky Schoenfeld-Cohen  
Beverly Ellman  
Ira Hochman  
Ruth Kaplan  
Adolph Mayer  
Jeanette Mildner  
Ira Schnitzler  
John Stern  
Rabbi Samuel Waidenbaum  
Bernard Weitzner



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Roslyn & Abraham Miller



### MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH:

Men's Club, in honor of Men's Club Shabbat.  
Mordechai Boxer, in honor of Purim.

### REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Marion Art  
Noreen Daniel  
Stanley Kalfus  
Jack Rothwax  
Rose Ziegler

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received by the Center office after March 15th will be listed in the May Bulletin.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## GENERAL DONATION

Alexander Blumenstock, in honor of aliyah.  
Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.  
Harriet Goodman, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.  
Sandi Goodman, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.  
Leonor Herbst, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.  
Clara Herscu, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.  
Marlene Kempner, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.  
Ruth Loewenstein, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.  
Hedy Rothschild, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.

## MISHEBAYRAKH FUND

Mordechai Boxer, for the recovery of his mother Ann Boxer.  
Shirley Decker, for the recovery of Stanley Kalfus.  
Ruth Loewenstein, for the recovery of Jack Rothwax.  
Miriam Warmbrand, for the recovery of Stanley Kalfus.  
Lee Lobel-Zwang, for the recovery of Noreen Daniel.

## COMMEMORATIVE FUND

Barbara Arion, in honor of Elaine Spodick.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Alexander Blumenstock  
Lillian Werner

## MEMORIAL FUND

Ruth Kaplan, in memory of Harry Schneider.  
Ruth Loewenstein, in memory of Harry Schneider.  
Abe Segal, in memory of Harry Schneider.

## Yahrzeit Fund

Florence Cohen, in memory of Mother in law Anna.  
Romiel Daniel, in memory of father Isaac Daniel.  
Malka Gross, in memory of husband Howard Gross.  
Leonor Herbst, in memory of husband Morris Herbst.  
Leon Horowitz, in memory of mother Eva Horowitz.  
Laura Friedman, in memory of husband Isidore Friedman.  
Abe Segal, in memory of brother Menachem Michel.

## HEBREW SCHOOL FUND

Dorothy Krantz, in memory of sister Nettie Silver.



## In Memoriam

*The members listed below  
will observe Yahrzeit as indicated.  
Yahrzeit candles should be lit the night before.  
Schedule of service elsewhere in this Bulletin.  
Please help ensure a Minyan by attending*

Friday, April 1st

Victor Fetaya - Brother

Saturday, April 2nd

Victor Fetaya - Mother

Monday, April 4th

Elena Atlas - Father in Law

Leonor Herbst - Husband

Tuesday, April 5th

Laszlo Posner - Father

Regina Landau - Husband

Wednesday, April 6th

Edward Starer - Grandmother

Thursday, April 7th

Elaine Abend - Mother

Tuesday, April 12th

Samuel Alexander - Wife

George Godfried - Mother

Martin Novzen - Father

Celia Schulberg - Brother

Ruthe Unger - Brother

Thursday, April 14th

Lea Zabar - Mother

Friday, April 15th

Irving Finkel - Wife

Alvin Rohssler - Mother

Saturday, April 16th

Robert Ittelson - Father in Law

Florence Cohen - Father in Law

Sunday, April 17th

Florence Cohen - Brother in Law

Rochelle Glick - Husband

Betty Hurwitz - Father

Monday, April 18th

Rochelle Glick - Grandmother

Tuesday, April 19th

Samuel Alexander - Father

Wednesday, April 20th

Ruth Kaplan - Mother

Rebecca Katz - Brother

Harold Smith - Mother

Saturday, April 23rd

Charlotte Halpern - Husband

Sunday, April 24th

Melly Mayer - Mother

Tuesday, April 26th

Veronica Szikla - Mother

Wednesday, April 27th

Freda Gimple - Grandmother

Thursday, April 28th

Mildred Berger - Husband

Friday, April 29th

Lillian Werner - Brother

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## ADAR II / NISAN 5771

*Sunday*    *Monday*    *Tuesday*    *Wednesday*    *Thursday*    *Friday*    *Saturday*

<b>B.B. = BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS</b> <b>C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING</b> <b>E.S. = EVENING SERVICE</b> <b>M.C. = MINYAN CLUB</b> <b>M.S. = MORNING SERVICES</b>		<b>P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB</b> <b>SIST. = SISTERHOOD</b> <b>W.J. = WOMEN IN JUDAISM</b> <b>Y.V. = YIDDISH VINKEL</b>		<b>1</b> 26 ADAR II M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:02 P.M.	<b>2</b> 27 ADAR II M.S. 9:00 A.M. BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS E.S. 7:00 P.M. S.E. 8:03 P.M.  "TAZRIA"	
<b>3</b> 28 ADAR II M.S. 8:45 A.M. M.C. 9:30 A.M. MATZOH FUND DINNER - 5:00 PM E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>4</b> 29 ADAR II M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. SIST. 7:00 P.M.	<b>5</b> 1 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">ROSH CHODESH</div>	<b>6</b> 2 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. Y.V. 12:30 P.M. WJ SEDER - 5:30 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. MEN'S CLUB- 8:00 P.M.	<b>7</b> 3 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>8</b> 4 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:09 P.M.	<b>9</b> 5 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. E.S. 7:15 P.M. S.E. 8:10 P.M.  "METZORA"
<b>10</b> 6 NISAN M.S. 8:45 A.M. S.D. 2:00 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>11</b> 7 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>12</b> 8 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>13</b> 9 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. Y.V. 12:30 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>14</b> 10 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>15</b> 11 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:16 P.M.	<b>16</b> 12 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 7:15 P.M. S.E. 8:18 P.M.  "ACHAREI MOT"
<b>17</b> 13 NISAN M.S. 8:45 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>18</b> 14 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:20 P.M.  FAST OF THE FIRST BORN 1ST SEDER EREV PASSOVER	<b>19</b> 15 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 8:22 P.M.  SECOND SEDER 1ST DAY PASSOVER	<b>20</b> 16 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 7:30 P.M. YOM TOV ENDS- 8:23 P.M.  2ND DAY PASSOVER	<b>21</b> 17 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.  CHOL HAMOED	<b>22</b> 18 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:24 P.M.  CHOL HAMOED	<b>23</b> 19 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 7:30 P.M. S.E. 8:26 P.M.  CHOL HAMOED
<b>24</b> 20 NISAN M.S. 8:45 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M.  CHOL HAMOED	<b>25</b> 21 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M.  7TH DAY PASSOVER	<b>26</b> 22 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. YIZKOR E.S. 7:45 P.M. YOM TOV ENDS - 8:30 P.M.  8TH DAY PASSOVER	<b>27</b> 23 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>28</b> 24 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. CENTER MEETING 7:30 P.M.	<b>29</b> 25 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:31 P.M.	<b>30</b> 26 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 7:30 P.M. S.E. 8:35 P.M.  "KEDOSHIM"