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SELLING OF CHOMETZ

A certificate authorizing the sale of chometz appears on page 12 in this Bulletin and is also available outside the Center office and on our website.

Please send or bring in your form by 7:00 A.M. on Friday, April 19th.

Search for chometz on Thursday night,
April 18th after 7:40 P.M.

Start Fast of First Born on Friday, April 19th at 5:42 A.M.

Siyum Bechorim / Fast of First Born
7:00 A.M. on Friday, April 19th

Chometz may not be eaten after 10:12 A.M. on Friday, April 19th

Rabbi Daniel will be burning chometz at RPJC on Friday, April 19th at 10:40 A.M.
(Chometz must be finished burning before 11:12 A.M. on Friday, April 19th)

Chometz that was sold may be eaten on Saturday, April 27th after 9:32 P.M.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

NISAN

Fast Facts

Nisan is the first month of the Jewish calendar.

Nisan comes at the same time as the secular months March/April.

The *mazal* (constellation) for Nisan is Aries, the *taleh* (ram).

Nisan has two additional names. The *Torah* calls Nisan *Hodesh HaRishon* (the First Month). Because the Israelites left Egypt in Nisan, it is the "first month" in the life of the Israelites as a free people. The *Torah* refers to the other months as second, third, etc., in relation to Nisan. The *Torah* also calls Nisan *Hodesh Ha'Aviv* (the Month of Spring) because spring arrives in Nisan.

The Hebrew word "Nisan" may be related to the Hebrew word *nitzan*, which means "bud." Nisan marks the birth of spring, signaled by the arrival of new buds and the birth of the Israelite nation. Physical and spiritual seeds are planted in Nisan—seeds for the summer crop and seeds of freedom and liberation.

Miriam, the Prophet, the sister of Moses and Aaron, died on the 10th of Nisan.

Rosh Hodesh Nisan is a special Rosh Hodesh because:

On Rosh Hodesh Nisan the Israelites received the commandment to sanctify the new moon. This was the first commandment we received as a free nation.

According to *midrash* (rabbinic legends about the Bible), it was on Rosh Hodesh Nisan that the *mishkan* (the temporary sanctuary which the Israelites used as they wandered in the desert and in the Land of Israel before Solomon built the first Temple) was inaugurated (BaMidbar Raba, Chapter 13).

Because Nisan is the first of the twelve months, Rosh Hodesh Nisan is considered the New Year for the Months.

1) Pesach (Passover)

Pesach (Passover) begins on the 15th of Nisan and continues for seven days, through the 21st of Nisan, though many Diaspora communities celebrate it for eight days. The Hebrew word *pesach* literally means "pass over." The holiday of Passover gets its English name from the Exodus story: prior to the tenth plague, G-d commanded the Israelites to smear blood from a sacrificial paschal ("pass over") lamb on the doorposts of their homes. G-d then "passed over" the Israelite homes and took the lives of the Egyptian firstborn only.

Passover is also called *Zeman Heiruteinu* (the Season of our Liberation) because it celebrates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. A third name for Passover is *Hag Ha'aviv* (the Holiday of Spring). A final name for Passover is *Hag Ha'matzot* (the Holiday of the Unleavened Bread), marking the time when the Israelites, fleeing from Pharaoh, had no time to let the dough rise for bread and were left with flat *matzah* as their only food.

The story of Passover begins in slavery and ends in freedom. It celebrates the faith and courage of the Israelites who willingly left their homes in Egypt and set out for the unknown. On Passover we anticipate the time when all Jews and all peoples will be free.

2) Passover Customs

Participating in Seders. On the first and (for many people the) second nights of Passover (and in some communities on the seventh and eighth nights as well), it is customary to gather in families or groups for a *seder*. The Hebrew word "*seder*" simply means "order." The Passover *seder* includes rituals arranged in a particular order designed to help us relive the Passover story. Both the rituals and the story of Passover are described in detail in the *haggadah*, the liturgical text we read together at the *seder*.

The *seder* includes rituals such as eating *matzah* and *maror* (bitter herbs), drinking four cups of wine or juice, singing

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songs, dipping greens into salt water, and eating a meal. These rituals remind us both of the bitterness of slavery and the sweetness of liberation. The ritual of the Four Questions in which children ask, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" highlights the importance Judaism places on passing down traditions from generation to generation. The ritual of removing one drop of wine or juice from our cups for every plague suffered by the Egyptian citizens emphasizes the Jewish value that we should never rejoice in the suffering of others, even our enemies.

Refraining from eating or owning *hametz* (leavened bread). The Torah states, "On the very first day, you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day to the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel " (Exodus 12:15). It is customary to try to rid our homes of *hametz* during the weeks before Passover and to hold a final search for any remaining *hametz* on the night before Passover. The next morning we burn whatever *hametz* remains and renounce ownership of any *hametz* we might have overlooked. Removing *hametz* can symbolize our liberating ourselves from anything that holds us back from the pursuit of freedom for ourselves and for all peoples. We recommend that if you rid your home of *hametz*, donate it to a local food bank.

Tambourines. After the miracle of the parted waters when the Israelites crossed the sea, the Torah says: "And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels, dancing " (Exodus 15:20) . Many communities include tambourines on their *seder* tables for use during the songs and rituals of the *seder*.

Miriam's Cup (*Kos Miriam*). This is a new ritual object for the *seder* table that has been introduced to remind us of women's important role in redemption. Just as *Elijah's* Cup, filled with wine, expresses our hope for peace in a Messianic future, Miriam's Cup, filled with spring water, expresses our gratitude for the miracles of the past and present. The water reminds us of the river beside which Miriam watched Moses, the Red Sea beside which she danced, and the legendary well that accompanied Miriam in the desert.

Saving the *Afikomen*. There is a folk tradition that the *afikomen* (a piece of *matzah* saved at the beginning of the *seder* for dessert) is an amulet for good luck; some people save a piece of it for the entire year!

Reciting *Shir HaShirim* (The Song of Songs). Many communities recite *Shir HaShirim* either after the *seder* or before the Torah reading on the *Shabbat* that falls during Passover. The traditional interpretation of *Shir HaShirim* is that it is a love song between G-d and Israel and thus is especially appropriate to recite on Passover, "which might be viewed as the onset of the love affair between G-d and Israel which culminates fifty days later in" their symbolic marriage on *Shavuot*. *Shir HaShirim* is filled with images of spring and nature and first love, all of which are fitting for *Hag Ha'aviv* (the Holiday of Spring).

3) Counting the *Omer*

In Leviticus, the third book of the Torah, it says, "You shall count ... from the day that you brought the *omer* as a wave offering" (Leviticus 23:15). The *omer* was a measure of barley that Jews brought as an offering to the Temple on the second day of Passover. The Bible tells us to count 49 days from the bringing of the *omer* until the eve of *Shavuot*. Although we no longer bring barley to the Temple, these seven weeks are still known as "The Omer," and the ritual of counting each night is known as "Counting the Omer."

The kabbalists (Jewish mystics) saw the *omer* period as a time for preparing ourselves to receive Torah on *Shavuot* by reflecting on one's personal qualities. They taught that during each week of the *omer* we should meditate on a different spiritual quality. The kabbalists associated each spiritual quality with a color and with a part of the body. Later thinkers associated each quality with a woman from Jewish history.

4) *Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Memorial Day)

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) is observed on the 27th day of Nisan. *Yom HaShoah* was established by the Israeli government to commemorate the Holocaust and its victims. In Israel, banks, schools, most businesses and theaters, and other places of entertainment are closed on this day. Memorial services are held in Israel and across the globe.

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5) Fabulous Females

Shifra and Puah are the Hebrew midwives whose heroism begins the Exodus story. Although the Torah does not record Shifra and Puah's own words, a contemporary women's *haggadah* imagines their thoughts: "We, Shifra and Puah, were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt. We were also midwives and respected leaders in our community. When Pharaoh decreed that we put all baby boys to death, we were not able to comply. For we felt the mighty hand of G-d in our outstretched arms as we helped bring Israelite infants into the world."

Shifra and Pu'ah remind us that the big changes that improve the lives of multitudes begin with the small, brave actions of the few. Each one of us has an important part to play in the redemption of the Jewish people and of the world.

Yocheved is the courageous and loving mother of Miriam, Moses, and Aaron. When Moses was born, Yocheved risked her life to save him from Pharaoh's decree to kill all the male Hebrew newborns. Yocheved hid Moses in her home for three months, and then when she could hide him no longer, she placed him in a basket and set it afloat on the Nile River.

Yocheved reminds us of the risks and sacrifices that mothers make for their children in every generation. As we imagine her sending her son away to an unknown fate, she inspires our empathy for all mothers who watch their children go on their way, sometimes to places of danger. May she inspire us to express our gratitude for the dedication of our own mothers.

Pharaoh's daughter is the brave and defiant Egyptian woman who rescues Moses from the Nile and raises him to adulthood. Although the Torah simply calls her *Bat Paroh* (Pharaoh's daughter), the rabbis rename her *BatYah* (Daughter of G-d). The *midrash* teaches that although Moses was floating at a far-off distance from Batya, she was able to save him because G-d miraculously lengthened her arm.

Pharaoh's daughter teaches us that compassion transcends difference, that the value of life transcends all of our cultural boundaries, and that if we are alert to opportunity, we too might be lifesaving agents.

Miriam is the sister of Moses and Aaron. We first meet Miriam as she watches over Moses, afloat in the basket his mother made for him. When she sees Pharaoh's daughter take Moses out of the Nile, Miriam, a mere slave, speaks to the princess and suggests that she get a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby. Never telling the princess about her own relationship to Moses, Miriam arranges for Yocheved to become Moses' nurse. Miriam's fearlessness and self-confidence at this early age indicate the kind of woman she was to become.

The next time we meet Miriam she is an adult, and she is leading the women in song and dance after they passed through the parted sea. Here, she is called a *nivea* (prophetess). Miriam had become an important leader of her people; she played a central role in founding the Israelite nation, in strengthening the people's spirits, and in inspiring them to sing and rejoice.

We next encounter Miriam as she is once again speaking out bravely, only this time to reprimand her brother. The Torah says that Miriam, along with Aaron, spoke out against Moses regarding his wife. It is unclear what Miriam found displeasing in the situation. Perhaps Miriam was speaking to Moses on behalf of his wife, reprimanding him for spending too much time leading the nation and not enough time with his wife. Perhaps Miriam had become jealous of Moses' wife, feeling that she was unfairly infringing on Miriam's own role as leader of the women. Or perhaps Miriam was angry that Moses was receiving more attention in the Torah than she was. After all she was an important leader too. Although G-d punished Miriam with leprosy for her words against her brother, the people remained her devoted followers. While Miriam lived out her seven-day punishment in seclusion, the entire nation ceased its travels through the desert, lovingly awaiting her return. When Miriam died, the people mourned, and the earth was dry.

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Holidays and observances

- 10 Nisan – Yahrzeit of Miriam the prophetess, sister of Moses and Aaron
- 10 Nisan – Yom HaAliyah – Aliyah Day, Israeli national holiday
- 14 Nisan – Fast of the Firstborn – on 12 Nisan when the 14th falls on Sabbath
- 15–21 Nisan (22 Nisan outside of Israel) – Passover
- 23 Nisan – Mimouna – Maghrebi Jewish celebration of the end of the Passover prohibition on eating *chametz*, on 22 Nisan within Israel
- 26 Nisan – Traditional yahrzeit of Joshua
- 27 Nisan – Yom HaShoah – on 26 Nisan or 28 Nisan when the 27th falls on Friday or Sunday respectively, interfering with Shabbat

In Jewish History and Tradition

- 1 Nisan (circa 3761 BCE) – Creation of the Universe according to Rabbi Joshua's opinion in the Talmud (Rosh Hashanah 10b-11a)
- 1 Nisan (circa 1638 BCE) – Death of Abraham according to the Talmud
- 1 Nisan (circa 1533 BCE) – Death of Isaac according to the Talmud
- 1 Nisan (circa 1506 BCE) – Death of Jacob according to the Talmud
- 1 Nisan (circa 1456 BCE) – First mitzvah is given to the Jewish people (Exodus 12:1–2)
- 1 Nisan (circa 1455 BCE) – Mishkan inaugurated. death of Nadav and Avihu
- 3 Nisan (1492 CE) – The Alhambra Decree orders the expulsion of Spanish Jews from Castile and Aragon (but not Navarre).
- 7 Nisan (circa 1416 BCE) – Joshua sends two spies to Jericho.
- 10 Nisan (circa 1456 BCE) – The first Shabbat HaGadol was celebrated by the Israelites in Egypt five days before The Exodus.
- 10 Nisan (circa 1417 BCE) – Death of Miriam, 39 years after the Exodus.
- 10 Nisan (circa 1416 BCE) – The Israelites cross the Jordan river into Canaan (Joshua 4)
- 11 Nisan (1270 CE) – Death of Nachmanides
- 13 Nisan (circa 474 BCE) – Haman's decree to annihilate the Jews is passed.
- 13 Nisan (1575 CE) – Death of Rabbi Joseph Caro, author of the Shulchan Aruch.
- 14 Nisan (1135 CE) – Birth of Maimonides
- 14 Nisan (1943 CE) – Warsaw Ghetto uprising begins. The uprising would last until Iyar 3, and is now commemorated in Israel on 27 Nisan.
- 15 Nisan (circa 1713 BCE) – Birth of Isaac
- 15 Nisan (circa 1456 BCE) – The Exodus from Egypt
- 15 Nisan (474 BCE) – Esther appears before Achashverosh unsummoned and invites him and Haman to a feast to be held the same day. During the feast she requests that the king and Haman attend a second feast the next day.
- 16 Nisan (circa 1273 BCE) – The Children of Israel stop eating Manna, six days after entering the Holy Land.
- 16 Nisan (circa 474 BCE) – Esther's second feast during which she accuses Haman regarding his plot to annihilate her nation. Achashverosh orders his servants to hang Haman.
- 17 Nisan (circa 24th century BCE) – Noah's Ark came to rest on mountains of Ararat
- 17 Nisan (circa 474 BCE) – Haman hanged after Queen Esther's second drinking party.
- 21 Nisan (circa 1456 BCE) – The sea splits, allowing Israel to escape the Egyptian army.
- 26 Nisan (circa 1386 BCE) – Death of Joshua
- 28 Nisan (circa 1415 BCE) – Conquest of Jericho by Joshua (Book of Joshua ch. 6).



FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD



“MITZVAH SHEBA’AH L’YALEKHA AL TAHMITZENA.”
“DO NOT POSTPONE PERFORMANCE OF A MITZVAH.”

The last word of this beautiful rabbinic teaching contains the root letters of the word HAMETZ, which means to let something go sour – to postpone. How often do we regret not doing something until it is too late? This means that when an opportunity comes to do a mitzvah, do not put it off. It is only then in the personal involvement of eating the Matzah, the bitter herbs, the afikomen, and immersing ourselves, that we will sense the real meaning of freedom. As we celebrate our freedom, we pray for the freedom of all who are in physical and spiritual bondage. We pledge ourselves to work for that freedom. As we approach the months Nisan and Iyar we have opportunities to do mitzvot, as well as to Remember - Zachor, and yes, there was a Holocaust – and we must never forget. But today our world is in turmoil and as we remember and commemorate the past, we must commemorate the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the two Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, etc. – the list is too long – and we can only hope that remembering, the world will finally come to its senses and the carnage will cease and there will be peace throughout the world.

Our April meeting will be after Pesach, on Monday, April 29th, 2019. This year it will be for the benefit and needs of our beautiful Synagogue. With the changing population we are finding that we are experiencing a loss of members. Our Raffle funds will be used to enhance not only the physical aspect of our sanctuary and all our other facilities, but funds will be used to enhance programs as well as other spiritual and psychological aspects. And please, we welcome ideas, suggestions and comments. So let's sell those raffles - we have great prizes.

It's Journal time and everyone is caught up in Journal fever. Why? Because this year the Rego Park Jewish Center is 80 years young, and additionally we are honoring a wonderful member who will be 101 years at the same time. The date is July 7th, and it will be held at the famous Da Mikelle Family Room. Of course the Journal will again have the special

Sisterhood pages – watch the mail for the flyers. But it is important that you are a part of this milestone; get your ads but make sure that you place your own ad – you don't want to be left out.

Sunday morning, March 17, 2019 was a very special morning. The Crystal Ballroom of the Rego Park Jewish Center was bright, beautiful and heart warming. It was our annual Torah Brunch in honor of Susan Goldschmidt. From the first warm welcome by our Torah Fund Chair, to the last name called in our candle lighting ceremony, it was a memorable event. Our theme Atid - the Future, was truly evident with the presence of Susan's family - from Susan's younger brother, Joseph Farber, his lovely wife, two sons and wife, and finally a darling sweet little granddaughter Quinn - our future. After, Susan received the magnificent "Woman of Achievement" & proudly made her acceptance speech. This was followed by a congratulatory speech by Barbara Kaplan, Torah Fund Vice President for our BQLI region. Barbara also presented our Sisterhood with a certificate of thanks for achieving our goal for the 2018 year. Thus we achieved our theme ATID and ensured that the future of the various worldwide learning centers of the Conservative movement will be able to continue their vital work of education, teaching and outreach – to ensure the future of our movement.

We congratulate Pnina Lanxner upon the birth of a second great grandson. May you have much nachas from this newest addition.

As we all sit together at our Seder tables, we do forget the hard work and bustle of the past weeks, because a joyous "ruach" prevails. Let us hope that our message of freedom will spread throughout and let us hope that a feeling of normalcy will prevail for all mankind and throughout the world.

Shalom V'Hag Sameach
Ruth Loewenstein

SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP NEWS - REVIEWS

Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator

PERSONALS

Reuben Ezra is one of our devoted Center members, coming to our sessions Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He and his entire Ezra family came from the Kingdom of Bahrain. They were part of a small community of Jews living with the Muslims, the dominant religion. They decided to immigrate to the United States in the 1960s and settled in Queens, NY. Reuben Ezra's father Heskail ben Abraham Ezra owned a private banking business in Bahrain until his passing in 1974.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is a group of islands located in the Persian Gulf, adjacent to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, only 15 minutes away by way of a bridge. The weather is mild and beautiful in the winter and extremely hot in summer. The population is less than a million people from all over the world with mixed religions, including their small community of Jews. The Kingdom of Bahrain is ruled by King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa & has been ruled by the Al Khalifa dynasty for over 200 years.

Reuben Ezra enjoys living in Forest Hills, and working in a financial business. We thank him for being part of our Rego Park Jewish Center community.

It is a delight to see 15 year old twins Elliott and Elizabeth Zakoff growing up. They are the joys of Lynne and Joel Zakoff. Elliott wants to be a mechanical engineer. He attends Energy Tech High School. Elizabeth goes to Francis Lewis High School.

When we attended "Shabbat Across America" on March 1st, the charming twins helped serve our dinners. We remember years ago, during the High Holidays, Lynne would bring the pre-k twins close to the bimah to hear and see the Shofar blown. We remember their beautiful B'nai Mitzvah 2½ years ago; we look forward to their graduations.

Lee Lobel-Zwang

TIME TO STUDY TORAH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6th
at 12:30 P.M.**

PARASHAT TAZRIA 12.1 - 13.59

"The Lord spoke to Moses, speak to the Israelite people: when a woman bears a male child, she shall be unclean seven days. On the eighth day he shall be circumcised - she remains in a state of blood purification for 33 days and does not enter the sanctuary until her purification is completed. If she bears a female, she is unclean for two weeks and remains in a state of blood purification for 66 days. When the person has on his skin a rash or discoloration, it shall be reported to Aaron or his sons; the priests examine the skin - if it turns white and appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is leprosy and is unclean - he shall dwell outside the camp - his clothes burned."

HAFTARAT 2 KINGS 4.42 - 5.19

A man came from Baal-Shalishah and brought the man of G-d some bread of the first reaping - 20 loaves - and some fresh grain. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." His attendant said, "How can I give this to 100 men?" The Lord said, "they will eat and have some left over." Naaman was the commander of the army of the King of Aram. The Lord favored him - a great warrior - a leper. Once when they went out raiding, they carried off a young girl from Israel - she became an attendant of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "I wish Master could come before the prophet in Samaria - he would cure him of leprosy."

Presenters: Rabbi Romiel Daniel & Charles Lehat

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At topics discussed in recent weeks

- ◆ Insight into the Amida prayers.
- ◆ Origin of Valentines Day. Its similarity to gift-giving on Tu B'av.
- ◆ The afterlife - the soul and the kaddish prayer.
- ◆ Introduction to Perkei Avot (Ethics of our fathers).

Be part of this learning experience. Join us on Sunday mornings.

Elaine Spodick

**SPONSOR OR CO-SPONSOR
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Consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Shabbat kiddush! This is a wonderful opportunity to mark the observance of important events such as a yahrzeit or a simcha. Note: It does not have to be one person only. It could be two or three people getting together to sponsor a kiddush. The cost is very reasonable and we provide enough food for everyone to enjoy. But most importantly, we get together, we take the time to create new friendships and to enjoy existing ones.

Please contact the Center office for more information.

ANNUAL CENTER MEETING

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28th
at 11:00 A.M.**

All Center members are invited to attend the Annual April Center Meeting of the Rego Park Jewish Center. There will be an election of trustees for the 2019 - 2022 term. The following names have been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Rabbi Romiel Daniel
Ken Sasmor
Ed Starer
Donald Weinberg
Lynne Zakoff

All members in good standing are invited to attend. Refreshments served.

YIDDISH VINKEL

Revive your Yiddish. Our Yiddish Vinkel meets most Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 P.M. We speak Yiddish, read Yiddish stories and poems and sing Yiddish songs. Coffee and delicious danish are served. So come, enjoy warm friendship and have "fargeneegen."

Please note: depending on weather conditions, Yiddish Vinkel may not be meeting each and every Wednesday afternoon. Please phone the Center office on Wednesday mornings after 10:00 A.M. to confirm if Yiddish Vinkel will be meeting that day.

Pnina Lanxner
Yiddish Vinkel President

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The book selection for our April 10th meeting is Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. This first novel was on *The New York Times* best seller list for 46 weeks and explores family situations, parental expectations, children's obligations, race, traditions and identity. Among the important questions the book asks are "How much do family members know about each other?" and "Do we know ourselves as well as we think we do?"

Celeste Ng has a remarkable skill in handling important and even urgent ideas in an easy conversational way. She is especially apt in describing today's American world of "mixed" marriages, parental and family obligations and expectations. She writes with a light touch but her ideas handle deep, important and complicated concerns.

Everything I Never Told You is a story about the Lee family during the 1970s in a small Ohio city. The Lee marriage is a "mixed" one. James Lee is a first generation Chinese-American and Marilyn Lee is white. James is a college professor and Marilyn is a homemaker. One of the troubling issues in the Lee family is that both parents are determined that their daughter Lydia fulfill their youthful dreams. The mother wants Lydia to become the doctor she gave up on when she chose to become a wife/mother/homemaker instead of pursuing a medical career and the father wants her to be the most popular girl in class.

Celeste Ng uses her careful observations and interpretations in examining sensitive family situations and how the members of the Lee family struggle to understand themselves and each other.

The date of our meeting at the Center to discuss this timely and well-written novel is April 10th from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. I can be reached at 718-263-4973 if you have a question or need information.

Mollie Alkana

ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER

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PASSOVER SEDER

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019



Seder in our Crystal Ballroom at 7:30 P.M.

- ◆ **Seder conducted by Rabbi Romiel Daniel**
- ◆ **Catered by Meal Mart (Glatt Kosher)**

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Soup: Matzoh Ball Soup

Main Course: Roast Chicken & Brisket

Potato Kugel, Carrots and Steamed Broccoli

Dessert: Assorted Cake

Wine, Grape Juice, Soda, Coffee, Tea

RSVP by April 10th

**Call or e-mail for
vegetarian menu
or if you have other questions.**

Call: 718-459-1000

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VEGETARIAN MEALS AVAILABLE IF ORDERED IN ADVANCE

I would like _____ reservations for the Passover Seder (_____) adults (_____) children

I prefer a Vegetarian Menu instead _____ # Vegetarian meals

Name (print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please indicate seating preference or age group _____

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April 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 25 ADAR II M.S. 7:00 A.M. N.E.S.	2 26 ADAR II N.M.S. N.E.S.	3 27 ADAR II N.M.S. Y.V. 1:00 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. R.C. 6:30 P.M.	4 28 ADAR II M.S. 7:00 A.M. N.E.S.	5 29 ADAR II N.M.S. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:07 P.M.	6 1 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. B.B. T.S. 12:30 P.M. E.S. 7:15 P.M. S.E. 8:07 P.M. ROSH CHODESH "TAZRIYA"
7 2 NISSAN M.S. 8:45 A.M. B.C.L.I. 9:30 A.M. S.D. 2:00 P.M. N.E.S.	8 3 NISSAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. N.E.S.	9 4 NISSAN N.M.S. N.E.S.	10 5 NISSAN N.M.S. Y.V. 1:00 P.M. B.D. 3:00 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. R.C. 6:30 P.M.	11 6 NISSAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. N.E.S.	12 7 NISSAN N.M.S. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:14 P.M.	13 8 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 7:15 P.M. S.E. 8:15 P.M. "METZORA"
14 9 NISSAN M.S. 8:45 A.M. N.E.S.	15 10 NISSAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. N.E.S.	16 11 NISSAN N.M.S. N.E.S.	17 12 NISSAN N.M.S. Y.V. 1:00 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. R.C. 6:30 P.M.	18 13 NISSAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. N.E.S.	19 14 NISSAN N.M.S. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:21 P.M. SEDER 7:30 P.M.	20 15 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. N.E.S. S.E. 8:23 P.M. 1 ST DAY OF PASSOVER
21 16 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. N.E.S. 2 ND DAY OF PASSOVER	22 17 NISSAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. N.E.S. 3 RD DAY OF PASSOVER	23 18 NISSAN N.M.S. N.E.S. 4 TH DAY OF PASSOVER	24 19 NISSAN N.M.S. N.E.S. 5 TH DAY OF PASSOVER	25 20 NISSAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. N.E.S. 6 TH DAY OF PASSOVER	26 21 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:29 P.M. 7 TH DAY OF PASSOVER	27 22 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. YIZKOR E.S. 7:30 P.M. S.E. 8:32 P.M. YIZKOR 8 TH DAY OF PASSOVER
28 23 NISSAN M.S. 8:45 A.M. CENTER MEETING-11 A.M. N.E.S.	29 24 NISSAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. SIST. 12:15 P.M. N.E.S.	30 25 NISSAN N.M.S. N.E.S.	B.B. = BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS B.C.L.I. = BREAKFAST CLUB & LEARN IN B.D. = BOOK DISCUSSION C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE		N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE R.C. = RABBI'S CLASS S.D. = SINGLES DANCE SIST. = SISTERHOOD S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS T.S. = TIME TO STUDY TORAH Y.V. = YIDDISH VINKEL	

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Ellman
Ira Hochman
Ruth Kaplan
Jeanette Mildner
Ira Schnitzler



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ida & Arthur Schwartz



MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Pnina Lanxner on the birth of her great grandson Noah Leonard Auerbach on March 8, 2019. Noah is the son of Michael & Lindsay Auerbach and the brother of Charlie Meir.

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Florence Cohen
Joyce Fefferman
Mark Hochberg
Rachel Kacenenbogen
Hilda Kalfus
Allan Morrin
Florence Most
Seymour Weber

LOSS OF MEMBER

Eugene Grozinger

*We extend our deepest condolences to
the Grozinger family.*



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 services
Please note: there are no morning services on Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and Fridays, unless it is Rosh Chodesh, a special
holiday or - if there is a yahrzeit. If you have a yahrzeit which
falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning, you should
inform Rabbi Daniel if you would like to have services.

Friday, April 5th

Leonor Herbst - Husband

Saturday, April 6th

Regina Landau - Husband

Sunday, April 7th

Ed Starer - Grandmother

Monday, April 8th

Meryl Colman - Husband

Thursday, April 11th

Sidney Rubin - Sister

Saturday, April 13th

George Godfried - Mother

Martin Novzen - Father

Ruthe Unger - Brother

Monday, April 15th

Zivan Zabar - Mother in law

Wednesday, April 17th

Florence Cohen - Father in law

Thursday, April 18th

Florence Cohen - Brother in law

Sunday, April 21st

Ruth Kaplan - Mother

Tuesday, April 23rd

Florence Most - Father

Wednesday, April 24th

Charlotte Halpern - Husband

Saturday, April 27th

Ida Ann Shapiro - Father

Sunday, April 28th

Reuben Ezra - Mother

Freda Gimple - Grandmother

Monday, April 29th

Pnina Lanxner - Mother

Tuesday, April 30th

Ira Werner - Father

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yahrzeit Fund

Jack Alkana, in memory of mother Vida.
Max Amper, in memory of father Samuel Amper.
Rabbi Romiel Daniel, in memory of father Isaac Daniel.
Susan Goldschmidt, in memory of father David.
Malka Gross, in memory of husband Howard Gross.
Leonor Herbst, in memory of husband Morris Herbst.
Leon Horowitz, in memory of mother Eva Horowitz.
Dan Isaacs, in memory of father Asher Isaacs.
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of mother Rebecca.
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of father Jacques.
Ed Starer, in memory of grandmother Ida.
Regina Landau, in memory of husband Isaac Landau.

Memorial Fund

Mollie & Jack Alkana, in memory of Eugene Grozinger.
Phyllis Lerner, in memory of Shirley Unger.

General Donations

Mollie & Jack Alkana
Elise Bornstein
Noreen Daniel, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.
Bertha Klein, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.
Pnina Lanxner, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.
Pnina Lanxner, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.
Charles Lehat, for the continued good health for all members.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received by the Center office after March 17th will be listed in the May Bulletin.

Refuah Sheleimah

Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Florence Cohen.
Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Alan Morrin.
Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Mark Hochberg.
Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Agnes Posner.
Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Sy Weber.
Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Ruthe Unger.
Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Rochelle Wasserman.
Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Susan Goldschmidt.
Joyce Fefferman, for the recovery of Florence Most.
Rachel Kacenenbogen, for prayers for good health.
Ruth Loewenstein, for the recovery of Florence Cohen.
Ruth Loewenstein, for the recovery of Rachel Kacenenbogen.
Ruth Loewenstein, for the recovery of Ruthe Unger.

Shalach Monos Donations

Mollie & Jack Alkana
Martin Cantor
Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel
Joyce Fefferman
Sandi Goodman
Ruth Kaplan
Pnina Lanxner
Ruth Loewenstein
Elaine Spodick
Ray & Ed Starer
Lynne & Joel Zakoff & family

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Stop by sometime to discuss pre-arranging a funeral or to get a Yahrzeit Calendar or to answer any question you might have.

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