REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER B U L L E T I N

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

EXODUS 25:8

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MARCH & APRIL 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 4 - 5:45 PM Saturday, March 5 - 9:00 AM

Friday, March 11 - 6:00 PM Saturday, March 12 - 9:00 AM

Wednesday, March 16 - 7:15 PM Wed., March 16 - 7:35 PM - Megillah Reading

> Friday, March 18 - 6:30 PM Saturday, March 19 - 9:00 AM

> Friday, March 25 - 6:30 PM Saturday, March 26 - 9:00 AM

Friday, April 1 - 6:30 PM Saturday, April 2 - 9:00 AM

Friday, April 8 - 6:30 PM Saturday, April 9 - 9:00 AM

Friday, April 15 - 8:00 AM - Siyum Bechorim Saturday, April 16 (1st day Passover) - 9:00 AM Sunday, April 17 (2nd day Passover) - 9:00 AM

Friday, April 22 (7th day Passover) - 9:00 AM Friday, April 22 - 7:30 PM Saturday, April 23 (8th day Passover) - 9:00 AM

> Friday, April 29 - 6:30 PM Saturday, April 30 - 9:00 AM

SELLING OF CHOMETZ

A certificate authorizing the sale of chometz appears in this Bulletin and is also available on our website.

Please send in your form so that it is received by 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 15th.

Search for chometz on Thursday night, April 14th after 8:03 P.M.

Start Fast of First Born on Friday, April 15th at 4:45 A.M.

Siyum Bechorim / Fast of First Born Friday, April 15th at 8:00 A.M.

Chometz may be eaten on Friday, April 15th until 10:41 A.M.

Rabbi Daniel will burn chometz at RPJC on Friday, April 15th at 11:48 A.M.

The first Passover seder should be held on Friday, April 15th at 7:30 P.M.

The second Passover seder should be held on Saturday, April 16th at 8:20 P.M.

Chometz that was sold may be eaten on Saturday, April 23rd after 9:30 P.M.

Sale of Chometz forms may be mailed, faxed or emailed to Rego Park Jewish Center -See the top of the Chometz form for mailing address, fax number & email address.

Please note:

Halachic authorities have ruled that online authorizations are acceptable for selling chometz.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

We are at the end of the year in the month of Adar and the beginning of the New Year in the month of Nisan. Both months have important festivals - Purim and Passover.

May all take extra care as the pandemic is still quite active. Only thing we can be thankful for is that the vaccines have been effective in making life more livable.

Adar is the 12th month on the Jewish calendar counting from Nisan. "When Adar enters, joy increases," the Talmud says. This reaches its climax on the 14th of the month, as we celebrate Mordechai and Esther's triumph over the wicked Haman. The spirit of Purim permeates the entire month, making it a time of unparalleled rejoicing and good *mazal* ("fortune") for the Jewish people.

During a Jewish leap year, which occurs seven times in a 19-year cycle (approximately once every three years), there is an added month called "Adar I," inserted before this month of Adar (termed "Adar II" in leap years). This aligns the lunar months with the solar year, ensuring that the holidays fall in the proper seasons.

Which brings us to Adar, the month of Purim, the month that directly precedes Nissan. From the Torah's perspective, Adar is the last month of the Hebrew calendar. Adar is often described as the "month of darkness," because during Haman's time we were closer than ever to suffering total annihilation. The light of Nissan, the light of liberation, could have been extinguished, had Haman's plot succeeded. Through the miracle of Purim, the darkness turned to light.

Purim Practices

- 1) We read the Megillah twice, both at night (to celebrate the faith that we found in the midst of darkness) and during the day (to celebrate the fact that our faith was validated openly and joyously).
- 2) We give two kinds of food to at least one friend. This gift is not meant to alleviate need, but rather to create unity. We celebrate being part of a people who lives on miracles.
- 3) We give money to the poor. This spreads the pleasure of feeling cared for, and opens the hearts of both giver and recipient.
- 4) We strengthen our belief in G-d's presence in the real world by having a whopper of a feast. Invite all your friends. Wear a costume to celebrate the fact that things are not always as they seem. Drink until you are so intoxicated that you recognize there are no longer heroes and villains -- just characters in G-d's unending play that reveals His love and presence.

Holidays and observances

- 3 Adar (515 BCE) Second Temple completed
- 7 Adar (1393 BCE) Birth of Moses
- 7 Adar (1273 BCE) Death of Moses
- 14 Adar (474 BCE) Purim victory celebrated in the Persian Empire
- 15 Adar (474 BCE) Purim Victory Celebrated in Shushan
- 25 Adar (561 BCE) Death of Nebuchadnezzar (Jeremiah 52:31).

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<u>Nisan (or Nissan)</u>, the first month of the Jewish calendar (according to the Torah), coincides with March-April on the civil calendar. The Torah calls it *chodesh ha-aviv*—the month of spring, as it marks the beginning of the spring months.

On the first day of Nisan in the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE), two weeks before the Exodus, G-d showed Moses the crescent new moon, instructing him regarding the setting of the Jewish calendar and the mitzvah of sanctifying the new month. "This month shall be for you the head of months, the first of the months of the year" (Exodus 12:2). This ushered in the first Jewish month and commenced the lunar calendar that Jews have been following ever since. It was the first mitzvah ("commandment") given to the newly born nation of Israel, even before the exodus from Egypt.

Passover

It is in this month that we celebrate the eight-day holiday of Passover, from the 15th through the 22nd of Nissan. It commemorates the Jewish people's miraculous redemption from slavery in Egypt, and the birth of the Jewish nation. We observe the anniversary of the Exodus each year by removing all leaven from our possession for this week, eating matzah and telling the story of the redemption to our children. By following the rituals of Passover, we have the ability to relive and experience the true spiritual freedom that our ancestors achieved.

Counting Sefirah

It took seven weeks - 49 days - from when the Jewish people left Egypt until they received the Torah from G-d at the foot of Mount Sinai, celebrated today as the holiday of Shavuot. It is explained that the 49 days that connect Passover with Shavuot correspond to the 49 drives and traits of the human heart. Each day saw the refinement of one of these *sefirot* ("traits"), bringing the people of Israel one step closer to spiritual perfection. Each year, we retrace this inner journey with our "counting of the Omer." Beginning on the second night of Passover, we count the days and weeks to the holiday of Shavuot, the "Festival of Weeks".

It is mentioned in the Talmud that according to one tradition, the three patriarchs of the Jewish people - Abraham (1948–2123 from creation, 1813–1638 BCE), Isaac (2048–2228 from creation, 1713–1533 BCE) and Jacob (2108–2255 from creation, 1653–1506 BCE)—all were born and passed away in the month of Nisan.

Holidays and observances

- 1 Nisan Lunar new year, marking the month of Aviv (spring), as the first month of the year, which month was later called Nisan. The first national mitzvah was given to the Jewish people to fix the calendar to the new moon of Aviv, according to the Book of Exodus 12:1–2, 12:18. (c. 1456 BCE)
- 10 Nisan Yom HaAliyah Aliyah Day, Israeli national holiday
- 14 Nisan Fast of the Firstborn on 12 Nisan when the 14th falls on Sabbath
- 14 Nisan Birkat Hachama is recited once every 28 years
- 14 Nisan Passover seder meal and Haggadah on the going out of the 14th and eve of the 15th
- 15–21 Nisan (22 Nisan outside of Israel) Feast of Matzot Passover week
- 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah (Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day) on 26 Nisan or 28 Nisan when the 27th falls on Friday or Sunday respectively, interfering with Shabbat.

Rabbi Romiel Daniel

APRIL CENTER MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH at 11:30 A.M.

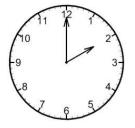
All Center members are invited to attend the Annual April Center Membership Meeting of the Rego Park Jewish Center. There will be an election of trustees for the 2022-2025 term. The following names have been proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Romiel Daniel Ken Sasmor Edward Starer Lynne Zakoff

As per the by-laws of the Rego Park Jewish Center, the Nominating Committee met to prepare the slate of nominees. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Ken Sasmor (Chair), Martin Cantor, Martin Novzen, Elaine Spodick, Ed Starer, Carol Stoller & Lynne Zakoff.

Refreshments served.

REMEMBER



"SPRING AHEAD" MARCH 13, 2022

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN WITH RABBI DANIEL



March 6, 13 April 3, 10, 24

Bring your own dairy breakfast.

Coffee served.

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN

These past months, in spite of bad weather cancellations, Rabbi Daniel held discussions on the following insightful and exciting topics:

- "What is G-d" and "Walking with G-d." Though He is incomprehensible, we stay linked at all times through faith, not by sight.
- "The Cup of Life." Happiness is not bought. We must find balance between valuables and values.
- The Prophet Elijah and his influence on Judaic practice and our lives.
- The Torah, which existed before creation and is a compass of life, whose laws must be followed.

We look forward to better weather and seeing you among us in the near future.

Elaine Spodick

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April 2022

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3 2 NISSAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	4 3 NISSAN	5 4 NISSAN	6 5 NISSAN	7 6 NISSAN	8 7 NISSAN E.S. 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 7:10 P.M.	9 8 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 8:11 P.M.
10 9 NISSAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M. MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 11:30 A.M.	11 10 NISSAN	12 11 NISSAN	13 12 NISSAN	14 13 NISSAN	15 14 NISSAN M.S. 8:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX N.E.S. C.L. 7:17 P.M. EREV PASSOVER 1ST SEDER	"METZORA" 16 15 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 8:19 P.M. 1ST DAY OF PASSOVER 2ND SEDER
17 16 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX YOM TOV ENDS - 8:20 P.M. 2 ND DAY OF PASSOVER	18 17 NISSAN	19 18 NISSAN	20 19 NISSAN	21 20 NISSAN C.L. 7:24 P.M.	22 21 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX E.S. 7:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 7:25 P.M. 7 TH DAY PASSOVER	23 22 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 8:27 P.M. 8 TH DAY PASSOVER YIZKOR
24 23 NISSAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	25 24 NISSAN	26 25 NISSAN	27 26 NISSAN	28 27 NISSAN YOM HASHOAH	29 28 NISSAN E.S. 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 7:32 P.M.	30 29 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 8:36 P.M. "ACHAREI MOT"

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Roslyn Hochman Ruth Kaplan Ruth Loewenstein Sonia Siegel

LOSS OF MEMBERS

Shirley Decker Lee Lobel-Zwang

We extend our deepest condolences to the Decker and Lobel families.

LOSS IN MEMBER'S FAMILY

Howard Kaplan, son of Ruth Kaplan Michael Wolfson, son of Ruth Wolfson

We extend our deepest condolences to Ruth Kaplan and Ruth Wolfson and their families.

Thank you to all my Rego Park Jewish Center friends for their messages of condolence on the passing of my son Howard Kaplan.

Ruth Kaplan

I would like to thank my dear friends at Rego Park Jewish Center for their kind expressions of condolence on the passing of my son Michael Wolfson.

Ruth Wolfson

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Zulma Bogen Elise Bornstein Susan Goldschmidt Blanche Kisloff Frances Rotkopf Ira Shimshi Ray Starer



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Maria Duron Beverly Ellman Ira Hochman Ruth Kaplan Jeanette Mildner Ira Schnitzler

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ida & Arthur Schwartz



MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Ruth Wolfson on the engagement of her grandson Eric Wolfson to Allison Steinberg. Eric is the son of Linda and Larry Wolfson.

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH

Thank you to Sherley Horlback who sponsored a congregational kiddush in December.

Thank you to Rebecca Katz and William Katz who sponsored a congregational kiddush in memory of husband and father Morris Katz.

Thank you to Carol Stoller who sponsored a congregational kiddush in honor of the yahrzeit of both her parents and the Stoller family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Mollie & Jack Alkana, in memory of Shirley Decker.

Mollie & Jack Alkana, in memory of Howard Kaplan.

Mollie & Jack Alkana, in memory of Lee Lobel-Zwang.

Lorraine Carroll, in memory of Howard Kaplan.

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Rachel Kacenelenbogen, in memory of Michael Wolfson.

Ruth Kaplan, in memory of Michael Wolfson.

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Shirley Kayne, in memory of Shirley Decker.

Bertha Klein, in memory of Shirley Decker.

Bertha Klein, in memory of Howard Kaplan.

Bertha Klein, in memory of Michael Wolfson.

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Irene & Jeff Morrison, in memory of Shirley Decker.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Shirley Decker.

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Mr. Norman & Dr. Roselyn Rauch, in memory of Shirley Decker.

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Linda Schwartz, Marian Grossman, Paul Endter and Patricia Willis, in memory of Michael Wolfson.

Sonia Siegel, in memory of Howard Kaplan.

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Ray & Ed Starer, in memory of Howard Kaplan.

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Rochelle Wasserman, in memory of Howard Kaplan.

Rochelle Wasserman, in memory of Michael Wolfson.

Ruth Wolfson, in memory of her son Michael Wolfson and in appreciation of prayers said for him.

Ruth Wolfson, in memory of Howard Kaplan.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after February 22nd will be listed in the May/June bulletin.

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Elise Bornstein, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Shevat and Adar.

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Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat. Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of singing Adon Olam on Shabbat.

Reina Goodman, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat. Pnina Lanxner, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat. Paramdeo Patraj

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Elaine Spodick, in memory of father Harry Spodick.

Carol Stoller, in memory of mother Hilda Stoller.

Carol Stoller, in memory of father Murray Stoller.

Ruth Wolfson, in memory of husband Murray Wolfson.

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Mollie & Jack Alkana, for the recovery & good health of Roslyn Hochman.

Arlene Broad & family, for the recovery & good health of Joseph Farber.

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Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery & good health of Joe Farber

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Pnina Lanxner, for the recovery & good health of Ruth Kaplan.

Pnina Lanxner, for the recovery & good health of Ruth Loewenstein.

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Ray & Ed Starer, for the speedy recovery and good health of Ruth Kaplan.

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