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# A Message from Rabbi Adelson



## Broken *Matzah* for a Broken World

Four cups of wine. Four questions. Four children. Sixteen (4x4) items in the seder (order). Three *matzot*. Or is it four?

The *seder* starts with three unbroken *matzot*. Not long into the ritual, i.e. between *karpas* (eating the green vegetable, which in my family was always parsley) and *maggid* (telling the story of Pesah), the middle one is broken into two pieces. One remains with its two whole siblings, and the other is squirreled away, wrapped up and perhaps hidden and later reclaimed to be eaten as the *afikoman*, the official dessert. Three complete *matzot* become four.

The broken middle *matzah* has always puzzled me. The table has barely been set and we are still quite a ways from dinner, and we are already damaging the seasonal goods. Strange, no? What is the message that we might derive from this?

Immediately after the breaking of the middle *matzah*, at the beginning of the *maggid* section, we raise the *matzah* and say, "*Ha lah<sup>ma</sup> anya...*" "This is the bread of poverty that our ancestors ate when they were slaves in Egypt." Certainly, *matzah* alone is miserable enough to recall the suffering of our ancestors, both gastronomically and gastrointestinally. And we have already taken it one step further - it is unpleasant to eat, and also broken. The two whole ones represent the two whole loaves of bread with which we traditionally begin every Shabbat and festival meal, reminding us that this is indeed a happy occasion. In Hebrew, it is known as *lehem mishneh*, and said to represent the two portions of *manna* that fell on Fridays while our ancestors were wandering in the desert. But then there is that poor, violated middle *matzah*, telling a somewhat different story.

The broken *matzah* that begins and ends the seder tells an important story about our lives. Yes, we celebrate our freedom from slavery and the dawn of spring. We gather with family and friends, sing happy tunes and partake in a sumptuous repast, practice quaint customs and drink four cups of wine to enhance the festivities. But Pesah is not an exclusively happy occasion; we also recall the firstborn of Egypt, whom God took as punishment for Pharaoh's hard heart.

Lurianic *kabbalah*, which emerged in Israel in the 16th century, teaches that during Creation the spheres of certain of God's emanations were broken. We live in a fractured world, one in which good and evil are in continuous tension. Even in our moments of greatest joy, we hear echoes of sorrow, and although I could point to numerous examples in Jewish tradition that reflect this, the broken middle *matzah* is perhaps one of the best. Just as the kabbalists seek to reunite the pieces of our broken world, so do we at the *seder* eventually recover the *afikoman* and reunite it with the rest of the meal. Three becomes four becomes three again.

Not only is *matzah* the bread of poverty, but it is also a stark reminder that human life is never perfect. We all celebrate together, and so too do we also suffer together. We begin the meal with complete *matzah* and end with broken *matzah*, balancing the entirety of our human experience as the continuum that falls in-between. *Hag kasher vesameah!*

*Leshalom,*

**Rabbi Seth Adelson**

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Above: Rabbi Seth Adelson and Beth Shalom congregants enjoying a Snowbirds Luncheon in Delray Beach, FL.

Right: Rabbi Adelson and Marian Ungar Davis who, along with her husband Stanley, hosted and sponsored the Snowbirds Luncheon.





## SELLING OF HAMETZ—מכירת חמץ

As we approach the spring we naturally begin to focus on Passover (Pesah in Hebrew). People start planning their *Seder*; who will be coming, which night will they have at their house or at someone else's, what new kosher for Passover foods are there, where did we put Grandma's special cookie recipe?

In addition to all of these thoughts, we also begin to work on cleaning our homes. We work as diligently as possible to rid our homes of all "hametz." In the Torah we are instructed that "no **leaven** shall be seen or found in your possession during Passover." Some people work towards eating up all of their hametz before Passover and give away or dispose of any that is left over. This is hard to do and for many it is not feasible.

Knowing of this hardship, the rabbis introduced a way for us not to "own" any hametz. Before Passover we "sell" the hametz to a non-Jew for Passover. After Passover, the goods all revert back into our ownership. If you want to know more about the intricacies of this custom, please feel free to ask Rabbi Adelson for details.

Please take the opportunity to fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue by **11:00 am on Friday, April 22nd** in order to have your hametz included in the sale.

While not mandatory, it is customary to include a donation to support the vulnerable in our community. These funds will be contributed to Rabbi Adelson's Discretionary Fund which is used to provide scholarships, offer assistance to those in need and to promote Jewish cultural, educational and religious activities.

*Hag kasher vesameah* (A Happy and Kosher Pesah!)

Rabbi Seth Adelson

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# A Message from the President

**T**he weather may have been cold outside in January and February but things heated up inside and outside for Beth Shalom members. Here are some of the hot events that occurred:

**January 10** - A weekly Sunday night women's basketball was organized and launched by member Shiri Friedman. Women of all ages are welcome to join in a fun get together in the Rice Auditorium Sunday evenings at 8:30 p.m. with lots of hooping and schmoozing guaranteed

**January 22** - The first "modern era" Tu Bishvat Seder was held at Beth Shalom and was a rousing success. We had close to 150 people in attendance. Our USYers led the Seder and did a fantastic job of explaining the Seder plates and leading discussions around personal experiences that related to those meanings

**January 31** - A Welcoming Event was organized by our Membership Committee for our new members. The event began in the Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary with Rabbi Adelson welcoming our new members and concluded with a breakfast in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

**February 6** - The Adult Education Committee's Beth Shalom Health Initiative 2016 began with Dr. Nathan Bahary offering insights into considerations in end of life decisions from a Jewish perspective

**February 21** - The annual Men's Club Sports Luncheon Honoring Special Friends was held in Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom with local sports celebrities bringing smiles to all in attendance

**February 27** - Our Sisterhood Shabbat saw our Sisterhood members lead all parts of the services and honor the Kiddush Club volunteers. The Sisterhood luncheon was followed by the second installment of the Beth Shalom Health Initiative 2016 with Dr. Karen

Wolk Feinstein discussing the Jewish Healthcare Foundation at 25.

Additionally, Rabbi Adelson traveled to South Florida on February 16th to connect with our Beth Shalom Snowbirds and let them know while they may be away they aren't forgotten. Thank you to the anonymous donors who made Rabbi Adelson's trip possible, and a very special thank you to Stan and Marian Davis for hosting a luncheon for Rabbi Adelson to meet with close to 30 Beth Shalom Snowbirds and build on our Beth Shalom community.

The celebration of Purim also stresses the community. While each person is obligated to read the *Megillah*, the universal custom is for the entire community to join together in shul and listen as the *Megillah* is read aloud. **Our Purim celebration will take place this year on Wednesday evening, March 23rd**, with a full reading of the *Megillah* in the Helfant Chapel simultaneously with a family reading in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom. Both readings will conclude at the same time and everyone will join together for a Purimshpil (silly Purim play) performed by our members.

Before you know it Passover will be here. In February a survey was sent to everyone by email and a hard copy mailed with this Mishpachtenu to gauge the interest among congregants for holding a second night Seder at Beth Shalom next year to further build on our community at Beth Shalom. Please let us know your thoughts by completing the survey and returning it to the office.

As we celebrate and observe the mitzvot of Purim and Passover, let us do so as a community committed to increasing learning, knowledge and the practice of Judaism.

**David Horvitz**  
President

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## **Friday, April 15**

Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 pm \*

Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 7:45 pm, followed by a talk by  
Rabbi Wernick

## **Saturday, April 16**

Men's Club Shabbat Services at 9:30 am

D'Var Torah given by Rabbi Wernick and installation of  
Rabbi Seth Adelson

Congregational Kiddush Luncheon at 12:30 pm  
sponsored by the Men's Club

Mincha at 7:00 pm

Dairy Dessert Reception at 7:30 pm \*

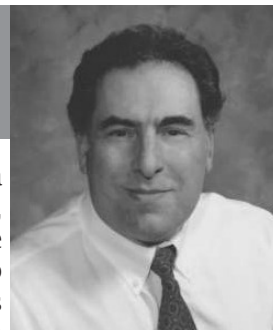
Ma'ariv at 8:25 pm

Havdalah and Cantorial Musical Recital at 8:45 pm featuring Rabbi  
Seth Adelson, Cantor Laura Berman, Molly May, Cantor Rob Menes,  
Sarah Stock-Mayo, and Cantor Moshe Taube

\* reservations must be made beforehand

Invitation to follow

# A Message from the Executive Director



"Membership has its privileges." I remember when American Express came out with this slogan and I thought, "what a ridiculous concept to belong to a club for a credit card." What does membership mean? How does one belong? What do you get for being a member?

Being a member of a community doesn't get you things - it changes you. It connects you. It identifies you. It gives you context and foundation. If you think supporting the synagogue is about the specific programs you are going to use, you will likely be disappointed. It's like joining a gym the day after New Years. But if you join a synagogue to help you define who you are, to cultivate your context, then you are making an investment in yourself and those around you. The dues you pay for belonging are not for services rendered. Rather, it's an investment for the community, like a life insurance policy that you pay premiums on - you get the knowledge that when you pass on, your family has something to help them continue.

Are there great programs that you can take advantage of? There sure are! At Beth Shalom, the educational and prayer opportunities are of the highest quality. However, programs don't sustain the community; community creates the programs.

Go ahead. Calculate the cost of a High Holiday ticket. And then determine the value of sitting next to one of the foremost Talmud scholars. Or the ability to approach a world class musician, any time, for tips on

how to sing. Or the help of a physician, standing by your side, when you trip and fall. Or the value of losing a loved one only to find that the community has shown up at your house with meals, and prayers, and care when you thought you were completely alone. That is what it means to be a member of a community.

It also means recognizing your responsibility to create the community you want. Participate. Repair the structures. Share your skills. Give money. That's the difference between buying a service, and being a member. You own it. You create it. It is not quid-pro-quo. You may never see the fruits of your labor - but your children will. Your friends will.

We are all members of the Jewish community. We shared the experience of freedom, and we share it again every year. We validate our membership in this club every Pesach. How will we decide to keep this club going? Yes, membership has its privileges. We have the privilege of giving this gift of community to the people we love and to the next generation. Maybe, if we keep it going, this community is exactly what is needed in our world for its repair.

**Rob Menes**

Executive Director

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## Wednesday, March 23, 2015

### **Minhah/Ma'ariv & Traditional Megillah Reading**

**6:30 pm - Helfant Chapel**

### **Family Megillah Reading**

**6:45 pm - Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom**

Come in costume for the multimedia megillah reading with youth readers, singing, dancing, and noisemaking.

### **"Inside Out" Purimshpil with Beth Shalom and Rodef Shalom**

**7:45 pm - Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom**

A silly Purim play produced and performed by congregants of Beth Shalom and Rodef Shalom. An adult costume pageant, schmoozing, food and drink will add to the festivities!







## A Message from the Early Learning Center Director

**I**n the Early Learning Center, we started 2016 by hitting the ground running! The Pre-K classes began the year by celebrating the 100th day of school, a visit from Animal Friends with Ms. Susan Young to learn about pet safety, and a trip to the Tiny Tots Symphony. They were joined by the Threes classes as they experienced the four seasons through music. The Twos, Threes, and Pre-K classes enjoyed Tu Bishvat through artwork, snacks, songs, plays, and a celebration!

There is lots to learn and lots to do and celebrate through the rest of February and into March. Our teachers participated in a fire safety training on February 15th, Morah Marina celebrated her 18th year teaching music education at the Early Learning Center, and a family Purim celebration will take place on March 24th.

The ELC would not be what it is without our fantastic PTO and all of their efforts to support our school and our teachers. We are in the midst of our Original Works

fundraiser, which gives families the opportunity to create beautiful gifts from the children's own artwork while giving back to our school at the same time - special thanks to Amiena Mahsoob for chairing! On March 8, 9, and 10 the PTO will hold the annual Scholastic Book Fair in the Palkovitz Grand Lobby, chaired by Bryna Siegel Finer and Bill Laboon. It is a wonderful event to promote literacy, a love for books, and support the ELC all at the same time. Fundraising is just part of what the PTO does for our school; *mishloah manot* baskets will be distributed to the teachers, headed by Karen Galor and Rachel Albert, to ensure everyone has a festive Purim.

*Beshalom,*

**Jennifer Perer Slattery**  
Director of the ELC  
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## Meet Our Benei Mitzvah!



**Shulamit Sigal Kurland Dernis**, daughter of Mitchell Dernis and Brenda Kurland, granddaughter of Pamela and David Dernis (Lake Worth, FL)

and Dorothy and Jonathan Kurland (Charleston, WV), will celebrate becoming a bat mitzvah on March 5 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Shuli is a 6th grader at Community Day School. She is a passionate soccer player for Arsenal FC and Dynamo, and she enjoys participating in the CDS soccer, basketball, and baseball teams. Her favorite school subject is math. Shuli's ongoing mitzvah project is raising money to pay for bus fare and other necessities for refugees who have settled in Pittsburgh.



**Joshua Marc Berger**, son of Jody Berger and Steven Berger, will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on March 12, 2016. Josh has an older sister,

Rachel and a younger brother, Daniel. Josh is the grandson of Lynne and Marvin Gross and Paul and the late Marilyn Berger. Josh attends Community Day School and his hobbies include karate, running, and playing Minecraft. Josh's Mitzvah project is donating to the Animal Rescue League and volunteering with the Friendship Circle.



**Michael Mason Elinoff**, son of Beth & Jeffrey Elinoff, will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on March 19, 2016. Michael has a younger

brother, Andrew. He is the grandson of Eileen and Myron Snider and Bernice Elinoff and the late Milton Elinoff. Michael attends Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy and his hobbies are robotics, computers and reading. Michael's Mitzvah project is collecting and donating toys, games, crafts, books, etc. for the Mercy Hospital Pediatric Burn Unit in honor of his Bar Mitzvah tutor's daughter, Meira Loring.



# Shababababa

A musical Shabbat for families in Pittsburgh

## Upcoming Dates:

**March 18**  
**April 8**

**May 20**  
**June 10**

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**6:20pm Optional Dinner**

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## About Our Leader



Sara Stock Mayo is a trained Cantorial Soloist, originally from the Pittsburgh area. Sara got her start in Cantorial singing in Brooklyn, NY at Congregation Kolot Chayeinu. She has, most recently, served as Cantorial Soloist at Temple Sinai for 11 years. There, she started a band that performed monthly, as well as taught and led the intergenerational and youth choirs. Sara also has training and experience as a Chaplain. She has a background in Musical Theatre and is a Registered Drama Therapist. She currently serves as the Managing Director of Pittsburgh Playback Theatre, a company committed to social service and creating greater communication and understanding through its improvisational form of storytelling. Sara lives in Squirrel Hill with her husband, Jonathan and her two children- Ziv and Elena.

Shababababa is supported by the Reuben A. and Selma W. Cohen Fund.

## ELC Calendar March 2016

**Monday, March 7**  
Coffee in the Lobby  
8:00-10:00am

**March 8-10**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**Sunday, March 13**  
Purim Carnival  
10:00am-1:00pm

**Friday, March 18**  
Shababababa  
5:45pm

**Thursday, March 24**  
ELC Family Purim Celebration  
1:00pm

## STAY CONNECTED!

Website: [bethshalompreschool.com](http://bethshalompreschool.com)  
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## Minyan Mishpahti led by Sara Stock Mayo

**March 5**  
**April 2**  
**May 7**

**11:00am, Zweig Library**

**A fun-filled, instrumental service for the  
youngest members of our congregation and  
their parents!**

**Open to Infants - 3rd graders.**

**Mishpachtenu**



## A Message from the Director of Youth Tefillah and Programming

As we approach yet another hectic and eventful time of year, I think it is imperative that we take time to sit and reflect on what fantastic costume ideas we will have for this Purim! Our Youth Groups have been moving full steam ahead with no plans to slow down any time soon!

Our Chaverim and Atid crew has been taking Youth Shabbat Services to a whole other level! After spending some time talking to the kids about what they would like to do for services, plans and ideas arose, some of which were put in place. Everyone has played Charades, the classic acting and guessing game, but not everyone has played it with themes and characters from the weekly *parshah*. While acting and goofing off, the kids learn about the week's Torah reading. Some of the kids admitted to being a tad bored of some of the tunes we use every single week in services...so we learned new ones! With the help of some very courageous service leaders we all sang and learned different tunes together. Of course, nothing gets you thinking about the parsha and services like some good ol' fashioned trivia, but that could get boring pretty fast. Instead, the kids had the idea of playing trivia with paper airplanes! If you attempt to seriously answer the question, right or wrong, you get to throw a paper airplane and try to score points! It was oodles of fun and a tournament will soon ensue.

As for our Kadimaniks...oh, wait! Where are the Kadimaniks? Oh yeah! They went on a journey through time with Bill and Ted on their Excellent Adventure! When they got back though, they have been attending Kadima Lounge Nights with more kids coming each week to join in on the fun! Outside of playing board games, enjoying some basketball, and devouring various snacks, the kids tell jokes, LOUNGE about, and just hang out with their friends. Due to high demand, we have even begun having Lounge Nights EVERY WEEK! Why should the USYers get to have all the fun? We also had a couple of Kadimaniks from Beth Shalom and Beth El take a cross-state trip to Kadima Kinnus in Dayton, OH. Lead by the Central Region USY High School Regional Board, the kids had an Inside-Out experience with fun, educational programming, and songs, all themed around emotionality and feelings.

Speaking of USY, the teens have been active and excited about programming and events! Starting with a wonderful Tu B'Shevat Seder, and onto a surprisingly well attended (it was the weekend of the blizzard) Shabbat morning service, our teens lead the

congregation in prayer, Torah, and discussion based around the new year for trees. Then, to top it all off, they had an awesome Laser Tag in the Synagogue event complete with make-your-own grilled cheese, a bouncy house obstacle course, and of course, Laser Tag in the Ballroom with the lights off! It was an absolute blast and a few inches of snow did not stop our teens from attending the event and enjoying themselves. However, one can have fun with snow, as exhibited by our USYers when they joined our Kadimaniks for a snow-tubingly great time at Boyce Park. Once again joining forces with Beth El, the kids had a full day of snow tubing with their friends.

The Confirmation Experience, led by Rabbi Adelson and myself, has been a hit as well. The experience started out with the teens brainstorming various topics that they would like to cover during our confirmation studies. The second night we wasted no time delving into the teen chosen topic of "Gender Issues in the Contemporary Jewish World: a Conservative Perspective." The teens opened up and asked excellent, thoughtful questions and were extremely engaged and respectful regarding a very serious conversation going on in the Jewish world today. Our teens will not stop there, however, as the next night's topic is "Intermarriage, Interdating, Interfaith: Where do we stand?"

It has only been two months of this year and already our calendar is full of awesome events! Purim is around the corner and with it comes our annual PURIM CARNIVAL!!! Kids of all ages can come in their costumes and play games to win awesome prizes! We also have some programs for Atid and Chaverim to help bring in the holiday! Later on, we prepare ourselves for the matzah-filled eight days of Passover with, you guessed it, Chocolate Seders! These have been a huge hit every year and we expect no less this year!

As always, thank you all so much for supporting our Youth Department and allowing us to focus our efforts on the wonderful youth of Congregation Beth Shalom!

*Hag Purim vePesah Sameah,*

**Yasha Rayzberg**

Director of Youth Tefillah & Programming  
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# PURIM CARNIVAL 2016

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom**

**Congregation Beth Shalom**

Every year, Beth Shalom USY puts on a huge community Purim Carnival, complete with carnival games, prizes, hamantashen, face painting, raffles, music, food, and more!

**We welcome your support and participation to ensure another successful year of carnival fun!**

## SUPPORT A YOUTH TRADITION!

All donors will be recognized in the bulletin, listed on an easel at the carnival, and thanked via personal letter from USY.

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<b>Patron of the Purim Carnival</b> .....	<b>\$136</b>



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# A Message from the J-JEP Director

**I** don't speak because I have the power to speak; I speak because I don't have the power to remain silent.

– Rabbi A.Y. Kook

The summer after Sophomore year of high school I took some sort of law class at Immaculata University, a Jesuit University, which was a 20 minute drive from my parents' home. At the time I was pretty intent on attending law school eventually, and wanted some sort of head start. I recall that we were studying a case where the person persecuted was very obviously being treated rather unjustly. One of my classmates spoke up about this specifically in class, and the professor responded with something along the lines of "Unethical? For ethical dilemmas and justice issues please cross the street [to the church]. Here we focus on constitutional law." While I didn't realize it at the time, the comment the professor made stuck with me and likely led me to the path I am currently on instead of attending law school.

One of the most important items we can teach our children is to treat others justly and live a just life. The focus of this year's 7th grade curriculum allows our students the opportunity to analyze the value conflict at the core of Judaism's historic debates, such as Nathan courageously confronting King David over the king's immorality, and Spinoza challenging Jewish communal leaders in Amsterdam about the boundaries of Jewish belief. Our mission is to prepare our JJEP participants to apply Jewish values to similar conflicts in today's society in order to live Jewishly in the 21st century.

While the curriculum allows for intense analytical discussions, it is the teacher of our 7th graders that opens their door to these heavy debates. **Chaim Steinberg** began teaching at JJEP quickly after the program's formation. Chaim's dynamic and captivating teaching style not only commands the respect of his fourth and seventh grade students, but challenges them to philosophize and debate in order to understand what it means to be Jewish as individuals, as part of their communities, and as citizens of the world. Students appreciate his ability to explore a myriad of topics with them and find ways to connect them to Judaism. One former student sums up Chaim's teaching perfectly; "He makes learning really fun!" **We are proud to announce that Chaim is JJEP's Unsung Hero for the 2015-2016 school year.** Please join us at this year's Celebration of Learning and at the community's Unsung Hero event, both on May 22nd, to thank and celebrate Chaim's dedication to our JJEP scholars.

Kol tuv,

**Liron Lipinsky**  
J-JEP Director

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*Chaim Steinberg, JJEP's Unsung Hero for the 2015-2016 school year*

# Adult Education



## Adult Education's Monthly program

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NEW TOPICS! Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Seth Adelson

### March 7th or 8th

Do *Mitzvot* Require *Kavvanah*? (Rosh Hashanah 28a-b). Going right to the heart of the contemporary relationship between Jews and *mitzvot*, the rabbis consider whether or not the mind must be actively engaged with the rest of the body during the performance of the obligations of Jewish life.

### April 4th or 12th

What is the *afikoman* that we eat on Pesah? (Pesahin 119b-120a) Is it really dessert? Is it even a Hebrew word? The sages try to puzzle out something that has confused all of us for at least two millennia.

Two convenient locations: 1st Mondays in Oakland at Hillel JUC and 2nd Tuesdays downtown. Bring a friend!

No Hebrew reading skill required. Watch for registration deadlines online in Happenings and Weekly Spotlight.

12:00 pm to 1:15 pm | \$10 lunch covert, dietary laws observed, RSVP required

Sign up and pay online [bethshalompgh.org/lunch-learn-registration](http://bethshalompgh.org/lunch-learn-registration)  
or by phone with Judy Kayam, 412-421-2288 x 110 by the deadline  
(four days before the program)

## Live Longer! Feel Better!

Congregation Beth Shalom's Adult Education Committee invites you to a series of community forums, free and open to the public.



## The Beth Shalom Health Initiative 2016



The Plan for a Healthier Allegheny  
with Karen Hacker, MD, MPH  
Director, Allegheny County  
Health Department

Sunday, March 6, 2016, 10:00am  
Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

All programs will take place at



5915 Beacon Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
412.421.2288



Alcohol and Drug Problems: Why We  
All Should Be Concerned and What  
We Can Do with Dennis C. Daley, PhD  
Professor of Psychiatry, Univ. of Pittsburgh  
and Senior Clinical Director of Substance  
Use Services at UPMC Health Plan

Sunday, April 10, 2016, 10:00am  
Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

For program details and presenter biographies, visit  
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## A Message from Sisterhood

**O**n a cold Sunday morning in late January, Natalie Rosenbloom organized a *tikkun olam* project for the families that are served by the Squirrel Hill Food Pantry. Sisterhood members enjoyed a light brunch and spent a relaxing morning participating in the newest coloring craze and packing treats for children. We thank Natalie for organizing this fun event and also want to thank her son, Jeff Rosenbloom, who helped out that day.

Kudos and thanks to everyone who participated in making Sisterhood Shabbat a spiritual and enjoyable Shabbat experience on February 27. We truly appreciate all those individuals who helped organize this special Shabbat. We also appreciate the hard work of the Kiddush Club members each month, so it was nice to honor those individuals. It was a pleasure to collaborate with the Beth Shalom Health Initiative 2016 and enjoyable learning about the Jewish Healthcare Foundation at 25 from our guest speaker, Karen Wolk Feinstein.

Recently Sisterhood received a letter from the Jewish Theological Seminary and Chancellor Arnold Eisen. The letter shared much information about a visionary project that will transform the current JTS campus.

World-renowned architects, Tod Williams and Billie Tsien, have been retained to design a new library, performing arts space and an on-site residence hall. These new buildings will replace the Matilde Schechter Residence Hall, Goldsmith Hall and the current library. Construction will begin within the next few months and take approximately three years. JTS is grateful to Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood for raising significant Torah Fund dollars and giving so generously in the past to help support earlier renovations of the Library and the Goldsmith Residence Hall.

Invitations will be mailed very soon for our last Sisterhood event of the year. Thanks to Barbara Rosenstein and Arlene Shapiro for chairing **Sisterhood's Torah Fund Brunch to be held on Sunday, April 3** as we honor Ira Frank, who works tirelessly for our shul and has been a sisterhood member and sisterhood sponsor for many years.

Wishing everyone Hag Sameah for Purim and Pesah!

**Debby Firestone**  
Sisterhood Representative

## A Message from Men's Club

**I** hope everyone is having a meaningful winter season taking part in the beautiful services and various Beth Shalom activities. I further trust that you took a moment to notice the activities of Men's Club.

Men's Club winter schedule is very busy and many of our members are becoming more involved in our programming, which included a joint World Wide Wrap program with Rodef Shalom Congregation, which was very well attended. The event featured our own Rabbi Adelson with over 100 JJEP students and their families learning the intricacies of laying *tefillin*.

With deepest gratitude, the Men's Club acknowledges all the volunteers and participants at this year's Sports Luncheon, which took place on Sunday, February 21st. The Sports Luncheon is successful each year because of the selfless efforts of the volunteers. Thank you.

Men's Club membership is actively preparing for annual Yellow Candle Program and consequentially everyone would be receiving the corresponding package in your mail. We encourage everyone to light

the candle after sundown on May 4th, 2016.

This year's Men's Club Shabbat to be held on April 16, 2016 is coinciding with Rabbi Adelson's installation and we are looking forward to very special services. We hope that everyone will be able to join us for the memorable morning.

The Annual Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this pre-Passover hametz chow down.

We are planning additional exciting programs and appreciate everyone's role in our Club. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming more involved in Men's Club or have any suggestions, please contact with me via email at alexanderkiderman@yahoo.com as we welcome new members, new ideas and your participation in our programs.

Beshalom,

**Alexander Kiderman**  
Men's Club President



# Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory!™ by Stephen Neustein

## Yom HaShoah begins at sundown on Wednesday, May 4th.

*Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory!™*

Burned within our collective Jewish identity and memory is an image of loss, grief and sadness. Horrific. Incomprehensible. Horrific. Senseless. Six Million lives, stolen, tortured, and murdered.

*Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory!™*

Those who forget their history are doomed to repeat it. The lessons of the Shoah? Unforgettable?

My parents were married in 1948. Israel had miraculously survived and was a reality. I was raised in the security of a Jewish neighborhood. I went to a Jewish Day School, synagogue and went to Jewish camps. I was related to and knew survivors and their children. There was no Yellow candle program nor need for one. No one could imagine forgetting the vivid frightful horrors of the holocaust. It was unthinkable that the world could ever forget.

Today, I am not so sure. Survivors are fewer, Israel is stronger, and the world is still filled with hate. Civilized society is often merely a thin veneer easily ripped apart. Human rights are trampled regularly throughout many parts of the world.

*Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory!™*

Hitler's final solution: Genocide? Jewish tradition teaches that in every generation evil will raise its ugly head again to threaten the Jewish people and all of mankind. Amalek has not been destroyed. Today I fear that many lives are still threatened by Amalek. Peaceful fragile people's existences are still being extinguished while the world shrugs its collective shoulders and watches in silence.

*Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory!™*

Created in 1981 by FJMC clubs to keep alive the memory of the Six Million who perished in the Shoah. The Yellow Candle™ is modeled after a traditional Jewish memorial Yahrzeit candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning and on the Yahrzeit anniversary of a family member.

The candle's yellow wax serves to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime.

The program logo is a yellow Magen David (Star of David) outlined with barbed wire, with the word "Jude" in the middle. This preserves the memory of the armband or cloth patch that Jews were forced to wear in the ghettos of Eastern Europe.

*Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory!™*

The FJMC estimates that over 4,000,000 of our Yellow candles have been lit on Yom HaShoah (the Day of Remembrance).

It is a good start. It is not enough.

This year the FJMC has set a new goal. Challenge the world to light 1,000,000 candles!

It is a good next step. It will not be enough.

Our ultimate goal is to light one candle for every victim of the Holocaust.

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It was not just the Jewish People who were the victims of Nazi Germany's infamous criminal cruelty and we are reaching out to non-Jewish people also. And they are responding! Many non-Jewish groups recognize the need to make sure the world never forgets. They too are lighting candles on Yom HaShoah

*Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory!™*

Be part of this worldwide effort! Tell your congregants. Tell your, friends, neighbors and relatives. Teach your children. Never forget. Commit to lighting a candle.

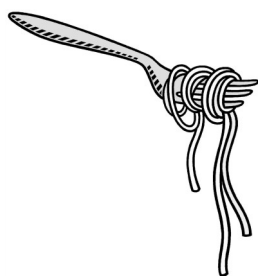
Be part of your community and synagogue Yom HaShoah programs. Let the world know that the victims of the Shoah are not forgotten.

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Log on the FJMC's website and register your participation. You can order candles for your synagogue today featuring artwork by renowned artist and survivor, Dubie Arie.

*Light A Candle, Preserve A Memory!™*

Stephen Neustein is a past President of our Men's Club, a past of FJMC International Vice President, and a past International Chairman of the FJMC Yellow Candle Program



### Save the Date!

Men's Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner  
Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm  
Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom



# Countdown to Pesah 5776/2016

## MA'OT HITIN - PASSOVER TZEDAKKAH FUND

From the beginning of the month of *Nissan*, we are especially sensitive to the needs of fellow Jews who may need our special help and support toward fulfilling all the *mitzvot* of the *Pesah* season.

### BEDIKAT HAMETZ: THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 21 after 8:40 P.M.

The traditional search for *hametz* on the night before *Pesah* falls this year on Thursday night immediately after sunset. The blessing for *bedikat hametz*, found at the beginning of most *Haggadot*, is recited and the *kol hamira* formula nullifying unseen *hametz* may be recited. Hold any found *hametz* for ritual burning the following morning, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you need help finding these prayers, please contact Rabbi Adelson.

### SALE OF HAMETZ: FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 22 before 11:00 A.M.

As you are aware, one of the central commandments of *Pesah* is that we rid ourselves of all forbidden *hametz* in our possession. Individuals who fully observe *Pesah* do their best to eliminate *hametz* as far as possible and then traditionally resort to the procedure of "selling" any *hametz* which may have been packed away or missed. The sale will be conducted before 12:09 PM.

### FAST OF THE FIRST BORN & SIYYUM BECHORIM: FRIDAY, APRIL 22

All first born should fast on the day before *Pesah* in commemoration of the deliverance from Egypt of the Israelite firstborn. The Rabbi offers a *siyyum* (public completion of study) which is followed by a festive meal at which all present may eat, and once having eaten, a first born need not fast that day. The *siyyum* and the *se'udat mitzvah* will be held this year on Friday morning in the Helfant Chapel and Palkovitz Lobby at 8:15 a.m., following the 7:30 a.m. morning minyan. **This Special Siyyum Breakfast is sponsored by Stanley & Cherie Maharam in loving memory of beloved parents and grandparents Bess & Aaron Maharam.**

### BI'UR HAMETZ - FRIDAY MORNING APRIL 22

The ritual burning of the *hametz* found during Thursday night's search should be completed by 12:09 p.m. The stove should be fully kashered and all cooking proceeds in Pesach pots with Pesach utensils only. Traditionally no *hametz* or *matzah* is eaten after this time.

## Candle Lighting Blessings

#### #1 - Shabbat and Yom Tov Candle Lighting Blessing (1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Night)

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת ויום טוב.

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melek ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav, vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Shabbat veYom Tov.

#### #2 - Yom Tov Candle Lighting Blessing (2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Night)

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של יום טוב.

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melek ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav, vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

#### #3 - Sheheheyenu Blessing (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Only)

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melek ha'olam, sheheheyenu, vekiyyamanu, vehigi'anu lazeman hazeh.

## A Brief Pesah Kashrut Guide Kashering Utensils

A full description of kashering processes and listing of permitted foods  
can be found at: [www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide](http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide)

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 (*kevalo kakh polto*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used for only cold food are kashered by rinsing in cold water.

- A. **Earthenware** (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over one year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.
- B. **Metal utensils** (wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit or broiler) must first be scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly 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 immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.
- C. **Oven and Ranges** - Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, the 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. A microwave oven, which does not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned and then a cup of water should be placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water "boils." A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesah.
- D. **Glassware** - Authorities disagree as to the method of kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for 3 days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting it through the dishwasher.
- E. **Dishwasher** - After not using the dishwasher for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run. It may then be used for Pesah.
- F. **Electrical Appliances** - If the parts that come in 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 for *chametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered and then they may be used.
- H. **Kitchen Sink** - A metal sink can be kashered by a thorough cleaning and by 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 so as to prevent accidental use.

### Permitted Foods

- A. The following foods require no *kasher lePesah* label when purchased before or during Pesah: fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been coated, eggs, unflavored tea bags, unflavored regular coffee, 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil, whole or raw tree nuts, whole (unground) spices, fresh fish from a kosher source and fresh kosher meat or frozen, raw hekshered meat (other than ground products as ground products with prohibited materials could be made on the same equipment).
- B. The following products require reliable *kasher lePesah* certification (regular kosher supervision not being sufficient) whether bought before or during Pesach: all baked goods (farfel, matzah, any product containing matzah, matzah flour, matzah meal, Pesach cakes), all frozen processed foods, candy, canned tuna, cheeses, chocolate milk, decaf coffee, decaf tea, dried fruits, herbal tea, ice cream, liquor, non Grade A butter, oils, soda, vinegar, wine, yogurt.
- C. The following foods require no *kasher lePesah* label but do require *kashrut* supervision if purchased new and unopened before Pesach: all pure fruit juices in plastic or glass bottles, filleted fish, frozen fruit (no additives), non-iodized salt, pure white sugar (no additives), unsalted Grade A butter, white milk.
- D. Any processed food bought during Pesah must have a *kasher lePesah* label.
- E. Any detergent, because it is not a food and it is not eaten, may be used for Pesah as long as it has valid kosher supervision.
- F. Medicines: Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, authorities differ in their approaches. Please consult with your rabbi. Capsules, because they do not need binders, are preferable to pills.
- G. In December 2015, the Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards ruled *kitniyot*, or non-*hametz* grains and legumes such as rice, millet, chickpeas, fenugreek, etc., are acceptable for Ashkenazim to consume during Pesah provided the *kitniyot* have been checked 3 times before Pesah and were not stored with *hametz*. To read the full *teshuvah*, response, please go to: [www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-Kitniyot.pdf](http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-Kitniyot.pdf).



# Passover Service Schedule 5776

<b>Pre-Pesah Preparations</b>			
Thursday Evening	<b>April 21</b>	After sunset (8:40 p.m.): Home Ceremony of Searching for Chametz	
Friday Morning	<b>April 22</b>	Morning Service	7:30 a.m. .... Helfant Chapel
<b><u>Siyum Bechorim</u></b>		8:15 a.m. with breakfast following sponsored by the Maharam Educational Fund	
<b><u>Sale of Hametz</u></b>		Final Sale of Hametz	
		by e-mail to Rabbi Adelson at: <a href="mailto:rav@bethshalompgh.org">rav@bethshalompgh.org</a> ..... 11:00 a.m.	
<b><u>Bi'ur Hametz</u></b>		The Ritual of Burning Last Night's Search ..... no later than 12:09 p.m.	

<b>First Day Pesah</b>			
Friday Evening	<b>April 22</b>	Minhah Only Service	5:30 p.m. .... Helfant Chapel
<b>First Seder</b>			Candle Lighting Time 7:49 p.m. - Blessings #1 & 3
Saturday Morning	<b>April 23</b>	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m. .... Helfant Chapel
		Morning Service	9:00 a.m. .... Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

<b>Second Day Pesah</b>			
Saturday Evening	<b>April 23</b>	Minhah only Service	5:30 p.m. .... Helfant Chapel
<b>Second Seder</b>			Candle Lighting Time 8:49 p.m. - Blessing #1 & 3
Sunday Morning	<b>April 24</b>	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m. .... Helfant Chapel
		Morning Service	9:00 a.m. .... Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

## HOL HAMO'ED - INTERMEDIATE DAYS

Sunday Evening	<b>April 24</b>	Minhah/Brief Study/Ma'ariv	8:00 p.m. .... Homestead Hebrew Chapel
Monday -Thursday Mornings	<b>April 25-28</b>	Morning Service	7:30 a.m. .... Homestead Hebrew Chapel
Monday-Wednesday Evenings	<b>April 25-27</b>	Evening Service	7:00 p.m. .... Helfant Chapel

## CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

<b>Seventh Day Pesah</b>			
Thursday Evening	<b>April 28</b>	Evening Service	7:00 p.m. .... Helfant Chapel
			Candle Lighting Time 7:55 p.m. - Blessing #2
Friday Morning	<b>April 29</b>	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m. .... Helfant Chapel
		Morning Service	9:00 a.m. .... Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

<b>Eighth Day Pesah</b>			
<b>Shabbat</b>			
Friday Evening	<b>April 29</b>	Evening Service	7:00 p.m. .... Helfant Chapel
			Candle Lighting Time 7:56 p.m. - Blessing #1
Saturday Morning - Yizkor	<b>April 30</b>	Early Morning Service w/ Yizkor	6:00 a.m. .... Helfant Chapel
		Morning Service w/ Yizkor	9:00 a.m. .... Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
			(Yizkor will be recited at approximately 10:30 a.m.)
Concluding Service and Havdalah			
Saturday Evening	<b>April 30</b>	Minhah/Rabbi's Tisch/Ma'ariv	7:55 p.m. .... Homestead Hebrew Chapel

## PASSOVER YOUTH SERVICES

Saturday & Sunday Mornings	<b>April 23 &amp; 24</b>	Playroom	10:00 a.m. Zweig Library (3rd Fl.)
		Infant - 2nd grade	11:00 a.m. Zweig Library (3rd Fl.)
		Youth Lounge	10:00 a.m. Rice Auditorium (4th Fl.)
		3rd - 8th grade	11:00 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel (2nd Fl.)
Friday & Saturday Mornings	<b>April 29 &amp; 30</b>	Playroom	10:00 a.m. Zweig Library (3rd Fl.)
		Infant - 2nd grade	11:00 a.m. Zweig Library (3rd Fl.)
		Youth Lounge	10:00 a.m. Rice Auditorium (4th Fl.)
		3rd - 8th grade	11:00 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel (2nd Fl.)

# Our Congregational Family

## Milestone Events

December 19-February 20

**Marian and Stanford Davis** celebrated the birth of their granddaughter, **Ruth Jane Davis**.

**Linda Ehrenreich** received the 2015 Benjamin S. Lowenstein Outstanding Professional Award from the International Association of Jewish Vocational Agencies.

**Yvonne and Barry L. Stein** and **Sylvia Friedman** celebrated the engagement of Yvonne & Barry's son, Evan H. Stein, to Sylvia's granddaughter, Jackie Friedman.

**Simone Karp** and **Judy and Chuck Perlow** celebrated the engagement of their children, **Emily Sara Karp** and **Adam Moshe Perlow**.

## ***NIHUM AVELIM***—COMFORTING MOURNERS

December 19-February 20

**Toby Neufeld** on the passing of her mother, **Helen Heringer**.

**Meyer Simon** on the passing of his sister, **Phyllis Gallahou**.

**Elisa Recht Marlin** on the passing of her father, **Arthur Recht**.

**Anna Kharitonov** on the passing of her husband, **Lev Kharitonov**.

The family of our member **Shirley Weinsweig**.

**Nancy Tuckfelt** on the passing of her father, **Jay Minsky**.

May our mourners find comfort in the embrace of our community.

Celebrating a simḥah or honoring the memory of a loved one?

To sponsor a catered Kiddush, contact **Michelle Vines**:

412-421-2288 ext. 113 | [catering1@bethshalompgh.org](mailto:catering1@bethshalompgh.org)

Be a special patron of a Kiddush Club Kiddush!

Contact **Kate Rothstein**: 412-855-5847 | [crosskatherine@hotmail.com](mailto:crosskatherine@hotmail.com)

Sponsors needed for upcoming Third Meals!

To sponsor a Seudah Shlishit, contact **Ira Frank**: 412-281-4064 | [natfabira@juno.com](mailto:natfabira@juno.com)

# Passover Yizkor Appeal 5776

Each year, during the holidays of Pesah, Shavu'ot, Yom Kippur, and Shemini Atzeret, a special Memorial Service is held. It is a time when we honor the memory of our beloved departed family members. Yizkor Services are held on these four holidays and, in the tradition of the mitzvah of giving, an appeal is made for funds during the Yizkor Service.

**Our Passover Yizkor Service will take place on Saturday morning, April 30th at approximately 10:30 am.** It is appropriate to make a contribution in order to link the memory of dear ones to an act of loving kindness. If you wish, please fill out the form below with the name of the loved ones you wish to honor so that their names can be printed in Mishpachtenu.

If you would like additional information regarding the Yizkor Appeal, please call the office at 412-421-2288. With grateful thanks for your continued support of our synagogue, and with all good wishes for the coming Festival.

Please tear off and mail to Congregation Beth Shalom, 5915 Beacon Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. **Thank you.**

**I/We wish to contribute to the Passover 2016 Yizkor Appeal**  
Online form available at [www.bethshalompgh.org/Passover-Yizkor-Appeal-5776](http://www.bethshalompgh.org/Passover-Yizkor-Appeal-5776)

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28 19 Adar	29 20 Adar	1 4:15pm JJEP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge Night 7:00pm Confirmation Class	2 22 Adar	3 4:15pm JJEP 6:30pm Constitution and Bylaws Cmte. Meeting 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101 7:30pm ELC Cmte. Meeting	4 24 Adar 5:57pm Candle Lighting 6:00 pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	5 25 Adar <b>Vayakhel</b> Shuli Dornis Bat Mitzvah 6:59pm Havdalah
6 26 Adar 9:00am Holy Rollers <b>10:00am BS Health Initiative; Karen Hacker</b> 3:00pm Chaverim Event 8:30pm Women's Basketball	7 27 Adar 12:00pm Lunch & Learn (Oakland) 6:00pm Atid Event 7:30pm Men's Club Meeting	8 28 Adar <b>ELC Scholastic Bookfair</b> 12:00pm Lunch & Learn, Downtown 4:15pm JJEP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge 7:30pm Exec. Cmte. Meeting	9 29 Adar <b>ELC Scholastic Bookfair</b>	10 30 Adar <b>ELC Scholastic Bookfair</b> 8:00am Foundations of Jewish Family Living 4:15pm JJEP 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101 7:00pm Finance Cmte 7:00pm Fundraising Cmte	11 1 Adar II 6:05pm Candle Lighting 6:05pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat	12 2 Adar II <b>Pekudei</b> Joshua Berger Bar Mitzvah 7:06pm Havdalah
13 3 Adar II <b>10:00am USY Purim Carnival</b> 8:30pm Women's Basketball	14 4 Adar II	15 5 Adar II 4:15pm JJEP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge 7:30pm BOT Meeting	16 6 Adar II	17 7 Adar II 4:15pm JJEP 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101 7:30pm Religious Services Cmte Meeting	18 8 Adar II 7:00pm Minhah/Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:13pm Candle Lighting	19 9 Adar II <b>Vayikra</b> Michael Elinoff Bar Mitzvah 8:14pm Havdalah
20 10 Adar II 8:30pm Women's Basketball	21 11 Adar II	22 12 Adar II 4:15pm JJEP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge 7:30pm Exec. Cmte Meeting	23 13 Adar II <b>PURIM</b> 6:30pm Evening Minyan & Traditional Megillah Reading 6:45 pm Family Megillah Reading 7:45 pm "Inside Out" Purimshpil	24 14 Adar II <b>PURIM</b> 1:00pm ELC All School Family Purim Celebration NO JJEP 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101	25 15 Adar II 6:00pm <i>Hod veHadar</i> Instrumental Friday Night Service 7:20pm Candle Lighting	26 16 Adar II <b>Tzav</b> 8:21pm Havdalah
27 17 Adar II NO JJEP 9:00am Holy Rollers 8:30pm Women's Basketball	28 18 Adar II	29 19 Adar II 4:15pm JJEP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge	30 20 Adar II	31 21 Adar II 4:15pm JJEP 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101	22 Adar II	23 Adar II

# April 2016

# Adar I / Nisan 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 17 Adar II	28 18 Adar II	29 19 Adar II	30 20 Adar II	31 21 Adar II	1 22 Adar II	2 23 Adar II
					7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:27pm Candle Lighting	<b>Shmini</b> 11:00am Minyan Mishpatit 8:28pm Havdalah
3 24 Adar II <b>10:00am Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch</b> 8:30pm Women's Basketball	4 25 Adar II 12:00pm Lunch & Learn (Oakland) 4:00pm Fed. Meeting 7:30pm Men's Club Meeting	5 26 Adar II 4:15pm JJEPP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge 7:00pm Confirmation Class	6 27 Adar II	7 28 Adar II 4:15pm JJEPP 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101	8 29 Adar II 6:00pm Shabbabababa 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9 1 Nisan <b>Tazria</b> 8:35pm Havdalah
10 2 Nisan 9:00am Holy Rollers <b>9:30am Health Initiative; Dennis Daley</b> 1:00pm Chaverim Chocolate Seder 8:30pm Women's Basketball	11 3 Nisan 12:00pm Lunch & Learn (Downtown) 4:15pm JJEPP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge/Chocolate Seder 7:30pm Exec. Cmte. Meeting	12 4 Nisan 12:00pm Lunch & Learn (Downtown) 4:15pm JJEPP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge/Chocolate Seder 7:30pm Exec. Cmte. Meeting	13 5 Nisan 4:15pm JJEPP 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101 7:10pm Fundraising Cmte Meeting	14 6 Nisan 6:30pm Rabbi Installation Shabbat Dinner 7:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:41pm Candle Lighting	15 7 Nisan 8:00am First-Born Breakfast 5:30pm Minhah Only Service 7:49pm Candle Lighting	16 8 Nisan <b>Metzora</b> 9:30am Men's Club Shabbat Services 12:30pm Men's Club Kiddush Luncheon 7:00pm Minhah 7:30pm Dairy Dessert Reception 8:25pm Ma'ariv 8:42pm Havdalah
17 9 Nisan 9:00am Holy Rollers 1:00pm Atld Chocolate Seder 7:00pm Na Amat 90th Celebration 8:30pm Women's Basketball	18 10 Nisan 4:15pm JJEPP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge 7:30pm BOT Meeting	19 11 Nisan	20 12 Nisan	21 13 Nisan NO JJEPP 6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101	22 14 Nisan	23 15 Nisan <b>Pesach I</b> 8:50pm Havdalah
24 16 Nisan <b>Pesach II</b> NO JJEPP 8:30pm Women's Basketball	25 17 Nisan <b>Chol HaMoed Pesach</b> ELC CLOSED-Passover	26 18 Nisan <b>Chol HaMoed Pesach</b> ELC CLOSED-Passover NO JJEPP 6:00pm Kadima Lounge 7:30pm Exec. Cmte. Meeting	27 19 Nisan <b>Chol HaMoed Pesach</b> ELC CLOSED-Passover	28 20 Nisan <b>Chol HaMoed Pesach</b> ELC CLOSED-Passover NO JJEPP 7:00pm USY Lounge 7:00pm Judaism 101 7:55pm Candle Lighting	29 21 Nisan <b>Pesach VII</b> OFFICE CLOSED ELC CLOSED-Passover 6:30am Early Morning Service 9:00am Morning Service 10:30am Yizkor Services 7:56pm Candle Lighting	30 22 Nisan <b>Pesach VIII</b> 6:30am Early Morning Service 9:00am Morning Service 10:30am Yizkor Services 8:57pm Havdalah



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