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BULLETIN

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Rabbi's Message

I am the daughter of privilege; privileged to have grown up at an age where women enjoyed the beginnings of a relative parity to men in so many ways. At thirty, I was blessed – or naïve enough – to say that my gender played little or no role in the ways that I'd been treated throughout my life.

Ironically today, in an age where gender has become



more fluid and free, I feel a far stronger connection to my own status as a woman than ever before. As stories of discrimination toward women and sexual abuse flood the headlines, I find myself struggling to accept that the relative privilege of my own youth was really just a

fallacy.

At Purim, I saw the #MeToo label applied to Vashti. It was a clever costume idea, but sadly, it was also a reading of the megillah that is wholly necessary and appropriate in this day and age. For years, Vashti and Esther's mistreatment, at the hands of Achashverosh, was whitewashed as the story was retold. Vashti didn't want to 'dance' for the king and his buddies, while Esther's participation in and eventual win of the 'beauty pageant' was likened becoming Miss America – complete with roses, a sash, and a tiara. Were it that this version of the story was the true one...

But Pesach is upon us, and it would be easy to just sweep this issue under the rug for another year. Surely, Passover has no such stories. But just

Schedule of Services March, 2018

Friday, March 2, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service & Scholar-in-Residence at TAS. (NO BYBS SERVICE)

Saturday, March 3, 10:00 am

Shabbat Service & Scholar-in-Residence at TAS. (NO BYBS SERVICE)

Torah Portion: *Ki Tisa*

Exodus 30:11–34:35

Haftarah: Kings 18:1–39

Friday, March 9, 7:00 pm

Family Shabbat Service at TAS

Saturday, March 10, 10:15 am

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: *Vayakheil P'kudei*

Exodus 35:1–40:38

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36

Friday, March 16, 7:30 pm

CJC Community Shabbat Service hosted by CAE

Saturday, March 17, 10:15 am

Shabbat Service

Bible & Bagels following services

Torah Portion: *Vayikra*

Leviticus 1:1–5:26

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25 & Isaiah 66:23

Friday, March 23, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service

Nancy Friedman, soloist

Saturday, March 24, 10:15 am

Shabbat Service

Friday, March 30

No Shabbat Service

1st Passover Seder

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because the connection is not so overt or obvious, it doesn't mean that the issue of women and their status is a non-existent one. In fact, I'd argue it is one that must remain central to our celebrations. At a time when our people celebrates its freedom from enslavement in Egypt, it seems especially appropriate to think about the enslavement of women.

Most obviously, this would seem a reference the horrendous practice of human trafficking, which especially affects young women and girls. But in the wake of the #MeToo movement, I am especially cognizant of ways in which men- particularly those with much wealth, power, and influence – still metaphorically keep women enslaved. In 2018, large companies still hire women for pennies on the dollar – if they hire them at all – while men are often hired for the same jobs, earning sometimes twice as much as their female counterparts. Similarly, men in powerful positions often abuse their power, forcing women to degrade themselves just to get cast in a film, hired for a job, or keep the job they have. In 2018, women are still judged in ways that no-one would dare judge men, and we are held to unhealthy standards while our male counterparts enjoy relative freedom from such boundaries.

So, at a time when we, the Jewish people, celebrate freedom, we must pause to consider how women remain enslaved in this day and age. And just as women like Miriam, Tzipora, and Yocheved are celebrated in the Pesach story, we must continue to celebrate women who have paved the way to freedom, and those who still continue to fight for justice. As *The Wandering is Over Haggadah: Including Women's Voices* puts it at the concluding section of the seder: "Though it comes at the end of the seder, this moment also marks a beginning. We are beginning the next season with a renewed awareness of the freedoms we enjoy and the obstacles we must still confront. We are looking forward to the time we gather together again. Having retold stories of the Jewish people, recalled historic movements of liberation, and reflected on the struggles people still

Saturday, March 31, 10:15 am

Shabbat Service—
First Day of Passover
Exodus 12:37-42; 13:3-10
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:1-15
6:30 pm—Community Seder

April, 2018

Friday, April 6

Shabbat Service, 7:30pm
Adult Choir

Saturday, April 7

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am
Torah Portion: *Sh'mini*
Leviticus 9:1—10:11
Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1—23

Wednesday, April 11

Yom Hasho'ah Service, ??? Time???
at Temple Beth Israel, Munster IN.

Friday, April 13

School Music Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm
at BYBS. Youth Choir led by Nancy Friedman.

Saturday, April 14

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am
Torah Portion: *Sh'mini II*
Leviticus 10:12—11:47
Haftarah: II Samuel 7:1—17

Friday, April 20

CJC Community Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm
at TAS (NO BYBS SERVICE)

Saturday, April 21

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am followed by
Bible & Bagels
Torah Portion: *Tazria—M'tzora*
Leviticus 12:1—13:59
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16—25

Friday, April 27

Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm
Nancy Friedman, soloist

Saturday, April 28

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am
Torah Portion: *Mot-K'doshim*
Leviticus 16:1—17:16
Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

face for freedom and equality, we are ready to embark on a year that we hope will bring positive change in the world and freedom to people everywhere.”

This year, as the #MeToo movement continues to grow, I encourage you to make the voices of women, their struggles, and their successes a topic of discussion at your seders. Use the discussion of freedom as a springboard to frank, open, and honest discussions about women’s rights, wage inequality, and double standards. And include the voices of women like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who continues to fight for justice in our nation’s Supreme Court. Next year, may we be in a place to say that the #MeToo movement is a thing of the past.

Wishing you a meaningful Pesach celebration.

Rabbi Carmit Harari

President’s Message

As I am sure you are all aware, at the end of this month Passover begins. Passover is one of the best known of the Jewish Holidays, primarily due to the movie, “The Ten Commandments” which is shown every Easter weekend. It is also my favorite holiday, not because of the movie, but because we get all of our family together. I also like matzo, I eat it all year.

For the last fifteen years or so the Passover Seder has been at our house. Preparations usually start a month in advance, making and freezing the chicken soup. As we get closer to the holiday, shopping for all the food, there is a lot of food. Brisket, turkey, vegetables, matzo kugel and desserts, a lot of desserts.

It is a fun, but hectic evening, especially if it is a week night. The north side of the family is usually late and in a hurry to get home. It must be true that it is further going south. I already mentioned that there is a lot of food, there is also a lot of dishes and serving pieces. Most that I only see once a year.

The Passover Seder is an ever changing portrait. It is passed down from one generation to the next, when the oldest generation leaves us we are starting over with a new generation. We have years where the youngest person at the table is an adult reading the Four Questions and years where there is crying and screaming at the table. Usually the younger children.

Even the Maxwell House Haggadah’s tell a story. While

we continually replace old and stained ones, we still have some with wine and food stains from prior years. Our Seder is an informal affair with a lot of commentary, storytelling and gossip. While we tell the story of Passover, we try to have a good time in doing it.

Hopefully, each of you will either host a Passover Seder with family and friends or be invited to a Seder. If you are not, please consider participating in our Community Seder at the temple. It is an enjoyable evening and one that can be shared with friends and acquaintances. However you celebrate, have a Happy Passover.

Hopefully everyone is receiving the notifications when we place updates on the merger website. If you are not, please contact the temple office. As always if you have any comments or questions or hear a rumor, please feel free to contact me.

Sherman Friedman

March Anniversaries

16 Drs. John & Lauren Kern



March Birthdays

3 Edith Strauss

3 Boaz Rafalovitz

4 Sherman Friedman

5 Anita Shore

5 Barry Bayer

7 Marvin Goldberg

8 Harris Davis

13 Maxene Barsuk

22 Sigy Rafalovitz

22 Ellen Kahn

30 Joan Barr



Beit AmiChai News



Our next Family Shabbat service is on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Anshe Sholom. Our Youth Choir will be singing and we hope many of you will be able to attend and make services all that much more special.

On March 14th we are having a fundraiser at Panera Bread in Homewood from 4:00—8:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the school. Congregational emails are sending out the flyers, you will need one flyer for each person ordering. Thank you to Becky Moeckler for heading up this fundraiser.



On February 4th Beit AmiChai students again participated in World Wide Wrap with members of Congregation Am Echad. This was a great opportunity to give our students a chance to learn about putting on Tefillin. Thank you Ron Rutzky for coordinating this for us.

February was also our Havdalah program and dessert auction. After two very successful years as our auctioneer Rabbi Caplan passed the torch on to Aaron Latman. Aaron had big shoes to fill following Rabbi Caplan and boy did he do an amazing job! It was another success with the auction raising over \$1200.00! Thank you Aaron for doing such great job! Thank you to our school committee for making the evening so wonderful. Tommie Gbur, Deb Feingold, Gayla Cahan and Robin Latman are a great team and their hard work is very much appreciated! And of course we couldn't have had dinner without our Chef Sigy Rafalovitz! She always makes a wonderful and special meal for all to enjoy!!

*Wishing You a
Speedy Recovery!*



Tat'yana Abramov

Gene Bernstein

Jan Byrd

Irwin Friedman

Suzanne Garb

Mark Krugman

Henry Levin

Shelly Spark Marshall

Ruth Ratowitz

Louise Stein



**Event flyers are found
towards the end of the Bulletin.
Remember to scroll down!**

Donations & Tributes

General Fund

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Gerald Kohn
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In Memory of

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In Memory of

Ilse Werner

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In Memory of

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From the Sisterhood Board, to

Tommie Gbur for a Speedy Recovery
Edwardo Morone in memory of his sister
Elena Morone in honor of her mother's 90th Birthday

From

Vivian & Sandy Stelzer in honor of their Great Grandson
& Great Nephew
Amy & Nancy Schneider to the Weil family in memory of
Mark Greenburg
Mike & Ida Anger to the Weil family in memory of Mark
Greenburg
Ida Raff in memory of Frida Faynshteyn

General Fund

Proceeds to temple general fund.

Marvin Snyder P.A.D.S. Fund

Contributions benefit local homeless shelters.

Bernie Alpert Prayer Book Fund

Prayer books are available for donation for all occasions. If desired, a bookplate will be affixed to each book stating the name of the donor and the occasion.

Choir Fund

For special choir needs.

Library Fund

Helps purchase books and equipment for temple libraries.

Family Concerns Fund

Special funds for emergencies occurring in member families.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Funds for charitable uses within and outside the congregation at the discretion of the Rabbi.

Doris Rosenberg Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund

Funds help BYBS children attend Jewish summer camps, especially OSRUI.

Brounstein Memorial Capital Improvement Fund

To keep the building in good shape.

Dan & Joyce Rosenfeldt Memorial Endowment Fund

For capital improvements to the temple.

Les Lawitz Memorial K'lei Kodesh Ritual Arts Funds

Provides monies for the cleaning and repair of the Torah Scrolls and ritual objects.

Altman-Stein Education Fund

Minimum \$10 donation-Augments Hebrew and Sunday School Fees for families who cannot pay tuition.

Sisterhood Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are an economical and attractive fundraiser for Sisterhood. Cards are sent with personal message to honor friends or family on memorable occasions.

Cards are sent by contacting Carol Zucker at 708-769-6954 in the evening or on weekends. Please include your message (and occasion), the recipient, and your name for acknowledgement. Send your check (minimum \$5.50 per card), payable to BYBS Sisterhood, 460 Gail Lane, Chicago Heights, IL 60411 .

Cards are available for purchase in packets of 5 with envelopes for \$25 plus \$1.40 for postage, or phone Carol for pickup at the temple office.

March 2018 Yahrzeits

3/2/2018

Sam Brown
Bernard Burrows
Harold Eisenstein
Isaac Escandarani
Ronald Feigenbaum
Edith Friessner
Morris Handler
Benjamin Herman
Edwin Johnson
Jessica Kempler
Milford Kniaz
Simon Levy
Ida Lewis
Rosa Lorsch
Yuly Raff
Nathan Roth
Loulou Schwartz
Ruth Sherman
Ben J. Sichel
Dr. Max Spangenthal
Charles Vinik
Walter Wollman
Bertha Yanovsky
Ruth Zatz

3/9/2018

Laura Solomon Cohen
Richard Dreyfus
Marion Forkash
Max Gould
David Hatchwell
Jenny Hesky
Esther Hornstein
Adeline Horwitz
Morris Daniel Itzkowitz
Elsa Koehler
Mignon McDade
Irwin Mirsky

Sam Mozer
Fannie Oseas
Sheldon Runes
Evone Sager
Bess Soloway
Amalie Tersch
Henry Wolff

3/16/2018

Mildred Abrahams
Henry Astor
Mandel Brin
Ilse Buchsbaum-Levi
Therese Cohn
Robert Eisenstein
Ida Felton
Ralf Friessner
Rabbi Wolfgang Hamburger
Henry Koehler
Allen Koltun
Erna Leffler
Celia Levin
Ruth Marcus
Solomon Selim Masliah
Kim Miller
Minnie Moline
Moses Nussbaum
Katherine Rabinovitz
Samuel D. Rothman
Dr. Jack Saleh
Sali Salm
Louis Sandack
Phylis Schneider
Ida Shlosberg
Sara Tejeda
Gertrude Weinberg
Raphael Wolkow
Alfred Zucker

3/23/2018

Louis Aisuss
Rose Alpert
Raymond Brin
Marvin Cahan
Leo Cutler
Alvin L. Gitlitz
Albert Gottlieb
Emma Hahn
Gabriel Haspel
Eli Kaplan
Mollie C. Kaplan
Bernice Landy
Mark R. Leibowitz
Beverly Narter
Rose Pincoffs
Max Pollack
Milton Pomeranz
Hank Schwab
Max Schwartzberg
Benjamin Shore
Norma Jean Simmons
Alfred Stone
Harry Sugar
Harold Yatvin

3/30/2018

Julius Bayer
Arnold Bierig
Nachama Brown
Herman Dessauer
Sylvia Elliot
Clara Freundlich
Bert Heilbrunn
Margaret Hesky
Arthur Hirsch
Dorothea Kwilecki

Bernard Levinson
Wolf B. Levy
Miriam Riese Mintz
Reuben Paper
Laura S. Rader
Anna Ratowitz
Edgar Robinson
Adolph D. Rosenberg
William Safcik
Hannah Schmidt
Philip Schneider
Ethel Seaver
Milton Seaver
Lillian Sevelow
Marie Smerling
Max Solomon
Marjorie L. Stone
Walter Strauss
Herb Wexler



BYBS Funeral Plan

BYBS has a funeral plan with Chicago Jewish Funerals, which is available for members and their immediate families at their option. To select this plan, simply call Chicago Jewish Funerals at 847-229-8822 and tell them that you are a B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom member. They will handle all the details. The plan includes professional services of funeral director and staff, custodial and general care of remains, the option of a *tahara* (the traditional Jewish preparation of the body) a hearse/graveside transfer vehicle, staff and equipment for chapel and a graveside or synagogue service. Merchandise includes a simple, dignified semi-oval traditional casket of dark stained wood, muslin shroud (optional, not mandatory), register book, shiva and *yizkor candle*, *kriah* ribbons, service folders, use of prayer books, *kipot* and 50 standard acknowledgement cards. The funeral price is \$6,400. For further details, call the Temple office or Chicago Jewish Funerals. The plan is offered as a convenience for members and their families at a time of stress, but there is no obligation to use it.

If you wish to observe a Yahrzeit, please send the name and secular or Hebrew date to Cathy at the Temple Office.

Sisterhood News

Chag Sameach! It's almost Passover and Sisterhood is planning our annual Community Seder. Our team is planning the menu with traditional favorites and some new dishes as well. The cost remains \$25.00. Send your RSVP's to the Temple Office by Friday, March 16. We hope to see you along with friends and extended family.

February was a short month, however Sisterhood was long on activities. The Sisterhood Shabbat potluck dinner and service on February 16 was an amazing event. Our speaker, Marla Goldberg from WRJ, added so much to our service and of course the choir ending the service with *Limdu Hei Teiv* (WRJ Centennial Anthem) really brought it home.

Sunday, February 25, we hosted Ronald Balson author of *Once We Were Brothers*, *Karolina's Twins*, *Saving Sophie* and *The Trust*. Ruth Friedman and her team prepared a wonderful luncheon and event.

We have extra copies of Ronald Balson's books in the office at a discounted price. We are selling the paperback books for \$14.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. *The Trust* only available in hard cover is \$20.00. Spoiler report; his next book *The Girl from Berlin* will be available in October.

Four of our members, Penny Shnay, Judy Lohr-Safcik, Carole Fefferman and myself are heading to Nashville for WRJ Fried Leadership Conference. We are pleased to announce Judy Lohr-Safcik will be installed on the WRJ North American Board at this event. We know Judy will be a great addition to the board and we could not be more proud.

We hope to bring back new information and ideas to share.

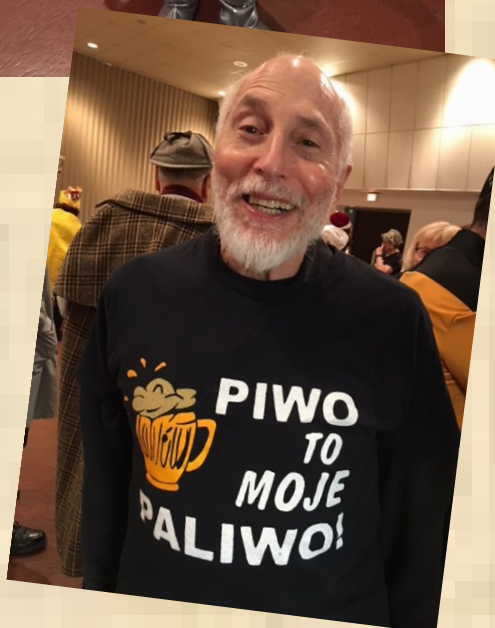
Chag Samech,
Donelle Macey

Ruth Friedman and
Author Ronald Balson



Burrows 2018

Our Purim Celebration



Connecting

Shabbat to the rest of the week

Dr. Jane Shapiro, co-founder of Orot: Center for New Jewish Learning in Skokie, is a recipient of 2017's Covenant Award which honors and celebrates those who have made an impact on Jewish life through innovative educational practices and models.

The program is free and open to the public.

A partner with the Jewish United Fund in serving our community.

**Dr. Jane Shapiro will lecture at
B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom,
1424 W. 183rd Street in Homewood
Sunday, March 11th
at 10:00am**



We often think of Shabbat as a celebration that occurs from Friday to Saturday and stands apart. Dr. Shapiro will investigate some sources on how Shabbat can be practiced all week long as a way to bring more nourishment and refuge into our lives at any time. She will also discuss some ways to deepen our actual Shabbat experiences in a personal way and look at sources in the Torah and Hasidic literature as a window into these questions.



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“MOVIES AT BYBS”-
“The Wonders”

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Doors open at 2:30 pm; Movie at 3:00 pm

Inspired by a true story, Avi Nesher's new film 'The Wonders' combines genres, moods and influences – everything from film noir to Alice in Wonderland – to create a unique and compelling movie that mixes mystery, comedy, psychological thriller, political intrigue and romance.

The story focuses on Arnav, a graffiti artist and bartender, who lives near the Old City of Jerusalem. Wearing a mask, he paints walls at night and hopes that Vax, his former girlfriend who recently “found religion,” will come back to him. But when Arnav sees a mysterious stranger forced into an abandoned apartment across the way by three bearded men, he becomes involved with a hard-boiled investigator, a gorgeous mystery woman, and the conflicted, mysterious captive himself.

\$10 donation per person; refreshments will be served, including popcorn;

Suzanne Patterson, discussion facilitator



RSVP/pay ahead of time or at the door.
Open to the community. Walk-ins welcome.

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SPEAKERS FORUM



South West Interfaith Team

Social Justice in our Faith

Christian, Muslim and Jewish Perspectives

DATE:

Sunday March 18, 2018

TIME:

Registration 2:30pm

Program 3:00pm-6:00pm

LOCATION:

Orland Park Prayer Center

QA Banquet Hall

16550 S. 104th Ave

Orland Park, IL 60467

**SUNDAY,
MARCH
18**

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Muslim Perspective

Rev. Gregory Gross

Christian Perspective

Rabbi Gary Gerson

Jewish Perspective

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Community Seder

Saturday, March 31, 2018

6:30 pm at B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom

1424 W. 183rd Homewood, IL

**Kosher Style
(turkey)**

\$25 per adult

\$10 (age 3-12)



RSVP by Friday, March 16, 2018

Number of Adults @\$25_____ Total \$_____

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Send check to BYBS Sisterhood Attn. Passover Seder

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