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Chag Pesach Sameach!



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Rabbi's Message

“Mah nishtanah halaylah hazel mikol haleilot?”
“Why is this night different from all other nights?”

This refrain, traditionally led by the youngest child in attendance at the Passover Seder, is a question that this year, is especially easy to answer. In the shadow of the fight against the deadly COVID-19 virus, Jews worldwide will experience a night that is far different from all other nights, a Seder that's different from all other seders. This year, Erev Pesach will be

celebrated in a more lonely way than in years past.

“Why is this night different from all other nights?” The Hebrew asks the question with slightly different wording. ‘Nishtanah,’ literally translates to ‘has changed,’ so that the question could be literally rendered as “how has this night changed from among the other nights?” It is a small detail, but one which Rabbi Dr. Dalia Marx, in her book *About Time: Journeys in the Jewish-Israeli Calendar*, notes as a significant one. ‘Nishtanah,’ ‘has happened,’ is a passive verb, while the Pesach Seder, Marx tells us, serves as a call to action. “Impatient slaves, whose bodies are bent and scarred from harsh, hopeless labor,” she begins, “lift their eyes up from their day of despised work and then, go free.” This is the starting point for the Jewish experience, Marx suggests, and specifically for that of the Seder. We begin as slaves, and coming from that starting point, there is little to which our ancestors could have looked forward.

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Her analysis then turns to our own time. "Because of all the ancient and more modern days of mourning that are scattered throughout the Jewish calendar," Marx continues, "it would be easy for us to miss the simple fact that Judaism has within it great optimism. Judaism is both a religion and a culture that are immersed in hope and the belief that the bad is not necessary; that there is another way! Jewish optimism," she tells us, "is the belief that we can always repair [what is broken], that the world is dynamic and that life is dynamic, and even if everything is foreseen, nonetheless, the right to make changes has been placed in our hand, and if we've made a mistake, then we can also fix it. We have not come into this world in order to live helplessly and to repeat our mistakes, time-and-again, out of a lack of power. Our actions have significance. We write our life-story, as individuals and as a people, and it is within our power to be redeemed from difficult and despairing situations. We can, and therefore we also must, leave our fingerprints of goodness in the world."

"The month of Nisan," Rabbi Marx concludes, "invites us to recall the redemption from Egypt, in its entirety: Going forth from bondage to freedom, from servitude to a life of free-choice. And it also invites us to think about the future. Rabbi Yehoshu'ah said: 'In Nisan they [the Israelites] were redeemed, and in Nisan they [the Israelites] will be redeemed.' (Bab. Talmud, Rosh HaShanah, 11a). Through thin cords, Nisan connects us both to the past and to the hopeful future."

(Translated by Rabbi Carmit Harari from Dalia Marx, *About Time: Journeys in the Jewish-Israeli Calendar*, Miskal-Yedioth Ahronoth Books and Chemed Books, Rishon LeZion, Israel, 2018, Pg. 182)

So 'mah nishtanah halaylah hazel mikol haleilot?' 'What has changed on this night from all other nights?' Come Erev Pesach we all know the answer to this question will be 'everything.' Nothing about Seder this year will look anything like it has in the past. And yet, as Rabbi Marx tells us, perhaps the question isn't the one we should be asking. Don't worry about what we cannot control. Instead of asking what has changed, 'Mah Nishtanah,' ask what WE CAN change, 'Mah Neshaneh' in the future. In the Hebrew, these words are only one letter different from one another. Let us leave our fingerprints of goodness on the world, taking care this year, especially, to observe the mitzvah of welcoming 'all who are hungry' - especially for friendship and togetherness- by inviting them into our homes virtually. If you will be holding a Seder, please consider inviting others to join you via digital platforms like Skype, FaceTime, or Zoom or even over the phone. And as we ask the four questions, perhaps we should add a fifth: Mah neshaneh HaShanah Hazot mikol hashanim?' 'What shall WE change this year to make it different from all other years?' So that we may bring hope and repair to this broken world. And that hope begins with Pesach.

May you have meaningful and hopeful Passover celebrations!

~Rabbi Carmit Harari

Be sure to save this date: Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd when Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Jason Kalman, Professor at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati will hopefully be with us!

Fern & Manny Katz



Holiday Greetings 5780

Chag Pesach Sameach!

Eila & Doug Koltun

Ronda & Sheldon Lebold

Charles & Fran Moeckler Licht

Judy & Rich Lieb

Marcia Lippert

Judy Lohr-Safcik

Sharon & Henry Lorsch

Donelle Macey & Family

Bonnie Mosbacher

Rabbi Shalom & Dalia Podwol

Evelyn & Ed Rappaport

Alene & Ron Rutzky

David & Carmencita Schoeneman

Diane Schwab

Barb & Gary Schwarz

Penny & Jerry Shnay

Beverly & Edwin Sokol

Alan Sporn & Family

Harriet & Sherman Susman

Ceilia-Ann & Pam Toll

Jodie & Jeff Virene

Cheryl Warshaw

Gayle & Norman Weil

Diane Wolf

Sherry & Scott Wolf

Rabbi Leo & Helen Wolkow

Lenore & Burton Zeiger

Happy
Passover



Presidents' Message

It is springtime in the Chicagoland area and thoughts and activity turn to Passover. However, this will be unlike any modern Passover that we have experienced. As I write this, we are all under "Shelter at House". Many of us are working from home and the rest are just stuck at home. Around the country, people are hoarding toilet paper and buying guns and ammunition in record amounts. The Corona virus is affecting everyone, either with illness or just radically changing daily life. Our economy has taken a major hit and the stock market is in retreat. All professional and school sports have been suspended and restaurants are only open for carry out.

The Shir Tikvah building has been closed for three weeks for the safety of our congregants and staff. Rather disappointing, we have had to cancel the Community Seder that has become a regular event in the south suburbs. It also ensures that everyone in our community has a Seder to attend. With the planning and preparation required, it was necessary to cancel the Community Seder early.

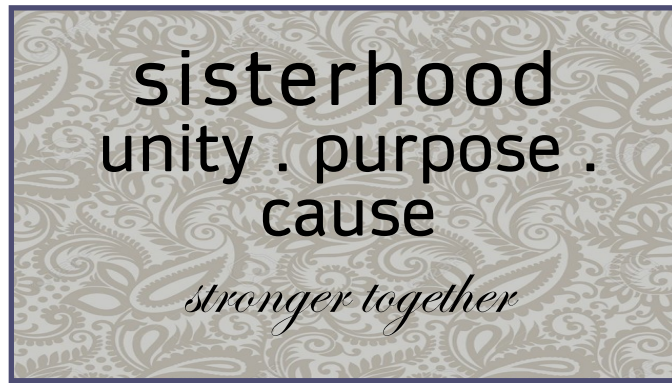
However, with all of the upheaval and stress brought on by the virus, we should not lose sight of what is important. We will eventually go back to work and our regular activities, Shir Tikvah will reopen and services will start again. The economy and stock market will recover over time and we will have a Community Seder next year. What is important is that each of us and our families stay well and safe. We want everyone still

standing when the virus passes, and it will pass. Follow the guidelines that doctors and officials are espousing.

Thank you to Rabbi Harari and our Ritual Vice Presidents, Carole Fefferman and Janet Herbstman. They have been working to keep our Shir Tikvah family together with "Virtual Services". On Tuesdays, beginning April 7th, at 7 PM we have a Virtual Oneg and on Fridays at 5:30 PM Virtual Shabbat Services. Please join us.

It is in times like these that we need to support each other. Rabbi Harari and the Women of Shir Tikvah have been making calls to congregants to make sure that we are all OK. If you need help you can contact Rabbi Harari at rabbi@shir-tikvah-homewood.org, Sherry at sdieckman63@att.net, or Sherman at sfriedman@velsicol.com. We want to make sure that the Shir Tikvah family stays well.

~Sherry and Sherman



The best laid plans....that's what the Women of Shir Tikvah thought but the Corona Virus got in the way. We should be busy cooking and planning for our community Seder but instead many are planning their Seders virtually. We have postponed the Antique Roadshow. We hope that our May 24 BBQ closing event can go on as planned. Stay safe!

Zoom Invites go out for Tuesdays and Fridays via the MailChimp emails.

Download the Zoom App on your device so you can join in.

Rabbi Harari mentioned the Tuesday invites may be every other week, but the Friday invites will be every week.

See you on Zoom!

Virtual Service Times for April 2020
All services in our building are cancelled based on the
coronavirus restrictions

Virtual Oneg and Check-In
Zoom Services

Fridays, April 3, 10, 17, 24

5:30pm

**Candle Lighting, welcoming Shabbat, and
Kaddish on Zoom**

Saturday, April 4

Shabbat Morning Reform Service on Zoom

10:15 am

Shabbat HaGadol

Parashat Tzav

Torah: Leviticus 6:1-7:10

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28

7:00pm

Virtual oneg & check in

Saturday, April 11

Pesach III Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed

Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26

Maftir: Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Wednesday, April 15, 11:00am

7th Day of Pesach

Yizkor Service on Zoom

Thursday, April 16, 11:00am

8th Day of Pesach

Yizkor Service on Zoom

Saturday, April 18

Shabbat Morning Conservative Service on Zoom

9:45am

Parashat Shmini

Torah: Leviticus 9:1-10:11

Haftarah: 2 Samuel 6:1-7:17

Saturday, April 25

Rosh Chodesh Iyyar

Parashat Tazria-Metzora

Torah: Leviticus 12:1-13:39

Maftir: Numbers 28:9-15

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24

Monday, April 20, 7:00pm

**South Suburban and Northwest Indiana virtual
Yom HaSho'ah observance**

Please refer to the April Calendar on page 12 for the ZOOM Virtual services. Emails will go out with the invites to join. You may download the ZOOM app on your device, either phone, tablet or computer. ZOOM works best with a microphone and camera.

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, April 3

7:01 pm

Friday, April 10

7:08 pm

Friday, April 17

7:16 pm

Friday, April 24

7:24 pm

Candle lighting times are for Homewood, IL

Yahrzeits

WEEK OF 4/3/2020

Rose Alpert
Julius Bayer
Arnold Bierig
Sheldon Braunstein
Nachama Brown
Marvin Cahan
Walter Dukes
Sylvia Elliot
Isaac Elsergoni
Helen Friedman
Bertha Ginsburg
Isadore Goldberg
Joseph Gottlieb
Emma Hahn
Dr. Lewis Hare
Gabriel Haspel
Bert Heilbrunn
Gordon Hely
Eugene Hiller
Mildred P. Isser
Beverly Narter
Sam Papermaster
Frieda Price
Laura S. Rader
Samuel Riekes
Adolph D. Rosenberg
William Safcik
Richard Schwab
Lillian Sevelow
Louis Sherman
Phillip Silberg
Max Solomon
Leon Spanier
Herb Wexler
Harold Yatvin

WEEK OF 4/10/2020

Lila Blumstein
Malka Boyarsky
Valentine Brazzale
Irving Cohen
Pearl Cohen
Esther Corbin
Alfred Dreyfuss
Morris Eisenberg
Elsie Faermark
Harold Fine
Samuel David Fisher
Philip Charles Gold
Rose Goldman
Eva Gollay
Albert Gottlieb
Belle Green
David Grossman
Faye Holtz
Bessie Katz
Gertrude Marie Kaufer
Larry Koltun
Dorothea Kwilecki
Ruth Lawitz
Bernard Levinson
Milton Lowe
Barbara Marton
Helen Michaelson
Miriam Riese Mintz
Samuel Osterbach
Mary Rederer
Meyer Redman
Edgar Robinson
Edward E. Scher
Philip Schneider
Joseph M. Schulman
Bessie Shiff
Harry Stein
Walter Strauss
Jane Taubman
Abraham M. Warren
Ilse Weiss
Richard Wolf
Rachel Masliah Yafett

WEEK OF 4/17/2020

William Bayer
Benjamin Berk
Fran Bernstein
Helen Eisenstein
Freda Fruitman Etkin
Bernard J. Fried
Dolores Gbur
Dorothy Gerber
Sonia Golden
Amy Greenberg
Max Kamberg
Marguerite Kessler Harris
Joseph Klamka
Anna Klein
Minnie Klutznick
Helmut Lorsch
Gloria Ruth Marks
Abraham Mayoff
Trude A. Meyer
Dr. Eugene A. Noskin
Tillie Pelzner
Joseph Price
Anita Raab
Ruth Ratowitz
Jacob Ross
Anita S. Rubin
Henry S. Sallinger
Seymour Schneider
Esther Shapin
Lillian Sharmasky
Lillian Stark
Lazarus Stein
Joseph Warshaw

WEEK OF 4/24/2020

Ruth Bolotin
Renee Brodsky
Erich Froman
Cassie Gbur
Matilda Gold
Leonard Graff
Jack Gurse
Jay Jones
Harry E. Kamins
Harold Kenis
Anna Krugman
Samuel Lassner
Annie Levine
Rabbi Mayer Lipman
Eva Machtinger
Mordecai Marks
Maureen Miller
Joseph B. Mirsky
Dora Parver
Dr. Joseph W. Pincus
Robert Gene Shapin
Sam Shiff
Leo Shifris



April Birthdays

4/2 Harlene Friedman
4/2 Robert Sime
4/3 Debbie Greenberg
4/3 Adael Madrigal
4/4 Jean (Ginny) Gilbert
4/4 Sara Podwol
4/6 Ellen Kaplan
4/11 Eila Koltun
4/11 Jerry Shnay
4/13 Leo Wolkow
4/14 Rick Bloomberg
4/14 Carol Spector
4/16 Stacey DeFilippo
4/16 Judi Altman
4/16 Joshua Bloomberg
4/20 Arnie Bernstein
4/20 Michael Eisenwasser
4/20 Laurie Winkleman
4/21 Judy Fleischer
4/22 Gary Sporn
4/28 Fran Moeckler Licht
4/28 Francesca Wolf



April Anniversaries

4/1 Jerry & Penny Shnay
4/2 Jerry & Harriet Levine
4/7 Edwin & Beverly Sokol
4/11 Jeff & Jodie Virene
4/30 Stacey & Tony DeFilippo



May Birthdays

5/1 Barbara Schwarz
5/2 Tommie Gbur
5/3 Gayla Cahan
5/5 Alan Levitt
5/6 Tamara Fleischer
5/6 Arielle Macey-Pilcher
5/6 Aaron Macey-Pilcher
5/6 David Rader
5/7 Stuart Switt
5/10 Alan Narter
5/12 Karlyn Hurowitz
5/15 Joshua Cahan
5/15 Michael Lieb
5/15 Sandi Reich
5/16 Larry Plofsky
5/16 Irene Cohn
5/17 Harriet Levine
5/17 Sarah Smason
5/19 Rachel Fleischer
5/19 Mel Muchnik
5/20 Roy Robinson
5/23 Isaac Latman
5/25 Ken Fleischer
5/29 Keith Reich
5/31 Jerry Levine
5/31 Philip Elias

May Anniversaries

5/1 Mel & Janet Muchnik
5/16 Laura & Jake Eisenwasser
5/16 Henry & Sharon Lorsch
5/18 Sid & Trudy Barch
5/20 Chuck Licht & Fran Moeckler Licht
5/20 Larry & Linda Simon
5/20 Irwin & Harlene Friedman
5/24 Risa & Lloyd Graff
5/25 Steve & Judi Altman
5/25 Harris & Alice Davis
5/26 Barry & Marilys Sturm
5/27 Harriet & Sherman Susman
5/29 David & Fawn Gottlieb

Tributes

General Fund

In Memory of

Alice Cap from Larry & Barb Cohan
Frida Iskhakova from Grigoriy
Abramov

Aaron Wishnoff from Lenny & Burt
Zeiger

In Honor of

Jordan Sigale's bar mitzvah
anniversary from Rick & Amy
Bloomberg

Choir Fund

In Memory of

Robert Eisenstein from Nancy & Larry
Burrows
Betty L. Rosen from Rhoda Rosen

Speedy Recovery

To Lenny Zeiger from Laura & Jake
Eisenwasser

Sympathy

To Edith Buntman following the
loss of Aaron Wishnoff from
Phyllis & Howard Cohn, Shirley
Fisher

Sisterhood Tributes

In Memory of

Yale Cohn from Carol & Rich Zucker

Sympathy

To Robin Latman and family in
memory of Peter from Alene & Ron
Rutzky, and Evelyn & Ed
Rappaport

To the Wishnoff family in memory of
Aaron from Alene & Ron Rutzky

To Grigory Abramov in memory of
Tat'yana from Alene & Ron Rutzky

To Jeff & Jodie Virene in memory of
Jean from Alene & Ron Rutzky

To Cathy Burnett in memory of her
Aunt Celeste from Penny & Jerry
Shnay

Women of Shir Tikvah Sisterhood News

Gold cards are available at a cost of
\$5.50. Please send your request to
Carol Zucker.

When you shop—think of us!
Purchase your Jewel Cards
to benefit the Women of Shir
Tikvah



**Be sure to save this date:
Friday, May 1st through
Sunday, May 3rd when
Scholar-in-Residence, Dr.
Jason Kalman, Professor at
Hebrew Union College in
Cincinnati will hopefully be
with us!**

Toda Raba!

To my fellow congregants—
Thank you so much for all the
good wishes I've received
from you. It is appreciated
and comforting and just what
brought a smile to my face.

Sincerely,
Celia-Ann Toll



*We mourn the death of
Jean Virene.*

*We mourn the death of
Helene Cox.*

*We mourn the death of
Henrietta Tumarkin.*

*We mourn the death of
Gerald Rappaport.*

*May memories of them
forever be a blessing to all
who loved them and may
their families be comforted
among the mourners of Zion
and Jerusalem.*

News You Can Use

Elliott Greenberg has just received his current dealer wholesale catalogs and price sheets from Israel Giftware Designs. There is a large general catalog and a smaller Passover supplement catalog. For a limited time, in celebration of his 93rd birthday, he is offering to order for all Shir Tikvah members and their families, any items in either catalog, strictly at his dealer wholesale cost, which is a very considerable saving. These catalogs contain many items that would be beautiful gifts for children and adults.

If anyone is interested in this offer, please contact Elliott at 708-748-9327, anytime except early

morning. Please speak slowly and clearly, because of Elliott's poor hearing. We should be able to meet at Shir Tikvah, which could be a convenient place for most members.

If viewing this online, [click here](#) to open the catalog, or visit IsraelGiftwareDesigns.com to find an item.

The Birthday Luncheons at Aurelio's Pizzeria in Homewood—Normally, the Sisterhood celebrates birthdays on the first Wednesday at 12:30pm at Aurelio's Pizza in Homewood. So please join us in your birthday month to schmooze! However, due to COVID-19 they are meeting virtually instead. Please contact Gayle

Weil to find out how to join the online party at gweill19@yahoo.com!

Support the Sisterhood by purchasing Jewel Cards! We receive a percentage from each card we sell. Denominations are \$50 and \$100 and are available in the office. Thanks for your support!







SHALOM TRANSPORTATION

Is a subsidized senior transportation option for Jewish seniors facing transportation barriers in the Southern Suburbs. This program broadens our transportation service area to better serve the Jewish community.

For more info, please contact Amy Bloomberg, the South Suburban Coordinator, at 708-249-6086.



APRIL 2020 NISAN-IYAR 5780

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Due to the restrictions of the coronavirus, all events are cancelled until further notice.			1	2	3 7:01pm 	4 ZOOM Shabbat Morning Reform Service 10:15 am
5	6	7 ZOOM Virtual Oneg & Check-In 7 pm	8 7:06pm 	9 8:15pm 	10 7:08pm 	11
			Erev Pesach	Pesach I	Pesach II	
12	13 Board Meeting 7 pm	14 7:13pm 	15 8:22pm 	16 8:23pm 	17 7:16pm 	18
		ZOOM Virtual Oneg & Check-In 7 pm	ZOOM 7th Day of Pesach Yizkor Service 11:00am	ZOOM 8th Day of Pesach Yizkor Service 11:00am	ZOOM Candle Lighting, welcoming Shabbat, and Kaddish on Zoom 5:30pm	
			Pesach VII	Pesach VIII		
19 Joan Barr Headstone Unveiling at Beverly Cemetery 1:30 pm	20	21 ZOOM Virtual Oneg & Check-In 7 pm	22	23	24 7:24pm 	25
					ZOOM Candle Lighting, welcoming Shabbat, and Kaddish on Zoom 5:30pm	
26	27	28 ZOOM Virtual Oneg & Check-In 7 pm	29	30		