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Purim and Pesah: Our Two Springtime Festivals

*By Rabbi Benjamin
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The Hebrew calendar gives us a double blessing in the months of Adar and Nissan, with the holidays of Purim and Pesah coming back-to-back. These celebrations are very different

from each other, and yet the progression of one to the other on the calendar can give interesting ideas to explore. Both deal with bitter enemies and the possibility of extinction. The Purim villain, Haman, manipulates Achashverosh, the Persian king into decreeing legalized murder of the Jewish people. Haman’s plan fails and the Jews celebrate. The Pesah villain, Pharaoh, also threatens extinction by murdering Jewish baby boys at birth. This plan also fails, and the Israelites are redeemed by God’s “mighty hand and outstretched arm.”

From the 14th of Adar to the 15th of Nissan, the score is: Jews 2, Evil 0. Yes, both Purim and Pesah fulfill the traditional theme about Jewish holidays: “They tried to kill us. We survived. Let’s eat.” The survival elements and food are certainly part of our contemporary celebrations for both holidays. The threats occur differently, and so do our observances. While Pesah precedes Purim chronologically, Purim precedes Pesah on the calendar.

In the Book of Esther, the name of God is not mentioned. In the Haggadah, the name of Moshe is not mentioned (or at least only once/twice depending on how hard you look). We are taught that Moshe’s name was left out of the Haggadah for fear of deifying Moshe. As the Haggadah was written at a

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time during the rise of Christianity, the rabbis wanted to make sure the Jewish people of future generations were aware that God was responsible for the miracles, not a single person like Moshe.

In contrast, God’s presence was hidden in the Book of Esther, just like Esther’s identity as a Jew was hidden until she needed to reveal herself to save her people. Mordechai and Esther, mortal humans, get all the credit. But Achashverosh did not put his military at the disposal of the Jews. He did not order his soldiers to intervene on their behalf. What he did do was give the Jews the right to defend themselves against their enemies. Until that point, the Jewish people had, apparently, been living in the sort of passivity that often characterized Diaspora communities throughout the ages. They could not imagine taking up arms to defend themselves against their enemies. Once the Jews were given the legitimization to stand up for themselves, however, they rose to the occasion.

We don’t celebrate the military victory over the Persian antisemites, rather we celebrate the day after the victory when we rested. Our Jewish values are not about the violence, they are about celebrating

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life. So, on Purim, we celebrate that we are no longer physically in danger with very physical signs. We have big parties; we make plenty of noise during the megillah, and we eat and drink a lot! We also give lots of charity so all can celebrate.

But before Purim and Pesah, we should give time to pause and think about how we protect ourselves and our community. We want everyone to be safe and yet we know there are still those out there who wish to do us harm. We are reminded that the world has not learned from history and haters are still going to hate. So, we must make sure our synagogue is protected and that when we celebrate, we can enjoy to the fullest knowing all are safe to do so. I want to acknowledge the wonderful work that our security service does for us every Shabbat and large gathering. But I also want to point out that the best form of protection is when we protect ourselves by volunteering to serve as greeters and by taking part in security training programs.

Wishing everyone a Buen Purim and Pesah Allegre, A happy Purim and Pesah to all of you!

Putting God in Your Book

By Rubissa Sharona Hassan



In addition to writing articles for La Boz, I also enjoy writing children's books. This week I received a rejection letter from the largest Jewish picture book publisher. The editor's message was lovely, expressing appreciation for my writing. It also explained that the story is unpublishable because it

involves the premise that God hears and answers prayers.

Perhaps you need to read that last sentence again, as it took me several days to process the enormity of this message. They will not publish stories in which God plays an active role and listens to the requests of people. Initially I was aghast. Then I thought about a very famous, well published, and often read

Jewish story which also omits God's name and role: Megillat Esther, the Book of Esther.

On Purim we will read this story of Esther and Mordechai and the attempted persecution of the Jewish people by Haman and Achashverosh. Spoiler alert: the Jewish people will be victorious, their enemies destroyed, and Esther and Mordechai will both assume positions of power in the kingdom. And all of this happens without any mention of God or Divine Intervention.

As a student of literature, I was always intrigued by the literary device of 'deus ex machina' wherein a person or thing appears in or is introduced into a situation suddenly and unexpectedly, providing an artificial or contrived solution to an apparently insoluble difficulty. Deus ex machina is in countless works of literature, theater, and film. For example, in Jurassic Park when the humans are surrounded by velociraptors and are surely going to die, the tyrannosaurus rex charges in and kills the velociraptors, but not the humans.

Literally the phrase deus ex machina translates to "God out of the machine" or "God from the machine," but does not refer to Divine Intervention in the spiritual sense. The term was coined from the conventions of ancient Greek theater, where actors who were playing gods were brought onto stage using a machine. From a literary criticism perspective, it is generally considered a poor technique as the author should construct a plot more complex than an unexpected and unrelated solution would supply.

Megillat Esther includes many scenarios which could be defined as deus ex machina, including Mordechai just happening to overhear a plot to assassinate Achashverosh; Haman's unexpected entrance during Achashverosh's bout of insomnia; and Harbona's sudden appearance to announce a gallows is ready for use in Haman's yard.

But no one says, "Wow! Look how much deus ex machina Megillat Esther contains!" Instead we say, "Wow! Look how much Divine intervention Megillat Esther contains!" The text does not contain any direct mention of Hashem, but it is clear the role the Hand of God plays in saving the Jewish people. There is extensive discussion on reasons why the text was written in this way and ultimately we embrace the Megillat Esther.

My manuscript is not publishable (by one particular publishing house) because it intentionally includes the role of Hashem. The Book of Esther intentionally omits Hashem but has the grand Jewish festival of Purim to celebrate its words.

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Where is the Almighty in your story?

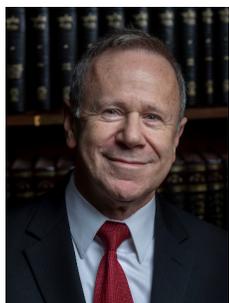
You are the author of your own narrative. Take a minute to notice the story developing around you: how the actions, relationships, and discoveries around you unfold. Are you the hero, causing all the success for yourself and others? Are you the victim, always suffering at the cruelty of the world? Take some time to reflect. Is it deus ex machina and chaos which causes your plot to unfold? Or is it the Hand of the Creator, supporting you through a complex path?

You are the author. How do you tell the story to yourself? How do you share it with others? It is in this way that you have the most power in your life. Tell your story with pride, give credit where you feel it is appropriate, and celebrate whenever you can.

Passover, So Long &

Welcome

By Jack Schaloum



Passover is just about here. As of this writing we actually may be able (for those that are comfortable) to spend it with extended family and guests. Also hopefully by this time our khal will be able to go mask less along with having our world famous Kiddushes after Shabbat services.

The past couple months we have been enjoying outdoor Kiddush complete with heat lamps and hot soup. Let's see and hope what the future brings.

The different committees of the synagogue have been pushing forward. A couple of examples are the following. The Strategic Planning Committee led by Alan Scharhon has had a couple preliminary meetings working on plans to define and shape the future of SBH. The Religious Committee chaired by Sam Mezistrano has met and tackled questions that members have had pertaining to services and setting up a schedule when Rabbi Hassan and Rabbi Varon will be out of town during the summer.

These committees don't make decisions flippantly nor does one person make them. They are talked out, sometimes at great length, to make sure the

synagogue moves forward in these times and still keep to our traditions, halakha and being meaningful to our members. It's tougher than it may seem but each and every person on these committees do it for the love of Sephardic Bikur Holim. If you would like to join a committee, please contact the chair of your selection. We are always looking for volunteers that want to put in the time, effort and passion that our committee members currently show.

We bid so long and mucho good luck to our office manager Alexis DeBrock. She received an offer from Amazon (she's Prime for the job) that really was hard to pass up. They are extremely lucky to have her just as we were. Although she was here for a short time, the impact she made has the office running so smoothly. Her cheerful personality and positive demeanor made working on projects and asking her questions (and questions...) so easy. Alexis updated many aspects of our office along with putting together different programs. One of the many highlights of her short time here was putting together the highly successful Café Finjan. Good luck Alexis in your future endeavors and don't be a stranger! Please join us on March 5th as we have a thank you kiddush for Alexis.

I am pleased to announce that we have hired Alicia Oshlag to be our part time program director. Alicia has grown up in our community and we are excited to have her put her creativity and expertise into creating programs for SBH. That's it for this month's article. Just wait until you read the next!

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Mah-Jongg

By Jerry Mezistrano



The other day...I was watching a documentary about the author of "The Joy Luck Club," Amy Tan. Years ago, I not only read the book but I also recall seeing the movie. I always remember a line in the book - where these four Chinese ladies are playing Mah-Jongg and one of the women is angry with one of the other players and she chastises her by saying, "You play Mah-Jongg like a Jew." To this day I wonder what was the author's purpose. It was obviously intended to be an insult, but all I could think was; is Mah-Jongg played differently by the Chinese and Jewish people?

Way back in the early 50s when I was a mere child, I can remember my mother and her Mah-Jongg groups. Once a week the ladies got together for an afternoon game and then every other Saturday night both the men and the women would meet for game night. All the ladies played Mah-Jongg and the men played poker. Saturday night was a special night and both my parents would get dressed up for their big night out on the town. But, wait...the town consisted of one block. On our one block in the central area there were seven Sephardic families. My parents' big night out consisted of walking down the street to a neighbor's home.

I might add, that during this period we were assumed to be a wealthy family. Most families only had one vehicle but we had two. One was my father's truck that he used for work and the other, as he always referred to it, was a passenger car. Being that my father was the only driver in our home, by the time he got around to using the car, the battery often was dead. Now that I think of it, all the homes in my neighborhood only had a one car garage. Today you see homes with two or more garages, but in those days most women did not drive. Back in the 50s the men, who were considered to be the breadwinners, thus they drove the family car to work and most women stayed home to take care of the children. Wow, the world is so different today.

Unfortunately, back in the late 40s and early 50s women were treated unfairly, and were considered by many to be second-class citizens. Which reminds me my father never got this saying correct. Instead of second class he would always say second grade. "Jerry that man talked to me like I was a second grade citizen," he would bellow. I would correct him all the time... but I finally gave up and would think

to myself; well maybe next year he'll advance to the third grade.

I seem to have deviated.

Getting back to my mother playing Mah-Jongg. Like I said, the ladies would get together for their weekly game. However, it was far more than just a game - there was lunch, more Mah-Jongg, a coffee break, back to the game and then finally dessert. The dessert is what I always found amusing. A few of the ladies were larger than the starting linemen for the Seattle Seahawks. They ate a large lunch, a big piece of cake but they always had saccharin for their coffee because they were watching their weight. Saccharin is a sweet-tasting synthetic compound used in foods and drinks as a substitute for sugar. It got a bad rap because it was found, during a lab study with mice, to cause cancer. This even caused the FDA to ban Saccharin in 1981. The ban was soon changed and a warning label was added to products that contained Saccharin. Look what you learned. And you thought reading this column was a waste of time.

Again, I have seemed too deviated.

Reminiscing prompted me to think how old those game players were. Although they were probably in their late thirties or early forties, to a kid of six or seven years old, they seemed ancient. I can imagine a child looking at me today must think I am antique. Whenever my four-year-old grandson asks Nana and Grandpa's age I tell him I am twenty-seven and Nana is eighty-seven. He seems very receptive to this, but I notice that my granddaughters at age six or seven are not quite as gullible.

Now that I think about it, the perception of how old I look to others has brought me to the point of anger. I'll give you an example. I was pricing a new car and the salesperson took one look at me and, instead of promoting the vehicle by saying this car is built so well you'll never have to by another car, he looks at me and says, "this is the last car you're ever going to buy." I got the impression he was indicating the car was going to outlive me. This is probably true, but no senior citizen wants to be reminded he is old.

This happened again when I was pricing a sofa. One look at me and again the salesperson implied this is the last sofa you'll ever have to buy because you're old. I hate this sales pitch, and this is also another reason why I dislike young people. I may even only keep the car and sofa for a couple years just to prove them wrong.

The final straw however was my GPS. I had to attend a funeral in an area I wasn't familiar with. When the cemetery finally came into view, the nav

Mah-Jongg (continued)

system on my car responded by saying, “you have reached your final destination.” I wanted to stop and rip the entire system out of the car.

Alright, maybe I am a bit sensitive to getting older. After all, they say age is just a state of mind, and that state is Florida.

Please send questions and comments to jerrymezistrano@gmail.com.

Rabbi Liaison Committee

The Rabbi Liaison Committee meets quarterly with Rabbi Hassan. If you have any comments or concerns please send an email to sbhliaison@gmail.com. All comments are confidential.



Meet Our New Program Director *By Alicia Oshlag*



Alicia Oshlag is a fourth generation SBH member and a graduate of Seattle Hebrew Academy and the Northwest Yeshiva High school. She received a BA in Sociology from Seattle University, shortly thereafter studying Digital Media Management through Northeastern University’s Seattle satellite campus.

Alicia was married at SBH five years ago to Nathan Oshlag. Until recently her main focus was raising her three children, twin three-year-olds Alexander and Ezra, and nine-month-old baby Judah.

Eager to hit the ground running, the first major project will kick off immediately: increasing SBH’s social media presence, specifically on YouTube and Instagram. Additionally, she will be looking into developing new programming to engage members of all ages.

If you have questions or would like to reach out to Alicia, feel free to email her at office@sbhseattle.org.

Seward Park's Kosher Bagel Spot Is a Success so

Far By Jenna Kaufthal

**for the Northwest Yeshiva High School student paper The Mane Idea* (<https://nyhsmaineidea.com/>)*

When Chuck's Hop Shop owner Chuck Shin asked Zylberschtein's Delicatessen and Bakery owner Josh Grunig to be his restaurant partner at Third Place Books Seward Park, Grunig saw it as an opportunity to launch a brand new kosher bagel spot.

After the Raconteur coffee shop and bar located inside Third Place Books moved out during the pandemic, Shin asked Grunig to move into the vacant space with him. Grunig immediately knew that any Jewish-style eatery he opened in Seward Park needed to be kosher because of the nearby observant Jewish community.

Although Muriel's won't boast any meat dishes due to its kosher dairy (chalav Yisrael) status, Grunig hopes to cater to vegetarians in addition to Seattle's kosher-keeping Jews. Grunig doesn't just want his business to be transactional; he wants it to be a part of people's memories and "be a place that brings a feeling of warmth." He believes that Jewish deli is comfort food, soul food.

Grunig's love of bringing people together through food stems from his mother always cooking dinner for the family and ensuring that they ate together every night. He thinks this is why he feels the desire to feed and sustain people in the community.

"It's neat how we're all eating in the same space regardless of religious beliefs, coming together, enjoying the food and each other's company," says Seward Park community member Lisabeth Harris. "It's kind of unique that way."

Grunig feels a marker of success for him will be being a cornerstone of the neighborhood and a place that makes people feel warm. If not sure what to order, Grunig recommends a fresh bagel with lox and lots of red onions.

NYHS sophomores Yasmin Jassen and Hannah Klinghoffer visited Muriel's on a recent Sunday during Muriel's soft launch. The teens are excited about more kosher food options and the fact that the staff at Muriel's provided them with amazing service. The students said they had nice conversations with the staff and they were asked about their school and the teenage community at NYHS. "It was great seeing people from all over the



Jewish community come together and buy food," said Jassen.

Wendy Bensussen, a Seward Park community member, said she enjoyed her tomato basil soup and avocado toast. She thinks Muriel's will revitalize the Seward Park neighborhood. "[Muriel's will be a] place for people to be together," Bensussen said. "We need a gathering place."

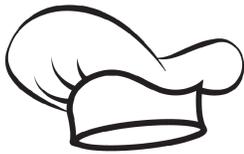
Jassen agrees. She's most excited to have a new place to hang out with her friends and get food. She tried the Israeli avocado toast and the fries and she said both were good, although Klinghoffer felt the avocado toast had a little too much feta. When Harris went to get mushroom barley soup, Israeli fries, a bagel with lox and a raspberry doughnut for her and her family, she said it was an amazing way to start their Sunday. Klinghoffer says she believes Muriel's will bring a lot of Jews together by gathering people together to eat. Bensussen and Klinghoffer are both looking forward to trying some of the desserts and pastries that will soon be on the menu.

Grunig says his target market is the Seward Park community, to offer people a place to come and get a drink, something kosher-keeping Jews could previously not do as there are no other kosher restaurants in the South Seattle area. He also hopes it will appeal to vegetarians.



On the broader scale, he says, "everyone loves bagels."

Muriel's is located at 5041 Wilson Ave S, Seattle WA 98118
Open Thursday-Sunday 12-7 pm



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Special thanks to Sharon Babani for sharing this delicious recipe!

I will be giving a Sephardic cooking demonstration to students of JConnect at Hillel. The recipe I will be making is a little known dish called Tapada, which is a spinach and cheese pie. I first had this dish made by my sister-in-law, Betsy Babani. It's a combination of two of my favorite Sephardic delicacies - Borecas and spinach bulemas - made in a 9x13 "pie."

TAPADA (Spinach and Cheese Pie)

Dough

- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup ice water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4+1/2 cups flour

Make dough, cover and set aside to let rest while making the filling.

Spinach Filling

- 1+ pound fresh spinach, chopped
- 1 cup feta cheese
- 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 6 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Divide dough into two pieces. Roll half of the dough between two pieces of waxed paper into a rectangle to fit the bottom of the pan. Use hands to press the dough up the sides of the pan.

After combining all the filling ingredients, spread evenly in the pan.

Repeat rolling out the second piece of dough. Remove the top piece of waxed paper and place the dough over the filling. Remove any excess dough and use fingers to pinch the bottom and top dough.

Brush top crust with egg wash and cut several slits in the top for air vents.

Bake at 350 for 40 minutes or until golden brown.



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Community Life in Pictures

Bendichas Manos- Sunday, January 30, 2022 SBH Youth held a baking biscocho event for girls 9+. It was a great success and a lot of fun!



Mazal tov and Hazlacha Rabbah to Elie Babani who made aliyah January 26, 2022!

Community Highlights


MAZAL TOV TO
Jacob Loucas
ON HIS BAR MITZVAH
JANUARY 22, 2022
Jacob is the son of Debby Johnston and
Darren Loucas.



Community Highlights

March & April Anniversaries

*Munchos Y Buenos to all couples celebrating
their anniversaries in March & April*

- Jack & Fortunee Eskenazi** (3/14/1965) 57 yrs
Victor & Susan Alhadeff (3/17/1968) 54 yrs
Henry & Andrea Schaloum (3/19/1972) 50 yrs
Jerry & Rosa Mezistrano (3/31/1974) 48 yrs
Stan & Esther Morhaime (3/13/1988) 34 yrs
Michael & Elaine Moshcatel (3/23/1991) 31 yrs
Gershon Bergwerk & Patricia Kamoun-Bergwerk
 (3/22/1992) 30 yrs
David Balint & Liz Azose (3/22/1993) 29 yrs
Jeff & Jennifer Benoliel (3/19/1995) 27 yrs
Josh & Elana Zana (3/11/2007) 15 years
Isaac & Elisa Azose (3/30/2003) 19 yrs
Isaac Varon & Susan Marks (3/30/2008) 14 yrs
David & Jessica Amouyal (3/22/15) 7 yrs

Neiso & Arlene Moscatel (4/7/63) 59 years
David & Vicki Benoliel (4/9/67) 55 years
Larry & Shelley Bensussen (4/8/84) 38 years
Asher & Sharon Nov (4/4/1984) 38 years
Stan Handaly & Pamela Goral (4/3/2011) 11
 years
Aharon Rafael & Sara Caballero (4/21/15) 7 years

Mazal Tov! Munchos i Buenos!

Congratulations to Dr. Elie & Miriam
 Levy on the engagement of their son,
 Isaac to Tehila Bouhadana.
 Grandparents are Dr. Rene & Beloria
 Levy.

Mazal Tov to David and Joy Maimon
 on the engagement of their daughter,
 Rosie to Moshe Kaplan.
 Grandparents are Victor & Susie
 Alhadeff and Rosie Maimon.


 MAZAL TOV TO
 JOEL & ABIGAIL MAIMON ON THE BAR
 MITZVAH OF THEIR SON,
 REUBEN RAPHAEL MAIMON.
 PROUD GRANDPARENTS,
 RALPH & ESTHER MAIMON
 AND ALLAN & ELAINE SOBEL


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Marcelle Adatto

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Ralph Adatto

Karen Adatto & Family

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Israel & Rachel Gonzalez

Cleotilde Reza

Israel & Rachel Gonzalez

Louise Varon

Pearl Louise Varon

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David Almoslino

Michelle Almoslino

Marilyn Stalcup

Dan Stalcup

Marilyn Stalcup

In Memory Of

Estraya Almoslino

Michelle Almoslino

Minnette Almoslino

Michelle Almoslino

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Helene & Mo Azose

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your special anniversary**

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Ralph & Esther Maimon

Beverly Mezistrano

Ralph & Esther Maimon

Annette Vinnick

Mordo De Jaen

Annette Hasson

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In Honor Of

Regina Amira- Happy Birthday!

Kathie Barokas

**Hazzan Isaac Azose- Congratulations
on the Hazzan Isaac Azose Fund for
Community Engagement - UW
Sephardic Studies Program**

Leonard & Louise Berman

**Mo Azose- In celebration of his 95th
birthday**

Sam & Karen Furer

**Rabbi Simon & Cecilia Benzaquen-
52nd anniversary**

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Rosalind Poll

**Aaron Blumenzweig & Aisha Boni-
mazel tov on your engagement**

Sara Blumenzweig

Rita Calderon- Happy 100th

Tributes (continued)

birthday!

Steven & Reyna Gustav

Samuel & Lesley Piha

Miriam & Eli Levy- Mazal Tov on your son, Isaac's engagement to Tehila Bouhadana

Rachel Vaillancourt

Rabbi Hassan- Thank you

Pearl M. Barocas

David & Joy Maimon and Victor & Susie Alhadeff and Rosie Maimon- Mazal Tov on Rosie's engagement to Moshe Kaplan

Isaac & Elisa Azose

Stanley & Esther Morhaime- Mazal Tov on being new grandparents

Steven & Reyna Gustav

Neeso Romano- congratulations on being selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum

Louise & Leonard Berman

Good Health To

David Almoslino

Lilly De Jaen

Lysa Almo

Steven N & Janet Calvo

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Barbara Calvo

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Rachelle Mezistrano

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Jack & Barbara Cordova

In Memory Of

Sol Amon

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Eliza Azose

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Meldados

Steve Policar	Mother RAYE bat ESTER (Raye Alhadeff Policar)	1 Adar II Fri. March 4	Victor Halela	Sister KADUN bat MERKADA (Louise Rivers)	9 Adar II Sat. March 12
Rabbi Benjamin Hassan	Grandmother BELLA bat RAHEL (Bella Cooper)	3 Adar II Sun. March 6	Mordo De Jaen	Mother-in-law TAMAR bat DUDU (Carlie Varon Caraco)	10 Adar II Sun. March 13
Victor Halela	Niece MERKADA bat KADUN (Madeline Piver)	3 Adar II Sun. March 6	Regina Amira	Sister RAHEL bat MAZALTOV (Rachel Erdrich)	10 Adar II Sun. March 13
Alan Scharhon	Father	3 Adar II	Annette Hasson	Mother	11 Adar II
Esther Caplan	Father	Sun. March 6	Rachelle Mezistrano	Mother-in-law	Mon. March 14
Rachel Baroh	Brother		Marilyn Mezistrano	EDA bat RIVKA (Eda Mezistrano)	
Rosie Maimon	AZARIA ben ESTER (Azaria Scharhon)				
Julia Jerusalmi					
Diana Azose					
Leonard & Louise Berman	Son MENAHEM ben KADUN (Manney Chiprut Berman)	5 Adar II Tues. March 8	Elaine Moshcatel	Father LABEL ben RAHEL (Leonard Wiviott)	11 Adar II Mon. March 14
Michael Freund	Mother LEAH bat ZIMBUL (Lucy Freund)	6 Adar II Wed. March 9	Michelle Almoslino	Mother	12 Adar II
			David Almoslino	ESTER bat MALKA (Minnette Almoslino)	Tue. March 15 (12 mos.)
David Balint	Mother ETA LILA bat SARA (Edith Klein Balint)	7 Adar II Thur. March 10	David Israel	Mother MAZALTOV bat SARA (Matilda [Matty] Israel)	12 Adar II Tue. March 15
Rabbi Frank Varon	Mother SULTANA bat MAZALTOV (Sally Varon)	7 Adar II Thur. March 10	Sara Blumenzweig	Sister-in-law	14 Adar II
			Cecile Blumenzweig	Aunt LEAH bat SONIA (Elisa Blumenzweig)	Thur. March 17
Shira Kaufman	Father YERAHMIEL GEDALYAH ben TAYBA BATYA (Robert Kaufman)	8 Adar II Fri. March 11 (12 mos.)	Lillian Levy	Husband DAVID ben ALLEGRA (David N. Levy)	15 Adar II Fri. March 18
Albert Angel	Brother MOSHE ben DINA (Morris Angel)	9 Adar II Sat. March 12	Marc Levy	Mother SULTANA bat ALLEGRA (Sue Levy)	16 Adar II Sat. March 19 (7 mos.)
Roz Bornstein	Grandmother ROSA bat RAHEL-SENYORU (Rose Calvo)	9 Adar II Sat. March 12	Asher Nov	Mother HADASSAH bat YAFFA (Hadassah Nov)	17 Adar II Sun. March 20

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Ann Pinsky	Mother JAMILLA bat ESTHER (Camille Pinsky)	18 Adar II Mon. March 21	Irving Bertram	Mother ESTER bat BEHORA (Esther Bertram)	27 Adar II Wed. March 30
Larry Jassen	Mother SHAINDEL bat SARA (Shirley Jassen)	19 Adar II Tue. March 22	Beloria Levy	Mother AZIZA bat RAHEL (Aziza Elkaim)	27 Adar II Wed. March 30
Jeanne Maimon	Father SHEMUEL ELIEZER ben RAIZEL (Samuel Leon Yablok)	19 Adar II Tue. March 22	Dr. Stuart Epstein	Mother (Shana Epstein)	27 Adar II Wed. March 30
Renee Emily Varon	Mother RIVKA bat JAMILA (Becky H. Varon)	19 Adar II Tue. March 22	Jack Belur	Mother RAHEL bat LEAH (Rachel Belur)	28 Adar II Thur. March 31
Rabbi Simon Benzaquen	Father YAAKOV ben MESODA (Jacob Benzaquen)	20 Adar II Wed. March 23	Sam Haleva Marcia Overbeck Jack Haleva	Father Grandfather Grandfather YAAKOV ben ESTER (Jacob Haleva)	28 Adar II Thur. March 31
Hazzan Isaac Azose	Father YAAKOV ben SIMHA VIDA (Jack Azose)	22 Adar II Fri. March 25	Myrna Cordova Jack Cordova	Mother Aunt LEAH bat VIDA (Lily Cordova)	29 Adar II Fri. April 1
Beloria Levy	Father ELIYAHU ben ZOHRA (Eliyahu Elkaim)	23 Adar II Sat. March 26	Linda Condiotty	Father REPHAEL BEHOR ben SAROTA (Ralph Hasson)	29 Adar II Fri. April 1
Esther Maimon Jack Calvo	Mother Mother SEMA bat ESTER (Sema Calvo)	24 Adar II Sun. March 27	Al Benoliel David Benoliel	Mother Mother RAHEL bat VIDA SULTANA (Rachel Benoliel)	2 Nisan Sun. April 3
Marie Scharhon Andrew Scharhon Jean Scharhon	Sister Aunt BULISSA bat JAMILLAH (Betty Halfon)	24 Adar II Sun. March 27 (7 mos.)	Berthe Habib	Father YAAKOV ben ROSA (Jack Kalisker)	3 Nisan Mon. April 4
David Benezra Lee Benezra	Sister SARA bat SIMHULA (Sarah Benezra)	25 Adar II Mon. March 28	Bernice Belur Arlene Moscatel	Mother RAHEL bat ALEGRA (Rachel Caston)	4 Nisan Tue. April 5
Annette Hasson Michelle Behar	Husband Father BARUCH ben EDA (Barry Hasson)	26 Adar II Tue. March 29	Fortun Azose	Father MASOUD ben ESTER (Masoud Sayag)	4 Nisan Tue. April 5
			Regina Amira	Aunt ESTER bat RAHEL (Esther Huniu)	5 Nisan Wed. April 6
			Rita Calderon	Brother YAAKOV ben MARIE (Jack Israel)	5 Nisan Wed. April 6

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Rubissa Sharona Hassan	Grandfather HAIM SHELOMO ben MALKA (Herbert Kadish)	5 Nisan Wed. April 6	Leonard Piha	Father NISSIM ben KLARA (Nace Piha)	12 Nisan Wed. April 13
Robin Calderon Jay Behar	Father Grandfather HAIM ben MAZALTOV (Victor I. Calderon)	6 Nisan Thur. April 7	Sophie Morhaime Stan Morhaime Suzanne Morhaime	Husband Father YITZHAK ben SULTANA (Isaac Morhaime)	13 Nisan Thur. April 14
Isaac Almo Eli Almo Larry Almo	The Families of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Almo	8 Nisan Sat. April 9	Debra Sinyan	Brother HAIM SHEMUEL ben HENRIETA BRAHA (Carey Amon)	14 Nisan Fri. April 15
Rachel Baruch Ty Baruch Donna Levens	Husband Father YITZHAK ben DONNA (Isaac Baruch)	8 Nisan Sat. April 9	Morton Roberts Louise Berman	Mother-in-law Grandmother BEHORA KADUN bat DUDU (Bohora Chiprut)	15 Nisan Sat. April 16
Elisa Azose	Mother ZIMBUL bat ALIZA (Sally Chrem)	8 Nisan Sat. April 9	Jack & Sue Barokas	Son YITZHAK ben SUZANNE (Robert Barokas)	16 Nisan Sun. April 17 (9 mos.)
Mitch Greene	Father BER DAVID ben SHNEUR (Bernard Greene)	8 Nisan Sat. April 9	Rabbi Mark Greenspan	Father GEDALYA ben BESSIE (Daniel Greenspan)	17 Nisan Sun. April 17
Sally Maimon David Maimon Rosie Maimon	Brother Uncle Brother-in-law MORDEHAI ben REYNA (Rabbi Mark Maimon)	8 Nisan Sat. April 9	Alon Israeli	Mother ALIZA bat ESTER (Aliza Israeli)	18 Nisan Tue. April 19
Justin Calvo Jon Calvo	Wife Daughter-in-law RAHEL HAYA bat MIRAL (Abby Michels Calvo)	9 Nisan Sun. April 10	Steve Condiotty Bruce Condiotty	Father HAIM ben SULTANA (Victor Condiotty)	19 Nisan Wed. April 20
Marcia Overbeck Sam Haleva Jack Haleva	Mother Sister Aunt REGINA bat LUNA (Regina Jean Israel)	10 Nisan Mon. April 11	Rabbi Michael Cohen	Mother MIRIAM bat LEAH (Miriam Cohen)	19 Nisan Wed. April 20
Jack Barokas	Father YITZHAK ben ESTER (Isaac Barokas)	12 Nisan Wed. April 13	Henry Schaloum Lucia De Funis Jack Schaloum	The Families of Mr. & Mrs. Izak Schaloum	21 Nisan Fri. April 22
Donna Amira Ty Baruch	Grandfather SABETAY ben SEMA (Sam H. Baruch)	12 Nisan Wed. April 13	Stanley Habib	Father BINYAMIN ben SINYURU (Benjamin Habib)	21 Nisan Fri. April 22
			Rachel Vaillancourt	Sister HANNA bat ESTER (Hanna Attar)	22 Nisan Sat. April 23

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Sharon Babani	Mother	23 Nisan
Ilyse Almo	FEIGEL bat SELMA (Florence Grinspan)	Sun. April 24
Donna Amira	Grandmother SULTANA bat YOHEVED (Suzanne Sultana Amira)	24 Nisan Mon. April 25
Sam Mezistrano	Mother	24 Nisan
Leah Gladstein	Mother	Mon. April 25
Rosie Maimon	Sister	
Julia Jerusalmi	RIVKA bat ESTER	
Diana Azose	(Becky Mezistrano)	
Tillie Amon	Husband	25 Nisan
Helene Behar	Father	Tue. April 26
Eileen Kulman	Father	(7 mos.)
Carlee Hollenbeck	Grandfather SHELOMO ben ESTRAYA (Solly Amon)	
Rabbi Chaim Levine	Mother RISHA FAIGA TZIVIA bat CHAIM YAACOV (Roberta Sass)	25 Nisan Tue. April 26
Henry Schaloum	Father	26 Nisan
Lucia DeFunis	YITZHAK ben	Wed. April 27
Jack Schaloum	MIRIAM (Izak Schaloum)	
Rabbi Chaim Gourdji	Father YOSEF ben HANAH (Nadji Gourdji)	28 Nisan Fri. April 29

Julia Jerusalmi	Husband	28 Nisan
Lea Polaner	Father SHABETAI ben LEAH (Sabetai Jerusalmi)	Fri. April 29
Eva Funes	Husband	29 Nisan
Deborah Funes Rasmussen	Father	Sat. April 30
Rachel Calvo	Brother	
Estelle Handlin	DAVID ben JOYA (David Funes)	

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We extend our sincere condolences to:

Jerry Mezistrano and his family on the passing of his beloved sister, Annette Vinnick



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