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When Erev Pesah Falls on a Shabbat- Shabbat De Dos Panes

By Rabbi Benjamin Hassan

This year is a rare situation where the day before Passover is a Shabbat. It makes the preparations for Pesah that little bit more complicated and it is important to go over the relevant laws so we can be as best prepared for the Holiday.



Ta’anit Behorot - The Fast of the First Born. We are not allowed to fast on Shabbat so the fast takes place on the preceding Thursday, March 25th.

Bedikat Hametz - The Search for Hametz is done on Thursday night. One follows the same method as every year and make the beraha of Al Biur Hametz and say Kal Hamirah.

Biur Hametz – The Burning of the Hametz is done on Friday morning. We complete the sale and burn all the Hametz before the end of the Fifth hour like we would do if it was actually Erev Pesah. Kal Hamirah is not recited at Biur Hametz as we will eat bread on Shabbat. It is still permitted to eat Hametz on Friday.

Preparations on Friday for Shabbat and Yom Tov. Hametz which is necessary for Friday night and Shabbat morning meals should be placed in a disposable container away from all Pesah food. The following preparations for the seder should be made: Make the egg and Zeroah, check and clean lettuce leaves, make the haroset and salt water. Food cooked for Shabbat and Yom Tov should be kosher L’Pesah and cooked in Pesah pots.

Shabbat procedures. Use small fresh rolls for lehem mishneh. All the rolls should be eaten carefully over napkins, so that any remaining crumbs can be wrapped in the tissues and flushed. All disposable items used with hametz should be discarded in a trash can. Recite hamotzi, eat the rolls then sweep the crumbs off the

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Tefilah on Shabbat morning will be scheduled at 7:30 AM because one must recite hamotzi on lechem mishneh and finish all bread before 10:37 AM. After disposing of all hametz, say kal Hamirah by 11:56 AM.

During Seudah Sheleeshit on an ordinary Shabbat we eat bread. On this Shabbat, we can’t eat hametz or matzah at this time. So, what should we do? One can eat “other foods” during the afternoon such as fish, fruit, or vegetables. Another option, for Sephardim only, is to eat Egg Matzah at this meal. Another way to do it is to “split the morning meal”. Recite hamotzi and eat from the rolls, then recite Birkat Hamazon and take a walk outside. Then, wash for Seudah Sheleeshit and recite hamotzi. One must be careful to finish the bread and dispose of the crumbs by 10:37 AM. If one does this, one should still eat something on Shabbat afternoon.

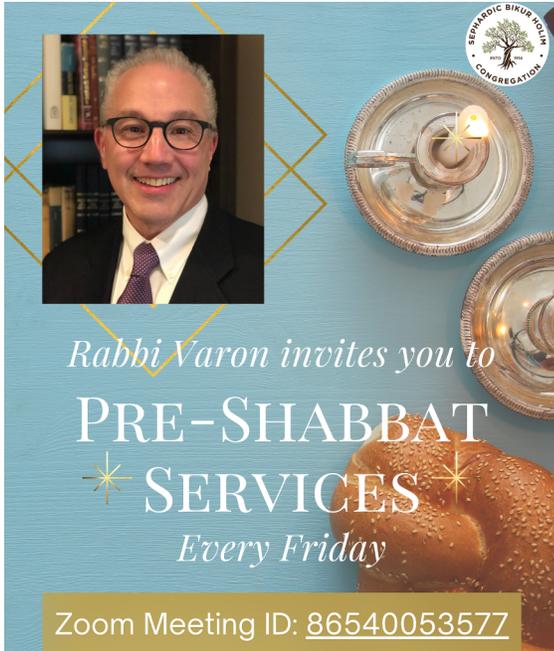
Motzaei Shabbat - Saturday Night & The Seder. All preparation for Yom Tov and the seder should not begin until Shabbat is over. One may also wish to set the seder table before Shabbat and eat in another room on Shabbat to allow the Seder to begin as early as possible after Shabbat. Kiddush and havdalah are recited together at the seder as printed in the Haggadah. Despite the many intricate laws of Erev

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When Erev Pesah. (continued)

Pesach and the extra preparations to be done before Shabbat, this year will allow all of us to enter Pesach well rested so that we can enjoy the Sedarim with our families with full strength and enthusiasm.

Moadim LeSimha and Pesach Allegre!



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Pesach, Foundation of Our Jewish Lives

By Rubissa Sharona Hassan



“More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews.” I wonder if there is an equally pithy insight on our relationship with Pesach, as it is the holiday most ‘kept’ by the Jewish community, with more than 70% of Jews participating in a seder. In fact the Torah describes Pesach observance before declaring the Shabbat for our

people, implying we have been keeping it for longer. Pesach formed the foundation of our Jewish lives.

The time of the first Pesach, when we were still enslaved in Egypt, was crucial in our formation of Jewish home and community. The word ‘Pesach’ refers to the sacrifice of a lamb the enslaved Israelites are commanded to prepare. The Torah describes how the Almighty establishes the Pesach offering as a symbol, a food, a commandment, and a festival simultaneously. The blood of the sacrifice is placed on the doorposts of each dwelling, declaring it a Jewish home. This is the

first recognition that a Jewish home shares an essential quality with all other Jewish homes and is distinctly different from any home which is not. Today the mezuzah on our doorposts serves as a similar representation of our unique identity. The trust and sanctity within our living spaces, first recognized when we were an enslaved nation, is something we continue proudly more than four thousand years later.

Just as the uniqueness of our Jewish homes is first marked at the original Pesach, this moment is also the first clear indication of how our people connect as a community. Until the time of slavery, the Jewish nation was one multigenerational family. While enslaved in Egypt, we grew into a nation. When Hashem begins describing the paschal lamb sacrifice, He explains that although each family should have one animal, if the family structure is smaller, they will share “with the neighbor who is near their house-.” The commandment illustrates that before serving Hashem, one must assess the needs of their own family and then everyone living near them. These first mitzvot given to our People are still precious to us today. From our very beginning, our core Jewish value is to notice the needs of our family and then our neighbors. Not just the people we like or feel connected to, but everyone in geographic proximity needs our acknowledgement and care. Modern globalism has increased our ability to perform this commandment, and our Jewish community works incredibly hard to see to the needs of others.

Finally, the Torah describes the food. Usually when one thinks of Pesach, food is the first thing they contemplate. However, the Torah commands us first to perceive and perform the aforementioned actions and values. Then we can eat the animal, roasted, with matza and bitter herbs. This meal is obviously the foundation of the Seder meal. You can go to any supermarket and if they have a ‘Kosher Food’ aisle, they will always have matza. No matter the season, the easily recognizable boxes will be awaiting purchase as the box represents the uniqueness of our Jewish food. The commandment is not simply to eat matza, but also to remove all leavening from our possession. The matza makes clear that Jewish food is different and separate from other food. Since we have not yet received the Torah, we are unaware of laws regarding Kosher food. The first experience of Jewish food being distinct is matza. Only later do we get the rest of the Manischewitz line and Kosher food.

If someone asked you, “Where do you feel your Jewishness?” it is likely you would think about your home, community, and diet. These are core elements of our Jewish identity and experience. They became core elements when we were slaves in Egypt, and we have been embracing them and intensifying their importance for four thousand years. This year, before, during, or after Pesach, take time to reflect on the question of how you feel your Jewishness, who shares that with you, and how long it has been a part of you and your People.

Batman & Robin

By Jerry Mezistrano



The other day...I received a letter from the Sephardic Bikur Holm announcing the Board of Directors had renewed Rabbi Hassan's contract for a five-year term. How wonderful, I thought to myself, and I should immediately phone him with my personal congratulations. So, I did. However, I think my enthusiasm about his renewal might have been a bit different than others he encountered. "Hello, Rabbi this is Jerry Mezistrano calling," I bellowed out. "Yes, Jerry it is nice to hear your voice. How are you feeling, and what have you been doing?" the Rabbi inquires. "Oh, you know Rabbi I have been quite busy. Lots of tough daily decisions that I am required to make. Just yesterday it took a number of hours of deep thought deciding if I should wear pants. Not that I don't wear pants, but I was debating if I should continue to wear my sweatpants (which incidentally can now stand up by themselves), or should I throw all caution to the wind and put on my big boy pants? Another dilemma I had was the idea of limiting my television viewing from twelve hours a day to ten."

"Well actually, Rabbi," I continued, "I won't beat around the bush...The real reason I called was I just found out our congregation renewed your contract for another five years," I stated. "Yes, that is correct," the Rabbi responded. Now I assume the rabbi is expecting some accolades and my personal approval. Instead, I say, "How did this happen? No one consulted me?" I think I caught the Rabbi off guard for a minute but being quick on his feet he cleverly responds, "I was hoping to get a new contact before you got wind of what was going on." I inquire further, "Who are the culprits that negotiated this agreement?" Rabbi Hassan informs me that Bruce Mezistrano and Alan Scharhon are the men responsible.

Of course, I have known my cousin Bruce Mezistrano all his life, and as for Alan Scharhon, I have known him since he was a baby because I was his father's alarm clock. Let me explain. Back in the day most of Seattle Sephardic population was living in the Central District. Our home was about a half a block from the residence of Azaria (Azzie) and Rachel Scharhon. My parents felt I was too young to walk to synagogue by myself on Shabbat, so Azzie suggested I come to his house to pick him up, and then we could walk together. Great idea, except when I got to Azzie's house I would have to bang on his door loudly because he was never awake. Yes, every Saturday Azzie would greet me at the front door in his pajamas, smile and say "Shabbat shalom" to his human alarm clock. At the time Esther Scharhon, their oldest child, was just a

little girl and next was Rabbi Morris, and Alan was just a baby. Today Esther is married to Bruce Caplan, but at time she was one of the 23 Scharhon girls named Esther. Okay, maybe there weren't 23, but there were a number of them. I think there was a contest between how many Esther Scharhons, Morris Scharhons, Albert Maimons, and Jack Alhadeffs there could be.

Anyway, Azzie, the sweetest man that ever lived, and I always had this connection that was established from my youth. And talk about sweet; there was no one nicer than Rachel (Rae) Azzie's wife, who in her later years suffered terribly from arthritis but yet always had a smile and a hug for me. Yes, like I said, I was too young to walk to Kal by myself. I was just a kid. I couldn't have been more than 18 or 19 years old. What can I tell you, all my life I have been "directionally challenged." Once I took a wrong turn out of my walk-in closet, and it took me almost two days to find my front door.

After hanging up with Rabbi Hassan, I figured I should also call Jack Schaloum and congratulate him on extending his presidency at the SBH for a second term. People will say, "Jerry, you are such a funny guy...but who makes you laugh?" That is an easy question to answer because there is no one more hilarious than our president. Jack is a professional stand-up comic who should have concentrated more on his comedic career rather than selling grenades and rocket launchers at the family Army Navy Surplus store.

Well, I did call Jack and thanked him for the marvelous job he and the board have been doing during these perilous times. This fabulous duo of Rabbi and President (or I like to think of them as Batman and Robin) are facing the challenges head-on and keeping Sephardic Bikur Holim alive and well. Rabbi Hassan, thank you for the great job you have done over the last seven years. I believe the next five years will be even more successful. As for Jack, what can I say? Thank you for your time and service (it sounds like I am addressing a Marine), and I assume you'll continue to do a great job as our president for the next five years. What is five more years?

One last thing. If you ever need anything produced by our Armed Forces, new or used, Jack is the man to see. That reminds me...Jack, maybe you can get me a deal on a submarine? I don't need the ballistic missile package, but nuclear power would be nice. You know just your run of the mill low mileage, used sub. I would prefer any color other than gray... perhaps a mid-size with great turning power that will allow me to retrieve all the golf balls I have put in the water over the years.

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

The Election, Board & Passover

By Jack Schaloum



I don't want to get political but I'm afraid I must. People are saying the vote for the presidency was rigged. They're saying "he shouldn't be the president" because ballots were rigged, forged, harvested, etc. Well I'm here to tell you I totally disagree. I won the presidency fair and square. Sure... no one else was on the ballot, but that's just a minor detail. There I got it off my chest! (I just couldn't resist). Now onto a couple other things.

You'll often hear me talk about the SBH board. Their dedication to the synagogue runs deep. As I look over the names of everyone on the board it hit me that they or their spouses are second, and even third generation members of SBH. How proud their parents, Papus and Nonas and Great Papus and Nonas are and would be. With that said, family lineage is not a prerequisite to be on the board. Anyone with a passion for our synagogue is welcome to volunteer. For those that aren't ready for a formal role or term commitment but would like to help, consider chairing or volunteering on one of our many committees. We'd love to have you!

Passover is right around the corner (amazing how I transitioned to that)! Unfortunately it looks like a large Seder table is not in the cards again this year. We typically celebrate it with family, friends, and even strangers that become friends. But this year, some of us won't even be able to share a table with our own parents or children. Though sad, I look at it this way. While I miss being with my family and friends, this is nothing compared to what my parents went through during those very dark years in the concentration camps. Lisa and I will be smiling and laughing with friends during a Zoom Seder, knowing that next year (God willing) we will share a Seder table with loved ones again. Much different from my mom and dad who didn't know if they were going to see the next day. Their only hope was to be free and see their families again. Even though they couldn't speak the story of Passover out loud, the meaning of Pesach continued to beat strongly in their hearts - giving them the strength and hope to persevere along with a form of spiritual resistance.

Puts things in perspective. I will choose to look to the positive. This year I will take joy in leading the Seder, preparing both the Seder plate and my out-of-this-world brisket. I'll also remember to be

grateful for the family I have here, in Scottsdale (my son Michael) and for the family I call Sephardic Bikur Holim.

Pesah Alegre.

Jack Schaloum

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Rabbi Liaison Committee

The Rabbi Liaison Committee meets quarterly with Rabbi Hassan to address membership feedback. Please reach out if you have any questions or feedback you'd like to give.

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Thank you Letter to SBH Board

From Diana Black

Dear Jack, Rabbi Hassan, and the SBH Board,

Thank you so much for the financial gift and the Apple Watch from SBH to commemorate my retirement. I really appreciate everything you have done for me, helping me to have a smooth transition into a new phase of life. So far, I am enjoying every minute of it!!

I miss everyone and I even miss the work. I have stayed in touch with some members of the congregation and have been in regular communication with Alexis. She is doing a great job. You chose well! I wish all of you and the entire SBH community all the best.

Thank you again,

Diana Black

Remembering & Celebrating Flory Jagoda

By David Shayne

My “love affair” with Sephardic music began when I moved to Israel to attend college. Shortly after arriving, I purchased an album titled “Songs in Judea-Espanol” by the popular song duo “Parvarim.” Most of the songs were traditional Sephardic “Romanzas” about half in the original Ladino, and half translated into Hebrew. I fell in love with the record and listened often. From this one record, I segued into a strong interest in “Mizrahi” (Middle-Eastern) culture in general, discovering the glories of song, food, linguistic styles, etc. from Yemen, Morocco, Iraq, and other cultures. That strong attraction has stayed with me and is a significant factor in my decision to join SBH when we moved to Seattle 31 years ago.

However, I did not follow up on my interest in Ladino language music, so when I joined SBH, I had been exposed to little more than my Parvarim record, with which I parted company years earlier. Nevertheless, a few of those tunes that had been relegated to a distant memory, I now began to hear again, but this time set to our liturgy performed masterfully by our Hazanim-- Rabbi Varon, Hazan Ike Azose, Rabbi Benzaquen, and Rev. Benaroya zt"l as well as others.

So my interest in Sephardic traditional music became rekindled. Lately, due to my endeavors to improve my modern Spanish skills, I have been also become more interested in the Ladino language and have been listening to a weekly program in Ladino aired on the Israeli radio station “Kan-Reka.”

The program for February 5, 2021, was in part dedicated to the memory of Flory Jagoda a"h, who passed away a week earlier, one of the foremost proponents of Sephardic music in the 20th and 21st centuries, I admit the name did not register with me at first, but I knew her music—one of the first Ladino songs I learned after joining SBH is the Hanukah song she wrote, “Ocho Kandelikas” (Eight Little Candles).

Intrigued by the radio program, I searched online and found online a wealth of information on Flory, including a lengthy Wikipedia article and an NPR story that, in turn, links to a US Holocaust Museum-sponsored 2 hour interview recorded in 1995. She was the subject of an hour-long documentary filmed in 2014, “Flory’s Flame,” and a 2019 children’s book, “The Key from Spain.” (The title of one of her songs).

So who was Flory Jagoda? She was born Flory Papo in Sarajevo, Bosnia (then Yugoslavia) in 1923. Her parents divorced and her mother remarried. Flory grew up in a household steeped in Sephardic culture and acquired her love and knowledge of Sephardic music from her Nona. Flory narrowly escaped the Nazis in 1941 when they invaded and occupied Bosnia. The following is a quote from the Wikipedia article: “In April 1941, her step-father, [Michael Kabillo], (whom Flory referred to as her father) put 16-year-old Flory on a train to Split, [Croatia], using false identity papers and removing the Jewish star from her coat. On the train she played her accordion (“hamoniku” in Serbo-Croatian) all the way to Split (at that time controlled by the Italians), with other passengers and even the conductor singing along; she was never asked for her ticket.”

Her parents managed to escape the Nazis as well and joined her in Split. Later, the family fled Pro-Nazi Croatian forces to British-occupied Italy. There, she met her future husband, an American soldier named Harry Jagoda. After the war, the two married and settled in Virginia. Flory’s parents came to the USA as well. Many years later, she learned the Nazis murdered all of the rest of her family, including her beloved Nona.

Flory became a professional musician but did not perform the traditional Ladino songs of her childhood because it pained her mother so much to relive her bitter memories of the destruction and loss she suffered in Bosnia. Only after her parents passed did Flory take up the mission for which she is now so fondly remembered—preserving the Sephardic-Ladino heritage of her Bosnian community while promoting Sephardic culture in general by creating new works in Ladino, the best known of these being the “Ocho Kandelikas” song I mentioned earlier. She produced 4 albums, one of them poignantly titled, “Kantikas de mi Nona” (My Nona’s songs). She herself became known as the “La Nona Amada” (The Beloved Nona) for Judeo-Espanol (Ladino) music, and another of her albums is entitled “La Nona Kanta” (Nona sings). Flory leaves behind 4 children and numerous grandchildren, some of who have picked up her mantle and continue to perform.

The fact that I and other “newcomers” to the wonderful world of Sephardic-Ladino/Judeo-Espanol music in general, and the culture of SBH in particular, have been exposed to such a rich repertoire of songs, liturgical pieces, and other forms of cultural expression is due to the efforts of a few who labored these many years, seeing to it that Sephardic culture thrives as it does today. Some of these heroes are right here in Seattle and may be reading these words, others have already passed on. Thanks to them (or you, if applicable), SBH has acquired a reputation as a unique and one of the most important Sephardic synagogues

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Remembering & Celebrating Flory Jagoda (continued)

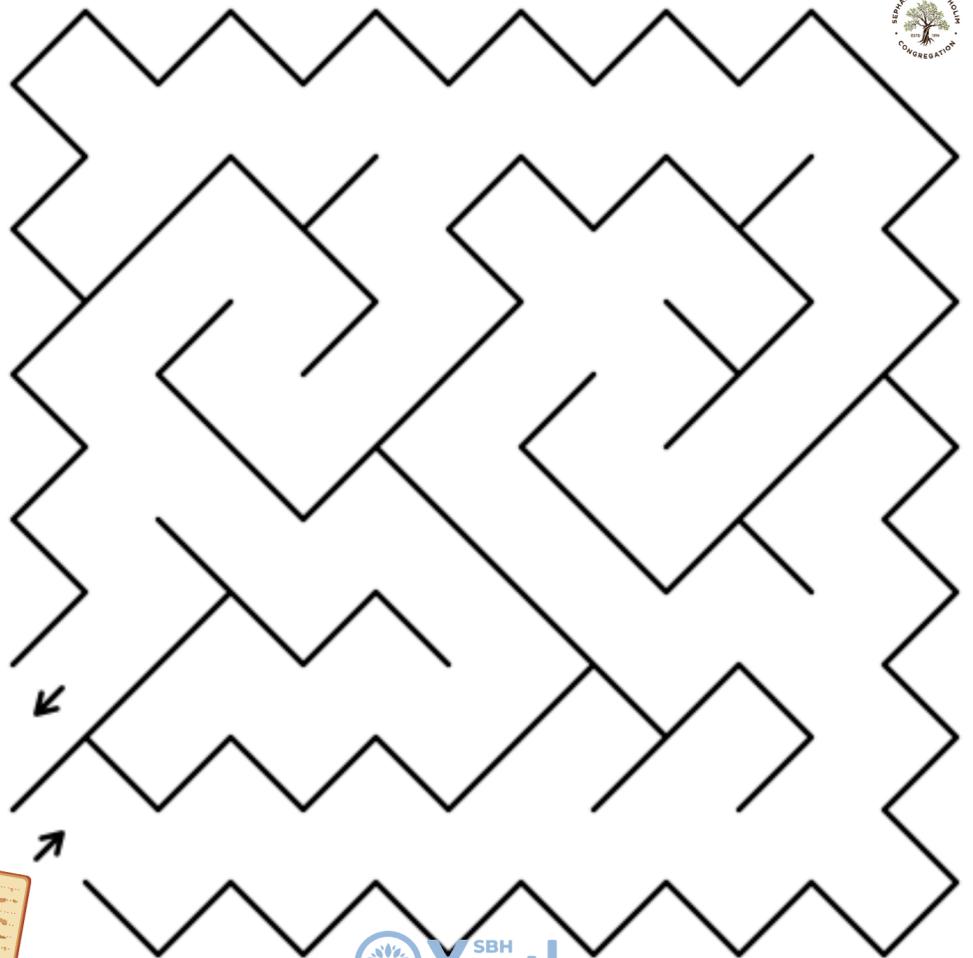
anywhere in the world today, including Turkey and Israel. (This is not my own opinion; I am merely repeating what has been said and written by people far more qualified to say so than I).

Flory Jagoda was one of these heroes who strove not just to preserve the past, but to create an ever-growing interest in Sephardic culture which is blossoming today. This is no exaggeration—my search for certain Ladino songs online led to a surprising number of

recordings by Jewish artists who are not Sephardic, and Hispanic artists who are not Jewish. It seems to me that interest in Sephardic music continues to proliferate beyond Sephardic and Jewish communities. Thanks to Flory and others, Sephardic culture may be at the beginning of a true Renaissance, at least I hope so. May her memory be a blessing and inspiration for us all.

KIDS KORNER:

GET THE MATZA
READY FOR PESACH
AS FAST AS YOU
CAN!





Sephardic Classics and Modern Twists

SEPHARDIC RECIPES



Pesach is right around the corner! Want some new ideas for how to mix up and eat your Matza? Here are some creative recipes to try out. Special thanks to Sharon Babani for sharing these fun and delicious recipes.

Matza Roca-

2+ sheets of matza to cover your cookie sheet

1 stick butter or margarine

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup chocolate chips

Note: These measurements are for a 10"x15" cookie sheet. If yours is different, you will need to adjust measurements.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Line cookie sheet with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray.

Cover with matza, breaking pieces to cover the whole sheet.

Melt one stick of butter or margarine with brown sugar. Boil for 3 minutes.

Pour butter mixture over the matza.

Bake for 10 minutes. Sprinkle chocolate chips and let sit for 5 minutes to soften then spread over the matza. You can also sprinkle chopped nuts or flaky salt.

While still warm, cut into small pieces, then refrigerate to set.



Matza Lasagna-

6 sheets matza

1 t. garlic powder

2 cups cottage cheese

1 t. dried oregano

1 lb. frozen chopped spinach (do not drain)

1 t. salt

1/4 cup parmesan cheese

1 32 oz. jar marinara sauce

1 egg

8 oz. shredded mozzarella

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine all the ingredients except the marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese.

Pour 1/4 of the sauce in the bottom of deep casserole dish. Layer two sheets of matza. Spread half the spinach/cheese mixture over the matza. Sprinkle mozzarella. Repeat sauce, matza, filling, mozzarella. Top with two more sheets of matza. Top with last of marinara and mozzarella.

Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes more.



Community Highlights



March & April Anniversaries

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

Jack & Fortunee Eskenazi (3/14/1965) 56 yrs

Henry & Andrea Schaloum (3/19/1972) 49 yrs

Jerry & Rosa Mezistrano (3/31/1974) 47 yrs

Stan & Esther Morhaim (3/13/1988) 33 yrs

Michael & Elaine Moshcatel (3/23/1991)

30 yrs

**Gershon Bergwerk & Patricia
Kamoun-Bergwerk** (3/22/1992) 29 yrs

David Balint & Liz Azose (3/22/1993) 28 yrs

Jeff & Jennifer Benoliel (3/19/1995) 26 yrs

Isaac & Elisa Azose (3/30/2003) 18 yrs

Isaac Varon & Susan Marks (3/30/2008)

13 yrs

David & Jessica Amouyal (3/22/15) 6 yrs

Neiso & Arlene Moscatel (4/7/63) 58 yrs

David & Vicki Benoliel (4/9/67) 54 yrs

Larry & Shelley Bensussen (4/8/84) 37 yrs

Asher & Sharon Nov (4/4/1984) 37 yrs

Jordan & Lauren Milner (4/29/2001) 20 yrs

Josh & Elana Zana (3/11/2007) 14 yrs

Stan Handaly & Pamela Goral (4/3/2011)

10 yrs

Aharon Rafael & Sara Caballero (4/21/15)

6 yrs



Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Celebrations:

MAZAL TOV TO

Evan Kaufthal

Who will be called to the
Torah on

March 13, 2021

**Evan is the son of Dina &
Jon Kaufthal**

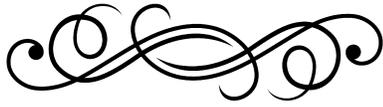


Mazal Tov! Munchos i Buenos!

Mazal Tov to Yosef Gourdji who got engaged to Ahuva Kagan of NY. Yosef is the son of Rabbi Chaim and Devorah Leah Gourdji. Ahuva is the daughter of Rabbi Aaron and Efrat Kagan.

Mazal Tov to Zecharia Ethan Shayne who got engaged to Chana Ahuva Rabinowitz. Zak is the son of SBH members Amy and David Shayne, Chana is the daughter of Leah Miriam and Mordechai Rabinowitz of Brooklyn, NY.





Tributes:



Humash

In Memory Of

Rabbi Solomon Maimon

Richard Raff

Ruth Samter

Aviva Shefa

Prayer Book

In Memory Of

Albert Eskenazi

Kathie Barokas

Leah Varon

Pearl Louise Varon

Chai Fund

In Memory Of

Albert Eskenazi

Jeff & Jamie Merriman-Cohen

Marilyn Stalcup

Cleotilde Reza

Lilly De Jaen

Ruth Samter

Jeff & Jamie Merriman-Cohen

Marilyn Stalcup

Irving Calvo Youth Fund

In Memory Of

Beverly De Jaen

Mordo De Jaen

Albert Eskenazi

Morris & Helene Azose

Tami Haleva

Morris & Helene Azose

Ruth Samter

Morris & Helene Azose

General Fund

In Honor Of

Eli & Rebecca Almo- Happy Anniversary!

Rachel Vaillancourt

Rebecca Almo- Happy Birthday!

Rachel Vaillancourt

Steven & Diana Altchech- Congrats on becoming Grandparents!

Jack I. Schaloum & Lisa Nakamura

Elisa Azose- Happy Birthday!

Alan & Roz Bornstein

Robert Benveniste & Jeff Benoliel- Dedication & amazing work for Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood

Jon Calvo

Jack I. Eskenazi- Happy 85th Birthday!

Rachelle & Reuben Shahon

Chana, Yehuda, Israel, Rachel Gonzalez- Happy Birthday!

Yehuda & Chana Gonzalez

Rabbi Benjamin Hassan- In appreciation

Larry & Janet Jassen

Rubissa Sharona Hassan- In appreciation of Book Club

Roz Bornstein

Rabbi & Rubissa Hassan- In appreciation for continuously elevating the community spiritually

Jack Isaac & Adina Almo

Good Health To

Minnette Almoslino- Continuing good health

Marilyn Stalcup

Steven Calvo

Janet Calvo

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Morton Roberts

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Jeanne Maimon

Rachel Vaillancourt

In Memory Of

Estraya Almoslino

Marilyn Stalcup

Rivkah Almoslino

Marilyn Stalcup

Eliza Azose

Pearl M. Barocas

Leo Azose

Pearl M. Barocas

Janti Baroh

Rita Franco Peha

Revella Bensussen

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Dorothy Calvo

Jon Calvo

Candice Calvo Marinelli

Rose Calvo

Alan & Roz Bornstein

Samuel Calvo

Jon Calvo

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Candice Calvo Marinelli

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Tributes (continued)

Morrie Chiprut

Louise & Leonard Berman

Susie Chiprut

Louise & Leonard Berman

Samuel Coleman

Jeff & Jamie Merriman-Cohen

Albert Cordova

Solomon L. Azose

Laura Cordova

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Marco De Funis

Larry & Janet Jassen

Beverly De Jaen

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Albert Eskenazi

Isaac Almo

Larry & Lysa Almo

Michelle Almoslino

Albert & Alexandra Angel

Lynette Benaltabe & Jay M. Schupack

Jon Calvo

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Lucia De Funis

Stanley & Berthe Habib

Jason & Laura Haleva

Bella Hanoh & Stella Hanoh-Coleman
& Family

Jamie Leviton

Rachelle Mezistrano

Rita Franco Peha

Jack I. Schaloum & Lisa Nakamura

Rachelle & Reuben Shahon

Renee E. Varon

Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood

Penina Gourdji

Eli & Rebecca Almo

Jack Isaac & Adina Almo

Molly Huniu

Steven N & Janet Calvo

Charles Jassen

Larry & Janet Jassen

Barbara K. Lipman

Benjamin & Lea Lipman

Sam Bension Maimon

Sid & Victoria Schain

Cleotilde Reza

Diane Aboulafia & Peter Shapiro

Joyce Peha Kligerman Rossen

Jon Calvo

Ruth Samter

Richard Adatto

Isaac Almo

Larry & Lysa Almo

Michelle Almoslino

Albert & Alexandra Angel

Jack Marco & Sharlene Calvo

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Lucia De Funis

Lilly De Jaen

Rick & Bonnie Elfman

Jason & Laura Haleva

Bella Hanoh & Stella Hanoh-Coleman
& Family

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Rachel Vaillancourt

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Sonya Habib Sloan

Lilly De Jaen

David & Cathy Habib

Sari Habib

Steve & Jane Habib

Stanley & Berthe Habib

Miriam Zimmerman

Jason & Laura Haleva



Meldados

Rabbi Gourджи	Mother SIMCHA SABIHA PENINA GOURDJI bat CHAIM (Penina Gourджи)	17 Adar Mon. Mar. 1 (1 mos.)	Hazzan Isaac Azose	Father YAAKOV ben SIMHA VIDA (Jack Azose)	22 Adar Sat. Mar. 6
Asher Nov	Mother HADASSAH bat YAFFA (Hadassah Nov)	17 Adar Mon. Mar. 1	Beloria Levy	Father ELIYAHU ben ZOHRA (Eliyahu Elkaim)	23 Adar Sun. Mar. 7
Ann Pinsky	Mother JAMILLA bat ESTHER (Camille Pinsky)	18 Adar Tue. Mar. 2	Esther Maimon Jack Calvo	Mother Mother SEMA bat ESTHER (Sema Calvo)	24 Adar Mon. Mar. 8
Rabbi Michael Cohen	Mother MIRIAM bat LEAH (Miriam Cohen)	19 Adar Wed. Mar. 3 (11 mos.)	David Benezra Lee Benezra	Sister SARAH bat SIMHULA (Sarah Benezra)	25 Adar Tue. Mar. 9
Larry Jassen	Mother SHAINDEL bat SARAH (Shirley Jassen)	19 Adar Wed. Mar. 3	Annette Hasson Michelle Behar	Husband Father BARUCH ben EDA (Barry Hasson)	26 Adar Wed. Mar. 10
Evelyn Rubinstein- Benzikry	Mother JOHANNA bat MARGALIT (Johanna Chana M. Rubinstein)	19 Adar Wed. Mar. 3	Rabbi Chaim Levine	Mother RISHA FAIGA TZIVIA bat CHAIM YAACOV (Roberta Sass)	26 Adar Wed. Mar. 10 (11 mos.)
Renee Emily Varon	Mother RIVKA bat JAMILA (Becky H. Varon)	19 Adar Wed. Mar. 3	Irving Bertram	Mother ESTHER bat BEHORA (Esther Bertram)	27 Adar Thur. Mar. 11
Jeanne Maimon	Father SHEMUEL ELIEZER ben RAIZEL (Samuel Leon Yablok)	19 Adar Wed. Mar. 3	Beloria Levy	Mother AZIZA bat RAHEL (Aziza Elkaim)	27 Adar Thur. Mar. 11
David Israeli	Niece RIVKA bat SUZANNE (Angela Bass)	20 Adar Thur. Mar. 4 (7 mos.)	Dr. Stuart Epstein	Mother (Shana Epstein)	27 Adar Thur. Mar. 11
Rabbi Simon Benzaquen	Father YAAKOV ben MESODA (Jacob Benzaquen)	20 Adar Thur. Mar. 4	Jack Belur	Mother RAHEL bat LEAH (Rachel Belur)	28 Adar Fri. Mar. 12
Evelyn Rubinstein Benzikry	Grandfather ARIE YOEL RUBINSTEIN ben RAISEL (Leo Rubinstein)	20 Adar Thur. Mar. 4	Sam Haleva Marcia Overbeck	Father Grandfather YAAKOV ben ESTHER (Jacob Haleva)	28 Adar Fri. Mar. 12

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Meldados (continued)

Myrna Cordova	Mother	29 Adar	Isaac Almo	The Families of	8 Nisan
Jack Cordova	Aunt	Sat. Mar. 13	Eli Almo	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Almo	Sun. Mar. 21
	LEAH bat VIDA (Lily Cordova)		Larry Almo		
Linda Condiotty	Father	29 Adar	Rachel Levy	Mother	8 Nisan
	REPHAEL BECHOR	Sat. Mar. 13		BEHORA bat ROSA	Sun. Mar. 21
	ben SAROTA (Ralph Hasson)			(Rosa Behora Angel)	
Pearl F. Varon	Mother	1 Nisan	Rachel Baruch	Husband	8 Nisan
	RIVKA bat RAHEL	Sun. Mar. 14	Ty Baruch	Father	Sun. Mar. 21
	(Rebecca Varon)		Donna Levens	YITZHAK ben DONNA (Isaac Baruch)	
Al Benoliel	Mother	2 Nisan	Elisa Azose	Mother	8 Nisan
David Benoliel	Mother	Mon. Mar. 15		ZIMBUL bat ALIZA	Sun. Mar. 21
	RAHEL bat VIDA SULTANA (Rachel Benoliel)			(Sally Chrem)	
Berthe Habib	Father	3 Nisan	Mitch Greene	Father	8 Nisan
	YAAKOV ben ROSA	Tue. Mar. 16		BER DAVID ben	Sun. Mar. 21
	(Jack Kalisker)			SHNEUR (Bernard Greene)	
Bernice Belur	Mother	4 Nisan	Sally Maimon	Brother	8 Nisan
Arlene Moscatel	RAHEL bat ALEGRA	Wed. Mar. 17	David Maimon	Uncle	Sun. Mar. 21
	(Rachel Caston)		Rosie Maimon	Brother-in-law	(12 mos.)
				MORDECHAI ben REYNA (Rabbi Mark Maimon)	
Fortun Azose	Father	4 Nisan	Esther Morhaim	Sister-in-law	8 Nisan
	MASOUD ben ESTHER	Wed. Mar. 17		BRANA MASHA bat	Sun. Mar. 21
	(Masoud Sayag)			SASHA LIBA	(9 mos.)
				(Lee Bornstein Scharhon)	
Regina Amira	Aunt	5 Nisan	Justin Calvo	Wife	9 Nisan
	ESTHER bat RACHEL	Thur. Mar. 18	Jon Calvo	Daughter-in-law	Mon. Mar. 22
	(Esther Huniu)			RACHEL CHAYA bat MIRAL (Abby Michels Calvo)	
Rita Calderon	Brother	5 Nisan	Marian Eskenazi	Mother	10 Nisan
	YAAKOV ben MARIE	Thur. Mar. 18		MAZAL TOV bat	Tue. Mar. 23
	(Jack Israel)			MIRIAM (Matilda Alhadeff)	
Rubissa Sharona Hassan	Grandfather	5 Nisan	Marcia Overbeck	Mother	10 Nisan
	CHAIM SHELOMO	Thur. Mar. 18	Sam Haleva	Sister	Tue. Mar. 23
	ben MALKA (Herbert Kadish)			REGINA bat LUNA (Regina Jean Israel)	
Robin Calderon	Father	6 Nisan	Jack Barokas	Father	12 Nisan
Jay Behar	Grandfather	Fri. Mar. 19		YITZHAK ben ESTHER	Thur. Mar. 25
	HAIM ben MAZALTOV (Victor I. Calderon)			(Isaac Barokas)	
Reyna Gustav	Father	6 Nisan			
	RAPHAEL NISSIM ben	Fri. Mar. 19			
	REYNA (Ralph Nissim Funes)				

Meldados (continued)

Donna Amira	Grandfather	12 Nisan	Sharon Babani	Mother	23 Nisan
Ty Baruch	SABETAY ben SEMA (Sam H. Baruch)	Thur. Mar. 25	Ilyse Almo	FEIGEL bat SELMA (Florence Grinspan)	Mon. Apr. 5
Leonard Piha	Father	12 Nisan	Donna Amira	Grandmother	24 Nisan
	NISSIM ben KLARA (Nace Piha)	Thur. Mar. 25		SULTANA bat YOHEVED (Suzanne Sultana Amira)	Tue. Apr. 6
Sophie Morhaim	Husband	13 Nisan	Sam Mezistrano	Mother	24 Nisan
Stan Morhaim	Father	Fri. Mar. 26	Leah Gladstein	Mother	Tue. Apr. 6
Suzanne Morhaim	YITZHAK ben SULTANA (Isaac Morhaim)		Rosie Maimon	Sister	
			Julia Jerusalmi	RIVKA bat ESTHER (Becky Mezistrano)	
Debra Sinyan	Brother	14 Nisan	Diana Azose		
	HAIM SHMUEL ben HENRIETA BRAHA (Carey Amon)	Sat. Mar. 27	Henry Schaloum	Father	26 Nisan
Michael Varon	Mother	14 Nisan	Lucia DeFunis	YITZHAK ben MIRIAM (Izak Schaloum)	Thur. Apr. 8
	SIMCHA bat VICTORIA (Allegra Varon)	Sat. Mar. 27	Jack Schaloum		
Ralph Adatto	Mother	15 Nisan	Mordo De Jaen	Wife	28 Nisan
	KADUN bat SULTANA (Louise Adatto)	Sun. Mar. 28	Susan Matalon	Mother	Sat. Apr. 10
Morton Roberts	Mother-in-law	15 Nisan	Albert De Jaen	Sister-in-law	(9 mos.)
Louise Berman	Grandmother	Sun. Mar. 28	Lilly De Jaen	BULISSA bat CALO (Beverly De Jaen)	
	BOHORA KADUN bat DUDU (Bohora Chiprut)		Rabbi Chaim	Father	28 Nisan
Rabbi Mark	Father	17 Nisan	Gourdji	YOSEF ben CHANAH (Nadji Gourdji)	Sat. Apr. 10
Greenspan	GEDALYA ben BESSIE (Daniel Greenspan)	Tue. Mar. 30	Sharon Babani	Stepmother	28 Nisan
Alon Israeli	Mother	18 Nisan	Lysa Almo	BRYNDIL bat PAULINE (Berniece Grinspan)	Sat. Apr. 10 (11 mos.)
	ALIZA bat ESTHER (Aliza Israeli)	Wed. Mar. 31	Julia Jerusalmi	Husband	28 Nisan
Steve Condiotty	Father	19 Nisan	Lea Polaner	Father	Sat. Apr. 10
Bruce Condiotty	HAIM ben SULTANA (Victor Condiotty)	Thur. Apr. 1		SHABETAI ben LEAH (Sabetai Jerusalmi)	
Henry Schaloum	The Families of	21 Nisan	Eva Funes	Husband	29 Nisan
Lucia De Funis	Mr. & Mrs. Izak Schaloum	Sat. Apr. 3	Deborah Funes	Father	Sun. Apr. 11
Jack Schaloum			Rasmussen		
Stanley Habib	Father	21 Nisan	Rachel Calvo	Brother	
	BENYAMIN ben SINYURU (Benjamin Habib)	Sat. Apr. 3	Estelle Handlin	DAVID ben JOYA (David Funes)	
Rachel Vaillancourt	Sister	22 Nisan	Neiso Moscatel	Mother	30 Nisan
	HANNA bat ESTHER (Hanna Attar)	Sun. Apr. 4		CALO bat SIMHA (Margaret Moscatel)	Mon. Apr. 12
			Neiso Moscatel	Grandmother	30 Nisan
				BOHORA ALEGRA (Alegra Franco)	Mon. Apr. 12
			Rosie Maimon	Father	30 Nisan
			Julia Jerusalmi	MOSHE BETZALEL ben BUENA LEAH (Rev. Morris Scharhon)	Mon. Apr. 12
			Diana Azose		

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Jack Ezraty	Father HAIM ben PERLA (Victor Ezraty)	1 Iyar Tue. Apr. 13	Esther Caplan Alan Scharhon David Benveniste	Mother Mother Sister RAHEL bat ESTHER (Rachel Scharhon)	9 Iyar Wed. Apr. 21
Albert I. Maimon	Father	1 Iyar	Victor Halela	Wife MIRYAM bat ESTHER (Marlene Halela)	10 Iyar Thur. Apr. 22
Ralph Maimon	Father YITZHAK ben VIDA SULTANA (Isaac Maimon)	Tue. Apr. 13	Beloria Levy	Sister HANNA bat AZIZA (Arlette Ohayon)	10 Iyar Thur. Apr. 22
Fortunee Eskenazi	Mother MARGUERITE bat RAHEL (Marguerite Mashiah)	1 Iyar Tue. Apr. 13	Steve Policar	Father REFAEL ben ESTHER (Ralph Policar)	12 Iyar Sat. Apr. 24
Steven Hartholz	Father MOSHE YAAKOV ben HANAH ESTHER (Marshall Hartholz)	2 Iyar Wed. Apr. 14	Sonny Gorasht	Sister SHOSHANA bat MINKA (Blanche Shindell)	12 Iyar Sat. Apr. 24
Terry Azose	Father MORDECHAI ben CHANA (Mac Fingerroot)	3 Iyar Thur. Apr. 15	Bob Benardout	Brother AHARON ben RIVKA (Alan Benardout)	13 Iyar Sun. Apr. 25
Donna Amira	Mother SEMA bat DONNA (Selma Amira)	4 Iyar Fri. Apr. 16	Linda Condiotty Victor Amira	Mother Sister KADUN bat ESTHER (Louise Hasson)	15 Iyar Tue. Apr. 27
Jack I. Eskenazi	Mother KADOON bat SARA (Louise Eskenazi)	4 Iyar Fri. Apr. 16	Bob Benardout	Father BARUCH ben HANULA (Barney Benardout)	17 Iyar Thur. Apr. 29
Marie Scharhon Betty Halfon	Mother JAMILA bat BEYA (Jean Halfon)	5 Iyar Sat. Apr. 17	Rachelle Mezistrano	Brother JOSEPH ben MIRIAM (Joseph Capeloto)	17 Iyar Thur. Apr. 29
David Altaras	Father SABETAI ben KADUN (Shabetai Altaras)	6 Iyar Sun. Apr. 18	Rabbi Benjamin Hassan	Uncle YAAKOV ben CLARA (Jacob Hassan)	17 Iyar Thur. Apr. 29
Michael Benzikry	Mother (Ruby Benzikry)	6 Iyar Sun. Apr. 18	Hazzan Isaac Azose	Mother KADUN bat VIDA SULTANA (Louise Azose)	18 Iyar Fri. Apr. 30
Victor Halela	Brother AVRAHAM ben MAZAL TOV MERCADA (Albert Halela)	6 Iyar Sun. Apr. 18			
Esther Morhaim	Mother KATHERINE bat LUNA (Katherine Scharhon)	7 Iyar Mon. April 19 (7 mos.)			

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the following:

Lawrence Clayman and his family on the passing of his beloved mother, Miriam Zimmerman.

Rick Eskenazi, Candace Linder, and Jack I. Eskenazi and their family on the passing of their beloved father and brother, Albert I. Eskenazi.

Sharon Adatto and her family on the passing of her beloved mother, Ruth Samter.

Rabbi Gourджи and his family on the passing of his beloved mother, Penina Gourджи.



Adult Education Schedule



MONDAY

PERASHA DE

LA SEMANA

3PM w/Al Maimon

MEETING ID:

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HALAKHA

CLASS

7:30PM w/Rabbi Hassan

MEETING ID:

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TUESDAY BOOK CLUB WITH RUBISSA

1 PM w/Rubissa Sharona

MEETING ID: 4637165365

PASSWORD: EC

WEDNESDAY MESSENGERS OF ISRAEL

2PM w/Al Maimon

MEETING ID: 5096056071

THURSDAY SHEMUEL BET

11:30AM w/Rabbi Hassan

MEETING ID: 86540053577

SUNDAY PARASHA SHIUR

11:30AM w/Rabbi Meyers

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PESAH SCHEDULE 2021

FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

Thursday, March 25

7:00 a.m. – Tefila & Siyum

7:15 p.m. – Minha and Arvit

8:00 p.m. – Search for Hametz

BEFORE SEARCHING, RECITE

THIS BERACHA:

BARUCH ATA ADO-NAI ELO-HENU MELECH

HAOLAM ASHER KIDESHANU

*BEMITZVOTAV VETZIVANU AL BEEUR
HAMETZ*

AFTER SEARCHING SAY:

KAL HAMIRA DE IKA BIRSHUTI DELA

HAZITE UDEHLA BEEARTE LE HEVE BATIL

VE HASHEEV KE AFRA DE ARA

THE DAY BEFORE EREV PESAH

Friday, March 26

7:00 a.m. – Tefila

DESTROY EXTRA HAMETZ BY

11:56 a.m. Remember to leave Bread Rolls for Friday night and Shabbat Morning.

7:12 p.m. – Candle Lighting

7:15 p.m. – Minha & Kabbalat Shabbat

EREV PESAH

Shabbat, March 27

7:30 a.m. – Tefila

10:37 a.m. – Finish Eating Hametz

11:56 a.m. – Flush down the toilet any remaining Hametz before

AFTERWARDS, SAY THE

FOLLOWING:

KAL HAMIRA DE IKA BIRSHUTI DE HAZITE

UDEHLA HAZITE DE BEEARTE UDELA

BEEARTE LE HEVE BATIL KE AHFRA DE ARA

FIRST NIGHT OF PESAH

Saturday Night, March 27

7:05 p.m. – Minha/Arvit

8:17 p.m. – Candle Lighting and Seder Preparations

FIRST DAY OF PESAH

Sunday, March 28

9:00 a.m. – Tefila

SECOND NIGHT OF PESAH

7:10 p.m. – Minha/Arvit

8:03 p.m. – Candle Lighting and Seder Preparations

SECOND DAY OF PESAH

Monday, March 29

9:00 a.m. – Tefila

7:10 p.m. – Minha/Arvit

8:05 p.m. – Havdalah

HOL HAMOED PESAH

Tuesday, March 30 – Friday, April 2

7:00 a.m. – Tefila

7:25 p.m. – Minha/Arvit

SEVENTH NIGHT OF PESAH

Friday, April 2

7:22 p.m. – Candle Lighting

7:25 p.m. – Minha/Arvit

SEVENTH DAY OF PESAH

Shabbat, April 3

8:30 a.m. – Tefila

7:20 p.m. – Minha/Arvit

8:27 p.m. – Candle Lighting

EIGHTH DAY OF PESAH

Sunday, April 4

8:30 a.m. – Tefila

7:20 p.m. – Minha/Arvit

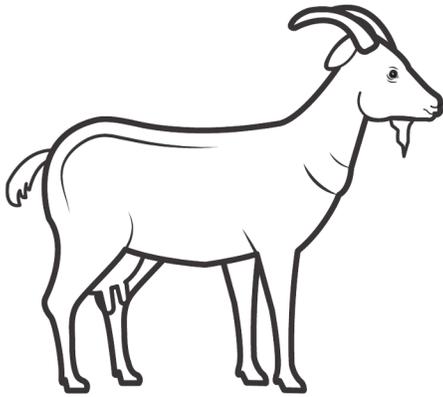
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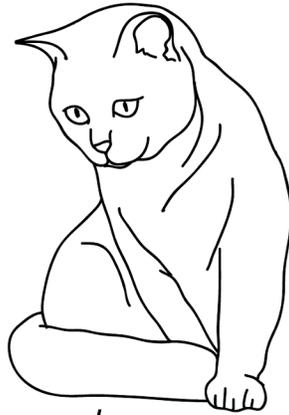


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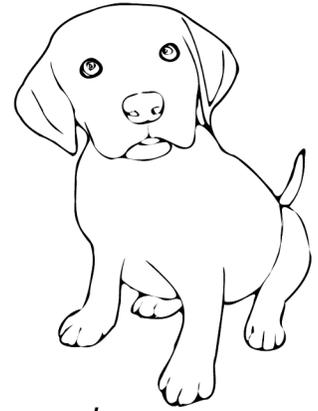
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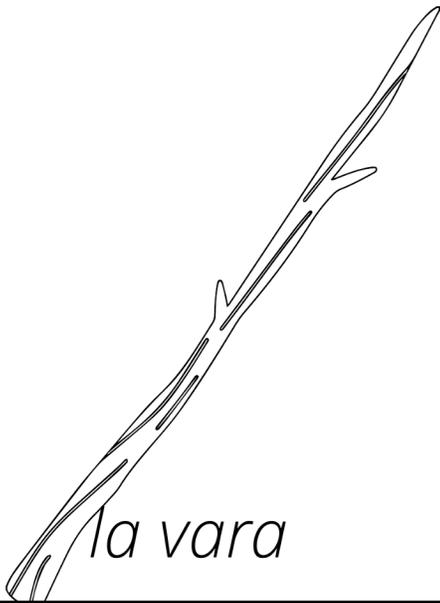
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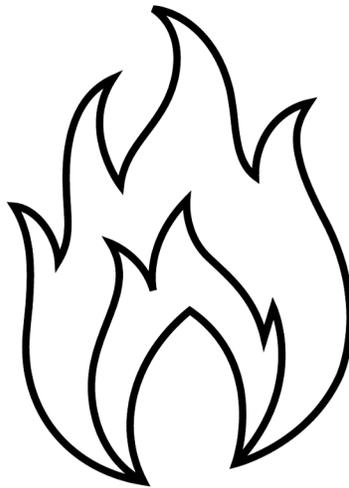
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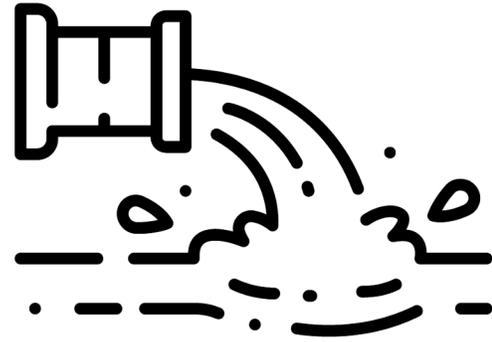
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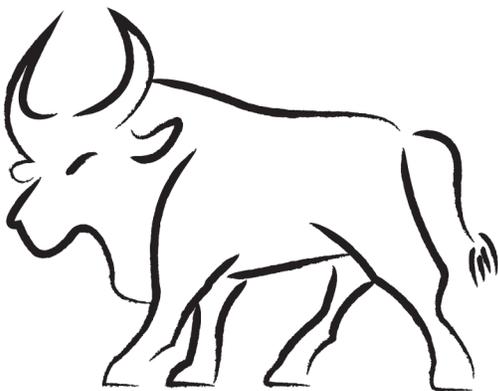
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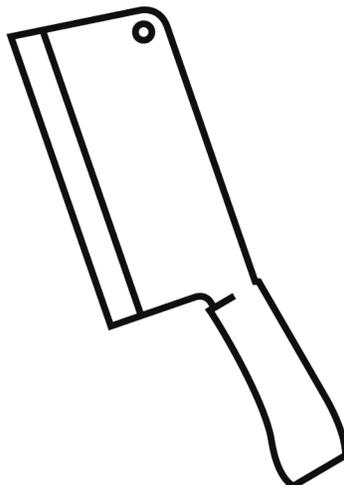
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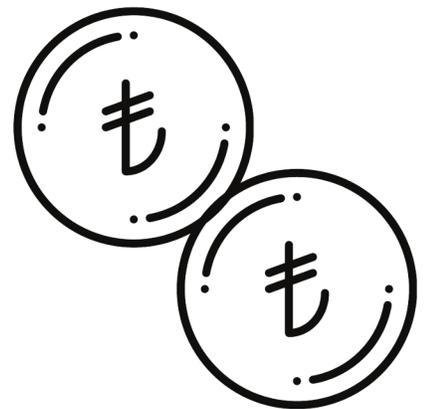
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SATURDAY

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4
Tefillah 8:30am
Minha 7:20pm
Haydalah 8:13pm

5
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:35pm

6
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:35pm

7
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:35pm

8
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:35pm
YOM HASHOAH

9
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha 6:15pm
Candles 6:27-7:32pm
INTERMEDIATE DAY
PASSOVER

10
Tefillah 8:30am
Minha 7:25pm
Haydalah 8:37pm
7th day of
PASSOVER

11
Tefillah 8:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:40pm

12
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:40pm
ROSH HODESH

13
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:40pm
ROSH HODESH

14
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:45pm
YOM HAZIKARON

15
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:45pm
YOM HA'ATZMA'UT

16
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha 6:20pm
Candles 6:35-7:42pm
4 Iyar

17
Tefillah 8:30am
Minha 7:35pm
Haydalah 8:47pm
5 Iyar

18
Tefillah 8:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:50pm

19
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:50pm
ROSH HODESH

20
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:50pm

21
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:55pm

22
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha/Arvit 7:55pm

23
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha 6:25pm
Candles 6:42-7:52pm
11 Iyar

24
Tefillah 8:30am
Minha 7:45pm
Haydalah 8:57pm
Tazria-Metzora
12 Iyar

25
Tefillah 8:00am
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29
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Minha/Arvit 8:05pm

30
Tefillah 7:00am
Minha 6:30pm
Candles 6:49-8:01pm
18 Iyar
LAG LA'OMER

31
Tefillah 8:00am
Minha/Arvit 8:00pm
Achrei Mot/Kedoshim