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CHALINE

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FROM THE RABBI

PESACH PREPARATIONS. Two of the most dreaded words that a Jew hears during the year. As soon as the festivities of Purim wind down, the month that is known for *simcha* – joy, turns into trepidation and anxiety. The cleaning, the kashering, the shopping, the decision of whom to invite, the cooking – they all loom in front of us. And this is being for what is supposed to be a holiday!

I write these words at the end of March, when according to an announcement made several weeks ago, we were supposed to witness a great moment of inspiration. NASA had announced that there will be the first ever all-women space walk. As the time for this momentous event neared, NASA announced that in reality there will be only one woman on that walk, and she will be joined in this scientific mission by a man, not a woman. The reason? There was only one medium size space suit on the International Space Station, and each of the women needed specifically that size.

The event had to be cancelled because of the lack of preparation!

The lesson is obvious. Anything worthwhile requires prior planning and preparation. Pesach is truly a momentous occasion and a great opportunity for spiritual growth. It is definitely a time when family gathers together allowing for the bonding of the multi-generational members and the growth of friendships and commitment to the Jewish community and the values of freedom.

These are moments of great opportunity and the preparation needed should not be considered a burden. Rather, all this hard work is necessary in order to achieve the uplifting celebration for which we yearn.

There are also other preparations that should be done if we want to achieve the spiritual uplift that we seek for the holiday. We also need to think about the messages we wish to convey to our grandchildren and guests. We should be planning how we will lead the seder and how we will impart to all the attendees the profundity of freedom, the necessity of unity in the Jewish community and the recognition of how God operates in our lives and in history. We need to plan the games that the little children will play to keep their attention and the thoughts that will be shared to keep the adults focused and involved.

We can choose to enter the seder wearing a space suit that may or may not fit and wing it from there. Or, we can choose to make this year's seder the most meaningful one that we have ever had.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a *chag kasher v'sameach* – may you have a joyous and kosher Pesach holiday.

Rabbi Zev Silber

From the President

I wish all our members and friends a happy Pesach.

Saba Wiesner, President

Pesach Schedule

Erev Pesach

Thursday, April 18	Mincha/Maariv	7:35 pm
	<i>Bedikat Chametz –</i>	
	Search for the Chametz	after 8:30 pm
Friday, April 19	Shacharit	7:00 am
	<i>Siyum</i>	approximately 7:30 am
	Latest time for eating <i>chametz</i>	10:47 am
	Latest time for burning <i>chametz</i>	11:55 am

Pesach

Friday, April 19	Candle lighting	7:30 pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 pm
	<i>Kiddush</i> at seder	after 8:31 pm
Shabbat, April 20	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:20 pm
	Candle Lighting and <i>Kiddush</i> at seder	after 8:32 pm
Sunday, April 21	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:35 pm
	Yom Tov ends	8:33 pm

Chol hamoed

Monday – Wed., April 22-24	Shacharit	6:50 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:35 pm
Thursday, April 25	Shacharit	6:50 am

Last Days Pesach

Thursday, April 25	Candle lighting	7:37 pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:40 pm
Friday, April 26	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Candles for those attending minyan	7:15 pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 pm
	Candle lighting	<i>before</i> 7:38 pm
Shabbat, April 27	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Yizkor	approximately 10:45 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 pm
	Shabbat and Yom Tov end	8:40 pm

Pesach Customs and Practices

When: Pesach begins on Friday, April 19th at night, and lasts through the day of Shabbat, April 27th.

Prohibition of Chametz: It is not only forbidden to eat *chametz* on Pesach, it is also forbidden to have *chametz* in our possession or in our sight. Therefore, a thorough **cleaning** of all places where *chametz* may be found is required by the night of Thursday, April 18. What is required is to clean all places where *chametz* may be found, used or stored in our homes, basement, pantries, offices, cars, purses and book bags. Don't forget your talit bag! Spring cleaning of rooms and areas that never have *chametz* there is not necessary. *Chametz* products that we are not consuming or throwing away before Pesach should be stored in a closed or covered cabinet. Dishes and utensils used for *chametz* should also be stored separately in order to avoid the mistaken use of these during Pesach.

Kitchen Preparation: We only use Pesach dishes, utensils and cookware on Pesach. The kitchen counters and appliances must be made Kosher for Pesach before any food for Passover is prepared in or on them. The **kashering** process differs for each appliance or utensil, and some may not be kashered at all. Please consult a reliable source for the laws and method of kashering, and do not hesitate to ask the rabbi for assistance. Many of the major supervising agencies have kashering guides on their web sites. Kashering must be completed before you burn the *chametz*.

Shopping: Buy only products with a Kosher for Passover label from a reliable supervisory organization. The primary reliable agencies are the OU, the Star-K, the Chof-K, the OK, and KAJ. Many other supervisory agencies are also acceptable, but consult the rabbi before purchasing a product with a kashrut symbol that you do not know if it is acceptable. Many products can be used on Pesach without a special marking, and most of the kashrut agencies have lists of these on their web sites. When in doubt, please ask the rabbi for assistance.

Mechirat Chametz - Selling of the Chametz: The *chametz* that we have not consumed or disposed of before Pesach may not remain in our possession during the holiday. In order to avoid undue hardship or a large economic loss, arrangements can be made to sell the *chametz* to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday. As indicated above, all *chametz* remaining in your home must be stored in a closed or covered cabinet. Non-Passover utensils can be stored separately since we do not need to sell these. In order to execute a legally and halachically binding sale, you must complete the authorization form found in this *ChaiLine* and submit it by 10:00 am on Friday, April 19. It is preferable to do this in person, but completed and signed forms submitted to the office, by mail, or by e-mail are also acceptable.

Bedikat Chametz – Search for Chametz: We check the house and search for any *chametz* that we may not have found during our cleaning after nightfall on Thursday, April 18. It is customary to place 10 pieces of *chametz* around the house prior to the search to make sure that our search is complete. Any *chametz* that we find during our search should be stored or disposed, except for that which we plan to burn the next morning. Before beginning the search we recite a blessing, and following the search we recite a statement of nullification for any *chametz* that we may not have found. The blessing and nullification can be found in a siddur or Haggadah.

Ta'anit Bechorim- Fast of the First Born: The fast of First Born is held on Erev Pesach, Friday, April 19, to commemorate their deliverance from death during the tenth plague in Egypt. It is customary for the first-born to participate in a meal served in celebration of a *mitzvah*, such as a *Brit Mila* (circumcision) or *siyum* (the completion of a tractate of the Talmud). Those who attend one of these events celebrate with the partaking of refreshments and are then exempt from this fast. A *siyum* will be held at Beth David following *Shacharit* services.

Bi'ur Chametz – Burning the Chametz: It is prohibited to eat *chametz* on Erev Pesach, Friday, April 19 after 10:47 am. All *chametz* must be removed from our possession and the *chametz* found the night before during the search must be burned by 11:55 am. A statement of nullification of any *chametz* not found or disposed is recited at the time of burning. The statement can be found in a siddur or Haggadah.

Matzah and food on Erev Pesach: It is forbidden to eat matzah during the entire day of Erev Pesach in order that we may hunger for the taste of matzah at the Seder. Under some conditions, foods containing matzah meal may be eaten, as well as egg matzah, which we generally do not eat on Pesach. Please consult the rabbi for specifics. After 5:00 pm we may only eat small quantities of fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs or fish.

Seder Preparation: The special foods for the Seder plate for both *Sedarim* should be prepared during the day of Erev Pesach. The *Kiddush* at the Seder may not be recited until after nightfall on either night. The *afikoman* should be eaten before 1:02 AM. Some people have the custom of beginning *sefirat ha'omer* – the counting of the omer – at the second Seder instead of counting during the evening service.

Candle Lighting and Havdalah: Since the first night of Pesach is Friday night, candles must be lit by 7:30 pm and the blessing recited is *l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat v'shel Yom Tov*. The second night, candles are lit after 8:32 pm, and the blessing is *l'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov*, at which time preparations for the seder are permitted. Havdalah is incorporated into the Kiddush recited at the seder, as is found in the haggadah. Havdalah is recited on Sunday night after 8:33 pm, using only wine or grape juice. No candle or spices are used at this havdalah.

For the last days which begin on Thursday night, the blessing on the candles is *l'hadlik ner shel Yom tov*. On Friday night, April 26, candles must be lit by 7:38 pm and the blessing is *l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat v'shel Yom Tov*. Havdalah is not recited at all until after Shabbat on April 27, after 8:40 pm, and the standard havdalah for ending Shabbat is recited.

Eruv Tavshilin – The Mixing of Cooked Foods: The Biblical prohibition against labor on the Festivals specifically does not include the preparation or cooking of food. However, food may only be prepared for that day's use. When a *Yom Tov* falls on a Friday our Rabbis ruled that we are allowed to prepare food on the holiday for use on the Sabbath only if the preparation begins before the holiday. This is known as *Eruv Tavshilin*, or the "mixing of cooked foods", and is performed this year on the 4th day of Chol Hamoed, Thursday, April 25 for the last days of Pesach. With a *matzah* and any cooked food in hand (such as fish or a hard boiled egg), we recite a blessing and declaration as is found in a siddur or Haggadah.

After Pesach: *Chametz* that was owned by a Jew during Pesach may not be consumed, even after Pesach. The *chametz* that you arranged to have been sold before Pesach will be returned to your possession at approximately 9:30 pm on Saturday, April 27. Price Chopper is Jewish owned and arranged for its *chametz* to be sold to a non-Jew through the Albany Vaad Hakashrut. Weis Markets is Jewish owned and the *chametz* in all the local stores was sold by me, while the stores in other areas have been arranged with other rabbis. The *chametz* at the local JCC, Hillel Academy and our synagogue was sold by me.

This information is accurate as of time of publication. If there are any changes which will affect the ability to purchase or consume *chametz* from or at any of these businesses, I will inform the congregation by e-mail. *If you do not receive e-mail updates from the synagogue, please send a request to rabbisilber@stny.rr.com to be added to our distribution list.*

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood Purim meeting held on March 13 was enjoyed very much by those who attended. Co-President, Cathy Velenchik, used Google to put together a Purim program that was presented by Toby Kohn, Kathie Shelly, and Cathy Velenchik. They each read items along with the proper gestures and voices that put us in a humorous mood. The refreshments included shul baked hamantashen prepared by Lori Tuberman and her crew.

The next meeting will be April 10th, and will be a Pesach Workshop, led by Rabbi Silber. If you have any questions about Pesach and the preparations or foods, please send them to Rabbi Silber and he will provide answers at the meeting.

Hope to see you there.

Marlene Serkin, Co-President

Thank You

I want to thank those who sent me Shaloch Monot for Purim and to wish everyone a *Chag Sameach* for Pesach.

Lillian Zodikoff

Thanks to all those who made donations and sent me Shaloch Monot for Purim. It was most appreciated.

Marlene Serkin

Save the Date

Sisterhood Pesach Workshop Meeting	April 10 th -- 7:00 pm
Shabbat Luncheon – following services	April 13 th
InterSisterhood Meeting at Temple Concord	April 30 th – 7:00 pm
Shul Dinner (honoring Toby & Harold Kohn)	May 5 th – 3:00 pm
Sisterhood Donor	May 8 th

APRIL—JUNE MINYAN TIMES

MORNINGS (times constant)

Sunday	8:30 am
Monday-Friday	7:00 am
<i>Except May 6, June 4th</i>	<i>6:50 am</i>
<i>Except May 27</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>
SHABBAT	9:00 am
Shabbat Mincha	<i>after Kiddush when possible</i>

Maariv— by request only

EVENINGS (times vary)

Friday and Shabbat-by Request only

Sunday—Thursday, April 7-11	7:20 pm
Sunday-Thursday, April 14-18	7:30 pm
Friday-Friday, April 19-26	see Pesach Schedule
Sunday-Thursday, April 28-May	27:45 pm
Sunday-Thursday May 5-9	7:50 pm
Sunday-Thursday, May 12-16	8:00 pm
Sunday-Thursday, May 19-23	8:05 pm
Sunday-Thursday, May 26-30	8:15 pm
Sunday-Thursday, June 2-6	8:20 pm

Medicare Insurance Counseling

Do you or a loved one need help with your Medicare insurance coverage? We are a non-profit that offers free unbiased insurance counseling and assistance with financial savings programs. Call Action for Older Persons at (607) 722-1251 for more information on how we can help you select the best plan and save money.

How to Contact Your Rabbi

Rabbi Silber's office hours will be: Tuesdays, 10:00 am -12:00 noon.

Please feel free to stop by at these times, even without an appointment. If you need to consult with the rabbi and these times are not convenient for you, please call Rabbi Silber and you can work out a mutually acceptable time.

Occasionally these hours need to change, and changes are listed in the weekly announcement sheet distributed each Shabbat at services.

If you need to contact the rabbi, there are several ways that this can be done:

- Call the shul office (722-1793) and leave a message

If it is not urgent, you can e-mail the rabbi at rabbisilber@stny.rr.com

In case of emergency, you can call or text the rabbi's cell phone: Rabbi Silber can be reached at 607-761-7098.

Hamantashen 2019

Once again Beth David Synagogue and Beth David Sisterhood want to thank Lori Tuberman for taking on the task of organizing the annual hamantashen bake. Assisting Lori this year were Marilyn Bell, Susan Hubal, Harold Kohn, Gina Santiago, Ilana Siegel, Judy Silber and Cathy Velenchik.

As always the hamantashen were delicious and this year they were enjoyed not only after the Megillah reading and at the Purim Seudah, but also at the pre-Purim sisterhood meeting.

Our sincerest thanks to all participants.

Maot Chitim – Passover Charity

We all know how expensive it is to purchase all our Pesach foods and needs. We cannot forget that we have an obligation to help those less economically able to do their own purchases and enjoy the Seder and the holiday. This special charity to provide for Jewish poor the ability to purchase Pesach provisions is called Maot Chitim.

Beth David and Jewish Family Service are working together to provide for the needs of local poor and the poor in Israel. In order to assure that the money is available to enable the poor to shop before Pesach, we ask that you send your check no later than Tuesday, April 9.. Checks may be made payable to Beth David Synagogue Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or to Jewish Family Service, noting that it is for Passover Charity and if you wish to designate your gift to local or Israeli poor. Checks may be mailed to the office of either organization. Contributions received after April 9 will be distributed in Israel

Authorization to sell *Chametz*

The undersigned hereby authorizes, empowers and directs Rabbi Zev Silber, or any other person authorized or empowered by him, to act in my place and stead and on my behalf to sell all *chametz* possessed by me, whether knowingly or unknowingly, whether presently in my possession or in anyone else's possession. Such *chametz*, as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law shall include actual *chametz*, mixtures of *chametz*, and *chametz* that has adhered to or become absorbed into the surfaces of pots, pans and other utensils. This general authorization shall apply to any *chametz* owned by me or in my possession wherever so located, including, but not limited to, that *chametz* situated at:

 (address of house, store, office, etc.)

and located in the following places:

(Specify place(s) where *chametz* is being stored
 e.g. sealed kitchen cupboards)

The undersigned hereby further empowers Rabbi Zev Silber to lease all places upon which such *chametz* is situated and to lease or sell on my behalf any and all pots, pans, and utensils which contain *chametz*.

Rabbi Zev Silber is hereby authorized and directed by me to enter into any other type of transaction on my behalf with respect to such *chametz* on any such terms and for such period of time as he deems fit. I hereby confirm the validity of such transactions as if same were entered into by me directly.

If this document is being signed by more than one person, all necessary changes to the language of this authorization shall be deemed to have been made.

I hereby affix my signature this _____ day of _____, 2019 (5779)

Signature(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Kindly complete this form and return it in person or mail to:

Rabbi Zev Silber, Beth David Synagogue
 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905

Please allow 1 hour after the end of Passover before eating any *chametz* that was sold or before using any of your *chametz* utensils.

All forms must be received **by** 10:00 AM **Friday, April 19, 2019**

Contributions

General Fund from:

In memory of Jeremy Ullmann

Maxine & Louis Rosenberg
Neisen & Marsha Luks
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Robert & Barbara Ruchames
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Phyllis & Gerald Heller in honor of Toby & Harold Kohn
Ruth Goldstein in appreciation of my recovery after a bad fall
Ruth Goldstein in appreciation of my great niece Kayla's successful surgery

Kathie Shelly

Mark & Jeanne Kravitz Goldman

Siddurim

A siddur was inscribed in honor of Richard Lewis by Nancy & Robert Basmann

Shul Beautiful to:

Larry Slutzker wishing him happy birthday on his special day, from Aunt Marcy & Gabi Yonaty
David Slutzker wishing him happy birthday on his special day, from Aunt Marcy & Gabi Yonaty
Belle Rosengarten wishing her happy birthday on her 100th birthday, from the Yonats
Charna & Pinchas Oppenheim wishing them Mazal Tov on their grandson (Yosef) becoming a
Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem, from Rita Bleier
Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz wishing them Mazal Tov on their grandson's (Chesky) engagement to
Sara, from Rita Bleier
Miriam Alweis in sympathy on the passing of her dear mother, Lily Wolf, from Rita Bleier
Miriam Alweis in sympathy on the passing of her dear mother, Lily Wolf, from Rita Shawn
Rabbi Zalman & Rochel Chein in honor of the birth of their son, Shamai, from Rita Shawn

Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon Fund

From Drs. Dora and Sol Polachek

In memory of Jeremy Ullmann
In memory of Miriam Alweis's mother, Lily Wolf
In memory of Julie Piaker's father, David Janofsky
In memory of Dr. Yigal Arens parents, Moshe & Muriel Arens
In memory of Dr. Raanan Arens parents, Moshe & Muriel Arens
Wishing Mark Walker a speedy and complete recovery
Wishing Cherese & Andre Rosales all the best in your new home
Thanks to Saba Wiesner for all you do
Thanks to Harold Kohn for the wonderful demonstration of the 3D printer
Thanks to Charlie Manasse for spearheading the delicious Beth David breakfast event

Sisterhood General Fund from:

Rhonda Levine & Arie Ullmann -- *Yasher Koach* to Rabbi David Serkin for maintaining the Shul's Facebook page, and for the beautiful flyers he designs month after month.

Beth David Family

Kol hakavod to Aaron Alweis on his promotion to Principal Court Reporter.

Mazal Tov to Harold and Meryl Sasnowitz on the engagement of their grandson Chezky--son of Leslie and Michael Tuchman of the Lower East Side of Manhattan-- to Sara Farhy, daughter of Iris and Dovid Farhy of Detroit.

Chag Pesach Kasher V'Sameach!

Gina Santiago

Thanks to Our Sponsors of this Issue

Cathy Velenchik & Chaim Joy in memory of Chaim's parents, **Robert & Nancy Joy**

Paula & Charles Rubin in honor of their beloved son, **Stephen**, of blessed memory

Toby & Harold Kohn & Family wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy Pesach

Marcy & Gabi Yonaty in memory of **Ethel Aaron Houser**

Give Double Chai

Purim is past and we all want to thank Saba Wiesner for putting on a wonderful Purim Seudah. Saba is a great cook and her special touches on whatever she undertakes always are enjoyed by all.

Pesach will soon be upon us and we are all asked to dig a little deeper and make donations so that people less fortunate than we can celebrate the holiday in a proper manner. The members of Beth David have always been very generous and you can be sure that the recipients of these donations appreciate it very much.

We are always looking for sponsors so that the *ChaiLine* is self-supporting. Sponsorship is \$36.00 per issue, **special sponsorship is \$180.00**, and a thank-you note is \$18.00. By sending your check (made out to Beth David Synagogue with *ChaiLine* written on the memo line, and a note telling us what you would like to say) to the shul before the next deadline (5/26/19) you will be included in the Shavuot issue.

From my house to yours, a happy and kosher Pesach.

Marlene Serkin

InterSisterhood Event 2019

Please join us on Tuesday, April 30 at
7:00pm

for an evening of music featuring Kaskeset



Binghamton University's Jewish a cappella group.

Lively and meaningful music performed in both Hebrew
and English.

Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton
Refreshments prepared by Beth David Synagogue

\$5 per person, payable at the door.
Please bring a non-perishable food donation for CHOW.

RSVP to aniloew@gmail.com



You are invited to attend the next
Beth David Synagogue Shabbat Luncheon
on April 13, 2019,
when our speaker will be

Rabbi Zev Silber

who will discuss *The Number 4*, and its
significance during Passover and the Seder, as well as
what other numbers have a special role or meaning in
the Seder, and in Jewish life?

Why **4** questions? Why **4** sons?

And the significance of **1**, **2**, and **3**?

Why **5**...? Why **6**...? Why **7**...?

Why **8**...? Why **9**...? Why **10**...?

All are invited to Shabbat Services,
and the Luncheon following

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Beth David Sisterhood

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PASSOVER 2019

PRE-PESACH WORKSHOP

with Rabbi Zev Silber

Ask the Rabbi

Preparing the Kitchen & Passover Products

Please submit preparation and product questions
in advance by email to

RABBISILBER@STNY.RR.COM

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The Seder

The Seder on Shabbat - Are there any changes?

Making it a Meaningful & Positive Experience

Preparation and Implementation

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

7:00 pm

Beth David Synagogue

39 Riverside Drive

All Invited * Open to the Community

