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From the Desk of the Rabbi...

At every Passover Seder, we hear the continual refrain of release from bondage from the land of Egypt. Not only at Passover, but so much of the Torah in the Book of Exodus deals with escape from *may-Eretz Mitzrayim*, the land of Egypt. The Sabbath Kiddush, many prayers in our worship, and a good deal of rabbinical theology talk about the Exodus experience.

We think of Egypt as a geographical place, a country in space and time from which our ancient ancestors escaped. And that is true. Egypt, however, is much more than the historical location of our ancient enslavement. Egypt is also a *spiritual condition*. That is the point of the Seder: to connect the historical memory of our People in the Egypt of long ago to the current realities of our culture and to our own personal situations.

Egypt is *any kind of bondage or entrapment*: if we have been enslaved to a substance like drugs or alcohol, then that is our Egypt. Or we could be bound in a relationship that long ago died. Egypt may be a career reversal, after years of

frustration. In short, Egypt may be any past suffering, hurt, loss, disappointment, or experience where we got “stuck”, and each year, during the Seder, we address once again our People’s journey out of Egypt.

What was your Egypt this year? In what way have you been freed from a past hurt? Once again, join with your People as we re-enact the great ancient Festival of Freedom, leaving the Egypts of our past behind, walking into a future of promise, hope, and redemption.

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Life Long Learning

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

TBY’S Annual Passover Seder on 2nd Night

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Spring Clean-Up

UPCOMING EVENTS — SAVE THE DATE!!

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Casino Cruise

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Elliott Carman Memorial Baseball Game

April Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 1

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Life Long Learning

Saturday, April 5

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Sunday, April 6

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, April 7

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, April 13

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Men's Club Brunch

Monday, April 14

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 15

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Seder

Thursday, April 17

7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club
The Fortuneteller's Kiss by Brenda Serotte
 Bobbi Carman's home

Monday, April 21

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, April 25

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Regular Shabbat Service

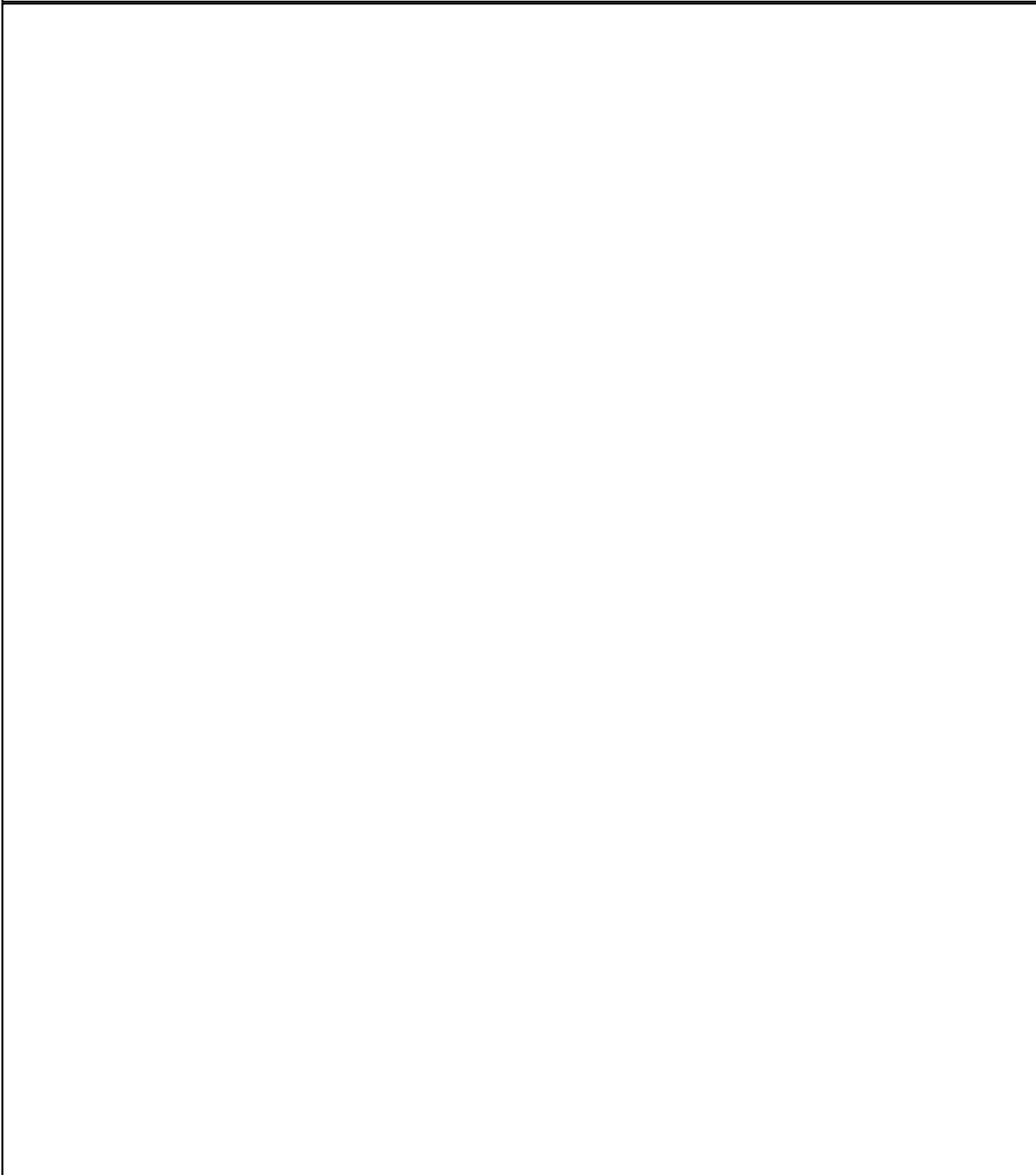
Sunday, April 27

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Spring Clean-Up

Monday, April 28

7:00. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

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