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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 just Passover, but so much of the Torah in the Book of Exodus deals with escape *may-Eretz Mitsrayim,* from 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 situation.

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 rehearse once again our People's journey out of Egypt.

What was <u>your</u> Egypt? In what way have you been freed from a past 'bondage'? 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

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat / Yom Hashoah
Guest Speaker: Andrew Nagorski
<u>Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power</u>

Friday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat / Israel Independence
(Yom Ha'Atzmaut)

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Saturday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m.

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Monday., April 16, 12:30- 2:00 p.m.
<u>The Girl With Seven Names</u> , by Hyeonseo Lee
Led by Barbara Rogove and Ronnie Botnick

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Tuesday., April 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Greg Suchy, St. John's County Sheriff's Department.
Personal Safety for Women is discussion topic

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Friday & Saturday, June 8 & 9

April Dates to Remember
(all events to be held at Temple Bet Yam unless indicated otherwise)

Monday, April 2
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, April 8
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, April 9
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 10
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Friday, April 13
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service / Yom Hashoah
Guest Speaker: Andrew Nagorski
Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power

Saturday, April 14
6 00- 10:00 p.m. Ways & Means
MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Monday, April 16
12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club
The Girl With Seven Names **by Hyeonseo Lee**
Led by Barbara Rogove & Ronnie Botnick
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dining with Dignity
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, April 20
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service / Israel Independence (Yom Ha'atzmaut)

Sunday, April 22
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, April 23
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 24
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Meeting
St. Johns County Sheriff Greg Suchy discusses personal safety for women

Sunday, April 29
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, April 30
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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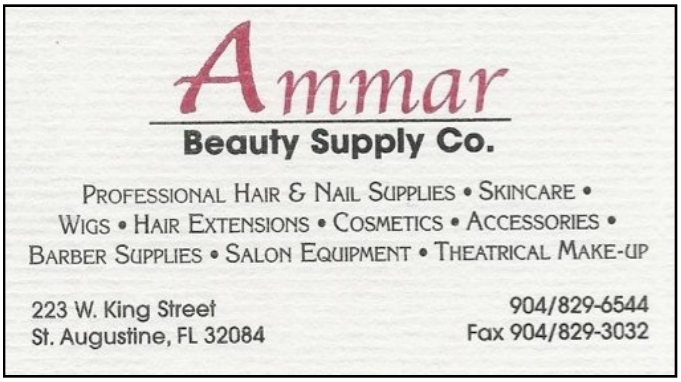

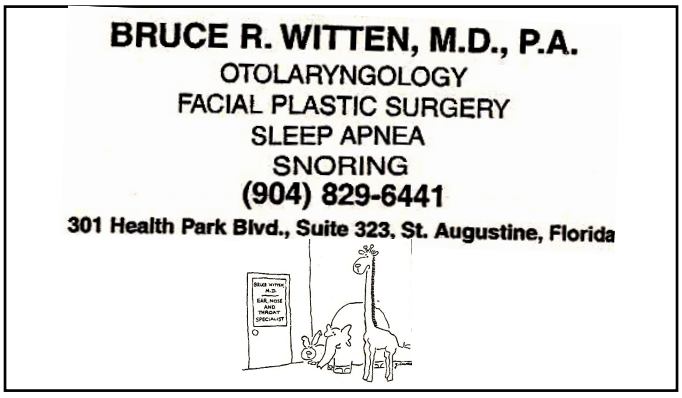

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