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TEMPLE BET YAM

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בכל דור ודור

"In every generation one is obligated to see oneself as one who personally went out from Egypt."



Last month we celebrated the B'Nai Mitzvah of Zach and Alex Black. This was a joyous and meaningful moment for Temple Bet Yam. We celebrated this meaningful Jewish cycle event "From one generation to another one." In America we are free!

Hours later I traveled to Porto, Portugal, where I spoke at the World Bioethics Conference about "Immigration and Ethics." Over a thousand people from over seventy-five countries attended the conference. We spoke about COVID and about the war in Ukraine. I learned that lots of Jewish people are leaving Ukraine, and this reminded me of the Exodus from Egypt and my childhood in Argentina.

I will never forget how the Argentinian Military Government controlled the media and how the Argentine citizens lost their rights and their freedom. A similar situation is happening in Russia, where the population is not able to know what really is going on in Ukraine. Millions of people are leaving Ukraine. People are going to different countries in Europe and Israel.

During this month of Pesach, we talk about freedom. Our challenge is how we value our freedom; how "to see oneself as one who personally was a

slave and went out from Egypt." Each year, Passover is an opportunity to exercise our freedom. Each Seder must be an excuse to talk about our Jewish history with our family. Each moment at our Seder must be an opportunity to think about those who live without freedom or those, such as the Ukrainian people, who lost all their belongings and are searching for new homes.

Today, American Jewish people, comfortable in our lives, are able to participate in our democratic political system. Jewish people have political strength. This did not happen centuries ago.

Pesach gives us an opportunity to exercise our freedom. We can do that not only by gathering with our family and telling our Jewish story but also by showing our children an active way of being free. We can do that, for example, by donating money to organizations such as the Jewish Federation or JDC that will provide help to Ukrainian people. We are free when we choose. I invite you to choose your own way of helping others.

This year we will return to TBY to once again celebrate Pesach with a congregational Seder. Let us use this Pesach to teach our children and our families how much we appreciate our freedom and how much we can do to help others.

Chag Sameach

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Let's Celebrate!

April Anniversaries

April 4th, Sharon & Rod Rice
46th anniversary

April 7th, Margaret & Earl Brown
53rd anniversary

April 8th, Carol & Bernie Levy
49th anniversary

April 9th, Elianne & Scott Sims
16th anniversary

April 11th, Stasha & Mark Cohen
41st anniversary

April 14th, Holly & Andrew Guglielmo
10th anniversary

April 22nd, Jaime & Jason Combs
16th anniversary



April Birthdays

April 2nd, Michael Speisman

April 4th, Barry Savage

April 6th, Frank Kinkela

April 7th, Stuart Soroka

April 9th, Marty Cohen

April 9th, Phyllis Feirman

April 11th, Sue Kinkela

April 16th, Bernice Cruise

April 18th, Stasha Cohen

April 20th, David Kasriel

April 23rd, Tom Baar

April 23rd, Ilene Hoffman



In Memoriam

April 1st, Hope Shepett

Daughter of Bernice Cruise

April 1st, Bernard Snyderman

Father of Noreen Davis

April 2nd, Zelig Mirman

Father of Joe Mirman

April 3rd, Maria Rubino

Mother of Teresa Freedman,
Grandmother of SaraRose Freedman

April 3rd, Arthur Salinger

Brother of Ellie Sussman

April 3rd, Dona Savage-Reidy

Sister of Barry Savage

April 4th, Marc Kramer

Cousin of Barbara Stafford

April 5th, Alan Goodwin

Brother of Jane Gray

April 6th, Molly Fleishman

Grandmother of Joel Rosenfield

April 9th, Pauline Meurer

Grandmother of Gale Zucker

April 9th, Selwyn (Sully) Savage

Father of Barry Savage

April 12th, Richard Angorn

Husband of Janice Angorn

April 12th, Harry Rogove

Father of Art Rogove

April 12th, Allan Rubin

Father of Dinah McNamara

April 13th, Capt. Robert Beskind

Husband of Renee Beskind

April 13th, David Robbins

Father of Carol Gladstone

April 13th, Leonard Satz

Brother of Phyllis Greenfield

April 14th, David Petziner

Grandfather of Barbara Carman &
Terre Wallach

April 15th, Regina Pearce

Mother of Sue Kinkela

April 16th, Frances M. Crone

Mother of Marjorie Pinsker

April 16th, William S. Shartin

Father of Iris Goldstone

April 17th, Samuel Robert Mansell

Father of Sandi Richmond

April 18th, Marvin Perlman

Father of Benita Sirkin

April 19th, Raymond Levi

Father of Barbara Rogove

April 20th, Aurelienne Aronowitz

Mother of Jackie Witte &
Grandmother of Jennifer Love

April 20th, Sadie Drimmer

Grandmother of Barbara Carman &
Terre Wallach

April 20th, Irene Shapiro

Grandmother of Barbara Stafford

April 21st, Milt Greenberg

Beloved friend of Sandi &
Arnie Richmond

April 21st, Sylvia K Schneider

Mother of Nancy Schachnovsky

April 22nd, Sara Lustig

Mother of Marcia Rector

April 23rd, Michael Levine

Father of Arnie Levine

April 24th, Raymond M. Hale Sr.

Grandfather of Bev Darkatsh

April 24th, Philip Hershon

Uncle of Rabbi Fred Raskind

April 24th, Robert Kasriel

Father of David Kasriel

April 25th, Ethel Grabowsky

Mother of Sharon Rice

April 25th, Francis Joseph Rhodes

Father of Cathy Kasriel

April 26th, Jose Javier Toro

Father of Alex Toro

April 29th, Rubin Comisar

Grandfather of Ilene Hoffman

April 29th, Raymond M. Hale Jr.

Uncle of Bev Darkatsh

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Dinah McNamara - In memory of my mother Florence Rubin & my great-aunt Lily Kaufman

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Ellen Mensh - In memory of Penny DeZaldo, Susan Newman's sister

Roberta Feldman - In memory of Katherine Feldman, my mother-in-law, Cheryl Feldman-Hill, my daughter, & Warren Harris, brother

Cathy & David Kasriel - In honor of the B'Nai Mitzvah of Alex & Zach Black; in memory of Sarita Kasriel, sister of David & Victor Kasriel, uncle of David

Ellen Mensh - In memory of Samuel Mensh, father of Myron Mensh

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Nancy Sorkin sending healing prayers to Terri Beasley

Religious School Fund

Ellen Mensh - In honor of Alex & Zach Black's B'Nai Mitzvah

Carrie Gardiner

Rabbinic Leadership Fund

Jane & Henry Seiden - Healing prayers for Dinah McNamara and Ellen Miller; in memory of Penny DeZaldo, sister of Susan Newman



Upcoming Events for April. Mark your calendar!

Shabbat Service: Friday, April 1st,
7:30 – 9:30pm

Religious School: Sunday, April 3rd

Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 5th,
7:00 – 8:00pm

Lifelong Education Program with Rabbi Kogan via Zoom: Wednesday, April 6th,
6:00 – 7:30pm

Religious School: Sunday, April 10

Passover Spirit Day at Treaty Park: Sunday,
April 10th, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Sisterhood Book Club: *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles: Wednesday, April 13th,
1:00 – 2:00pm

Men's Club: Wednesday, April 13th,
6:00 – 9:00pm

Shabbat Service & Congregational Seder:
Friday, April 15th, 6:00 – 10:00pm

Sisterhood Seder with St Pauls AME
Sisterhood: Wednesday, April 20th,
1:00 – 3:00pm

Religious School: Sunday, April 24

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday,
April 26th, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Shabbat Service: Friday, April 29th,
7:30 – 9:30pm

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Thanks to all TBY members who participated in the Catholic Charities Afghan Resettlement Project. Courtney Partin of Catholic Charities thanked TBY with gratitude for our kindness for its part in the program.

On March 7th, our Board sent out a message about an emergency fundraising effort by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to provide assistance to Ukraine. Congregants who wished to contribute to this project were asked to donate within the next two weeks, which ended Wednesday, March 16th.

We know that some members of TBY donated directly to JDC and other charitable organizations, but I am happy to report that we received 28 donations for this effort, and those donations will be combined for a total of \$4000 to be sent to JDC.

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