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FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

Seeing and Showing Ourselves as Having Been Freed from Egypt

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. In this time of social distancing, in this time when some of us are feeling heightened fear and anxiety about our health and the health of our loved ones, I want to share some Passover Torah with you. There is a relatively well-known line from the Babylonian Talmud Pesachim (Passover) 119b because many Jews say it yearly as a part of our Passover seders: "In each and every generation a person must view themselves (lirot et atzmo) as though they personally left Egypt, as it is stated: 'And you shall tell your child on that day, saying: It is because of this which the Lord did for me when I came forth out of Egypt' (Exodus 13:8)."



Many of us use this quote as a way of talking about modern-day oppressions or things we feel like we are slaves to that we wish to free ourselves of. Some of these oppressions are individual things like: being a slave to technology by consistently checking our smartphones for updates, being a slave to Netflix by consistently binge-watching shows. Some of these are societal: wanting to be free from poverty, misogyny, homophobia, sexism, inequality... Rabbi Jill Jacobs in her book *Where Justice Dwells* points out the Sephardic tradition maintains a different reading of this Talmudic passage, "The Sephardic Haddadah comments, 'In every generation, one is obligated to show oneself [l'harot et atzmo] as though [they] personally had come forth from Egypt. In contrast to introspective nature of the command lirot et atzmo—to see ourselves as having come forth from Egypt---this version of the obligations demands action."

If you would like to know more about the Hebrew wordplay that is happening here, feel free to find me at the synagogue sometime, but Rabbi Jacobs continues, "The obligation of memory is twofold. The commandment lirot et atzmo, 'to see ourselves' as liberated slaves, compels us to remember the suffering that has characterized much of Jewish history and to take pride in the role that Jews played in the early civil rights and labor struggles. But telling stories about the past does not suffice. The obligation l'harot et atzmo, 'to show ourselves,' demands action, not just introspection. Showing ourselves as having experienced poverty, discrimination, and inequality means continuously working to alleviate the suffering of others. And the cycle continues: the more we show ourselves to the people who respond to oppression, the more we and our children will see ourselves as such."

Some of us in the community have experienced the very real pain and oppression of poverty, discrimination, and inequality. Others need story and memory, the story of our oppression in Egypt, the stories from friends, family, community members, and neighbors of modern-day oppressions, to truly learn about them and confront them.

I agree with Rabbi Jill Jacobs; if we simply stop at telling the story of the Exodus from Egypt and say, "We did our part. We talked about our oppression and how we freed ourselves": that is not enough. After all, the Torah tells us 36 times in different places and ways to care for the oppressed because we were oppressed in Egypt. Yes, we need to see ourselves as having been freed. We need to tell these stories. Take pride in how we confronted our oppression and helped others confront their oppressions, but "In every generation a person is obligated to show themselves as if they personally had been freed from Egypt."

Unfortunately, oppression does not stop just because we wish it would. The oppressions of the past that we confronted continue to resurface. Every generation must confront oppression whether old ones that are resurfaced or new ones. As we get ready to celebrate Passover, to see and show ourselves as having been freed from Egypt, let us work to confront the oppressions in this generation. One way we can easily fight the oppression of depression, sadness, anxiety in this time is committing to making the simple act of checking in on each other. Picking up the phone, sending that email even just to say, "I'm thinking of you" can do wonders as we remain physically separate from each other.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Jon Ellis

We are now in a placed almost none of could have imagined just 30 days ago. As I wrote my column last month, I would have never imagined our synagogue would be shuttered, restaurants and bars closed, people required to stay at home and work from home along with a 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew. But it is times like these we realize that which unimaginable can happen in a moment's time. We see the full power of the government can have over our freedoms as those freedoms disappear and the economy is in freefall. We also see the limited power we have over a virus, invisible to the naked eye, but threatening the lives of many of us. And as Passover approaches, we cannot help think of the real meaning of a plague.

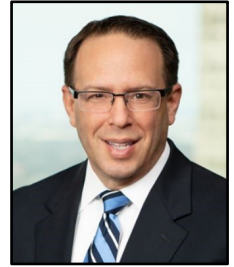
But it is at this same time that we are able to thrive. While our synagogue is shuttered, we, as a congregation are open. We are offering online Shabbat services and adult education. Committees are meeting via zoom and board business is being conducted virtually. We are attempting to reach out to our membership. To the extent you are vulnerable or need something such as shopping for food or medication but don't feel safe venturing out, please let us know. We are able to assist you. To the extent you are in isolation or quarantined, please let us know what you need. While the synagogue is closed, our Congregation Beth Shalom community and support network is not.

For all those who attended Shabbat with Rabbi Paul Schreiber and took the time to comment, I would like to thank you. Your input was invaluable in helping us reach a decision. I would also like to inform all reading this news article, which the Rabbi Search Committee, based on your input, voted 10-1 in favor of recommending Rabbi Schreiber to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to begin contract negotiations with Rabbi Schreiber. I am currently negotiation with Rabbi Schreiber

and hope to have a formal announcement shortly. Please stay tuned.

As I predict the current situation will worsen in Hillsborough county over the next month, please keep the Jewish values of tikun olam and mitvot in the forefront of your thoughts and actions. These values are pedestals upon which Jewish values are based and it is at times like these that we have to exemplify these values. We need to assist our family, friends, congregation, neighbors and community. The decisions we make these days may well mean more than the decisions made when times are good.

And happy Paesch! While out congregational second night Seder is canceled and many of you will not be sharing a first night Seder with family and friends, please remember the meaning of Passover. This year, Paesch will have a special meaning.



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A Note About Pastoral Care

Rabbi Bryan wants to know when congregants are in need of pastoral care.

This includes but is not limited to: when our congregants or their family members are in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or otherwise may need his support.



If you hear about a congregant in need, please contact Rabbi Bryan directly at rabbibryanmann@gmail.com and/or 857 728 4792.

Please do not assume just because you told another congregant, a board member, or even Jenny that Rabbi Bryan knows who is in need of pastoral care.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

- **Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m.:** Taste of Tanach will discuss (Parshat Tzav/Shabbat haGadol): Evolution of Rituals. **LIVESTREAM EVENT.** Details on page 6.
- **Sunday, April 5, at 10 a.m.:** Kids' Passover event with Rabbi Bryan via Zoom. Details on page 7.
- **Sunday, April 19, at 3 p.m.:** Let's Chat will be a Yom HaShoah Study – Experiences of Anti-Semitism and How to Respond. **LIVESTREAM EVENT.** Details on page 6.
- **Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m.:** Dinner With the Tribe. More information on page 9.
- **Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies' Night Out. More details on page 9.
- **Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m.:** Congregation annual meeting.
- **Monday, May 18, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 9.

Religious Education Calendar, page 7;

Due to COVID-19, please check the eblast for the most current information and details on all our events.

Please check the eblast for the most current information livestream details if necessary for Shabbat services.

April Oneg Schedule

There can be no joy without food and drink. — Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

THANK YOU! to the following people who will host an oneg Shabbat in April.

- **April 3: Debbie & Ben Miller** will host the oneg in honor of Debbie's conversion to Judaism. Mazel tov, Debbie!
- **April 10th: Janice Perelman** will host the oneg in honor of her daughter, Linda Brennan, who will be celebrating her birthday. Yeah, Linda!
- **April 17th: Andrea Chassen** will host the oneg in honor of "All Who Pay Their Taxes!"
- **April 24th: Michael & Martie Spaier** will host the oneg in honor of Michael's birthday. Hoorah, Michael!

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, thanks a bunch for helping with our April onegs!

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The membership committee has been making calls to stay in touch with our congregants and to arrange help for those who have made requests. Also due to COVID-19, the fundraising and membership committees have cancelled their joint plans for an event to celebrate Congregation Beth Shalom's 30th anniversary in May. We encourage you to celebrate this milestone and share photos on our social media platforms.



Happy Passover.

The membership committee,

– *Judith Pliner, Gail Verlin, and Sheryl Finke*

CBS FINANCIALS

In an effort to be transparent to all of our congregants, Congregation Beth Shalom will be publishing its monthly financials for all to see, and can be found in the link below.

<https://bethshalom-brandon.org/operating-budget/>

With this transparency, we welcome all to note areas of need, and we welcome any suggestions or contributions to keep CBS on firm financial footing.

Virtual Jewish Rituals, Learning, and Other Opportunities

As we at CBS continue to work on our own virtual opportunities for ritual, learning and gathering, we want to make sure you know about the plethora of opportunities from other places as well.

• **jewishLive:** <https://www.jewishlive.org/> is one of the best places to find daily services/meditation/singing, learning opportunities, and other ways to connect with Jewish life at home.

• **Sefarai:** <https://www.sefaria.org/texts> is a virtual Jewish library. It includes the full Tankah (Hebrew Bible) and Babylonian Talmud with English translation. It has dedicated pages for the weekly torah portion, the daily page of Talmud (Daf Yomi), and other amazing resources.

• **BimBam (formerly Godcast):** <https://www.bimbam.com/> This is a great resource for youth/families and those interested in intro to Judaism resources. There are videos focusing on major holidays, themes, and Hebrew Bible stories. There is also a Jewish kids show called *ShaBoom!*

In this time of predominately virtual Jewish life we invite you to check out these offerings along with the ones provided by Rabbi Bryan and the CBS community. We also remind you to check in on each other. You might take this opportunity to even study in virtual chevruta (pairs).

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Oneg

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Andrea Chassen

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Social Action*

open

Religious School*

Sheila Fishman

BESTY—Youth Group*

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President —open

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(each committee only gets one vote)*

Other Programs

CBS Singles Over 50

Anita Clifford

Chavurah

Sheila Fishman

Dinner With the Tribe

Anita Clifford

Interfaith/Outreach

Sheila Slavkin

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Kolot Shalom — Choir

open

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Sandy Saviet

David Richter

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Join with CBS in offering congratulations and recognition to the following members on their accomplishments:



KUDOS

- Kudos to **Michael Lubin, Dave Friedman, Myron Feldman, Rabbi Bryan, and Sandy Santucci** for a joyous and successful Purim spiel.
- Kudos to **Julie Enszer, Sheila Fishman, Michael Lubin** and the **Rabbinic Search Committee** for a successful candidate visit.
- Kudos to **Janice Perleman** and the **Life-Long Learning Committee** for their successful, “We’re Not Getting Any Younger” series.
- Kudos to **all congregants** for coming together during this time and practicing social distancing for the good of the community.

*Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment?
If so, email the name and accomplishment to cbs-admin@hotmail.com.*

IMPORTANT CONGREGATION UPDATES

Hillsborough County Public Schools have closed until May 1. Most of our programming will follow their guidance and will move as much of our programming online as possible.

Shabbat Services

We will still be streaming services via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BethShalomBrandon/> Fridays at 7:30 p.m. They will be streamed from a computer, freeing up Rabbi Bryan's phone to receive messages during the service in the event the livestream disconnects. The *Mishkan Tefilah* is available at https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/mishkan-tfilah-for-shabbat/?fbclid=IwARoxy6he4o1E8Ncia4iJW4Ok1TWwZEKIHLNoW0cjGZjosSNQG-FLgg_G4g. Please note page numbers are the pdf page numbers of the siddur, not the actual page numbers of the siddur. For example, on the pdf the Candle Lighting Blessing is page 20, but the actual page number in the siddur is page 2. If you have your own copy of *Mishkan T'filah* for Shabbat at home, you are welcome to use that.

Adult Ed Programming

All adult ed programming will be offered via Zoom until otherwise notified. Rabbi Bryan is also offering a weekly parshat haShuva (weekly Torah portion) study via zoom. You will get detailed instructions on how to download and use zoom as well as a Zoom invitation to this weekly study session in an email.

Passover Seder

We have decided for the health and safety of our congregants to cancel our second-night Passover Seder. We invite you to host your own seders, and/or connect with friends and family who are hosting a second-night seder. If you need help and support related to hosting or finding a seder, please let Rabbi Bryan and/or our ritual committee know.

Committee Meetings

We are letting each committee chair determine their meeting schedules and what form of technology they wish to use

for their meetings. If you sit on a committee, be on the lookout for emails from your committee chairs.

Religious School

We are continuing to follow the lead of the Hillsborough County School system. They have closed public schools through May 1. We have thus canceled religious school through April 26. We are exploring virtual options for religious school, and our Religious School Education Director Sheila Fishman is already in touch with our families about this. You can find more information about religious school on page 7.

Other Important Notes:

If any needs arise, whether transportation needs, grocery needs, or any other concerns please let Rabbi Bryan know. We are here to support you even as we social distance. Even though we are going virtual we want to remain connected at this time. Whether by phone, email, Facebook chat, or other forms of virtual communication, we encourage all of our members to connect with each other on a regular basis. We know how important the CBS community is to each and every one of you. We do not want to lose that sense of community even as we go virtual. We look forward to a healthier time when we will rejoin in person.

If you are in need of assistance, please let us know immediately and we will see what we can do, including running to the supermarket, pharmacy, etc. Please either contract Rabbi Mann or Jonathan Ellis, CBS President directly.

There is a plethora of weekday service options, youth programming and other Jewish engagement opportunities available online. JewishLive is a Facebook page advertising all of these offerings Jewish musicians, educators, and clergy create and offer them. If you are looking for more opportunities for Jewish music, Jewish study, and Jewish engagement we recommend you check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jewishlivegroup/>.

LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman



▪ **LIVESTREAM EVENT. Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m.,** Taste of Tanach will discuss (Parshat Tzav/Shabbat haGadol): Evolution of Rituals. On Shabbat haGadol, the Shabbat immediately before Passover, it is customary to spend time studying the laws of Passover and the Passover seder. We will look at what the Torah and

Talmud say about the Passover seder and compare that to our modern practices of Passover as a case study for how Jewish rituals evolve and change. Time permitting, we will talk about ritual innovations we would like to see in Jewish life.

▪ **LIVESTREAM EVENT. Sunday, April 19, at 3 p.m.,** Let's Chat will be a Yom HaShoah Study – Experiences of Anti-Semitism and How to Respond. In preparation for Yom HaShoah and Holocaust Remembrance Day and with the resurgence of white supremacy and Neo-Nazism today, we will share experiences of anti-Semitism and explore productive ways and resources to respond to anti-Semitism today.

"We're Not Getting any Younger," a series on difficult issues regarding our aging community, has come to a close. Although the first segment was cancelled, the remaining presentations were attended by a dedicated audience who

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shared important questions and concerns. We were fortunate to have had the services of knowledgeable and informative speakers who donated their time for this event. Jack Rosenkranz, Esq., proved to be a very interesting speaker, especially regarding the

history of our present health care system, and Lauren Cury, director of Hillsborough County Senior Connection, was a wonderful resource regarding the services her agency provides. Especially helpful was her knowledge of access to Medicaid. And I must add that I enjoyed very much teaching the basics of writing an ethical will.

Future educational plans include a series of cooking classes of at least three sessions. I am hoping that serious local and world-wide health concerns occurring at this time will be long past by the early fall, and that we can look forward to sharing recipes and ideas for tasty dishes then. We do not plan on get-togethers in the near future in deference to putting our health first.

Are You Smarter Than a Hebrew Schooler Level 2?

We will be starting the next level of this special program one week after Passover.

Please contact the Jenny, our CBS administrator, if you would like to sign up. You can reach the temple office at 813-681-6547 or email cbs-admin@hotmail.com.



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EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

I cannot believe we only have two months left of religious school. That translates into only five more Sundays. The year has flown by, and it was such fun. I must say that our children have learned so much under the direction of their amazing teachers and teaching assistant.

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Given the recent announcement from Hillsborough County Schools regarding the extension of school closures, we are extending the closing of the religious school through April 26.

This means, as of presstime, our next Sunday back to religious school will be May 3.

We are happy to offer religious school services during this extended period, but we need to hear from you as to what kinds of virtual programming you would be seeking. Are you interested in:

- a weekly Sunday service with your children?
- online lessons with teachers?
- lessons with the rabbi?
- Jewish programming to do at home with your students?

BESTY BEAT

For more information about our Jewish youth group, please visit our congregation website at <https://bethshalom-brandon.org/community/youth/> or call the congregation office at 813-681-6547 and speak to our administrator.



Please advise Rabbi Bryan and Sheila as to what you are seeking so that we may move in the right direction. You can reach us by email or call us directly. Sheila can be reached at 813-833-7843, while the rabbi can be contacted at 857-728-4792.

In the interim, you may wish to access the following site: <https://www.pinterest.com/jewishedprojectecfe/?fbclid=IwAR3eTioLbwdyXFUnmVh2Fr2ZxFiio5KZemodoRekooGRorYV2uyzOZUYQP4>. This is a curated list of Jewish activities, stories, videos, etc. by various Jewish educators for at home activities.

Pre-Passover Youth Event with Rabbi Bryan

Sunday April 5, at 10 a.m., please join Rabbi Bryan and your fellow religious school families for a Pre-Passover virtual event. Join us by Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/350540791?pwd=LoRFblUxMk9RMnpPdHZ5VkFXbldEdzo9>

Meeting ID: 350 540 791; **Password:** 526787
Call in: 16465588656, with the meeting ID 350540791#

If you are joining us via a computer you will need to download Zoom. If you click the Zoom link the download prompt should pop up. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Rabbi Bryan at rabbibryanmann@gmail.com.



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ANNUAL MEETING AND SLATE OF OFFICERS

The CBS Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 17, at 10 a.m. The Nominating Committee has found an impressive group of leaders for our congregation. Below is a list of the slate of leadership for the 2-year term.

President	Steve Slavkin
1 st Vice President	Gerry Pliner
2 nd Vice President	Toby Koch
3 rd Vice President	Sheryl Finke
Secretary	Dave Friedman (1-year term)

Members at Large

Gabe Lifschitz
 Sandee Pelk
 Michael Lubin

The following positions are in their 2nd year of a 2-year term, no vote is needed:

Treasurer	Allan Weber
Member at Large	Mitch Baylis
Member at Large	Julie Enszer
Member at Large	Lea Garbett

Per the By Laws, "any other nominations for an elected office or Member-at- Large may be made by written petition of five (5) members in good standing, which shall be filed with the Secretary, at least (20) twenty days prior to the annual meeting."

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DINNER WITH THE TRIBE — Anita Clifford

NEW DATE: Regretfully, we had to postpone our March 28 Dinner With the Tribe. The new date is April 25.

**Saturday, April 25,
6 p.m.**

**Taste of India
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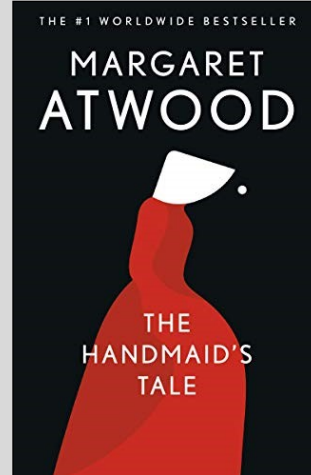
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To save your seat, please RSVP your email Anita, niewdnarb@yahoo.com.



PAGE TURNERS

Monday, May 18, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will meet to discuss *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.



The Handmaid's Tale is the story of Offred, a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, a totalitarian and theocratic state that has replaced the United States of America. Because of dangerously low reproduction rates, Handmaids are assigned to bear children for elite couples that have trouble conceiving. Offred serves the Commander and his wife, Serena Joy, a former gospel singer and advocate for “traditional values.” Offred is not the narrator’s real

name—Handmaid names consist of the word “of” followed by the name of the Handmaid’s Commander. Offred’s freedom, like the freedom of all women, is completely restricted. She can leave the house only on shopping trips, the door to her room cannot be completely shut, and the Eyes, Gilead’s secret police force, watch her every public move.

Margaret Atwood, whose work has been published in more than 40 countries, is the author of more than 50 books of fiction, poetry, and critical essays. Her novels include *Cat’s Eye*, shortlisted for the Booker Prize; *Alias Grace*, which won the Giller Prize in Canada and the Premio Mondello in Italy; *The Blind Assassin*, winner of the 2000 Booker Prize; *Oryx and Crake*, shortlisted for the 2003 Booker Prize; *The Penelopiad*; *The Heart Goes Last*; *Hag-seed*; and *The Testaments*, a sequel to *The Handmaid’s Tale*, published in September, 2019. She lives in Toronto part-time.

Ladies Night Out

2nd Tuesday of each month
6:30pm

Enjoy a night out with the ladies of CBS!

We will dine at local restaurants, attend cooking demos, get creative with art/craft classes, play bunco, enjoy pot luck dinners, and more!

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Restaurants / activities will be announced in the weekly eblast.

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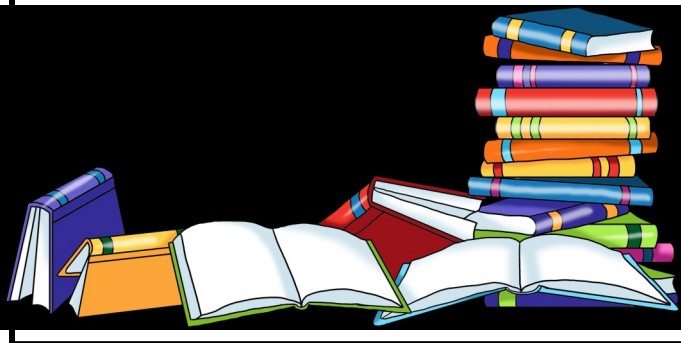
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Birthdays

- 4/1 Mags Oldman
- 4/2 Felicia Wetsman
- 4/3 Joel Weiss
- 4/5 Leonard Jacobson
- 4/6 Leah Fischer
- 4/8 Rose Fischer Alexander
- 4/9 Mathew Spaier
- 4/10 MarDee Buchman
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- 4/30 Michael Spaier

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Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

April 17

Anniversaries



- 4/8 Rose & Eric Alexander
- 4/12 Maya & Jacob Wyatt
- 4/17 Ruth & Gabriel Lifschitz
- 4/29 Lea & Michael Garbett



Yahrzeits

4/3	Allen	Workman	Brother	of	Anna	Feldman
4/4	David	Weber	Father	of	Allan	Weber
4/5	Joseph	Magdovitz	Father in Law	of	Caren	Magdovitz
4/7	Robert	Travin	Father	of	Justine	Lamattina
4/7	Carol	Frye	Relative	of	Christina	Frye
4/9	Sam	Lifschitz	Father	of	Gabriel	Lifschitz
4/10	Elijah	Weiner	Grandson	of	Marcia	Weiner
4/11	Helene T.	Ponemon	Mother	of	Arthur	Ponemon
4/12	Akiva	Dimant	Father	of	Murray	Dimant
4/13	Julius	Pearlstein	Relative	of	Christina	Frye
4/14	Marguetie	Rood Kepes	Mother	of	Kathryn	Kepes
4/16	Frances	Aberbach	Mother	of	Martie	Spaier
4/16	Muriel B.	Himmel	Wife	of	Gerard P.	Himmel
4/16	Sylvia	Pliner	Mother	of	Gerald	Pliner
4/17	Ruth	Lubin	Mother	of	Mike	Lubin
4/19	Rosa	Besterman	Grandmother	of	Leslie	Boyar
4/20	Rose	Gold	Mother	of	Carol	Balent
4/20	Gerard P.	Himmel	Husband	of	Muriel B.	Himmel
4/24	Arthur	Abramson	Father	of	Robin	Rogovin
4/24	Helen	Neff	Grandmother	of	Scott	Ellis
4/26	Barbara	Berkley Shapiro	Mother	of	Jan	Sperry
4/26	William	Statter	Father	of	Brad	Statter
4/27	Dora	Macaluso	Mother	of	Sophia	Brenner
4/28	Mariah Hope	Braverman	Granddaughter	of	Errol & Sheila	Fishman

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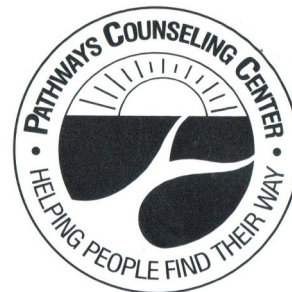
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	4 10AM Taste of Tanach
5 9:30 am Religious School— Passover Seder Hadassah Chocolate Seder	6	7 PM Board Mtg	8 EREV PASSOVER	9 PASSOVER 2ND NIGHT SEDER 6 PM	10 PASSOVER *7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service *HCPS Closed *Kibbitzer Deadline	11 PASSOVER
12 PASSOVER No Religious School	13 PASSOVER *Joint service with Sun City Ctr. *Erev Yom HaShoah	14 PASSOVER YIZKOR	15 PASSOVER Fundraising Mtg 7PM	16	17 7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	18
19 9:30 am Religious School - Yom HaShoah Prog. Let's Chat 3 PM	20 EREV YOM HASHOAH JOINT SERVICE SUN CITY CTR. HCPS Closed	21 YOM HASHOAH FHM—Annual Event COMMUNITY-WIDE VIGIL	22 6:30PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. 7:30PM Ritual Mtg	23	24 Erev Shabbat 7:30PM	25
26 9:30 am Religious School - Yom HaAzmaut Prog. TBJEC—5th Grade Prog.	27	28 EREV YOM HAAITZMAUT	29 YOM HAAITZMAUT	30		

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