

# The Kibbitzer

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## FROM THE PULPIT

### Rabbi Robert Lefkowitz

**April 2022**  
**Volume 32 Issue 11**

#### Shabbat Service

Friday evenings 7:00 PM  
 Zoom available



#### Oneg

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#### Education

Classes with the Rabbi  
 Hebrew and Torah Study  
 Every Thursday at 6:30 PM



#### Board Meetings

Tuesday, April 12  
 6:30 Executive Board  
 7:00 Entire Board



#### Dinner with the Tribe

April 24th @ 6:30 PM  
 Jasmine Thai

#### Page Turners

##### "Israel"

By Noa Tishby

Meeting on April 18th  
 7:00 PM

#### Food Bank

Sunday, April 10th  
 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM



Everyone remembers the story of that little baby boy in a basket who was aimlessly floating on the Nile River. The truth is that we should have never heard of him again because that basket should have kept on floating. The Nile eventually flows out to the sea and ocean - unless maybe a crocodile would snap up Moses.

Suddenly, the daughter of Pharaoh went down to bathe by the river. Her servants are walking beside her on the riverbank, since a princess is always accompanied. The servants are to serve the princess and protect her. Bathing in Judaism is somewhat of a symbol of cleansing oneself.

It would be Pharaoh's daughter that recognized the Jewish people and their travails. The daughter of Pharaoh sees something out of the ordinary floating on the water. It was a basket, which she told her maidservant to get ahold of and bring over. When the maidservant came back empty handed; the Pharaoh's daughter stretched out her arm. "The story shows us Pharaoh's daughter personally saving an unknown abandoned child; she appears less concerned with status roles and more with compassion and action.

The lesson from this portion of Torah is that the "outstretched arm and hand" of Pharaoh's daughter (that saved Moses) was the same imagery of the "outstretched arm and hand" (that had saved Israel and punished Egypt). Thus as noted in the Talmud reference to Psalm [Psalm 3:8](#) the "outstretched arm and hand" breaks the power ("teeth") of the enemy. So when the Red Sea collapsed upon the Egyptian Army, the same power delivered the Israelites from the enemy of HaShem. In this light, Pharaoh's daughter saw not only the child Moses, but the very presence of HaShem with him, who would lead the Israelites in disobedience to Pharaoh."

There is a preface to everything that happens to a person. Something happens in the mind that acts as a catalyst for what eventually occurs. In the way that a person wishes to go, in that way they are led. The path to success is paved with good intentions.

Choose a path of success. If you want something, run for it. Continue to spend time thinking about what is important. Let us continue to learn the ideals that direct us on the road to greatness.

Pesach Samayach (Happy Passover)

Rabbi Lefkowitz

## Special Passover Issue

**Rabbi**

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Office is closed on holidays

**Weekly Email Blast submissions****MEMBERSHIP**

*Becoming a partner in our congregation offers an opportunity for enduring friendships and a personal spiritual journey. A place in our Jewish community.*

*Members also have free access to many of our educational and entertainment events.*

# The President's Corner



Shalom Everybody,

2022 keeps on progressing. Passover is approaching soon, and we are moving forward to have one of our best "Second Day Seders" at the temple we have ever had (Saturday evening April 16). Many people will be involved in this event/cooking extravaganza, as our "Director of Chef's Affairs" Julie Sheinbaum coordinates and cooks the main course of this delicious meal. We would love to fill the house this year with all members that are able. To reiterate, we are not catering the event as it will be all home cooked kosher food. Please get with Julie Sheinbaum or any other board member to pay for your ticket. Cost is \$45 per person. All excess money will go toward the Temple's electric bill. If you missed her Chanukah Brisket, then here is another opportunity to taste her amazing cooking!

Also, I want to bring up again, that we have an anonymous donor who is matching any donation to the temple through the end of April. We are still behind in our Previous years High Holiday donations and this wonderful Beth Shalom member is willing to help us get to our target amount. Please donate what you can and have that amount doubled.

We are having more new people show up at Friday night services and seem to be gaining steam with new prospective members. Come join us from time to time on a Friday night and partake in our Shabbat Magic.

I am becoming increasingly excited for the future of Congregation Beth Shalom and pray you all stay happy and healthy to enjoy the future at Beth Shalom with me!

Shalom,

Steve Billor, President



**We Do Things Better  
When We Do Them Together.**

# Candle Lighting Times

Friday, April 1st	7:29 PM
Friday, April 8th	7:32 PM
Friday, April 15th	7:36 PM
Friday, April 22nd	7:40 PM
Friday, April 29th	7:44 PM



## Oneg Schedule

### April Sponsors

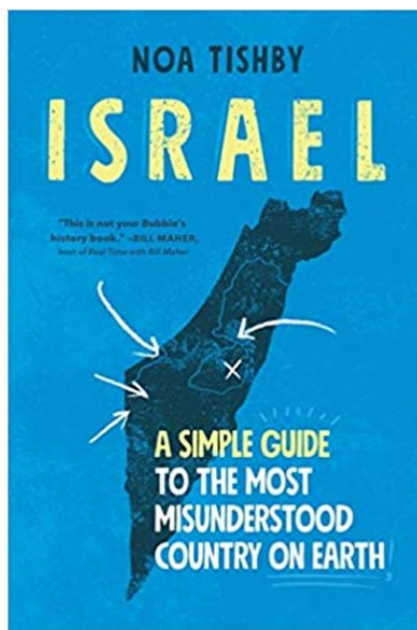
*There can be no joy without food and drink.*

Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

April 1st	Petie Maguire	
April 8th	Julie & Marvin Shienbaum	In Honor of their son's Josh's marriage
April 15th	No Service	
April 22nd	Anna & Stephen Feldman	In Honor of their 53rd Anniversary
April 29th	Meral Ginsberg	In Honor of Food Bank Volunteers

**If you'd like to sponsor an oneg, please call  
Judith Pliner at (856)816-2174**

## Page Turners



### The April selection is “*Israel*” by Noa Tishby.

We will be meeting Via Zoom\* on April 18 @ 7pm. Noa Tishby’s book, “Israel”, is by far the best way to learn about Israel, short of living there. Even for those of you fortunate to live in Israel, her book will provide you with a greater understanding of her history, politics, and people. Tishby is a Sabra, therefore her knowledge of Israel is personal, and her insights are born of personal experience. She illuminates how Israel encourages dissent and debate, as well as being a leader of innovation, while firmly rooted in tradition. But Israel is so much more; she is “a light unto the nations,” ([Isaiah 49:6](#)), in a very dark and hostile neighborhood.”

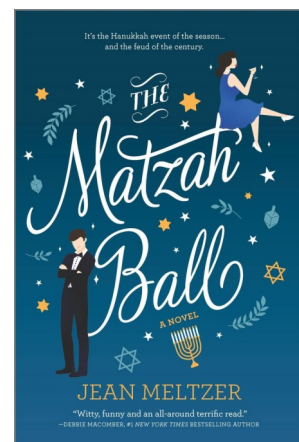
\*The Zoom link will be emailed at a later date.

## Books to Give...And Read



Recently, I needed some light reading and found, “The Matzah Ball”. Okay, so it’s not Chanukah time. But, this is Jewish Chick Lit, and I enjoyed it.

Rachel Rubenstein-Goldblatt has a secret: She writes Christmas stories. When her publisher decides they want a Hanukkah romance, she has no clue what to do. Her writing is usually all about fantasy; Hanukkah is too close to home. When she hears about the Matzah Ball, she knows she has the answer: This holiday party is exactly what she needs for some inspiration. The only problem? The man in charge is Jacob Greenberg, her long-ago camp first love turned rival, and she’ll have to work with him if she wants a ticket to the sold-out event. This book has everything: a tight knit Jewish community, both Orthodox and chronic illness representation, and did I mention the massive Hanukkah celebration?





# Jewish Film Festival

## 26th Annual Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival

The 26th Annual Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival (TBJFF) is back in theaters on both sides of Tampa Bay after going virtual in 2020 and 2021. Opening day is Sunday, April 3 and the festival runs through Wednesday, April 13. A total of 22 feature films will be shown plus a lineup of short films.

**PLEASE VISIT [TBJFF.ORG](http://TBJFF.ORG) TO VIEW ALL CURRENT FESTIVAL COVID PROTOCOLS**



### *New Member Spotlight*

**Please welcome  
Ilene Schwartz to CBS!**



### *Reform Judaism Podcast*

## Stories We Tell

ReformJudaism.org  
Podcast

**Stories  
We Tell**

ReformJudaism.org

Judaism has a deep and rich tradition of storytelling, of passing down stories from one generation to the next. To carry on that tradition, Stories We Tell, from

ReformJudaism.org, will share a new story with you every Thursday. Whether you listen while driving to work, preparing Shabbat dinner, or taking your kids to school, each episode will give you a new story to reflect on and discuss with the people in your life.

Stories We Tell is a project of the Union for Reform Judaism, a leading voice in the discussion of modern Jewish life.

## Library News

The Library Committee extends many thanks to Anna Feldman and Julie Shienbaum for cleaning out and dusting the library while the chairperson has been incapacitated with an annoying wrist injury for the past four months.

Thank you also to Lita Saviet for her donation of Jewish music CDs that will appear in the library soon.

We wish you and your loved ones a pleasant Passover.

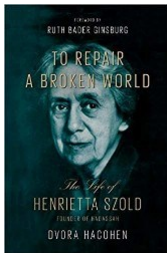


# Jewish Literature

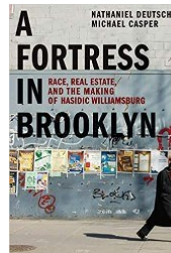
## *National Jewish Book Awards*

Inaugurated in 1950, the National Jewish Book Awards is the longest running North American awards program of its kind and is recognized as the most prestigious. The Awards are intended to recognize authors, and encourage reading, of outstanding English language books of Jewish interest.

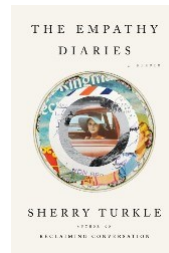
### 2021 Winners



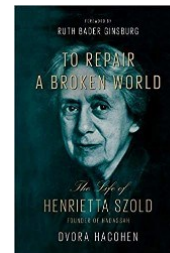
Jewish Book of the Year



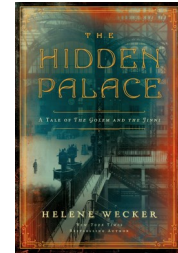
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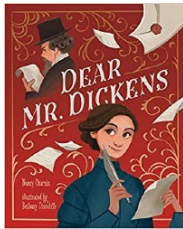
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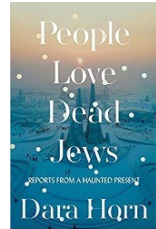
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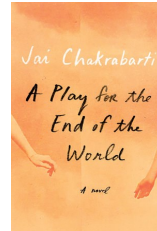
Book Club Award



Children's Picture Book



Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice



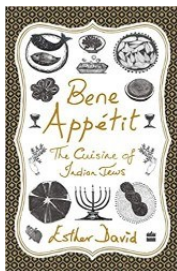
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Education and Jewish Studies



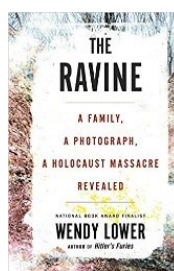
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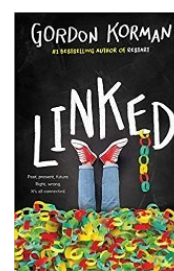
Food Writing and Cookbooks



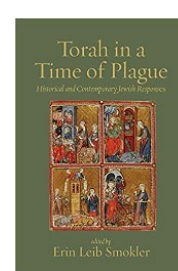
History



Holocaust



Middle Grade Literature



Modern Jewish Thought & Experience

This is just a small sampling of the Jewish Book Award Winners for 2021. To see the other categories and the Natan Notable Books, which are non-fiction books and authors which bring innovative and important ideas to the attention of diverse audiences, visit the website, Jewish Book Council, at <https://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/awards>

# Dinner with the Tribe & Men's Club



**Myron Feldman**



**Anita Clifford**

## Jasmine Thai

1947 West Lumsden Road  
Brandon, FL 33511  
Phone: 813/662-3635

**Sunday, April 24th  
at 6:00 PM**

After Passover, Thai food is a very welcome change. In April we return to a well loved local restaurant, Jasmine Thai. The ingredients are fresh, well prepared, and beautifully presented. Everything can be customized to your liking. I've never had a meal I didn't like there and it is a favorite of many. Come join us for the camaraderie and the food. Must RSVP to Anita at [niewdnarb@yahoo.com](mailto:niewdnarb@yahoo.com)





# Donations

## In Loving Memory:

Meyer Feldman	Father	Of	Stephen Feldman	Anna & Stephen Feldman
Anita Kaler	Mother	Of	Larry Kaler	Lynn & Larry Kaler
Eugene Baruch Becker	Father	Of	Lynn Kaler	Vicki & Norm Noggle
Mary Freedman	Grandmother	Of	Dave Friedman	Carol Anne & Dave Friedman
George LeMayer	Step-Father	Of	Stephanie Ferry	Anna & Stephen Feldman

## In Honor

Ashley Billor's new home      Daughter      Of      Steve & Jennifer Billor      Lynn & Larry Kaler

Anna Feldman's Birthday      Anna & Stephen Feldman  
Lynn & Larry Kaler

Anna & Stephen's Anniversary      Anna & Stephen Feldman  
Lynn & Larry Kaler

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Petie Maguire

## Building Fund

Carol Anne & Dave Friedman

Anita Clifford

## Passover Donation

Shirley & Ira Ratner

## High Holidays

Anna & Stephen Feldman

## Tzedakkah

Stephen Zwiebach

Carol Wagner

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

## Purim Celebration

Petie Macguire

Stephanie Ferry

## Bricklets

Judith and Gerry Pliner

# Thanks



# Kibbitzer Kudos

Anita Clifford	Keeping the Dinner w/the Tribe ongoing
Anna Feldman	Cleaning our Temple, also the library is spic and span!
Anonymous	Encouraging the giving of Tzedakah by the Match Program
Gabe Lifschitz	Working tirelessly on the Building & Grounds
Anna Feldman	Making hamentaschen for CBS Purim Celebration
	Helping CBS members with transport for medical appointments
	Working on the Purim Potluck Dinner
Christine Stockelman	Making hamentaschen for CBS Purim Celebration
	For preparing a children's program for the Purim Potluck Dinner
Helene Rosenbaum	Making hamentaschen for CBS Purim Celebration
Judith Pliner	Contacting members to advertise the Purim Potluck Dinner
Julie Shienbaum	Organizing the Purim Potluck
	Cleaning our Temple, also the library is spic and span!
	Organizing, shopping, and preparing the Pesach Seder
	Driving to Orlando for kosher meat for the Seder
	Making hamentaschen for CBS Purim Celebration
Linda Guincho	Making hamentaschen for CBS Purim Celebration
Meral Ginsberg	Making hamentaschen for CBS Purim Celebration
Myron Feldman	Helping Anita keep Dinner w/the Tribe ongoing
	Driving to Orlando for kosher meat for the Seder
Sandy Schwartz	Keeping track of CBS' finances
Stephanie Ferry	Making hamentaschen for CBS Purim Celebration



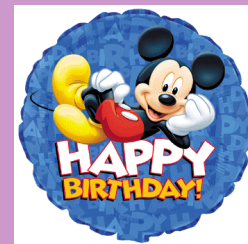
# Our Congregation

## Yahrzeits

4/2	Harry	Chaiken	Great Uncle	of	Joanne	Ronay
4/3	Allen	Workman	Brother	Of	Anna	Feldman
4/5	Joseph	Koch	Father	Of	Toby	Koch
4/7	Pascuala	Roldan	Mother	Of	Julie	Shienbaum
4/12	Joseph	Magdovitz	Father in law	Of	Caren	Magdovitz
4/14	Carl	Frye	Grandfather	Of	Christina	Frye
4/16	Helen	Neff	Grandmother	Of	Scott	Ellis
4/16	Samuel	Lifschitz	Father	Of	Gabe	Lifschitz
4/20	Julius	Pearlstein	Grandfather	Of	Kevin	Frye
4/23	Sylvia	Pliner	Mother	Of	Gerald	Pliner
4/26	Rosa	Besterman	Grandmother	Of	Leslie	Boyar



4/17 Ruth & Gabe Lifschitz  
4/29 Lea & Michael Garbett



## Birthdays

4/12 Jeffrey Miller  
4/13 Ilene Miller  
4/21 Marvin Shienbaum

## Shabbat Services

Meeting ID: 979 479 3696  
Password: 2592 Our Shabbat services will take place Friday Nights at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as well as online. Our livestream feed is available on Zoom and Facebook. For outdoor services, the Zoom link will not work, so please sign in to Facebook. Join us in the celebration of Shabbat and you are welcome to like, comment, and share.

We established a new Zoom link. You will be able to login from our weekly eNews. The process has not changed, just the link. For your information here is the new link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9794793696?pwd=N3JhSzI4YURTbnhUL0hDVkVzODJtUT0955>

We are glad that you enjoy our shabbat services and hope to see you on the Zoom screen this Friday.

**Facebook** Information for Shabbat Service:  
<https://www.facebook.com/BethShalomBrandon/>



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CBS office at  
813-681-6547.

## CBS Office Hours

The administrative office is currently open by appointment only. Someone can be reached at [cbs-brandon@outlook.com] and 813-681-6547 or you may contact Rabbi Lefkowitz directly at 407-222-6393 or [rlefkowi@bellsouth.net](mailto:rlefkowi@bellsouth.net). Rabbi Lefkowitz will be available for in person meetings on Fridays. Call him at 407-222-6393 to schedule an appointment.



Although our hours are limited, we are always here for you. Do not hesitate to reach out with any needs, concerns or



### SHARE A MAZEL TOV!

Do you have a family member, friend, spouse or congregant you would like to wish Mazel Tov to in our Kibbitzer? You can send an email to [the-kibbitzer@hotmail.com](mailto:the-kibbitzer@hotmail.com) with their name and accomplishment, engagement or birth. It's important during these times to see the good in our community.





# Social Action



Meral Ginsberg

Our March Food Bank was another successful day of feeding Brandon. We donated well over 30 bags and our larder is completely bare. Our Food Bank committee is such a hard working



group. While we remain very busy, we have had a wonderful time together. Julie Shienbaum's presence is most appreciated since she feeds us while we work. We've also been fortunate to have a relationship with the Apostle Lutheran Church, and we've been working with them on supplying food for our Food Bank and also for Meals on Wheels. The Apostle Lutheran Church supplied us with paper towels and toilet tissue which were in short supply.

I wish to thank my committee for their efforts and dedication to making this a success. Thank you to Anna and Steve Feldman, Linda Guincho, Julie Shienbaum, Jewell Alfaya, and our students, Adam and Erin Blanchard, and Sophia Oliveria.



*Apostle Lutheran Church members supply us with food.*

# Passover

## The Perfect Seder – A story

It was the first night of Passover. And Rabbi Shalom had just finished hosting her seventieth seder. Her belly was full of food and wine. And she'd lay herself down to sleep.

That night, she had the strangest dream. She dreamt that the prophet Elijah was in her room. She looked up and said, next you're in Jerusalem, Elijah. And he responded, yes, or maybe at the home of Abe the water carrier. That is the seder I'm heading to next. It's about to begin, and I don't want to miss it. Rabbi Shalom was confused. Elijah in my room? You're going to go to Abe the water carrier's seder? Hmm. Strange indeed. And she drifted off back to sleep.

In the morning, she remembered her dream and quickly called to all of her students and said, quick, I need you to find Abe the water carrier. The prophet Elijah was going to go there last night. And I need to talk to him about his seder. If his seder is better than mine, I want to meet this righteous man.

So, the students went out and quickly went to find him. They didn't have to spend much time because as it turned out, the next door neighbor of the rabbi was Abe the water carrier. The students brought Abe the water carrier in to meet the rabbi. And all of a sudden, Abe started crying. I'm so sorry, rabbi. I don't know where all the food and silver platters came from. Please don't tell anyone. I didn't steal anything.

The rabbi looked at Abe and said, don't worry. That's not why I brought you here. But I do want to know what happened at your seder last night. Abe replied, well, I had every intention of doing the seder, but I was so tired, and I dozed off. And then my wife woke me up and asked, Abe, aren't we going to do the seder?

And I was feeling so despondent. I'm not good enough. I don't know about all the steps of the seder. And I said, all I know is that once we were slaves and God freed us.

And then that's when it all happened. All of a sudden, the table was filled with food and wine and silver platters. I don't know where it came from. And I looked at my wife, and she said, hurry up. Let's eat before it disappears. I don't know how it got there.

So, the rabbi then said, so tell me. After you ate, you went and did every step of the seder, right? You read every single word of the Haggadah, yes? Abe replied, well, no. I can't read. Well, rabbi said, did you do anything else?

Abe thought. Well, after we ate, I did give thanks. I said, thank you, God, for this wonderful food and wine. And then I said, thank you for freeing us from slavery. But can you help us now break the oppression and the injustice that we see in this world? Help us to do better now, God. And then all of a sudden, this man appeared and said, amen. I know. It seems so unbelievable.

All of a sudden, it became very clear to Rabbi Shalom what had happened. Her dream was no dream. That was Elijah in her room, eager to go to Abe's seder. And now she knew why. Even though Abe hadn't done all of the steps and couldn't read the Haggadah, Abe knew the very essence of this holiday-- to remember that we were once slaves in Egypt, to thank God for giving us the taste of freedom, and remembering that the world still has much work to do, that we with God have much to do to make this world safe for freedom. And that was a good enough seder.

The rabbi then asked, Abe, well, what happened after that? Abe said, I fell asleep. And then your students came to find me. Am I in trouble? The rabbi shook her head and smiled. No, not at all, Abe. Next year in Jerusalem or maybe at your house.

Told by: Rabbi Esther Lederman

**Rabbi Esther L. Lederman** is the Union for Reform Judaism's director of congregational innovation and sits on the Central Conference of American Rabbis' task force on the experience of women in the rabbinate.

# Passover

## A matzah bakery in Ukraine prepares for Passover under siege

By ZVIKA KLEIN Published: FEBRUARY 22, 2022

A Ukrainian Matza bakery is working tirelessly these days to be able to bake as many matzahs as possible - in case a war breaks out with Russia and disrupts the routine of life.

The bakery was established more than 20 years ago in the city of Dnipro in the Dnipropetrovsk region, bordering the separatist province of Donetsk. A few months ago, a branch of the Ukrainian Matzah Bakery was also opened in the city of Uman.

"The two bakeries employ about 90 people, most of them members of the local Jewish community," said the new branch manager, Mendy Stumble. "The bakery's target this year is 100 tons of hand-made matzah. Most matzahs are exported to the former Soviet Union, Western Europe and other countries. A small portion of the Matza are intended for use by the 160 communities united by the Jewish Federation of Ukraine."

According to Federation Chairman Rabbi Meir Stumbler, "We continue, as usual, believing and hoping that everything will work out and common sense will prevail. Even if war breaks out - and as we now see we are on the verge of one - everything will be done to keep the production line, because Passover is approaching and we want to make sure the matzah supply in Ukraine is not harmed."

"Matzahs are called 'the food of faith' in Judaism," said Rabbi Shmuel Kamintsky, rabbi of the city of Dnipro, who gives the Kosher certification to the bakery. "I believe and am sure that everything will work out peacefully. It is not easy, but the Jewish community is trying to remain optimistic. That is what holds us together."





# Passover

## Seder Plates from Around the World



Seder Plate from Pre-Expulsion Spain



The Jewish Museum - Collection



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Israel Museum Porcelain 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
French Exodus Passover Seder Plate



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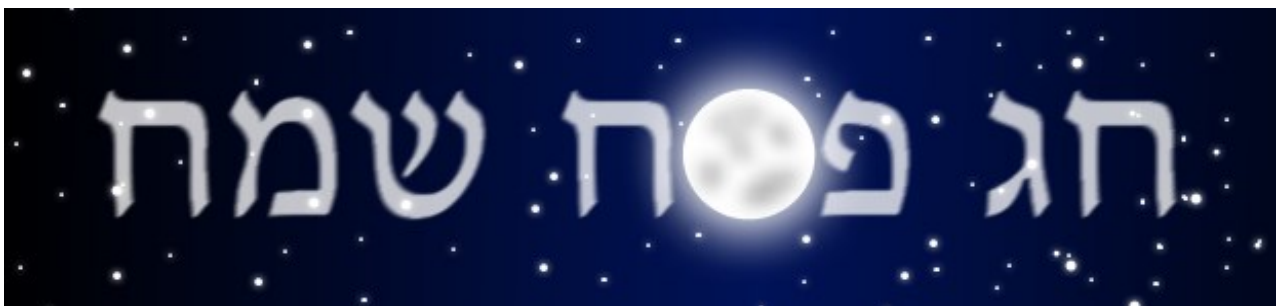
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# Passover Seder

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE PASSOVER!**

**Shabbat Service, Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 AM**

**Saturday, April 16th at 6:00 PM**

Join us on Saturday April 16 at 6:00pm for a wonderful family Seder. The Seder will be led by Rabbi Lefkowitz. The cost is \$45.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children aged 5-12, free for children under age 5. Gourmet cooks will provide the meal. You will have a choice of chicken or salmon. This seder is open to members and non-members alike. For your safety tables and chairs will be spaced

**The absolute deadline for reservations:  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

RSVP to Julie Shienbaum at [jul78clint@aol.com](mailto:jul78clint@aol.com). In your RSVP, please leave a note as to your wishes for chicken or fish for each member in your party. For further information call the temple office at 813 6816547 or email at [cbs-brandon@outlook.com](mailto:cbs-brandon@outlook.com).

Menu:

Choice of Chicken or  
Fish

Fingerling Potatoes

Fresh Asparagus

Dessert



We are in need of Seder Plates to set each table. Please let us know if you have a Seder Plate that you can share with us for this special event. Please notify Julie Shienbaum at [jul78clint@aol.com](mailto:jul78clint@aol.com).

# Bricklets are Back!

**Question:** What is a bricklet?

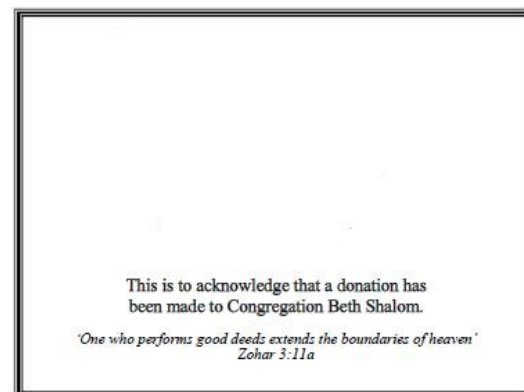
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# Yom HaShoah

**Thursday, April 28th @ 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM**

Florida Holocaust Museum: Free Admission Day

The FHM will be honoring Yom HaShoah by offering free admission to the museum, in-person readings, and an evening commemoration program.

More than 100 individuals from our surrounding communities will read aloud the names of Holocaust victims in 5-minute intervals. Through our educational programs based on original artifacts, archival documents, and artwork, The Florida Holocaust Museum works daily to translate the staggering statistics of genocide into individual stories.

The **Reading of Names Commemoration** is another effort to remember the victims as individual people with life histories.

Reading the names of the Jewish men, women, and children killed during the Holocaust is a symbolic yet deeply personal way of remembering these individuals. Most victims of the Holocaust don't have graves – reciting their names allows for them to be memorialized while reminding us of their human dignity. Hearing their names offers us a chance to reflect on their lives and the events of the Holocaust while renewing our commitment to ensuring that such atrocities do not occur again.

The reading of names will be streamed on our Facebook page the entire day on April 28th. From **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**, individuals from our surrounding communities will read the names of Holocaust victims.

**\*The Reading of Names reservation information coming soon**

The Evening commemoration will begin at **5:30 pm**.

We thank you for your continuing support of The Florida Holocaust Museum and for taking the time to reflect with us on April 28th.

The program is free and open to the public.





# Yom HaShoah

## Shoah Victims' Names Recover Project

The Florida Holocaust Museum, in cooperation with Yad Vashem, is spearheading the **Shoah Victims' Names Recovery Project** in the Tampa Bay area.

Yad Vashem has been working with Holocaust survivors and Jewish communities for over 60 years to fulfill its mandate to preserve the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. Although 4.3 million of the six million victims are documented at Yad Vashem and in the Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names, millions of names and life stories remain unknown.

Yad Vashem urgently calls upon Jewish communities to recover their names through a worldwide **Shoah Victims' Names Recovery Project**. Unless we assume collective responsibility for completing this vital mission, some of them may be lost forever.

The Shoah Victims' Names Recovery Project aims to memorialize each individual Jew murdered in the Holocaust, by recording their names, biographical details, and photographs on special forms created by Yad Vashem, called Pages of Testimony. The Florida Holocaust Museum is honored to partner with Yad Vashem on this crucial initiative. We have so far collected over 700 Pages of Testimony. Once filled out, Pages of Testimony are mailed by Museum staff to Yad Vashem where they will be stored for perpetuity in Yad Vashem's Hall of Names as public commemoration for the Jewish people and all of mankind. The submitter will receive from the Museum a copy of every Page they submitted. We also scan photographs of individuals commemorated on the Pages of Testimony and save these images on a disc for the submitter and for Yad Vashem.

***To submit names or for information on how to receive assistance with filling out Pages of Testimony please contact:***

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**[education@flholocaustmuseum.org](mailto:education@flholocaustmuseum.org)**  
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# Our Congregation

## GERRY NEEDS OUR HELP

Gerry Pliner has been a member of CBS since 2007. During the 15 years he has served on the Board of Directors as First Vice President; acting President, twice and acting Treasurer. He unselfishly gives his time and energy to our congregation. Now he needs help from us.

Below is a copy of heart wrenching Face Book post written by Gerry's niece.

“My name is Andria Armato and I am writing this message with hope that social media can work its magic this holiday season! My Uncle Gerald, my mom's brother, is suffering from severe kidney disease and needs a new kidney as soon as possible. He is on the national donor's list and has been for some time, but as we all know that's not an easy or quick process, especially for a 77 year old man. Our family would do ANYTHING we could to help him, unfortunately none of us are a match for both blood type and other medical reasons. My uncle's blood type is O+ and he has been giving of himself his whole life, so I am hoping an angel somewhere can return the favor and give him the gift of a healthy kidney! Uncle Gerald has given decades of service as a volunteer and also has served as a Board Trustee member for numerous organizations. He was the patriarch of his immediate and extended families as my grandfather passed away long before I was born. In addition, he owned a business in his community where he served other people in need. Uncle Gerald has always taken care of us and others, and now we want to take care of him. If you are reading this and may be interested or know anyone who could be a match and would be willing to save a life, please message me at ..... Thank you all so much and if you are unable to help personally, please share this message and story with all you know....my family and I would be ever so grateful!

Holiday blessings,

Andria Armato”

If any of the readers of this Kibbitzer can help Gerry contact him at [gp@pliner-inc.com](mailto:gp@pliner-inc.com). Thank you, Toby Koch, Second VP

# Time for a Nosh

When I was young, we'd celebrate Passover at my grandmother's home. It took me and my three siblings hours to clean and ready her kitchen for Passover. The biggest job was schlepping all the food and dishes downstairs to the basement and then carry up all of the Pesadic dishes. We would take our positions on the stairs and pass every item down to the next person. It still took a long time, but at least we didn't have to keep running up and down the stairs.

On the day of the seder, you could smell the wonderful aroma from her kitchen as we walked up the driveway. She was an amazing cook and baker, but we weren't so happy about not eating bread for an entire week. So, she developed a recipe for Pesadic rolls and they were very good. They didn't keep so well after one meal, so she always made sure to make them fresh for each Seder. I was saddened to learn that she never wrote the recipe down and I missed her rolls for several years, until I found a cookbook for Passover in my hospital gift shop. I bought the book, just because there was a recipe for rolls, and to my delight, it tasted very similar to hers. I hope you try this recipe and enjoy making and eating what I call, "Becky's Pesadic Rolls".

## Becky's Pesadic Rolls

### Ingredients:

1/2 cup oil  
1 cup water  
1 cup matzah meal  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
4 large eggs



### Processor:

Place oil and water in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove pan from heat.

Combine the matzah meal, sugar, and salt and add all at once. Beat well with a wooden spoon.

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Insert metal blade into food processor. Put matzah meal mixture into work bowl.

With machine running, add eggs through feed tube. Process until a ball is formed. Remove.

Oil your hands and shape the dough into 12 small balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake 50 to 60 minutes.





**Congregation Beth Shalom**  
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