



Middletown, Connecticut April 2016/Adar II-Nisan 5776



A TRADITIONAL SEDER

by Rabbi Haaz

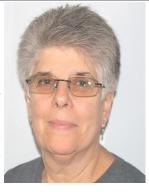
Although Passover requires sore arms, backs, and shoulders from scrubbing, reams and reams of aluminum

foil, and constant crumbs on the floor, it is, for most Jews, the favorite holiday of the Hebrew calendar. And, on whatever level each of us is observant in our daily Jewish lives, we raise the bar a bit (or a lot) on Passover. Tradition becomes more important on Passover than at any other time during the year. We are extra careful to avoid eating bread, and, without a traditional seder, it would not feel like we celebrated Passover. However, tradition is a funny thing. The tradition that we have come to know is actually not the tradition of our ancestors. This is because tradition is change, especially on Passover. We experience and understand the Passover seder as having always been uniform and consistent, but this is true only since the 15th century. From the biblical era until the 15th century, the Passover seder was characterized by change and fluidity. And, this fluidity was not only from generation to generation but from year to year and from household to household. Fluidity was the tradition, but this fluidity and the creativity it inspired at the seder were eliminated with the invention of the printing press in the 15th century.

HOME SWEET HOME

by Eileen Daling

Home means many different things for many different people. It can be a place, a feeling, a person or a thing. Several weeks ago, Michael and I accompanied Rab-



bi Haaz to Florida to find, in some ways, our home away from home. Why, you say? Well for me, it gave us the time to visit new and old friends while giving us all a feeling for our Adath Israel home.

We were able to visit with many who are just snowbirds while others live in Florida permanently now but still feel that Adath Israel is their spiritual home. Our first night was dinner with Ann and Arthur Lerner, and Hyime Paley and Deb Rudman. Spent the evening catching up on what was happening in their lives and ours. It was a relaxed social evening. On our second day, Rabbi Haaz headed to the west coast and met Bob Poliner for coffee and some conversation. Then we all met at Sandi and Carl Haftel's in Venice for a delicious lunch that Sandi prepared. Barbara Rothman, Liz Whittaker's sister who also lives on the west coast, joined us. It was a delightful visit. Afterwards, Michael and I headed back to the east coast while Rabbi Haaz continued on to Sarasota to meet with Sadie and Sol Laufer. Rabbi Haaz joined them for a dinner and

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Once Haggadot began to be mass printed, the customs of the Passover seder were locked down and have remained that way until recent years when we have seen an explosion of themed Haggadot. We are beginning to go back to our tradition of change, and we are experiencing just how much fun it can be to share a fluid and creative seder with our loved ones and friends. This year, do include the core items of the seder that connect you to the past 600 years of fixed tradition, but also celebrate the creativity and the uniqueness of those who gather at your table to honor the fluid tradition that dates back thousands of years to the Exodus from Egypt. Please join our seder workshops at Adath Israel on Sunday, April 10 from 9am-noon for ideas and tools to help you enrich your Passover seder and honor the tradition of change. Hag kasher v'sameakh!

PASSOVER - A CHARITABLE TIME

ADATH ISRAEL MATZAH/MA'OT HITTIN

Your donation to The "Matzah Fund" assists those in our community without the resources necessary to make Passover a reality. Distribution priority is given to Adath Israel congregants with secondary distribution to other Jewish persons. Any funds in excess of need will be donated to Jewish charities for Passover allocation.

This Fund is self-liquidating, that is, all contributions will be allocated at Passover time with no continuing balance. Please be assured that all funds are allocated in the strictest of confidence.

Contribution checks should be made payable to Adath Israel (please put "Matzah Fund" on the memo line) and sent to the office by April 11, 2016, so that distribution can take place prior to Passover.

Leave your contribution with Joanna at the synagogue office or mail to:

Adath Israel

P.O. Box 337

Middletown, CT 06457

Finally, if you know of any families or persons that require some assistance, please contact Joanna at office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709 Rabbi Seth Haaz rabbi@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4077.

Again, all communications will be handled in the strictest of confidence.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Friday, April 1st
Services at 5:30p.m. followed by
Shabbat Dinner at 6:30p.m.

Join Us!:

Our whole community comes together to celebrate the joy of Shabbat. Early services let us pray together and share a meal and conversation. After dinner Rabbi Haaz will teach Shabbat songs.

Bring:

A non-perishable food item for Amazing Grace Food Pantry.

RSVP:

To the Synagogue office at: office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709 by February 26 to be sure we have enough food for all who join us.

Cost:

Free for members (donations greatly appreciated). Not a member yet? Be our guest for your first dinner. After that, there is a charge of \$10 per person or \$18 per family each time you attend thereafter.

Help:

Contact the Synagogue office if you would like to help with shopping, meal prep, set up or clean up. Many hands make light work and leave more time for singing & schmoozing!

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program at their synagogue. On Friday morning, Rabbi Haaz met us at the home of Claire and Irv Pincus, Susan Miller's parents, for a delightful lunch at the clubhouse. Following lunch, Irv and Rabbi Haaz were off for conversation over a game of golf. Michael returned to our condo and Claire and I had an afternoon to visit, talk and get to know one another better. Saturday night, we met at a restaurant for dinner with Barbara and Fred Edelstein, Judi Merida and Bonnie Rose. We brought them up to date on Adath Israel news and they filled us in on their recent travels. Judi and Danny recently visited Cuba and Barbara and Fred visited many different countries. It was a wonderful evening. Sunday was a busy day. We started by having brunch and conversation with Marge and Herb Kartiganer at their clubhouse. Following a delightful visit with them, we had coffee and a visit with Ann and Arthur Lerner in their home. We ended the day with dinner at Phyllis and Arthur Waldman's.

We tried to connect with others but the timing just was not right. They either had other commitments during our visit or were feeling under the weather. The hope is that it can work out better for the next visit.

Overall, it was a truly wonderful trip. They all truly appreciated the news and gifts we brought them from all of you at Adath Israel and we were thrilled to catch up on what is happening in their lives. I was personally honored to have the opportunity to be your representative in Florida this year.

This trip honestly shows that home is also a feeling in your heart that comes from being with friends.

As always, please remember check out the rest of this Kolot for flyers detailing more events and other exciting happenings in the months to come.

KOLOT DUE DATES

Do you have an article or event you'd like to submit to Kolot? We'd love to share it, so please keep in mind the following deadlines.

Issue
MaySubmission Deadline
April 11
May 16

PASSOVER INVITATION

Dear Members.

The is Seder a stirring, enjoyable and traditional activity which has a special place in However, some Congregation our yearly cycle. Adath Israel members do not have Seders to attend. We do not want anyone in our community to be in this position. All are invited to attend our Second Night Community Seder (see flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details) and we are also going to try to match seder-makers with seder-goers in the hope of ensuring that everyone has a wonderful holiday.

Here's how to participate:

If you do not have plans to attend a First Night Seder would like to do so, please call Joanna in our office (860-346-4709) and let her know. Also, let her know if you need transportation and we will also try to arrange for that.

If you are having a First Night Seder and would like to extend your hospitality, please let Joanna know how many people you can accommodate.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate and inject variety into the holiday, and to learn how others have celebrated the Seder differently from what you may be used to. Please call the office as soon as you can, but no later than Monday, April 11th (first Seder is on Friday, April 22nd) to let us know of your interest in participating in this simcha. We will do our best to make this new program work.

Thank you and Hag Sameach!



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Anna Elfenbaum

Religious School Principal

Often lessons learned in the classrooms of our school lead to learning for our parents too. When students practice for Shabbat L'chol Adat, review the Alef Bet or share a topic that was discussed about the History of Zionism or Rosh Chodesh, families have the opportunity to learn with and from their kids.

This year, the Religious School has had a series of special programs for families that are designed for joint learning, starting with Sukkot and then

Tu Bshvat. Now, with Spring in the air, we are excited for Passover's arrival and another wonderful experience for our families. On Sunday, April 10 during Religious School, families will be invited to learn from Rabbi Haaz, Lynn Bennett and Anna Elfenbaum as we discuss ways of making our Seders engaging for everyone around the table including the children. Families will also have the opportunity to work together to create fun Seder supplements that will help everyone understand and relate to the Passover story.

We are glad that the Religious School creates so many opportunities for Jewish learning.

Happy Spring!



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 12th at 7 p.m. at the Nester Center to discuss *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman

BOOK TO BE DISCUSSED ON MAY 17

A Backpack, a Bear,

and Eight Crates of Vodka

by Lev Golinkin

FOR MORE INFORMATION Roberta Glass, rjlevine610@gmail.com, 860-632-1320 Holly Simon, hfpsimon@gmail.com, 860-395-8989

COME JOIN US!
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED!

IF YOU NEED A RIDE OR CAN OFFER ONE

There are members and friends of Adath Israel who would love to be more involved in the life of Adath Israel but need a ride. If you are able to assist (even occasionally) with transportation or are in need of transportation, please call the synagogue office (860) 346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org and we will try to match up drivers and riders.



ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS

EDYTHE & ARTHUR DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

IN HONOR OF

Art Director being named a 2015 recipient of the Sherry and Herb Clark Beacon of Philanthropy by Marge Rosenblatt

IN MEMORY OF Ida Director by Arthur Director

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

IN HONOR OF

Sara Paley's Birthday by Edie Betts Hal Kaplan's 80th Birthday by Marge Rosenblatt Stanley Sadinsky being named Adath Israel's Volunteer of the Month by Marge Rosenblatt

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery) Edie Betts by

Louise Feldman Marge Rosenblatt

IN MEMORY OF

Norma Auster by Louise Feldman Beverly Newberg by Louise Feldman Marilyn Fried by Marge Rosenblatt

MAXINE THUMIM CAMPERSHIP FUND

REFUA SH'LEIMA (Speedy Recovery)

Eileen Daling by

Edie Betts

Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

Marge Rosenblatt

IN MEMORY OF

Norma Auster by Eileen & Michael Daling

NATHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE-FUND

IN HONOR OF

Levi Axelrod's Bar Mitzvah by Jeffrey, Bobette, Rebekah & Jennifer Kahn

Myra & David Finkelstein's 45th Anniversary by Linda & Jack Adler

REFUA SH'LEIMA

Edie Betts by Barbara Burns & Morty Pear Arthur Lerner by Marge Rosenblatt IN MEMORY OF

Julie Jonas by Jeffrey, Bobette, Rebekah & Jennifer

Adolf Kahn by Jeffrey, Bobette, Rebekah & Jennifer

Kahn

Beverly Newberg by Marge Rosenblatt

SYNAGOGUE FUND

IN HONOR OF

Myra & David Finkelstein's Special Anniversary by Sara Paley

IN MEMORY OF

Norma Auster by Ethel Peltz

YAHRZEIT FUND

Max Edelberg by June Saltzberg Samuel Bluman by Susan Mikulski Jack Levine by Philip Levine Reva Paley by

> Luanne & Mark Paley Hyime Paley

Adolf Kahn by Margaret Kahn Etta Weiss by Steven Weiss Ann Seldin by Joan & Michael Needle Arnold Schaechter by Susi Delldonna Edith Wrubel by Claire Lesser & Family

SERVICE TIMES

Morning Minyan:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Early Risers Minyan: 7:00 AM, 1st Wednesday of the month Shabbat Evening Service:

Friday, 7:00 PM

Pray-Eat-Sing Service: 5:30 PM, one Friday night a

month; see calendar for details Shabbat Morning Service: 9:30 AM

All prayer services at Adath Israel are public events, open to the community as a whole. Members, guests, and other religious seekers who desire the warmth of Jewish prayer and the fellowship of being together are always welcome.

IT'S NEWS

BARUCH HABBAH!

Welcome to our newest members

Eneida Anderson, Tal Rozenthal, and their sons, Jacob and Jonah Rosenthal

TODAH RABAH

"Where There Is No Bread, There Is No Torah"

Thank you to following people for sponsoring and assisting with meals:

Early Risers Minyan

Scott & Denise Levy

Oneg & Kiddush

The Friedlander Family for donating a fruit platter to Shabbat l"hol Adat

Pray-Eat-Sing

Anita Hennessey Aaron, Marcey, and Harriet Thiela Sharon Slossberg Joanna Schnurman Roberta & Marc Glass Eliot & Stephanie Meadow Myra & David Finkelstein

sons, Jacob and Jonah Rosenthal

Elizabeth Poliner, daughter of Myron Poliner & Marion Katz, on the release of her latest novel, As Close to Us as Breathing.

For a review go to http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-artsand-culture/books/198235/a-moving-minyan-on-bagel-beach? utm_source=tabletmagazinelist&utm_campaign=915a6415c7-Thursday March 10 20163 10 2016&utm medium=email &utm term=0 c308bf8edb-915a6415c7-185257669

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Art Lerner, Seth Axelrod, Hal Kaplan, Art Director, Mark Itkin, Bob Soll, Randy Parks, Rich Bruno, Edie Betts, Eileen Daling, Irwin Zagoren

MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO

Deepest sympathies to Reesa & Dan Belin and Shirley Millen on the recent loss of their grandson and great grandson, Max Belin.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Norma Auster who came to her eternal rest on 3 Adar I (February 12).

Myra & David Finkelstein
Lynn Bennett
Ruth & Mike Sigal

OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY
Todah Rabbah
Merle Loza & Lynn Bennett for assembling and mailing Kolot every month
Eileen & Michael Daling for sponsoring the Blood
Drive snacks
Sharon Slossberg for organizing our winter Blood
Drive Sharon Slossberg for bringing leftover food to St.
Vincent DePaul's Soup Kitchen

ADATH ISRAEL GARDENERS (Those who have donated trees to be planted and cared for in the Adath Israel Garden by Jewish National Fund)
IN MEMORY OF
George Denes by Susan & Doug Miller
Marilyn Fried by Rabbi Haaz

MAZAL TOV!!!
Eneida Anderson & Tal Rozenthal on the birth of their sons, Jacob and Jonah Rosenthal



Please join us for a delicious meal, songs, and fellowship at our

Annual Community Seder

on the second night of Passover, Saturday, April 23rd at 5:30pm

Choice of Entrée: Chicken or Vegetarian

Adults: \$40.00

Child 5-13 \$15.00/Child Under 5 Free

Maximum per family \$125.00 (parents with children 13 & Under)

Donations are always welcome!

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of a TRULY memorable Passover experience!

Make your reservations with choice of entrée

NO LATER THAN APRIL 8th

To ensure there is enough food for all. 860-346-4709

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Tikkun Olam/Fundraiser



IT'S A WIN-WIN-WIN!
Save time, aggravation, and the planet while providing funds for important causes by donating your cleaned \$.05 returnable bottles and cans.

From April-July the money will be donated to Middletown's Relay for Life.

From August-November the money collected will benefit the Religious School.

From December–March the money collected will benefit the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

Please drop your **CLEANED** cans and bottles off in the designated bucket in front of the Synagogue office.

Thank you so much for helping to repair the world (Tikkun Olam) and raise a few dollars as well.

Stephanie Meadow

CAMPERSHIPS

Thanks to the support of our generous donors, the Maxine Thumim Campership Fund will grant camperships this summer to Adath Israel families. This camp experience for children provides a positive long term effect on their Jewish identity and other life choices. During her lifetime, Maxine Thumim, a longtime member of Adath Israel, provided these campership funds herself. Presently the funds come from donations. These donations are pledged at the Volunteer Recognition brunch or during the year to honor or remember someone.

<u>Please note: only members current in their obligations to the synagogue are eligible to apply for scholarships</u>. If you have any questions regarding your status please contact Eliot Meadow, Contribution Review chair, at esmeadow@ix.netcom.com

Please complete the application and return it to the Synagogue office by May 1, 2016. Awards are based on the number of applications received, and no financial statements are needed.

MAXINE THUMIM CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION

CHILD'S NAME:
PARENT'S NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE #:
EMAIL:
NAME OF CAMP & LOCATION:
DATES OF ATTENDANCE:
COST OF CAMP:
AMOUNT OF CAMP NOT COVERED BY OTHER STIPENDS:
PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF BILLING STATEMENT.



THE

DATES!

Friday, May 13 @ 5:30 p.m.

Pray-Eat-Sing

Sunday, May 22

Volunteer Brunch

Sunday, June 5 @ 9:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting &

Raffle Drawing



april 2016 adar I/adar II

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	Friday	saturday
					1 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat- Sing Shabbat Evening Service	9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Shemini Shabbat Parah 23 adar II
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3 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots	4 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	5 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	6 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 8 a.m. Torah Study 4 p.m. Religious School	7	8 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	9 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Tazria Shabbat Hachodesh Rosh Chodesh
24 adar II	25 adar II	26 adar II	27 adar II	28 adar II	29 adar II	1 nisan
10 9 a.m .Religious School Passover Program 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 12:05 p.m. Education Comm. Mtg	11 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	12 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	13 8:30 a.m. Torah Study 4 p.m. Religious School	14	15 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	16 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
2 nisan	3 nisan	4 nisan	5 nisan	6 nisan	7 nisan	Shabbat Hagadol 8 nisan
17 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9:30 a.m. JWV Brunch	18 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	19 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	20 8:30 a.m. Torah Study No Religious School	21	22 7:30 a.m. Siyyum No Evening Service	23 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Festival Morning Service 5:30 p.m. Community Seder
9 nisan	10 nisan	11 nisan	12 nisan	12 nisan	14 nisan	Passover 15 nisan
24 9 a.m. Festival Morning Service No Religious School or Mazel Tots	25 8 a.m. Morning Service 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	26 8 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	27 8 a.m. Morning Service 9 a.m. Torah Study 4 pm Religious School 6 p.m. Executive Board Mtg 7 p.m. Evening Minyan 7:15 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg	28 8 a.m. Morning Service	29 8 a.m. Festival Morning Service 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	30 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Festival Morning Service
Passover	Intermediate Day	Intermediate Day	Intermediate Day	Intermediate Day	Passover	Passover Yizkor
16 nisan	17 nisan	18 nisan	19 nisan	20 nisan	21 nisan	22 nisan



may 2016 nisan/iyar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots	2 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	3 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	4 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 8 a.m. Torah Study 4 p.m. Religious School	5 Yom Hashoah	6 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	7 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L' <u>h</u> ol Adat Morning Service
23 nisan	24 nisan	25 nisan	26 nisan	27 nisan	28 nisan	29 nisan
8 No Religious School or Mazel Tots	9 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	10 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	11 8:30 a.m. Torah Study 4 p.m. Religious School	12	13 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat- Sing Shabbat Evening Service	14 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Mothers Day Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh		Yom Hazikaron Observed	Yom Haatzma'ut Observed		Kedoshim
30 nisan	1 iyar	2 iyar	3 iyar	4 iyar	5 iyar	6 iyar
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14 iyar	15 iyar	16 iyar	17 iyar	18 iyar	19 iyar	20 iyar
29	30 Office Closed No Intro to Hebrew	31 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	1	2	3	4
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