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Purim!
Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

My Desire for Quick Meetings (and an Engaged Community)

*Adam Finkelstein
President*



Dear Friends,

As Tu B'shevat is rounding the corner, Purim is coming!

Purim is a very interesting holiday because there are exactly ZERO miracles in it. Think about Passover, Shavuot, Chanukkah, or even Sukkot. All have clear or derived (in the case of Sukkot) miracles. But not Purim.

In contrast to all other holidays in which God is basically in miracle mode, showing off ten plagues, opening a sea, making mountains tremble, oil lasting for 7 extra days or making clouds so large they protect an entire people, in Purim God is so hidden

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

If you or anyone you know is ill or in need of support, please contact our Bikur Cholim (Compassionate Care) Committee.

Contact Michelle Grossman,
rickandmichelle360@gmail.com;
Rabbi Nelly, rabbi@adathisraelct.org;
or Joanna at the office.

There is a bit of a running joke on the Board of Directors about my goal of having quick meetings. Like many good jokes, it's funny because there is an element of truth in it.

I don't particularly care for long meetings of any kind. Of course, they can be necessary at times, but I often find them inefficient and unnecessary (and to be totally transparent, I'm being both fairly literal and playful as I write this).

Some of my predecessors (and I won't say any names...I'm increasing the level of playfulness as I go), have a much larger appetite for long meetings. So, when our January meeting set a new record of just 25 minutes, I was very pleased, and yet others had questions about whether we were being as productive as we should be, especially with both Passover and Purim on the horizon.

This was all in good fun, as is what I've written here so far.

The truth of the matter though (and this is actually my real point) was that the meeting wasn't quick because of anything I did, but because so many
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Adath Israel is hosting

EZEKIEL'S WHEELS KLEZMER BAND

Sponsored by The Arthur & Edythe Director Family Fund

Join us for Havdalah and then the concert!

**Saturday March 1st
7:00 PM**



Internationally-acclaimed Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band brings passion, virtuosity, and contagious energy to every performance. The judges at the International Jewish Music Festival heralded them as "a true musical democracy. Over time, their repertoire grew to incorporate original as well as traditional instrumental tunes, and in 2017 it further expanded to include songs in Yiddish and English.

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board members had been busy working on various initiatives and projects in the weeks since our last meeting. Thus, the board meeting was utilized as a way to come together for collective updates, decisions, and funding, while so much of the leg work was done in smaller committees.

The Passover plans had been made. The same for Purim. There had been progress on the school, in the search for our new full-time employee, and with the management of our finances.

In most cases, different people were working on different initiatives.

Organizationally, that's a template of what we're striving for, both as a board and as a greater community. Board meetings should be efficient, because so much of the leg work should be happening in smaller settings. That's only possible when you have active and engaged congregants.

Don't worry...this isn't a long-winded way of getting to a guilt trip about how more people need to get involved. It is, however, my long-winded way of pointing out that there are lots of ways to get involved while being very specific about the areas you are interested in getting involved in.

Most importantly, it's a way for me to say thank you to those who are already making a difference – planning events, holiday parties, leading services, volunteering, serving on committees, and even attending those events, parties, and services.

Those are the things that make a thriving community...having short board meetings is just an added bonus.

Kolot Issue	Article Due Date
April	3/3
May	4/7
June (Summer)	5/5

Member Resources

The following resources are available to members:

- 2024-25 Member Directory
- 2024-25 Life of the Congregation & Synagogue Leadership
- 2024 By-Laws of the Congregation
- 2024 Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regulations

Please contact the office to receive your copy.



Phishing Awareness Avoid Taking the Bait

Every month or so it seems, scammers send out emails pretending to be from Rabbi Nelly or a member of the Board.

Below are some tips on how to avoid getting snagged by one of these phishing expeditions.

*Common warning signs of phishing include:

- Unfamiliar greeting or tone
- Unsolicited messages
- Grammar and spelling errors
- Sense of urgency
- Suspicious links or attachments
- Requests for personal information
- Inconsistencies in email addresses, links, etc.
- Unusual requests
- Alerts that you've won something

Please remember: **No one from Adath Israel will ever ask you for personal information or financial assistance via an email.** If you have *any* question, do not respond to the email. Contact the person it claims to be from via a trusted method. **DO NOT** use any email, website, or phone number included in the suspicious message. If it is spam, please report it to your email provider.

*<https://us.norton.com/blog/how-to/how-to-protect-against-phishing>

ADATH ISRAEL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee of Adath Israel is pleased to announce that the Application Forms and Rules and Regulation Guidelines for the Annual Adath Israel Post Secondary School Scholarships are available at the end of **February's** *Kolot* or from the synagogue office.

Students who are seniors in high school through graduate school, and whose family meets the membership requirements are encouraged to apply.

All questions concerning the application process should be directed to **Fred Zierler**, Committee Chair at (203) 631-9567 or via email, fzierler@gmail.com.

Completed applications should be returned to the synagogue office by May 9, 2025.



THE BREAKFAST BUNCH COMMUNITY WITH A SCHMEAR!

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

Following morning minyan join us for breakfast at Perk on Main, Middletown
Please note: while the great conversation is free, participants are responsible for what they order.

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that God's name does not appear in the Megillah. There might be an oblique reference, but that's it.

Just after Haman's decree is issued, Mordechai comes to Esther to try to convince her to approach the king, and he says: "if you choose to be silent at this critical moment, salvation will still come from somewhere else". Mordechai uses the term Makom Acher – and traditionally this is seen as Mordechai talking about God. But if you look at his words, they are pretty vague: if that is what he means, why not go ahead and say God's name?

It definitely feels like the Megillah has an agenda – a pretty clear one. It's almost as if the story is saying, "Pay no attention to the God behind the curtain," focus on Mordechai and Esther. They're the main characters, the Megillah wants us to pay attention to their political maneuvers, their heroic initiative - God doesn't even get a shoutout.

Rabbi Yitz Greenberg talks about our era as being marked by the Judaism of the Book of Esther. God is almost completely hidden, because God also has an agenda: to give human beings their rightful place as the junior partner in creation. The moment is ours. The responsibility is given to us.

Just like in the story of Esther, in which coincidences, memory, values all intertwine to make for salvation, God's miracles nowadays are brought about by humans manipulating nature. God is in the background, and those who search will find that Loving Presence. But many won't.

So think vaccines, travel to space and cancer treatments. Rabbis operate within synagogues, and the counterpart to religious leadership is lay people. The sacred space moves from the synagogue to everywhere. The synagogue is still the general quarters of the Jews, but Jewish life and values are supposed to be brought about outside the walls. The main idea is to fix the brokenness of the world – and not to expect God to do it. Thoughts and prayers alone do not cut it – actions do. Faith in God, yes, but let's move forward and not expect miracles.

Just as in Megillat Esther, God is still subtly present. God is there in the coincidences. God is there in the improbabilities. In our world and times, that is happening too. The great spiritual message of Purim is that it is not either/or. It is not just about God or just about people. There is actually a great partnership between us and God, where we work together. We, in Rav Yitz's words, assume our place: we are junior partners moving creation forward.

What are the 4 mitzvot, holy actions, that indicate that?

Megillah – we read and remember the story; memory being an important impulse forward.

Mishloach Manot – we send gifts of food to friends and acquaintances, building community and strengthening the bonds of friendship.

Matanot La'evyonim – we connect to the poor in our community, giving them tzedakah – you can make a donation to St. Vincent dePaul's soup kitchen or pantry.

Mishteh – we enjoy the presence of family and friends, spending time with our loved ones.

So, on Purim, let's show God appreciation and thanks for... making it possible for Mordechai and Esther to act. Let's also appreciate what Mordechai and Esther did, and what that means for us: we have to be active in our own salvation, in the preservation of Judaism for the 21st century.

Whatever we achieve, we can be grateful to God and proud of our own actions at the same time. And, in a world that can seem dark and difficult, we can step up, right now, today, this minute, and know we're not alone: we have God, we have our community, our values, and our Jewish people.

Happy Purim!

Updated Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regs

The Chevra Kadisha Rules & Regulations were recently updated to incorporate a clear statement that cremains may not be buried in either section of the Adath Israel Cemetery.

Anyone wishing to be buried in our cemetery must undergo some form of Taharah, the ritual cleansing of the body before burial. Taharah cannot be performed on a deceased who will be cremated (even prior to cremation). Therefore, cremains cannot be buried in the cemetery.

Anyone wishing an updated copy of the rules & regs can contact the office.



NEW ADULT EDUCATION COURSES!

CRASH COURSE IN JEWISH HISTORY

In collaboration with the National Jewish Outreach Program

10 sessions - Mondays at 6 PM

Beginning on March 3

On zoom only:

Meeting ID - 870 56270391

Passcode - 691124

PIRKEI AVOT DISCUSSION GROUP

Meeting every Shabbat morning after luncheon.

**Come to discuss and learn Jewish ethics based on the
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No Hebrew or previous knowledge necessary!





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Did we leave someone off the list?
Please call the office, and let us make it right.

Office Hours

Monday: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.-Noon

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- 1 Yitzhak Rabin (1922)
- 3 Ira Glass (1959)
- 5 Rosemarie Koczy (1939)
- 8 Jonathan Sacks (1948)
- 10 Keren Zeidel (1974)
- 13 Mikaela Shifrin (1995)
- 14 Billy Crystal (1948)
- 15 Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933)
- 17 Katie Ledecy (1997)
- 26 Viktor Frankl (1905)



 Adath Israel
Celebrate Jewish Life

**EARLY
RISERS
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**MARCH 5TH * 7:00AM
KIDDUSH BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SERVICE**

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Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending an accredited college, university or school of higher learning

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BEIT-PALEY FUND

Supports Torah repair

CHEVRA KADISHA

Supports maintenance and enhancement of the cemetery

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Supports music in the ritual, educational, and cultural gatherings at Adath Israel

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Supports the general operation of Adath Israel

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Supports the beautification of our synagogue building and grounds and the Nester Center

LYNN BENNETT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Supports the upgrade of our religious school
REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)
Dave Shulman by Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

MAXINE THUMIM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending Jewish camp or travelling to Israel

REFUA SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Dave Shulman by Eileen & Michael Daling

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Supports early childhood education at Adath Israel

MUSEUM FUND

Supports purchases and maintenance of Adath Israel's museum

NATHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE-FUND

Supports annual scholar-in-residence program

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Allows the rabbi to support individuals and causes in our community anonymously

Barbara Weiss

IN MEMORY OF

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Supports the creation and building of community over Kiddush

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Rifka Paley by Pam, Stewart, and Mark Paley

Louis Hoffman by Ceile Zanoni

Fannie R. Wrubel by Hank & Gayle Wrubel Winkler

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Martha Zwelling by Vicky Zwelling

Bernard Mordechai Schwartz by Nancy L. Schwartz

Henry Silverman by Edie Simon

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Anna Lief Levine by Marshall Levine

Myron Bersch by Elaine Bersch

Sarah Jabés by Corinne Brodie

Rebecca Sheftel by Cyndi & Barry Sheftel

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On March 7th tens of thousands of Jews across America will come together to eat, drink, relax, dance, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the 29th Annual **SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA™**

On Friday night, March 7, 2025 hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate that which unifies all Jews -- Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families -- all ages. So bring your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers -- and let's celebrate, together!

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 Samuel Wrubel by Gayle Wrubel Winkler & Hank Winkler
 Stanley Stein by Susan Massicott
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5785 Annual Giving Campaign



We are incredibly grateful to our members and friends who have participated this year's Annual Giving Appeal. Their support promotes the vitality of Adath Israel, allowing us to improve our facilities and enhance our cultural, educational, and spiritual offerings.

Thank you, thank you, thank you:
 Nedra Schwarz Mirkin
 Jean & Jim Lawrence

IT'S NEWS



**TODAH RABAH!
 THANK YOU!!!!**

Acts of Kindness

Meals & shopping: Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela, and Phil Saxe

Picking up food at the Crown: Fred Zierler

Proofreading: Naomi Kamins, Phil Saxe

Helping with mailings: Anita Hennessey

Taking care of our eNews and blasts: Eileen Daling

Washing linens from the kitchen: The Thiela Family

Returning bottles: Eileen & Mike Daling

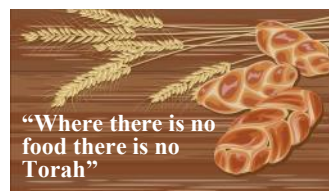
Helping whenever asked: Eileen Daling, Richard Kamins, Phil Saxe, Risa & Fred Zierler, Adam Finkelstein, Sandra Beckman, Andy & Sam Bauer, Aaron & Harriet Thiela, Pete Robinson

Helping at the Tu B'shevat Dinner: Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela

Helping at Pray-Eat-Sing: Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela, Phil Saxe, Kim Anderson, Mark Stein, Leah Adler

Sponsoring Refreshments for the Adult Megillah

Reading: Hinda Niemeyer in honor of the yahrtzeit of Matthew Niemeyer



Sponsoring an Oneg, Kiddush, or Dinner

Brian Kabatznick in memory of Esther Kabatznick
 Naomi & Richard Kamins
 Aaron Thiela in memory of his grandmother, Ida Leipziger

SPEEDY RECOVERY

We'd like to wish a "Refua Shleima" to the following: Katrina Axelrod, Natalie Cheerman, Phyllis Frydenberg, Paula Goldstein, Rabbi Marshal Press, Stan Sadinsky, David Schwarz, Lily Shapiro, Dave Shulman, and Stephen Shapiro.



IN MEMORIUM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Ben Srulowitz z"l who came to his eternal rest on February 4 (6 Shevat).

**May the bereaved find comfort
 in our community's support.**

CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE THROUGH PRAYER

All services are in-person & via Zoom

Morning Minyan

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM

Monthly Early Risers Minyan, 7:00 AM

Sunday, 9:00 AM

[Zoom Info](#)

Meeting ID: 863 5646 9422

Passcode: 679552

Shabbat Services

Friday, 7:00 PM

Monthly Pray-Eat-Sing Services, 6:00 PM

Saturday, 9:30 AM

[Zoom Info](#)

Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870

Passcode: 474612

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.



Shabbat L'chol Adat

Saturday, March 8th

9:30am

Tot Shabbat: 11:30 am

Shabbat for the whole community



**2025 Pride
Committee
Meeting
March 9 ~ Noon
In-person & Zoom**

**Our LGBTQIA+
community needs Adath
Israel's support now
more than ever!**

**Refreshments served.
All ages & abilities
welcome.**

**Please RSVP to Joanna
in the office.**

Jewish Camp/Israel Trip Scholarships

The Congregation is blessed with two scholarship funds which provide support for children of members in good standing wishing to send their children to Jewish summer camps or to experience Israel.

Applications for the Maxine Thumim Camp Scholarship and the Dr. Arthur & Gladys Weiss Scholarship are at the end of February's Kolot and are available from the Synagogue office.

Speed Bumps



Traffic between the Town Green and Broad St. has always had access through our lot, but some drivers have been coming through at unsafe speeds over the past few years. To address this, two rows of speed bumps will be installed between the Synagogue and the Nester Center. This is scheduled for when warmer temperatures arrive.



Gifts of Etz Hayim

It has come to the attention of the Ritual Committee that the Synagogue needs to replace and replenish our supply of Etz Hayim: Torah and Commentary, the books we use every Shabbat Morning when we read Torah. More than half of our books are in very poor condition (ripped bindings, loose, torn, or missing pages), rendering them nearly useless. In fact, we no longer have enough for our services that draw a larger congregation, e.g. B'Nei Mitzvot, holiday, and festival services.

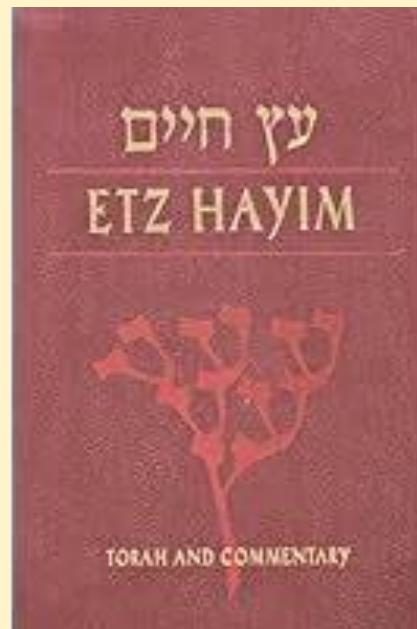
If you have been considering giving a gift to honor a loved one or to mark a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, a recent honor, etc.), please consider donating to the Adath Israel Book Fund. A new copy costs us \$90. For that amount, we will put a nameplate inside indicating the donor(s), the honoree(s), and the

reason for the contribution. Of course, any amount will be gratefully appreciated. Please be sure to note that it's a targeted donation for the Book Fund.

We are grateful for your generosity.

The Ritual Committee,

Leah Adler and
Richard Kamins
(co-Chairs)



The World Zionist Congress Election Is Coming!

As you may be aware, the voting period to elect the members of the World Zionist Congress will begin on March 10 and run through May 4.

Adath Israel supports the **Mercaz Olami** slate of candidates representing the global Conservative/Masorti movement.

Voting for Mercaz is critical to protect liberal and pluralistic Judaism in Israel and around the world from the takeover of the WZC by ultra-Orthodox parties, with important issues including access to the Kotel, conversion recognition, environmental concerns, and many more hanging in the balance.

This is because the WZC controls billions of dollars in funding and sets the priorities for four national institutions in Israel:

The World Zionist Organization - The umbrella organization of the Zionist movement. It spends millions of dollars to promote Zionist education around the world and since October 7 has been a leader in supporting the families of hostages.

KKL [Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael] or JNF [Jewish National Fund] - The national land purchasing fund of Israel focusing on development and environmental preservation. (This is not the same US-based JNF that plants trees in Israel.)

The Jewish Agency - The organization that facilitates making aliyah and is the voice of the Diaspora - giving it a major voice in the ongoing discussion in Israel about "who is a Jew". The JA is also a major supporter of Ramah camps, USY, and other important connections between Israel, the Conservative Judaism movement and the rest of the world.

Keren HaYesod - The primary fundraising organization of world Jewry, helping developed and emerging Jewish communities worldwide.

Voting will be open to all Jews over the age of 18 outside Israel and will only require a few clicks on your phone and a nominal \$5 administration fee.

You'll be hearing more about this important election in the coming weeks and months ahead.

When the voting opens in March, we want Adath Israel to show its community strength and be a leader among conservative shuls around the world!

To sign up for a reminder go to <https://www.mercazusa.org/votemercaz2025/> or click this link.

To know more about why the World Zionist Congress has been a fundamental voice in Israel watch this video by the American Zionist Movement (AZM): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLI9maQIMGQ>

If you have questions or would like to get involved we would love that! Please reach out to Rabbi Nelly (rabbi@adathisraelct.org) or our shul's election captain Paula Goldstein (pdsdds@aol.com).

Adults Only

MEGILLAH READING

Join Us for an evening of Fun, Food and Friends

7:30 pm Megillah Reading

Beverages, hot & cold hors d'oeuvres. Costumes strongly encouraged

Suggest donation \$18 per person

A portion of each donation will go toward the mitzvah of matanot
l'evyonim, giving support to those who need help



March 13th
in the
Nester Center
RSVP: March 7th



Refreshments sponsored by Hinda Niemeyer in
honor of the yahrtzeit of Matthew Niemeyer

Adath Israel

Celebrate Jewish Life

For more info please contact synagogue at 860-346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org



**Megillah Reading
and
PURIM
CARNIVAL**

 **FAMILY ACTIVITIES
MARCH 16TH**

**Megillah Reading starts at 9 am
in the Nester Center
Purim Carnival to follow in the
large social hall.
Join us for games, food and fun.**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE OFFICE AT
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MARCH 21ST * 6:00PM

RSVP MARCH 14

It's time to gather again! Women's Seder

Featuring Michelle Citrin and our
community female rabbis and cantors



Thursday, March 27, 2025 | 6:00pm

The Emanuel Synagogue | 160 Mohegan Dr, West Hartford

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Sponsorships and Donations:

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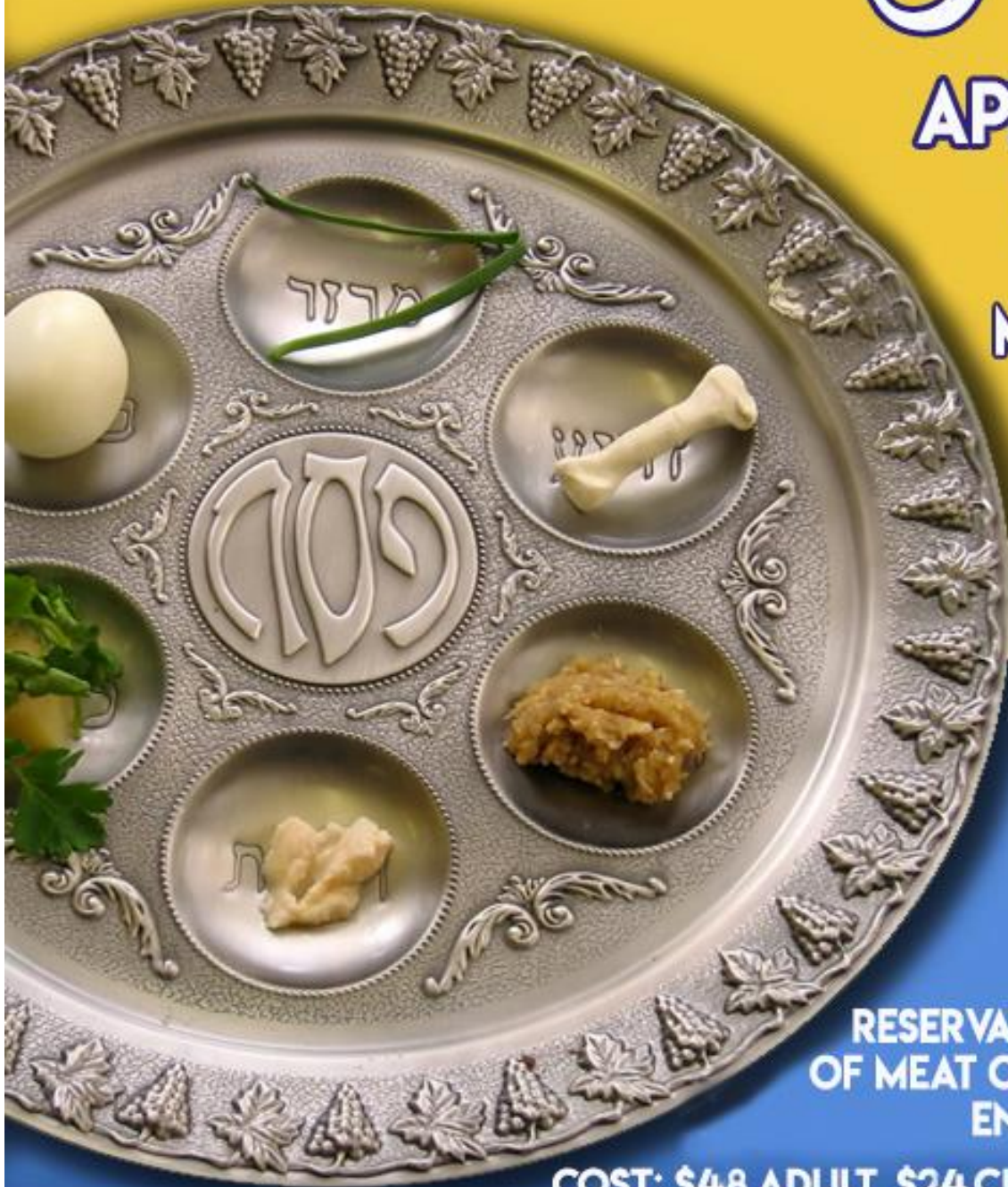
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COMMUNITY SEDER



APRIL 16TH
6:00PM
RSVP:
MARCH 27TH

**RESERVATION & CHOICE
OF MEAT OR VEGETARIAN
ENTRÉE REQUIRED**

**COST: \$48 ADULT, \$24 CHILD: AGES 5-12
CHILD UNDER 5 FREE**

\$125 MAX FAMILY (PARENTS/GUARDIAN WITH MINOR CHILDREN)

**For more information or to RSVP contact
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march 2025

adar/nisan

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
					*Candle Lighting Times for Middletown, CT	1 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 7 p.m. Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Concert Shabbat Shekalim Rosh Chodesh <i>Terumah</i> 1 adar
2 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 2 adar	3 April Kolot Articles Due 8 a.m. Minyan Breakfast Bunch following services 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom 3 adar	4 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen 4 adar	5 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 5 adar	6 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 6 adar	7 Adult Megillah RSVP Deadline 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Across America * 5:30 p.m. 7 adar	8 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services 11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Shabbat Zachor <i>Tetzaveh</i> 8 adar
9 Clocks change 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 12 p.m. Pride Committee 9 adar	10 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom 10 adar	11 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen 11 adar	12 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 12 adar	13 No Torah Study 8 a.m. Minyan 7:30 p.m. Adult Megillah Reading Fast of Esther Erev Purim 13 adar	14 Pray-Eat-Sing RSVP Deadline 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *6:38 p.m. Purim 14 adar	15 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Sushan Purim <i>Ki Tisa</i> 15 adar
16 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Family Megillah Reading Purim Carnival follows 16 adar	17 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom 7 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg 17 adar	18 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen 18 adar	19 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 19 adar	20 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 20 adar	21 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Services & Dinner *6:46 p.m. 21 adar	22 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services Shabbat Parah <i>Vayachel</i> 22 adar
23 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots 23 adar	24 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom 24 adar	25 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen 25 adar	26 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 26 adar	27 Community Seder RSVP Deadline 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 27 adar	28 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *6:53 p.m. 28 adar	29 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services Shabbat HaChodesh <i>Pekudei</i> 29 adar
30 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 am Mazel Tots Rosh Chodesh 1 nisan	31 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom 2 nisan					



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<p>* Candle Lighting Times for Middletown, CT</p>		<p>1 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen</p> <p>3 nisan</p>	<p>2 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School</p> <p>4 nisan</p>	<p>3 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom</p> <p>5 nisan</p>	<p>4 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services</p> <p>*7:01 p.m.</p> <p>6 nisan</p>	<p>5 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services</p> <p><i>Vayikra</i> 7 nisan</p>
<p>6 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots</p> <p>8 nisan</p>	<p>7 May Kolot Articles Due 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom</p> <p>9 nisan</p>	<p>8 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen 7 p.m. Book Club</p> <p>10 nisan</p>	<p>9 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School</p> <p>11 nisan</p>	<p>10 7 a.m. Siyyum & Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom</p> <p>Fast of the 1st Born 12 nisan</p>	<p>11 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services</p> <p>*7:09 p.m.</p> <p>Search for Chametz 13 nisan</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services</p> <p>*8:11 p.m.</p> <p><i>Tzav</i> Shabbat Hagadol Erev Pesach 1st Seder 14 nisan</p>
<p>13 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Festival Minyan</p> <p>*8:12 p.m.</p> <p>Passover I 15 nisan</p>	<p>14 Office closed 8 a.m. Festival Minyan 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom</p> <p>Passover II 16 nisan</p>	<p>15 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen</p> <p>Intermediate Day 17 nisan</p>	<p>16 No Religious School 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study, w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 6 p.m. Community Seder</p> <p>Intermediate Day 18 nisan</p>	<p>17 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom</p> <p>Intermediate Day 19 nisan</p>	<p>18 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services</p> <p>*7:16 p.m.</p> <p>Intermediate Day 20 nisan</p>	<p>19 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Festival Morning Services</p> <p>*8:20 p.m.</p> <p>Passover VII 21 nisan</p>
<p>20 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Festival Minyan Yizkor Recited</p> <p>*8:21 p.m. (Passover ends)</p> <p>Passover VIII 22 nisan</p>	<p>21 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom</p> <p>23 nisan</p>	<p>22 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen</p> <p>24 nisan</p>	<p>23 8 a.m. Express Minyan 8:30 a.m. Mercaz Speaker 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Yom HaShoah Program at Meriden Public Library</p> <p>25 nisan</p>	<p>24 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom</p> <p>Yom HaShoah 26 nisan</p>	<p>25 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services</p> <p>*7:24 p.m.</p> <p>27 nisan</p>	<p>26 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services</p> <p>Shemini 28 nisan</p>
<p>27 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. JWV Brunch 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots</p> <p>29 nisan</p>	<p>28 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Jewish History, Zoom 7 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh 30 nisan</p>	<p>29 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon & Alateen</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh 1 iyar</p>	<p>30 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School</p> <p>Yom HaZikaron 2 iyar</p>			



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