

5779 Passover 2019

Submit Ma'ot Hittim / Sale of Hametz forms by April 10th

Thursday ***night***, April 18th

Search for Hametz after dark

Friday, April 19th

7:00am Fast/Feast of the Firstborn
 10:40am Last "opportunity" to eat Hametz
 11:45am Burn Hametz (if not earlier)

If at all possible, the ***Seder*** should begin after dark on each night.
 We begin ***Counting the Omer*** at the ***Seder*** on the Second Night.

First days:

Saturday, April 20th

9:00am We welcome CBIOTP to our Shul!
 1:00pm *Mincha* following Kiddush

Sunday, April 21st

9:30am Please attend joint service with CBIOTP
 at 1585 Center Avenue, Fort Lee
 8:45pm *Ma'ariv* (in our Chapel)

Intermediate days / Hol haMo'ed

Mon - Thurs April, 22nd - 25th

7:00am & 7:45pm

Concluding days:

Friday, April 26th

9:00am *Mincha* at 1:00pm, following Kiddush
 7:30pm *Ma'ariv* for Shabbat and the 8th night

Saturday, April 27th

9:00am (including *Yizkor*)

Dramatic Presentation: In observance of ***Yom haShoah***, **Ms. Susan Stein**, an accomplished dramatist will present a one-woman play based on the diaries and letters of **Etty Hillesum**, a young Dutch woman deported to Auschwitz.

1:00pm *Mincha* following Kiddush
 8:45pm *Ma'ariv & Havdalah* (conclusion of the holiday.)

Please wait until 9:15pm for the Rabbi to transact the return of any Hametz that you may have "sold" through him.

Our Torah Members

These generous individuals have voluntarily chosen to support our Synagogue at a higher level of dues than is required, in order to help other Jews who are less fortunate and in need of assistance.

ETERNAL LIGHT MEMBERS

These members provide financial assistance and synagogue membership for families who are enduring financial hardship, as well as a full religious education for their children.

Anonymous
David Korn
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“Offerings of the Heart”

*The names of our
Torah Members
are inscribed on the
sculpture in our
Community Room.*

Joseph & Tikva Ofeck
Joni Rosen
Myrna Weissman

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These members provide financial assistance and membership for families who are enduring financial hardship.

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2018 *President's Council* 2019

The President's Council was established to recognize and honor our "**Leadership Donors**" who contribute \$1,250 or more to our *Kol Nidre Annual Fund*.
These generous individuals are the "**Financial Guardians**" of our synagogue.

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(* Indicates a Charter Member since 1995)

TWO SPECIAL PASSOVER SERVICES

On the first morning of Passover, **Saturday, April 20th**, we will welcome members of **Congregation Beth Israel of the Palisades** to our *Shul*.

Services begin at 9:00am in our Sanctuary, and will be followed by a Kiddush.

The next morning, **Sunday, April 21st**, we will be joining Congregation Beth Israel of the Palisades for services **in their building**: 1585 Center Avenue at 9:30am.

We know it's Passover... We know you will be worn out on the morning after the first Seder... We know you will be even **more** worn out on the morning after the second Seder... Still, it is vitally important to our Synagogue and to the entire Jewish Community of Fort Lee that you attend one, if not both of these services: we would like to have a strong representation from our membership as we welcome CBIOTP to our building, **and** when we attend services in their *Shul*.

Rabbi Kenneth Stern

Mark Altschul, President

CONGRESS MISSED THE POINT WITH A WATERED-DOWN RESOLUTION ON ANTI-SEMITISM



I never heard of Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy until I read her op-ed in the Orlando Sentinel. She is my new hero in that she is able to articulate what I have been feeling, but couldn't quite formulate. She is bold and balanced, perceptive and analytical.

The fact that she has come forward to advocate on behalf the American Jewish community so that we don't have to do it all on our own is a blessing. In addition to what she tells the world in her piece, she is also telling us—reassuring the American Jewish community—that we have friends! We need more friends like her.

As I have told you before, I love Passover! The preparation for the holiday is exhausting, but I'll take it any day over what a rabbi has to go through in the days before for Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur. This is my holiday to assess and take stock, to reflect, count my blessings and to celebrate.

I count Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy as one of my blessings—as one of **our** blessings. Alone and isolated in ancient Egypt, who in Egyptian society spoke up on

behalf of our ancestors? Let us be thankful that we have friends and advocates like her.

(חג שמח) *Chag Same'ach* from our house to yours!

Orlando Sentinel ~ March 11

**Florida Representative Stephanie Murphy:
Congress Missed the Point with a Watered-Down
Resolution on Anti-Semitism**

In 2017, as a freshman member of Congress, I visited Israel. While one can read about the threats Israel faces from countries like Iran and terrorist organizations like Hezbollah and Hamas, there is no substitute for being on the ground, hearing from Israelis themselves, and seeing how close and complex the threats are. You realize this is a place where the past permeates the present — a highly-advanced nation that has not lost its sense of vulnerability, one both focused on the future and gripped by memories of a tragic history.

Israel's story resonated with me in a deeply personal way. When I was a baby, my family fled communist Vietnam to escape persecution. We were rescued by

the U.S. Navy. A church in Virginia sponsored our passage to America, where we became proud citizens. In Israel, I visited Yad Vashem, the memorial to Holocaust victims. There, I mourned for the Jewish families who — unlike my family — had not been shown grace. They sought to escape anti-Semitism in Europe in the 1930s and 1940s. But they found no safe haven, no nation to shield them from the coming storm. Millions were murdered because of evil, but also because of inaction and indifference.

My experience in Israel confirmed my belief that the Jewish people need a state to call home, a sanctuary from the irrational hatred that is anti-Semitism. It reinforced my view that the U.S.-Israel alliance is essential, even though our two countries will disagree on specific policies, as sovereign nations always do. It strengthened my conviction that, to be sustained, U.S. support for Israel must be bipartisan.

Given my stance, I was alarmed when a congressional colleague recently made several disturbing statements on this subject. She and I are both Democrats and refugees. My colleague suggested American leaders only support Israel because they receive campaign donations from Jewish groups, and insinuated American Jews have dual loyalties to the United States and Israel.

These are classic anti-Semitic tropes. They are rooted in false and ugly stereotypes about the Jewish people that have persisted throughout history, but that are rarely expressed — or, one hopes, believed — in modern America, except by those on the fringes. To hear them from a U.S. representative — especially one who has endured discrimination herself — was stunning. For many of my Jewish colleagues and constituents, it was crushing.

As advocates of close U.S.-Israel ties, we were having our motives questioned and our integrity doubted.

Discouraging as those comments were, the reaction from Congress was nearly as disappointing. An effort by Democratic leaders to craft a non-binding resolution condemning anti-Semitism was welcomed by some rank-and-file Democrats, myself included, as an appropriately targeted response that expressed our values and exhibited our unity.

Other Democrats — acting in good faith — felt differently. Some believed my colleague was being unfairly singled out for criticism, although the resolution didn't mention her. Others thought the language of the resolution was too narrowly focused on anti-Semitism, and should be expanded to discrimination against other minority groups. Still others chafed at the fact that Republicans have failed to condemn bigotry within their own ranks, and were now hypocritically accusing Democrats of similar conduct for partisan purposes.

This variety of viewpoints was, in one sense, a sign of our strength. Democrats come from different backgrounds, represent diverse districts, and have distinct philosophies. A degree of discord is inevitable.

Unfortunately, this well-intentioned process produced a watered-down resolution — one that denounces intolerance in such sweeping language that it feels hollow at its core.

We made a point, but missed the point. We had an opportunity to condemn anti-Semitism in strong, specific terms. We had the chance to reassure our Jewish brothers and sisters, in the wake of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting and amid an overall rise in anti-Jewish attacks, that we will support and defend them.

We could have observed that criticism of Israeli policies is legitimate, but disregarding Israel's positive qualities and singling it out for constant criticism can cross the line from acceptable to unacceptable and, yes, even to anti-Semitic.

We could have explained that the U.S.-Israel relationship is special, not for nefarious reasons, but because our two countries have shared values, shared security interests, and a deep historical connection. We could have clarified that the relationship is strong because it enjoys broad-based support from the American people and their elected leaders.

Congress could have done all this, but didn't. So I'm doing it now.

Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy represents Florida's 7th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**At Yizkor, on Saturday April 27th, the 8th day of Passover,
in commemoration of Yom HaShoah,
there will be a special dramatic presentation**

ETTY

A one-woman play based on the diaries of Etty Hillesum comes to Gesher Shalom
Standing alone on a bare stage, Etty speaks directly to the audience as she witnesses her world and confronts God with her ethical and moral questions. Crafted solely from Hillesum's writings, this unconventional theater experience brings the audience into Etty's thinking, as she wrestles to write the life she is living--her loves, her work, her wry sense of humor, her knowledge of self and the moment in history.



Etty Hillesum

*Susan Stein channels Etty.
Susan Stein lives and breathes Etty.
Susan Stein is Etty.
Her only prop...a suitcase...*



Susan Stein

Susan Stein is the author of Etty, an adaptation of Etty Hillesum's diaries and letters. Susan picked up the diaries in 1994 for fifty cents at a yard sale after her friend, Joan, recommended it. After reading the diaries, Susan wanted to give something back to Etty. She wanted to make a play of Etty's words and bring her to people

who might not read the diaries themselves.

Sale of Hametz

(Please submit no later than April 10, 2019)

I/We authorize Rabbi Kenneth Stern to act as my/our agent to sell all of my/our Hametz (food items, cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery) that may be located in my/our home(s), office(s) or car(s).

Signature(s) _____

Print Name(s) _____

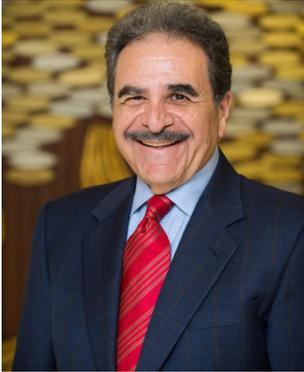
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Please Note: It is customary to accompany this authorization with a donation, which will be used to help provide provisions for the poor. Those wishing to do this should enclose a check in any amount made payable to: Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

JCC of Fort Lee / Congregation Gesher Shalom 1449 Anderson Avenue, Fort Lee, NJ, 07024



THE EDUCATION OF PASSOVER AND THE JOYOUS SINGING



The holiday of Passover which begins later this month, on Friday evening April 19th, is a time for our families to once again gather together for the first of the two Passover seders. It's also a time for everyone to come together to share our own stories and listen to the

stories of others. At our Sedarim, we can discuss the many challenges we face in the world today and prepare for the future. I wonder what stories my six year old granddaughter will tell at her Seder ten, twenty, or fifty years from now? I'm sure one thing that will remain with her through the years; the songs and prayers from the Sedarim of her childhood.

If we were to designate a Jewish holiday as the "most musical," it would probably be Passover. The Seder affords us the greatest opportunity for communal singing at home. Let us also take to heart the variety of musical textures we hear at our religious services on Pesach morning— namely during the **Hallel Service**. For instance, part of the **Haggadah** deals with the miracles that befell the Israelites during the Exodus from Egypt, including the crossing of the Sea of Reeds.

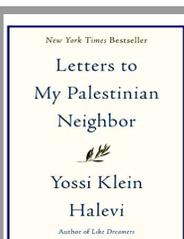


We associate **Hallel, Psalms of Praise** not only at services, but at our Sedarim. The melody we use in **Hallel** for Psalm 115 (**Btzeit Yisrael**) is also sung at the Seder. **Hallel**, which literally means "praise," consists of Psalms 113 through 118. They recall the celebration of the **Shalosh Regalim** (the 3 festivals) in the Temple. It is likely that these were recited together, as a unit, since biblical times. Through them, we express our gratitude and joy for Divine guidance.

Some other words of **Hallel** translated here have become favorites in our **Hallel** service for example: "**Hodu L'Adonai Ki Tov**" "**Praise God, for God is Good; God's love endures forever!**" We sing a particular melody of this prayer for Succot and another for Passover **the Adir Hu Melody**. The melodies we use for **Hallel** are upbeat and joyful and are often sung with a "call and response" of chanting between the Cantor and Congregation.

As we prepare for Pesach this year (5779) both in our homes and in Shul, may we lift our voices in praise and in thanks, as we sing and tell the stories that inspire us to feel a closer connection to our families, our community and our God.

HAVE A CHAG KASHER V'SAMEACH!



The next meeting of the Great Synagogue Read- In will feature Chapter seven (*Isaac and Ishmael*) and Chapter eight (*The Israeli Paradox*) of "**Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor**" by Yossi Klein Halevi on Wednesday, April 24th at 10:30 a.m. and April 25th 6:30 p.m.

THE NEW FOUR QUESTIONS



It's coming. Everyone knows it. The children, the relatives, even the local grocery store has been ready for weeks. Passover has a way of consuming us as it approaches. As educators and parents, we spend hours making sure every child from the

youngest to the oldest know all the details. The starting point of every Passover education is learning to recite the Four Questions. It is a lesson for the little kids because it is the responsibility of the youngest at the Seder table to lead us not only asking the questions, but also to participate in discovering the answers in our actions during the Seder. Rabbi Benjamin Blech wrote a set of four additional questions on Aish.com that might engage everyone in the family to discover an additional layer of thought and introspection during Passover this year.

1. First, a question about the Seder

Why do we call it the Seder? Seder means order. Jewish commentators have always explained that one of the most important ideas of the holiday is that our history as the Jewish people is not an accident, but has followed a specific order with God always maintaining a connection to the people. To maintain an ongoing and caring relationship with those who love Him. We were led out of the land of Egypt, so that we could know that He is a part of our survival. Our lives aren't merely coincidence, they are the product of who we are and what we know. It has been said that "coincidence is merely God's way of choosing to remain anonymous." There are moments when the things that happen to us are too strange to be anything other than the voice of God reinforcing the concept of Seder, order, in our lives.

Question #1: Were there times in your life when it became clear that God intervened – and it was divinely decreed Seder rather than coincidence?

2. A question on the theme of family

If Passover is so important why is it observed in the home and not in the synagogue? At the very beginning of our history it was made clear that appreciating the importance of the home would be the key to our survival. Indeed the very first letter of the Torah, the Rabbis point out, is *beit* – the Hebrew letter that means "house," because the Torah itself requires first and foremost commitment to the family.

Question #2: How can we recreate the centrality of family in Jewish life?

3. A question on the theme of children

The true purpose of the Seder is almost entirely created to appeal to children. Passover is the holiday when the Jewish nation was born and it is the time when it must continue to be renewed throughout the generations. The children are our future. They represent continuity and survival. It is to them we pass over our heritage every Passover. How do we reach them all? How do we make them appreciate the values that give our lives meaning? How can we teach our children and ourselves that learning doesn't end after the B'nai Mitzvah celebration? How do we keep the excitement alive in each family member to keep learning and growing?

Question #3: How can we reach – and teach – our children we have failed to inspire?

4. A question on the theme of slaughtering the Pascal Lamb

The requirement for Jews in the Passover story to be saved was to slaughter a lamb and to smear its blood on the doorpost so God would "pass over" that home and spare its inhabitants. What was the meaning of this seemingly bizarre ritual? The lamb was the national god of Egypt. It was the object of their worship. And for the Jews to be spared, they had to prove they didn't share the false idols of the Egyptians. Idolatry didn't end with ancient paganism. There are the false gods people in every generation and culture mistakenly worship. Contemporary society offers us countless examples. Americans worship at the altar of monetary success and fame. It takes courage to go against the popular definition of success. It takes great spiritual strength to deny the allure of a hedonistic lifestyle. It is incredibly difficult to choose a life of value over the vanities of the trendy and fashionable tastemakers of our culture. What did the Jews of Egypt have to do in order to be worthy of the miracle of the first Passover? They had to slaughter the lamb of Egyptian idolatry. This extraordinary deed allowed us to become God's chosen people. The challenge we face today is to replicate their bravery in today's world. The Jews of Egypt had to make difficult choices to receive the miracle of the first Passover. The Jews of today sometimes have to make difficult choices to feel the impact of God in their lives.

Question #4: What are the most powerful idols of our day that challenge us to refute them in our quest for lives worthy of God's deliverance and blessings?

We hope that these questions will lead to meaningful discussions and even more questions that bring your families even closer. May this Passover bring joy and goodness to your families! Next year in Jerusalem.

**Sisterhood and The CSI Scholar Fund are proud to present these
VISITING SCHOLARS**

Thursday, April 11th

MARTY SCHNEIT

**Irving Berlin:
An American Institution**



Wed., April 24th & May 1st

DR. ERIC GOLDMAN

**Looking at the Holocaust
Through the Lens of Cinema**



**Refreshments at 12:30 pm ~ speaker at 1:00 pm
There is no charge for these events, RSVP not required.**

Sisterhood, along with the CSI Scholar Fund is presenting two visiting scholars in April and early May.

On April 11th Marty Schneit will speak about the career of Irving Berlin, who has published an estimated 1500 songs. He will discuss how this immigrant became the classic rag to riches story.

Then Dr. Eric Goldman is lecturing on Holocaust cinema from around the world. Why certain films were made and what impact they have had on better understanding the Shoah. April 24th - films made through 1990. May 1st - films made after 1990.

Giftshop

If you have a need for Passover items for your holiday table or gift giving, take a look at our gift shop cases. If you don't see what you need, we will try to help. Ethel at 201-224-7215.

We extend our deepest sympathies to
the family of
Sylvia Schwartz.

She was a longtime synagogue member and
Sisterhood past president.

***Our Mischlo'ach Manot project
went over the top!***

The financial support of our congregation in our Purim Project was overwhelming. Members were more than generous and we are truly delighted with the results. Thank you to everyone who pitched in from day one to delivery day to make this fundraiser run smoothly.

Our synagogue is the major recipient of the profits from this project. In next month's column we will list the causes in Israel and the U.S. that we also support.

In closing, on behalf of myself and Sisterhood's Executive Board we wish you a joyous Passover and hope you spend it with those you hold near and dear.

***Sisterhood Book Club
Tuesday, April 16th - 1:00pm***

"Waking Lions"
By Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

Refreshments served

Chairpersons
Kathy Grazian 201-592-0463
Naomi Altschul 201-568-9274

PASSOVER GUIDELINES

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hametz* (leaven) during Pesach, a definition of which is perhaps in order at the outset: *Hametz* is anything made from wheat, oats, rye, barley or spelt that has risen (been allowed to bake unsupervised for longer than 18 minutes), or that has the potential to be transformed into flour & then baked. Therefore we must assure that we do not possess any *hametz* in its natural state, any unsupervised, processed foods that may contain even a trace of *hametz*, & food utensils (pots, plates, cutlery) that have had contact with *hametz*.

We abide by the Torah's prohibition on ownership of *hametz* by consuming such products in advance of Passover, by discarding all blatantly *hametz* foodstuffs (breads, cereals), & finally by arranging for the sale of other *hametz* (all non-supervised/non-kosher for Passover, processed products whether they contain grain or not, all non-Passover food utensils, & all products whose divestiture would cause us to incur a significant financial loss—liquor, for example) to a non-Jew. The transfer, *mekhirat hametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted *hametz*. If ownership of the *hametz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this *hametz* is prohibited after the holiday as well.

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hametz* during Pesach, & since many common foods contain some mixture of *hametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping & preparing for Pesach. During the eight days of Pesach, *hametz* cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of *hametz* renders the whole admixture *hametz* & its use on Pesach is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, *hametz* follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e. it loses its identity in an admixture of one part *hametz* & sixty parts of non-*hametz* (*batel be-shishim*). This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before & during Pesach.

What follows is a general guideline: Prohibited foods include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, & all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following *kitniyot* to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans & peas; however, string beans are permitted). Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil; however, these, too, like **all processed foods, must bear a kasher l'Pesach label**. Consult your rabbi for guidance in the use of these products.

PERMITTED FOODS:

A. The following foods require no *kasher l'Pesach* label if purchased prior to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (However, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover unless marked KP); sugar, pure tea (not herbal tea); salt (not iodized); pepper; natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes see above); milk.

B. The following foods require no *kasher l'Pesach* label if purchased before or during Pesach: Fresh fruits & vegetables (for legumes see above), eggs.

C. The following foods **require a kasher l'Pesach label whether purchased before or during Pesach**: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, & any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices (These juices are often clarified with *kitniyot* which are not listed among the ingredients. However, if one knows there are no such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to Pesach without a *kasher l'Pesach* label); canned tuna; wine; vinegar; liquor; oils; dried fruits; candy; chocolate-flavored milk; ice cream; yogurt & soda; meat; fish.

D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen), require a *kasher l'Pesach* label if purchased during Pesach: milk, butter, natural juices, processed vegetables, processed fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, meat & fish, as well as all foods listed in Category C.

DETERGENTS: If permitted during the year, powdered & liquid detergents do not require a *kasher l'Pesach* label.

MEDICINE: Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life-sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesach. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult your rabbi. In all cases, capsules are preferable to pills.

KASHERING OF UTENSILS: The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to *halakhah*, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil—but only if the utensil can be kashered, as some utensils cannot be kashered. Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire & heat, & those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

A. EARTHENWARE (china, pottery, etc.) **may not be kashered.** However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured & cleaned in hot water.

B. METAL (only if wholly made of metal) UTENSILS USED IN FIRE (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed & cleansed & then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed & cleaned & completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning & the immersion in boiling water.

C. METAL baking utensils cannot be kashered.

D. OVENS & RANGES: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed & cleaned. Then, oven & range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed & cleaned & then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.

MICROWAVE OVENS, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, & then a cup of water should be placed inside. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a **browning element cannot be kashered for Pesach.**

E. GLASSWARE: Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting them through a dishwasher.

F. GLASS COOKWARE: There is a difference of opinion as to whether it may be kashered. One opinion is that it must be kashered. After a thorough cleansing, there should be water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The other opinion is that only a thorough cleansing is required.

G. GLASS BAKEWARE, like metal bakeware, may not be kashered.

H. DISHWASHER: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, run a full cycle with detergent.

I. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: If the parts that come into contact with *hametz* are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

J. TABLES, CLOSETS & COUNTERS, REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS: If used with *hametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned & covered, & then they may be used.

K. KITCHEN SINK: A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning & then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned & a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

L. HAMETZ & NON-PASSOVER UTENSILS: Non-Passover dishes, pots & *hametz* whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, & marked in order to prevent accidental use. The entire home (offices & cars, too) should be cleaned to remove any accidental presence of *hametz*, & this may be the origin of spring cleaning. When it comes to cleaning the kitchen, it is most practical to first clean out & cover the cabinets shelves (after which you place your *kasher l'Pesach* foods & utensils in/on them) then to clean the refrigerator & microwave, the ovens, range & dishwasher, the sink & countertops, & finally the floor.

It is customary to provide *tzedakah* in advance of Passover (*ma'ot hittim* - "money for wheat") in recognition of the increased burden incurred by those who can least afford the additional expenses entailed in preparing for this holiday.

It is also customary to include some *tzedakah* along with your Sale of *Hametz* form both to help defray the cost of incentivizing someone to purchase the *hametz*, & also to provide additional funds for the needy for Passover.

Bedikat Hametz the search for *hametz* takes place on Thursday, April 18th. By this time the entire house should be ready & the search is more symbolic than actual. To make sure that the blessing is not said in vain, a few pieces of bread or crackers are placed throughout the home on napkins before the search is begun.

The Fast of the First Born (for both men & women), in commemoration of the Israelite first born being spared in the Tenth Plague, takes place on Friday morning, April 19th at 7am. The regular weekday morning service is followed by a brief study session, which exempts all first born from fasting. Light breakfast is served in the synagogue. An excuse note will be provided to any student who attends this service & may be late for school.

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*Marty Schneit is a born and bred New Yorker. Historian Marty has lectured at the New York Public Library, National Council of Jewish Women, JCC, The 92nd Street Y, The Health Outreach Program of New York Presbyterian Hospital, Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, and the Ziegfeld Society of New York. The Jewish Braille Institute has recorded Marty's lectures for their audio magazine and lecture series. He typifies pride and passion for the City of New York.*

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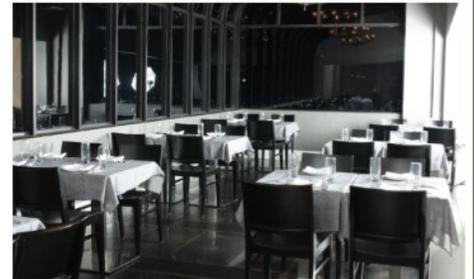
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Friday, April 12th, 2019

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Oneg follows service

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Reservations for the dinner are a must!



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April 24th

May 1st

Films Made through 1990



Films made after 1990



*Dr. Eric Goldman is an adjunct professor of cinema at Yeshiva University and a past fellow of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. He is host of "Jewish Cinematheque" on JBS TV, and has co-hosted, with Robert Osborne, on the Turner Classic Movies television network. The author of "The American Jewish Story through Cinema," he is currently writing a book about Israeli cinema.*

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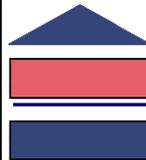
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| <b>14</b> 9 Nissan                                                                                                | <b>15</b> 10 Nissan                       | <b>16</b> 11 Nissan<br>Sisterhood Book Club 1:00 pm     | <b>17</b> 12 Nissan                                                                     | <b>18</b> 13 Nissan                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>19</b> 14 Nissan<br>7:00 Feast/Fast of the Firstborn<br><br>10:40 am Last time to eat hametz<br><br>11:45am Burn hametz<br> <b>7:21PM</b> | <b>20</b> 15 Nissan<br>Service 9:00 am<br><br><b>MINCHAH 1:00PM</b><br><b>FIRST DAY PASSOVER</b><br><b>PASSOVER</b>                                                          |
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