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### CONGREGATION CELEBRATES PASSOVER WITH SECOND NIGHT SEDER

Join the congregation and new friends at the beautiful Third Harvest Food Bank for a fabulous home-grown seder, Tuesday evening, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Denise Turner for food assignment and get your reservations into the office by March 26<sup>th</sup>. (See page 7 for details.)

### VALLEY OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE-P'NAI TIKVAH WELCOMES JONATHAN FRIEDMANN FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

We will welcome back Jonathan Friedmann at our services, Friday evening, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, as he takes on the position of cantorial soloist at VOS-PT. Already a fixture in Las Vegas, as cantorial soloist at Bet Knesset BaMidbar in Sun City, Summerlin, Jonathan will extend his considerable talents to help VOS-PT enhance its prayer services and music program for adults and youngsters alike. With thanks to the DeLee family for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat in Jonathan's honor, the entire congregation looks forward to being inspired by Jonathan's smooth baritone voice. We will officially install Jonathan the first Shabbat in June, following his ordination from the Academy of Jewish Religion as Cantor/Chazzan. (Circle May 31<sup>st</sup> and consider caravanning to Los Angeles or hiring a bus to attend this moving and meaningful ceremony, to be held at the Stephen Wise Synagogue.)

TOT SHABBAT, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30!

Torah Study, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (Rabbi's home)- discover the deeper message of Shir HaShirim; beneath the romance and enticing language is the reason why this piece of poetry is part of the *TaNakh*. (No bagels this Shabbat, but a Pesachdikke brunch.)

### SERVICES APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>

Rabbi Yocheved Mintz, Cantorial Soloist Jonathan Friedmann, and accompanist, Marek Rachelski will lead us in song and prayer as we remember the State of Israel, in anticipation of *Yom HaAtzmaut*. Larry and Carol Bernstein will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat in honor of their new grand-twins Adele and Adam Roth.

Torah Study, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (Rabbi's home) Brunch and study-  
*Par'shat Tazria-Metzora*

Valley Outreach Synagogue will worship on April 2nd, 7:30 PM at 5555 South Redwood Street and April 16th, 7:30 at 5555 South Redwood Street



## Rabbi's Message

Chevreh:

The late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach used to say before every *Pesach*: “It is possible to sit at your seder table, in your spotless – *chametz* free home, with a heart full of *chametz*.”

We end March and begin April with Passover, the holiday when Jewish homemakers all over the world do a thorough Spring cleaning and get rid of the *chametz*, which we normally think of as leavened goods---bread crumbs, etc.

Cleaning for Pesach is a tradition that has lasted. There's something about Spring cleaning that makes us feel renewed and refreshed. And that figures, as one of the four names for Passover is *Chag He-Aviv*, the Springtime holiday. Springtime, with its sense of rebirth perfectly connects with the holiday marking the birth of us as a nation. Our exodus from *Mitzrayim* (whether we translate that as Egypt or our individual narrow places) provided the national liberation to help us self-transform into a cohesive people. So another name for Passover is *Z'man Cheiruteinu*, the season of our liberation. Of course the use of *Matzot* would explain the third name for Passover, *Chag HaMatzot*, and the Pascal Lamb (*Pesach*) explains the term *Chag HaPesach*.

It is interesting to note how important this home-based holiday has remained throughout the years. We gather together with family and friends to retell the story of our people, to sing, and, yes, to eat, and, if we're lucky, to discuss the intriguing aspects of the Seder. We are encouraged to ask questions and, again, if we're lucky, we can find new insights into our past and into our future.

The four questions are generally asked by the youngsters, but I would encourage you to be creative. If there are foreign speakers at your table, ask them to ask the questions in their native tongue. There's a great new book, a kind of modern-day Rosetta stone—that is called “300 Ways to Ask the Four Questions,” and it may be the largest compendium of languages for anything connected to Passover.

I encourage you to share melodies for old standards and invent new songs to tell the story.

I encourage you to interpret the *Maggid* section (the story part of the *Haggadah*) by being creative. Las Vegas, with its Luxor pyramid and great hilly desert surroundings is a perfect physical setting for getting up from the table and “trekking” through the wilderness.

(Unforgettable.) Afterall, we are reminded

“*L'har'ot k'ilu...*” to make ourselves appear as if we were being released from *Mitzrayim*.

It is important to constantly reconstruct our Judaism as we as a people and we as individuals grow. Involving newcomers and those who may have given up on a Judaism that had become stultified to them is a great mitzvah as we self-transform into a sacred community enriched by the renewal movement, the feminist innovations, and the eco-spiritual commitments of the changing paradigm in which we are living.

Occasionally I get requests for good books to feed our spiritual/theological openings, so here are some suggestions, that my colleague Rabbi Arthur Waskow recently listed: Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi's *Paradigm Shift* and *First Steps to a New Jewish Spirit*; ; Art Green's *Ehyeh*; Judith Plaskow's *Standing Again at Sinai*; Larry Kushner's *Honey from the Rock*; Rachel Adler's *Engendering Judaism*; Jay Michaelson's *Everything Is God: The Radical Path of Nondual Judaism*; Shefa Gold's *Torah Journeys*; David Cooper's *God is a Verb*; A .J Heschel's *Moral Grandeur & Spiritual Audacity* (ed. by Susannah Heschel); Michael Lerner's *Jewish Renewal*; and Waskow's *Godwrestling -- Round 2*.

And for celebrations and daily practice Heschel's *The Sabbath*; my own *Seasons of Our Joy* and *Down-to-Earth Judaism: Food, Money, Sex, & the Rest of Life*; on the life –spiral, by Phyllis Berman and Arthur Waskow, *A Time for Every Purpose under Heaven*; Marcia Prager's *The Path of Blessing*; and Marcia Falk's *The Book of Blessings*.

While these works incorporate the wisdom of biblical, rabbinic, kabbalistic, and hassidic Judaism , they also awaken, excite, and incite life-energy for Jews and for a Judaism of the next generation.

So, just as *chametz* refers to the stuff that makes our breads rise, *chametz* has an additional connotation, it refers to that which puffs us up into complacency...or worse. We owe it to ourselves to educate ourselves to that which can enrich our souls. We need to liberate ourselves from our narrow places, our personal *Mitzrayim*, and liberate ourselves to be able to work towards fulfilling our potential as individuals and as a community. So when we physically clear out our kitchens, between the sofa cushions, inside our pockets, under the bed, let's also try to become cognizant of the *chametz* in our spiritual lives, and get rid of it!! Happy *Pesach*...Happy Spring Cleaning...and happy *Zman Cheiruteinu*!

*Rabbi Yocheved Mintz*



## UPDATE SECTION

### FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

#### *HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS COOKBOOK*

**Phyllis and Stan Zuckerman** have only a few of these outstanding books available. \$36.00 each. These books benefit VOS and Israel's Soup Kitchen for feed the hungry. For more information contact the **Zuckermans'** at **617-0585**.

**Hand-made Scrubbies** are available before services, still only a dollar each. Long lasting, these pot-scrubbers are lovingly made by Lynn Pistezner

**General Mills "Box Tops for Education"** are easy to collect and will add up to extra funds for our Jewlicious Learning program. They're on Kleenex boxes, all General Mills cereal boxes, and a number of other items commonly found throughout the house. Please bring them in to services and give them to Fundraising Chairperson, Marlene Silverman.

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsors - \$100.00 and we'll prepare and serve the oneg.** Please contact the office at 436-4900 to offer sponsorship in honor of a birthday, anniversary, getting a job, getting good grades...whatever you wish to celebrate! Or sponsor an oneg in memory of a loved one.

**Sponsors are still needed for *On'gai Shabbat* April 2 and 16, June 4.** We really appreciate all those who have already called to reserve their days. *Todah rabbah*/thank you very much

**NEWSLETTER ADS:** If you are interested in placing an ad in the Newsletter, you are welcome to send the ad to [grandmadavida@yahoo.com](mailto:grandmadavida@yahoo.com). The costs are \$25 for 1/4 page, \$50 for 1/2 page, and \$100 for a full page. Placement of ad is subject to approval by Newsletter editor

Treasures on the WEB

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GF9wo9sVn2c>  
<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx> (zip code gas prices)  
<http://snopes.com/>  
**Gaucher's Disease** [www.genzyme.com](http://www.genzyme.com)  
**Goodsearch.com**  
<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

**Web Searches on [www.Goodsearch.com](http://www.Goodsearch.com) will bring in a penny per search. Simply go to the site, insert Valley Outreach Synagogue-P'nai Tikvah as your beneficiary and we earn a penny for each legitimate search you do. We're almost up to \$20 and, if everyone uses this search engine, we can easily earn hundreds of much needed dollars.**

### Mitzvah Envelopes:

Mitzvah envelopes are given out at services with the hope that they will be filled out and returned with a donation for the congregation. Honoring or remembering loved ones, giving *tzedakah* for a *MiShebeirach*, simply being thankful for meaningful services, and any other reason you can think of helps the congregation's sustainability.

### VOLUNTEERISM ABOUNDS AT VOS

**VOS Catering Committee** - Volunteers needed to assist our Chairpersons: **Phyllis and Stan Zuckerman and Lynn and David Pisetzner.**

Volunteers: **Marlene Silverman, Sandy Schiffman and Barbara and Howard Parker.**

**Homes** are always needed for the various activities and meetings of our congregation

**Offer a Personal prayer** – If you'd like to write your own, please do so. If you would like to see it published in the newsletter, email it to [grandmadavida@yahoo.com](mailto:grandmadavida@yahoo.com)

**The Jewlicious Learning Calendar** is as follows:

**Chalutzim and Solelim:** April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17; End-of year

## JEWLICIOUS LEARNING



(l to r: front row – Jacob Turner, Billy Matt, back row: Gaia Steinberg, Samantha Turner, Sydney Rosenblatt, Charlie Greenberg, Carmelo Barefield and Yahm Steinberg)

**Placemats, matza covers, Four Questions, Ha Lachma Anya...** learning about Pesach so we can all enjoy it with meaning has been the curriculum this month in Jewlicious Learning. Both groups have been very busy and as the Spring term begins will be adding to their Hebrew knowledge, increasing their understanding of the Passover holiday, the counting of the Omer, Lag B'Omer, and Shavuot. Our older youngsters will be learning more liturgy and the younger kids are polishing their aleph-bet skills and learning the Sh'ma and V'Ahavta.

## Women's Rosh Chodesh

A group of very relaxed ladies floated out of our Women's Rosh Chodesh get-together in March, after an evening of delightful yoga. Anne Schadler, a marvelous instructor brought to us by Ellen Royer, led us through a series of yoga moves that soothed, stretched, and relaxed. Anne followed up on Rabbi's introduction of the various attributes of the new month of Nisan, even thoughtfully bringing a beautiful setting for the Shma for one of our postures.

Rabbi Mintz hosted the evening, removing all the furniture in her family room, so we'd have carpeted space to spread out our yoga mats and blankets. Although Shepsi and Shayna, her German Shepherd side-kicks, insisted on flanking and licking her, deftly preventing her from fully experiencing a good part of the evening, everyone, Rabbi included, thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Many of us felt inspired to resume exercise programs the following day, so, all-in-all, it was an inspirational evening.

The next get-together for the Women's Rosh Chodesh group will be on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Marlene Silverman. We will welcome the month of *Iyyar* and we will learn more about the Kabbalistic concept of the *Sefirot* within the context of the counting of the *Omer*. Please RSVP to Marlene at 869-0190, by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Yom Ha'shoa

**Holocaust Remembrance Day—**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Remember the six million (6,000,000) Jewish lives that were lost during the Holocaust.**

**Citywide commemoration at 7:00 p.m, at Temple Beth Sholom will feature guest speaker:**

**Charles Krauthamer**

## David and Goliath in the Middle East

- Danny Ayalon

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon told the plenum of the Council of Europe on Tuesday: "We have been alone sitting at the negotiating table for nine months...but we are still waiting for the Palestinians to take their seat....There is absolutely no reason to place more obstacles than were placed before; we once again reiterate our call for the Palestinians to meet with us without preconditions from either side." In response to the contention that the Palestinians are foregoing 78% of historic Palestine, Ayalon stated that there has never been a Palestinian state in history and the word "Palestine" is Roman in origin and not Arabic.

In reaction to a comment that Israel was Goliath and the Palestinians are David, Ayalon responded: "If anyone is David in the Middle East, it is Israel. There is one Jewish state with 22 Arab states, and 6 million Jews compared with 300 million Arabs in the Middle East. Israel's territory totals a third of one percent of the whole land mass in the Middle East." (*Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs*)

## TEEN TORAH TRIBE

The Teens will meet at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at "Baby's Bounty," in the Federation center at 2295D Renaissance Drive, Las Vegas. This unique non-profit organization, founded by Kim Amato, is devoted to providing essential clothing and gear to babies born into disadvantaged families. Recipients include teen mothers, the homeless, and those living in poverty. The Teen Torah Tribe will stock shelves and help Ms. Amato with whatever needs to be done to allow her to continue her important work. We will then go to the Ancman's home for brunch and a short study on our apt topic for this month, "*Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Ba-Zeh*," we are all responsible for each other!

Carly Matt, an alumna of the Teen Torah Tribe, will join us in a mentoring role, and will propose some fun social events.

Teens are asked to RSVP to the Rabbi by Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. 436-4900.

## Mazel Tov to Sami Holland



**On March 13- Samantha Holland's tap team received a diamond and her jazz team, a ruby award for their dance presentation here in Las Vegas. The next day, Sunday, she and her friend, Piper, did a jazz duet, received a diamond, won in their age division and came in 4<sup>th</sup> place over all competing against 7/8 year old kids- to the music of "Material Girl." Sami received a ruby in her jazz solo, to the music of Great Balls of Fire) and a ruby in her tap routine to Boogie Bumper.**

**On Friday, March 19, accompanied by her proud grandmother, Barbara, Sami did it again in a competition in Scottsdale, Arizona. Sami won a Platinum for her jazz and tap solo, a Gold for her duet piece, and another Gold for her jazz team. Additional awards included an 8<sup>th</sup> place in the 5 to 8-year-old category for solos; the duet came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 5 to 8 year-old group.**

**Congratulations, Sami from all of us at VOS!**



**VOS-PT Has Purim Fun.** Check out the "**Simchah Sisters**," part of the Simchat Chochmah Cohort. But the question is, which ones are in costume?



And how did Yahm Steinberg hide in Marie ("Let them eat hamentaschen") Antoi-mintz's skirt?

### Danny Siegel Meets with *Simchat Chochmah Cohort*



The women of the very first VOS-P'nai Tikvah *Simchat Chochmah* cohort spent an hour with poet, author, and mitzvah maven, Danny Siegel in March. Danny, in town prior to his weekend as the Scholar in Residence at Congregation Ner

Tamid, is a long-time friend of our own Rabbi Mintz and graciously spent time sharing stories about *mitzvah* heroes and his own learning challenges. He told the ladies that they themselves are mitzvah heroes, and will inspire many others to challenge themselves to go more deeply into their Judaism, no matter what age they are. Danny showed products made by Mayan women, a book by a women with dyscalculia (the inability to understand the concept of numbers), and discussed the work of the hippotherapists in Israel, the "dog man," the Rabbanit Kapach, and many others. The cohort then resumed their studies with renewed vigor. Members of this first cohort are Rachel Elliott, Dale Gardner, Chanah Gelber, Rozlyne Tessler, and Phyllis Zuckerman.

*A VERY special thank you to Catalon Nastasiou, Marsha Greenberg's husband, Charlie Greenberg's Dad, for adapting our new name into our logo.)*



*VOS-P'Nai Tikvah Second Seder Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - Third Harvest Food Bank Community Room. Contact Denise Turner to get your food assignment: dnd\_2@cox.net*



*Why is this Night Different?  
It's the Valley Outreach Synagogue-P'nai Tikvah  
Communal Seder!  
Second Day of Passover 5770*

*Tuesday, March 30, 2010-6:00 p. m.*

*In the Community Function Room of the  
Three Square Food Bank  
4190 North Pecos*

*(I-15 to Craig-turn right; immediate right on Pecos; south ½ block)*

*Contact Denise Turner ([dnd\\_2@cox.net](mailto:dnd_2@cox.net)) to register and get your food assignment,  
please. Space is limited!*

*Donations*

*Members: \$10.00 for Adults -\$5 for Children 5-13 - \$36 maximum per family  
Children 3 and younger, our guests*

*Non-Members: \$18.00 for Adults - \$10 for Children 5- 13 - \$50 maximum per family  
Note: Participants unable to participate in food contributions, are asked to donate an  
additional \$18 per person.*

*Please make checks payable to: Valley Outreach Synagogue-P'nai Tikvah &  
mail to 2045 Grouse Street, Las Vegas, NV 89134 to be received by 3/22/10*

*RSVP and Donation are due by Monday, March 22, 2010*



## Did you know?

"At the beginning of last century, in the emotional hotbed of New Orleans, a child slave of the ghetto was born of a prostitute mother and "missing" father.

He somehow stumbled into the attention of a financially poor but loving Russian Jewish immigrant family, the Karnofskys. This little fellow, with an appreciative, magnetic personality, attached himself to the father, to help him with his horse-and-wagon hauling business.

The Karnofskys loved the child, took him in for dinners, including Shabbat, and provided more than bed and shelter. They provided him with the love he needed, and his first musical instrument that led this confused, hungry youngster onto worldwide fame — as a jazz performer, music innovator and worldwide ambassador for humanity.

Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish, from his childhood through his whole life, and always wore a Star of David around his neck."





**HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:**

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Steven Flans</b>        | <b>April 6</b>  |
| <b>Kristen Jaeger</b>      | <b>April 10</b> |
| <b>Don Kusel</b>           | <b>April 11</b> |
| <b>Janet Kanofsky</b>      | <b>April 13</b> |
| <b>Roz Tessler</b>         | <b>April 13</b> |
| <b>Sam Lieberman</b>       | <b>April 16</b> |
| <b>Robert Perry</b>        | <b>April 24</b> |
| <b>Denise Turner</b>       | <b>April 28</b> |
| <b>Brianna Joya Besman</b> | <b>April 28</b> |



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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|---|-----------------|
| <b>Kristen Jaeger &amp; Tim Lockett</b> | <b>April 2</b>  |
| <b>Lesley &amp; Marvin Korach</b>       | <b>April 3</b>  |
| <b>Janet &amp; Gene Kanofsky</b>        | <b>April 22</b> |
| <b>Dale &amp; Vince Gardner</b>         | <b>April 24</b> |

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please call the synagogue office at 436-4900, so we can update and correct our records

***Mi SHEBEIRACH***

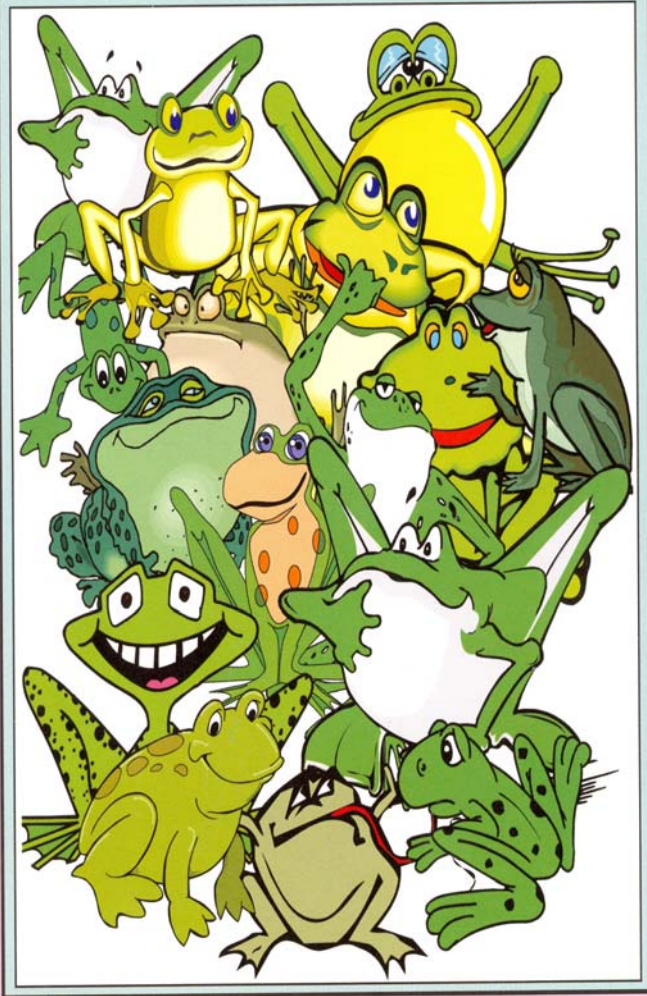
**Valley Outreach Synagogue Congregation wishes Davida Lewin-Schermer a speedy recovery.**

**Rabbi Mintz**

- *R'fuah Shleimah* Davida Lewin-Schermer
- *R'fuah Shleimah* Roz Tessler
- *R'fuah Shleimah* Caren Epstein
- *R'fuah Shleimah* Phyllis Zuckerman

**KIDZ KORNER**

In the Torah we read about the Exodus from Egypt and the ten plagues. How many frogs (second plague) can you count in this picture?



*The Giving Box: Create a Tradition of Giving with Your Children* by Fred Rogers. Running Press, 2000.

*The Littlest Tree* by Sylvia A. Rouss. Pitspopy Press, 2005.

## **FEDERATION EXPLAINS NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS FOR FAMILIES NEEDING FINANCIAL HELP FOR JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS**

The Jewish Federation of Las Vegas has evaluated the scholarship process that we have been using to determine Jewish education scholarships. We have listened to the concerns expressed by our schools, leadership and families. In an effort to protect the confidentiality of applicant's financial information and the dignity of the families applying for scholarships, we have decided to use an outside scholarship processing service.

This service will evaluate the information provided by the families and determine an estimated family contribution towards tuition. The Jewish Federation Scholarship Committee will continue to determine the level of support awarded to each applicant based upon the evaluation and recommendations provided by the outside service.

We have selected Student Scholarship Services (SSS), a division of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). Families will apply directly to SSS. There will be a \$35 fee per family to apply online and a \$42 fee per family for paper applications. If a family does not receive a scholarship for their child in grades K - 12, the Jewish Federation will refund the application fee. We strongly encourage you to inform your families of this scholarship opportunity through the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas.

In order for families to apply to SSS, and possibly receive a scholarship, each Jewish day school must be registered with the SSS. The scholarship information was to be released to the families and the general public on March 22, 2010. **The scholarship application deadline will be April 30, 2010.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marjorie Griebel, Chief Financial Officer at 732-0556 or at [Marjorie@jewishlasvegas.com](mailto:Marjorie@jewishlasvegas.com).

## **NOSTALGIA ALERT: THIS ARTICLE WILL CONGER UP MEMORIES AND MORE THAN A FEW SMILES FROM THE OVER-60 CROWD:**

### **RUNNING A JEWISH HOUSE IN THE 'OLD DAYS'**

I actually remember my Bubbie with the sugar cube between her teeth, and, of course, eating *schmaltz* on bread. I could only send this to very few people. Most would not have a clue...they have missed out.

I'm taking it upon myself to help out all you frantic housewives out there with wonderful menus that will lead your children to a healthy, happy, and loving family unit as I knew it in my childhood.

First, buy a housecoat (*shmata*) and wear it all day, every day. Then go out and buy a live chicken, carry it wrapped in a newspaper to the *shochet* (slaughterer) who will ritually slaughter it before your very eyes. When you get it home, *flick* (pluck) your chicken and make sure you don't leave in any *pinches* (feather ends).

Next, go out and buy a four-foot-long carp with huge whiskers. Fill your bathtub with water and let the fish swim in it for several days..

In the meantime, roll up your Berber broadloom, and remove it from the living room, polish the hardwood floors, cover them in newspaper, cover your couch in clear plastic, or floral slip covers, and don't let anyone into your living room ever again ..unless they are "company."

Now you're a real *balabusta* which is a term of respect used for an efficient Jewish housewife and the essence of your universe is in the kitchen. So get out your wooden matches, light the pilot light, get out the *volgar holtz* (wooden bowl), *hock* the *tzibbeles* (chop the onions) and *knubble* (garlic), and we're Jewish again.

Before we start, however, there are some variations in ingredients because of the various types of Jewish taste (*Litvack* and *Gallitziana*).

Just as we Jews have six seasons of the year (winter, spring, summer, fall, slack, and busy), we all focus on a main ingredient which, unfortunately and undeservedly, has disappeared from our diet. I'm talking, of course, about *SCHMALTZ* (chicken! Fat!) *Schmaltz* has for centuries been the prime ingredient in almost every Jewish dish.

Let's start, of course, with the *forshpeiz* (appetizer). *Gehockteh layber* (chopped liver) with *schmaltz* and *tzibbeles* (onion) is always good, but how about something more exotic for your dear ones, like boiled whitefish in *yoyech* (gel). Or *gefilteh miltz* (stuffed spleen), in which the veins are removed, thank G-d, and it's fried in -- you guessed it-- *schmaltz*, bread crumbs, eggs, onions, salt and pepper.

Love it!

Am I making your mouth water yet? Then there are *gribbenes*, which are pieces of chicken skin, deep-fried in *schmaltz*, onions and salt until crispy brown -- often referred to as Jewish bacon (this makes a great appetizer for the next cardiology convention).

Another favorite, and I'm sure your children will love it, is *pe'tcha* (jellied calves feet). Simply chop up some cows' feet with your *hockmesser* (chopper), add some meat, onions, lots of garlic, *schmaltz* (yes, again), salt and pepper, cook for five hours, and let it sit overnight..

There's also a nice chicken fricassee (stew) using the heart, *gorgl* (neck), *pipick* (the navel, a great delicacy, given to the favorite child, usually me), a *fleegl* (wing) or two, some *ayelech* (little premature eggs) and other various chicken innards, in a broth of

*schmaltz*, water, paprika, etc. We also have *knishes* (filled dough) and the eternal question: "Will I have liver, beef, potatoes, or all three?"

Other time-tested favorites are *kishkeh*, and its poor cousin, *helzel* (chicken or goose neck). *Kishkeh* is the gut of the cow, bought by the foot at the kosher butcher. It's turned inside out, scalded and scraped.

One end is sewn up and a mixture of flour, *schmaltz* (you didn't think we'd leave that out), onions, eggs, salt, pepper, etc., is spooned into the open end and squished down until it is full. Then that end is sewn, and the whole thing is boiled. Yummy!

My personal all-time favorite pastime is watching my *Bubby* (Grandma) munch on boiled chicken feet. Try that on the *kinderlach* (children).

Well, we've finally finished the *forshpeiz*.

Don't tell me you're full because there's plenty to come.

For our next course, we always had chicken soup with pieces of yellow-white, rubbery chicken skin floating in a greasy sea of *lokshen* (noodles), *farfel* (broken bits of *matzah*), *arbiss* (chickpeas), lima beans, *pietrishkeh*, onions, *mondlech* (soup nuts), *knaydlach* (dumplings), *kasha*, (groats) *kliskelech* and *marech* (marrow bones).

The main course, as I recall, was either boiled chicken, *flanken*, *kackletten* (*hockfleish*--chopped meat), and sometimes rib steaks which were served either well done, burned, or cremated. Occasionally, we had barbecued liver done to a burned and hardened perfection in our own coal furnace.

Since we couldn't have milk or any dairy products (*milchiks*) with our meat meals (*flayshiks*), beverages consisted of cheap pop (Kik, Dominion Dry, seltzer in the *spritz* bottles), or a *glezel tay* (glass of hot tea) served in a *yahrtzeit* (memorial) glass, and sucked through a sugar cube held between the incisors.

Desserts were probably the only things not made with *schmaltz*, so we never had any.....unless it was *flummen* (cooked prunes) Mama never learned how to make *schmaltz* Jell-O.

Well, now you know the secret of how I've grown up to be so tall, sinewy, slim and trim, energetic, extremely clever and modest, and if you want your children to grow up to be like me, you're *gontze meshuggah* (completely nuts)!

Oh yes, don't forget the loud *greps* (belch) - the louder the better -- at the end of the meal as you unbutton or unzip your pants. It's often the best part of the repast.

*Zei mir gezondt* (be well)...and order out Chinese

--Author Unknown, a *Gezundt* auf de Internet and to Marvin Korach for sending them our way.

Editor's Note: I remember these dishes well along with the sugar cube. Bless my grandparents and later my mother for keeping this tradition going!

## **NOT EVERY LEFT WINGER IS ANTI-ISRAEL**

Pilar Rahola



**Pilar Rahola is a Spanish politician, journalist and activist and member of the far left. Her articles are published in Spain and throughout some of the most important newspapers in Latin America.**

Here she addresses the pro-Palestinian demonstrations:

Why don't we see demonstrations against Islamic dictatorships in London, Paris, Barcelona ?

Or demonstrations against the Burmese dictatorship?

Why aren't there demonstrations against the enslavement of millions of women who live without any legal protection?

Why aren't there demonstrations against the use of children as human bombs where there is conflict with Islam?

Why has there been no leadership in support of the victims of Islamic dictatorship in Sudan ?

Why is there never any outrage against the acts of terrorism committed against Israel?

Why is there no outcry by the European left against Islamic fanaticism?

Why don't they defend Israel 's right to exist?

Why confuse support of the Palestinian cause with the defense of Palestinian terrorism?

And finally, the million dollar question: Why is the left in Europe and around the world obsessed with the two most solid democracies, the United States and Israel, and not with the worst dictatorships on the planet? The two most solid democracies, who have suffered the bloodiest attacks of terrorism, and the left doesn't care.

And then, to the concept of freedom. In every pro Palestinian European forum I hear the left yelling with fervor: "We want freedom for the people!"

Not true. They are never concerned with freedom for the people of Syria or Yemen or Iran or Sudan, or other such nations. And they are never preoccupied when Hamas destroys freedom for the Palestinians. They are only concerned with using the concept of Palestinian freedom as a weapon against Israeli freedom. The resulting consequence of these ideological pathologies is the manipulation of the press.

The international press does major damage when reporting on the question of the Israeli-Palestinian issue. On this topic they don't inform, they propagandize.

When reporting about Israel the majority of journalists forget the reporter code of ethics. And so, any Israeli act of self-defense becomes a massacre, and any confrontation, genocide. So many stupid things have been written about Israel, that there aren't any accusations left to level against her.

At the same time, this press never discusses Syrian and Iranian interference in propagating violence against Israel; the indoctrination of children and the corruption of the Palestinians. And when reporting about victims, every Palestinian casualty is reported

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as tragedy and every Israeli victim is camouflaged, hidden or reported about with disdain.

And let me add on the topic of the Spanish left. Many are the examples that illustrate the anti-Americanism and anti-Israeli sentiments that define the Spanish left. For example, one of the leftist parties in Spain has just expelled one of its members for creating a pro-Israel website. I quote from the expulsion document: "Our friends are the people of Iran , Libya and Venezuela, oppressed by imperialism, and not a Nazi state like Israel ."

In another example, the socialist mayor of Campozeuelos changed Shoah Day, commemorating the victims of the Holocaust, with Palestinian Nabka Day, which mourns the establishment of the State of Israel, thus showing contempt for the six million European Jews murdered in the Holocaust.

Or in my native city of Barcelona, the city council decided to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel, by having a week of solidarity with the Palestinian people. Thus, they invited Leila Khaled, a noted terrorist from the 70's and current leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist organization so described by the European Union, which promotes the use of bombs against Israel.

This politically correct way of thinking has even polluted the speeches of President Zapatero. His foreign policy falls within the lunatic left, and on issues of the Middle East he is unequivocally pro Arab. I can assure you that in private, Zapatero places on Israel the blame for the conflict in the Middle East, and the policies of Foreign Minister Moratinos reflect this. The fact that Zapatero chose to wear a kafiah in the midst of the Lebanon conflict is no coincidence; it's a symbol.

Spain has suffered the worst terrorist attack in Europe and it is in the crosshairs of every Islamic terrorist organization. As I wrote before, they kill us with cell phones hooked to satellites connected to the Middle Ages. And yet the Spanish left is the most anti Israeli in the world.

And then it says it is anti Israeli because of solidarity. This is the madness I want to denounce in this conference.

### **Conclusion:**

I am not Jewish. Ideologically I am left and by profession, a journalist. Why am I not anti Israeli like my colleagues? Because as a non-Jew, I have the historical responsibility to fight against Jewish hatred, and currently against the hatred for their historic homeland, Israel. To fight against anti-Semitism is not the duty of the Jews, it is the duty of the non-Jews.

As a journalist it is my duty to search for the truth beyond prejudice, lies and manipulations. The truth about Israel is not told. As a person from the left who loves progress, I am obligated to defend liberty, culture, civic education for children, coexistence and the laws that the Tablets of the Covenant made into universal principles.

Principles, that Islamic fundamentalism systematically destroys. That is to say that as a non-Jew, journalist and lefty I have a triple moral duty with Israel, because if Israelis are destroyed, liberty, modernity and culture will be destroyed too.

The struggle of Israel, even if the world doesn't want to accept it, is the struggle of the world.

## First VOS Hike!



On February 28th, Marsha Greenberg (with her dog, Chester), Dale Epstein (with her dog, Bailey), and Dale Gardner (with her babies Jasper & Josie) took a beautiful 4 mile hike to the Anniversary Narrows. The weather could not have been more fabulous! The hike began at the 16 mile marker at Lake Mead. From there we walked through a wash, and then finally down into the major wash that leads to the Anniversary Mine, an area that in our past had been used to mine borax. The colors of the rocks were so vivid...from reds, to mustard-color. There's a lovely spot to stop and have lunch and rest up. Some hikers we passed had continued on through the actual narrows. We chose to stop before that spot. They all returned to Henderson feeling renewed in body and mind. Dale would like to continue leading hikes in the area and would love to have more people involved. If you are interested, please email her at [cabinutsky@aol.com](mailto:cabinutsky@aol.com).





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## ***THIS WAS WRITTEN IN 1968 (40 years ago) - Astonishing !***

*You probably won't remember the name Eric Hoffer. He was a longshoreman who turned into a philosopher, wrote columns for newspapers and some books. He was a non-Jewish American social philosopher. He was born in 1902 and died in 1983, after writing nine books and winning the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His first book, *The True Believer*, published in 1951, was widely recognized as a classic. Here is one of his columns \*\_from 1968\_\*. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? This article was written 40 years ago!!! Some things never change.*

### **ISRAEL'S PECULIAR POSITION by Eric Hoffer (LA Times 5/26/68)**

The Jews are a peculiar people: things permitted to other nations are forbidden to the Jews. Other nations drive out thousands, even millions of people and there is no refugee problem. Russia did it, Poland and Czechoslovakia did it. Turkey threw out a million Greeks and Algeria a million Frenchman.

Indonesia threw out heaven knows how many Chinese and no one says a word about refugees. But in the case of Israel, the displaced Arabs have become eternal refugees. Everyone insists that Israel must take back every single one.

Arnold Toynbee calls the displacement of the Arabs an atrocity greater than any committed by the Nazis. Other nations when victorious on the battlefield dictate peace terms. But when Israel is victorious, it must sue for peace.

Everyone expects the Jews to be the only real Christians in this world. Other nations, when they are defeated, survive and recover but should Israel be defeated it would be destroyed. Had Nasser triumphed last June [1967], he would have wiped Israel off the map, and no one would have lifted a finger to save the Jews.

No commitment to the Jews by any government, including our own, is worth the paper it is written on. There is a cry of outrage all over the world when people die in Vietnam or when two Blacks are executed in Rhodesia. But, when Hitler slaughtered Jews no one remonstrated with him. The Swedes, who are ready to break off diplomatic relations with America because of what we do in Vietnam, did not let out a peep when Hitler was slaughtering Jews. They sent Hitler choice iron ore, and ball bearings, and serviced his troop trains to Norway.

The Jews are alone in the world. If Israel survives, it will be solely because of Jewish efforts. And Jewish resources. Yet at this moment, Israel is our only reliable and unconditional ally. We can rely more on Israel than Israel can rely on us. And one has only to imagine what would have happened last summer [1967] had the Arabs their Russian backers won the war, to realize how vital the survival of Israel is to America and the West in general.

**I have a premonition that will not leave me; as it goes with Israel so will it go with all of us. Should Israel perish, the Holocaust will be upon us all.**



## Address by PM Netanyahu at the 65th anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp

As we stand here to commemorate the past, we are helping to build a future of decency, truth and hope for our two peoples and for all mankind.  
27 January 2010

I want to thank the Government of Poland for the historic effort it is making to commemorate the greatest catastrophe that befell my people and the greatest crime committed against humanity.

We have gathered here, Poles and Jews, at the crossroads of tragedy.

Our long shared history included tremendous cultural accomplishments and the lowest low humanity has experienced.

We were here.

We remember those who froze to death; if they did not freeze to death, they were executed by gas, burned in the ovens.

We remember also that one-third of the Righteous Gentiles, those who risked their lives and their children's lives and those of their families in order to save others, were Poles.

We remember all this.

As we stand here to commemorate the past, we are helping to build a future of decency, truth and hope for our two peoples and for all mankind.

Now I will speak in Hebrew, the reborn language of the people whom the Nazis sought to exterminate.

*[Translation]*

The voices of millions of my people gassed, burned and killed in a thousand different ways rise out of this cursed ground. In the final moment of their lives, many whispered or cried out the timeless words of our ancient people:

*"Hear O Israel, the Lord is our G-d, the Lord is One."*

Perhaps a few used their final breath to chant another age-old prayer:

*"Remember what Amalek did to you. Never forget!"*

To those who were murdered here, and to those who survived the destruction,

I come from Jerusalem today with this promise: We will never forget!

We will never permit those who desecrated this monument to death to distort or wipe away your memory.

We will always remember what Amalek's Nazi heirs did to you.

We will be prepared to defend ourselves when a new Amalek appears on the stage of history and threatens again to annihilate the Jews.

We will not delude ourselves into believing that the threats, vilifications and Holocaust denials are merely empty words.

We will never forget.

We will always be vigilant.

The Holocaust author, K. Zetnick, in his testimony at the Eichman trial, called the death camps "another planet".

But the horrors of the Holocaust occurred not in a far away world but right here on earth.

It was not the work of beastly animals but of beastly men, of loathsome and despicable murderers.

The most important lesson of the Holocaust is that a murderous evil must be stopped early, when it is still in its infancy and before it can carry out its designs.

The enlightened nations of the world must learn this lesson.

We, the Jewish nation, who lost a third of our people on Europe's blood-soaked soil, have learned that the only guarantee for defending our people is a strong State of Israel and the army of Israel.

We have learned to warn the nations of the world of approaching danger but at the same time to prepare to defend ourselves.

As the head of the Jewish state, I pledge to you today: We will never again permit evil to snuff out the life of our people and the life of our own country.

I came here today from Jerusalem to say to those who perished here: The people of Israel live! I suspect that the original is 'am yisrael chai,' of which a better translation would be "The People of Israel lives."

We have returned to our homeland, to the land of our fathers, to our capital Jerusalem.

We have come from every corner of the earth - Holocaust survivors and Jewish refugees from Arab lands, Jews from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia, Poland and Yemen, Romania and Iraq, France and Morocco, Jews from seventy lands and five continents. Some who came almost didn't make it.

Barracks #16 at the Birkenau death camp, a few meters from here, housed a 17-year old Jewish youth who suffered from the 80 lashes he received in the Ghetto from his Nazi tormenters. No one believed the boy would live, but he survived and escaped from the camp.

With the victory over the Nazis 65 years ago, he immigrated to Israel. Fifteen years later, he was the Israeli police officer guarding Adolph Eichmann when the Jewish state brought the Nazi henchmen to justice.

That young man is Michael Goldman.

With his wife Eva, he raised a family in Israel, and they have five children and nine grandchildren.

Michael is with us here today - a witness to the Holocaust, a witness to the redemption.

The Jewish people rose from ashes and destruction, from a terrible pain that can never be healed.

Armed with the Jewish spirit, the justice of man, and the vision of the prophets, we sprouted new branches and grew deep roots.

Dry bones became covered with flesh, a spirit filled them, and they lived and stood on their own feet.

As Ezekiel prophesized: "Then He said unto me: These bones are the whole House of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone; we are doomed.' Prophecy, therefore, and say to them: Thus said the Lord G-d: I am going to open your graves and lift you out of your graves, O My people, and bring you to the land of Israel."

I stand here today on the ground where so many of my people perished - and I am not alone. The State of Israel and all the Jewish people stand with me. We bow our heads to honor your memory and lift our heads as we raise our flag, a flag of blue and white with a Star of David in its center.

And everyone sees. And everyone hears.

And everyone knows - that our hope is not lost.

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As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let you down probably will.

You will have your heart broken probably more than once and it's harder every time. You'll break hearts too, so, remember how it felt when yours was broken.

You'll fight with your best friend.

You'll blame a new love for things an old one did.

You'll cry because time is passing too fast, and you'll eventually lose someone you love.

So... take too many pictures, laugh too much, and love like you've never been hurt because every sixty seconds you spend upset is a minute of happiness you'll never get back.

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**Those we leave behind is,**

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Mitzvah donations also appreciated.

## Yes, Miky, There Are Rabbis in Montana

By ERIC A. STERN

HELENA, Mont. - In Montana, a rabbi is an unusual sight. So when a Hasidic one walked into the State Capitol last December, with his long beard, black hat and long black coat, a police officer grabbed his bomb-sniffing German shepherd and went to ask the exotic visitor a few questions.

Though there are few Jews in Montana today, there once were many. In the late 19th century, there were thriving Jewish populations in the mining towns, where Jews emigrated to work as butchers, clothiers, jewelers, tailors and the like.

The city of Butte had kosher markets, a Jewish mayor, a B'nai B'rith lodge and three synagogues. Helena, the capital city, had Temple Emanu-El, built in 1891 with a seating capacity of 500. The elegant original facade still stands, but the building was sold and converted to offices in the 1930s, when the congregation had dwindled to almost nothing, the Jewish population having mostly assimilated or moved on to bigger cities.

There is a Jewish cemetery in Helena, too, with tombstones dating to 1866. But more Jews are buried in Helena than currently live here.

And yet, in a minor revival, Montana now has three rabbis, two in Bozeman and one (appropriately) in Whitefish. They were all at the Capitol on the first night of [Hannukah](#) last year to light a menorah in the ornate Capitol rotunda, amid 100-year-old murals depicting Sacajawea meeting Lewis and Clark, the Indians beating Custer, and the railway being built. The security officer and the dog followed the rabbi into the rotunda, to size him up.

Hanukkah has a special significance in Montana these days. In Billings in 1993, vandals broke windows in homes that were displaying menorahs. In a response organized by local

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church leaders, more than 10,000 of the city's residents and shopkeepers put make-shift menorahs in their own windows, to protect the city's three dozen or so Jewish families. The vandalism stopped.

Lately, the only commotion about Hanukkah has been the annual haggling among the rabbis over who gets to light the menorah at the Capitol. (It has since been resolved - at this year's lighting, on Dec. 16, they will each light a candle; in the future they will take turns going first.)

Last year, the rabbinic debate resumed as the hour of lighting neared and 20 or so Jewish Montanans filed into the Capitol.

One woman could be heard reporting, excitedly, that a supermarket in Great Falls would be carrying matzo next [Passover](#); a guy from Missoula was telling everyone that he had just gotten a shipment of pastrami from [Katz's Deli](#) in New York.

The menorah was lighted and Hebrew prayers chanted, while the officer watched from a distance with his dog. He figured he would let it all go down and then move in when the ceremony was done. The dog sat at attention, watching the ceremony with a peculiar expression on its face, a look of intense interest. When the ceremony was over, the officer approached the Hasidic rabbi.

"I'm Officer John Fosket of the Helena Police," he said. "This is Miky, our security dog. Do you mind if I ask you a few questions?"

Miky, pronounced Mikey, is in a Diaspora of his own. He was born in an animal shelter in Holland and shipped as a puppy to Israel, where he was trained by the Israeli Defense Forces to sniff out explosives. Then one day, Miky got a plane ticket to America. Rather than spend the standard \$20,000 on a bomb dog, the Helena Police Department had shopped around and discovered that it could import a surplus bomb

dog from the Israeli forces for the price of the flight. So Miky came to his new home in Helena, to join the police force.

The problem, the officer explained, was that Miky had been trained entirely in Hebrew. When Officer Fosket got Miky, he was handed a list of a dozen Hebrew commands and expressions, like "Hi' sha' er" (stay!), Ch'pess (search!), and "Kelev tov" (good doggy). He made flashcards and tried practicing with Miky. But poor Miky didn't respond.

Officer Fosket (who is not Jewish) suspected he wasn't pronouncing the words properly. He tried a Hebrew instructional audio-book from the local library, but no luck. The dog didn't always understand what he was being ordered to do. Or maybe Miky was just using his owner's bad pronunciation as an excuse to ignore him. Either way, the policeman needed a rabbi.

And now he had found one. They worked through a few pronunciations, and the rabbi, Chaim Bruk, is now on call to work with Miky and his owner as needed. Officer Fosket has since learned to pronounce the tricky Israeli "ch" sound, and Miky has become a new star on the police force. The two were even brought in by the Secret Service to work a recent presidential visit.

So all is well in the Jewish community here because the Hasidic rabbi is helping the Montana cop speak Hebrew to his dog. It is good news all around. The officer keeps the Capitol safe, and the Hebrew pooch is feeling more at home hearing his native tongue.

But the big winner is the rabbi, a recent arrival from Brooklyn who is working hard (against tough odds) to bring his Lubavitch movement to Montana. He has been scouring the state for anyone who can speak Hebrew, and is elated to have found a German shepherd he can talk to.

Eric A. Stern lives in Helena, Mont., and is senior counselor to Gov. Brian Schweitzer.



**Pesach**



**Yom Hashoah**



**Yom Ha'atzmaut**

## **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:**

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>Mar 29</b>   | <b>Pesach/First Seder (No Classes this Week)</b>               |
| <b>Mar 30</b>   | <b>Congregational Pesach Seder</b>                             |
| <b>April 2</b>  | <b>Shabbat Service/Tot Shabbat</b>                             |
| <b>April 3</b>  | <b>Torah Study</b>   |
| <b>April 5</b>  | <b>Chalutzim and Solelim</b>                                   |
| <b>April 6</b>  | <b>Conversational Hebrew</b>                                   |
| <b>April 7</b>  | <b>Simchat Chochmah Cohort</b>                                 |
| <b>April 11</b> | <b>Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial Day</b>                      |
| <b>April 12</b> | <b>Chalutzim and Solelim</b>                                   |
| <b>April 13</b> | <b>Conversational Hebrew</b>                                   |
| <b>April 14</b> | <b>Simchat Chochmah Cohort</b>                                 |
| <b>April 16</b> | <b>Shabbat Service</b>   |
| <b>April 17</b> | <b>Torah Study</b>   |
| <b>April 18</b> | <b>Women's Rosh Chodesh</b>                                    |
| <b>April 18</b> | <b>Teen Torah Tribe</b>  |
| <b>April 19</b> | <b>Yom HaZikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Wide Celebration</b> |
| <b>April 19</b> | <b>Chalutzim and Solelim</b>                                   |
| <b>April 20</b> | <b>Conversational Hebrew</b>                                   |
| <b>April 20</b> | <b>New! Jewish, Alive &amp; American I-1</b>                   |
| <b>April 25</b> | <b>Community Wide Israel Independence Day Celebration</b>      |
| <b>April 26</b> | <b>Chalutzim and Solelim</b>                                   |
| <b>April 27</b> | <b>Conversational Hebrew</b>                                   |
| <b>April 27</b> | <b>Jewish, Alive &amp; American I-2</b>                        |
| <b>April 28</b> | <b>Simchat Chochmah Cohort</b>                                 |



*Blessings for the Months of Nisan and Iyyar: Passover, the season of our liberation leads to the days of personal reflecting, refining and balancing represented by the sefirot as we "Count the Omer." May every day count for a blessing.*

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