



TEMPLE TORAT EMET

Tekiah

MARCH 1 - APRIL 30, 2021 · 17 ADAR - 18 IYAR 5781

Happy Passover



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Temple Torat Emet wishes a warm welcome to our new members:

Robyn Knaster

Amy and Michael Mersky

Jennifer and Benjamin Thaw

Tour Our Community Today

In these unprecedented times, we are here for you and your loved ones. Contact us today for a one-on-one tour of our community or virtual consultation with one of our team members. You'll also get a sneak peek of our community's amenities, activities, and dining program. We look forward to sharing our personalized approach to assisted living and memory care—coming to Boynton Beach soon.

- Highly trained, compassionate team of caregivers
- Activities and programming customized to resident interests
- Community cleaning protocols are constantly reinforced, with professional deep-cleans performed as necessary
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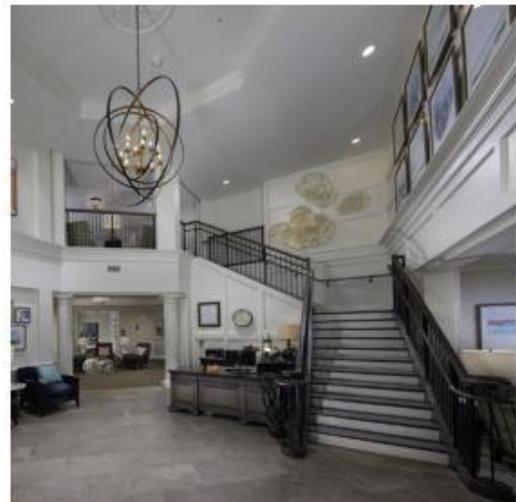
Contact us to schedule your personal tour.

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FROM THE DESK OF RABBI MICHAEL D. KLEIN

We are blessed to be part of a spiritual heritage that considers life and freedom among its highest values. We are commanded to do whatever is necessary medically to preserve life. We are also commanded to value freedom as our utmost goal. We are the people whose message from the Prophets is emblazoned on the Liberty Bell. Passover is the holiday that is the basis for all the freedoms we hold dear! Our Haggadah proclaims, "In every generation it is incumbent to consider that we ourselves also were liberated from bondage not just our ancestors."

How do we show our commitment to freedom in our homes, our Temple community, and our world at large? Do we advocate for freedom by the example of our home life? Is our home free from anger, abuse, prejudice, and hateful speech and actions? Is everyone under our roof treated fairly, equally, and courteously? Do we actively support causes and organizations that seek financial and spiritual freedom and freedom from hunger and abuse? Do we retell the story of being liberated from slavery to our children and grandchildren by the example of how we live? Do we exemplify the values of the Torah by elevating the importance of Jewish tradition in our homes and by the choices we make and the words we speak?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then we must also commit ourselves to reaching out to all four of the children mentioned in the Haggadah and also making sure that we follow the edict, "let all who are hungry come and eat." When we open the door for Elijah, let us also open our hearts in this most difficult year to those needy families in our community and make sure they are also able to serve the Passover meals in their homes. I look forward to sharing our Klein family sederim on both nights of Pesach and hope you will join us in celebrating during each night and daytime service on Zoom. May we be able to celebrate this year together in good health and next year together, G-d willing, back in our sanctuary with Klal Yisroel in the hope of "Leshana Haba-a Be-Yerushalayim." A Zissen and fulfilling Pesach to all our congregational family.

Rabbi Michael Klein



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SHARON F. CADOFF

Dear Friends,

Passover to me is both communal and personal. Communal, in that since grade school, there has always been participation in a school seder or a Hadassah Seder, and personal because that is when extended family and friends gather.

Yesterday, I took my PASSOVER BOX from storage to read through the recipe cards, yellow with age, to peruse the Manischewitz colorful recipe handouts, folded to our family favorites, and to check on the stock of well used Haggadah, stained with wine and pages dog eared to mark the favorite songs, and of course, the one that says DINNER IS NOW SERVED. The box

also has remnants of the special bags used by our grandchildren, with plastic frogs, cotton balls for hail etc., yarmulkes from various family simchas and the Matzah covers I embroidered eons ago.

Last year and this year, you my TTE family, are both my communal and personal Seder companions, but this year, I hope to join both you and a slice of my family.

I raise my Kiddush cup, not only to the joys of the holiday, but to those who may say, "This year at Temple Torat Emet."

Sharon

B'YACHAD RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Second semester is well underway and our students are settling into their new curriculum. Our Wednesday program is going strong with students discussing and sharing their views on Shabbat prayers and Torah stories. During the Hebrew component of our program, our students are reading and comprehending so much more than they did at the beginning of the year, showing us how well they are adapting to virtual learning, utilizing smaller class sizes. As I have stated in the past, and will continue to say – practice, practice, practice is key. Please review with your children at home so they can retain all that they do in class.

Upon returning from Winter Break, we started our semester learning and discussing Tu B'Shevat. This led us to another family craft project where we concentrated on a different aspect of the importance of Tu B'Shevat and what we can learn from this holiday. Each family was presented with a shadow box, which they creatively filled with their family ideas of what the four seasons mean to them. The creativity was exciting and unique. Please see below pictures of some of the shadow boxes that we hope will adorn the walls of their homes.

Both Rabbi Shub and Rabbi Klein visited our classrooms and shared some fun insight into Purim and what it means to them. It is always great to listen to dialogue between students and Rabbis. They get to spend some unique

time with them in a setting that is not the "Bimah." By the time you read this, we will have completed yet another family baking program. We had the opportunity to spend some time with Lorraine Arcus, who shared her expertise with us as we got to roll, fill and pinch hamentaschen together. Parents, grandparents, and students of all ages shared the "screen" as we made and tasted some yummy hamentaschen.

We will continue with our family programs with other events to round out our school year. These virtual family events have been a highlight to our educational program. It is wonderful engaging with parents and students while we creatively make things together. On another note, we will continue on with our student led Kabbalat Shabbat B'Yachad services with members of both TBT and TTE virtually.

As always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to your children and students of the B'Yachad Religious School. We truly enjoy studying and learning B'Yachad with our congregants and clergy of Temple Torat Emet and Temple Beth Tikvah.

L'Hitraot

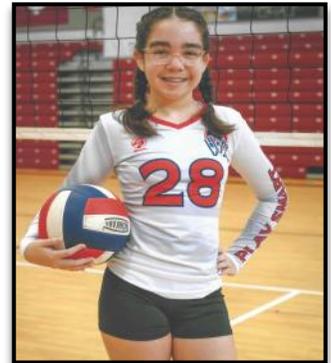
Orly Jacobs
Education Director



MARCH BAT MITZVAH - HADARA KAGAN

Hadara Rose Kagan will become a Bat Mitzvah on March 20, 2021. She is the daughter of Michele and Jeff Kagan, sister of Harlan and Holden, granddaughter of Harvey Krupp and the late Irene Krupp z"l, late Hannah Kagan z"l, and late Harold Kagan z"l. Hadara has enjoyed attending Temple Torat Emet's B'Yachad Religious School since she was in second grade, following in her older brothers' footsteps. Hadara continues to excel academically and is in the Pre-Med Program at Woodlands Middle School. Hadara played on the Woodlands Volleyball Team in sixth grade and unfortunately there is no middle school team this year due to the pandemic. She joined a competitive volleyball team, Wizard Volleyball Academy, and has excelled with her team under guidance from great coaches. Hadara is always up for an adventure whether it is an impromptu road trip or an outdoor adventure like white water rafting or zip lining. She is an announcer for Atlantic

High School's Baseball team. She enjoys being with her friends and due to the pandemic, that means hanging out in pools, yards, or at a park. This summer she looks forward to attending summer camp at Camp Coleman. Hadara's Mitzvah project was getting dinner from Flakowitz and delivering dinners to some Temple members. She also helped a family in Atlanta by bringing Hanukkah dinner to their parents in Deerfield Beach, since they could not visit them due to the pandemic. She met some lovely people and it felt good to bring a smile to others.



MAY BAR MITZVAH - MATTHEW GROSS

Matthew Gross will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 1, 2021. He is the son of Jennifer and Steven Gross, brother of Emily Gross, and grandson of Donna and Martin Schwartz and Beverly and Donald Gross. Matthew is a graduate of Wiston Family Torah Tots and has attended religious school at our Temple since Kindergarten. He currently attends Emerald Cove Middle School where he is in 7th grade and in all advanced classes. Matthew has been on the honor roll throughout elementary and middle school and is a straight-A student.

Matthew is an avid basketball fan, participates in local youth basketball leagues, and has made the All-Star team several times. He also plays the piano and euphonium, for which he has won awards, and is a member of his middle school band. Matthew has volunteered more than 200 hours at his former elementary school helping students in the classroom. He also enjoys reading and play-

ing video games.

For his Mitzvah project, Matthew has been teaching basic basketball skills to children of various backgrounds, ages, and learning abilities in the community, including to the students in the J.N. Somers Yad Hebrew School. He has created and shared video of himself doing these activities so they can be reused by community programs for years to come.



MAY BAR MITZVAH - JACK MERSKY

Jack Benrich Mersky is the son of Amy and Michael. He is the brother of Jillian. Jack is a seventh grader at Bak Middle School of the Arts in West Palm Beach, where he plays the trumpet in Jazz Band and Symphonic Band. He is in advanced academics and achieves honor roll. Jack also studied the piano and enjoys many other instruments. He hopes to blow his Shofar for the congregation in the future.

Jack enjoys swimming and playing soccer, spending his summers at ASAF's camp. His favorite activity is video gaming with friends in competitive teams on a variety of platforms, taking time to teach others to play and join their team. Since last March, Cantor Brody continued to tutor Jack on a weekly Facetime. Jack is playing his trumpet in his room in class and he is excited to go back to school in-person in August.

Jack is fun, kind and patient with people. Always with a big smile, he works hard to make others happy and is eager to assist. Without intentionally making it his Bar

Mitzvah Project, Jack started helping his mother during the pandemic to feed others by distributing school lunch to persons in need. Jack is inspired by his Aunt Audrey, who works for a non-profit that feeds thousands in upstate New York, A Bite Above.

Cantor Brody's relationship with Jack started nine years ago. Jillian had her Bat Mitzvah in 2016. We had a family/friend connection from Massachusetts. Now our path has led us to Rabbi Klein, where we also found a family/teacher connection. Jack and the family are very pleased to celebrate Jack's accomplishment of Bar Mitzvah at Temple Torat Emet.



RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Ritual Committee of Temple Torat Emet is always seeking ways to enhance our weekly Shabbat services and spiritually uplift you and your Shabbat experience. In order to do this most effectively, we ask for your additional ideas. Don't be hesitant! We would love to have a conversation with you! What can we do to make our services better, yet keep it unique to Temple Torat Emet?

We have a great group of lay leaders to lead services each week. They look forward to sharing their new tunes with you. If you possess a service leader skill set, we encourage you to offer your talents. If you would like to learn any skills related to Shabbat services, please let us know – there is always on-going training to be had in these areas.

Do you have a simcha coming up? A special birthday or anniversary (ending in 0 or 5)? We

want to celebrate with you! Please call us for an aliyah (in advance) or let us know if you would like to read Torah or chant Haftorah for your simcha. We would also like to help you memorialize your loved one with an aliyah for their yahrzeit.

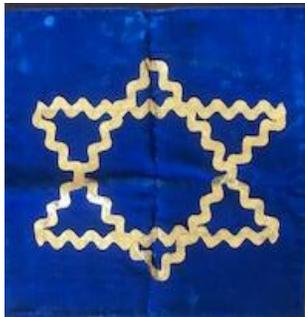
We routinely discuss the gradual opening of our building under the COVID guidelines. We are also trying to think in creative ways to do this... and we are moving ahead, slowly but surely! Of course we will keep everyone posted though the weekly e-blasts.

See you in shul (on Zoom, of course, for now).

Herb Cohen and Kathy Porges
Ritual Committee Co-Chairs

SISTERHOOD

Passover is a time to share memories and make new ones. One of my favorite memories is of the first seder I made myself. It was 1969 and David and I were living in Crownpoint, New Mexico, on the Navajo reservation. I had everything I needed, except a matzah cover. So I decided to make one. I went to the trading post to purchase fabric and sewing supplies. The cover, which I have now used for over 50 years, is made of blue velvet and blue sateen. It has a gold Star of David on the outside and three compartments on the inside. If you have ever seen photographs of Navajo ladies in full dress, you would recognize the blue velvet of the blouses and the blue sateen of the skirts and probably the gold rickrack as a design. The cover is a treasure and a memory of a beautiful time in our lives.



Last year, we made a new memory by having a virtual seder. Who knew we would have to

MEN'S CLUB

On February 7 we held an in-person outside the synagogue service (with half a dozen members) coordinated with a Zoom World Wide Wrap, in association with the Kehillat Israel Kasuku community in Kenya. During the service we also saw plans of the community building they are building, which will also be their synagogue. To see more about the Kasuku community and their plans for the future, watch a chat with Yehuda Kimani - [ONLINE SPEAKER SERIES: Virtually Visit Kenya with Yehuda Kimani - YouTube](#)

The Men's Club of Temple Torat Emet will join many other Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in celebrating a virtual Men's Club Shabbat Weekend.

Services will be held on Friday night, March 12, at 6:00 PM, and Saturday morning, March 13, at 10:00 AM. Over 40 members of our club will be participating in services over the

do it again this year? As I get ready to watch my children tell their children the story of Passover, I wish you all a Zissen Pesach and a chance to make new memories.

Sisterhood has been busy this year with our usual activities. Our February meeting featured Dr. David Schick and a talk on Coronary Disease. We have planned a joint meeting with the Men's Club on Sunday, March 21. Our engaging speaker, Harry Getsoff, will tell us all about Sammy Davis, Jr. Save April 15 and May 20 for the spring meetings and installation of your board. Simḥah-grams are a great way to wish your friends at TTE a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary. Torah Fund pins have arrived and we are proudly wearing them on Zoom.

I hope you have all received your COVID-19 vaccine. We still need to follow best practices to stay well and safe.

Stay together, B'Yachad,
Anita Schick, Co-President



weekend. You are cordially invited to join us at services and the special L'Chaim toast that will culminate Men's Club Shabbat led by Rabbi Klein. The choice of beverage is yours. Joint meeting with Sisterhood on March 21, 10:00 AM – Presentation to the congregation about Sammy Davis, Jr.

Men's Club will be providing Yellow Candles again this year to light as a remembrance of those who perished in the Holocaust. Please attend a special Holocaust Memorial Program Community Service on Zoom - Wednesday, April 7, at 6:00 PM.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Committee Events:

◆ Home Tours

We have held four interactive and fun virtual home tours hosted by Temple Torat Emet members. Join us for a virtual tour hosted by Judy Price on **Sunday, March 14 at 4:00 PM**. The tour will last 30 minutes followed by a 30 minute “Happy Hour Schmooze” and minyan services at 5:00 PM. A link will be sent prior to the event.

Please call Barry Adesnik at 914-772-0484 or Tova Adesnik at 914-772-0492 if you would like to volunteer to host a tour.

HIP

Our HIP students were asked to submit one sentence stating what they gained from classes this year. Here are a few comments:

To be honest, I learned a lot about how our holidays relate to the land of Israel. / I am gaining knowledge about Jewish culture and people in the real world. / One thing I gained was the information that Jews contribute more than people think and they're still humble about it. / I'm learning the importance and relevance of Jewish laws and traditions in today's society. / This year, I have learned many things that have opened my eyes about my own culture and religion that I had never known before. / This year, I am gaining a deeper knowledge and appreciation of Jewish history and culture. / In this year's program, I have really expanded my knowledge of Jewish history and learned to apply it to modern society. / I have learned that Israel has created many inventions such as: comics and novels that people read and use without realizing. / A sense of community during a pandemic. / I am gaining a sense of normalcy and an opportunity to stay connected to Temple. / Since this is my first year in HIP and I just had my Bar Mitzvah, it is a way for me to keep learning about being Jewish. / I truly enjoy the

◆ Movie Night

Join us for our second Movie Night Discussion on **Monday, March 22 at 7:30 PM**. The film selection is ***Let Them All Talk*** starring **Meryl Streep**; it is featured on **HBO Max**. Bring your own popcorn and your favorite drink! A link will be sent prior to the event.

HIP class experience. I enjoy learning about the commonplace things that I see in everyday life and how Jews had somehow impacted them. / HIP has taught me that the Jewish principles of debate as well as analyzing ideas from multiple perspectives—and Judaism itself—can truly be applied anywhere. / I have gained the ability to connect events in my everyday life to Judaism and the Jewish history that may be hidden within it. / I am gaining knowledge by listening to the debates we have during the meeting. / I'm gaining knowledge about how Judaism is still relevant in today's world and what affects it has on today's people.

If you would like to see ALL of the comments, please email me and I will be happy to share them with you. As always, we want to thank the TTE Foundation for providing us the means to bring this program to our teens. The discussions and comments made by the students truly exemplify the importance of this program.

Orly Jacobs

Education Director
relschooldir@templetoratemet.org

SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Thank you to the over 70 families, some of whom are non-members of Temple, and Fred and Arlene Jaffe, for your support of the Scrip Fundraising Program.

As of January, these families have purchased over \$82,000 of Glucks, Publix, CVS, Walgreens, Aroma and The Grove gift cards as well as Dunkin Donuts, Amazon, Visa, and Target. We have raised over \$6,200 for the Temple.

A special thank you to the thirteen families who helped Temple's cash flow by pre-ordering Publix gift cards (to the tune of \$4,150) so that the Temple only had to pay \$700 more to purchase \$5,000 of Publix gift cards.

The families are: Tova and Barry Adesnik, Isabella Adler, Sharon Cadoff, Marilyn and Herb Cohen, Beryl Goldberg, Arlene and Fred Jaffe, Ruth Jatkoff, Irma Shapiro, Anita and David Schick, Ruth and Jonathan Shochat, Paul Sosnick, Cynthia and Paul Stein, Roberta and Gene Zinbarg.

If you don't know about this easy to use program, or if you use Scrip and want to help the Temple even more, please call me at (845) 489-2393.

Howard Lynne
Scrip Chairperson



**THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
MOVIE CLUB
DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Let Them All Talk
Starring Meryl Streep
Comedy/Drama**

**MONDAY, March 22
AT 7:30 PM**



THE MOVIE IS CURRENTLY STREAMING HBO MAX

A famous author goes on a cruise trip with her friends and nephew in an effort to find fun and happiness while she comes to terms with her troubled past.

WATCH AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

Naomi Altschul Will Lead the Discussion
Please help to further enhance our conversation with your questions, thoughts, and comments.

A ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE EVENT



You are invited to attend

A Virtual Home Tour

with

Judy Price

Sunday, March 14

4:00 - 4:30 PM Tour
shared stories, interesting facts
about memorabilia, decorative objects,
and displays of personal photos

4:30 - 5:00 PM **HAPPY HOUR**

PESAH 2021/5781 VIRTUAL SEDER SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 25

After Dark – Search for Chametz

Friday, March 26

8:30 AM – Morning Minyan and Siyum Bechorim (Service for the First Born)

11:00 AM – Burning of Chametz

Saturday, March 27: First Seder Night

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – First Half of Seder

8:15 PM – Candle Lighting and Kiddush

8:15 PM – 9:00 PM – Serve Dinner

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Conclude Seder

Sunday, March 28: First Day of Pesach and Second Seder Night

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Services

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Family-Friendly Seder and Dinner

7:00 PM – Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, March 29: Second Day of Pesach

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Services

7:00 PM – Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, April 2: Erev Shabbat/Seventh Day of Pesach

6:00 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv

Saturday, April 3: Shabbat/Seventh Day of Pesach

9:30 AM – Shabbat Services

7:00 PM – Mincha

Sunday, April 4: Eighth Day of Pesach

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Services (Yizkor)

7:30 PM – Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:20 PM – Yom Tov ends

PASSOVER YIZKOR

On Passover we say Yizkor, the prayer to remember the deceased who touched our lives. A line in this liturgy says: "In tribute to his/her memory, I pledge to perform acts of charity and goodness. May the deeds I perform and the prayers I offer help to keep his/her soul bound up in the bond of life as an enduring source of blessings."

Traditionally we have taken this to mean, we honor those who have gone before us with the mitzvah of tzedakah.

Please print this card to make a donation for Passover Yizkor. Please mail all donations to the Temple and mark the envelope "Yizkor."

Alternatively, you may click [here](#) to make a donation online.

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In Memory of*: _____ <small>*Add additional names on back of card</small>	
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<small>*Minimum credit card charge for donations: \$25</small>	

PESAH GUIDE 2021/5781

“Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days and there shall be no leavened bread or leavening seen with you, in all of your borders.” (Exodus: 13:7)

The following guide to *kashrut* will assist you in preparing your family and home for Pesah.

Prohibited Foods:

Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most *Ashkenazic* authorities have added the following foods (*kitniot*) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). Peanut oil is permissible as peanuts are not actually legumes. Most *Ashkenazic* authorities forbid the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, and soy oil. *Sephardic* authorities permit the use of all of the above. All products require a *kosher l'Pesah* label. Consult Rabbi Klein for guidance in the use of these products.

Permitted Foods:

A. The following foods require no *kosher l'Pesah* label if purchased prior to Pesah: unopened packages or

containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (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, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and Camembert (soft), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives), and baking soda.

B. The following foods require no *kosher l'Pesah* label if purchased before or during Pesah: Fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes see above), eggs, fresh fish, and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a *kosher l'Pesah* label if purchased *before or during Pesah*: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah), canned or bottled fruit juices (these juices are often clarified with *kitniot* which are *not* listed among the ingredients; however, if one knows there are no such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to Pesah without a *kosher l'Pesah* label); canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water, has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein; however, if it is known that the tuna is packed exclusively in water, without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a *kosher l'Pesah* label); wine; vinegar; liquor; oils; dried fruits; candy; chocolate flavored milk; ice cream, yogurt and soda.

D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen), require a *kosher l'Pesah* label if purchased during Pesah: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in category **C**.

Detergents: If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a *kosher l'Pesah* label.

Medicine: Since *chametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, and no substitutes are available, you should take it. In all cases, capsules are preferable to pills.

Kashering of Utensils:

The process of *kashering* 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 (*ke-volokakh pol-to*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are *kashered* by boiling, those used in broiling are *kashered* by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are *kashered* by rinsing.

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

B. Metal Utensils used in Fire (spit, broiler) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water.

Metal baking units cannot be *kashered*.

C. Ovens and Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned.

Then, oven and 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 cleaned and scrubbed and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be *kashered* in the same manner as regular ovens.

Microwave Ovens: Should be cleaned, and 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 Pesah.

D. 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 Pesah or putting them through a dishwasher.

Glass Cookware: There is a difference of opinion as to whether it is to 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. Glass bakeware, like metal bakeware, may not be *kashered*.

E. Dishwasher: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

F. Electrical Appliances. If the parts that come into contact with *chametz* 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.)

G. Tables, Closets, and Counters: If used with *chametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

H. Kitchen Sink: A metal sink can be *kashered* by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned, and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

Mehirat Chametz - Selling Chametz

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *chametz* (leaven) during Pesah. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the *chametz* to a non-Jew. The sale of Chametz must be completed this year by Friday March 26. The transfer, *mehirat chametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent, in our case Rabbi Michael Klein, to handle the sale (see enclosed power of attorney form). It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership after havdala. If ownership of the *chametz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this *chametz* is prohibited until after havdala as well (*chametz she-avaralav ha-Pesah*).

Bedikat Chametz -The Search for Chametz

This year, the search for the *chametz*, traditionally conducted the evening before the first Seder, should be conducted on Thursday, March 25. Using a candle, feather, and wooden spoon, we search for *chametz* in our homes. To make sure that the search is successful, several pieces of bread are scattered throughout various parts of the house by an adult to be collected by the children during the search. Before the actual search begins, light the candle and recite the blessing:

***Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu
Melech ha'olam asher kidshanu
Bemitzvotav vetzivanu al bi'ur
chametz.***

**Praised are you, Lord our God,
Ruler of the Universe, who has
made us holy with *mitzvot* and
instructed us to remove the leaven.**

After all of the *chametz* has been gathered and placed into a bag, recite the following in Aramaic:

***Kol Chamira vechamiya de'ika
Virshuti dela chametay u'dela
vay'artei udela yadana lay libatayl
v'lehevay hefker ke' afra de' ara.***

**Any leaven that may still be in the
house, which I have not seen or
have not removed, shall be as if it
does not exist, and as the dust of the earth.**

Bi-Ur Chametz- Burning the Leaven

On Friday March 26th by 10:30 AM, take all the leaven remaining in the house together with the leaven collected during the search the previous night and burn it. When the leaven is burned, one may recite the following:

***Kol chamira vachamiya de'ika
birshuti (dechamitay u'dela
chamitay devayartay u'dela
veartay libatayl) v'lehavay hefker
ke'afra de'ara.***

**Any leaven that may still be in the
house (which I have seen and not
seen, which I have or have not
removed) shall be as if it does not
exist, and as the dust of the earth.**

On the eve before Pesah, Rabbi Israel of Rizhin explained the rules of the search after leavened crumbs in the following manner:

“This evening we search after *chametz*, but we do not burn it before tomorrow. The search and the burning are allegories of things to come. *Galut* is the night of exile during which we allow the *chametz* (the meaner qualities of our people) to remain in the house. But when the morning of our redemption comes, those qualities are cast into the fire of our return, and completely consumed. Then the words of Isaiah will be fulfilled: ‘He will destroy death forever. Adonai will wipe the tears away from all faces’” (Isaiah25:8)

***Siyum B'chorim* on Friday March 26**

It is a tradition for the first-born (usually the first-born of the mother) to fast on the day before Passover, in commemoration of the episode described in the Torah when “the Lord slew all the first-born in Egypt but...spared the first-born of the Israelites.”

In most congregations, including our own, it is customary to have a *Siyum*—a celebration upon concluding the study of the tractate of the Talmud—following the morning service on the day preceding Passover. First-born who are present at this *Siyum* need not observe the fast.

All first-born sons and daughters are invited to participate in the traditional *Siyum*, on Friday March 26, following the morning service on Zoom, which begins at 8:30 AM. It will include a brief study session to be followed by a breakfast which will be eaten at home.

Special Guidelines for Shabbat Hagadol – March 27 – The Shabbat immediately preceding Pesach is called Shabbat Hagadol, The Great Sabbath. This year, because it begins and ends immediately before the first Seder, special rules apply to preparation of food for Shabbat. We prepare food for Shabbat only using Kosher for Passover pots and utensils. We are allowed to eat Chametz but it must be kept separate from any plates or utensils we use. At noon of Shabbat, after eating lunch, we must nullify and rid our house of remaining bread by either feeding it to the birds or placing it in a sealed garbage bag and removed from the house. We may only eat Kosher for Passover foods for the remainder of Shabbat but not eat matzah until the Seder.

The Seder

The central event of Passover, Saturday March 27, is the Seder at the conclusion of Shabbat. The complete Seder setting should include the following:

The Seder Plate

ROASTED SHANK BONE (*Z'roa*): to commemorate the Paschal sacrifice which our ancestors brought to the Temple on Pesah in ancient times.

ROASTED EGG (*Beitsa*): symbolic of life; the egg is also the symbol of our faith in the future, our hope that God's blessing of life and peace will come to all men.

BITTER HERBS (*Maror*): to symbolize the bitterness of Israel's bondage in Egypt. (Horseradish is usually used).

HAROSET: to symbolize the mortar which the Israelites used in building treasure cities for Pharaoh. The *Haroset* is a mixture of grated apples, nuts, cinnamon, and a little wine.

GREEN HERBS (*Karpas*): (Parsley, lettuce or watercress.) These greens symbolize the coming of spring and suggest the perpetual renewal of life; hence, the ever-sustaining hope of human redemption.

Symbols

THE THREE MATZOT: are placed separately in a special Matzah cover, or in the folds of an ordinary napkin. The three Matzot represent the Kohen, Levi, and Israelite.

AFIKOMEN: the middle Matzah is broken in two. One portion is wrapped in a napkin and hidden until the meal has been concluded. This portion is known as *Afikomen*, the Greek word meaning dessert. In Temple days, the meal ended with the taste of the Paschal lamb. Today, in its absence, we substitute the Matzah. The custom of hiding the *Afikomen* has developed out of a desire to keep children alert until the conclusion of the Seder.

SALT WATER: to symbolize the tears of bondage and the hardships of slavery.

FOUR CUPS OF WINE: to be drunk during the Seder service. These four cups symbolize the fourfold promise of redemption which, according to the Bible, God pledged to Israel.

, in anticipation of his coming. We open the door of our homes during the Seder, indicating our eagerness for his coming and also as a symbol of hospitality.

THE CUP OF ELIJAH: the celebration of the redemption of Israel would be incomplete without symbolic representation of Israel's imperishable hope of the greater redemption of the future. Our tradition pictures Elijah as the herald of the great Messianic era, when all humanity will enjoy freedom and peace, and God will reign over all. Hence, a cup is kept ready on the table at the Seder, in anticipation of his coming. We open the door of our homes during the Seder, indicating our eagerness for his coming and also as a symbol of hospitality.

Order of the Seder Service

The Seder is a dramatic family lesson, the purpose of which is to teach and interpret the historical epic of the Exodus. One may discuss the theme of freedom as it applies to our day. Divide the reading sections of the *Haggadah* among individual participants. Since the central mitzvah of the Seder is to "tell our children," attention should be given to making sure it is educationally appropriate to the children who are present. The Seder consists of separate sections. Each is a highlight in the drama of freedom.

The Seder Sections

1. The Kiddush is chanted by all.
2. Ritual washing of hands by the leader.
3. Blessing over parsley dipped in salt water.
4. Breaking middle matzah and hiding half as the *Afikomen*.
5. Reading and chanting of prayers and hymns in the *Haggadah*.
6. Ritual washing of hands by all.
7. Blessing over the matzah by all.
8. Blessing over the bitter herbs together with the matzah.
9. Eating bitter herbs together with matzah.
10. Enjoying the Pesah meal.
11. *Afikomen* is distributed to all, concluding the meal.
12. Grace after the meal.
13. *Hallel*: psalms of praise and gratitude.
14. Concluding Seder hymns.

Some Seder Suggestions

The Passover Seder is probably the most meaningful of all observances in the Jewish calendar year. It has been designed as a masterpiece of pedagogic method to interest the young, to maintain their enthusiasm, and to teach important lessons. In order to get the most out of the Seder, several things should be kept in mind.

1. Be sure that there is a *Haggadah* for each participant in the Seder.
2. The leader of the Seder should study the *Haggadah* in advance and decide upon questions and stories that he/she might want to use at various points in order to awaken interest.
3. You do not need to read every word of the haggadah; it is more of a map through 14 sections mentioned above. Most important is to make sure everyone thinks about the story of the Exodus.
4. You may choose to rotate the reading among the people around the Seder table.
5. Recite all blessings in unison so that everyone feels a part of the ceremony.
6. Do not be afraid to interrupt in the middle of a reading to ask a question, to make a point, or to launch a discussion. Whenever possible, try to relate the historical passages to modern events.
7. Children or adults can be given assignments in advance.
8. Do not let the hunt for the *Afikomen* transcend the importance of the Seder itself. The "thief" should be rewarded with a prize of Jewish significance and the Seder completed.

Information in this guide is based upon the Rabbinical Assembly Pesah Guide (issued annually).

Delegation of Power of Attorney - Sale of Chametz 5781

Note: If possible, all Chametz - food not acceptable during Pesah (Passover), or materials containing such unacceptable food – should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the Chametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until Havdala is recited at the conclusion of Pesach and the Chametz is repurchased.

Please complete the form below and return no later than Thursday morning, March 25, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

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*Thank you to all of those I left behind for the thoughtful
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Phyllis Kirschbaum

*Due to an oversight, Marty Aronoff's name was acci-
dentally omitted from your Purim greeting list. Marty wish-
es you a Chag Sameach!*

SHALACH MANOT RECAP

Thank you for your participation in our Shalach Manot Project in this unprecedented year! Our members' response this year was heartwarming. We all look forward to celebrating in person again at Temple Torat Emet!

In first planning this year's Mishloach Manot project, we came up with a big question, in this Pandemic Year, would congregants still want a basket/bag prepared by our members? Would a mailed-out card be more appropriate? Should we pass on doing anything this year? We discovered that our members are refreshingly varied in their thoughts and opinions, so we dared to present both as an option. The surprise is that the response was overwhelmingly positive! The generosity of our members was heart-warming and we raised more than in any year in the recent past! One member made our day by donating a **five-figure** amount to ensure that **every-one** would get something for Purim! A new member decided to repay the kindness she received from the staff by donating to all three staff groups which included the B'Yachad Religious School and Wiston Family Torah Tots Pre-School. Another member told me how

much she looks forward every year to receiving our baskets but another insisted **cards** were the only reasonable response. Because many of our staff have been out furloughed all year, we created a group rate, which a good number of congregants contributed to, to ensure they all would be remembered.

We were fortunate that our team members were twice vaccinated by the time we met to assemble the baskets. Our team consisted of Ellen Grynspan, Beryl Goldberg, Lois Gordon, Marilyn Cohen, and Marlene Schwefel. Sharon Lynne also was responsible for the community pick-ups. I thank my wonderful, reliable women for making phone calls, assembling the baskets, and helping me not go crazy in tracking who got a basket and who a card. It was astounding to see the long line of drive-by pick-ups as people waited to get their basket! We hoped we helped brighten your day and that Torat Emet's Community spirit and caring shone through.

Hannah Plotkin

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Thank you to Hannah Plotkin and her committee for making such beautiful Shalach Manot baskets! We are so grateful for their time spent on this fun Purim project.