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Chai Times

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"May All Enemies of Your People be struck down speedily!" (The Amidah Prayer)

This month is the month of Passover. All throughout the Jewish world we will be reading the Haggadah at our Seders. It is the story of the slavery in Egypt and of course our being free. But one paragraph always made me wonder why it was there.

"Go and learn what Laban the Aramean tried to do to our father Jacob. While Pharaoh decreed death only for the newborn males, Laban tried to uproot all of Israel..."

The entire holiday is about freedom and its lack in Egypt. Where does Babylonia (ancient Iraq) come in?

The Haggadah is not a book devised at one time in Jewish History but was and is constantly being added to. I own a very unique book, "The Polychrome Haggadah" which explains when and where the texts of the Haggadah come from. Also friends of mine wrote their own Haggadah incorporating their own ideas into the texts and prayers.

Back to Laban the Aramean (Iraqi). Why then is he mentioned so stridently? After the Hasmoneans defeated the Seleucid Greeks to return Jewish control over our land they realized



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NO SISTERHOOD MEETING THIS MONTH

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2022 - 7:00 PM

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ☆☆☆ EXTRA SESSION ☆☆☆

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CHINA AND JAPAN - April 12, 2022

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EREV PASSOVER SHABBAT VESPERS SERVICES - April 15, 2022 - 4:30 PM

YIZKOR

Saturday, April 23, 2022 - 6:00 PM

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM - See Page 5



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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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*New Year's Day, President's Day,
First day of Pesach, Memorial Day,
Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

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Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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that they had to make peace with one of the two most powerful Middle Eastern Empires, Egypt and Babylonia. They chose Egypt for the obvious reason, it is a lot closer to Jerusalem than Babylonia.

Recently, someone said to me, "I don't care what the Russians do to the Ukraine after what the Ukrainians did to us during the Holocaust."

I am not negating the crimes done to our people then by members of the Ukrainian society but I see in the quote about Laban a different way to look at the Russo-Ukrainian War. What the Nazis and their Ukrainian allies did to us during the Holocaust pales in comparison to what was done to us by the Russians from Stalin back to the Tsars. In fact the reason so many Jews lived in the Ukraine was because we were forced to live there and nowhere else in Russia. It was so bad for us that it was called "The Pale of Settlement" because the people who lived there were so poor and undernourished they were Pale.

And now, many Jews live in the Ukraine, openly practicing their Judaism where under the Communists they could not. Communism sought to remove Judaism from the Jewish consciousness. DNA remained but knowledge and practice was removed.

The leader of Russia sees himself as the Tsar of the 21st century and seeks to harm innocents in much the same way as did his ancestors. Just as in the Passover story, a person who thinks he is a god enslaves innocents and destroys lives. The innocents flee for their lives. Such is the universal message of Passover. Freedom will come, but at a heavy price!

All these factors bring the question for us, what can we do to help the people of the Ukraine? Even if and when there is a cease fire, much damage has already been done. I know we are all contributing Tzedakah to help the Ukrainians, Jews and non-Jews. That is our way.

I ask you to do more. At your Passover Seder, when you read the Haggadah and the two sentences about Laban are mentioned, as shown above, please substitute, Putin for Laban. Further when Pharaoh is mentioned in the Haggadah, also substitute Putin.

If you don't have the opportunity to celebrate Passover with a Seder, please every day, at least once a day, recite this Hebrew phrase,

"L'Kol Hamalsheanim l'yh'yeh Tikvah" (May all evildoers have no hope)".

In this way our hearts go out to the innocents who are being harmed by others.

B'ahava and B'Herut (In love and in Freedom).

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - April 2022

For many years Diane and I, and Jon when he was younger, would go down to friends in Orange County for Seder. Diane and I knew him from college, and they got married not to long after we did. We watched each other's children grow. For years she has made this matzo kugel that is so good that I bought the book with the recipe and actually made it one time. It was a rather involved process, so I haven't made it again. We also have played an after-Seder game called "I'm leaving Egypt" where we go around the table adding to an alphabetized list of things we were bringing with us, and the next person reciting the list up to that point before adding their item.



Sometimes the calendar was such that the Seder fell on a night Diane was teaching, so I went solo, and we begged off the night when my mother had passed earlier that day, but otherwise their Seder was a fixture on our calendar. Many times the first night of Passover fell on a Friday night, which meant fighting the Burbank to Orange County traffic, arriving rather spent. Recently, their daughter's schedule dictated moving the Seder to Saturday night, often the second night of Passover, and the traffic was easier to bear.

In early March 2020, the invitation came with the Seder set for Saturday, April 11. Unfortunately, we had our Temple Community Seder set for that same night, so it looked like we would miss the evening. Then the pandemic hit. Along with the rest of the world, we thought the emergency would last a couple of weeks and then we could resume our lives, but as March progressed reality set in. We cancelled the Community Seder, but we still held out hope we would make it down to be with our friends.

Reality got even more real, and about the time Diane and I decided we were not going anywhere we received word that "my Rabbi just told me to get over my fantasy about holding a Seder in my home. I have to cancel. I'm devastated." We messaged back "*Hag Pesach sameach!* Next year in Orange County!"

But the next year, 2021, things had not gotten to the point where we could get together.

This year, we are all vaxed and boosted - Diane and I are double-boosted - and we are planning to resume getting together with our friends for Seder. Unfortunately, our Temple Community Seder will not resume this year. Things these past few months were just too uncertain to start planning. Next year in Blum Hall!

This past year has been one of stepping carefully out of the shadow of the pandemic into the light of our new normal. Looking at what we achieved, we resumed in-person services and religious school and groups are coming back to add life to our campus. As we celebrate our people's journey from oppression to freedom, we should also be mindful of our own journey these past two years. "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and Adonai, took us out from there with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm."

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Hag Pesach sameach. Happy Passover.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



Temple Beth Emet Book Club



Conducted by Barbara Harmon.

Book Club was founded by Fran Bourne Johnson Z"L*

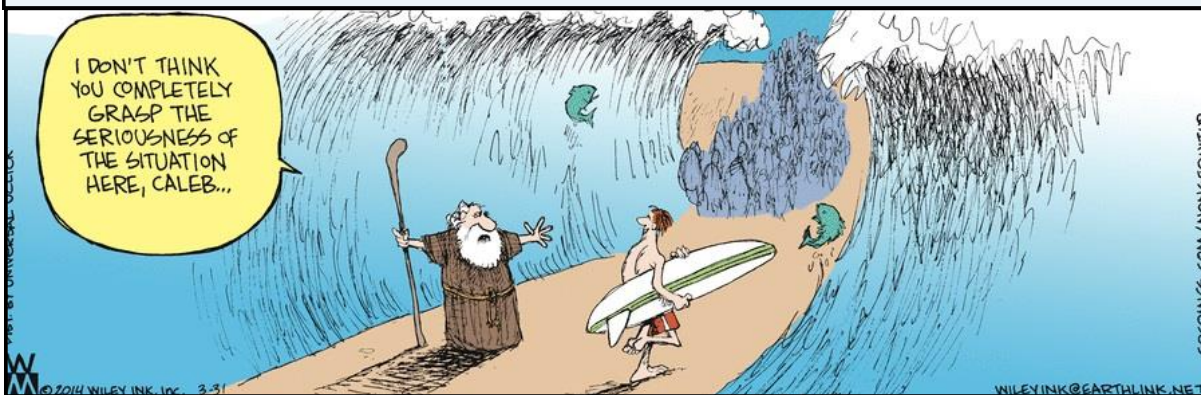
*Her memory will always be a blessing to us.

Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

We have not finalized our book selection, but the subject will be
Jews in the Motion Picture Industry. (Watch for the announcement of the title!)

PURIM WAS AMAZING!

*Thank you to everyone who read or dressed in costume
for making it a wonderful evening.*



*We wish our
entire Temple
community a
Happy
Passover!*



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sisterhood

The Temple Beth Emet Sisterhood focus on serving the Temple and the community. Membership in Sisterhood means making a commitment to living Jewish. By being a member, you become an active link in the history of our people. You serve as a role model for Jewish values. Each member blossoms in their own individual way as they experience the camaraderie of Sisterhood and share in service to the Jewish community.



FROM THE SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT - Marlene Dreyfuss

The Sisterhood is not meeting this month. Wishing everyone a Happy Passover. See you next month!

This Is Your Personal Invitation to Join Temple Beth Emet's Sisterhood

Sisterhood is a group of friends who work together for our Temple, our children, and our community, in a very tangible way. Our President,

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APRIL YAHRZEITS

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
At Temple April 1, 2022			At Temple April 22, 2022		
Phyllis Mehlman	The Congregation	April 1	Paz Montalvo	Jodessa Bayer	April 17
Margot Palmer	Marlene Dreyfuss	April 1	Sonja Murez	Herbert Murez	April 17
Matilda Bayer	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 2	Jan Burns	James P. Small	April 18
Charles Jones	Lois Jones	April 2	Doris Linger	Diane Linger	April 19
			Elisa Gallay	The Congregation	April 19
At Temple April 8, 2022			Joseph Friedman	The Congregation	April 20
Fred Ditter	Jeff & Ilene Oseas	April 5	Anna Osbaum	Marjorie Jacobs	April 26
Edith Lapidus	Barry & Vicenta Verdi	April 5	Anthony Mendez	Elizabeth Postal	April 21
Philip Levinson	The Congregation	April 6	Suzanne Galland	Pamela Franklin	April 21
Hanne Elaine Basskin	The Congregation	April 7	John Manocchia	The Congregation	April 22
William Saunders	James P. Small	April 9	Al Canter	Betty Canter & Gail Arce	April 23
			Miriam Dubinsky	Bennett & Peggy Kayser	April 23
At Temple April 15, 2022			At Temple April 29, 2022		
David Levinson	The Congregation	April 10			
Rachel Gil	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 11	Miriam Grunner	Shirley Abramson	April 25
Roberto Rachilewski	Silvia Berger	April 11	Esther Shagan Klein	Cheryl Mundon	April 26
Fannie Zimmer	The Congregation	April 12	Lucy Rafaeli	The Congregation	April 26
Anne Goldstein	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	April 10	James Sloves	Myra Sloves	April 29
Jeremy Kranz	Linda Kranz	April 15	Alvin M. Toffel	Dorothy Matzkin	April 29
Stanley Altman	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	April 15	Mario Guzman	Lila Tepper	April 30
			Arthur Fields	Susan Fields	April 30
			Sheila Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	April 30

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April Birthdays

Cooper Brody	April 3
Samantha Gura	April 6
David Zollman	April 7
Alex Gordon	April 8
Barbara Harmon	April 9
Martha Sousa	April 9
Marlene Dreyfuss	April 16
Eileen Martin	April 16
Philip Davis	April 21
Sophia Dorfman	April 24
Robin Faerber	April 24
Owen Gersh	April 25
Isaac Flores	April 27
Charlie Constantine	April 28

April Anniversaries

Deb S. Cohen & Bryna P. Schreier	April 8
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Remember the sick, recovering and bereaved with cards, calls and visits.

Please say prayers of Refuah Sh'leimah .

Stuart Friedman has been ill.

Fred Bayer is ill and having cataract surgery.

Let's join together in prayer for their improved and continued good health.

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hospitalized.**



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*"Funny you don't look Jewish!"
"Oh Yeah. I had my _____ fixed!"*

EXTRA SESSION!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7:00PM Shabbat Services	2
3 Religious School 9:00AM - Noon No Sisterhood Meeting This Month	4	5 7:00PM Temple Board Meeting	6 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	7	8 7:00PM Shabbat Services	9
10 Religious School 9:00AM - Noon Passover Seder	11	12 7:00PM Adult Education Extra Session	13 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	14	15 4:30 PM Shabbat Vesper Services Erev Passover Chai Times Submissions Due	20 Passover I
17 No Religious School - Passover recess Passover II	18 Passover III	19 Passover IV	20 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom Passover V	21 Passover VI	20 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom Passover VII	21 6:00 PM - Yizkor Service Passover VIII
24 No Religious School - Passover recess	25	26 Book Club - 7:00PM 	27	28	29	30

Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.
Sunday, May 1 - 10:00 AM - Sisterhood Meeting. **Tuesday, May 3 - 7:00 PM** - Temple Board Meeting.
Tuesday, April 26 - 7:00PM - Book Club.



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