



Voice of the Shore

Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

Nisan/Omer 5772

April 2012

Weekday Mornings

Sunday: 8:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8 am

Weekday Evenings

Monday-Thursday: 7:00 pm

Shabbat Evening Services
6:30 pm

Shabbat Morning Services
9 am



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COMMUNITY SEDER

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH - 6:00PM



MENU INCLUDES:

Appetizers:

Gefilte Fish, Chopped Liver, Health Salad

Main Dishes:

Roast Chicken, Brisket, Matzoh Lasagna (*vegetarian*)

Side Dishes:

Broccoli Souffle, Potato Kugel, Tzimmes

Dessert:

Cake, Fruit Platters

Adults \$45 Children under 13 \$20

Children under 5 no charge

**Each table will be provided with its own Seder Plate,
Matzoh, Charoses**

Tables may be reserved for parties of 8 or more.

Pre-Paid reservations must be received at the temple office no later than March 28th. Please understand that this deadline will NOT be extended.

Name _____

Phone _____

Adults _____ # Children 5-13 _____ # Children 4 and under _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Shabbat Evening Services

A Choice for the members of our Congregation

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
First & Third Friday of each month

Instrumental Musical Service

6:30pm

Family Friday Nights
Fourth Friday of each month

Family Service and Dinner

6:30pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Second & Fourth Friday of each month

Traditional Service
2nd Friday - 8:00pm
4th Friday - 6:30pm

Yahrzeits are honored at Friday night services prior to the Yahrzeit date.

April Service Announcements...

Friday, April 6, 2012

No Shabbat Service—Pesach 1st Seder

Candles 7:08 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Isabelle and Rob Farber, Doris and Ludwig Selikowitz

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Norbert Belfer, Istvan Benjamin, Henry Block, Fannie Dorfman, Frank Eliscu, Sam Farber, Manfred Fight, Irving Fishbein, Max Fisher, Rita Frank, Bernard Goldberg, Sheila Holt, Josephine Hopkins, Celia Kobb, Solomon Konvitz, Paul Kramer, Shirley Lehrer, David Maltzman, Fanny M. Marx, David Maurer, Natalie McCoy, Miriam Minkowitz, Beverly Propper, Philip I. Rose, Clara Rubin, Edwin Ronald Rubin, Julia Ruskin, Arnold Jerome Schreiber, Lillian Claire Trauben, Nathan Warm

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Parsha: Shemot 12:21-51

Haftarah: Yehoshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 6:27

Shabbat Pesach Morning Service ~9:00 am

Friday, April 13, 2012

Erev Shabbat Services 8:00 pm

Candles 7:15 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Gloria and Noel Kirchner, Shirley and Irving Kullback

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Ellen Baker, Edward Barnett, Victor Belicove, Louis Brodie, Fred Chester, Selma Cohen, Hyman Fishbain, Vivian Folkenflik, William Furie, Abe Goldberg, Donald Horowitz, Noreen G. Hunt, Syliva Israel, Paula Kronengold, Blanche Lewis, Harry Margolles, Stella Meyers, Arthur Nussdorf, Allen Preville, Matilda Preville, Ida Profsky, Chaye Przytyk, Itzyack Przytyk, Joseph Charles Robinson, Abraham Rose, Hannah Rosing, David Roth, Sidney Rubenstein, Roger Schoch, Beatrice Schreiber, Alice Schultz, Charles Schultzer, Andrea Skolnick, Lenore Todres, Robert Weinstein, Philip Wiser, Betty Zuckerman, Lou Zuckerman

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Parasha: Devarim 14:22-16:17

Haftarah: Yesheychu 10:32-12:6

Pesach Morning Service ~9:00 am YIZKOR 10:30 am

Friday, April 20, 2012

Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 pm
Instrumental Musical Shabbat

Candles 7:23 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Carrie and Alan Klein

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Jack Abrahams, Jeanne Berger, Katie Kalika Bookbinder, Jacob Cohen, Lester Cutler, Lillian Eder, Regina Frankel, Robert Franklin, Samuel James Gordon, Bob Grill, Nathan Haber, Lena Kneip, Leonard I. Kraut, Anne Kreizman, Sharon Lager, Samuel Lehrman, Gerald McGrath, David Meckler, Lewis Meyers, Celia Miller, Morris Miller, Mary Rosenthal Adler Singer, Rivka Servetnick, Hyman Shapiro, Phyllis Glasser Sharoff, Berthold A. Sherman, Nettie T. Sulkin, Bess Walden, Benjamin Welt, Sylvia Zimmerman

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Parsha: Vayikra 9:1-11:47

Haftarah: 1 Shemuel 20:18-42

Shabbat Machar Chodesh Morning Service ~9:00 am

April Service Announcements...

Friday, April 27, 2012

Traditional Shabbat Services 6:30 pm
Fourth Friday Family Service 6:30 pm
Congregational Dinner Following Services

Candles 7:30 pm

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: Lisa and Howard Guss, Eva and Paul Klenoff, Judith and Rick Rosner, Bonnie and Alan Welt

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Alfred Bahary, Leonard Bergen, Sarah Bohm, Albert Brown, Abraham Brustein, Alicia Rene Casey Benjamin Chaiken, Eva Cotler, Evelyn Dauer, Freida Deitelbaum, Sol Dorfman, Bernard Eliscu, Morris Feinstein Sima Furie, Irving Gershon, Sidney L. Goldstein, David Grossman, Florence Hertz, Pearl Jacobs, Sam Kaplan Samuel Levinson, Bessie Levitt, Sam Margulis, Frank M. Marx, Kate Miller, Miriam Rauch, Carolyn Rebhun Sarah S. Reiter, Bertram Roberts, Dorothy Russo, Berish Benjamin Wetstein

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Parsha: Vayikrah 12:1-15:33
Bar Mitzvah of Shawn Coval ~ 9:00 am
Jr. Congregation 10:15 am/Mini Minyan 10:30 am

Haftarah: 2 Melachim 7:3-20



Our Synagogue Families **Baruch Dayan Emet**



The Torat El family mourns the loss of:
Florence Farber, wife of Bernard Farber and mother of Rob Farber
Lillian Schwartz, member of CTE
Florence Ginsberg, mother of Ferris Ginsberg

Mazel Tov to:

Harvey Shooman for Fairhaven Hardware being voted "Best Independent Hardware Store" in New Jersey
by NJ Monthly

The Torat El family wishes a speedy recovery to **Arnie Gelfman**

If you are not receiving emails from us please contact Pam at pamc@torat-el.org to be added to the temple mailing list. You will get weekly event reminders, shiva notices, Rabbi's Monday morning message and other temple announcements!



From The Rabbi's Study...

The Passover Seder: An Active Experience

Passover has always been one of my favorite holidays. I have fond childhood memories of our large family gatherings where we would eat a crazy amount of food in between working our way through the Haggadah cover to cover. While we read at a somewhat leisurely pace through the first sections of the Haggadah, when we finished our main meal we would race through the end of the Haggadah, "davening" through the words, and even racing through certain sections, competing to see who could sing the fastest. In retrospect, while I do smile looking back at these fun seder experiences (particularly when I think about the point in my childhood when I finally knew enough Hebrew to race through the text along with my sisters and cousins), I have come to feel that in our superficial reading through the Haggadah, we may have missed the boat to some extent. While we had a good time "speaking" the Haggadah, we did not invite the Haggadah to "speak to us."

In Mishnah Pesachim 10:5, we read that on Passover each individual must see him or herself as if he or she had actually left Egypt. In other words, we must somehow try and recapture the experience of the Exodus by personalizing it and finding meaning in this story for our modern day lives. So the question is, how do we bring this story to life to find ourselves in this ancient story of our people?

Our tradition uses the "telling" of our story as the tool for finding this personal meaning. In fact, the central mitzvah behind the entire holiday of Passover is the act of "telling" our story, which is why the book we use is called a "Haggadah" (meaning "telling") and why the "Maggid" (tellings) section occupies such a prominent place in the Haggadah. But the Haggadah must not just be read. We cannot just "tell" our children (or ourselves) the story as we would tell any other bedtime story.

The first thing that we all have to do is learn to use the Haggadah as a tool for study, and not as a prayer book. What many people may not realize is that the bulk of the Haggadah's content is made up of compiled pieces of Rabbinic literature, all attempting to explain the meaning behind the Exodus. That is why I pluralized the translation of the word "Maggid" above. There are multiple "tellings" throughout the Haggadah; they are all just different Rabbinic textual interpretations.

For example: one of the central Rabbinic ideas behind the Seder was that it should, "begin with disgrace and conclude with praise." Two of our great sages, Rav and Shmuel (3rd Century C.E.), interpreted this teaching in two different ways. Rav understood the text to mean that the seder should begin with the disgraceful reminder that "our ancestors worshipped idols." Shmuel, on the other hand, interpreted this verse to mean that we should begin with an acknowledgement that, "we were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt".

In other words, both Rav and Shmuel studied the same rabbinic message behind the telling of the Passover story, but they framed the entire discussion in two very different ways. They brought their own opinions and understanding to the table as they attempted to bring the lessons of Passover to life.



We must follow this model and strive to do the same at our own seders. We must bring our own thoughts, experiences, and understandings to the table of study and add our voices to the ancient conversation of what it means to "experience" the Exodus from Egypt.

Jewish study has never been a passive experience. As we gather around our seder tables and read through the Haggadah we should remember that we are not just praying or singing; we are also studying. Study is the primary medium through which we are telling our story and we should continuously remember to engage the text of the Haggadah by stopping to ask questions. How is a particular section relevant to our daily lives? What can it teach us? What personal experiences do we have to relate to a particular theme or idea from the Haggadah?

To help us come up with the questions to ask or the ideas to discuss there are hundreds of Haggadot and Passover study books which can help us bring the meaning of the Haggadah to life. A few I have found helpful are:

- ♦ *A Different Night* (Noam Zion and David Dishon)
- ♦ *A Night to remember: The Haggadah Of Contemporary Voices* (Zion)
- ♦ *The Art of Jewish Living: The Passover Seder* (Ron Wolfson)
- ♦ *Creating Lively Passover Seders* (David Arnow)

For more suggestions, check out: www.haggadahrus.com

I suggest you go out and buy one of these books, and find some ideas or sections to incorporate into your seder. Additionally, feel free to come to our library and check out our Haggadah collection. Many of these Haggadot contain study questions, activities, or other ways to actively engage with the Haggadah in the hopes of "experiencing" what it was like to leave Egypt. If you are leading a Seder, come up with activities, and/or supplemental material from some of these resources to help bring your seder to life. If you are worried about people getting hungry, serve crudités at the "karpas" section of the seder (that will be closer to the rabbinic experience anyway!). Try to include as many people in the seder as possible, and try to make the experience "user friendly" for everyone involved.

The Passover experience was not meant to be a passive one. As we sit down at our tables, we must bring our own questions, thoughts, comments, and creativity in order to add our voices to those who came before us. Only then can we truly envision ourselves as having left Egypt.

Hag Kasher V'Sameach, Have a wonderful Passover!

Yasher Koach to our Bar Mitzvah!

My Mitzvah Project

Hi, my name is **Shawn Coval**. I am in 7th grade and I live in Ocean Township with my parents Ellen and Mitch Marx. I attend Ocean Township Intermediate School. In my free time, I like going outside and playing basketball and street hockey. I also like watching movies, especially comedy and action films.

My mitzvah project was making meals for the families at the Ronald McDonald house in Long Branch, right next to Monmouth Medical Center. I chose what I cooked and prepared it at home. Then I cooked it at the Ronald McDonald house and served it to the families. Before I came over to cook, some families usually stayed in their rooms waiting, while other families stayed at the hospital. Then I would come along and make their day with a home cooked meal.

I'm looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah on April 28th.



CONGREGATION TORAT EL MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE

Imagine getting all the resources available at Congregation Torat El, FREE for one year, just for the price of a raffle ticket. You will be supporting your Temple and helping to make sure our vast programming can continue, and have the possibility of having your Temple obligations paid in full for the 2012-2013 fiscal year!!

Watch your mail for tickets and more information!!



1 Raffle Ticket
\$36
Book of 5 Tickets
\$144

*Drawing to be held at the June 3rd
Congregation Meeting.
Winners need not be present.*



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHAI LITES



Hebrew High School Open House Scheduled for Monday April 16

On Monday April 16th, the 7th grade students and all other potential High School students are invited to join our regular Hebrew High School students from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Come join us and experience what it will be like when you participate as a High School student next year. The regular 7th grade class will be cancelled on Monday April 16th in anticipation of the students coming to the High School that night from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Religious School Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year Will Take Place on April 22-23

Religious School registration for the 2012-2013 school year will take place on Sunday, April 22 and Monday, April 23. You should have already received your registration mailing. Thank you in advance for making every effort to register on time!! We look forward to seeing all of you at registration!

Mark Your Calendars:

Sun. Apr. 1	Model Seders for students in Ganon/Kind., 1 st , and 2 nd grades
Mon. Apr 2	Model Seders for students in Grades 3,4,5,6,7
Sun. Apr. 8 thru Wed. Apr. 11	No Religious School (Passover/Spring break)
Sat. Apr. 14	Mini-Minyan and Junior Congregation
Sun. Apr. 15	6 th Grade Bnai Mitzvah Seminar
Mon. Apr. 16	High School Open House
Sun. Apr. 22 and Mon. Apr. 23	Religious School Registration for the 2012/2013 School Year
Sat. Apr. 28	Mini-Minyan and Junior Congregation



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APRIL 22(SUN)-ROCK CLIMBING & DINNER
27-29(FRI-SUN)-REGIONAL SPRING CONVENTION-SOMERSET

KADIMA

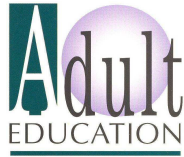
APRIL 22(SUN)-REGIONAL ROLLER
RAMA

APRIL 29(SUN)-PINBALL
MUSEUM, ASBURY PARK

PRE-KADIMA

APRIL 29(SUN)-PINBALL MUSEUM,
ASBURY PARK

**NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN
CONTACT ABBY SCHEER YOUTH ADVISOR (732-531-7543)**



CTE Adult Ed: Fall/Winter 2011-2012

Make a note of our partial programming from now through May 2012 so that you may mark your own calendar.

Ongoing classes:

WHAT PAGE ARE WE ON? - Cantor Siegel's popular **Sunday morning** 10:00 AM-11:00 AM class about understanding and participating in Saturday Shabbat Service.

Lunch & Learn - Rabbi Schonbrun leads a discussion on our major holidays and traditions each **Wednesday** between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM

Limited session evening classes:

OMG (OH MY GOD) - Bring your questions and join our Rabbi and Congregants as we explore the Jewish understanding of God and his role in our daily lives. This is a three session class **Mondays** during **April** on the **16th, 23rd and 30th** at **7:30 PM**.

Bus Trip to: Jewish Theological Seminary

Sunday, April 22nd

Visit the spiritual and intellectual home for **Conservative Judaism** in New York City. On this visit we will take a brief tour of the facility where Rabbis, Cantors and other intellectual and spiritual leaders study and train, then continue on to **the rare book tour**. The Library is home to more than 400,000 volumes, making it the largest and most extensive collection of Hebraic and Judaic material in the western hemisphere.

The day would not be complete without an appropriate kosher meal at the well known **Ben's Deli**, serving your choice of sandwich (meats or tuna salad) or salad plus sides and drink.

This excursion, suitable for all but the very young, is scheduled to leave from the Synagogue on Monmouth Rd. at **10:30 A.M. promptly, expecting to return at around 5:30 P.M.**

The **cost is \$39** inclusive. Reservations, on a first come first serve basis, will only be taken by mail or in person at the office with receipt of your check. There will only be one bus.



Please cut and mail with check payable to: **Congregation Torat El, 301 Monmouth Rd, Oakhurst, NJ 07755**

Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____ Telephone #: _____ # in your party: ()

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL [732.531.4410] OR EMAIL PAM AT THE SHUL OFFICE [pamc@torat-el.org]

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Friday Night, May 4th after Services*
Saturday, May 5th after Services*
Sunday, May 6th Brunch

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Eliezer Diamond. Rabbi Diamond is the Rabbi Judah Nadich Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary. (More info is available about our Guest Speaker at http://www.jtsa.edu/x1352.xml?ID_NUM=100114.)

The topics that Dr. Diamond will address:

Friday Night - **You had to be there: An introduction to Rabbinic humor**

Saturday Lunch - **The Passion in Perspective: What the Talmud has to say about Jesus and his disciples?**

Sunday Brunch - **Sinai Revisited: A Rabbinic retelling of Revelation**

Friday night our Instrumental Shabbat Service begins at 6:30 PM.

Dr. Diamond will give the sermon during our Saturday morning Shabbat Service at 9:00 A.M.

Members of the local community are very welcome to join with our Congregation in sharing the thoughts and views of Dr. Diamond. All are welcome to join us for prayer services and/or the meals we are providing.



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Reservations must be received no later than April 26, 2012.

Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____ Telephone #: _____

		<u># Adult Members</u>	<u># Children Members Under 13</u>	<u>#Adult Guests</u>	<u># Children Guests Under 13</u>
	<u>Meal</u>				
Friday Night @ 7:30 PM*	Traditional Hot	___ @ \$7	___ Free	___ @\$18	___ @ \$15
Saturday Lunch@ 12:00 PM*	Dairy	___ @ \$7	___ Free	___ @\$15	___ @ \$12
Sunday Brunch@ 11:00 AM	Bagels & Lox Plus	___ @ \$7	___ Free	___ @\$15	___ @ \$12

*Approximate Time

TOTALS: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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PESACH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Friday, April 6th ~ 8:00am

Fast and Feast of the Firstborn

Friday, April 6th

*****Please note there will be NO Shabbat service this evening*****

First Seder

Saturday, April 7th ~ 6:00pm

Community Second Night Seder

Saturday, April 7th & Sunday, April 8th ~ 9:00am

Pesach Service

Friday, April 13th ~ 9:00am

Pesach Service

Saturday, April 14th ~ 9:00am

Pesach/Yizkor Service

Siyyum Bechorim

Calling All First Born (Men and Women)

Friday, April 6th at 8:00am

According to Jewish tradition, the first born son of a mother or father is required to fast on the day before Passover as an expression of thanks for the deliverance of the first born Israelites who were spared from the Tenth plague. One midrash teaches that both women and men were affected by this plague, and the Shulchan Arukh offers an opinion that women who are first born should fast as well. It is in that spirit that we also encourage first born females to join us for our siyyum festivities. However, individuals who are obligated to fast are exempt from fasting if they have the opportunity to participate in a **seudat mitzvah**, a festive meal that follows the performance of certain mitzvot. Therefore, it has become customary for synagogues, on the day before Passover, to make a **siyyum**, a public completion unit of study, which is followed by a **seudat mitzvah**, thus exempting the first born participants from their obligation to fast. The siyyum will be preceded by the morning minyan and followed by a feast with lots of delicious chametz. Study and feast is held in memory of Esther and Ed Deitelbaum and is sponsored by their family. All are welcome to join us, even if you are not a first born.



Sale of Chametz

During the week of Pesach, it is forbidden for any Jew to own chametz. To avoid the unnecessary financial hardship that could result from requiring Jews to dispose of all items that are chametz, it is tradition to sell items of chametz to non-Jews for the week of Pesach. If you would like to sell your chametz to insure that you abide by the Jewish law of not owning any chametz during the week of Pesach, please fill out the form below and return it to the Temple on or before the end of the day on Wednesday, April 4th.

Dear Rabbi Schonbrun,

I/we _____ (name) would like to appoint you as my/our agent to sell all items of chametz that will be in my/our possession at: _____.

This sale will be effective at 10:30am on Friday, April 6th.

Signed

Yom Hashoah

Commemorative Service led by

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun

Rabbi Cy Stanway, Temple Beth Miriam

Rabbi Brooks Susman, Congregation Kol-Am

Thursday, April 19th - 7:00-8:00pm

Congregation Torat El

Guest Speaker:

Hebrew University Professor Israel Bartal will discuss “The Destruction of the World” dealing with the world that was lost during the Holocaust.



The entire community is invited to attend this important event.



CTE Sisterhood Chai Lites

Temple Grams: To send a gram (\$5 each, checks payable to CTE Sisterhood) call Beverle at 732-493-1595.

Gift shop: Remember to support your SH Gift shop! Shop at your convenience. If you need help and no one is around, the office staff will gladly help you. If you don't see something you need and would like to place an order, please call **Hagit Morgan** at 732-300-2571.

Catered Luncheon: Having a special event? Let SH cater your luncheon through "Lox Stock and Deli." For more information and details, please call **Diane Resnick** at 732-531-3802.

Adie Gordon Religious School Fund and the Naomi Axelrod Garden Fund: Sisterhood has established these special funds, both operating on a continuing basis. To make a donation in honor of, or in memory of, etc., please call **Joan Edelsberg** at 732-918-0488.

RAFFLE NEWS

After our initial success in our newly-merged Temple, Sisterhood is now preparing to launch another season of the Min Pincow Memorial Raffle. The first drawing is set for June 7, 2012. For those not familiar with this raffle, let us explain briefly:

We have 100 numbers available, with one drawing each month for ten months. Each monthly ticket costs \$10.00. You may purchase ten tickets (one for each month) for \$100, payable in one or two installments. The winner each month receives one-half of the proceeds from the number of tickets sold for that month. (This is a true 50-50.)

NOTE: If we are successful in selling all 100 numbers, the winner will receive \$500!

This raffle started many years ago at Temple Beth El's Sisterhood, and has been continued by Congregation Torat El's Sisterhood. It is named after Min Pincow, a dedicated TBE member who had originally conceived the idea for the raffle. Naturally, most ticket-holders will continue to keep their numbers. However, there are still several lucky numbers still available, and we invite one and all to participate.

To order your tickets, or if you have questions, please contact either
Gayle Ardakanian, 848-466-9800
or
Phyllis Schwarz, 732-988-0928:

Save the Date

Thursday, June 6th 7:15 PM For the Installation of Officers



Sefer So Good April 2012

New on the Shelf Since We Last Spoke

Chanukah Lights, donated by Maddy & Bob Cohen in honor of their sons, Matt and Ben--on display in the glass case in the lobby--Sydney Taylor Award Winner for Younger Readers

- J Ba *Naamah and the Ark at Night, a Lullaby*, gift of Izzy & Sarah Bercovicz to honor Joseph Robert Bercovicz on his second birthday--Sydney Taylor Honor Book for Younger Readers
- J Ju *Picnic at Camp Shalom*, gift of Anita Kraut in honor of the Re-Dedication of Congregation Torat El--Sydney Taylor Notable Book for Younger Readers
- J Ki *Joseph and the Sabbath Fish*, gift of Izzy & Sarah Bercovicz in honor of Joseph Robert Bercovicz's second birthday
- J Ko *Sadie's Sukkah Breakfast*, gift of Arlene & Kenneth Lutz in honor of granddaughter, Riley Jane Shafritz--Sydney Taylor Notable Book for Younger Readers
- J Mc *The Cats in the Doll Shop*, gift of Alan & Janet Cohen in honor of Monica & Matt for making us proud--Sydney Taylor Notable Book for Older Readers
- J Me *The Shabbat Princess*, gift of Loretta & Jerry Kessel in honor of grandchildren, Jack & Leah Barlow--Sydney Taylor Notable Book for Younger Readers
- J Mi *Lipman Pike: America's First Home Run King*, gift of Arlene & Kenneth Lutz in honor of grandson, Aiden Henry Lutz--Sydney Taylor Notable Book for Younger Readers
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Passover Chocolate Mandelbrot

Ingredients

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup pareve margarine
- 6 eggs
- 2 3/4 cups matzo cake meal
- 3/4 cup potato starch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a large cookie sheet.

In a large bowl, cream together the 2 cups sugar and margarine until smooth. Beat in eggs one at a time, mixing well after each one. Combine the cake meal, potato starch and salt; stir into the creamed mixture. Mix in walnuts and chocolate chips. The mixture will be heavy. Form into 2 long oval loaves. Place onto the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle the top with a mixture of 2 tsp sugar and 1 tsp cinnamon.

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8 No Religious School	9 No Religious School	10 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	11 No Religious School	12	13 Candle Lighting 7:15pm Temple Office Closed Pesach Service 9:00am Pesach/Shabbat Service 8:00pm	14 Pesach/Yizkor Service 9:00am
15 Adult Ed w/Cantor 10:00am 6 th Grade B/M Seminar 9:00am	16 Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm High School Open House	17 Ritual Mtg 7:30pm	18 Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00- 1:00pm Adult Ed Mtg 7:30pm Chesed Mtg 7:30pm	19 Yom Hashoah Program 7:00pm	20 Candle Lighting 7:22pm Instrumental Shabbat Service 6:30pm	21 Shabbat Service 9:00am
22 Adult Ed w/Cantor 10:00am R/S Registration 9:00am Adult Ed Trip to JTS 10:30am	23 Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm R/S Registration 4:30pm	24 Exec Board Mtg 7:30pm Men's Club Mtg 7:30pm	25 Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 12:00- 1:00pm Calendar Planning Mtg 7:30pm	26 Adult Ed w/Cantor 7:30pm	27 Candle Lighting 7:29pm Traditional Shabbat Service 6:30pm Fourth Friday Family Service 6:30pm Congregational Dinner 7:15pm	28 Bar Mitzvah of Shawn Coval 9:00am Junior Congregation 10:15am Mini Minyan 10:30am
29 Adult Ed w/Cantor 10:00am Kadima/Pre-Kadima Pinball Museum	30 Adult Ed w/Rabbi 7:30pm					