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A Note from Rabbi Michael Fessler

As this bulletin reaches you, Passover is around the corner. A fundamental cornerstone of Jewish memory, the holiday recalls our liberation from slavery at Pharaoh's hands. The Passover seder isn't just a memorial of that liberation: it's a reenactment. We're taught that the Exodus wasn't just an event in our past — in the words of the Haggadah, in every generation we are obligated to see ourselves as having gone out from Egypt, from *Mitzrayim*.

That leap of historical empathy may be easier this year. *Mitzrayim* comes from the Hebrew root *tzar*: narrowness, constriction. For many of us, the past two years of pandemic have evoked the experience of *Mitzrayim*, as we faced unfamiliar dangers, unexpected isolation, and social dislocation — and for too many of us, significant losses along the way.

As I write this, many signs are pointing toward a kind of liberation: coronavirus cases are plummeting thanks to vaccinations and acquired immunity, and we're looking forward to resuming in-person gatherings, marking milestones, and sharing space together with growing ease.

There's one particular lesson of the Exodus story that I hope we can apply to our current moment. While leaving Egypt, we're told in Deuteronomy 25, an enemy tribe, Amalek, "surprised you on the march, and struck at your rear, at all the weak ones who were behind you when you were famished and weary." Throughout Jewish history, we are told, we should remember Amalek: the villainous symbol of unwarranted, barbaric aggression against the vulnerable.

But a Hasidic commentary, *Itturei Torah*, notes that had the children of Israel not forgotten about the slower ones in back, the Amalekites would not have succeeded in their attack. "Because you allowed the slower ones to fall *acharecha*, you treated them as *acher*, "other," leaving them vulnerable to attack." Therefore, the Torah tells us to remember Amalek so that we never forget to bring our brothers and sisters who need special attention into our midst and protect them, rather than leaving them behind.

In the same way, as both our synagogue community and our larger society resume in-person gatherings in the knowledge that most of us are reasonably well protected from COVID-19, we need to be mindful not to leave behind those who remain vulnerable — particularly people who are at heightened risk due to health conditions, and families with young children who can't yet be vaccinated. By continuing to make our programs accessible and by calibrating our precautions to protect our whole community, not just to fit our individual comfort levels, we remember the lesson of Amalek: on our march to freedom, leave no one behind.

A sweet and kosher Pesach to all,

Rabbi Michael Fessler

Happy
Passover

SHABBAT SERVICES

Take place at
8pm on Fridays
& 10am on Saturdays

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can be found on the
TBE website here

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April, May, June

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



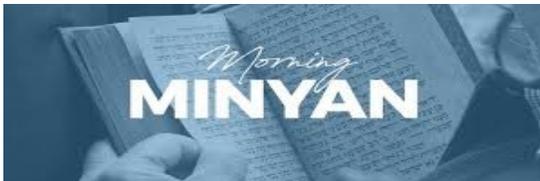
WE SHARE OUR FRIEND'S GRIEF

Our congregation mourns the loss of:

Oscar Weiss, husband of Evy Weiss
 Bernice Litcofsky, mother of Mark (Amy) Litcofsky
 Ray Saunders, husband of Cindi Saunders
 Martin Druckerman, husband of Meryl
 Geri Bromberg, wife of Maurice Bromberg
 Shelon Baskin, husband of Annette Baskin
 George Stuts, husband of Betsy Kopstein-Stuts
 Bernard Goldman, longtime TBE congregant
 Marcia Preiss wife of Ralph Preiss
 Paul Ziff, father of Lori (Elliot) Levine

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June	24	8:15

Staff & Executive Committee



MORNING MINYAN

We hope you will consider
 joining us for virtual or live minyan
 Monday— Friday Mornings at 8:00 a.m.
 In-person on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INADVERTENT ERRORS IN THE TBE BULLETIN

A great deal of time and effort goes into the publication of the Temple Beth-El Bulletin. From time to time, errors do occur. We apologize in advance if this happens. Please notify the Temple office so that a correction can be published in the next month's issue.

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RELIGIOUS & HEBREW EDUCATION AT
TEMPLE BETH-EL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TBE PRESIDENTS



A Note from Merri Sedgwick

Welcome back! We are so excited to be able to *reopen after two very long years of being apart. But do not fret, even though we are reopening for Shabbat services, we will continue to Zoom and Live stream these services.

This year has seen a new and different approach to the Presidency at Temple Beth-El. Mark Cooper, Andrea Hagan and I have split the presidential duties, even though we work as one, and so far, things have been running quite smoothly.

There has been an increased number of Adult Education classes, both on Zoom and in person; please make sure you check the weekly Constant Contact emails AND that you scroll all the way to the bottom so that you do not miss any of these exciting events and classes. Likewise, we are always looking for new ideas as well as new people to run these programs. Please contact me (vpcultureed@tbeny.org) or Susan Canning (programs@tbeny.org) and we will work on getting your idea from paper to fruition.

Save the date! The membership Committee is planning a *Shavuot picnic on Sunday, June 5, 2022. This event is free and open to all TBE members. Once the details have been ironed out, an email will go out so that you can sign up to attend.

Finally, I personally want to thank my co-presidents, Mark and Andrea, for their help and support during my time as president. I also want to thank the Board for their undying support. And last but not least, I owe a debt of gratitude to all of you my Temple Beth-El family for your trust and belief in me. And as Dorothy said in the Wizard of Oz, "There's no place like home!" Welcome Home!

**As Covid numbers and protocols allow*

**A Note from Karen Jacobs,
Co-Chair of the TBE Education Committee**

Religious and Hebrew education has not slowed down in the face of the pandemic here at Temple Beth-El. Even with the multiple closures of the Temple, the students have continued learning via Zoom when needed. When confronted with these, less than ideal, circumstances, our fabulous teachers have managed to keep students engaged in imaginative ways. After being on Zoom all of last year and starting this year via Zoom, we returned to in-person classes just after the High Holidays. Unfortunately, with the rise of Covid cases due to Omicron, we returned to Zoom in December for the safety of our students and teachers. We, once again, resumed classroom learning in the middle of February while continuing to take precautions with masks, air purifiers and social distancing.

We have shortened our education time during the pandemic for a variety of reasons. In-person snacks cannot be offered, and we have had to cut out large group singing practice. While on Zoom, many of our traditional teaching methods had to be altered as the children have a shorter attention span when learning virtually. One positive development has been the addition of 20-30 minutes of individual, virtual tutoring for Ivrit students in grades 3-7. This has allowed us to focus on the needs of each student individually and it has been so beneficial that we are going to continue it when in-person learning is happening.

Outside of the classrooms, we have continued to run a Shalom Tots Friday night program once a month on Zoom as well as some very lovely joint family services with the Congregation Shir Chadash clergy and families. We look forward to hosting Jennifer Levine as Artist in Residence this May to work with the school. She will help us learn about *Hatikvah* and create a Prayer Mural on three panels that will be displayed at Temple Beth-El for years to come. This is being made possible by the Ma'alot Grant Program. Keep an eye on your email for future exciting events from our school.

PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED

If you have moved, changed your home, work or cell number or your email address, contact the Temple office at adminassist@tbeny.org so we can update our records



**A Note From the Treasurer
Roger Lewin**

Hello fellow congregants,

As we start to think about our budget for the coming year, I wanted to give a quick update on the current year financial status. We have made much progress.

Our General Fund budget for the current year originally included a \$90k deficit. At the congregational meeting in November, we discussed that it would be closer to \$33k based on our loan forgiveness moving into this year, and personnel actions. Currently, I am projecting that the deficit will be closer to \$17k.

The response to the 5782 annual high holiday appeal was truly inspiring. This year, members of our congregation and employees of Temple Beth-El donated over \$77.5k, 25% higher than any previous year in at least 10 years. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, to Eric Goldstone and Joël Logan for all their work on the letters and tracking, and to Mark Cooper for his motivating appeal talk.

At the congregational meeting in May, a number of members suggested that we should contribute more to the Interfaith Council. Since then, members have made donations towards that organization and we have already contributed 4x the originally budgeted amount.

Our Lunchbox fund, not part of the General Fund, came into the year borrowing about \$1,900. With a great increase in need during the pandemic, the fund increased the monthly support from \$400 to \$500. Thanks to all the contributions, the fund now has a surplus to get through the year and a start into next year.

This year we also sold the parsonage at the prime time. Many thanks to John Weisman for all the work that went into making it happen. The net proceeds, about \$310k, went into the Building Fund. The first \$100k was used to pay off the loan the Building Fund had taken out (internally) several years ago. We also elected to move \$115k to the General Fund (not included in the deficit projections above).

Finally, don't forget about gift cards for groceries and so many other purchases at other stores, an easy way to help our congregation with little cost to you!

PASSOVER 5782 / 2022 IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

Friday, April 15: Erev Pesach

Morning minyan + Fast of the Firstborn Siyyum: 8 AM
Time to stop eating chametz: 10:40 AM
Time to burn chametz: 11:48 AM
Candle lighting: 7:18 PM
1st Seder tonight

Saturday, April 16: Shabbat/Pesach Day 1 (Chag)

10AM Pesach Service (includes Song of Songs)
Candle lighting for 2nd Seder after 8:21 PM
2nd Seder

Sunday, April 17: Pesach Day 2 (Chag)

10AM 2nd Day Pesach Service
Havdalah at 8:22 PM

April 18 - April 21: Pesach Days 3- 6 (Chol Hamo'ed)

8AM Morning minyan with Torah reading/Half Hallel

Friday, April 22: Pesach Day 7 (Chag)

10AM Morning Service
8PM Evening Service with Yizkor

Saturday, April 23: Shabbat/Pesach Day 8 (Chag)

10AM Morning Service with Yizkor
Festival ends: 8:29 PM

Morning minyan services will be hybrid (in-person + zoom)
Holiday services are currently planned to be in person, with some livestreaming.

Find all Passover information, on the TBE website at

<https://www.tbeny.org/passover-2022>

FIVE EXCITING BAR/BAT MITZVAHS THIS SPRING

This spring will be an exciting time for three of our Temple Beth-El families. We will be celebrating five B'nai Mitzvahs this spring in person for the first time in two years. There will be five B'nai Mitzvahs from three families. We have a unique situation of two sets of twins in our current B'nai Mitzvah class this year. Our clergy and tutors have done a fantastic job behind the scenes these past two years to make sure our eight Zoom B'nai Mitzvahs have been so smooth. Our students had to take on more responsibilities in leading prayers on Zoom and they all shined in their own way. Once we can celebrate in large crowds again, we will be holding a Shabbat to honor all our Zoom B'nai Mitzvahs in person.



Our first Bar Mitzvah this spring is on May 14, 2022, when we will call Colby Silbergleit, son of Jason and Debbie Silbergleit and brother to Zach, up to the bimah. Zach led the way when he celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at TBE in October of 2017. Colby is a 6th grader at Oakwood Friends School who enjoys playing a variety of sports including soccer, basketball, and skiing as well as collecting sports cards. He loves to play sports with his family and spends a lot of his time with his dog, Turtle.

Next up is the first set of twins James and Zachary Cohen who are very excited to be called up to the Bimah on June 18, 2022. James and Zach are the sons of Bert Cohen and Christine Doyle. Their brother Dylan also celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in September 2019. Their siblings Cooper, Brett, and another Dylan are looking forward to celebrating with them as well. James enjoys playing piano and percussion and is getting ready to test for his black belt in karate. Zach enjoys spending time with friends and is an encyclopedia of knowledge on a wide range of topics ranging from Superhero movies, cryptocurrencies, and rap music. James and Zach are 7th graders at Union Vale Middle School and are both looking forward to going to Israel for the first time this summer to culminate their Bar Mitzvah experience.

Finally, on June 25, 2022, we will call another set of twins, Jack and Lillian Gusikoff to the Bimah. Jack and Lilly are the children of Perry and Lisa Gusikoff and siblings of Travis and Kayla. Jack and Lilly are 7th graders at Millbrook Middle School. Jack enjoys playing soccer and video games as well as hanging out with his dad doing work around the house. Lilly enjoys art and playing soccer and lacrosse. They are extremely excited to be participating in this milestone together and look forward to celebrating with friends and family at their home after the challenging work is completed.

As of this writing, the plan is to have these Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in-person as well as live-streamed. Hopefully, COVID numbers will continue to decline and allow for these in-person celebrations. A huge shout out goes to Rabbi Miriam, Cantor Devorah, Miriam Rubin, and Rabbi Fessler for training and preparing our students for their big day. A mazel tov to all the families celebrating this spring. Stay tuned to the summer bulletin for features on the rest of our B'nai Mitzvah class.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEW INFORMATION FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee is pleased to announce that Temple Beth-El is now offering a virtual membership starting in the 2022-2023 fiscal year which begins on July 1st. This has been a trend among shuls since Covid began and we feel the time is right to offer a membership category to those who aren't able to join us in person in the future but have a connection to Temple Beth-El and want to be part of our family. The fee is \$180 for the year and you must live more than seventy-five miles from the Temple to qualify (we will not be measuring it). Membership includes access to all virtual services and TBE email correspondence such as good news, constant contacts and Chayenu. We want people to stay connected when not in the area and this membership category is a way to do that.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

TEMPLE BETH-EL GENERAL FUND

Nancy & Sandy Bernstein

In honor of Susan Petendree
In Memory of Bernard Goldman
In Memory of Jerome Jacobs

Jacqueline Solomon

In Memory of Marilyn Worona

Alysia Baker

In Memory of my father, Theodore H. Baker

Debbie & Arnold Most

In memory of Joyce Gordon
In memory of Sheldon Baskin
In memory of Geri Bromberg

Susan & Stan Riveles

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In honor of Jacob Reckess' Engagement

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In memory of their Son, Steven Price

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In memory of Cantor Devorah Gartner's brothers and uncles
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In honor of Rabbi Hyman

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In honor of Jacob Reckess' Engagement
In honor of Shore Goldberg's Engagement
In honor of Kit Tracy's graduation
In memory of Kenneth Waxman
In memory of Bernice Kornreich
In memory of Priscilla Kolson
In memory of Logan Ross
In memory of Joyce Gordon
In memory of George Stuts
In memory of Paul Ziff

Amy & Steve Effron

In memory of George Stuts

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In honor of the engagement of Jacob Reckess & Ashley Baker
In honor of the engagement of Shore Goldberg & Shajar Gonzalez
In memory of Logan J. Ross
In memory of Bernard Goldman
In memory of George Stuts
In memory of Paul Ziff
In memory of Jerome Jacobs
In memory of Joyce Gordon
In memory of Sheldon Baskin
In memory of Geri Bromberg

Vicki Greenberg

In appreciation of John Weisman
In appreciation of Rabbi Michael
In appreciation of Rabbi Miriam
In memory of George Stuts
In memory of Bernard Goldman

Melissa & Richard Kurtz

In honor of the birth of our first grandson, Simon Michael Kurtz

Grete & Marty Finkelstein

In memory of Clara Rothschild
In memory of Max Mezger & Rosa Rothschild
In memory of Martin Lowenberg
In memory of Louise Howard
In memory of Elyse Schwarzbach
In memory of Ida Kronberg
In memory of Logan Ross
In honor of the engagement of Shore Goldberg to Shajar Gonzalez

Susan & Richard Grilli

In memory of Marie Bergmann

Carl Sorgen

In honor of Amelia Rose Kaye's Bat Mitzvah

Sharon & Bernardo Steinvurzel

In memory of George Stuts
In memory of Joyce Gordon
In memory of Leonard Biberman

Linda & Eric Perfecto

In memory of Logan Ross
In memory of Joyce Gordon
In memory of Florence Dyckman
In memory of Sheldon Baskin
In memory of Geri Bromberg

Nancy & Steven Koch

In memory of George Stuts
In memory of Joyce Gordon
In memory of Paul Ziff
In memory of Sheldon Baskin
In memory of Geri Bromberg

Susan & Richard Levine

In memory of George Stuts
 In memory of Joyce Gordon
 In memory of Logan Ross
 In honor of the engagement of Jacob Reckess & Ashley Baker
 In honor of the engagement of Shore Goldberg & Shajar Gonzalez
 In honor of Kit Tracy's Graduation

Stewart Levine

In memory of Joyce Gordon

Sandy & Jerry Goldberg

Mazel tov on Jacob Reckess' Engagement to Ashley
 Mazel tov on Kit Tracy's Graduation
 In honor of Susan Petendree
 In memory of Sheldon Baskin
 In memory of Florence Dyckman
 In memory of Logan Ross
 In memory of Paul Ziff
 In memory of Joyce Gordon

Miriam & Frank Rubin

In memory of George Stuts
 In memory of Joyce Gordon
 In memory of Paul Ziff

Paula & Azzy Reckess

In loving memory of Paul Ziff
 In loving memory of George Stuts
 In loving memory of Leonard Biberman
 In loving memory of Logan Ross
 In loving memory of Joyce Gordon
 In loving memory of Paula's Father, Alex S. Tuller

Lydia Bauman

In memory of Al Bauman

Ruth & Donald Klein

In honor of the birth of our 19th great grandchild
 In memory of her father, Marcel Kintzburger
 In memory of Sheldon Baskin
 In memory of Geri Bromberg
 In memory of hi mother, Emily Klein

Adrienne London

In memory of Sheldon Baskin
 In memory of Morris London
 In memory of Geri Bromberg
 In memory of Martin Druckerman

Pamela Parker

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Murray Hill Radiology

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Debbie & Thomas Erichson

In memory of Geri Bromberg

Bert and Rebecca Cohen

In memory of Geri Bromberg

Matthew Greenberg

In memory of Geri Bromberg

Marcia Baskin

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Edith Heiger

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Sue Mackson

Refuah shlema Adrienne London
 In memory of Joyce Gordo
 In memory of Geri Bromberg
 In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Susan Petendree

In honor of Jacob Reckess' engagement to Ashley Baker
 In memory of Phyllis Nick
 In memory of George Stuts
 In memory of Geri Bromberg

Ellen Elowitz

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Michael Effron

In memory of George Stuts

Eileen & Ted Pilchik

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Ken Litvin & Michele Singer

[In memory of Sheldon Baskin](#)

Phyllis & Mark Stern

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Frances Graham

In memory of Geri Bromberg

Sheri, Dave, Ben & Gayle Raften

In memory of Geri Bromberg

Elaine Miles

In memory of Debbie Tendler

Ralph & Marian Schwartz

In memory of Geri Bromberg

Maurice Bromberg

In appreciation to all those who helped me through this difficult time
 In appreciation to Rabbis Hyman & Fessler for the beautiful memorial service

Anita & Robert Morrison

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

Evelyn & David Horowitz

In memory of Sheldon Baskin

TBE LUNCHBOX FUND

Shirley & Bernard Handel



**PURIM AT
TBE**



**MAZEL TOV TO THOSE
CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
IN MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

March

Sandra & Jerome Goldberg	57	March 6
Nancy & Bruce Judson		March 6
Judith & Herbert Dym	58	March 8
Brenda & Robert Seligman	57	March 14
Claire & Marvin Klenosky		March 15
Bonnie & Seth Greenspan		March 16
Naava & Ariel Koblenz		March 17
Nancy & Steven Koch		March 18
Linda & Joseph Lettieri		March 24
Amy & Steven Effron		March 28
Miriam & Alan Berkowitz	30	March 29

April

Irene & Julius Quint		April 17
Ellen & Steven Sackstein		April 18
Sherry & Eliot Hudes		April 29

May

Kimberly & Christian Fekete		May 8
Linda & Martin Katz	50	May 2
Carole & Stuart Chimkin	56	May 21
Wendy & Howard Marin	50	May 21
Gail & Samuel Simon		May 21
Susan & Richard Levine		May 22
Lori & Elliot Levine	30	May 24
Debbie & Jason Silbergleit		May 24
Nina & Russell Rothman		May 27
Simona & William Parsons		May 28



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PASSOVER FUN contributed by Sharon Dolinko

Did you hear about the internet search engine for Passover?
It's called *eli* YAHOO

Why did the matzo quit his job?
Because he didn't get a raise

What do you call someone who derives pleasure from the bread of affliction? *A matzochist*

Why did the matzo go to the doctor?
Because he felt crumby

Who is behind Pharaoh's Evil Empire? *Darth Seder*

What's the best cheese to eat on Passover
Matzah-rella

What kind of shoes did the Egyptians wear during the plague of frogs? *Open toad*

Why did the matzo baker rob the bank?
He needed the dough

What army base is off limits on Passover?
Fort Leavenworth

OUR PASSOVER THINGS

Thanks to Sharon Dolinko for sharing this fun tune sang to My Favorite Things from The Sound of Music

Cleaning and cooking and so many dishes
Out with the hametz, no pasta, no knishes
Fish that's gefilte, horseradish that stings
These are a few of our Passover things.

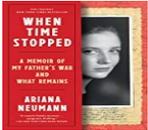
Matzah and karpas and chopped up haroset
Shankbones and kiddish and yiddish neuroses
Tante who kvetches and uncle who sings
These are a few of our Passover things.

Motzi and maror and trouble with Pharoahs
Famines and locusts and slaves with wheelbarrows
Matzah balls floating and eggshell that clings
These are a few of our Passover things

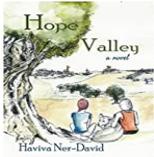
When the plagues strike
When the lice bite
When we're feeling sad
We simply remember our Passover things
And then we don't feel so bad.

CALLING ALL BIBLIOFILES

We are proud to announce that the TBE book club lives on! Join us as we read the following books in 2022



April 26th
When Time Stopped by Ariana Neumann



June 21st
Hope Valley by Haviva Ner-David

All meetings are in-person, from 1:00-2:00pm at Temple Beth-El. All Covid precautions at the time of each meeting will be followed. Please note that there is no Zoom option at this time.

Email adminassist@tbeny.org to register for the meeting by 9:00 AM the Friday preceding each meeting, so we can setup appropriately prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Merri Sedgwick at: moondoggie7@optonline.net.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday June 12th 1-4pm
We've missed you

**WELCOME HOME
TO TEMPLE BETH-EL
FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS**

**Come schmooze with your
TBE friends & fellow
congregants.**

**Rain or Shine
Details will follow
in an email**

Presented by the Membership Committee:
Mark Cooper, Sharon Dolinko,
Russell Rothman, Merri Sedgwick



PASSOVER 2022 5782

On Passover, Jews are forbidden not only to eat *chametz* (leavened material), but also to possess it. This raises a question: what to do with it?

The most straightforward answer is to dispose of it, either by donating it to the needy, if it's unopened and edible, or by discarding or destroying it.

However, there is space in Jewish law to remove *chametz* from our possession on Passover without getting rid of it entirely. There is a "legal fiction" of selling all the chametz that does remain in our homes to a non-Jew who is not bound by the restrictions of Passover. While permissible, it is best used to avoid serious financial hardship or waste, particularly of items that can't be donated — not to avoid getting rid of those stale half-eaten bags of pretzels at the bottom of the pantry.

On behalf of Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Michael will be arranging for the sale of any *chametz* stored on the synagogue's property. If you would like to add your home's *chametz* to the sale, please follow these steps. The sale will be rescinded after the holiday's end.

Be sure to clean out all parts of the home you intend to use. (e.g., remove leavened products from kitchen and pantry; clean to remove food remnants from anyplace you bring food - cars, couches, and desks are perennial candidates.)

Isolate all the chametz that remains into a fixed, "sealed-off" space. For example, set it aside in a cupboard or closet, place a piece of tape over the door, and don't use it throughout the holiday. For refrigerated or frozen goods, you can double-bag items and tape them securely shut, then place the bag in the back of the fridge or freezer.

Submit the attached form in one of the following ways by 5 PM on Thursday, April 14:

Print it, fill it out, and bring it to the TBE office.

Print it, fill it out, scan the completed form, and email it to rabbi@tbeny.org

Fill out the online form at this link: <https://airtable.com/shrCwSk8X6CcQgYDr>

It is customary to make a contribution to the hungry as part of this sale. [I encourage everyone to make a donation to a local food bank, give to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger \(www.mazon.org\)](#), or [donate to TBE](#) with the notation "Passover Appeal" to help us continue to feed the hungry at Dutchess Outreach every month.

Important note: The sale is executed on the morning of Friday, April 15 by 11:30 AM, and the chametz will revert to your possession at the end of Passover ([Saturday night, April 23 at 8:30 PM](#)). During that time, it's forbidden to touch or interact with the *chametz*.

There are many aspects to preparing for Pesach. Don't be overwhelmed – do what you can, and try something new. The act of selling is an easy way to enter into the liberating mood of the holiday. *Chag sameach v'kasher* (Have a happy and kosher Passover!),

Rabbi Michael Fessler

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE TORTE FOR PASSOVER

Contributed by Beth Richardson

Cake:

- 6 eggs, separated
- 1 ½ cups sugar, divided
- 2 sticks unsalted butter or margarine, softened
- 8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, melted and cooled
- ½ cup ground almonds
- ¼ cup brandy, orange juice or raspberry syrup
- 1 tablespoon matzah cake meal

Meringue:

- 3 egg whites
- ¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon potato starch
- ¼ cup water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch springform pan and place a well-greased piece of wax paper on the bottom.

Beat egg whites until frothy. Slowly add ½ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, until the whites hold a good peak but are not dry. Set aside.

Beat egg yolks in a large mixer bowl until very thick and lemony in color, about 10-15 minutes. Add butter, 1 cup sugar, and melted chocolate. Beat 2 minutes.

Fold egg whites, ground nuts, flavoring, and cake meal into the remaining mixture. Remove 1 cup, refrigerate, and pour remainder into the pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until the cake begins to pull away from the sides.

Remove from the oven and cool for 15 minutes on a rack. Remove the sides of the pan. Let the torte cool completely before inverting onto a serving pan that can go into the oven. Remove the wax paper and spread the reserved cup of chocolate mixture evenly over the top. Refrigerate, covered, 6 to 8 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.



PASSOVER MANDEL BREAD

Contributed by Sharon Dolinko

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| 2 Cups Sugar | 2-3/4 Cups Cake Meal |
| 1/2 lb. Butter (softened) | 1/2 tsp. Salt |
| 6 Eggs | 3/4 Cup Potato Starch |
| 12 oz. Chocolate Chips | Cinnamon & Sugar mixture |

Cream sugar & butter together. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Sift cake meal, salt & potato starch and fold into egg mixture. Add chocolate chips. Mix well. Grease 2 cookie sheets (one loaf on each), loaf about 3" wide. Sprinkle cinnamon/sugar on top. Bake at 350 for 45 mins. until golden brown. Cool, slice & bake again on each side until golden. Optional: these can be chocolate dipped; ENJOY!

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I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Michael Fessler to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf to sell all *chametz* possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. *chametz*, possible *chametz*, and all kind of *chametz* mixtures); also *chametz* that tends to harden and adhere to surfaces of pans, pots, or cooking utensils, the utensils themselves, as well as pet food that contains *chametz* and mixtures thereof.

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