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Message From Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg

Passover is soon upon us! How will you celebrate this year? Begin with your CRT family at a pre-Pesach Shabbat Dinner on the Friday evening before the holiday. As we gather to celebrate Shabbat, we can share our experiences in preparing for Passover, or take a complete vacation from that notion. Either way, join us for a lovely dinner and service to follow.

Each year, I struggle with my Passover food decisions. What is kosher for Passover? Shall I consider kitniyot (legumes) permissible? How will that affect my celebration? What connection do legumes have to liberation? Some may ask, as a Reform Jew, why should I care about these halachic food distinctions?

Since we are a non-halachic movement, we aren't bound solely by halacha (Jewish law), however we don't ignore it completely. Halacha is one of many considerations in our Jewish decision making process. Another issue to consider in choosing whether or not to consume legumes on Pesach is Klal Yisrael, the entire Jewish community. In Sephardic homes, legumes have always been a part of the Passover diet. More recently, in a bid to lessen the distinction between Ashkenazim and Sephardim in Jewish practice, many rabbis have decreed that legumes are permitted to Ashkenazim as well.

While I have no halachic objections to eating legumes and all foods that Sephardim permit on Pesach, I wonder whether it will erode our observance of Pesach. Is the jump from no corn or rice to Chinese food on Pesach too great a possibility? Will eating Lechem Oni (matzah, the bread of affliction) fall by the wayside if other starches are available during the week of the holiday? I cannot answer those questions for everyone. I urge you only to consider the meaning of Passover to you as you make these decisions.

May your Passover celebration be one in which you recall slavery but celebrate freedom- freedom to be the Jew you wish to be!

Rabbi Judy

Presidents Message

Ok I've had enough snow thank you very much. I just fixed the snow blower so that should ward off any more. I'd prefer to concentrate on the upcoming events at CRT than digging out again. Not that I really have any say in the matter, but that's my preference.

In March, Men's Club and Sisterhood have events scheduled. There is a Bar Mitzvah and a little thing called Passover.

There will be class lead services in March and April. Please come out to support our students when they lead services. Show them that you appreciate their hard work. Our students are the future of Judaism, encourage and support them, lead by example. Don't be afraid, remember once we were the future and we turned out ok (for the most part ☺).

The Journal Dinner Dance is in April and the Auction is in May. These are our two major fundraising

events of the year. Please sell those Journal ads and solicit goods and services from stores and restaurants you go to. Apply a little of that old fashion "guilt", it's for a good cause. Journal ads are due this month.

Buy gift cards (attempt at subliminal advertising).

The annual UJA Federation Brunch will be held on 25 April at 9:45 AM at Suburban Park JC/Congregation Lev Torah. Our honorees this year will be Lillian and Norm Karp.

By now everyone should have received their annual year-end statement including donations for calendar year 2009. If you have any questions about them please contact Gary Lotenberg or Dan Kotcher.

It's that time again! We'll be starting up the Budget and Nominating committees in March as we get ready for the next fiscal year.

The next Congregation Meeting is on Wednesday 10 March at 7:30. I hope to see you there; CRT is our Temple, come down and see what's happening.

Books for this month. I'm still reading James Patterson, but I also read Anne Frank: The Book, The Life, The Afterlife by Francine Prose. I got this from our library and it's an interesting look at the well known diary. What's the impact of it, is it real, is it art, what is its legacy. I was not really aware of the many controversies associated with Anne Frank's diary before reading this. Some say it's fabricated, others say its meaning has been distorted. Some question how a young girl could have written it. This book looks at all these concepts. Its good reading that frames a topic we are familiar with in a new light.

I'm going back to the parking lot now.

Mark

Sisterhood News March 2010

The Sisterhood and Men's Club Joint Event "Blast from the Past" dance was held in the CRT Social Hall on Saturday February 6th. All in attendance enjoyed the entertainment provided by David Teller, son of Joyce and Paul Teller, an evening out with friends, and delicious desserts. I want to thank Ed Temple and Paul Teller for their help in planning this event.

The Purim Carnival will be on Sunday February 28th during the Religious School hours. Volunteers are always needed. If you would like to volunteer to assist with set-up or at the prize table, please contact Susan Praga (334-3203).

The Sisterhood Mystery Dinner will take place on Saturday March 20th. If you are interested in hosting a portion of the evening, or would like to attend the dinner, please contact Jeanie Corn @ 935-5325, or Bonnie Siegel @ 334-3559. The cost is \$50 per couple and \$25 for singles. The cost for first year CRT members is \$36 per couple. It's a wonderful way to meet and mingle with temple members and enjoy excellent food and great company.

Soon the snow will melt and spring will be here!! As you begin your spring cleaning, remember the Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 24th and 25th. Please bring your gently used clothing, toys, shoes, and small household items to the temple anytime after April 2nd. If you can volunteer to help with set-up or clean-up, please call Susan @334-3203.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat is on May 14th. We invite all Sisterhood members to take part in this special evening; there are many ways to participate. Please contact Ann Middleman @ 333-7262 for further information.

Support Sisterhood while you celebrate a special day. For \$36, we will have a special occasion cake at the oneg following Friday night services to mark a birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, or any simcha. Please call Patty Aronoff @ 414-8150 for more details.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 9th. Please come down and join us. We welcome your participation and ideas. The Sisterhood is the heart of the temple.

Susan Praga,
334-3203; gubster@optonline.net

Caring Community Committee

The Caring Community Committee is available to help you. We are temple members ready to lend a hand to other temple members. If you need assistance or have the ability to help others, give us a call @334-3203, or email gubster@optonline.net. The committee will be sending Purim gifts to the children of temple members who are away at college. If you would like your child to receive periodic token gifts, please supply the committee with their college address.

Ken Praga

**Shabbat Service Schedule
~March 2010~**

Friday, March	8:00 PM	Gimel Class Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 6	9:30 AM	Torah Study
Friday, March 12	8:00 PM	Shabbat Services
Saturday, March 13	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Torah Study Bar Mitzvah - Stephen Elkins
Friday, March 19	8:00 PM	Shabbat Services
Saturday, March 20	9:30 AM	Torah Study
Friday, March 26	6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Congregation Dinner Shabbat Services
Saturday, March 27	9:30 AM	Torah Study

The Tzedakah Project for the month of March is FECS Food Pantry

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Sisterhood
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We are always happy to hear of answered prayers. If you have any changes for our prayer list, please call Rabbi Judy or Andrea at 333-1839

Preschool News

February is a short month but we packed a lot into it. We learned about Groundhog Day/shadows and TuB'Shevat (birthday of trees) and our past presidents Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Our photographer, Linda, came to take class and individual pictures.

Our classes are working on units about shadows and ecology- the caring and protecting of our earth's resources. We're constantly recycling in

preschool (right now saving coffee cans) and will continue with our ecology unit until Earth Day in April.

Our combined 3/4 year old class is also busy working on the 5 senses. They finger painted with gelatin and listened to a "sound" tape trying to guess what makes these sounds. The 2 year old class made flags for Presidents' Week and wore brown to school(we're wearing colors to learn them). Of course, both classes are doing

winter units and experimenting with ice and snow.

March 16-19 will be our " Parents as Reading Partners" Week. We welcome anyone who would like to read with us. Our children love when we have visitors (especially their parents) come to the classroom.

Marcia Levy

Preschool Director





Tell N Kvell--- Your good news is our good news

Mazel tov to Barry Pelofsky on his latest Purim Spiel production.....

Ritual Committee

Service highlights for March:

- The Gimel Class will lead the Family Shabbat Service on March 5
- Stephen Elkins will become a bar mitzvah at the Shabbat morning service on March 13. Rachel Pasternak will sing both at this service and the Friday night service before.
- Amy Dattner and Peter Levy will provide the music at the March 19 Shabbat evening service.

You'll have the opportunity to load up on chametz at the congregational dinner on March 26 preceding that evening's Shabbat service. (First night of Passover is Monday, March 29.) A more extensive menu than usual will be featured. Look for details elsewhere in this issue.

Bob Stein

Marilyn H. Tahl Religious School News

We will end the President's Week Break from Religious School on February 28 with the annual Purim Carnival. Purim songs and a children's version of the Megillah will fill out the morning. We expect this event to be a lot of fun, as usual.

The third of three teacher development workshops will be on March 21 at the end of Religious School. The first 2 were well attended, and the presenters from BJE/SAJES offered much valuable information to help our teachers better serve our children.

The Wednesday Gimel class will lead the March 5 Family Shabbat service. We hope there will be good attendance at that service to show the students we care.

Bob Stein

March 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am Defensive Driving Class 10:00am Religious School 12:00pm Youth Group Mtg.	8:00pm Executive Board Meeting 8:00pm Men's club Mtg.	7:30pm Confirmation Class 8:00pm Men's club Mtg.	4:10pm Hebrew School 8:00pm Ritual Mtg.	7:00pm Caring Committee Mtg. 7:30pm Fundraising Mtg. 7:30pm Social Action Mtg.	8:00pm Gimel Class Service	9:30am Torah Study 7:30pm Men's Club Coffee House
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am Defensive Driving Class 10:00am Religious School	6:30pm Post Confirmation Class 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm Sisterhood Mtg.	4:10pm Hebrew School 7:30pm Congregation Meeting 8:00pm Board Mtg.	12:00pm Lunch & Learn 8:00pm Adult Ed	8:00pm Shabbat Service	9:30am Torah Study 10:30am Steven Elkins Bar Mitzvah	9:30am Torah Study 7:00pm Sisterhood Mystery Dinner
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28	29	30	31			
10:00am No Religious School	10:00am Passover Service	6:45pm Zumba Class 8:00pm Journal Mtg.				

MEN'S CLUB NEWS.....

After three successful events - the bagel breakfast on January 17th, the joint event with the Sisterhood (oldies dance) on February 6th, and the Super Bowl pool - the Men's Club is now looking forward to its Coffee House fundraiser on March 6th at 8:00. Like last year, there will be great entertainment and refreshments, not to mention great value at only \$18/person. We hope to see you all there. Please also bring your friends and family!

The Men's Club theme at its Friday night service this year (4/16) will be the many meanings/facets/manifestations of "Israel." We hope you turn out for that evening as well.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 2nd at 8:00.

Regards,
Ed Temple



Fundraising News.....

A tragedy was narrowly averted this month. As I was carrying the mail bags to my car during the snowstorm, I noticed that your letters were falling out through numerous holes in the bottoms of each bag. Before I knew it hundreds of letters were strewn about in a giant snow drift. Fortunately, I was able to pick them out of the snow and by using the ancient method of hot coal drying I was able to prevent the ink from running to maintain their legibility. Here are two of the more interesting ones that survived.

Dear Barry:

I am a huge fan of "The King of Rock & Roll" and I was wondering; will there be any Elvis memorabilia at this year's auction?

Thank ya very much from East Meadow

Dear Thank ya,

I'm really glad that I was able to save your letter, because had it been found by the mailman it might have been "Returned to Sender". I hate to step on your "Blue Suede Shoes", but unfortunately, at this time we don't have any Elvis memorabilia for this year's auction. However, the auction will have tons of great stuff including restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia, tickets to various events and much, much more. We may even have a trip to Graceland? Check out the auction on Saturday night, May 15th!

Dear Barry,

I've been trying to get some ads for this year's journal, but either I'm too shy to ask or when I do get enough courage to ask they have already given an ad to someone else. The Journal deadline is fast approaching and I'm getting desperate. The only thing that I can think of is to ask my two uncles, each of whom owns his own kosher butcher store, but they are pretty set in their ways and I don't know how they'll react to my asking them for an ad. Do you have any suggestions on how I can approach them?

Sincerely,

Butchering My Journal Ads in East Meadow

Dear Butchering,

I know how you must veal trying to meat the first Journal deadline on March 7th. Although there's a lot at steak, be confident and don't skirt the issue. The best way to get any journal ad is to simply ask. Although they might be tough business men, they'll probably be as gentle as lambs when it comes to helping you. You can also be creative and ask them to take a full page ad that they can filet, each taking a half. They may even have a brisket of business contacts that you can approach. Good luck!

Please be at temple on Saturday night, February 27th for the Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel. It's going to be a great show, don't miss it!

The next Fundraising Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 4th at Dan Kotcher's House.

If you have any questions, please submit them to the temple office or e-mail them directly to me (barrypelofsky@verizon.net).

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Advisory Vice President of Fundraising

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Yahrzeiten

***In Loving Memory We Call To Mind Our Dearly Beloved The
Anniversaries Of Whose Death Are Commemorated On The
Following Dates:***

Friday, March 5, 2010

Samuel M. Blumenson*
Isadore Ehrlich*
Lillian Goldberg*
Harry Held*
Martin Heyman*
Arlene Kushner Hughes*
Abraham Jaret*
Barnett Levine*
Borris Moore*
Marvin Herman Mozgin*
Joseph Novak*
Charles Panzer
Eli Polack*
Simon Schubert*
Helen Shutz*
Scott A. Sloane*
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Nina Tahl
Ruth Tobias
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Friday, March 12, 2010

Joseph I. Baker*
Milton Berman
Bella Burlant
Jacob Chados*
Vivian Epstein
Joseph Ghidaleson*
Rabbi Sheldon Gordon*
Beatrice Kaplan
Samuel Marmorstein*
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Bertha Ruff*
Joseph Schreiber*
Robert Sager
Robert M. Stern*
Joan Traunfeld
Benjamin Werther*
Helen Zins
William Zweroff

Friday, March 19, 2010

Helen Band*
Molly Cash*
Irwin Cohen
Edith Ghidaleson
Mollie Goldis*
Kalman Jablon
Willi Leopold
Jacob Marmelstein*
Bessie Pokorny
Rita Room*
Esther Roseman*

Friday, March 26, 2010

Yetta Auerbach*
Max Ballet*
Stephen Bearak*
Jacob Bretan
George Butensky
Fay Feifer
Frances Feldman
Nancy Gelbien
Pearl Glickman
Louis B. Halpern*
Fannie Herman
Nat H. Hewitt*
Gertrude Jacobs
Vivian Jacobs*
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Abraham Maran*
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Diane Kleiner at 931-3644 or diane bk52@aol.com





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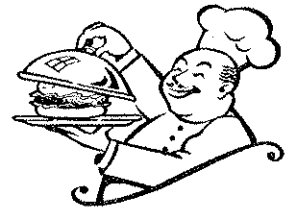
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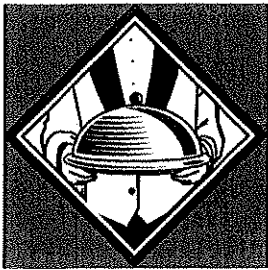


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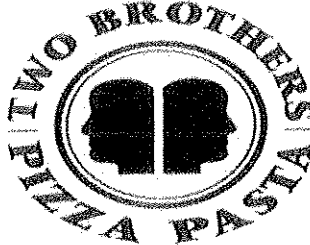
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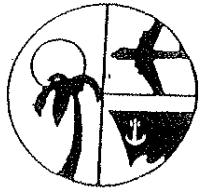
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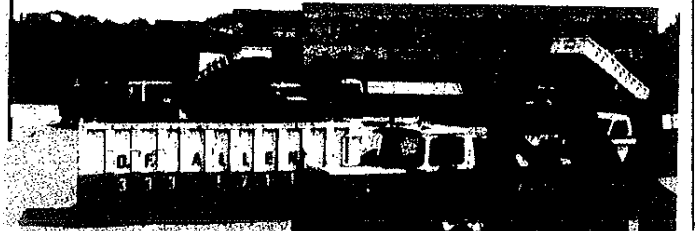
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