

Temple Sinai

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March, 2018
April, 2018

Adar/Nissan 5778
Nissan/Iyyar 5778



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

MARCH 2018 ADAR/NISSAN 5778

Friday, March 2, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Ki Tisa** Ex. 30:11-34:35

HAFTARAH: I Kings 18:1-39

Friday, March 9, 2018

6PM

TORAH: **Vayak'heil/P'kudei** Ex. 35:1-40:38

HAFTARAH: Eze. 36:22-36

Parah

Friday, March 16, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Vayikra** Lev. 1:1-5:26

HAFTARAH: Eze. 45:16-25 (& Isa. 66:1, 23)

HaChodesh (Rosh Chodesh)

Friday, March 23, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Tzav** Lev. 6:1-8:36

HAFTARAH: Mal. 3:4-24

HaGadol

Friday, March 30, 2018 – NO SERVICES

1st Night Seder at Reeve's Downtown – 6 PM

PASSOVER

TORAH: Ex. 12:37-42: 13:3-10

HAFTARAH: Isa. 43:1-15/Song of Songs

APRIL 2018 NISSAN/IYYAR 5778

Friday, April 6, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Sh'mini I** Lev. 9:1-10:11

HAFTARAH: II Sam. 6:1-23

Friday, April 13, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Sh'mini II** Lev. 10:12-11:47

HAFTARAH: II Sam. 7:1-17

Friday, April 20, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Tazria/M'tzora** Lev. 12:1-15:33

HAFTARAH: II Kings 7:3-20

Friday, April 27, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Acharei Mot/K'doshim** Lev. 16:1-20:27

HAFTARAH: Amos 9:7-15

SERVICE LEADERS

March 2 – Sandy Desadier

March 9 – Rabbi Weinstein

March 16 – Mike Schwartzberg

March 23 – Chris Blevins

March 30 – Rabbi Weinstein

(No Service: Passover Seder @ Reeves)

April 6 – George Bodin

April 13 – Rabbi Weinstein

April 20 – Tevya O'Quain

April 27 – Rabbi Weinstein

SIMCHAS...

- Thank you for Purim help!
 - ❖ Sarah Hodnett for potato salad and hamantashen
 - ❖ Judy and Bruce for kitchen help and preparations of hot dogs and cabbage salad
 - ❖ George Bodin for the festive table settings and miscellaneous “behind the scenes” jobs he takes on
 - ❖ Sandy Desadier for hamantashen
 - ❖ Charlene Blevins for the challah
 - ❖ Everyone who came and helped support our children by donating to the Camp Fund
- Mark Wygoda on his award honoring him for Outstanding & Dedicated Service as Department Head, Department of Biology from 1998-2017
- Milestones reached by Almos Mezey: crawling, first teeth, and beginning to learn sign language

Talk to the President...

If any member of Temple Sinai in good standing has questions, comments, or concerns that you would like me to address, or if it is something that a committee should take under consideration, please send them to me in writing by letter or by email. Good or bad, your thoughtful insight will be greatly appreciated.

George Bodin
3510 Cross St.
Lake Charles, LA 70607

Email:
gbodin@suddenlink.net

Thank You...

I'd like to express my thanks to everyone who helped with the preparations, everyone who helped in the kitchen and with clean up, and everyone who brought food for our wonderful Tu B'Shevat Seder! It was a joyful evening! Thank you all!

-George

Message from the Rabbi:

Our Pesach Seder Fast Approaches!

Passover!

While it's very difficult to choose just one festival or holy day that stands out among all the rest in our very special Jewish calendar, Passover is surely at the top of my personal list!

I have such vivid memories growing up of Mom and Dad and my brother and grandparents Z"L working very hard for weeks to prepare for our most wonderful and memorable family Seder.

Of course we had to travel nearly 40 miles or more to Elmira or Binghamton, New York from our tiny small village of Waverly to purchase Matzah, Kosher for Passover Matzah of course, and ALL the other necessary "Kosher for Pesach" Foods.

I still also remember so very clearly the two kinds of soap Mom would purchase at the kosher butcher shop, one bar of soap for Fleisich (Meat Dishes) another bar of soap of a DIFFERENT color for Milchich (Dairy Dishes) and utensils!

Then a day before Passover we would remove all Chametz (Products with leavening or yeast or products that resembled Chametz.)

I remember so well taking them - cereals, breads, breadcrumbs, cookies and cakes - to our next-door neighbor's home for storage during Passover.

I also remember the very beautiful extraordinary feeling of personal pride that I had in myself as a Jewish student in all my secondary school years when I would bring Matzah and Special Pesach goodies to school for lunch.

I can still see in my mind's eye our Maxwell House Coffee Haggadahs!

If you perhaps have just one of these very special Haggadot and could consider please letting me have it, I'd love to have one extra to keep please for our daughters and granddaughters. Thank you in advance!

Rabbi Weinstein's Schedule:

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Our Passover Seder would be conducted by my single living grandfather Lewis Cohen Alav HaShalom, and I can still remember how much Grandpa wanted to do it all in Hebrew, but Mom and my aunt Lillian would keep reminding him IN YIDDISH that it would be important for the “ Kinder” to have significant portions of the Seder in English.

How proud I was to have learned enough Hebrew to chant the “Feer Kashes!” (Four Questions) What an absolutely wonderful memory that I always cherish when I recall these beautiful Passover observances and customs as a very young boy growing up in our small village with just a handful of Jewish families. And how hard we would look for the Afikomen because the winner would always get a brand new silver dollar!

How very, very grateful I am to each of them Of Loving Memory of my loving family for all of their hard work, resources, personal energy, and generosity of their very limited time, working full-time in our store of course, and still getting everything ready for Passover.

I share all of this with you our dear precious Temple Sinai as my way of encouraging each of us as parents and grandparents and family members to be sure we are doing our very best to provide similar memories even today for our precious boys and girls and families so that years from now they will remember how their own families observed and kept Pesach.

Our own congregational Seder requires so very many tasks, and I know and trust that many of you will want to volunteer to help. I thank each and every one of you in advance for helping us create and prepare our very best memorable, enjoyable, delicious and loving Seder ever!

Chag Sameach Pesach!

Mi' Shebeirach

Wishing continued health improvements to:

Faye Barnhart
Jody Davidson
Leslie and John Loftin

Diane McCarthy
Roger Seamons

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY...

Donation Acknowledgements:

In the past, we have not acknowledged Temple members for their donations upon receipt, only those whom were the recipient of the donations were sent an acknowledgement.

We have realized that members might like to receive acknowledgements in order to:

- 1) know that the donation has been acknowledged
- 2) have a personal record for tax or other purposes

We will now be acknowledging both the member donor as well as the recipient of the donation.

If this does not make sense, please see Sandy for explanation.



Temple Birthdays

March Birthdays:

- 2 Barbara Maxey
- 3 Leslie Goldsmith Katz
- 4 Aaron Ginsburgh
- 9 Tevya Desadier O'Quain
- 9 George Bodin
- 16 Garrett O'Quain
- 22 Marc Davidson
- 22 Karen Kleinman
- 25 Susan Strauss Battestin
- 26 Katherine Makuch

April Birthdays:

- 1 Ross Raley
- 1 Anne Reinauer
- 3 Sam Schoolsky
- 4 Michael Goldman
- 13 Kayla Desadier Lacombe
- 22 Adam Raley
- 24 Scott Holtzman
- 18 Josh Green
- 24 Mary Amanda Reinauer
- 28 Cale Ferguson
- 30 Faye Barnhart
- 30 Todd Holtzman

March Anniversaries:

- 6 Sarah & Terry Hodnett
- 8 Mindy & Adel Barkat

April Anniversaries:

- 9 Ruth & John Gerrard
- 24 Roger & Pat Seamons

RABBI'S WORD OF THE MONTH: *Chametz*

What do you think of the moment you hear our newest and very Special Monthly Word "CHAMETZ?" I'm sure the word that you first think of is most probably Pesach!!!

Chametz is most easily described as any food item(s) prohibited on Passover, or any food made with or having in its ingredients "Leaven" or "Yeast." More precisely "any food product made from wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt that has come into contact with water and been allowed to ferment or "rise." (Yehuda Shurpin, Chabad.org)

The word Chametz is literally "Leaven." Foods consisting of grain and water that have fermented or been allowed to "rise" are all considered by extension as Chametz.

So Yummy Foods such as pizza, beer, pasta, cookies, bagels (!), Challah (of course!!), and ALL BREADS AND CRACKERS are not "Kosher for Pesach!" BUT in addition keep in mind ANY food containing grain or grain products like cereals would also qualify as Chametz. This means a food item must be certified "Kosher For Passover "to be acceptable during the holiday.

Interestingly, just because you see a box of Matzah on the grocery shelf does not indicate that it's permissible for Passover! In addition to being prepared and baked with no leavening (yeast), the Matzah box must clearly state "Kosher for Passover."

In the Torah in Shmot (Exodus 12) the Israelites are commanded to sacrifice the Passover lamb and then consume it with bitter herbs and UNLEAVENED MATZAH!!

The Israelites were also told to repeat this very special ceremony and observance "Every year on the anniversary of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt. It shall be for you a remembrance... seven days you shall eat

Matzah, and on the first day you shall remove all 'Se-or '(sourdough), a leavening agent, from your homes. Anyone who eats Chametz (Leaven) from the first day to the seventh day shall be cut off from Israel."(Chabad.org)

The custom of "Searching for Chametz" is a wonderful way to help families and especially children to really enjoy the special days as Passover draws near. The search custom is to use a wooden spoon, feather and candle and a paper bag to collect any Chametz that is discovered in our home or car.

A very special and to me very precious custom that has developed over past centuries is to actually HIDE in our homes 10 small pieces of bread before searching!

A special blessing is recited just before the search begins:

The blessing gives thanks to God for the mitzvah (commandment) to purge *chametz* from our possession. Some suggest that if one were to search the entire house and not find anything, he would have recited the blessing in vain! The ten pieces of bread that are waiting to be discovered ensure that this doesn't happen.

Here is yet another explanation for this custom that I especially enjoy: (Following Slightly Adapted from Chabad.org) The number 10 is signified in Hebrew by the letter *yud*—the tenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet. *Yud* (י) is also the smallest letter.

On Passover we replace our "*chametz*" with "*matzah*."

The two words contain almost identical letters – albeit in a different order – except that *chametz* is spelled with a *chet*, and *matzah* is written with a *hey*.

The difference between a *chet* (ח) and a *hey* (ה) is the almost invisible pen-stroke that connects the foreleg of the letter to its roof—signified by the י, the smallest letter in the alphabet.

Chametz is symbolically, metaphorically, pride and conceit. The flat *matzah*, on the other hand, represents humility!! Usually, it is easy to tell the difference. But sometimes things are not so clear and the difference between the two is hard to see—as small as a *yud*.

On the night before Passover, we search our homes —and OUR HEARTS —for the ten pieces of bread—the almost indiscernible bits of pride, which we have yet to identify within our very selves!

So “Chametz” from a Midrash or Post-Biblical Point of view becomes a Metaphor for pride, arrogance and other undesirable behaviors.

This whole way of regarding “Chametz” is also very much reflected in the study of Mussar, Jewish Ethics and the very deep concern of our relationship with God and equally importantly with others.

I hope this explanation and brief look into some of the fascinating aspects of Chametz that don't immediately get our attention has been helpful to you in discovering perhaps just one of the very beautiful mystical traditions and interpretations associated with my truly favorite Jewish festival, our wonderful Pesach!

Temple Jahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

March 2, 2018

James S. Greenberg

March 9, 2018

Helen Marx Zander

Mrs. Simon Goldsmith

Wolf Hoffman

Bettie E. Hoffman

Jake Kushner

Pauline Oshen Beilin

Harold Greenberg

Fred Hart

Elaine Judith Bresler Weiss

March 16, 2018

Mary Callsen

Julius Frank

Abner Horn

Lynne Holtzman

Manny Sachs

Gertrude Atlas

Ella Bachrack

Max Edelstein

Bessie Kaufman Mayer

Gladys Triche

Mary Warshaw

March 23, 2018

Louis Thibodeaux

Louis Avner

Jim Billings

Rose Stander

James Brown

Katherine Eucharist Toerner

Please plan now to lend a hand as we all come together to rejoice at our beautiful, carefully planned and prepared annual Passover Seder and please do plan and help us fill to capacity Reeves Ballroom!

This year's Seder promises to be among our very most enjoyable, educational, inspirational, spiritual, and fun experiences!!

Chag Sameach Passover Y'all!

.....and BTW try this year especially to be on the lookout for "Chametz"

Metaphorically attempting to capture our Neshama, our very Soul!

Rabbi Barry



Temple Jahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

March 30, 2018

Ralph Rubin
Joseph Schwartz
Lena Bressler
Gabriel Paymar
Benjamin Stopnik
Sterling Little
Kate Ordinsky
Edwin D. Steyerman
Joseph Camalo, Jr.
Sarah Deutscher
Leopold Kaufman

April 6, 2018

Lena D. DiBartolo
Henry Weiss
Ellen Kaufman
James Landry
Robert Levite
Rose Horn
Lucille Greenwood Levy
Elaine Kushner
Mayer Greenwood

April 13, 2018

Charles A. Levy, Jr.
Ruth Buncher
Julie Kaufman Marx
Celia Greenberg
Myrtle Altman
Herman Fleckman
Arlene Mitchell

113TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 6th, 2018

7:00PM

Temple Sinai Social Hall

CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Temple Sinai Sisterhood invites you to attend the First Night Congregational Seder on **Friday, March 30, 2018** at Reeves Uptown Catering, 1639 Ryan Street (Old Trinity Baptist Church).

Please fill out the reservation form below, and send it with your check, payable to **Temple Sinai Sisterhood** to:

Sandy Desadier
10048 Gulf Highway
Lake Charles, LA 70607

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: MARCH 21, 2018

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE MADE WITHOUT PAYMENT ENCLOSED.

Temple Sinai Congregational Seder Reservation Form

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

_____ ADULTS at \$25.00 each \$ _____

_____ CHILDREN (under 12) at \$12.50 each \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TEMPLE SINAI SISTERHOOD mailed to:

Sandy Desadier
10048 Gulf Highway
Lake Charles, LA 70607

****Please list name of people for whom you are making reservations and whomever you would like at your table.****

Temple Contributions

Funds:

Sisterhood:

Decorating Fund
General Fund
Meal of Consolation

Send Checks to:

Ellen Raley
4270 Indigo Place
Lake Charles, LA 70605

Temple:

Adult Education Fund
Camp Fund
Cemetery Fund
Courtyard Fund
General Fund
Music Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Tree of Life Fund

Temple Sinai
713 Hodges St.
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Contributors

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

(Please print, clip and submit this form with your contribution to avoid any confusion during the acknowledging process.)



Temple Jahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

April 20, 2018

Hannah Hoffman
Valerie Whiting
Dolly Slaven
Elaine Levy Dafour
Maurice Frank
Viola Coplen
Annie Hutkin
Meyer Payman

April 27, 2018

Eda Green
Maureen Bates
Melvin H. Gold
Benjamin Goldsmith
Bella Sandler

May 4, 2018

Herschel Lowenthal
Asaline Strauss
Rabbie Jerome Mark
Juliette Scott Onuf

We are grateful for these contributions:

Tree of Life Fund:

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman
In Memory of: David Stewart Dondis

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman
In Memory of: Beppino Giovanella

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman
In Memory of: Jay Meinwald

From: Sandy & Ron Desadier
In Memory of: David Stewart Dondis

From: Tootsie Fournet, Wendy & Mark
In Honor of: Speedy Recovery of Faye Barnhart

Courtyard Fund:

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
In Honor of: Speedy Recovery of Faye Barnhart

From: Calvin & Shirley Riff Billings
In Memory of: David Dondis

From: Sarah & Terry Hodnett
In Honor of: Faye Barnhart

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

From: Reve Greenberg

From: George Bodin

From: Barbara Maxey

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

Music Fund:

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
In Memory of: Lewis Rosenfeld

Courtyard Paver:

Barbara Maxey

YOUR GREATNESS
IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE,
IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE.