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From the Rabbi's Study

The festival of *Purim* is often referred to as one of the minor holidays of the Jewish calendar year. It doesn't share the same *Torah* pedigree as *Shabbat*, the High Holy Days or the three Pilgrimage Festivals. While *Purim* comes with its own set of *mitzvot*, including reading the *Megillah*, the *Purim Seudah* (feast), exchanging gifts of baked goods and giving *zedakah*, it lacks the intricate ritual choreography and grandeur of the other Holy Days. *Hallel* is not even recited on that day, as it is throughout *Hanukkah*, because when all was said and done, the saved Persian Jews still remained in exile, living subject to the whims of Ahashverosh and his successors.



In reflecting upon the nature of *Purim*, I think it is appropriate to label it a "minor holiday," but not for the reasons mentioned above, Looking at the *Megillah* it becomes clear that the salvation recorded in this tale unfolds through a series of relatively minor events: a queen who just decides not to appear before a horde of feasting nobles; a charming Jewish girl, passing as a Persian, happens to be chosen as her successor; a Jewish notable, who is about to run afoul of Persia's viceroy, stumbles upon an assassination plot and has it reported; a king struck by insomnia years later is reminded of that event when his attendants randomly choose to read that entry in the Royal Chronicles, and; that same viceroy whose self-centered arrogance blinds him to the true intent of Esther's twin invitations. Though God's name isn't mentioned in the *Megillah*, we can see Persian Jewry's redemption advance through this chain of what appear on the outside to be small coincidental occurrences.

It is amazing how such moments of deliverance can be traced back to what, upon first glance, might have appeared insignificant or coincidental. The archives of Israel's Knesset contain the story of a meeting between Rabbi Shlomo Lorenz, a former Knesset member of Agudat Yisrael, and President Harry S. Truman. President Truman told Rabbi Lorenz that, contrary to prevailing opinion, he, President Truman, did not recognize the State of Israel in 1948, against his advisors' counsel, because his Jewish partner in the haberdashery business came to the White House to ask this favor.

Instead, President Truman stated, "When I was little, every boy growing up in the United States dreamt of becoming president. That was my dream. I was a good Christian boy and I learned my Scripture. My Bible hero was the Persian

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Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Fast of Esther 6:45 A.M.
Maariv & *Megillah* Reading 7:30 P.M.
followed by *Purim Shpiel* and Ice Cream Social

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Shacharit & *Megillah* Reading 6:45 P.M.
NO LATE NIGHT SERVICE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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King Cyrus, who let the Jewish people go back to their homeland and build their Temple. I said, if I ever became President of the United States and got the opportunity to let the Jewish people go back to their country and rebuild their Temple like Cyrus that was what I was going to do." "And that," he concluded, "is why I recognized the State of Israel.

There was probably not another person whose main Biblical hero was Cyrus, but that was the minor idiosyncrasy of Harry Truman. And *Purim* comes each year to remind us that from just such hidden "minor" quirks or seeming happenstance can great salvation be revealed. Hence our Sages observation that the words, *Megillah* Esther can well be translated as "Revealing that which is Concealed."

Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison

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Daily Minyan

MBIEE conducts a daily morning *minyan* for the benefit of members and the community. Participation is needed from men and women in order to fulfill this important *mitzvah* and congregational responsibility.

Times of *minyanim* are listed above. There are mornings when regular attendees may be ill or away. Therefore, if you are available one day a week or even one day a month, your attendance will be appreciated.

You can perform an important *mitzvah* by attending a morning *minyan* and perhaps even have the satisfaction of being the tenth person one morning. Help us out.

If you have any questions, please call Len Cohen at 215.635.0264.

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Shofar and eNews Deadlines

eNews weekly deadline Wednesday at NOON
 April-May 2015 Monday, February 23
 Summer 2015 Monday, April 27
 All submissions for the *Shofar* must be electronic and can be an attached word processed file or the typed body of the email. Digital photos are welcomed. *Shofar* submissions to shofar@mbiee.org.

eNews are being distributed electronically, using Constant Contact, each Thursday evening. Submissions must be received by noon on Wednesday (email to office@mbiee.org) to be considered for the Thursday *eNews*.



Light the Shabbat Candles
Please check times on the calendar page.

President's Message

The days are getting longer and spring is almost here. On *Kol Nidre* night, I spoke about hearing the sound of the *shofar*. There were no words in the blast, only sound. We heard the sound differently, each of us, because we are each listening with different ears and experiences and hopes and concerns. We experience the *shofar's* sound from our own unique place.



Like the *shofar*, MBIEE is grounded in our own unique and individual place. Our members participate and engage in a meaningful journey, discovering what their own adult Jewish life looks like, integrating learning, spirituality and communal responsibility. I am reminded that we have a bond with each other. During the week, we meet as neighbors, friends, clients, co-worker or competitors but when we meet together at MBIEE, we meet as partners. We stand here with a sense of being connected to each other, and of being responsible for each other.

We support our *shul* because we care about the future of Judaism in our community, and to ensure the future of Jewish survival for all Jews. We joined the *shul* to be part of a Jewish community to share *simchot*, sad occasions, companionship and to form friendships with people who have common beliefs. We joined MBIEE to continue the Jewish values and traditions in which we were raised, or which we have chosen to become part of, in a comfortable environment.

I asked all again to Share our Journey together.

As we search for a new spiritual leader (Rabbi), we hope to strengthen our *shul* family. Under the leadership of Co-chairs Jonathan Tobin and Ron Goldman, we have begun our search. The Rabbinic Assembly will be guiding and advising us during the process. We will keep our members apprised regarding the progress of this committee. Each individual member has a chance to be counted in this process as some of you have already done. If you have questions, suggestions or concerns, email the committee at search@mbiee.org.

In the next few months, we are planning several special events to honor Rabbi Addison and allow our members to say good-bye and thank you.

In April, we have our Scholar-in-Residence program. Under the leadership of chairperson Gene Rifkind we were able to obtain two scholars to debate the current Jewish situation in the U.S. and Israel. Our own Jonathan Tobin, Online Editor of Commentary Magazine and guest TV commentator and Steven Cohen, Research Professor of Jewish Social Policy at HUC-JIR, Director of the Berman Jewish Policy Archive at NYU and author will speak, debate and spark discussion throughout the weekend.

As we wind down this administration, I am looking forward to seeing our members at our events and services so we can all continue to "Share our Journey" forward together.

Irv Gellman, MBIEE President

Dedications

To Honor - To Remember - To Memorialize

By dedicating a plaque in the sanctuary or by adding a leaf or rock to the Tree of Life in the lobby, you can welcome a new grandchild, weddings, anniversaries, *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvahs*, recognize special birthdays any other significant occasion.

Please look over the list of dedications you received a few months ago for the sanctuary.

A dedication ceremony is being planned for the spring. We hope you will be there to announce and remember your loved ones or family events.

You can also help to assure the future of MBIEE as a vibrant synagogue for all your religious and educational needs by participating.

To plan an honor or remembrance, call us to discuss the availability of dedications that will fit within any budget. We are only a phone call away and will be happy to assist with your choice or answer your questions.

Ceil Stern, Chair (215-635-6282)

Ron Goldman, Vice President (215-885-0161)

Hanukkah Gelt Raffle Winners

Drawing #1: Michele Becker

Drawing #2: Marty Selditch

Drawing #3: Sylvia & Len Cohen

Drawing #4: Larry Shipper

Drawing #5: Jerry Gross

Drawing #6: Sylvia Soble

Drawing #7: Dr. Sharon L. Kasdin

Drawing #8 (Grand Prize): Jerry Gross

Thank you to all who participated.

Jerry Weiss, Chairman



Joe Pressman and Irv Gellman representing Congregations Keneseth Israel and Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El presenting donuts to the Cheltenham Police thanking them for their service.

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Sisterhood President's Message

In each of the past two years, MBIEE Sisterhood held a fund-raising Rosh Hodesh Party that combined fun and learning. Highlighted for honor among the Jewels in the Crown awards of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, those two Rosh Hodesh retreats for women focused on Esther and Vashti, and then on the women in the book of Exodus (Shifra, Puah, Batya, Miriam and Yocheved).

This year the focus is on the Book of Ruth. Rabbi Simcha Zevit will engage us in themes of love, loss, loyalty, friendship and faith in the lives of Ruth and Naomi, and in our own experience. Rabbi Simcha is moving to our area from Cleveland, where she founded and directed HaMakom, a gathering place for spiritual Judaism, and where she also served as chaplain for the Jewish Community Federation. Join us Sunday afternoon, March 22, for our Rosh Hodesh Party when Rabbi Simcha helps us understand how the story of Ruth and Naomi is a reflection of our lives today.

Preceding that fund-raiser will be an Open Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 7 P.M. After a brief business meeting and final plans for the Rosh Hodesh Party, Joan Polin will lead us in a hands-on program: Quick Snacks & Tricky Tortillas.

Our most immediate event, though, is the Tu b'Sh'vat program of the Mid-Atlantic Region of WLCJ. Predominantly, this will be the mural arts program conceived by Sharon Byer, our vice president for programming. MBIEE will be the host Sisterhood for the region. That's on Sunday, February 1 (weather delay date: February 8).

Hope we see you!
Shalom,

Ariana Burrows, Sisterhood President



A Worthy Non-Profit

At a recent MBIEE Sisterhood meeting, members voted to make a charitable gift to a private, state-licensed, non-profit home care agency call Community Care Center of the Northeast. We are sharing information about this agency, in case you would like to help by volunteering or by making a personal charitable gift.

Community Care Center serves homebound seniors and persons with disabilities who live in northeast Philadelphia, eastern Montgomery County and parts of Bucks County. Some of the clients are food insecure. To promote life-long independence and enable seniors to age safely in their homes, Community Care Center provides in-home support and transportation services. In-home services include home health aide, homemaker/companion, live-in care, companion aide for short medical procedures, and training/education. Transportation is provided to seniors who are able to walk independently or with the aid of a cane or walker. This transportation service enables clients to participate in the activities of daily living, including rides to grocery stores, meetings and other local destinations, and to reach medical appointments, including dialysis, safely and on time. The volunteer drivers use their own cars, and a donation of \$10 per ride is offered by passenger to driver.

The agency information is:

Community Care Center of the Northeast
2417 Welsh Road, Suite 202
Philadelphia, PA 19114
(215) 335-4416

If you might be interested in serving as a volunteer driver, call Community Care Center and ask for Cathy. Your charitable contribution to aid needy, vulnerable seniors also would be welcome.

Ariana Burrows, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Honor and Memory Cards

If you wish to honor a relative, friend, etc., or send a sympathy card to commemorate the memory of a loved one through a contribution to MBIEE Sisterhood, let us do the work for you. For \$3 for each card, we will send the necessary message for you.

Should you wish to have cards on hand to send out yourself, making a telephone call is all you need to do. You can buy cards in packs of ten cards at a cost of \$20 per pack.

Call Ilsa Kirchheimer at 215.379.0221 or Catalina Kurschner at 215.887.3922 to make arrangements to pick up your order at a Sisterhood meeting or at the MBIEE office.

To have us send out cards, call either of us at the above numbers.

Ilsa Kirchheimer & Catalina Kurschner, Program Leaders

You can help MBIEE raise funds while you go food shopping.

Gift cards are available for
Acme Markets
ShopRite
Giant

We earn 5% on gift cards you purchase.

Call Edythe Kaplan at 215.548.9165
or Catalina Kurschner at 215.887.3922

Edythe Kaplan, Program Leader

MBIEE Sisterhood

J.T.S. Torah Fund

Mishpachah—משפחה Family

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Jewish Theological Seminary Torah Fund

We take pride in the work and commitment of our volunteers in promoting a successful *Torah Fund* campaign. As a member of the team, you have the opportunity and responsibility to ensure the continuity of Conservative Judaism. We, as Synagogue/Sisterhood leaders and members, can share our increasing knowledge with the congregation we serve. Our learning and teaching will help us act in a way appropriate to Jewish tradition and to contemporary life.

Rachel, Leah, Sarah, Rebecca and Deborah were truly great women who influenced the lives of all who lived in their times, but they had to work alone. If they could have belonged to a Sisterhood, to the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, how much more could they have accomplished, and how many more could have ennobled their lives with meaning, with purpose and with direction?

Our *Torah Fund* Award Brunch on behalf of The Jewish Theological Seminary will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 11:30 A.M. A minimum contribution of \$18.00 (*chai*) is required to attend.

Your *Torah Fund* contribution strengthens and perpetuates Conservative (Masorti) Judaism throughout the world.

The past generosity of our members made it possible to participate in many of the dedications at the Jewish Theological Seminary, including student resident halls, rebuilding of the library, the campus quadrangle, the Women's League Seminary Synagogue, the refurbishing of the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall, and the new Women's League Educational Center in the Kripke Tower at the Seminary. Your continued generosity, through your donations to *Torah Fund*, ensures our legacy to future generations of Conservative/Masorti Jews by providing rabbis, cantors, educators, administrators, scholars, researchers, and lay leaders.

Please make your checks payable to **JTS–Torah Fund**.
Invitations to follow.

Today Rabah!

Natalie Remick Gabai, Torah Fund Coordinator

Help those who are food insecure by purchasing Sisterhood's supermarket gift cards and donating these to MBIEE for distribution by Rabbi Addison. In a letter for tax purposes, MBIEE will acknowledge your generous gift-in-kind. Not only will you be helping the needy in our community, but also your purchases from Edythe Kaplan and Lina Kurschner will contribute to Sisterhood's fund-raising efforts.



On the Founder's Day celebration organized by the Mid-Atlantic Region of WLCJ, Edythe Kaplan and Natalie Gabai received an award because MBIEE Sisterhood reached its goal last year for Torah Fund, the fund-raising effort on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary.



*MBIEE Sisterhood collaborated with AJ and Beth Sholom sisterhoods in presenting *The Many Faces of Eve* on November 23. Lisa Kogen, education director of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, spoke to nearly 100 women on the impact of ancient stories and imagery on the modern Jewish women—on us, as we negotiate power structures at home, in the workplace and in synagogue life.*

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MBIEE Men's Club

Men's Club 200 Club

Yes, the 200 Club is on for 2015. If you are not familiar with the 200 Club, we sell no more than 200 tickets for only \$20 each. Each ticket has five consecutive numbers on it, numbers will run from 000 through 999. There will be drawings each Tuesday and Thursday starting on March 31, for ten weeks ending on June 4. The winner of each of the first 19 drawings will receive \$50 each with the final drawing winner receiving \$500.

Please buy as many tickets as you can and sell tickets to friends and relatives.

Please call Len Cohen at 215-635-0264 to select your numbers, to order tickets, or return the envelope you receive in the mail with your check. Don't leave any tickets unsold; they could be winners. That happens every year.

Thank you for your participation.

Len Cohen, Chairman



Mazel Tov

Avishay & Sheryl Tetro on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, **Rachel**.

Joan Polin on the recent *Bat Mitzvah* of her granddaughter, **Samantha Julia Goldberg**.

Ariana & Ben Burrows on their son, **Reuben Burrows**, who is a middle school music teacher/choral director in Hyattsville, MD, is the 2014 winner of the "My Favorite Teacher" contest in the Prince George's County (MD) middle school category.

Margery & Michael Hesney on the birth of their granddaughter, **Emma Winter Hesney** on November 6.

Florence Solomon on the marriage of her granddaughter, **Rachel** to **Michael**.

Don & Bonnie Wittenberg for their donation of adult beverages, which have been added to the synagogue's inventory.

Men's Club Wine Shop

Men's Club Wine Shop

Before you know it, the Passover holiday will be here. Our wine room has a wonderful selection of kosher for Passover wines. The wine shop is open during Men's Club, Board of Directors, Yiddish Cultural Club Meetings, after every daily *minyan* and on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. throughout the year, and before Passover on Sundays, March 14, 21, and 28, from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

Call Len Cohen (215-635-0264) or the MBIEE Office (215-635-1505) to place your order.

Len Cohen, Chairman

Thank You

Lori & Saul Goldfarb for their donation of fruit for the luncheon on December 27.

Bea Barrish, Lori Goldfarb, Sam Manley, & David Reif for help setting up the December 27 lunch.

Rabbi Addison, David Reif, Ernie Gross, Rabbi Kevin Bernstein, and Robert Friedman who read the *Torah* during *Hanukkah*.

Bea Barrish, Janet Eisenberg, Edythe Kaplan, Karen Berger, Ira Weinstein and Sam Manley for all their wonderful effort and hard work *Shabbat*, December 20, in preparing the *kiddush* for Rachel Tetro's *Bat Mitzvah*.

Jean Lisman, Rebecca Gellman, Joe Pressman, Ron Goldman, Judy Baker, Warren Nachmann, Joan Theil, Mary Crawford, Cantor Josh Gordon, Phil & Bea Barrish, Rabbi Addison, Jerry Weiss, Joan Polin and Janet Eisenberg:

Thank you for all your hard work Friday night. Our New Member & *Hanukkah* Dinner would not have been such a great success without your support.

Special thanks to our co-chairs of the New Member & *Hanukkah* Dinner evening, Jean Lisman & Rebecca Gellman.

Burt & Janet Eisenberg for their partial sponsorship of the *Hanukkah* Dinner in honor of the anniversary of Burt's *Bar Mitzvah*.

Sheryl & Avishay Tetro for sponsoring the *kiddush* in honor of their daughter Rachel's *Bat Mitzvah*.

Alan Berson for sponsoring the Lunch & Learn on *Shabbat*, December 13, in honor of his 50th birthday.

Thank You Note

Rabbi Addison, Cantor Gordon and my fellow congregants:

Your many get-well wishes helped to lift my spirits and hastened my recovery. Your concern is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Jerry Weiss

Condolences

Hershel Elias on the loss of his beloved father, Dr. Gabriel Elias, B'M.

Margery & Michael Hesney on the loss of Margery's beloved father, Perez Rosenthal, B'M.

Are you receiving the *eNews* every Thursday evening?

If not, email eblast@MBIEE.org to subscribe.

Social Action

Some of us can go on vacation, while others require help for the basic need of getting food. Please continue to provide food donations in our *Mitzvah* Pantry collection box in our lobby. Let's try to help in any way we can. If you know of people in need, please contact us, at 215-927-6737 or email to cargeo@juno.com.

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

MITZVAH FOOD PROJECT

On Old York Road, the *Mitzvah* Pantry at Beth Sholom distributes food on Wednesdays. This is a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, and our members kindly donate food to that distribution.



The Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) delivers food on one Sunday each month, using hundreds of volunteers and delivering to thousands of households from a central warehouse in the far northeast. JRA is run by Lubavitcher with added support from Federation and the Food Trust. Upcoming distribution will be on February 15, and March 15, 2015.

To learn more about helping MBIEE to help those who ask for help (gifts of money are surely welcome, too!), or for more information, to suggest projects, and offer action, call,

Carol and George Weinbaum

Yeast Dough *Hamantaschen* from Marilyn Senders kitchen

2-1/4 tsp. or one envelope dry yeast
1/4 cup lukewarm milk
1/2 cup plus 1/4 tsp. sugar, divided
3-1/4 cups all-purpose flour, divided
1/2 cup (1 stick) cold butter, cut into pats
1/2 cup whole milk Greek-style yogurt
grated rind of 1 lemon

2 large eggs, well beaten
1/4 tsp. salt
non-stick cooking spray
Filling or fillings of choice
Egg/honey wash made by combining 1 Tbsp. honey with one egg

Swirl yeast, milk, 1/4 tsp. of sugar and 1/4 cup flour in a one quart jar with a lid. Let rest for 20 minutes.

Put 2 cups of flour and butter pats into mixer bowl and mix with flat beater at lowest speed until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Add yeast mixture and remaining sugar, yogurt, lemon rind, eggs, and salt. Mix at medium speed until a smooth dough results.

Switch to dough hook and beat in the additional 1 cup of flour. Spray a large clean bowl with cooking spray and transfer dough to it, covering tightly with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray baking pans with non-stick cooking spray.

Roll out dough on a well-floured surface (I use a pastry cloth and stockinette-covered rolling pin) into 1/4-inch thick large rectangle. Fold like a business letter into three layers. Turn 90-degrees and roll out again. Again, fold into thirds, turn, and roll out again. Repeat this process one more time to make three separate folding operations in total. This helps the dough form flaky layers.

After the dough has been folded three times, roll out to 1/8-inch thickness and cut circles close together with a three-, to three-and-a-half-inch-round cookie cutter.

Place circles on baking sheets.

Place a scant tablespoonful of filling in the center.

Turn up opposing edges of the circle and pinch together at the corner where they meet.

Bring up remaining edge of the circle and pinch together at the corners where it meets the first two edges to form a triangle. With yeast dough, it helps to twist the corners slightly to better seal them and prevent them from opening.

Re-roll scraps and proceed to cut more circles, etc.

Brush lightly with honey/egg wash. Place baking sheets in a draft-free place and allow the dough to rise for 30 minutes.

Bake at 350°F. for 15-20 minutes, or for 12-15 minutes in a convection oven until golden brown. Remove from baking sheets while still warm.

Makes 3 to 4 dozen. These freeze well.

<http://marilyferecipes.blogspot.com/2010/02/yeast-dough-hamantaschen.html>

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<p>15 26 Sh'vat 8:45 am: <i>Minyan</i> 10:00 am: Jewish Relief Agency</p> 	<p>16 27 Sh'vat 6:45 am: <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 pm: Mah Jongg 7:30 pm: David Reif's Class on 'What to do in shul on Shabbat' (3 of 4)</p> <p>PRESIDENTS' DAY</p>	<p>17 28 Sh'vat 7:00 am: <i>Minyan</i></p>	<p>18 29 Sh'vat 7:00 am: <i>Minyan</i> 7:30 pm: Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>19 30 Sh'vat 6:45 am: <i>Minyan</i></p>	<p>20 1 Adar 7:00 am: <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm: Evening Services Candle Lighting at 5:24 PM</p>	<p>21 2 Adar 9:30 am: Morning Services Terumah</p>
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MBIEE Funds

As approved, by the board of directors on June 17, 2009, the following funds have been designated as official MBIEE funds. Unless otherwise noted, donations to all funds may be made for various purposes, e.g., to honor individuals, condolences, for recovery of, in memory of, joyous occasions, etc. Minimum contributions, as noted, were approved at the June 17, 2009, board meeting to take effect July 1, 2009. Updated on July 22, 2009. *Funds being revised are indicated below.*

Bible (*Humash*) Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: Purchase of Hertz or *Etz Hayim*.
Specific contribution of \$36 for an inscribed bookplate in Hertz; \$72 for an inscribed bookplate in *Etz Hayim*.

Jacob Cahan *Selichot* Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: Financial support for *Selichot* programs.

***Chai* Fund** (*minimum \$18*)

Purpose: General operating budget.

David I. Hurvitz Chapel Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: (*currently being revised*)

Samuel Miller Memorial Torah Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: Restoration/maintenance of our Torahs. (*revised*)

Rabbi Isaac Moseson Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: Financial support for Adult education programs.

Prayer Book Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: Purchase and repair of prayer books.
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: Rabbi determines purpose.

***Simcha* Fund** (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: General operating budget.

Max & Helen Steg Scholarship Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: Scholarship awards for Judaic studies, post *Bar Mitzvah* or *Bat Mitzvah*.

Torah Tribute Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: To maintain and support the general operating budget, and when necessary, for the upkeep, including repair, of Torah scrolls and other ritual objects.

Herman & Joseph Wyman Memorial Fund

(*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: General synagogue support.

***Yahrzeit* Fund** (*no minimum contribution*)

Purpose: General operating budget.

Youth Congregation Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: To support the activities of our Youth Congregation.

Zaslow Memorial Library Fund (*minimum \$10*)

Purpose: (*Currently being revised*)

Do not attempt this recipe unless you can obtain Wondra flour. It is a special granulated flour which gives the cookies a toothsome crunch. I have it from friends who tried it with all purpose flour that the recipe does not come out the same.

Hamantaschen from Marilyn Senders kitchen



- 1 cup sugar**
- 1/2 cup (one stick) unsalted butter or pareve margarine**
- 3 large or extra-large eggs**
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt**
- 3-1/2 cups Wondra flour**
- 2-1/2 tsp. baking powder**
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract**
- 2 oz. orange juice**
- Assorted fillings (lekvar, honey-walnut, cherry, poppy seed, almond, raspberry, strawberry, etc.)**
- Cream butter or margarine with sugar in bowl of electric mixer.**

Add eggs, one at a time

Add salt, flour and baking powder. Add vanilla and orange juice. Mix together well, wrap in plastic wrap, and chill for at least two hours in the refrigerator.

Divide into four portions and roll out on a well-floured surface until about 1/8-inch thick.

Cut with a large, thin edged cup or drinking glass or round cookie cutter making cuts close together to avoid rerolling wherever possible.

Place on floured cookie sheet or baking pan.

Place a scant tablespoonful of filling in the center.

Turn up opposing edges of the circle and pinch together at the corner where they meet.

Bring up remaining edge of the circle and pinch together at the corners where it meets the first two edges to form a triangle.

Bake at 400°F. for 8-12 minutes. Bake for 5-7 minutes in a convection oven.

Re-roll scraps and proceed to cut more circles, etc.

Fillings for Hamantaschen

In this country, prepared fillings can be purchased in the supermarket baking supplies section and are made by such companies as Solo, Lucky Leaf, and Musselman's. The following recipes are offered for those who wish to make their fillings a little more unique.

Lekvar Filling (Prune Butter)

- 1 1-lb. 1 oz. jar lekvar**
- 1/2 cup raisins**
- 1 Tbsp. honey**
- 1 Tbsp. sugar**
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon**
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract**

Stir these all together and use as filling for hamantaschen.

Stir constantly over low heat until the mixture becomes thick. Scrape the bottom as you stir to prevent sticking.

Remove from heat and stir in grated orange rind.

Cool before using.

<http://marilyferecipes.blogspot.com/2009/03/hamantaschen-for-purim-or-anytime.html>

Honey-Walnut Filling

- 3/4 cup honey**
- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts**
- 1/4 cup sugar**
- 1/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs**
- 1/2 tsp. grated orange rind**
- Place honey, walnuts, sugar and bread crumbs in a saucepan.**

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Ida Pomerantz, *Mazel Tov* on the birth of your great grandson
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Honor and remember a departed loved one by placing a plaque on our memorial wall. You will be assured that *kaddish* will be recited on their *yahrzeit*. For details, call Gunther Kirchheimer at 215.379.0221.

Yiddish Cultural Group Meetings

Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 12:30 P.M.

The group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. A mini-brunch will start at 12:30 P.M. followed by the program led by Sylvia and Len Cohen at 1:00 P.M.

Both congregation members and non-members are invited to attend and participate. It is not a class but you can learn some Yiddish. We tell stories about the old days, tell jokes, go over some Yiddish vocabulary and above all have fun. You will enjoy.

Sylvia and Len Cohen, Chairpersons

The *yahrzeit* of the following loved ones occurs during the month of February.
It is fitting that a member of the family be present at the *minyán* on the day of *yahrzeit*.

Aaron Freedman	Samuel Solomon	Solomon Weiss	Sol Sofian
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Pearl Levi	Reuben Heiser	Abraham Wolfert	Al Krantz
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Anna Carp	Rose Hornstein	Max Soble	
Etta G. Pinsly	Bob Silver	Jennie Cohen	

The *yahrzeit* of the following loved ones occurs during the month of March.
It is fitting that a member of the family be present at the *minyán* on the day of *yahrzeit*.

Annette Silk	Herman Finkelstein	Fannie Kelman	Ida Atkins
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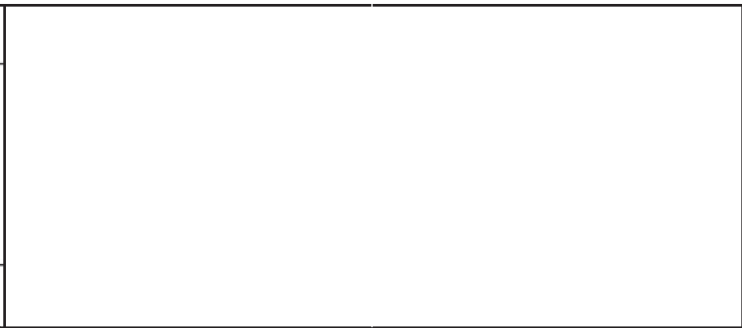


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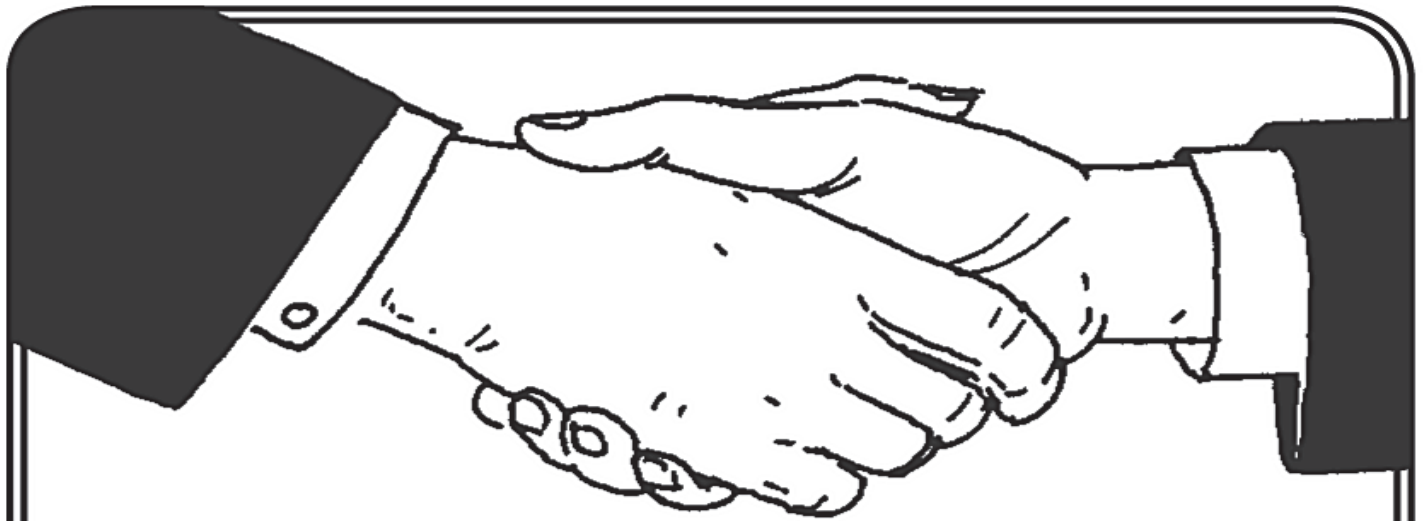
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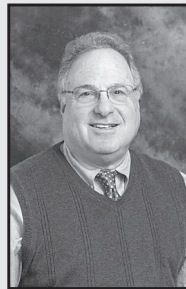
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Birthdays celebrated on January 31

Albert Butler	February 3
Lois Goldstein	4
Leonard Kaltz	4
Lewis Lisman	4
Michael Hesney	6

Birthdays celebrated on February 7

Dean Spector	7
Kathy Schoengold	10
Saul Senders	10
Marilyn Golden	12
Ida Pomerantz	13
Florence Solomon	13

Birthdays celebrated on February 14

Joan R. Greenfield	14
Julie Coopersmith	16
Elliot Greenfield	16

Birthdays celebrated on February 21

Lynne Debbs	25
Rachel Feldman	27
Esther Wolfert	27

Birthdays celebrated on February 28

Martin Selditch	28
Stephen Golden	March 2
Barbara Levey	2
Elaine Stewart	2
Saul Goldfarb	3
Cheryl Berson	4
Marilyn Senders	5

Birthdays celebrated on March 7

Beatrice Barrish	11
Stanley Brooks	13

Birthdays celebrated on March 14

Reuben Burrows	15
Bill Shnycer	20

Birthdays celebrated on March 21

Jennifer Joseph	24
Mary Gerson	27

Birthdays celebrated on March 28

Jerome Forman	28
Edward Kleiman	28
Judy Baker	29



Anniversary celebrated on Feb. 14

Glenn & Karen Berger 20

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