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SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING & HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday, April 5th- Siyum for Firstborn, 10am service at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom. Last opportunity for sale of chametz.

Passover begins at sundown April 5. 7:15pm candlelighting. First Seder night

Thursday, April 6th- 1st day of Pesach 9:30am Service at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom. Kiddush after service.

Candlelighting after 8:16pm from existing flame

Friday, April 7th- 2nd day of Pesach 9:30am

Service at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom. Kiddush after service.

Chol Ha'Moed Pesach Shabbat - 7:17pm candlelighting from an existing flame

Tuesday, April 11th- candlelighting 7:21pm

Wednesday, April 12th- 7th day of Pesach- 9:30am Service, at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom.

Candlelighting after 8:21pm from existing flame

Thursday, April 13th- 8th day of Pesach- YIZKOR Service @ 9:30am, at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom.

Friday, April 14th- Parshat Shemini- 7:24pm candlelighting

Friday, April 21st- Parshat Tazria-Metzora- 7:32pm candlelighting

Friday, April 28th- Parshat Acherai-Kedoshim- 7:39pm candlelighting

Dayeinu — Always Enough to Say Thank You!

By Rabbi Berel Wein

At the great seder night of Pesach when we read and discuss the immortal words of the Pesach Hagada, my family has always enthusiastically sung the portion of the Hagada that we know as “Dayenu.” By the grace of G-d, I have been able to witness a number of my generations singing this meaningful poem of praise to the Almighty for the bountiful goodness that he has bestowed upon us.

Since I am leading the singing that always accompanies this poem, the melody may be somewhat out of tune but what it lacks in pitch it makes up for in enthusiasm and volume. I have always thought about the words that make up this poem and the entire concept that “Dayenu” communicates to us. The poem deals with half measures, so to speak, of goodness that were bestowed upon us. As one of my grandchildren one intuitively remarks to me: “Zeydie, it is like proclaiming victory when only half the game has been played and your team is winning. But the game is not over yet, so is our cheering not a bit premature?”

That same question troubled me for quite some time. How can we say that it was sufficient for us to be delivered from Egyptian bondage even if later we would’ve been destroyed at the Red Sea? Or what advantage would have accrued to us had we come to the Mountain of Sinai but never received the Torah or experienced the revelation that took place there? Why would we say that all these half measures would have been more than enough for us?

The answer to all of this lies in the Jewish attitude towards the holy attribute of gratitude. Gratitude is the basis of all moral law and decent human conduct. It underpins all the beliefs and behavioral aspects of Judaism, Jewish values and lifestyle. And Judaism declares that gratitude must be shown every step of the way during a person’s life.

We are to be grateful and thankful for our opportunities even if they did not yet lead to any positive results and accomplishments. The Talmud admonished us not to complain too loudly or too often about the difficulties of life “for is it not sufficient that one is still living?” If one expresses gratitude simply for opportunity, then how much more is that person likely to be truly grateful for positive results in one’s life?

This is not only the message of the “Dayenu” poem in the Hagada, it is really the message of the entire recitation of the Hagada itself. Gratitude for everything in life is the message of Pesach, for the matzo and even for the maror as well. And perhaps this is why the poem of “Dayenu” is usually put to melody, for it is meant to be a poem of joy, a realistic appraisal to life and not a sad dirge. Like everything else in Jewish life, it

is meant to be a song of eternity.

Afikomen not sweet enough for you??? Try this!!!

Fallen Chocolate Cake

From Epicurious (pareve when made with pareve margarine and without dairy topping)

Ingredients

Serves 8–10

Cake:

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter (pareve margarine), cut into 1" pieces, plus more, room temperature, for pan

3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided, plus more for pan

10 ounces semisweet or bittersweet chocolate (61%-72% cacao), coarsely chopped

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

6 large eggs

2 tablespoons natural unsweetened cocoa powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Topping (skip if with a meat meal):

1 cup chilled heavy cream

1/2 cup mascarpone

3 tablespoons powdered sugar

Special Equipment

A 9"-diameter springform pan

For cake:

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly butter springform pan and dust with sugar, tapping out any excess.

Step 2



Combine chocolate, oil, and 1/2 cup butter in a large heatproof bowl. Set over a saucepan of simmering water and heat, stirring often, until melted. Remove bowl from saucepan.

Step 3

Separate 4 eggs, placing whites and yolks in separate medium bowls. Add cocoa powder, vanilla, salt, 1/4 cup sugar, and remaining 2 eggs to bowl with yolks and whisk until mixture is smooth. Gradually whisk yolk mixture into chocolate mixture, blending well.

Step 4

Using an electric mixer on high speed, beat egg whites until frothy. With mixer running, gradually beat in 1/2 cup sugar; beat until firm peaks form.

Step 5

Gently fold egg whites into chocolate mixture in 2 additions, folding just until incorporated between additions. Scrape batter into prepared pan; smooth top and sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons sugar.

Step 6

Bake until top is puffed and starting to crack and cake is pulling away from edge of pan, 35-45 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and let cake cool completely in pan (cake will collapse in the center and crack further as it cools). *DO AHEAD: Cake can be made 1 day ahead. Cover in pan and store airtight at room temperature.*

For topping (skip with meat meal or substitute non-dairy topping or fruit):

Step 7

Using an electric mixer on medium/high speed, beat cream, mascarpone, and powdered sugar in a medium bowl until soft peaks form.

Step 8

Remove sides of springform pan from cake. Mound whipped cream mixture in center of cake.

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1000 STACIE DR. ROOM 202
HAZLETON, PA 18201**

GET WELL WISHES ARE EXPRESSED TO: BRUCE MILLER, BOBBIE KLEMOW, LEANNE TRATTNER, SHIRLEY BRENNER, & EILEEN BRENNER.

SHOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY NEWS TO SHARE WITH THE AIC FAMILY, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO AGUDASISRAELHAZLETON@GMAIL.COM TO RUN IN THE NEXT AGUDAGRAM!



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thank you!

We greatly appreciate donations for
yahrzeits, life events, and other
celebrations! They truly keep the shul
running and show how strong our
congregation is.

If you'd like information about donating,
please email us at agudasisraelhazleton@gmail.com
or call the shul.

April (Nisan/Iyar) Yahrzeits

May the memory of the righteous endure as a blessing.

The yahrzeit plaque lights are on in the sanctuary in memory of our departed loved ones.

*Numbers before each name correspond to the Hebrew date of their passing. The date after each name is the secular day of the yahrzeit. Yahrzeit candles should be lit the evening before this date burning through the day of their passing. Kaddish should be said the evening before and the day of the date of passing.

NISAN

10 Louis Ruttenberg 4/1
11 Rabbi Haim Kemelman 4/2
12 Fannie Greisberg 4/3
13 Elaine Miller 4/4
15 Ruth V. Brenner 4/6
15 Mollie Feller 4/6
16 Herman Lintz 4/7
16 Louis D. Kanel 4/7
16 Golda Brenner 4/7
17 Frances Lande Trout 4/18
21 Isadore J. Kline 4/22
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28 Ellis Supowit 4/19

28 Emma Finkel 4/19
28 Rose Narrow 4/19
28 Jean Sugarman 4/19
29 Barry Klemow 4/20

IYAR

1 Elsie B. Cohn 4/22
1 Bessie Edelstein 4/22
1 Joseph Lander 4/22
1 Mollie Cohn 4/22
2 Joseph Brenner 4/23
6 Alan Klemow 4/27
7 Mollie Glassberg 4/28
7 Bessie Klemow 4/28
7 David Tumarkin 4/28
8 Kalman Sugarman 4/29
9 Marshall Steiner 4/30

PLEASE REMEMBER THE MITZVAH OF GIVING TZEDUKAH TO YOUR SHUL OR THE SHUL OF YOUR LOVED ONE WHO HAS PASSED, ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR YAHRZEIT IN THEIR MEMORY.

REFLECTION WHICH MAY BE READ WHEN LIGHTING A YAHRZEIT CANDLE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE:

“I light this candle to bring peace to the soul of _____ (insert Jewish name) ben/bat (son of/daughter of) _____ (insert father’s Jewish name).”

The human soul is a light from God. May it be your will that the soul of (*insert name*) enjoy eternal life, along with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, and the rest of the righteous that are in Gan Eden. Amen.

Neir Adonai Nishmat Adam. Yehi Ratzon Milfanecha, Adonai Eloheinu Veilohi Avoteinu, Shetehei Nishmat (insert name) Tzerurah betzeror hachayim, im nishmot Avraham Yitzchak ve’Ya’akov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel VeLeah. Tehi Menutchatah kavod, Selah

AIC News

Thanks to our PCCD Nonprofit Security Grant that we secured in 2022, we have a new video intercom at our main door on Oak Street. It is located above the normal doorbell and rings directly to the office, so that we can see and speak to visitors before opening the door. This affords us a great deal more security.

Also, Cantor Ramon is offering a free virtual concert! See below for details!

The tango was born at the end of the 19c. in BA as the resulting blend of the cultures of Italian, Spanish, French and Eastern European Jewish immigrants combined with Afro-Argentine rhythms.

Beginning in the 20th C., the tango became more popular throughout the world.

During the Shoah the tango became part of the life of ghettos and concentration camps.

Jews embraced the genre as well, composing compositions in Ladino, Yiddish, Russian, French and Hebrew.

Join me for a musical program of this delightful dance.

Jewish tango concert

Sunday April 16 7.30PM

at: <https://emersonavenuesalons.com>

The performance is free. Donations are kindly encouraged.

I hope you can make it!

To watch live: [this link](#)

To watch a recording after April 16th, click on “Previous Salons”

https://emersonavenuesalons.com/?page_id=189

Thank you for your generous support and for sharing this information with others

Ramón

EMERSON AVENUE SALONS
PROUDLY PRESENTS

HOT TANGOS FOR A COLD NIGHT

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023
7:30 PM EST

**RAMÓN
TASAT**
TENOR & GUITAR

CLAUDIO WAISGLUSS
PIANO

EMERSON AVENUE SALONS
1508 EMERSON AVENUE, MCLEAN VA 22101
EMERSONAVENUESALONS.COM

The poster features a blue background with a starry night sky at the top. Below the title, there is a photograph of a man and a woman in period clothing dancing. A smaller inset photo shows a man singing into a microphone. The text is in white and yellow, providing all the necessary details for the event.

AGUDAS ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

Celebrating 100 years!

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Mark your calendars for two AIC centennial events this spring!
Advanced tickets required for both events.

SUN
APR. 23
10-2pm

Centennial & Israeli Independence Day Commemoration at Agudas Israel Synagogue

Featuring musical performances by Dr. Ramon Tasat & Roanne Pitluk, AIC speakers & centennial tributes; followed by touring comedian Joel Chasnoff & Kosher deli luncheon in our social hall.



SAT
JUNE 3
7-11 pm

Centennial Celebration at Valley Country Club

Enjoy an evening of fun at the Valley Country Club in Sugarloaf, with entertainment from NYC comedian Carie Karavas and Motown/Soul dance band EPICSOUL. Tickets include hors d'oeuvres & a drink. Cash bar available.



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2023 Centennial Donation

Name: _____
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Deadline for 2023 Centennial Ads and Sponsorships is March 24th, 2023.

Make your personal or business check payable to: "Agudas Israel Congregation" & include "Centennial Donation" in the memo field.

A direct bank transfer can be made online through Zelle (our ID is agudaisraelhazleton@gmail.com).
If you have any questions, please contact Christina Ferry, Synagogue Office Manager, at 570-455-2851.

Commemorative Booklet Pricing

Friend – 1 Line Personal or Business
Name listing – \$5.00/ea.
1/4 page ad. – \$25.00
1/2 page ad. – \$50.00
Full page ad. – \$100.00

Sponsorship Pricing

Bronze – \$101.00 - \$499.00
*Silver – \$500.00 - \$999.00
*Gold – \$1000.00 - \$4999.00
*Platinum – \$5000.00 +

*Receives (2) complimentary tickets to both events

Your ad copy below:

Ad Examples:

Congratulations on 100 years!
Bill & Dolly Sieman

Our office extends its best wishes,
Atty. Robert J. Simbon &
Associates

In memory of my beloved parents,
The Gluckman Family

est wishes and continued success,
Your friends at Tasty Markets

Thanks for the memories,
The Helmsey Family

APRIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy spring to all,

I am delighted to report that we have received tremendous responses from our members, sponsors, and friends for our centennial celebrations. Please keep getting the word out to others, family members and friends that have moved out of the area who have history at Agudas Israel Synagogue. It will be great to reconnect in person. We thank you all for your support and generosity! It's not too late to still contribute if you haven't done so already.

Thank you to centennial committee members, Marlene Leonard, Howard Narrow, and Lenny Brenner, for all of the hard work that you have all done. Christina, thank you for putting it all together. We appreciate your hard work and love your technology experience which makes our lives so much easier.

I want to thank David Coffman, security expert, who came last month to educate our members and friends, near and far thanks to the ability of zoom. He was very enlightening in expressing security and safety concerns for our congregants. Thank you to those who were in attendance.

I am glad the JCC leisure lounge luncheons are back in progress and heard they enjoyed dining at Booty's Restaurant last week. I was unable to attend because

I recently returned from a river boat cruise from Paris to Normandy. It was definitely an eye-opening experience for me, my son, Peter, my husband, Larry and my sister, Cindy. We had the honor of going to the Normandy Memorial Cemetery and the Omaha Beaches where our father, Myron Brenner landed and fought in WWII for liberation. We witnessed the price of our freedom by visiting this cemetery. Please enjoy the photos below from our memorable trip!

Wishing all our congregants and friends a very happy Passover!

Sincerely,

Debbie Walker



