

The Agudagram

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SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING & HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

April 5- Parshat Shemini- 7:16pm candlelighting

April 12- Parshat Tazria- 7:23pm candlelighting

April 19- Shabbat HaGadol- Parshat Metzora- 7:30pm candlelighting

Monday, April 22- Siyum for Firstborn, 10am service at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom. **Last opportunity for sale of chametz.**

Passover begins at sundown April 22. 7:34pm candlelighting. First Seder night

Tuesday, April 23- 1st day of Pesach 9:30am Service at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom.

Candlelighting after 8:36pm from existing flame

Friday, April 7th- 2nd day of Pesach 9:30am Service at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom.

April 26- Chol Ha'Moed Pesach Shabbat- 7:38pm candlelighting

Yom Tov-Sunday, April 28- candlelighting 7:40pm

Monday, April 29- 7th day of Pesach- 9:30am Service, at Agudas Israel Synagogue & on Zoom.

Candlelighting after 8:44pm from existing flame

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

A Ritual Memory Transfer **By Rabbi Berel Wein**

The hold of the holiday of Pesach on the people of Israel is one of the remarkable historical facts of our people. After all, over thirty three hundred years have passed since the Exodus from Egypt. Throughout human history, great events have been forgotten, simply because of the passage of time and the remoteness of that event from current society. Even those historical dates that are yet remembered – July 4, Bastille Day, most other national holidays – have been transformed by time and society into less of a commemoration and remembrance than of being merely a day of leisure and no work. All of this certainly points out the uniqueness of Pesach and its continued influence and meaning in Jewish life and amongst all types of Jews.

Without delving into the supernatural qualities of G-d's commandment to us to observe Pesach, I think it is clear to all that it is the ritual aspects of Pesach that has preserved the importance and intensity of the holiday so well. It is the matzo and the maror, the seder and the Haggadah, the change of diet and habit, that have so emblazoned Pesach on the Jewish psyche. We can all recall events and make stirring speeches about their importance. But the next generation will remain apathetic about those very events that so inspired and influenced their parents. It is no secret that in much of the Jewish world, the Holocaust, the creation and existence of the State of Israel, and the cause of oppressed Jews in the less than free world, have all lost much of their resonance and hold on Jews. The reason for this is that there is no ritual, no halachic framework, if you will, attached to these events. And thus they are at risk of drifting away in the sands of past events and no longer remaining vital and important in the lives and attitudes of coming Jewish generations.

This should set us to think about the importance of ritual in our religious and daily life. The secular humanists of the nineteenth century and their followers in the Jewish world attempted to create an idealistic and permanent Jewish life based on the abolition of ritual and the centrality of humanistic values. After two centuries, it is clear that this attempt to ennoble mankind and/or Jews has failed. The basic conclusion that if one does not eat matzo on Pesach, one's grandchildren will eventually forget Pesach altogether has been proven, sadly and beyond doubt. For it is only through the observance of ritual, through teaching behavior and not merely lofty sounding philosophical ideals, that the data bank of Jewish memory is transferred from one generation to the next. That is the most important lesson of Pesach to our generation that yearns for G-d and has somehow lost its way to find our Creator.

Kosher for Passover food is currently available at:

**Wegman's
Market 32
Kingston Kosher
Yeshiva Coop
Shop Rite Moosic
and limited supplies at your local markets**

**SHEILA IS RESIDING AT ST. LUKE'S PAVILION.
VISITATION AT ST. LUKE'S IS NOW OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HER A CARD OR
VISIT, YOU MAY FIND HER AT:**

**SHEILA MOYER
C/O ST. LUKE'S PAVILION
1000 STACIE DR. ROOM 320A
HAZLETON, PA 18201**

**GET WELL WISHES ARE EXPRESSED TO: CAROL
SILVER, JANET KEICH, BRUCE MILLER, JIM
LEONARD, LEANNE TRATTNER, SHIRLEY
BRENNER, & BONNIE YANUSKIEWICZ.**

**SHOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY NEWS TO SHARE
WITH THE AIC FAMILY, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO
AGUDASISRAELHAZLETON@GMAIL.COM TO**



Estate Planning?

**Call the AIC office to reserve your cemetery plot(s) for you and your
beloved family. Active planning helps family tend to your afterlife needs
and their mourning with less stress.**

**Consider joining the Cemetery Committee to help our members and
congregation with this lasting legacy.**

MARCH DONATIONS RECEIVED

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund		Other Donations
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<u>Donation Received From</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	
William J. Small	Maurice Burkat, grandfather	Albert Rosen Family Endowment
Kaplan & Yanuskiewicz Families	Golde Lande, grandmother	Jeff & Ellen, Nathan, Steven & Family
Kaplan & Yanuskiewicz Families	Goldie Kaplan, grandmother	
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Alan & Karen Levy	Abraham Levy, uncle	
Richard Rockman	Reuben Robinson, grandfather	

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 (Adar II/Nisan) 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.

Adar

23 May Chercass 4/2
23 Florence Kashinitz 4/2
24 Frank Bowman 4/3
26 Martin Blau 4/5
27 Milton Ziff 4/6
27 Edward Kanner 4/6
28 Bessie Kanel 4/7
29 Bella Aronoff 4/8

5 William Burkat 4/13
5 Ira Goldberg 4/13
6 Murray Glassberg 4/14
8 Bertha Rifkin 4/16
10 Louis Ruttenberg 4/18
11 Rabbi Haim Kemelman 4/19
12 Fannie Greisberg 4/20
13 Elaine Miller 4/21
15 Ruth V. Brenner 4/23
15 Mollie Feller 4/23
16 Sylvia Ann Gittleman 4/24
16 Herman Lintz 4/24
16 Louis D. Kanel 4/24
16 Golda Brenner 4/24
17 Frances Lande Trout 4/25
21 Isadore J. Kline 4/29
21 Nathan Rosen 4/29

Nisan

1 Robert Kanel 4/9
1 Esther Cimmet 4/9
2 Sadie Rabinovitz 4/10
3 Mark Burkat 4/11
4 Dora Yust 4/12
4 Bonnie Klemow 4/12

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 Veilohei 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/ EVENTS

1. We welcome new members, Janice Schoem and Richard Koller to our congregation! Most of you know Richard from when he lived here years ago and from his continued attendance at our High Holiday services. We are glad to have him back as an official member. Janice comes to us from New Jersey just recently joining our community. We are so glad to welcome them both!
2. Thank you to the Cohn Foundation for their generous donation for Agudas Israel Cemetery improvement.
3. Thank you to the family of Albert Rosen - Jeff & Ellen, Nathan & Steven & families for establishing the Albert Rosen Endowment at Agudas Israel.

4. We are welcome at the community seder at the Friedman JCA. Please reach out to Christina If you are interested. Then we can RSVP and hopefully get a carpool together.

5. May 6th is Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. Join us at Temple Beth Israel Hazleton at 7:30PM for a memorial service in remembrance of the 6 million Jews that were murdered in the

Holocaust. The service will feature the winning submissions from this year's essay contest and include readings and prayers from Rabbi Yossi Zylberberg, Richard Kline, Reverend Christine Hess & members of the Hazleton Jewish Community Council.

TEMPLE ISRAEL & FRIEDMAN JCC INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 5:45PM
Led by Rabbi Larry Kaplan & Cantor Abraham
CATERED BY BANK & VINE UNDER TEMPLE ISRAEL SUPERVISION
ADULTS: \$36 - CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$18
CHILDREN 4 & UNDER: FREE
Scholarship Available-Contact Rabbi Kaplan

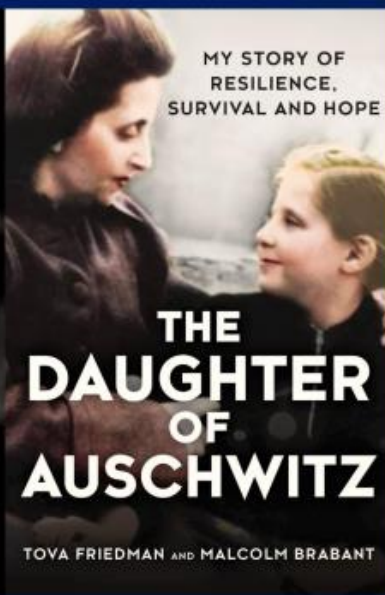
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ESTHER & NATHAN KLEIN
PASSOVER ENDOWMENT

RSVP to Barbara Sugarman by APRIL 10
Make checks payable to Friedman JCC
570-824-4646 b.sugarman@nepajca.org

Congregation Ohav Zedek, Temple Israel,
Temple B'nai B'rith & The Friedman JCC present

Tova Friedman

The youngest survivor of Auschwitz



Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:00 PM at The Friedman JCC

613 SJ Strauss Lane, Kingston, PA

Please RSVP to b.sugarman@nepajca.org or (570) 824 - 4646

APRIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy spring to all,

I am so looking forward to better weather conditions as yesterday we dealt with a great deal of wind and rain, downed trees, and power outages along with flight cancellations. The wind was so powerful in Hazleton last night that one stained glass window in the Sanctuary opened by itself, triggering the alarm. Also yesterday, during this storm, was a big day for the man that keeps the Shul in working order. Our Maintenance Manager, Jimmy Leonard, had intensive vein surgery in his leg which lasted for many hours. Marlene and I texted throughout the day. In one text during the surgery, she stated, "All the power went off in the hospital." I was so relieved hours later when I got word that the surgery was successful! This morning, I told Marlene about the window and that I needed to stand on a chair to close it because of my height and short arm span. And then we laughed about that! Not much later my phone rang and it was from Jimmy, I was surprised and happy to hear from him. Marlene told him about the window and he was checking up with me about it! Jimmy is my HERO! Let's all say prayers for a speedy recovery for Jimmy and others in need.

As we embark on the busy time of celebrating Passover and the rituals that we are accustomed to, which have been passed down from generation to generation, enjoy the family memories that come to mind that connected us with the past as well as bringing us into the present.

We are pleased to bring back the practice of the Holocaust Memorial Service and Essay Contest for Hazleton Area students on May 6th which is Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. Christina Ferry and the committee members have worked rigorously on bringing back this very important project. Please make it a point to save the date and join us at Beth Israel Temple at 7:30PM. It is imperative for us to remember those who perished.

I want to thank The Cohn Foundation, the Rosen family, and our anonymous donor for their generosity.

Happy Passover and blessings for a beautiful season!

Sincerely,

Della Walker