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From the Rabb.

As I write this newsletter, we have just finished celebrating the holiday of *Purim*. Those of us who participated had a wonderful morning of a fun service and megillah reading, with the help of some of our religious school students, a great all-you-can-eat brunch (thanks to Amanda), and a fun carnival for ALL ages (thanks to Inez for putting it together; Shanna, Bobby, Jake and Joe for helping staff the booths, and congratulations to Aislinn for winning the Wii Bowling Tournament). There were some great costumes and noisemakers, too.

Purim celebrates our narrow escape from doom as plotted by the evil Haman the Agagite. The upcoming holiday of Pesach celebrates our escape from slavery to freedom from the evil Pharaoh of Egypt. There is a joke that almost all Jewish holidays can be summed up by the phrase "they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat!" While it is a humorous recap that fits many of our holidays, I think it bears some more thought and insight as we head into the Feast of Freedom.

For too long and in too many situations, the Jewish people have been persecuted. There were many times that we were able to defeat those amassed against us, sometimes with very little loss or sacrifice, and it's appropriate to be joyous and celebratory of those times. But there have also been many other times when we weren't quite so lucky. It is certainly no fun, and not even a good idea to remember all the tragedies that have befallen us. The rabbis were wise to condense a commemoration of those bad times into one day. Tishah B'au, when we read the book of Lamentations to lament those bad times.

As to the future, none of us has a crystal ball that is 100% clear. There are many situations in the world today that give us pause to consider how they affect us individually as well as in a Jewish community. Natural disasters and unusual weather incidents seem to be happening much more often. Anti-Semitism is on the rise in Europe, and even more so in the Middle East. In fact, it has become "acceptable" behavior in most cultures to be anti-Israel/Zionist, even though it is often a thinlyveiled excuse for anti-Semitism. There is also much turmoil in the Middle East, so that Israel (nor the rest of the world) knows whom they will be dealing with as the heads of many of those countries.

I raise these issues now before Passover because I think it behooves us to consider how we became slaves in the first place. Did it happen slowly, over time, when no one protested or wanted to make a fuss because it was politically incorrect? Did it happen quickly and forcefully, so that we were taken by surprise and forced into slavery? Was it our own apathy and/or fears that lead to our ultimate downfall? And most importantly, what can we learn from our history so that our mistakes don't repeat themselves?

This is only one of the reasons it's important for us to read the same *haggadah* each year, the same stories of our past. I hope and pray that you have a meaningful Passover holiday, and that it inspires you to be more cognizant of your own identity and your part in the Jewish future.

Chag sameach u'kasher – a happy and kosher Passover,

Rabbi Gordon Fuller

	APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE		
Friday, April 1		Tuesday, April 19	
Candle Lighting	7:30 p.m.	Passover 1 st Day	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 p.m.	Shacharit	
Saturday, April 2		Mincha	
Shacharit	9:30 a.m.	<u>Friday, April 22</u>	
Shabbat ends	9:00 p.m.	Candle Lighting	
<u>Friday, April 8</u>		Kabbalat Shabbat	
Candle Lighting	7:34 p.m.	Saturday, April 23	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 p.m.	Shacharit	
Saturday, April 9		Shabbat ends	
Shacharit	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday, April 26	
Shabbat ends	9:05 p.m.	Passover 8 th Day	
Friday, April 15		Shacharit	
Candle Lighting	7:39 p.m.	Yizkor	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 p.m.	Friday, April 29 Candle Lighting	
Saturday, April 16	-	Kabbalat Shabbat	
Shacharit	9:30 a.m.	Saturday, April 30	
Shabbat ends	9:10 p.m.	Shacharit	
		Shabbat ends	

Tuesday, April 19	<u>)</u>
Passover 1 st Day	
Shacharit	9:30 a.m.
Mincha	6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 22	
Candle Lighting	7:44 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 23	<u>3</u>
Shacharit	9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends	9:14 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26	
Passover 8 th Day	
Shacharit	9:30 a.m.
Yizkor	Approx. 11:00 p.m.
<u>Friday, April 29</u>	
Candle Lighting	7:49 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 30	
Shacharit	9;30 a.m.
Shabbat ends	9:19 p.m.







Kay Stolzer's Birthday
Pearl Jacobson
Bert Altman's Birthday
Hilda Ruttenberg

THANK YOU

Thank You to Bobbye Brickman for sponsoring the March Food for Thought Luncheon. Also, donations thank you to Pearl Jacobson, Esther & Naman Lipinsky & Deana Stupak for donations made for the luncheon. As always, thank you to the ladies that do so much work on the luncheon to make it a special event!

Also, Thank you to Inez Bonneville for organizing the Purim carnival & games and to Amanda Henson for preparing the brunch.

Inez Bonneville would also like to thank all the congregants for their support and the donations made in her sisters name. She is so grateful and appreciative to each of you.

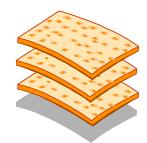


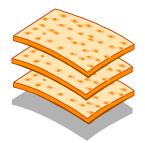
Mitzvah of the Month



Just as it is traditional to welcome the poor to our seders when we say the "ha lacham anya – this is the bread of the poor", it is traditional to donate money so that those that are less fortunate are able to celebrate the Passover with holiday foods. Please make donations to either Rabbi's discretionary fund and earmark them for Ma'ot Chitim, and he will make sure the money gets to those in need.







Why is this night different than all other nights?

Because Agudath Jacob is having a Congregational Seder !!

You are invited to join us for the second Seder on Tuesday, April 19

6:30 p.m. Ma'ariv Service – Seder Immediately Following in the Social Hall

Adults (members) \$28.00 Adults (non-members) \$36.00 Children \$10.00

To secure your reservation payment <u>must</u> be received by <u>April 8</u>, (no exceptions)

Name: _______ No. in Party: Adults ______ Children ______

Amount Enclosed:



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<u>Celebrating Purim!</u>









A few spapshots of the Purim Carpival. March 20, 2011. Such a fup day!





<u>April 5</u> Jo Spark

<u>April 6</u> Dean Fuller

<u>April 7</u> David Hoppenstein

<u>April 9</u> Kenneth Schwarz

<u>April 10</u> Lydia Hoffman

<u>April 12</u> Steven Schwarz

<u>April 13</u> Ricky Olmsted

April 14
Frances (Torchy) Hoffman
Matthew Spark

<u>April 18</u> Joel Leland Farley

<u>April 21</u> Melanie Bauer

April 27 Sam Chernoff Debra Hargrove



IN HONOR OF:

PEARL JACOBSON
ALICE TODD

HILDA RUTTENBERG ALICE TODD

ETHER & NAMAN LIPINSKY
ALICE TODD

INEZ BONNEVILLE
ALICE TODD

DAVID & LORRAINE HOPPENTEIN ALICE TODD

NON MEMBER DONATIONS

TEXAS CHEESE HOUSE LUCINDA WARNSTAFF



IN MEMORY OF

<u>Dave Wizig</u> David Novy

<u>Dr. Jerry Zuckerman</u> Pearl Jacobson

<u>Seymour Neuwirth</u> Carolyn Neuwirth

> Robert Todd Alice Todd

Get Well Soon

Don Jacobson

Pearl Jacobson

Chance Farley

Elayne Cynn

Bobbye Brickman

Judy Hersh

Esther & Naman Cipinsky

Pearl Jacobson

Hilda Ruttenberg

Corraine & David Hoppenstein

GAY Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 7:30 p.m.

SHABBAT DONATIONS

February 26th

Florence & Stanley Hersh Jake & Simone Bauer Barbara & Elliot Wolpo Esther & Naman Lipinsky Pearl Jacobson Steve & Lilia Schwarz

March 5

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Jake & Simone Bauer
David Levy
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
David & Lorraine Hoppenstein
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

March 12

Simone & Jake Bauer Florence & Stanley Hersh Esther & Naman Lipinsky Pearl Jacobson Steve & Lilia Schwarz

March 19

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Simone & Jake Bauer
Morris Marcus
David & Lorraine Hoppenstein
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

On - Going Mitzvah



Food from the Faithful

We will supply dried and canned beans on an on-going basis. Please bring packages throughout the year and Rabbi Fuller will see that they are delivered to Caritas.

Pesach Preparations: Most commonly asked questions...

Q. What is the Siyum Habechorim?

A. On the day before Passover, the first born of our people fast to commemorate their being spared the fate of the first-born Egyptians. But one may eat if he is participating in the Seudat Mitzvah, the festive meal which accompanies the performance of certain mitzvot. One such mitzvah is Talmud Torah study. Thus, when a person completes a significant section of material (e.g., a tractate of Talmud) it is customary for all present to join in a Siyum, a ceremony of completion with a meal. Any firstborn who participates in the ceremony may eat. This is known as the *Siyum Habechorim*.

Q. Why must we clean our houses so thoroughly before Pesach?

A. On Pesach, we are not allowed to eat, derive benefit from, or possess Chametz. All Chametz must be removed from our homes before Pesach. To facilitate this cleaning, the following rituals are part of Pesach preparations. (The text for the ceremonies can be found in many Haggadot)

Bedikat Chametz: After the house has been cleaned, on the night before Pesach, we search once again for any crumbs of chametz we may have missed. We use a candle, a feather and wooden spoon. This symbolizes that all the chametz which we could see was removed. The ceremony of Bedikat Hametz is recited this year on Sunday, April17 after sundown. (8:29 p.m.)

Biur Chametz: On the morning before Pesach, we burn the chametz that has been found during the search of the previous night. This ceremony should take place by 12:22 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011 though Chametz should not be eaten after 11:17 a.m. It is also customary not to eat matzah at all on Monday until the Seder.

Mechirat Chametz: We are not always able to destroy or remove all our chametz. Doing so could be economically disastrous. So, the rabbis ordained that a symbolic sale is made of all the chametz to a non-Jew in the community, who then sells it back to us after Pesach. The chametz is no longer "in our possession." This is normally done by the rabbi for the entire congregation. Incidentally, it is only necessary to sell or destroy food stuffs; dishes and utensils are simply locked away in storage for the duration of the festival. Use the form in the newsletter to participate in this mitzvah.

Q. What is chametz?

A. If one of the five grains: wheat, oats, rye, barley, or spelt – comes in contact with water after it's harvested, it becomes fermented or chametz. This fermentation takes 18 minutes, according to tradition. Pesadik baked goods are make from flour which has not been fermented. The term chametz is also applied to dishes and utensils which have been in contact with chametz foods during the year.

Q. Why do most Ashkenazim not eat beans, rice, corn or peas on Pesach?

Although these are not among the five species of grain that can become chametz, the rabbis forbade their use because, in the past, flour was made from them. They felt that people might become confused and be tempted to use regular flour if they were allowed to use flour made from those plants. To avoid possible confusion, most Ashkenazic rabbis ordained that these not be used at all. The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, or soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above.

Q. What foods may not be used during Pesach?

A. All these foods are considered Chametz and may not be used during Pesach: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rye, spelt, rice, peas, dry beans and liquids which contain ingredients made from grain alcohol.

Q. What foods require Rabbinic supervision for Pesach?

A. Any prepared food must be certified Kosher for Passover: Matzah, noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, processed cheeses, jam, jelly, relishes, wines, liquors, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortening, vinegar. A "Kosher for Pesach" label or tag without product name and Rabbinic signature is unreliable. This applies to products made in America, Europe or Israel.

Q. Are there foods which require no certification?

A. The following products require NO CERTIFICATION if purchased and unopened BEFORE Pesach begins: Pure natural unflavored coffee (ground or instant), sugar (not confectioners or powdered), pure brown sugar, saccharin, tea, salt, pepper, natural spices, milk, frozen vegetables when packed without additives, frozen fruit juices with no additives, vegetables (string beans are permitted) dried fruit, honey, Hershey's[®] cocoa, 100% pure safflower, coconut or cottonseed oil, nuts (except legumes) baking soda (NOT baking powder), detergents and scouring powders. All these items should be left unopened until Pesach begins.

The following require NO PASSOVER CERTIFICATION if purchased **BEFORE or DURING Pesach:** Fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, fresh fish and kosher fresh meat.

Q. Can any dishes or utensils used during the year be used on Pesach?

A. It is preferable to have dishes and utensils specifically reserved for Pesach and stored away during the rest of the year. However, since this is not always possible, the rabbis ordained that certain types of utensils may be "kashered," specifically prepared for Pesach. However, earthenware, enamelware or porcelain utensils, if used during the year, may not be used during Pesach.

Kashering of Utensils

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (keole'o kakh poleto). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat; and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing. Please direct any questions to <u>your rabbi</u>, who is available to assist you in Passover preparation.

Earthenware

China, pottery, etc. may not be kashered. However, fine translucent china which has not been used in over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

Metal

Utensils wholly made of metal (including handles) – used in fire (spit, broiler) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

Oven and Ranges

Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, the oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. A microwave oven, which does not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, then a cup of water be placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesach.

Dishwasher

Some authorities permit the use of dishwashers during Passover after not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, and running two full cycles with detergent. Others recommend not using a dishwasher at all during the festival.

Glassware

Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting it through a dishwasher.

Electric Appliances

If the parts that come into contact with Chametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal

utensils). If the parts are not removable the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned).

Table, Closets and Counters

If used with chametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

Kitchen Sink

A metal sink can be kashered by a thorough cleaning and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

Chametz and Non-Passover Utensils

Non-Passover dishes, pots, and chametz whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked so as to prevent accidental use.

How may a refrigerator be kashered?

Remove all chametz food and opened packages. Clean thoroughly with hot water and baking soda and scour the racks. In a freezer, frozen chametz foods should be put in a sealed box and should be sold with other chametz.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHEON

There will be <u>NO</u> Food for Thought Luncheon this month, due to the Passover programs. Please call the office with any other questions.



Passover

Be sure to check out our selection of Passover Hagaddahs!
Our featured author this month is Danny Siegel, an <u>American author</u>,
<u>lecturer</u>, and <u>poet</u>. He is often referred to as "The World's Greatest Expert on <u>Microphilanthropy</u>", "The Feeling Person's Thinker", "The Pied Piper of Tzedakah", and most recently as "A Pioneer Of Tzedakah" by the New York Jewish Week editor and publisher. He was a guest of Congregation Agudath Jacob for our 120th anniversary in 2008. He was generous enough to donate signed copies of his books to our library. Come enjoy them all!

SALE OF CHAMETZ – 2011 Congregation Agudath Jacob

IMPORTANT- PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE

In addition to the prohibition of eating Chametz (leaven) on Passover, we are not allowed to own or benefit from chametz, so the Torah requires us to rid our homes of <u>all</u> leaven and leaven products. To accomplish this, we isolate all existing Chametz in secured cabinets and pantries and sell this leaven to a non-Jew prior to Passover. This is a legal sale and conducted in accordance with Jewish and civil law. The rabbi acts as agent for all consenting families and will repurchase your Chametz at <u>approximately 8:43 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2011</u>

Complete the form below and make sure it is in the synagogue office, ATTENTION: RABBI GORDON FULLER, <u>no later than noon Friday, April 15.</u> It is customary to include a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund with your completed form.

Discretionary Fund with your compl	eted form.				
Have a Happy and Kosher Pesach!					
Congregation	RING THE COMPLETED FORM TO: on Agudath Jacob, Attention: Rabbi Gordon Fuller 925 Hillcrest Drive, Waco, Texas 76710				
I					
(Signature)	(Date)				
(Print your name)	(Home telephone number)				
(Home address)	(Business address)				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.	Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
3	4 Meditation Serivce 7:30 p.m.	5 ROSH HODESH	6	7	26 Adar II Menachos 23 8 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.	27 Adar II Menachos 24 9 Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
28 Adar II Menachos 25	29 Adar II Menachos 26	1 Nisan Menachos 27	2 Nisan Menachos 28	3 Nisan Menachos 29	4 Nisan Menachos 30	5 Nisan Menachos 31
10	11	12	13 CAJ Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14	15 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.	16 Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
6 Nisan Menachos 32	7 Nisan Menachos 33	8 Nisan Menachos 34	9 Nisan Menachos 35	10 Nisan Menachos 36	11 Nisan Menachos 37	12 Nisan Menachos 38
17	18 EREV PASSOVER Erev Passover	PASSOVER I Passover I Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Mincha 6:00 p.m.	PASSOVER II Passover II	HOL HAMOED PASSOVER I Hol Hamoed Passover I	HOL HAMOED PASSOVER II Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Hol Hamoed Passover II	HOL HAMOED PASSOVER III Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Hol Hamoed Passover III
13 Nisan Menachos 39	14 Nisan Menachos 40	15 Nisan Menachos 41	16 Nisan/1 L'Omer Menachos 42	17 Nisan/2 L'Omer Menachos 43	18 Nisan/3 L'Omer Menachos 44	19 Nisan/4 L'Omer Menachos 45
HOL HAMOED PASSOVER IV Hol Hamoed Passover IV	PASSOVER VII Passover VII	PASSOVER VIII (YIZKOR) Passover VIII Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Yizkor approx 11:00 p.m.	27	28	29 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.	Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
20 Nisan/5 L'Omer Menachos 46	21 Nisan/6 L'Omer Menachos 47	22 Nisan/7 L'Omer Menachos 48	23 Nisan/8 L'Omer Menachos 49	24 Nisan/9 L'Omer Menachos 50	25 Nisan/10 L'Omer Menachos 51	26 Nisan/11 L'Omer Menachos 52

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HOW TO OBSERVE THE YAHRZEIT

commemorat	ion of the deceased.		
Kaddish will	be said April 1		Mollie Weissman
Adar 29	Sherwin Fischman		David Stein
	Sophia Rubenstein	Nisan 16	Jacob Wizig
Nisan 1	Raven Jornitzky		Mrs. Abe Hashfield
	Morris Wise		Mrs. L. Fred
Nisan 2	Audrey Beth Lender		H.B. Cohen
Nisan 3	Israel Goodman	Nisan 17	Sam Bernstein
	Ben Golob		Ana G. Mantel
	Phillip H. Schwartz	Nisan 18	Jenny Wizig
	Leon Aronson		•
	J.H. Epstein	Kaddish wil	ll be said April 22
	Mollie Schwartz	Nisan 19	Sadie Goltz
Nisan 4	Mrs. Meyer Hoffman	Nisan 21	Ida Fred
	Shirley Helfer		Mildred Fetter
		Nisan 22	Irving Stupak
Kaddish wil	ll be said April 8	Nisan 23	Louis Wise
Nisan 5	A. Adelman		Abe Jacobs
	Benjamin Goldberg		Dora Sacks
Nisan 6	Minnie Feldt	Nisan 24	Joseph Muskat
	Sophia Harris		
	Ada Ellis	<u>Kaddish wil</u>	ll be said April 29
	Dora Torchin	Nisan 26	Bessie Levin
Nisan 8	Minnie Hoffman		Murray Hersh
	Lena Aronson Lynn		Marvin Fuller
Nisan 9	Abraham Berkman	Nisan 27	George Adelman
	Bella (Birdie) Citrin		Mrs. Mitchell Stein
Nisan 10	Abe Greenberg		Julia Moes
	Sam Eisenberg	Nisan 28	Leah Beerman
Nisan 11	Willie Bauer		Alex Stein
	Frank Chazanow		Morris Miller
	Evelyn Chernoff		Abe Udashen
		Nisan 29	Ida Berkman
	ll be said April 15		Don Tocker
Nisan 13	Harry Adler	Iyar 1	Harry Goltz
Nisan 14	Mitchell M. Marcus		M.S. (Max) Roberts
	Jack Ruttenberg	Iyar 2	Sam Rubel
Nisan 15	Ida Goldberg		