

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

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Adar/Nisan 5781

Bulletin

March 2021

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The month of Adar is the last month on the Jewish calendar, a month celebrated with joy. So it is with great happiness that we have been welcoming rabbinic candidates to OZS during Adar, each newly graduating from the Jewish Theological Seminary and each eager to embark on congregational life in a new "haimish" shul like ours. We will host (virtually) the final two of these three candidates during the first two weekends of March (the last two weekends of Adar). Even though this year we can't ply our candidates with home cooked delicacies and local KY beverages, we can embrace them with our special blend of Bluegrass and OZS welcome. Please do continue to join in the opportunities to get to know them and for the candidates to get to know how special a congregation OZS is.

The Search Committee will meet early the week of March 15th to make a recommendation to the Board. The Rabbinic Assembly allows us to make a position offer to a graduating rabbi from March 22 - we definitely want to be ready by the 22nd to invite one of our candidates to be our next rabbi! Your continued participation is ever so important to making this "shidduch" between OZS and that special rabbi.

A full schedule will go out to OZS members the week of the visits.

The Search Committee

PESACH IS COMING!

Here's what is currently planned. Watch your weekly announcements for more specifics.

- ✧ 3/21 Shabbat HaGadol Study session during Haftorah class, 11am-noon, led by Rabbi Sabath
- ✧ 3/27 Saturday evening first seder, at home
- ✧ 3/28 Sunday morning Yomtov service, 10-11:30am
- ✧ 3/28 Congregational Seder on Zoom, 6pm, led by Rabbi Sabath
- ✧ 4/3 Shabbat and Yomtov morning service, 10-11:30
- ✧ 4/4 Yomtov morning service including Hallel and Yizkor, 10-11:30

And get ready to sell your Chametz (form will be sent at a later date).



President's Message

Hello Folks,

Well time is still a'flyin by. Not a moments rest. I hope everyone made it through the ice and snow virtually unscathed. It is strange how something so dangerous can be so beautiful. It was all of that for us. Onto OZS goings on:

I was very sorry to have called off the community Purim event. Some of you were unaware we were trying to pull this off however, while figuring it out it became apparent we would not be able to include everyone. It felt better to me to call it off than to tell some folks they could not come. I will take the hit on that one if someone needs a target:) To make up for it we are working on a major Pesach undertaking. The plan is to start a list of folks that are planning on (or will now plan on) having a Seder on night 1 of Pesach. Then we will get a list of folks that would like to virtually attend a Seder on night 1 of Pesach. We will then join these folks together. I am grateful to have Kathy Grossman running point on this adventure. We are just getting the logistics laid out. However, people can start reaching out to Kathy about which list they would like to be on. There is also a community wide Zoom Seder planned for the second night of Pesach. Please stay tuned as we get this worked out.

Also, keep your eyes on your emails and announcements for a Pesach parking lot get together on April 4th. That is right it is EASTER:) But, also, the last day of Pesach. The Religious Committee along with Rabbi Sabath are brainstorming to bring us together again in our parking lot. We will keep y'all posted as it gets formalized.

I am still looking for folks that wish to be a part of the Technology discussion about what we want tech wise once OZS re-opens. I have had 1 person respond so far. If interested please reach out to me. The question to answer is:

- 1) Do we wish to discontinue all forms of Tech once OZS re opens?
- 2) Do we wish to continue Streaming services only after OZS re opens?
- 3) Do we want some type of Hybrid where we can still enjoy the communal gatherings we are now enjoying on ZOOM?

Of course if you have any suggestions other than those listed we need to hear of them.

That is it from me right now. Go back to your life and I will catch up to you soon, Ira



Passover is coming!

The first night of Passover is Saturday, March 27. If you are planning a Zoom seder the first night and are willing to invite other OZS congregants to share in your festivities, please let me know. If you don't have anything planned that night and would like to join an OZS Zoom seder, please let me know. I will do my best to be the matchmaker.

kathygrossman@gmail.com

The Radical Possibilities of the Rituals of Passover

For lovers of ritualized meaning-making, Passover is the greatest of all the holidays. Through the performance of these, we can attain all the possibilities of what ritual can mean for an individual and a community. The sheer volume, complexity and intensity of rituals in preparation for and in observance of Passover is unmatched by any other Jewish holiday. For some the intensity of the preparation has made us feel oppressed and/or obsessed; for others, they help us find redemption.



This year, as we once again celebrate Pesach alone or in very small groups, we have the time to reflect on what the preparations mean and why it is THE quintessential holiday of our people.

Layered together, all the elements of Passover produce a charged environment ripe for meaning-making. But for what meaning, and for what purpose? The ancient sages, who added layers to the original early Passover celebrations, believed that the rituals themselves were so intense and profound they could enable each of us to feel ourselves as though we were personally part of the exodus from Egypt. Passover returns us to an ancient time and place, and drops us into the climax of the most powerful human drama of redemption.

That is the power of ritual, according to one of the giants of ritual studies, Mircea Eliade (1907-1986). His most enduring and influential contribution to religious studies is likely his Theory of Eternal Return, which holds that myths and rituals do not simply commemorate heterophonies (appearances of the sacred), but – at least to the minds of the religious – rituals actually enable us to participate again in those experiences. For a traditional religious person – and maybe for the rest of us less traditional folks, too – a ritual-filled life constantly unites us with sacred time, giving our existence value.

In Judaism, as in many religions, a ritual cycle correlates certain parts of the year with mythical events, making each year an eternal repetition of the mythical age.

But Passover is even more than that because it also creates a second “Renewal of the Cosmos.” Preparing for Passover from the moment Purim ends prepares us to simultaneously reestablish a mythic world of the past and at the same time, confirm our yearning for a time of redemption in the future. Beginning with our struggles of slavery in Egypt, we end with redemption, joy and a plan to be in a rebuilt, ideal Jerusalem by next year. By the end of the night, we have ritualized our way into redemption, not only of the past but of the future. From an anthropological perspective ritual can alter the individual in such a way that they want to alter the society in which they live. One of the greatest scholars in the field of ritual, Clifford Geertz (1926-2006), reminds us that “in ritual, the world as lived, and the world as imagined... turn out to be the same world.” Whether or not one covers the kitchen in aluminum foil and changes all the dishes, the conscious celebration of the Seder itself is the most significant factor in the power of Passover for the individual and for the community.

These intense rituals remind us of what world we want to live in, and help us to create it for a moment in the ritual acts. The blessing of investing so much in the preparation and the fullness of ritual during Passover is that we can create that perfect world anew in our souls and increase our desire to create it. More than prayer or study, ritual allows us to begin to become that which we believe we should be. May it be so.

[-Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Ph.D.](#)

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Todah Rabah also to Hanna Smith, who made a donation for deposit into our Blue Grass Community Foundation reserve fund in memory of Rabbi Uri (z"l).

And Thank You to all those volunteers who are working behind the scenes to keep our services and classes happening, building and offices functioning, food backpacks packed and delivered to Mary Todd Elementary School, rabbi search activities going, and all the other things that might not have been mentioned but are greatly appreciated! We couldn't do it without you!



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Michael Ades	3/1	Joe Rosenberg	3/12	Amia Kurs	3/27
Travis Harrison	3/1	Arthur Salomon	3/12	Jeffrey Markowitz	3/27
Lana Weddle	3/1	Eva Shooter	3/12	Karen Shedlofsky	3/27
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Jonathan Stewart	3/6	Janice Brock	3/16	Irmgard Gesund	3/28
Jennifer Gripshover	3/9	Adam Parritz	3/20	Judy Kaplan	3/28
Jeffrey Westerman	3/10	Susan Miller	3/21	Julie Youkilis	3/28
David Adkins	3/11	Kathy Grossman	3/22	Galadriel Stamm	3/29
Karen Edelstein	3/12	Alan Leavitt	3/22	Leanne Zimmerman	3/29
Roberta Miller	3/12	Micah Baumfeld	3/23	Karen Barnes	3/31
Jimmy Mischner	3/12	Sheila Jelen	3/23	Benjamin Belin	3/31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Erica Cohen & Jeremy Mash 3/6 10th anniversary

Bruce & Liz Broudy 3/26 44th anniversary

Mazal Tov to Bob Baumann, M.D., who is being awarded the Brumback Lifetime Achievement Award from the Child Neurology Society. Read more [here](#).



Watch your email for information about Pesach items available from our Women's League Gift Shop.

Hadassah upcoming event: On March 9th at 7:00 pm, the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah will join the Dayton and Columbus Chapters in presenting "Mentioning the Unmentionables". This program will give you a fascinating and fun look at a forgotten part of the fashion industry - what we wear under our clothes. Save the date and look for an eblast coming soon with further details.

Hadassah Gift Cards

For those of you who do a lot of Macy's shopping either in person or online, how about helping Lexington Hadassah at the same time? Purchase your gift cards from Hadassah and then use them when you shop or give them as gifts! We have them in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. It's a win-win situation! end a check made out to Hadassah and your cards will be sent out to you.

Call or email Leslie Gersten
714-801-4074, lhgersten@yahoo.com

University of Kentucky Art Museum Robert C.
May Photography Lecture Series

ELINOR CARUCCI
Friday, March 5, 4pm

Elinor Carucci makes deeply personal photographs of her children, husband, parents, and herself explore themes of love, vulnerability, anger, attachment, and loss at the heart of all relationships. Carucci grew up in a Mizrahi family in Jerusalem, and her ease with intimacy and openness about the human body and family reflects her culture.

This live lecture is free and available on Zoom. Participants must [preregister](#)

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Thank you to those who have been using AmazonSmile and have designated Ohavay Zion Congregation as the organization to receive 0.5% of your eligible purchases. We received \$87.24 for purchases made between October 1 and December 31, 2020. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and please continue to support Ohavay Zion! Have questions? Please contact Debbie Aminoff, Board treasurer, by email: debbie.aminoff@gmail.com or phone: 859-317-3839.

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Thank you to all that have signed up for our Kroger Community Rewards program. Last quarter, OZS received \$473.24 from the Rewards Program. If you haven't signed up yet but are a Kroger shopper you can help OZS earn fundraising dollars at NO COST TO YOU!!!! All you will have to do is present your Kroger Plus card and then we get the proceeds. Please go on line now to krogercommunityrewards.com to register, be sure to have your Kroger Plus Card and OZS #WI315. If you have any questions about it please call or email the [office](#).

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3/1	Louis Grossman	Adar 17
3/1	Emanuel Sprei	Adar 17
3/1	Leon Adolph Strauss	Adar 17
3/2	Anne Altman	Adar 18
3/2	Yehiel Asser Herman	Adar 18
3/3	Bennie Green	Adar 19
3/3	Carlton Herman	Adar 19
3/3	Chana Levy	Adar 19
3/3	Lena Skuller	Adar 19
3/4	Harry Cohen	Adar 20
3/4	Julian Franklin	Adar 20
3/4	Milton Herr	Adar 20
3/4	Samuel Kaplan	Adar 20
3/4	Faiga Mary (Fanny) Rosenkranz	Adar 20
3/5	Harry Caller	Adar 21
3/5	Jerilyn Faye	Adar 21
3/5	Rose Rosenberg Goldwater	Adar 21
3/6	Rose Waldorf Blumberg	Adar 22
3/6	Virginia Epperly	Adar 22
3/7	Ben Herman	Adar 23
3/7	Judy Levine	Adar 23
3/7	Ida Morris	Adar 23
3/7	Abraham Rosenberg	Adar 23
3/8	Martha Violet Rosenberg	Adar 24
3/9	Joann Glickman	Adar 25
3/9	Miriam Green	Adar 25
3/9	M. Robert Koenig	Adar 25
3/9	Bertram M. Neuman	Adar 25
3/9	Carroll Robie	Adar 25
3/9	Dr. Abraham Daniel Solomon	Adar 25
3/10	Rose Berman	Adar 26
3/10	Ruth Magen	Adar 26
3/10	Dr. David Leon Wilson	Adar 26
3/10	Betty Zimmerman	Adar 26
3/11	Phillip Gall	Adar 27
3/11	Edward Tucker Goldstein	Adar 27
3/12	Sarah Fox Ades	Adar 28
3/12	Charles Collins	Adar 28
3/12	Matthew Feinberg	Adar 28
3/12	Bernard Kirschbaum	Adar 28
3/13	Sarah Henrietta Blumberg	Adar 29
3/13	Rebecca Davis Doukas	Adar 29
3/13	Sidney Gall	Adar 29
3/13	Anny Olbert	Adar 29
3/13	Lee Salomon	Adar 29
3/13	Abraham Stein	Adar 29
3/14	Frances Perel	Nissan 1
3/15	Mae Bederman	Nissan 2
3/15	Rosa Mathilde Pikholtz	Nissan 2


*Yahrzeit
Observance
begins at
sundown of the
previous
evening
with lighting of
the yahrzeit
candle.
The traditional
act of tzedaka,
honoring
a loved one, is
often performed
at this time.*



3/15	Zelda Sprei	Nissan 2
3/16	Herbert Cantin	Nissan 3
3/16	Louis Weinberg	Nissan 3
3/17	Janice Wolf Capilouto	Nissan 4
3/17	Hattie Fox	Nissan 4
3/17	Rubin Salutsky	Nissan 4
3/17	Israel Singer	Nissan 4
3/18	Edward Levy	Nissan 5
3/18	Richard Popkin	Nissan 5
3/18	Lillian Rosenberg	Nissan 5
3/19	Barbara Robie	Nissan 6
3/19	Edward Rosenberg	Nissan 6
3/20	Bessie Rosenberg Schwartz	Nissan 7
3/22	Virginia Blanford	Nissan 9
3/22	Dorothy Shepard Goldstein	Nissan 9
3/22	Rose Luftman	Nissan 9
3/22	Jeff Moosnick	Nissan 9
3/22	Alexander Russotto	Nissan 9
3/23	Rose Silverman	Nissan 10
3/24	Betty Greenfield	Nissan 11
3/24	Martin Rosenthal	Nissan 11
3/25	Henry Altman	Nissan 12
3/25	Carolyn Bayer	Nissan 12
3/25	Samuel Blumberg	Nissan 12
3/25	Celia Flomen	Nissan 12
3/25	Yvonne Moindrot Grossman	Nissan 12
3/25	Hershel Saphir	Nissan 12
3/25	Max Sapoznick	Nissan 12
3/25	Edith Schwab	Nissan 12
3/25	Blanche Sprei	Nissan 12
3/26	Anna Bernstein	Nissan 13
3/27	Revekka Alkhasova	Nissan 14
3/28	Edward Kessler	Nissan 15
3/28	Raymond Arthur Schapiro	Nissan 15
3/28	Sarah Stainboock	Nissan 15
3/29	Solem Hirsh Levy	Nissan 16
3/29	Bernard Rackmil	Nissan 16
3/29	Wolf Rosenberg	Nissan 16
3/29	Rhoda Bruntel Welker	Nissan 16
3/30	Col. Sam Goldberg	Nissan 17
3/30	Louis Prow	Nissan 17
3/31	Joseph Brower	Nissan 18
3/31	Celia Reiss	Nissan 18
3/31	Rebecca Silverman	Nissan 18

IN MEMORIAM

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF...

Barbara Shapiro

*February 11, 2021 - Shevat 29 5781
Mother of Robert Shapiro*



March 2021

17 Adar - 18 Nisan 5781



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 17 Adar	2 18 Adar	3 19 Adar Wednesday Study Group 12noon	4 20 Adar Talmud Study Group 7:30am Hevruta 8 pm	5 21 Adar Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm Ben Freed interview weekend	6 22 Adar Shabbat Morning Service 10:00am Ben Freed interview weekend <i>Ki Tisa</i>
7 23 Adar Religious School Parsha Study 10:00am Haftorah Discussion 11:00am B'Mitzvah Class 12:15pm Ben Freed interview w.e.	8 24 Adar	9 25 Adar Hebrew School 4:45 pm Minyan 5:45pm Board Meeting 7:30pm	10 26 Adar Wednesday Study Group 12noon	11 27 Adar Talmud Study Group 7:30am	12 28 Adar Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm Blair Nosanwisch interview weekend	13 29 Adar Shabbat Morning Service 10:00am Blair Nosanwisch interview weekend <i>Vayakhel/Pekude</i>
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21 8 Nisan Religious School Parsha Study 10:00am Haftorah Discussion 11:00am B'Mitzvah Class 12:15pm	22 9 Nisan	23 10 Nisan Hebrew School 4:45 pm Minyan 5:45pm	24 11 Nisan Wednesday Study Group 12noon	25 12 Nisan Talmud Study Group 7:30am	26 13 Nisan Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm <i>Search for Chametz</i>	27 14 Nisan Shabbat Morning Service 10:00am First Seder <i>Tzav</i>
28 15 Nisan NO Religious School NO Parsha Study Talmud for Everyone 11:00am Cong. Seder on Zoom 6:00pm	29 16 Nisan	30 17 Nisan NO Hebrew School Minyan 5:45pm	31 18 Nisan Wednesday Study Group 12noon			