



Commemoration of Exodus from Egypt begins March 31

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The search for the leaven (Bedikat Hametz) is to be conducted on Tuesday evening, March 30. No hametz is to be eaten after 10:47 a.m., and all hametz must be sold by 11:53 a. m. on Wednesday, March 31. A form for the sale of your hametz through Rabbi Wechsler is included in this newsletter. On erev Pesah, Wednesday morning, we will daven shaharit at 7:30 a.m. in the Synagogue to mark the fast of the first born. A full schedule of the services for Passover is set out on page 8 and in the calendar.

As in past years, Or Zarua will conduct a communal Seder on the second night of Passover. Rabbi Wechsler will lead the Seder, which will take place at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun on 85th Street. Reservations are required. Reservation forms are included in this newsletter and must be returned to the office by Thursday, March 25th.

One of the centerpieces of the Haggadah and of the Exodus account is the recounting of the ten plagues. The structure of the ten plagues is discussed in great depth by Professor Nahum Sarna in his study, *Exploring Exodus: The Heritage of Biblical Israel* (1986). A brief excerpt is set out below for your reference:

"The plagues are arranged in the form of three series of calamities comprising three afflictions in each series. The tenth is climactic and lies wholly outside the series in that it, alone, has no grounding in natural events. It belongs in the realm of the supernatural. Within each series, the first two plagues are each preceded by divine forewarning, while the third strikes each time unheralded. Again, in the case of the first plagues in each series Moses is bidden to confront the pharaoh 'in the morning,' but no time indication is given with respect of the other two. Also common to the first,

fourth, and seventh plagues is the manner in which God's instruction to Moses is formulated. He is told, 'Station yourself' before the pharaoh; the verbal stem y-ts-b is used each time. The second, fifth, and eighth plagues share the introductory formula, 'Go to Pharaoh,' in which the verb b-w-' is uniformly employed. The third plague in each series has no common instruction formula. Finally, the entire first series of the three plagues is wrought through the instrumentality of Aaron, the entire last series is accomplished through the agency of Moses."

Although our focus in these weeks is on Pesah, we should all be aware of the many important community events that will occur in April and early May. Information about these events is contained in the calendar and elsewhere in this newsletter. These events include: Yom HaShoah, Tuesday, April 13; Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Wednesday, April 21; the May 5th poetry lecture by Ann Lerner.

Hag Sameach.

Or Zarua Building News

It may seem that planning for our new building has been going on forever, but the end is near! All systems are go for a June construction start. The finishing touches are now being incorporated into the construction documents – final documents will be submitted to a group of 5-6 contractors by the middle of March, allowing a 2-3 month period for bidding and negotiation. The thought of seeing our much-needed new building move from a drawing on paper to limestone and glass on East 82nd Street is exciting, indeed.

Our temporary home during the year to year-and-a-half of the construction will be the 92nd Street Y, where Or Zarua began its life. Work is going on now to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible.

**You're Invited
to Attend
Or Zarua's
Second Seder**

April 1st 7 p.m.

Be Sure to Reserve
(see coupon on Page 2)

Take Part in Or Zarua's Pesah Meal Match

Congregants, if you are able to make room at your table, or would like to be a guest for the first Pesah Seder, Wednesday, March 31st, please fill out this form and return it to Enid Menzies at the Or Zarua office, 1384 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10128; or fax it to: (212) 410-2137

Yes, I would like to be a (GUEST) (HOST) (circle one)

GUESTS: Are you planning to bring children? YES NO (circle one)

How many, and what ages? _____

HOSTS: How many people will you host? _____

Do you have children _____

How many, and what ages? _____

Do you welcome children as guests? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Time's Running Short:

Reserve Now for Second Seder

Or Zarua's Second Seder will be held on Thursday night, April 1, 1999 in the RAMAZ Lower School Banquet Room, 125 East 85th Street, following the 6:10 p.m. service at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Our Seder, led by Rabbi Wechsler, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

We invite you, your family and friends to share this wonderful evening with us.

Please return the reservation form together with your check by *Thursday, March 25th*.

COST: \$70 per Adult & Child 12 or over
\$80 per Adult (non-member)
\$50 per Child 6 through 11
No Charge for Children under 6

Hebrew School News

from Michelle Schaerf, Education Director

We have had some very busy and interesting times at the Hebrew School over the past months. Upon returning from winter vacation, we were privileged to participate in an exciting project called "Wings of Witness." Artist Jeffrey Schrier brought his collection of soda can tabs to our school so that we could all be part of a work of art in progress. The soda can tabs were collected from around the nation to represent all of those who perished during the Holocaust. Students, parents and teachers all worked to string these tabs together to create enormous symbolic wings which will travel to Atlanta, GA to be on exhibit at the Holocaust museum there. Our Bet and up students also had the opportunity to view the movie "Prince of Egypt" right here in the neighborhood. Our students became literary experts looking for the many parallels and contradictions between the actual Biblical text and the movie version. (Continued on Page 8)

SELL YOUR HAMETZ

Prior to Passover, it is customary to "sell" any *hametz* in the household to a non-Jew. This is normally arranged by the Rabbi to insure compliance with the requirements of *halakha* (Jewish Law). A coupon is found on page 7. Please fill out and send the coupon to the Or Zarua office by Monday, March 29th, to insure that your *hametz* is sold before Passover. It is customary to enclose a contribution to Or Zarua's *Ma'ot Hittim Fund* with your authorization.

Congregation Or Zarua
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Name: _____

Please reserve the following places at the second Seder:

Total Members OZ (@ \$70 per person)

Total Non-members OZ (@ \$80 per person)

Total Children ages 6 thru 11 (@ \$50 per person)

Children ages 5 and under (@ no charge)

Total number in party: _____

Enclosed please find my check made out to
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If possible, we would like to be
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Life and Death Matters - The Or Zarua Hevra Kadisha*by Martha Mendelsohn*

It may be customary for the members of a synagogue's Hevra Kadisha not to draw attention to the specific roles they play in the rituals surrounding a person's death, but it's important to remind the community of the group's purpose and services.

Or Zarua's Hevra Kadisha was founded several years ago to help implement those religious practices that insure respect for the dead and provide consolation for the mourners, and to educate and guide families in decisions concerning the funeral, burial, and period of shivah for a parent, spouse, sibling, or child.

Do you know that the deceased is not supposed to be left alone from the time of death until the funeral? Members of our Hevra Kadisha, rather than "professionals" provided by the funeral home, can serve as *shomrim* (watchers), reciting psalms beside the coffin.

Are you aware that an unadorned, upholstered pine coffin is the kind Jews are supposed to use? Do you know that the deceased is ritually washed and dressed in plain linen garments like the ones that were worn by the High Priest in the Temple on Yom Kippur? Instead of funeral home employees, Hevra Kadisha members can perform the *tahara* (purification), *takhrikhim* (shrouding), and placement in the *aron* (coffin). (First-timers work alongside those with more experience.)

Did you realize that you would find a *dat havraah* (meal of consolation), complete with bagels, lox, and hard-boiled eggs, in your kitchen after the funeral of a loved one? Or that the "stranger" who

**Yom Ha-Atzmaut
Israel Independence Day**

Yom Ha-Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, will occur this year on Tuesday evening, April 20th, and Wednesday, April 21st. Or Zarua will celebrate on Tuesday evening with special services.

Since the day before Independence day is observed in Israel as Yom Hazikaron, Memorial Day for all the soldiers who fell in establishing and defending the Jewish State, our observance will begin with a special Yom Hazikaron Minhah service at 7:30 p.m.

This service will be followed by the special prayers for Yom Ha-Atzmaut, which will include the blowing of the shofar. Afterwards we will celebrate with Israeli food and music.

was the tenth man or woman at a 7:30 a.m. shivah minyan in your living room was a Hevra Kadisha member?

"There are substantial and spiritual rewards to joining the Hevra Kadisha," says one long-time member. "One can perform a variety of tasks, all of which have a positive impact on the lives of the mourners and on our own lives. We see over and over again how appreciative mourners are for our participation in the minyans at their homes at this difficult time in their lives."

Indeed, participation in a Hevra Kadisha is deemed one of the most meritorious mitzvot, included in that category of good deeds where the doer's identity remains unknown and the recipient can't offer thanks. But bereaved family members do thank us. And some eventually join up.

But why wait until you need us? Come to the shivah minyans. Attend our next meeting. Help us resolve some thorny issues, such as whether to secure a synagogue cemetery plot in the metropolitan area, when such space is rapidly dwindling.

We need you now!

If you are interested in joining the Hevra Kadisha, please call Enid Menzies in our office, 410-6041. Hevra Kadisha brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary.

We collect used clothing for the needy.

If you have any, please prepare a list of the garments and contact Frances Freedman (212) 988-6090

Ma'ot Hittim

Special funds are raised each year before Passover to make certain that poor Jews will be able to adequately celebrate the holiday. These funds, called *ma'ot hittim* (wheat money) are then distributed to the Joint Passover Appeal in New York and to the New York Board of Rabbis. These two communal organizations see to it that Jews who cannot make Passover for themselves are nonetheless able to fully celebrate the holiday. These funds also enable Or Zarua to invite Jews to our community Seder who could not otherwise afford to be at a Seder that night. Please give generously to this fund; many will benefit from your kindness. Checks may be made out to "Congregation Or Zarua" and mailed to the office, 1384 Lexington Avenue, NYC 10128.

From Swords into Poems

On Wednesday evening, May 5, 1999 at 8:00 PM, Prof. Ann Lerner, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will lecture at Or Zarua. Dr. Lerner is Prof. of Hebrew Literature at the Seminary and frequently lectures on Hebrew poetry and short stories. That night she will lead Or Zarua in the study of a new book that has just been published in both Hebrew and English on Israeli poetry of war. Responding to the many wars fought in Israel's short history, poets have tried to reflect on the impact that war has had on their society and on their lives. Thus, Dr. Lerner's title of the evening: "From Swords into Poems: Israeli War Poetry." Everyone is welcome.

**Yom Hashoah to be
Observed on April 12**

Yom HaShoah, the Day of Remembrance for the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, occurs this year on Monday evening, April 12th, and Tuesday morning, April 13th. At 8:00 p.m. on April 12th, Or Zarua will hold its annual Maariv service in observance of Yom HaShoah. Prayers are recited at that time and a roll-call is read of all those friends and loved ones of members of the Congregation who perished during the Shoah. It is a time of intense reflection and memorial.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			MARCH 31 7:30am Shaharit/Siyum Bekhorim 6:02pm Passover/Minhah-Maariv & Candlelighting 1 st Seder	1 9am Shaharit/Passover 1 service 6:10pm Minhah-Maariv/Kehilath Jeshurun 7pm Congregational 2nd Seder 7:03pm Candlelighting	2 9am Shaharit/Passover 2 service 6:04pm Minhah-Maariv & Candlelighting	3 Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah
4 Hal Hamoed Daylight Savings Begins	5 Hal Hamoed	6 Hal Hamoed 6:05pm Minhah-Maariv/Passover 7 evening service 7:09pm Candlelighting	7 9am Shaharit/Passover 7 morning service 7:20pm Minhah-Maariv/Passover 8 evening service 8:11pm Candlelighting	8 9am Shaharit/Passover 8 morning service (Yizkor) 8:13pm Festival ends	9 6:07pm Minhah-Maariv 7:11pm Candlelighting	10 9am Shaharit, Shemini
11	12 8pm Yom HaShoah Maariv service	13	14 8-9:30pm Talmud Class	15	16 Rosh Hodesh Iyar 6:13pm Minhah-Maariv 7:18pm Candlelighting	17 Rosh Hodesh Iyar 9am Shaharit, Tazria Metzora
18 7:30pm Book Club/ "Exodus and Revolution" by Michael Walzer	19	20 7:30pm Yom Hazikaron Minhah service/Special prayers for Yom Ha'Atzmaut/ blowing of Shofar	21 Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) 8-9:30pm Talmud Class	22	23 6:18pm Minhah-Maariv 7:26pm Candlelighting	24 9am Shaharit, Ahare Mot-Kedoshim Shabbat Class: Gimmel, Hey, Vav & Zion
25	26	27	28 8-9:30pm Talmud Class	29	30 6:24 Minhah-Maariv 7:33pm Candlelighting	

Passover Guide

This guide was prepared by the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards by Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz. It was accepted by the Committee on December 12, 1984. The last paragraph of the introduction, as well as Part A under "Permitted Foods," have been amended to reflect more recent decisions of the Committee affecting the status of peanuts, peanut oil and certain cheeses.

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hametz* during *Pesah*. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the *hametz* to a non-Jew. The transfer, *mekhirat hametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted *hametz*. If ownership of the *hametz* is not transferred before the holiday, the use of this *hametz* is prohibited after the holiday as well (*hametz she-aver alav ha-Pesah*).

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hametz* during *Pesah*, and since many common foods contain some admixture of *hametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for *Pesah*. During the eight days of *Pesah*, *hametz* cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of *hametz* renders the whole admixture *hametz* and its use on *Pesah* is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, *hametz* follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e., it

loses its identity in an admixture of one part *hametz* and sixty parts of *non-hametz*. This affords us an opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during *Pesah*.

What follows is a general guideline. However, Rabbi Wechsler should be consulted when any doubt arises.

Kosher *le-Pesah* labels that do not bear the name of a rabbi or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting Rabbi Wechsler.

Prohibited foods:

include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereals, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley oats, spelt, rye and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (*kitniyot*) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, corn, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). 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, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult Rabbi Wechsler for guidance in the use of these products.

Permitted foods:

A. The following foods require no kosher *le-Pesah* label if purchased prior to *Pesah*: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (however, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover unless marked KP); sugar, pure tea, salt (not iodized), pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see above), milk; butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and Camembert (soft), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives), baking soda.

B. The following foods require no kosher *le-Pesah* label if purchased before or during *Pesah*: fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes, see above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a kosher *le-Pesah* label if purchased before or during *Pesah*: All baked products (*matzah*, cakes, *matzah* flour, farfel, *matzah* meal and any products containing *matzah*); canned or bottled fruit juices (these juices are often clarified with *kitniyot* which are not listed among the ingredients. However, if one knows there are no such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to *Pesah* without a kosher *le-Pesah* label); canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed

protein – however, if it is known that the tuna is packed exclusively in water without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a kosher *le-Pesah* label); wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, and soda.

D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen) require a kosher *le-Pesah* label if purchased during *Pesah*: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea and fish, as well as all foods listed in category C.

Detergents: If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher *le-Pesah* label.

Medicine: Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life-sustaining therapy, it may be used on *Pesah*. If it is not for life-sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult Rabbi Wechsler. In all cases, capsules are preferable.

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 (*ke-voleo kakh polet*). 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.

A. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be *kashered*. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. Metal (wholly made of metal) utensils used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim.

C. Ovens and Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, 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 should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be *kashered* in the same manner as regular ovens.

Microwave ovens, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and then a cup of water should be placed inside. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be *kashered* for *Pesah*.

D. Glassware: Authorities disagree as to the method for *kashering* cooking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, chang-

ing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before *Pesah*, or putting them through a dishwasher.

E. After not using the dishwashing machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

F. Electrical Appliances: If the parts that come into contact with *hametz* are removable, they can be *kashered* in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rule for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be *kashered*. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

G. Tables, closets and counters: If used with *hametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

H. Kitchen Sink: A metal sink can be *kashered* by thorough cleaning and then 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.

I. *Hametz* and Non-Passover utensils: Non-Passover dishes, pots and *hametz* whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 9am Shaharit, Emor 6:33pm Minhah/Seudah Shlishit/Maariv
2	3 Lag B'Omer 7pm Annual Meeting	4	5 8pm Prof. Ann Lerner lectures on Israeli war poetry	6	7 6:30pm Minhah-Maariv 7:40pm Candlelighting	8 9am Shaharit, Behar-Behukotai Bat Mitzvah/Lisa Magid
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12 8-9:30pm Talmud Class	13	14 Yom Yerushalayim 6:35pm Minhah-Maariv 7:47pm Candlelighting	15 9am Shaharit, Bemidbar Shabbat class: Gimmel, Dalet & Vav
16 Rosh Hodesh Sivan 7:30 pm Book Club/ "Iron Tracks" by Aaron Appelfeld	17	18	19 8-9:30pm Last Talmud Class until the fall	20 8pm Minhah-Maariv, followed by Tikkun Leyl Shavuot	21 9am Shavuot 1 morning service/closing ceremony for all Hebrew School classes 6:40pm Shavuot 2 evening service 7:54pm Candlelighting	22 9am Shavuot 2 morning service Bar Mitzvah/ Ethan Stanislawski
23	24	25	26	27	28 6:45pm Minhah-Maariv 8pm Candlelighting	29 9am Shaharit, Naso
30	31					

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 Helen Lifton, in memory of her sister, Corinne Hodes
 The Maslin/Nir Family, with thanks to Dr. Larry Norton

Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, in memory of Frederick Mendelsohn's mother, Etta Mendelsohn
 Yehuda Nir & Bonnie Maslin, with thanks to Carin Lamm, their friend, cousin and doctor
 Murray & Gloria Ostrin, in memory of Maxine Schwartz, mother of Michael Schwartz
 Margery Price, in memory of her father, Abraham Wiener
 Laura Resnikoff, in memory of Frederick Mendelsohn's mother, Etta Mendelsohn
 Laura Resnikoff, in honor of the birth of Ellen and Keith Pearlman's daughter, Katie
 Laura Resnikoff, in honor of the birth of Eliana Rose Hannah Klagsbrun Weinstein, Francine and Sam Klagsbrun's granddaughter
 Laura Resnikoff, with mazel tov to all the Goldfingers for Justin's graduation from the University of Pennsylvania
 Kenneth & Rita Rochlen, in memory of Eugene Zuriff's father, Jack Zuriff
 Ira & Stephanie Rubin, in memory of Michael Jaffe's mother, Anne Jaffe

Marilyn Schiller, in honor of the birth of Samuel & Francine Klagsbrun's granddaughter, Eliana Rose Hannah Klagsbrun Weinstein
 Marvin & Linda Shulsky, in memory of Frederick Mendelsohn's mother, Etta Mendelsohn
 Jeffrey & Judith Siegel, in honor of the birth of Samuel & Francine Klagsbrun's granddaughter, Eliana Rose Hannah Klagsbrun Weinstein
 Donald & Ellen Simon, in memory of his father, Milton R. Simon, on his yahrzeit
 Donald & Ellen Simon, in memory of her parents, Herman & Jeanne Perlman
 William & Muriel Tannenbaum, in honor of the birth of Eliana Rose Hannah Klagsbrun Weinstein, daughter of Eric Weinstein and Sarah Klagsbrun and granddaughter of Samuel and Francine Klagsbrun
 Bernard & Leah Tolpin, in memory of her parents, Charlotte Altbauer Ungar and Markus Israel Ungar
 Anonymous, in honor of Jeremy Posner, for preserving our past by leading the traditional prayers and taking us into the future by getting us on the web

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Hebrew School News *(Continued)*

For Tu B'Shvat, the classes participated in Tu B'Shvat seders, partaking of the many popular fruits of the holiday. Our a cappella concert, featuring the singing group N'Ranena, was a big success. The tunes were upbeat and fun, and everyone in the synagogue was tapping their toes and moving with the music. It was so interesting to hear their original interpretations of some classic Hebrew songs. For Purim, our celebration included a music specialist who taught us some holiday Purim songs and, additionally, we were all able to fulfill two of the mitzvot of Purim: giving Shalach Manot and giving to the poor.

Upcoming events include an Alef and Mechina class trip to the Matzah factory and a family model seder. For further inquiries about the Or Zarua Hebrew School, please contact Michelle Schaerf, Education Director at 1-917-834-0308.

Hesed Food Fund Needs Your Contributions

Congregation Or Zarua continues to feed Monday night dinner to 25 formerly homeless men living in a neighborhood shelter. Won't you please participate by letting us have your contribution – as little as \$10 per month will help insure the success of the program. Make your check payable to Congregation Or Zarua, and specify that it is for the Hesed Food Fund.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Edward and Cynthia Brodsky on the 2/6/99 marriage of their son Peter Brodsky to Leslie Gittess in Weston, FL
Andrew Frackman and Emily Braun on the 1/21/99 birth of their son, Daniel Braun Frackman
Sarah Klagsbrun and Eric Weinstein – and Samuel and Francine Klagsbrun – on the 1/22/99 birth of their daughter and granddaughter, respectively, Eliana Rose Hannah Klagsbrun Weinstein
Bernard and Leah Tolpin on the birth of their grandson, Ezra Todd Levitt
Joel and Caryn Zweig on the February 24th birth of their son, Harris Michael

CONDOLENCES TO

Valerie Diker on the death of her mother, Rita Tishman
Richard Goldberg on the death of his mother, Ruth Goldberg
Michael Jaffe on the death of his mother, Anne Jaffe
Owen Lewis on the death of his father, Seymour Lewis
Sharon Morris, on the death of her mother, Lilly Savitsky
Samuel Perelson on the death of his father, Paul Perelson
Michael Schwartz, on the death of his mother and our member, Maxine Schwartz

We Welcome New Members

Mendel and Rose Klepper
Jack Steinberg and Sharon Weinstock
Linda Yarden

Schedule of Passover Services (5759/1999)

Wednesday, March 31

Eve of Passover

Shaharit	7:30 a.m.
Minhah-Maariv and Candlelighting	6:02 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

First Day of Passover

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Minhah-Maariv at Kehilath Jeshurun	6:10 p.m.
Candlelighting	7:03 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Second Day of Passover

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Minhah-Maariv and Candlelighting	6:04 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6

Seventh day of Passover

Minhah-Maariv	6:05 p.m.
Candlelighting	7:09 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7

Seventh Day of Passover

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Minhah-Maariv	7:20 p.m.
Candlelighting	8:11 p.m.

Thursday, April 8

8th Day of Passover

Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Festival ends	8:13 p.m.

All services to be held at the synagogue, except the evening of Thursday, April 1, which will take place at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

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