

# Adar II & Nisan

# April 2024

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## *From the Cantor's Desk:*

We recently finished reading the book of Exodus and started the book of Leviticus. The English name of the book, Exodus, evokes the story of coming out of Egypt and slavery. However, more than half the book is about the laws of the community after leaving Egypt – How to move from an enslaved people to an empowered nation and how to become a distinct people. It's receiving the Torah. It's building the Mishkan.

The thing that struck me in the many many chapters that give details of building the Mishkan is the necessity and willingness of everyone in the community to participate and contribute. It was not an activity that could be done by Moses and Aaron alone. It also could not be done by Betzalel and Aholiab, the artisans designated by God to design and supervise the construction, alone. Building the Mishkan and bringing the spirit of God to dwell with the people required the contributions of all of those in the community. Each contributed what they could, whether that was gold, silver, silk or skill or labor. In fact the skills and work of all in the community were required and welcomed.

Since I've been at Congregation Beth Israel, I have been blessed to collaborate with some in the community, and the synagogue would not function without these people. I note, however, that it is a very small group of people who participate and contribute their skills and their presence. Just as each person in the desert brought their own skill and talent to the building of the Mishkan, I ask that each of you challenge yourself to become part of our Mishkan. We need your skills, we need your presence. Not just at services, but at whatever activity would help make the community more welcoming for you. Are you interested or able to do social action? Would you participate in a folk singing group? Would you like to prepare for an adult B'nai Mitzvah? Would you come to game days? What does your participation look like?

We are now reading in the book of Leviticus with a lot of rules that applied to the priests in the Temple. And we will continue to read many rules that are intended to make all of us a sanctified people, to bring holiness into our lives and into the world. Judaism does not call for monasticism for holiness. It calls for community. I look forward to working with all of you to build our holy community.

**CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL**

*Coffee with the Cantor*

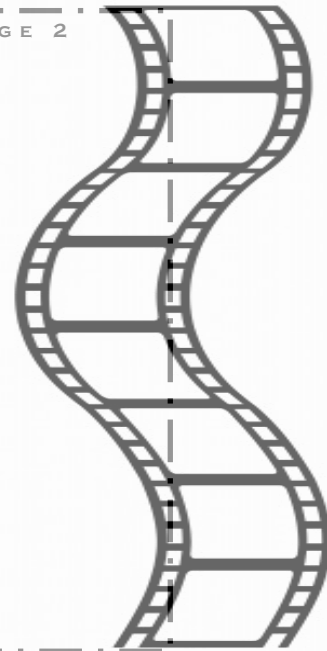
Thursdays, starting May 2  
11AM-12PM

Ancestor Coffeehouse & Creperie  
119 Springwood Drive Suite #500  
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**JOSEPH AND GERTRUDE BOWMAN  
JEWISH FILM STUDIES presents:**

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**THE SHEPHERD :**  
**a story of a hero dog**

*This story is inspired by real events*

**WHEN: April 14th at 1:00 PM**

**1930 the Nuremberg Laws are passed forbidding Jews to own pets. Kaleb, a German Shepherd is separated from his Jewish family and beloved 10 year old master Joshua. The dog roams the streets until he is captured and adopted by an SS dog trainer. At a Nazi work camp the SS officer will now train the dog to help round up Jews.**

## **PRAYER BOOKS RETURN PROGRAM**

During the recent Covid epidemic we “loaned” out our prayer books for the Zoom Services as we were unable to gather in our Sanctuary.

All of the prayer books we gave to our members have **personal dedication name plates** on the inside cover of the books.

Since these books were donated by our members in memory and/or honor of loved ones to be in our Sanctuary, we, as well as the donors would like to have them returned to CBI.

Replacement books can be purchased and be exchanged: **Lev Shalem Shabbat, Eit Ratzon, Etz Hayim & Lev Shalem Machzor.**

Please contact Sammi in her office for details. 717-273-2669 Thank you.



## **!!! HELP NEEDED !!!**

### **High Holy Days Services Zoom Assistance**

**We need a moderator/host to help run the Zoom part of services for the High Holy Days. Only simple basic Zoom computer skills are needed to allow our members to view these services. We will provide the minimal, easy to learn training !**

**Please contact Stu Perlmutter  
at 717-269-3767  
([stuperl@yahoo.com](mailto:stuperl@yahoo.com)) or  
Ben Slotznick at 717-304-0777  
([bslotznick@gmail.com](mailto:bslotznick@gmail.com))**

**Thank you for allowing us to  
continue to provide services  
for our members.**



# BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR MAY: April 15th

**President of the Month: Dr. Joseph Clark**  
**Next Month's President: Bernie Buzgon**

## April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lunch & Learn Program 1 PM	2	3	4 7:30AM Minyan/ Hybrid	5 CL 7:11 PM  7:30PM Service/ Hybrid	6 9:30AM Service/ Hybrid
7 9AM Minyan/ Hybrid	8	9	10	11 7:30AM Minyan/ Hybrid	12 CL 7:18 PM  7:30PM Service/ Hybrid	13 9:30AM Service/ Hybrid
14  Movie 1PM	15  <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>	16  <i>Open Dialogue at LVC at 11AM</i>	17  <i>Book Club 7:30 PM</i>	18 7:30AM Minyan/ Hybrid	19 CL 7:25 PM  7:30PM Sisterhood Shabbat Service/ Hybrid	20 9:30AM Service/ Hybrid
21 9AM Minyan/ Hybrid  <i>Search for Chametz</i>	22  First Seder	23 9AM Pesach Hybrid  2nd Seder @ LVC 5:30PM	24  <b>BOARD MEETING 7PM</b>  <i>Passover</i>	25 7:30AM Minyan/ Hybrid  <i>Passover</i>	26 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid  CL 7:32 PM  <i>Passover</i>	27 9:30AM Service/ Hybrid  <i>Passover</i>
28 9AM Minyan/ Hybrid  <i>Passover</i>	29 9AM Pesach Hybrid w/ Yizkor  <i>Passover</i>	30  <i>Passover</i>				

## Let's Celebrate !! the Birthdays & Anniversaries in April !

Mollie Bronstein	Rita Krim Wells	Fred & Bernie Shattls	Lois Weiner	Gretchen Weintraub
Robert & Diane Magdule	Ed Halpern	Fred Shattls	Bernie Buzgon	Frada Roseff
Viki Zarkin	Aaron & Devorah Grosky	Neil Schaffer	C.W. Kessler	Miriam Cowan
	Phil Solomon	Stu Perlmutter		



## BOOK CLUB

The next book review will be “*The Genius of Israel*” and Joe Clark will review it on April 17th on zoom at 7:30 pm.



### **Please join us for Pesach services:**

- Tuesday, April 23rd at 9AM
- Tuesday, April 23rd 5:30-8:30PM --2nd night at LVC. **Please register on our website by April 15.**
- Monday, April 29th at 9AM with Yizkor

**LUNCH & LEARNS**— Everyone is encouraged to attend ! If attending in person, please bring a pareve or dairy lunch! Lunch and Learns will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each the month. 1PM -2PM

**HADASSAH**— In response to a United Nations report finding “clear and convincing information” of rape and sexualized torture being committed against hostages kidnapped during the October 7 terror attacks and evidence of sexual violence, including rape in multiple locations, **Hadassah National President Carol Ann Schwartz** released the following statement:

“It has been 150 days since Hamas invaded Israel and kidnapped over 250 civilians. The UN-released report today confirms, as others have found, that female hostages kidnapped and held by Hamas were, and likely continue to be, subjected to sexual violence, torture and abuse. Despite the overwhelming information presented, blatant misinformation continues to spread – even from reporters at the press conference – perpetuating a grotesque denial that any of the horrific sexual attacks took place. The UN must take greater action to condemn Hamas for weaponizing sexual violence, to ensure the immediate release of Hamas’ hostages, and to hold Hamas accountable for these war crimes.

“In the wake of this report, it is outrageous to hear UN officials suggest the Commission of Inquiry, a body comprised of individuals with a clear track record of antisemitism and anti-Israel bias, should be the agency to conduct a formal investigation into these crimes. Hadassah continues to call on international leaders to end the silence around Hamas’ use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and demand justice.”

## **PASSOVER FOOD, DISHES, UTENSILS - USED DURING PESACH**

**Forbidden For Use**— The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, peas and dry beans and all liquids which contain ingredients made from grain alcohol.

**Permitted Foods**— **Requiring no "Kosher L'Pesach label:** The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, milk, vegetables (except peas and beans - string beans being permitted).

(b) **If certified for Passover use by Rabbinical Authority**— Matzot, matzoh flour, Passover noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits and vegetables, salad oil, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar, wines and liquors are permitted if they are certified by competent, trustworthy rabbinical authority. Labels and tags marked "Kosher L'Pesach" are of no value unless they bear a rabbinical signature.

**For Information on dishes, utensils and appliances, please see Cantor Marilyn Selby Okoshi**

PLEASE TEAR OFF THIS PORTION AND RETURN TO OFFICE

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ**

**NOTE:** *If possible, all Chametz – food not acceptable during Pesah (Passover), or materials containing such unacceptable food – should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete the form below and return no later than Friday **April 19th***

*I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Cantor Okoshi to act in my behalf to sell all hametz possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein hametz owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesah, which this year begins at sundown on Friday, April 22nd and concludes at sundown on Saturday April 30th.*

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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