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From the Cantor's Desk . . .

It's officially Spring – Aviv- (notwithstanding the sub-freezing overnight temps!). There is something so uplifting when the brown grass starts turning green (and before you have to worry about mowing), buds coming out of what seem like dead sticks and the sound of bird song through the windows.

Spring signifies renewal and rebirth in many cultures and in our human psychology. For Jews, it also signals the coming of Pesach – the holiday that celebrates our liberation from slavery and the start of our “nationhood.” But what does that mean to us today as Americans and Jews? From the time of the final expulsion of the Israelites from Israel in 70 CE, Jews have been the “other” in many lands, second class citizens or not citizens at all, but sometimes tolerated aliens – when it was advantageous to the ruling power for some selfish reason. That changed in the United States. While subject to prejudice, discrimination and violent attacks, and limitations on immigration from the 1920s to today, at a time when it could be argued, the Jews' need for asylum as refuges was most needed, once, here, Jews have had full rights of citizenship and opportunities unparalleled anywhere else up to that time. American Jews are loyal to the United States, our homeland. And American Jews have varying levels of connection to the state of Israel, from fierce loyalty (especially from those of us who lived through WWII or were raised in the shadow of its conclusion), to no connection at all (especially among younger members who only see the technical and military powerhouse of today's state with no sense of awe at how unlikely it was that this would be where we are today).

As we make preparations to celebrate our freedom once again, I exhort us to keep in mind how fragile that freedom may be. Our sages taught that the exile from Jerusalem and destruction of the temple came from the baseless hatred among the Jews of the time. That included zealotry in trying to enforce an orthodoxy of thought and practice and cruelty to those who thought differently. The Rabbinic tradition that expanded after the exile developed from a debate of ideas, with the debate as well as the minority opinion being preserved and passed down through the ages. Judaism is not a practice of orthodoxy of thought (even among the orthodox). It has been and should continue to be what I have heard referred to as “orthopraxy.” What we DO matters more than what we think, and we need to preserve the ability of people to think as individuals, to be able to exchange ideas with those who may disagree without fear of government reprisal.

This Pesach, please commit to DO something (even if you do not keep kosher normally) to reinforce the importance of FREEDOM in your heritage, Jewish and American. Attend a Seder, do not eat bread or grain products for the week (you can live without them, honestly), avoid foods that could never be kosher (shellfish, pork, cheeseburgers). Do it for yourself, as a reminder of the freedoms we enjoy and our ability to make these decisions. And maybe, listen to a podcast or news program or read an article from the “other” side.

Wishing you all a Freilich Pesach – Chag Hamatzot Sameach.

PERSONAL

May you find comfort among the mourners of Zion & Jerusalem. May their memory be a blessing.

- **Samuel Fleisher— March 10th**
(husband of Francine Fleisher & father of Dr. Mindy Bickel)

NEW MEMBERS

- **Andrew Fidler & Dori Coplan— Jonestown, PA**

CBI's Pesach Schedule

- **Friday, April 4th— 6PM— Eat the CHAMETZ**
(please pre-register)
- **Friday, April 11th — 7:30 PM (Shabbat Hagadol)**
- **Saturday, April 12th— 9:30AM**
- **Sunday, April 13— 9AM— Pesach Day 1**
- **Monday, April 14th— 6:30PM — Seder at LVC**
- **Friday, April 18th— 7:30 PM**
- **Saturday, April 19th— 9:30AM**
- **Sunday, April 20— 9AM—12PM— Pesach Day 8— w/ Yizkor**



EAT THE CHAMETZ

Shabbat Dinner: Friday, April 4th at 6PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Please pre-register on our website, or by calling the office

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

*Coffee
with the
Cantor*

Every Thursday
3, 10, & 24
(NOT 17)

**Salamander
Bookstore Café**
36 E. Main St
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INTRO TO JUDAISM

Every Thursday
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INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT JUDAISM?

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 Thursday April 10th.*

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 Saturday, April 12th and concludes at sundown on Sunday, April 20th.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, 2025

Signature _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

President of the Month & Next: Dr. Joseph Clark

April 2025

All services are HYBRID: Thurs. 7:30 AM Minyan, Fri. 7:30 PM, Sat. 9:30AM & Sun. 9AM Minyan
1st Saturdays are 60 min Shabbat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 <i>Shabbat dinner 6PM</i> 7:30PM Service CL: 7:28 PM	5 Shabbat in 60 9:30AM Service
6 9AM Minyan	7	8	9	10 7:30AM Minyan 11AM–Coffee w/ Cantor 6PM–Intro to Judaism	11 7:30PM Service CL: 7:35 PM <i>Kitchen closed</i>	12 9:30AM Service <i>First Seder</i>
13 9AM Minyan <i>Passover</i>	14 Seder at LVC 6:30PM OFFICE CLOSED for staff <i>Passover</i>	15 <i>Passover</i>	16 <i>Book Club 7:30 zoom</i> <i>Passover</i>	17 7:30AM Minyan NOEVENTS <i>Passover</i>	18 7:30PM Service CL: 7:43 PM <i>Passover</i>	19 9:30AM Service <i>Passover</i>
20 9AM Minyan <i>Yizkor Passover</i>	21 BULLETIN DEADLINE <i>Sip & Learn 7PM</i> <i>Kitchen reopens</i>	22	23	24 7:30AM Minyan 11AM Coffee w/the Cantor 6PM–Intro to Judaism <i>Yom Hashoah</i>	25 7:30PM Service CL: 7:50 PM	26 9:30AM Service
27 9AM Minyan <i>Film 1PM</i>	28 BOARD MEETING 7PM	29	30			

Let's Celebrate our Members with April Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Mollie Bronstein

Fred & Bernie Shattls

Gretchen Weintraub

Robert & Diane Magdule

Fred Shattls

Bernie Buzgon

Frada Roseff

Viki Zarkin

Aaron & Deborah Grosky

Neil Schaffer

Chet Kessler

Miriam Cowan

Stuart Perlmutter

Dr. Mindy Bickel

Phil Solomon

Yahrzeits



Nisan April

4	2	Dr. Joseph Bowman-- Father of Thomas Bowman & Diane Griffiths
6	6	Ben Tuck-- Grandfather of Benjamin Greenfield
7	5	Sara Berman-- Grandmother of Carolyn Frankhauser
7	5	Nettie Shattls-- Grandmother of Trudy Shattls & Fred Shattls
7	5	Olga Shattls-- Mother of Trudy Shattls & Fred Shattls
8	6	Dorothy Grosky-- Mother of Joanne Bennetch & Frada Roseff
9	7	Ida Sagor-- Grandmother of Iris Alster
9	7	Florence Shankroff-- Mother Stanley Shankroff & Ben Shankroff
9	7	John Griffiths-- Husband of Diane Griffiths
11	9	Vera Lorant-- Cousin of Elizabeth Feller-Ballot
12	10	Blanche Yeamans-- Mother of Dr. Bruce Yeamans
13	11	Faye Berman-- Mother of Helene Levine & Judy Shwachman
14	12	Stanley Katz-- Husband of Janet Katz
16	14	Barry Klompus-- Brother of Janet Klompus Sligh
18	16	David Orel-- Father of Dr. Irvin Orel
20	18	Betty Grosky-- Mother of Aaron Grosky
23	21	Miriam Katzen-- Aunt of Dr. Philip Levinson
24	22	Anita Schaffer Steiner-- Mother of Jim Schaffer & Thomas Schaffer
25	23	Steven Buzgon-- Son of Mr & Mrs Bernard Buzgon
27	25	Rose Berliner-- Grandmother of Iris Alster
30	28	Nathan Katzen-- Uncle of Dr. Philip Levinson

Missing from March's yahrzeits: Melvyn Kaplan— Father of Bryan Kaplan

**O u r t h a n k s f o r R e m e m b e r i n g
B e t h I s r a e l i n M a r c h**

Yahrzeits:

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Kantor

Iris Alster

Denny Magdule

Stacey Knarr

Jesse Pleet

Fred Shattls

Bert Weintraub

Bev Magdule

Alec Pleet

Benjamin Shankroff

Holocaust Fund

Deb Schaffer, Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Clark , and Diane Griffiths

Discretionary Fund

Carol Prouse

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, April 16th
at 7:30PM via zoom.
Cantor Okoshi will review

“The Future”

By Naomi Alderman

The JOSEPH & GERTRUDE JEWISH FILM STUDIES presents....

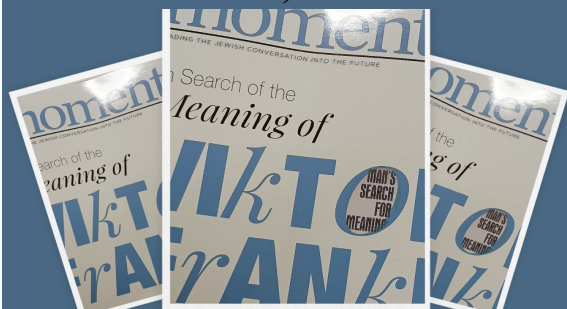


THE BAND'S VISIT
Sunday, April 27 at 1PM

Winner of over 35 international film awards including winner of Israeli Film Academy Award. This heartwarming and poignant story is mesmerizing about strangers, A fading Egyptian Police Band, going to play at the Arab Cultural Center. A wrong turn lands them in an Israeli village. And this begins the story of Two different cultures realizing the universal bonds to music and life.

Moment Magazine
Discussion
with David Horowitz

SUNDAY, MAY 4th



SIP & LEARN

Monday, April 21st — CBI Member,
Chris Klimovitz will be teaching.
Golems, Dybbuks and things that go
bump in the night: Jewish Legends
and Folklore.

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Join us to explore various aspects of
Jewish Music. Grab a glass or favorite
beverage & join us to learn about our
musical heritage

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