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THE NEWS OF DELAWARE'S
FIRST CONGREGATION

APRIL 2023



Monday, April 3

Deadline for Authorization for Sale of Chametz
(Form on page 8)

Tuesday, April 4

Search for Chametz - after 7:57 PM

Wednesday, April 5, Erev Pesach

Morning Service - 8:00 AM (Zoom)
Followed by Siyum for the first born (Zoom)
Chametz may be eaten until - 10:55 AM
Latest Time to burn Chametz - 12:00 Noon
Candle Lighting - 7:12 PM
Kiddush for Seder - after 8:12 PM

Thursday, April 6, First Day of Pesach

Morning Service - 9:00 AM
Candle Lighting - after 8:12 PM
Kiddush for Seder - after 8:12 PM

Friday, April 7, Second Day of Pesach

Morning Service - 9:00 AM
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting - 7:14 PM

Saturday, April 8, Shabbat Chol Hamoed

Morning Service - 9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv - 7:15 PM
Havdallah - 8:14 PM

Tuesday, April 11, Chol Hamoed

Mincha - 3:30 PM (JCC Kehillah Lounge)
Candle Lighting - 7:18 PM

Wednesday, April 12, Seventh Day of Pesach

Morning Service - 9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv - 7:00 PM
Candle Lighting - after 8:19 PM

Thursday, April 13, Eighth Day of Pesach

Morning Service - 9:00 AM
Yizkor Service - 10:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv - 7:30 PM
Havdallah - 8:20 PM

Do not eat any Chametz sold for you by Cantor
Redfern prior to 9:00 PM.

All services are in person, unless otherwise indicated.

IT'S OFFICIAL!!! — GET READY TO WELCOME RABBI ABE

The congregation overwhelmingly approved the hiring of Rabbi Abe Rabinovich, and we have reached agreement on a contract for three years beginning this July 1. See more details in the President's Message on page 2.

Congregants do not have to wait until July to see (or meet) Rabbi Abe, as he will be visiting Wilmington on the Shabbat of April 14-15, immediately after Passover, and will officiate at our services.



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President's Message

Dear Congregants:

The big news is that we have engaged a new rabbi, **Abraham Lev Rabinovich**, who goes by “**Rabbi Abe**.” He is an experienced rabbi with Orthodox Smicha and a Ph.D. in Religion. The congregation overwhelmingly approved his hiring, and we have agreed on a contract for three years starting July 1 of this year. We are hopeful that the partnership between AKSE and Rabbi Abe will continue for many years.

I would like to thank all of our congregants who took the time to participate in our March 8 Special Congregational Meeting to approve the hiring of Rabbi Abe as our Spiritual Leader. Special thanks to Mark Wagman and Alan Goldberg for their dedication and excellence in chairing the Rabbi Search Committee, and to all the other members of the Rabbi Search Committee for their extraordinary time and effort, which achieved this successful result.

Congregants do not have to wait until July to see (or meet) Rabbi Abe, as he will be visiting Wilmington on the Shabbat of April 14-15, immediately after Passover, and will officiate at our services. He will also come to officiate on Shavuot May 25-27, remaining to see us perform in Café Tamar at the JCC that Monday, May 29. Please take advantage of these opportunities to meet and welcome Rabbi Abe. I am confident that you will find him to be very friendly and knowledgeable as I have.

I've been busy hanging artwork on the walls of our synagogue, and Dianne Seidel has made a new artificial flower arrangement to make the shul feel more like home. Please enjoy the photos of some of our newly hung artwork on page 6.

Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach,
Martin Cohn

**HAPPY
PASSOVER**

AKSE VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR APRIL

Wednesday, 4/5 at 8 AM—Shacharit followed by Siyum for the First Born (EREV PESACH)

Friday, 4/21 at 8 AM—Shacharit and Hallel (ROSH CHODESH IYAR)

Wednesday, 4/26 at 9 AM—Shacharit and Hallel (YOM HA'ATZMAUT)

Two options to connect via Zoom:

1) Video and Audio on PC, tablet or smartphone

Click on or type this link in browser and follow directions to join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6280813362>

2) Phone

Dial in to +1 646-558-8656 and input Meeting ID: 628 081 3362

CAFÉ TAMAR 2023

**Monday, May 29 at 6:30 PM
Siegel JCC Auditorium**

Café Tamar will be a celebration of Israel's 75th birthday. We are dedicating the concert to our beloved Louis Brown, z"l.

Featured performers include violinist Eliezer Gutman, violist Juliana Castillo, pianists Lotus Cheng and Peter Popper, and soloists Cindy Goldstein, Talia Goren, Cantor Yehoshua Redfern, and Beth Brown & Don Diego. Enjoy

performances by the AKSE dance group and the AKSE High Holiday Choir.



Don't miss the celebration! Admission is \$12 with advance payment by May 24, \$15 at the door, and children 6 to 12 are \$5. Information and advance orders online at AKSE.org/cafetamar or contact the AKSE office at 302-762-2705 or office@AKSE.org.

AKSE IN-PERSON SERVICES FOR APRIL

Shabbat Services—every Shabbat

Friday—*Kabbalat Shabbat* at 6 PM

Saturday—*Shacharit* at 9 AM

Saturday—*Mincha/Torah Study/Ma'ariv/Havdallah*

(4/1 at 7:00 PM, 4/8 at 7:15 PM, 4/15 at 7:20 PM,

4/22 at 7:30 PM; 4/29 at 7:30 PM)



Thursdays at 9 AM (4/20 and 4/27)

***Shacharit* with Torah reading**

See page 1 for services for *Pesach*.

Services take place in our chapel at 2412 Pennsylvania Ave.

New Safety Guidelines: Mask wearing is recommended but not required at indoor services for all attendees. ALL attendees must have received a COVID vaccine/booster within the 12 months preceding the event they are attending. Compliance is the responsibility of each attendee. The Health Committee must approve any medical exemptions in advance. Any changes in the guidelines will be communicated in email blasts and be posted at the entrance to our building.



SHABBAT TORAH READING SCHEDULE

4/1 Cantor Redfern

4/8 AKSE Men—Pesach

4/15 Partnership Minyan

4/22 Cantor Redfern

4/29 Cantor Redfern

Join us for a
Partnership Minyan

**Saturday,
April 15
at 9 AM**

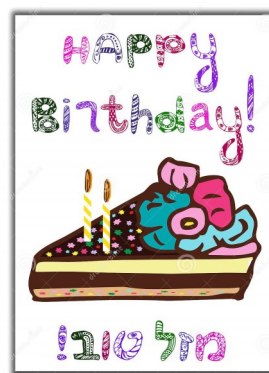
Parshat Shemini



CALLING ALL APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!

**Please join us for Shabbat services
on Saturday, April 1.**

**All those with March birthdays will receive a special
blessing, and there will be a special Kiddush
including, of course, a birthday cake and ice cream.**



TUESDAY MINCHA SERVICE—RAIN OR SHINE!!!

Here are the particulars:

DATES: Tuesdays—April 4, 11, 18, 25 (Time—3:30 PM)

LOCATION: Siegel JCC Kehillah Lounge or the adjacent courtyard (weather permitting).

Just as in our own building, mask wearing is now voluntary (recommended, but not required).

Upcoming Torah Talk Speakers

Apr 1	Tzav (Shabbat Hagadol)	Max Rosenberg
April 8	Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach	Peter Burcat
April 15	Shemini	Mark Wagman
April 22	Tazria-Metzora (Rosh Chodesh Iyar)	Richard Plotzker
April 29	Acharei Mot-Kedoshim	Joel Chodos

The **Chug Ivri (Hebrew conversation club)** is meeting monthly. Please join us on **May 17 at 4 PM (no meeting in April)** for a Hebrew speaking/reading/understanding session. The members are at different levels of Hebrew ability, and we help each other.

L'hitraot! Use the AKSE Zoom link (see page 3).



GIFT CARDS "FOR SALE" PURCHASE ACME SHOPRITE GIANT

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
Walls at our still “new” home that now come alive.

All photos by Martin Cohn



A P R I L

NISSAN-IYAR 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Friday Evening	Kabbalat Shabbat	Candle Lighting	Saturday Afternoon	Mincha	Havdallah
	MAR 31	6:00 pm	7:07 pm	APR 1	7:00 pm	8:07 pm
	APR 7	6:00 pm	7:14 pm	APR 8	7:15 pm	8:14 pm
	APR 14	6:00 pm	7:21 pm	APR 15	7:20 pm	8:22 pm
	APR 21	6:00 pm	7:28 pm	APR 22	7:30 pm	8:30 pm
	APR 28	6:00 pm	7:35 pm	APR 29	7:30 pm	8:38 pm
					March 31	1
					In-person Kabbalat Shabbat 6 pm	In-person Shacharit 9 am BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm Havdallah 8:07 pm
						10 NISSAN
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Mincha at the JCC 3:30 pm Kehillah Lounge	EREV PESACH Zoom Shacharit + Siyum 8 am CL 7:12 pm First Seder	1ST DAY OF PESACH In-person Shacharit 9 am CL 8:12 pm Second Seder	2ND DAY OF PESACH In-person Shacharit 9 am In-person Kabbalat Shabbat 6 pm	CHOL HAMOED PESACH In-person Shacharit 9 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:15 pm Havdallah 8:14 pm
11 NISSAN	12 NISSAN	13 NISSAN	14 NISSAN	15 NISSAN	16 NISSAN	17 NISSAN
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CHOL HAMOED PESACH	CHOL HAMOED PESACH	CHOL HAMOED PESACH Mincha at the JCC 3:30 pm Kehillah Lounge CL 7:18 pm	7TH DAY OF PESACH In-person Shacharit 9 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7 pm CL 8:19 pm	8TH DAY OF PESACH In-person Shacharit 9 am Yizkor 10:45 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30 pm Havdallah 8:20 pm	RABBI ABE VISIT In-person Kabbalat Shabbat 6 pm	In-person Shacharit 9 am PARTNERSHIP MINYAN RABBI ABE VISIT Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:20 pm Havdallah 8:22 pm
18 NISSAN	19 NISSAN	20 NISSAN	21 NISSAN	22 NISSAN	23 NISSAN	24 NISSAN
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		YOM HASHOAH observance downtown 12 noon Mincha at the JCC 3:30 pm Kehillah Lounge	Zoom Board of Governors Meeting 7:30 pm	In-person Shacharit 9 am	ROSH CHODESH Zoom Shacharit & Hallel 8 am In-person Kabbalat Shabbat 6 pm	SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH In-person Shacharit 9 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30 pm Havdallah 8:30 pm
25 NISSAN	26 NISSAN	27 NISSAN	28 NISSAN	29 NISSAN	30 NISSAN	1 IYAR
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Mincha at the JCC 3:30 pm Kehillah Lounge	Zoom Shacharit & Hallel 9 am	YOM HAZIKARON Community Ceremony JCC 7 pm	In-person Shacharit 9 am	In-person Kabbalat Shabbat 6 pm	In-person Shacharit 9 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30 pm Havdallah 8:38 pm
2 IYAR						
30						
9 IYAR	3 IYAR	4 IYAR	5 IYAR	6 IYAR	7 IYAR	8 IYAR

Sale of *Chametz* and Passover Appeal

This year we have selected two charities for the *Mechirat Chametz* (sale of *chametz*) process: Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger, and Chofetz Chaim Kollel and Beit Medresh. It is an age-old Jewish tradition to contribute *Maot Chitim* (wheat money) at this time to those in need to ensure they have provisions to celebrate the holiday. Mazon (<https://mazon.org/>) is a highly worthy national charity fighting to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel. The Kollel distributes money to Jewish people in need in Silver Spring and Israel; the Kollel is assisting me with this sale of *chametz* process.

Please consider contributing in this way when selling *Chametz* this year. Make out your check to AKSE, including the words "for Maot Chitim" in the memo line. We will collect all the funds contributed and forward them to Mazon and the Kollel.

Best wishes for a Happy and Kosher *Pesach*. *Cantor Yehoshua Redfern*

Authorization for the Sale of Chametz 5783

Please return completed form by **Monday, April 3, 2023**, either 1) in person to AKSE office, 2) by mail to 2412 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806, 3) by scanning and emailing to office@AKSE.org, or 4) by photographing with your smartphone and emailing to office@AKSE.org.

I (we) hereby authorize Cantor Yehoshua Redfern or his agent(s) to be my (our) agent to sell all *chametz* that is in my (our) possession at the locations listed below or such other locations as my (our) *chametz* may be. Such sale will take effect on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. *Chametz* is defined as any food (at a minimum fit for a dog to eat) that contains one or more of five types of grain (wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye), which has come in contact with water and has not been baked within the amount of time prescribed by Jewish law. I (we) further authorize Cantor Yehoshua Redfern or his agents to rent the areas and/or properties designated below for the purpose of storage of the *chametz* which is sold until such time as the buyer should come to pick up the *chametz*, or on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at approximately 9:00 p.m., whichever comes earlier. I (we) understand that at the time the *chametz* is sold, it will cease to be my property unless and until the *chametz* is bought back on my behalf and that the buyer has the right to take the *chametz* which is sold.

Locations of *chametz*: (Please be specific, including address and area where the *chametz* will be stored. Include home and business addresses as appropriate. *Chametz* should be stored away and marked as "sold.")

Please sign and print your name(s) below. If married, both spouses should sign this document.

Signature

Date

Print

Signature

Date

Print

Address(es)

Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Day of Remembrance

TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH AT NOON

FREEDOM PLAZA

Attend our annual community service of remembrance at the Freedom Plaza/Holocaust Memorial Sculpture (*between the Carvel State Office Building and the City/County Building at 9th & French Streets*)

For more information contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, JCRC Director at 302/427-2100 or Ellen@ShalomDel.org

This event is sponsored by **Jewish Federation of Delaware**, the **Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee**, and **DERECH: Delaware Rabbinical and Cantors Association**



**TOGETHER,
WE REMEMBER**

Alma Rosé – A Portrait in Music



**Tuesday, April 18, 2023
7:30pm**

The Music School of Delaware
4101 Washington Street
Wilmington, DE 19802

Admission is free.
Parking is available at the venue
and the Temple Beth Emeth parking
lot (30 W. Lea Blvd.)



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Music provided by **Her Tyme 20xx**

Rosaria Macera, Director

Soloists: Barbara Govatos, Hirono Oka, Cheryl Everill, Hiroko Yamazaki, Shari Eve Feldman

About the program: Alma Rosé was the niece of Gustav Mahler and the daughter of Arnold Rosé, concertmaster of the Vienna Philharmonic. She had a successful solo career as a violinist before the Nazis captured her and sent her to Auschwitz. The ensemble will perform selections to outline the benchmarks of Alma's musical life, starting with her early years in Vienna and ending with the women's orchestra of Auschwitz. This musical portrait will be performed in commemoration of Yom Ha'Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).



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YOM HAZIKARON

COMMUNITY CEREMONY IN HONOR OF THE FALLEN ISRAELI SOLDIERS



APRIL 25, 7 PM

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AKSE FAMILY NEWS

April Birthdays

1 Sandye Turnauer
7 Judy Berlin
12 Richard Plotzker
13 Mark Wagman
18 Ronald Makar
19 Eleanor Weinglass
21 Gail Weinberg
22 Julie Pezzner
26 Josef Baruch
27 Rhonda Lehr

Special Birthdays

3 Sheila Berman
9 Barbara Schoenberg
23 Brian Gottesman

April Anniversaries

14 Amy & Michael Leviton

Special Anniversaries

All Anniversaries are special

Speedy Recovery

Refuah Shlaimah. Good wishes and prayers for a complete recovery to:

Jenna Glazier

May the Lord our G-d send a perfect healing from heaven to all his sick children. Amen.

Mazal Tov

- Maya Izraylevich upon the birth of a granddaughter, Zara Shtarkman, daughter of Anna Izraylevich and Alex Shtarkman

- Kevin and Stephanie Rudolph upon the birth of a daughter, Claire Bess Rudolph

Condolences to

**Karen Moss, Jessica,
Noah, and Anna
upon the passing of**

Art Moss, husband and father

**Rhonda and Jim Lehr
upon the passing of
Rhonda's mother,**

Gloria Brown

May the Lord comfort the families among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and may they know of sorrow no more. Amen.

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Karen Moss on the engagement of your son, Noah, to Cornelia: Rosanne & Michael Cabelli
Ann Jaffe on your birthday: Kathleen Taylor
Shirley Fisch on your birthday: Kathleen Taylor

Yahrzeit

Robert Levine: Sally Levine
Solomon Kopolovic: Sharon & Peter Kopolovic
Ester Kopolovic: Sharon & Peter Kopolovic
Samuel Kagel: Allen Kagel
Edward Kauffman: Cynthia Kauffman
Morton Greenwald: Irene Plotzker
Lillian Greenwald: Irene Plotzker
Leo Brenner, Father: Joy & Lenny Davis
Florence Bronfin, Bubby: Joy & Lenny Davis
Rafael Perel, Father: Sylvia Wagman and Family
Harry Gross: Kevin & Lolly Gross
Edward Kauffman: Meryl Kauffman
Rhea Cooper Tannen, Mother & Grandmother: Judi & Max Rosenberg and Family
Louis H. Griff. Zaide & Father: The Cabelli Family
Max Berlin: Howard Berlin
Ignac Moscovici: Faiga Friedman

IN MEMORY OF

Rachael Freschman: Bobby Miller
Art Moss: Judy & Howard Berlin; Rosanne & Michael Cabelli

OTHER DONATIONS

General Donation: Harriet Jacobs
General Donation: Geri Brosbe

General Donation

John Carew

Mazel Tov
Anna Izryalevich and
Alex Shtarkman
on the birth of
your daughter

Mariya Izraylevich

General Donation

Gerald and Sandye
Turnauer

Yahrzeit of
Margie Bleier

Alan Bleier

Yahrzeits of
Esther Kloper, Grandmother
Stella Weisman, Mother

Roberta Brown

Yahrzeit of
Tatyana Pyanina

Mariya Izraylevich

General Donation

Rabbi Noah Gradofsky

☆ APRIL YAHRZEITS ☆

PLEASE NOTE: *Yahrzeit* dates listed represent the English dates which correspond to the Hebrew dates of death.

1 F. Joseph Berlin Sara Berlin Joseph Bronstein Gladys Gewirtz Jules Levin Itzie Schoenberg	12 Earl Erdman Maurice Kaye Grace Weintraub Samuel William Wilde	21 Rebecca Bank Pauline Fisher Louis Miller Irene Russell Esther Seidel Max Sitzer Rosalyn Weiss
2 Frances Klein	13 Helen Goldstone	
3 Rose Glass Frieda Grossman Irvin Jacobs Mollie Plafker Jane Surrey	14 Bernard Bleiberg Jacob Goldberg Louis Leibowitz	22 Harry Cherrin Albert Jacobs Molly Kagen Ruth Pratt
4 Morris Sharp	15 Gloria Gorin Roseamond Levering Richard Levinson Anna Seidel	23 Irving Kursh
5 Eva Chodos William Goldstein Gloria Hoffman Clara Kushner	16 Benjamin Simon	24 Terry Dannemann Selma Schwartz George Slonsky
6 Yetta Chaiken Joel Teder	17 Irving Schwedelson Miriam Swerdlow Jack Gold Albert Golden Robert Lattin Nathan Schwartz Howard Simon	25 Myrtill Hanau Rose Sitzer Bernard Weiler
7 Rona Finkelstein	18 Elizabeth Murphree	26 Reba Harris Samuel Rubinstein
8 Samuel Hirshout Evelyn Woloshin	19 Nathan Michlin Pauline Potter Dorothy Kessler Weinberg	27 Bessie Brodat Rheva Cook Ester Goldberg Philip Leblang Paul Popper
9 Selma Barshay Pauline Brodat Sigmund Goldlust Mae Heims Leonard Korr	20 Irving Freiberg Maurice Kauffman Lea Kruger	28 Ada Goldberg Louis Kunin Benjamin Silberman Anne Solomon Milton Jacob Stiebel
10 Nathan Blume Sidney Gross Jacob Kreshtool Sally Lazar Bella Moses		29 Miriam Brown Isadore Dorph Moses Sussman
		30 Milton Lemberger

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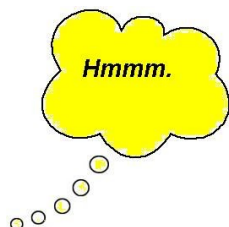
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Submissions due **ON** or **BEFORE** the **DEADLINE** in order to publish the *Shofar* in a timely fashion. Only items submitted on time can be guaranteed inclusion in the *Shofar* (subject to editorial discretion).

Submissions **MUST** be in **WRITING**! Email to shofar@akse.org or mail, fax or hand deliver to the synagogue office.

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