



The Shofar

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY
RABBI JONAH LAYMAN

PASSOVER AND THE PLAGUES

As we prepare to celebrate Passover (first seder on Saturday night March 27!), we pray that members of our family will have been fully vaccinated in time so that we can have people around our seder table! That would be a miracle, perhaps even worthy enough to be added to the list of plagues in the Haggadah. As we read off those 10 plagues, we take a drop of wine out of our kiddush cups for each of the plagues, recognizing that Egyptians had to die in order for us to be free. Our happiness at Passover should be tempered by the loss of life that enabled us to be free 3,000 years ago.

So too this year, we should take a drop of wine for the plague of Covid-19 in recognition of the over 500,000 Americans who died, the several members of Shaare Tefila included among them, and members of our family and friends who died from this awful disease. We mourn the loss of so much life and we know that we cannot fully rejoice in the face of so much devastating loss.

Several people have asked me over the course of this traumatic year whether this plague of Covid was actually a sign from God? Just as the Torah states that the plagues were among the signs and wonders that God wrought in Egypt, then perhaps this current plague is a sign from God as well? Is that the case? Are we Jews supposed to believe that God works this way in our world?

I firmly and absolutely believe that God does NOT cause miracles to happen. Though I do believe in a God that is all knowing and all powerful, I believe that God chooses not to be actively involved in our world. If I did believe in an intervening God, then I would be quickly challenged by the question, why didn't God intervene to stop the Holocaust? Or why did God cause someone to have a terminal disease? The theological belief in an imminent and active God raises too many unsolvable and disturbing theological questions.

Instead, I believe in a God that set the world in motion and created the forces of nature (imperfect as they are – i.e., cancer, COVID-19, etc.) and human nature (imperfect as we are).

We were created with the ability to recognize that God exists and the ability to lead our lives according to the moral, ethical and religious principles that Judaism teaches us.

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PRESIDENT
PERRY SANDLER

By now most of you have seen our e-mail announcement about enhancing our collaborative efforts with Beth Shalom of Columbia. I want to add some more commentary about this effort.

For the last year or so our Board of Directors has realized that many Conservative synagogues are in need of operating differently than they have in the past. Shaare Tefila is no different than those synagogues. Most Conservative synagogues have not been able to sustain their membership count though we have been fortunate in this regard. One of the reasons for the fall in membership numbers is that many young Jewish families are not joining synagogues. They are looking for a different type of engagement. They are seeking more non-traditional experiences related to Judaism.

Our Board of Directors has understood that we need to bring more creativity, more problem solving and new vibrant opportunities to the overall Jewish community. We need to develop new religious, cultural and educational experiences. One of the ways of doing this is by collaborating with other Conservative synagogues.

To that end, we had discussions with several other Conservative synagogues about working together, etc. In order for a collaboration to be successful, there has to be transparency and there has to be comfort in dealing with the representatives of the synagogue. Further, there needs to be some similarities in the types of overall congregations. Our Board of Directors did not think that some of the other local synagogues fit those criteria well enough.

Since our initial collaboration in late 2019 with Beth Shalom, we have been pleased with that relationship and we have recognized a great deal of similarities between our two synagogues. And because of their interest in enhancing the collaborative effort so far, our Board of Directors approved doing so.

Initially we have started to discuss how to combine our religious schools and enhance the community for those of school age. We've also enhanced our cooperation on programs put on by each of the synagogues. And, as you may have already experienced, we've started to have some joint Shabbat services. There is more to come!

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It is hard to believe it has been a year since the spread of Covid-19 caused our community to shut down all in-person gatherings, including worship services, Chavaya classes and adult education.

Tragically, members of Shaare Tefila have either been victims of the virus themselves or lost loved ones to it. Everyone's lives have changed in ways we couldn't have anticipated.

There is no question that we all want life to return to the way it was before. This year has proven that the people of Shaare Tefila are there for each other during happy and difficult times. The positive result of life under Covid-19 has been that as a staff we have discovered new ways to connect with and engage all of you, and you have been willing to go along with us on that ride. We are blessed that we live in a time when technology makes it possible to see each other live, even when we are apart and in our homes. It seems that in many ways we are stronger now than we were before. As we move towards a time when we are together again in person, may we continue to demonstrate our commitment to "hazak hazak, v'nithazek," meaning "be strong, be strong and let us strengthen one another," said when we complete a book of Torah.

We look forward to seeing you at these and other program opportunities in March:

☆ Shaare Tefila is a sponsor of the current JTS Scholar Stream series, Jews and Power: From Biblical to Modern Times: Wednesdays, 8-9 pm: An exploration of the implementation of Jewish power, in the past and in the present. How have Jews rebelled against, accommodated and made use of structures of power in varying historical contexts?

☆ March 3: **Rabbi Gordon Tucker** on allegations of dual loyalty against Jews in power throughout Jewish history.

☆ March 10: **Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky** on rebellions in the Bible, both lauded and decried.

☆ March 17: **Dr. Marjorie Lehman** on what we can learn from the power wielded by an ancient Jewish queen.

☆ Wick & Flick - Havdalah and Film Discussion, March 20, 8:05 pm: Join **Rabbi Layman** as he leads a discussion of *Past Life*, an Israeli film from 2016 about two sisters who find themselves unraveling a wartime mystery. This is a joint program with Beth Shalom Congregation.

☆ Passover begins on the evening of March 27. We will be sharing information on opportunities to enrich your holiday with help from Shaare Tefila.

B'Shalom, *Babette*



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What a great show we had on our 10-year anniversary of "Night of Sweet Laughter Comedy Fundraiser Show" on Saturday, February 6.

The evening began with a cozy and informal social time on zoom with host **Rabbi Layman** and members from both Shaare Tefila and Beth Shalom of Columbia as well as many friends, family and guests of our synagogue family. Our host **Irwin Loring** of Kaledeiscope Comedy provided a great entertaining show. Our guest spot comedian, **Jeff Hysen**, a member of Shaare Tefila, was first up followed by comedian **Kevin Israel** and Headliner **Jay Black**. A lot of energy and laughter filled the night and virtual show.

We ended the night with our 50/50 raffle which congregant **Ami Frydman** won. He has been attending Shaare Tefila Comedy night for ten years and it was his first time winning. We hope this is a sign for good things to come for Ami and Rita in the coming year.

Thank you to all of you who attended the show, invited guests and members who made additional donations to our synagogue. Your support will help maintain the wellness of our synagogue community!

Special thank you to our Director of Education & Programming, **Babette Cohn**, for all her support in advertising the event, tracking RSVPs and helping to host the evening program. Also, thank you to member **Milt Goldsamt** for posting our event on websites outside our community, and to **Jonathan Cohen**, Shaare Tefila Executive Director, for his support in setting up our ChaverWare site, advertising the event and tracking manual RSVPs.

Lastly, thank you to **Irwin Loring** for ten years of successful "Night of Sweet Laughter Comedy" shows and for the past three virtual comedy shows we have had during the Pandemic year. Laughter is truly one of the best medicines to get us through these more challenging times. We are hopeful that next year our "Night of Sweet Laughter 11" fundraiser will be back in the building.

Save the date, Saturday, February 5, 2022 - Erev Super Bowl LVI. Keep your eyes posted for another virtual comedy show in 60 to 90 days. Details to follow.

Wishing you and your loved ones many days of laughter, good health, stay safe and again thank you all for making Shaare Tefila "Night of Sweet Laughter 10" such a great event!





SPARKS IN MARCH CONTRIBUTOR: SUSAN J. RUBENSTEIN ADAR SPARKS

This stays just between us, ok? I have a teensy secret to share. These days I spend considerable time conversing with **Reb Nachman of Bratslav** (Ukraine.) Truth be told, this is not a new development. I have been following him on “my spiritual Instagram” for quite a while, read his blog posts and ‘liked’ him on social media. Over time my interest grew in his teachings, relevant as they are to matters in my Jewish life. He has become one of my go-to Rebbes for guidance and wisdom. (Oddly enough, he always seems to be ‘on call’ on those most-rare occasions when **Rabbi Layman** takes a vacation.) Like Rabbi Jonah, I find him to be a caring listener.

You may ask: Why now do I *especially* seek Reb Nachman? We are in Adar, the month Joy is mandated. However, *this* Adar carries an unwelcome reminder. Purim marked the last occasion we were able to be inside together in our *mishkan* building, celebrating *in person*. Our space abuzz with mishloach manot bags handed out, friends *kibbitzing* and hugging together, families moving in and out of the carnival. Are we really coming up on a year since we’ve been living in this pandemically socially-distanced way? Yes, indeed. Here we are.

So: I go to Reb Nachman because he understood *a lot* about seeking Joy, no matter what. Reb Nachman emphasized the importance of making choices that lead us to Joy. Having suffered lifelong depression, he spoke from experience. He counseled not to wait to feel Joy, but to take actions that bring it in. It is easy to access Joy when things go our way, or have a simcha to celebrate. But he understood how our human lives encompass unexpected hardships, suffering and loss. These experiences of broken-heartedness can develop in us our empathy, compassion and character. Whereas depression is “the serpent’s bite”* that can strike us at any time. We must fight it so as not to become immobilized by it, because it hinders our spiritual and personal growth. In choosing to make others and ourselves joyful, we derive the energy and strength we need to get through and overcome life’s challenges. Besides, “Joy feels great!”

Adar: our prescribed month for Joy. Unlike the awaited vaccine, you can self-administer a dose of Joy. And safely inoculate someone else too.

Right Now!

(* Reb Nachman in *Likutey Moharan* I, 189)

(President’s column cont’d)

We are very excited about the opportunities that this enhanced cooperation can bring to our respective communities. I hope that you take part in this adventure by “attending” programs, services and other available joint activities. Remember “Zoom” is here to stay!

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

CONTRIBUTOR: LISA HEDGEPEETH

UPDATE FROM SOCIAL ACTION

Among several other important issues, the Social Action Committee has prioritized Racial Justice. Toward that end, we created a partnership with the Round Oak Missionary Baptist Church. On January 27, we hosted our first program. We can not be effective participants in the fight for racial justice by simply reading, signing petitions and sharing supportive posts on social media. We need to be educated, form meaningful relationships and work together to create change.

Nearly 100 participants registered for the program. We hosted a presenter from the EJI (Equal Justice Initiative) from Montgomery, Alabama (www.eji.org). She provided an overview of the incredible work of EJI in the areas of criminal justice reform, racial justice and public education. We learned about the Community Remembrance Project, the Legacy Museum and the horrific history of racial terror lynching. Regarding our collaboration, she emphasized the importance of the most basic concepts of building community, knowing/loving your neighbors and fostering meaningful dialogue about race and justice.

This partnership can only be successful with the participation and commitment from a solid and substantial number of our members. We hope that you will join us on this worthwhile journey. We plan to hold monthly meetings/programs. When circumstances allow, we hope to participate together in community events. Please refer any questions to Lisa Hedgepeth at frankie615@aol.com.

B’NAI MITZVAH AT SHAARE TEFILA



Nathan Krantz will become a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat March 20, *Parshat VaYikra*.

Nathan is in 7th grade at Farquhar Middle School. He enjoys video games, playing and watching basketball. He loves fishing and hanging out with friends and family. Nathan looks forward to doing this more often again after these challenging times. He appreciates all the hard work **Hazan Adina** and **Rabbi Layman** have

put into preparing him for his Bar Mitzvah and looks forward to having a big party with his friends to celebrate post-pandemic.



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THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

DON'T FORGET TO SELL YOUR CHAMETZ!

See p. 5 for the form. Return the form to Rabbi Layman by Friday morning, **March 26**. It is customary to make a donation - *ma'ot chitim* - to enable those who are poor to celebrate Passover. If you are sending in a check, please make your check payable to MAZON (The Jewish Response to Hunger).

SCHEDULE OF PASSOVER SERVICES

Thursday, March 25

8:45 am service and study session for first born

Friday, March 26

9:00 am burn the chametz

Saturday, March 27

Evening: first Seder (**NO Evening Service**)

Sunday, March 28

9:30 am service includes Hallel

Evening: second Seder (**NO Evening Service**)

Monday, March 29

9:30 am service includes Hallel

8:15 pm evening service & Havdalah

Wednesday, March 31

7:30 pm regular evening service

Thursday, April 1

8:45 am regular morning service

Friday, April 2

6:00 pm Shabbat & Festival service

Saturday, April 3

9:30 am service includes Hallel and selections from Song of Songs

8:00 pm Festival evening service

Sunday, April 4

9:30 am service includes Hallel and Yizkor

8:17 pm Holiday ends

8:20 pm evening service and Havdalah



SCHOLARSTREAM

AN INITIATIVE OF THE RA, USCJ, JTS, AND ZIEGLER

JEWS AND POWER: FROM BIBLICAL TO MODERN TIMES

WEDNESDAYS FROM 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

An exploration of the implementation of Jewish power, in the past and in the present. How have Jews rebelled against, accommodated to and made use of structures of power in varying historical contexts?

- ◆ March 3: Rabbi Gordon Tucker on allegations of dual loyalty against Jews in power throughout Jewish history.
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[Register Here](#) for free - use Coupon code: **OlneyFeb21**

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(From the Rabbi's Study ... cont'd)

Our faith also allows us to perceive events "as if" they are miraculous. For example – did the plagues in Egypt really happen as described in the Torah? Did God cause the Nile to turn to blood and did God split the sea? I don't know for sure, but I can safely say that our ancestors surely believed that the events happened "as if" God made them happen.

As Passover approaches there is much for which we can be grateful. We can be amazed by the swift discovery and production of effective vaccines. We can be in awe of the resiliency of the human spirit to rise above the devastation of the disease and to work to help those afflicted. We can be inspired by those who work to unite us in the name of justice and peace. We can feel blessed "as if" God has been with us and has comforted and supported us.

With wishes for a happy and healthy Passover,

Rabbi Jonah Layman



SELL YOUR CHAMETZ

The main ritual of Passover preparation is ridding our homes of all grain and leavened products (*chametz*). To actually throw out our food would be wasteful. The rabbis 1500 years ago devised a legal fiction which would permit us to leave the food in our homes. By selling the *chametz* to someone not obligated to observe the holiday, we fulfill the commandment "do not have *chametz* in your possession."

*In order to "sell" your chametz, complete the form below and return it to Rabbi Jonah Layman by **Friday morning March 26, 2021**. When "selling" our chametz, it is customary to make a donation called *ma'ot chitim* to enable those who are poor to celebrate Passover. All monies will be donated to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger*

I (we) hereby authorize **Rabbi Jonah Layman** to serve as my (our) agent to sell my (our) chametz. I (we) understand that I (we) cannot touch the chametz in my (our) home from 10:00 am Friday, March 26, 2021, to 8:17pm, Sunday, April 4, 2021.



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

HEBREW NAME: _____ son/daughter of _____

Enclosed is a donation of \$ _____ to MAZON. **Please make checks payable to "MAZON"**

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**CHAVAYA
BABETTE COHN, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION &
PROGRAMMING**
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A year ago March 8 was the last day our religious school classes met in person. That same day we celebrated Purim with our annual Carnival. When you read this we will have just celebrated Purim 5781/ 2021 with an online Megillah Service in which our children once again chanted the verses and with a virtual Carnival gathering that included a puppet show, games and other fun activities. A year ago I couldn't have imagined being able to bring everybody together without being in our building. It is amazing to me how we can rise above the challenges with which we are presented when we are positively motivated to do so.

At the same time that we have continued to engage with each other through Zoom, we must acknowledge that not everything has worked well in our community. One victim of Covid-19 was our beloved Gates of Discovery Preschool, which closed due to financial strains presented by the virus. However we continue to offer informal preschool programming, including Gan Katan and Tot Shabbat.

Throughout this year your children have demonstrated incredible resilience. Passover is coming up, and it presents us with yet another holiday where we need to remain physically distant from each other. **I challenge you to speak with your children about what their super power would be. Did you know that the Hebrew word for Hero is Gibor? Our students in grades K-3 have been thinking about this as they have been learning about G'vurah/Power & Strength and considering what G'vurah they bring to the world.** Please work with your child to create a drawing or some other kind of art, poem or another expression of his/her super g'vurah that he/she can share, and send it to me no later than March 19. I will be compiling their work in order to share it with the community in time for Passover.

B'Shalom,
Babette



Shaare Tefila's GAN KATAN!

GAN KATAN PLAYGROUP GOES VIRTUAL
LED BY: MARA LANSKY

WHO: CHILDREN PRESCHOOL AGE AND THEIR PARENTS
WHAT: PLAY, STORY TIME, CRAFTS AND SNACK - FREE
WHEN: SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
RSVP to [Babette Cohn](#) or [Cathy Plotkin](#)

March 21 April 18



MINI MINYAN
AN INTERACTIVE, PRE-SHABBAT EXPERIENCE
LED BY MARA LANSKY & BABETTE COHN

WHO: AGES 0-7 AND THEIR ADULTS
WHAT: EARLY SHABBAT PRAYERS, STORIES AND SONGS
WHEN: FRIDAYS 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
RSVP On [SignUp Genius While We Are Virtual](#)
Questions? Contact [Babette Cohn](#)

March 12 May 21

All Shaare Tefila events, services and programs
are now available at [this Zoom link](#)
unless otherwise indicated.



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WINER FAMILY GALLERY CONTRIBUTOR: FRAN ABRAMS

Though the Art Gallery at Shaare Tefila is not open for visitors, we are pleased to present our current exhibit "Portraits of Spring," fine art photography by **Marge Wasson**. Her portraits are not of people. But as with any portrait, they capture a likeness and seek to convey something noteworthy, memorable or essential about the subject. You may see a hint of personality, a certain mood, a touch of attitude; you may be struck by the subject's power, importance, grandeur, beauty or another unique quality. You may get a sense of serenity, or a big "pow" of energy. Perhaps a trait like shape, form, or texture or just something unexpected, will catch your eye.

Bring spring to your walls with one of these "portraits" for your home or office. All images are available in a variety of sizes. If you see one that you like, but want a smaller or larger version, or for more information about this work, please contact Marge at marge.wasson@gmail.com. Note that all work is sold framed unless you request it unframed.

Please see the **Winer Family Gallery** article in the weekly **Daf Hashavua** where you can click on the catalog and view all the portraits.

To make a purchase, please contact **Fran Abrams**, Chair, Arts & Interiors Committee, at fran.abrams@gmail.com. A portion of all sales benefits Shaare Tefila.



Sisterhood - mid 50's

L to R: Dorothy Friedenber, Meriam Willamowsky, Helen Kamerow, Ruth Gordon, Doris Lane, Anne Malickson, Debby Greenbaum and Betty Gordon



REMEMBERING EARLY SHAARE TEFILA CONTRIBUTOR: SAUL COHEN

Our congregation family has recently experienced the loss of many members. Among them is **Sylvia Love**, mother of our member **Barbara Smith** and grandmother of our member **Stacey Lynch**.

Sylvia was the twin sister of **Meriam Willamowsky** and her brother was **Adolph Sandler**. The Loves, Williamowskys and Sandler represented a large extended family, the heart of Shaare Tefila. Meriam and Joe Williamowsky and Sylvia and Stanley Love were charter members. When Shaare Tefila was 50 years old in December 2001, Meriam wrote an article about how Shaare Tefila began. Here are some parts of that article.

"Three men, **Harry Chernikoff**, **Harry Reich**, and **Joseph Williamowsky** discussed the possibility of establishing a synagogue in this new development since there were so many Jewish families buying homes. Fliers were distributed throughout the area calling for a meeting to be held at the Masonic and Easter Star home. The response was overwhelming and additional meetings were held. One of the main issues was whether the new congregation should be Conservative or Orthodox. After many hotly held meetings, the decision was made to organize as a Conservative group. The Orthodox contingent formed Shomrei Emunah. "Each interested family chipped in five dollars to defray expenses for getting things going. Many, many meetings were held to look for a place to meet. At one of these meetings the name "Shaare Tefila" was proposed and adopted.

"In September 1952, it was announced that the Pollin family, developers of the area, had generously donated a plot of ground for a synagogue at Riggs Road and Chillum Place. More fundraising was held, including a bake sale, bazaar and a square dance."

Meriam and Sylvia were very much involved in Sisterhood. Meriam relates "On May 13, 1953 our first Donor Banquet was held. Over 500 people attended. At the function Sisterhood presented the congregation with a check for \$5,000. The Pollin family presented the deed to the lot and contributed \$1,000. Ground breaking took place on June 28, 1953. Over 900 people gathered at the decorated lot. Bands played and flags waved. **Dan Pollin** dug the first shovel of dirt. **Sam Eig** dug the second shovel and was so inspired by the crowd and enthusiasm that he donated an additional \$1,000 to the cause.

"On November 7, 1954 formal dedication ceremonies were held. The program began at Eastern Avenue and Riggs Road with a parade to transfer the Torahs to our new home. Nearly 1,000 men, women and children stood along the curbs waving American and Israeli flags."



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SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

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With March here and Purim just behind us, I do not know about you, but I am ready for this ice and snow to leave. Hopefully March will have more sunny days than February. No matter what, springtime is a great season to celebrate many different Jewish holidays. Sisterhood is planning lots of events but first the bad news. Since we cannot be together in person, many people thought it would be best to not have the women's seder again this year. That does not mean we are giving up on the idea. We definitely want to have it back in 2022. We will put this date on the calendar early so everyone can be there and we will have more than one reason to celebrate.

Now for the good news. Since our first Bingo Night was so successful, we would like to have another Bingo Night in May. More details to come later.

We would like to have another Sisterhood Happy Hour on Tuesday March 16 from 8 to 9 pm. Please send an email to relaybenns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. This event is free for all Sisterhood members.

On a similar note, Beth Shalom of Columbia Sisterhood has a bi-weekly tea and chat at 2:00 pm. They have graciously invited all Sisterhood members of Shaare Tefila to join them as well. This would be on March 8 and March 22. Please email me for the link. Since both chats are from different synagogues, they will have two different links.

Also we would like to invite up to 30 Sisterhood members to a Zoom event at the Tenement Museum at 2 pm, April 18. No shoes are required since you can view this from the comfort of your own house. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please mail checks to Amy Schwartz at 3917 Ashland Brooke Way, Olney or send a check through Venmo @ShaareTefila-Sisterhood. This is a way for anyone with a Venmo account to send a check directly to the Sisterhood checking account. There are no service charges associated with sending a check through Venmo. Payment is due by April 8. Once your payment is received, we will send a link from the museum to your email address on record.

Lastly, our own Marjorie Fuhrmann is going to be installed as Seaboard Region President of Women's League on May 23. All congregants will be invited as well. **Rabbi Layman** will be conducting the installation.

I hope everyone will enjoy the Passover Seders with family, if not in person then at least virtually. I also hope you will get your Covid-19 vaccine soon.

MEN'S CLUB

MIKE BINDER, PRESIDENT

The Shaare Tefila Men's Club proudly announced that it continued to honor **Ira Kolmaister** as its **Blue Yarmulke MVP** again this year - after last year's Blue Yarmulke MVP honoree brunch was cancelled due to Covid. Ira is more than deserving of this award. He has resourcefully, efficiently and effectively facilitated the remarkable technical transformation of our Congregation during the pandemic. With his help, Shaare Tefila continues to be active and vital in religious, educational, social, special events and business operations. He is helping us realize new horizons and future opportunities.

The Seaboard Region of FJMC held its official virtual ceremony to honor its Blue Yarmulke MVPs on February 21. Please go to the Blue Yarmulke MVP link to see the videos and read the congratulatory messages recognizing Ira and the other Blue Yarmulke MVPs: <https://www.wizevents.com/fjmcseaboard2020/?id=5344>

Spring Softball will hopefully start this April. The 2020 softball spring season was cancelled, but Shaare Tefila facilitated a successful short Fallball season with participants from ten congregations. Anyone interested in playing competitive softball on the Shaare Tefila Men's Club team should contact Stan Kensky: sekensky@gmail.com

Passover is coming! The **Men's Club Passover wine sale** is underway. See p. 9 for the order form. You can pick up your order or we will deliver it to you.

Passover Side Dish



Creamy Beets and Dill (serves 6)

1 (17.6-ounce) package Gefen Organic Beets, julienne or cut in half and thinly sliced

1/2 cup dill, finely chopped

1 small purple onion, cut in half and thinly sliced

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup vinegar (gluten-free, if needed)

1/3 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt, or more to taste

Mix the mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar and salt in a bowl until completely combined.

Put the beets, dill and purple onion in the bowl with the mayonnaise mixture and stir to combine.

Cover and put in the refrigerator for three hours or overnight.

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Shaare Tefila Men's Club
16620 Georgia Ave. Olney, MD 20832
2021 Passover Wine Sale

[All wines Kosher for Passover]

Please order by email, phone or regular mail
 Your order will be delivered to your home, or can be picked up at the synagogue
Order your wine beginning February 22-March 23

ISRAELI WHITE WINES

Barkan Chardonnay	\$ 16	Teberberg Vision White	\$ 17
Carmel Moscato	\$ 16	Tishbi Emerald Riesling	\$ 20
Lineage Sauv Blanc	\$ 22	Tishbi Sauvignon Blanc	\$ 20
Tabor Adama Sauvignon Blanc	\$ 26	Yarden Mt. Hermon White	\$ 20

ISRAELI RED WINES

Barkan Cabernet	\$ 18	Galil Merlot	\$ 25
Barkan Pinot Noir	\$ 20	Morad Grapefruit (Fruit wine)	\$ 24
Barkan Pointage	\$ 18	Morad Lychee (Fruit wine)	\$ 24
Carmel Concord	\$ 12	Morad Passion Fruit (Fruit wine)	\$ 24
Dalton Cabernet	\$ 23	Morad Pomegranate (Fruit wine)	\$ 24
Dalton Merlot	\$ 23	Recanti Merlot	\$ 26
Dalton Shiraz	\$ 23	Tabor Shiraz	\$ 22
Dolev Muscat Hamburg (Blush wine)	\$ 17	Yarden Mt. Hermon Red	\$ 20

WINES FROM CALIFORNIA, NY OR OTHER COUNTRIES THAN ISRAEL

(Australia) Altoona Hills Cabernet Sauvignon/ Merlot (Red)	\$ 15	(Chile) Lanzur Merlot (Red)	\$ 18
(Australia) Altoona Hills Chardonnay (White)	\$ 15	(Italy) Bartenura Moscato (White)	\$ 19
(Australia) Altoona Hills Shiraz (Red)	\$ 15	(Italy) Borgo Reale Pinot Grigio (White)	\$ 26
(Australia) Teal Lake Cabernet/Merlot (Mix) (Red)	\$ 18	(New York) Manischewitz Concord (Red)	\$ 10
(Australia) Teal Lake Chardonnay (White)	\$ 18	(New York) Manischewitz Cream Red	\$ 12
(Australia) Teal Lake Shiraz	\$ 18	(New York) Manischewitz Cream White	\$ 12
(Australia) Teal Lake Merlot (Red)	\$ 18	(New Zealand) O'Dwyers Creek Sauvignon Blanc (White)	\$ 25
(California) Herzog Merlot (Red)	\$ 19	(New Zealand) Goose Bay Pinot Noir	\$ 15
(California) Herzog White Zinfandel (Blush wine)	\$ 14	(Spain) Herenza (Red)	\$ 25
(Chile) Lanzur Cabernet Sauvignon (Red)	\$ 18	(Spain) Ramon Cordona Rioja (Red)	\$ 29
(Chile) Lanzur Chardonnay (White)	\$ 18		

WINE SALE ORDER FORM

[Please make checks payable to Shaare Tefila Men's Club]

Email: saleavey@gmail.com, or call 301-384-8928 or 301-325-4859
 Or, mail to Stephen Leavey, 13704 Castle Cliff Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904

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MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP ON ZOOM

Wednesday, March 10 at 10:00 am

Book Discussion

"JUST MERCY"
By Bryan Stevenson

Led by: Perry Sandler

All Men Are Invited

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH CIRCLE

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Rosh Chodesh Nisan - Sunday, March 21

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MARCH

March 3: Scholar Stream
March 4: First Thursday Coffee Hour
March 10: Men's Discussion Group
March 10: Scholar Stream
March 11: Shaare Tefila Social - Happy Hour
March 14: Meet the Author
March 17: Scholar Stream
March 20: Wick & Flick
March 21: Chocolate Seder
March 21: Women's Rosh Chodesh Circle - Chodesh Nisan
March 26: Deadline for selling chametz to Rabbi Layman
March 27: First Passover Seder

APRIL

April 1: First Thursday Coffee Hour
April 4: Last day of Passover
April 7: Hartman Global Yom Hashoa Program
April 8: Yom Hashoa
April 8: Happy Hour
April 14: Men's Discussion Group
April 15: Yom Haatzmaut (Israel Independence Day)
April 25: Women's Rosh Chodesh Circle - Chodesh Iyar

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