

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH

BETH REPORTER

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MARCH 2013

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA & New Members Dinner Friday, March 1st Festivities begin 6:30 pm

*Come and join your fellow congregants for a wonderful Shabbat dinner & service.

*Dinner to start at 6:30 pm followed by a FRIDAY NIGHT ALIVE!
Service at 8:00 pm.

*Price: \$18 per adult, \$10 children ages 13 and under.

Please RSVP to the temple office at (732) 381-8403 by Tuesday, February 26.



PESACH COMMUNITY SEDER

Join the TBO/BT family for the
First Seder
Monday, March 25, 6:30 pm

Led by

Cantor Steven Stern

Enjoy a full course catered
traditional dinner with
appetizer, soup, entrée,
side dishes, dessert and all the
special trimmings.

Cost: Adults - \$36 for members
\$42 for non-members
Children - \$20 ages 6 through 13
Free - ages 5 & under

Please RSVP to the temple office (732) 381-8403 x11
by Monday, March 4.

FROM THE CANTOR



As I sit to write this article, I am at the same time completing arrangements for our Purim celebration that will take place in just a few days. But my mind is as much on the Haggadah

as it is on the Megillah. For Pesach takes a great deal of preparation, and you just can't wait for the last minute. But then, preparing for Purim isn't exactly a cakewalk either. I mean, it's down to the wire and I have yet to decide what costume to wear, or whether to buy hamantaschen filled with mon or prune lekvar. (Those were the two favorites in my home growing up and I have yet to develop a taste for others.)

But to be sure, preparing for Pesach is on a whole other order of magnitude. There is cleaning, shopping, cleaning, planning for the Seder, and did I mention cleaning? But what really gets to me most is that Pesach arrives so quickly after Purim, and I never have enough time to finish eating all the shalach manos treats. Before you know it, it's time to dispose of all the chametz! Would it not have made more sense to set Purim just a little earlier in the calendar, or alternatively, to push off Pesach to a later date? Instead we have the annual circumstance of having to recover from *ad d'lo yada* in time to prepare for the race to *ma nishtana....*

Yes, Pesach does require lots of work, but doesn't every endeavor of value and substance require effort? And does not Pesach deserve the extra effort because it commemorates arguably the seminal event in the history of our people—the Exodus from Egyptian bondage, which then brought us to Sinai and then, after a forty year delay, to the Promised Land. Furthermore, the Seder is said to be, in our day, the most observed ritual in Jewish life, playing a central role in bringing and keeping us together.

And so on March 25th, the first night of Pesach, TBOBT will hold its annual Community Seder. We will journey through the Haggadah, drink four cups of wine, ask many questions, sing some songs, and enjoy a delicious, traditional, full course meal. Above all, we will celebrate our freedom as a people together with family, friends and community.

Wherever you choose to have your Seders, may they be joyous and uplifting occasions. I extend to everyone my best wishes for a Zissen Pesach and a Chag Sameach!

Cantor Steven Stern

Combined Morning Minyan

In March morning Minyan is held in Cranford.

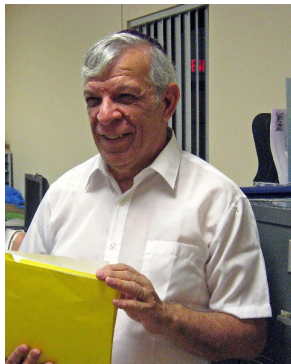
Monday & Thursday – 6:50 am, Tuesday, Wed., & Friday – 7:00 am,
Sundays & Holidays - 9:00 am in Clark.

Evening Services are held every day at 7:30 pm in Cranford.

! Our morning minyan is an integral part of our religious community. You can lend your support by attending one morning each week or even just one morning each month. A wonderful idea is to attend on the day of the month that corresponds to your birthday. Breakfast is served, so there's nourishment for both the body and soul.
Thank you for your support.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shalom,



If we had no Winter, the Spring would not be so pleasant. If we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. This month we welcome Shabbat Across America, our New Member Shabbat Dinner, and our Community Seder. We all realize

that the significance of Passover lies in the fact that it acts as a reminder to our Jewish community of the struggle that our forefathers had to face in order to create the land of hope and happiness. On Monday, March 25, 2013, our community and Temple Beth O'r/ Beth Torah family will get together to remember who we are and why we are here.

Audrey and I wish your families a Zissen Pesach.

Yours truly,

Howard M. Silverman
President

CONGREGATION MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 18 AT 7:30 PM

BUDGET FOR 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR
WILL BE PRESENTED.

Brush up on your Hebrew reading skills or learn to read Hebrew.

Nancy Kelner has volunteered to work with you on a one-to-one basis. Contact her at 908-272-9072 to set up a time.

Support Sammy's Bar Mitzvah Project

Sammy Burkhard will become a Bar Mitzvah on March 16, 2013. His Bar Mitzvah project is to help those affected by Sandy by collecting new and gently used sporting goods equipment to be given to sports clubs in NJ that were hit hard by Sandy. You can support Sammy by dropping off these items at the temple or call 732-499-6735 and they will be picked up.

What's Up for Shabbat in March?

Simcha Shabbat

We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of March on Saturday, March 9. Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family! Sponsor the Kiddush in honor of your Simcha!

Dress Down Shabbat

Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday and Saturday, March 22 & 23.

5TH ANNUAL SUPERMARKET SWEEP FOODRAISER

TO BENEFIT THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF CENTRAL NJ KOSHER FOOD PANTRY - ELIZABETH
AND BOBROW KOSHER FOOD PANTRY OF OHEB SHALOM - SOUTH ORANGE

Join this community-wide
mitzvah project and
make a difference

SUNDAY, MARCH 3
SHOP BETWEEN 2-4 P.M.
ShopRite of Clark



entrance fee for team (Families, individuals, or groups may register as a "team")

Thank you to  in Clark for supporting our efforts!

For contest rules, requested food items list, approved kosher symbols, and to register:

VISIT

www.jfedgmw.org/sweep

EMAIL

mhirschheimer@jfedgmw.org

CALL

(973) 929-3165

Meet at the food pantries at 4:30 to unload, stock, and celebrate with pizza, snacks, and prizes.

Elyse Deutsch and Janice Weinberg,
co-chairs

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

**TBO/BT still has
cemetery plots at Beth
Israel Cemetery in
Woodbridge available.**

**Please call the temple office if you are
interested.**



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yasher koach to Fern Cammy for putting together the Sisterhood Shabbat on January 25, which coincided with the Tu B'shevat Seder. Even though the turnout was smaller than expected due to the weather, all who attended enjoyed and participated.

A big thank you to everyone who ordered Shalach Mones baskets and/or certificates. This project would not have been possible

without the hard work of Joleen Fridson who handled the shopping and Helene Davis for all the bookkeeping. If you still owe money, please get it to Helene as soon as possible. We also want to thank all the Sisterhood members who helped put the baskets together at our February meeting. The next Lord & Taylor benefits day will be April 30. Tickets will be available after March 1. The cost is \$5.00, which entitles you to a variety of coupons good at the Westfield store. For each ticket purchased, Sisterhood members receive \$1.00 in donor credit.

A note for income tax deductions: For every ShopRite or A&P voucher purchased, Sisterhood makes 5%. Therefore, people are entitled to claim that 5% as a charitable contribution. People can call Esther Schlesinger to see how many vouchers they purchased last year.

The next board meeting will be March 4 at 8:00 PM. The next general meeting will be April 17 to close the books. I am sure that most of you are preparing for Passover as you read this article. My co-presidents and I hope you enjoy being with friends and family as you celebrate the Seders and have a zeisen Pesach.

Louise Cangelosi

GOLDEN BOOKS

MAZEL TOV

To: Fern & Joe Cammy on Joshua's engagement to Becky Weinstein

From: Gloria Sern

To: Joyce & Harvey Goldberg on the birth of granddaughter
From: Michael & Diane Goldstein, Evie Shulman

To: Michael Goldstein on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
From: Audrey & Howard Silverman

To: Russel Kelner on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
From: Audrey & Howard Silverman

To: Michael W. Miller on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
From: Audrey & Howard Silverman

CONDOLENCES

To: Dorothy Litt on the passing of her brother Marty Jacobs
From: Gloria Sern

To: Doris Kalish on the passing of her sister Ilse Wieder
From: Gloria Sern, Marilyn Weinstein

To: Martin Metzger on the passing of his father Irving Metzger
From: Gloria Sern

To: Ruth Brewster on the passing of Harold Brewster
From: Verna and Seymour Lemberg

To: Halli James on the passing of Ben Zukoff
From: Julia & Yakov Vinokurov

To: Elaine Ravich on the passing of her husband David Ravich
From: Paula & Paul Hymanson, Thelma & Art Purdy

COMPLETE RECOVERY TO:

To: Joe Green

From: Diane & Michael Goldstein, Fern & Joe Cammy

Golden Books

To send a Golden Book for any occasion, call:
Joan Oberman (732-381-4322)
Evie Shulman (908-276-6894)
Betty Needleman (908-389-0911)

Cards are sent for \$3.00 and you will receive \$1.50 donor credit, or pick up a pack of 10 cards for \$20.00 with \$15.00 donor credit and send them yourself. They can be picked up from the office. Please send checks to Esther Schlesinger (9 Pine Ridge Dr., Edison, NJ 08820) or call (732) 548-7132 for the amount owed.

Special Fund

Donations to Special Fund can be made for any occasion for a minimum donation of \$5.00. You will receive 100% donor credit.

To send a beautiful Special Fund card call:
Gene Berry (732-388-3453).



JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

Passover is early this year (evening of March 25th). Here are some of the items we're

offering for the holiday: Afikomen bag, dishes for salt water and horseradish, matzo crumb sweepers, matzo tashes for the seder table, seder plates, and a frog puppet to reenact the ten plagues. Please call or email me if you're interested. Nancy Kelner - 908-272-9072 - nkelner@aol.com.

SHOP SMART. *do good!*
A FUNDRAISING SHOPPING EVENT

Sisterhood invites you to purchase a ticket for the Do Good Fundraising Event at the Westfield Lord & Taylor on Tuesday, April 30

Cost: \$5 per ticket

Tickets are available in the temple office and from Judy Hurok, 908-654-4448

Vouchers:

Shoprite and A&P vouchers are available at Sisterhood functions and in the temple office.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Sisterhood makes a 5% profit on all ShopRite and A&P vouchers sold. Therefore you are entitled to claim that 5% as a charitable deduction on your income tax. If you are not sure how much donor credit (also 5%) you have received for vouchers, please contact Esther Schlesinger (732-548-7132).

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT

The year is flying by. Purim is behind us and Pesach will be here soon.

And on the heels of Pesach we have Yom HaShoah. During March we will be distributing the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles. These, like any yahrzeit candles, are lit the night before. This is also our biggest fund raiser for the year. Please consider a donation when you receive your Yom HaShoah candle.

I hope you did not miss our paid-up membership event, a "Men's Club night out". If you did not pay your 2012-2013 dues, get a head start by sending in your dues for 2013-2014 fiscal year. Do not miss out on our Mens' Club paid-up membership men's night out. Remember, dues form the foundation for our award winning programming.

Our project to redo the parking lot lines is on hold until the weather turns warmer and we will announce the dates we will be doing this. If you would like to join with us and help, please call either of our co-executive VP's, William (Bill) Hausler or Theo Moreines.

Watch your mail for the paid-up membership program that will be here shortly and our calendar for the remainder of the year. Have a zeisen and freilich Pesach

B'vrachah,

Respectfully submitted by,
Michael F. Goldstein, President, Men's Club

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for 2013 Scholarships are available in the temple office or can be emailed upon request.

Book Discussion Group

Sunday, March 3, 2013 at 10 am

Three short stories by
Edith Pearlman



Available at the temple office

Coming Soon!

March Regional Event: March 2nd—Hagalil Junior/Senior Prom
Under the Sea 8:00 PM to Midnight.
Temple Beth Ahm, Aberdeen.
RSVP to hagalilusy.com/prom Dinner, Dancing, Raffles & Regalia!

Action Required!

Mark your calendar for April 7th to enjoy a Sunday Afternoon USY Program in Bridgewater. More details to follow.

Looking Ahead!

April 26th-28th Spring Convention! Watch for further info.

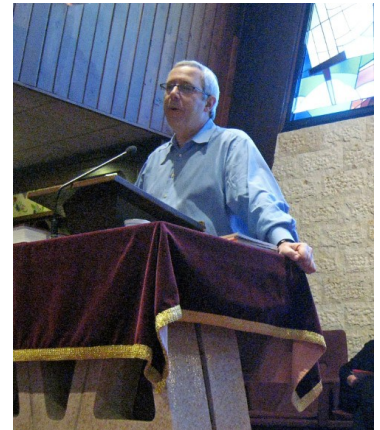
It's not too early to be making plans to spend your summer with USY. Check out www.usy.org for info on all summer programs.

TBO/bT

If You Understand this Jumble - We Want You in the Mix!

Happenings at TBO/BT

Agi Legutko speaks at Mark & Edith Lief Memorial Program



Tu B'Shevat at the TBO/BT Hebrew School



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Nancy Kelner, Marilyn Weinstein & Gitta Harel at the Sisterhood Gift shop

CONDOLENCES TO:

Judith Gottlieb on the passing of her sister Abby Nudle

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS MADE TO TBO/BT DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

(To make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call the temple office at 732-381-8403x11 or email tbethor@gmail.com.)

GENERAL FUND:

Carol Mazzarella, in memory of Seymour Vogel
Judy & Steve Hurok in memory of Laurie Saks' father

YAHREZEIT FUND

Alvin Barr	Linda Sprung
Roberta Makow	Laurie Saks
Arleen Duchin	Louis Goodman
Edward Miretskiy	Esther Rubinstein
Steven Hurok	Naomi Silbert
Judith Hurok	Frances Friedman
Shirley Coppleson	
Ethel Richer	
Phyllis Josell	

Thank you - תודה רבה

Michael & Laurie Saks thank their temple family for all the good wishes and golden books in honor of Mallory's marriage to Mitchell Zipkin.

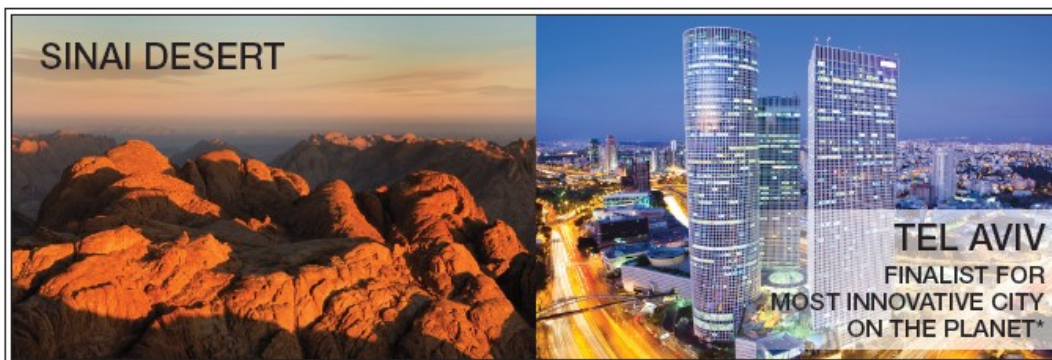
Laurie Saks and family thank their TBO/BT family for all their kindness after the passing of Samuel Sansolo, Laurie's beloved daddy-o.

ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

Congregation, Sisterhood
Wendy & Alan Mandelbaum, in honor of Alan's special birthday

ISRAEL BONDS THIS PASSOVER

From Exodus to Innovation



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List of TBO/BT Funds for Donations

Prayer Books – Current donation amounts: \$36 to dedicate a Siddur, \$54 to dedicate a Chumash. Please contact the temple office to obtain up-to-date information.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund – is a vehicle by which the Cantor assists individuals and organizations that come to his personal attention in need of additional funds for emergencies, on-going activities or special projects in the US, Israel or anywhere in the world.

Jewish National Fund Trees – certificates can be purchased for all occasions in denominations of \$18. Please contact the temple office, 732-381-8403.

Oneg Shabbat/Kiddush Fund – used for a nosh after Shabbat services. To sponsor an entire Oneg, Kiddush, or Seuda, please contact the temple office, 732-381-8403.

Minyan Breakfast Fund - provides breakfast for the Morning Minyan.

Ritual Fund – is used to purchase religious supplies.

Yahrzeit Fund - It is a tradition to make a donation in memory of deceased loved ones. This fund is used to support all aspects of the synagogue.

Sol Sern Memorial Lecture Fund - is used to provide speakers and refreshments for our annual lecture in memory of Sol Sern.

General Fund – supports all aspects of Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah.

Bikur Cholim and Chesed Fund - is used on behalf of those who are ill or in need of mitzvot of loving kindness.

Harold & Doris Presser Memorial Fund - has been established to assist in the maintenance of the temple facilities and the repair of ritual items.

Yahrzeit Plaques – Honor your departed loved ones with a permanent yahrzeit memorial plaque in our sanctuary. A light will be lit next to the plaque every year during the week of the Yahrzeit. Cost is \$300.

- Information needed: English & Hebrew names, including the father's and/or mother's Hebrew name, and secular & Hebrew dates of passing.

Sanctuary Seat & Pew Dedication – This project honors or memorializes a dear one with a special plaque mounted on the back of a sanctuary seat. Each plaque costs \$180. Dedication of an entire pew (row) includes a larger plaque inscribed with the family name mounted at the end of the row and two individual seat plaques in that row. The cost of an entire pew dedication is \$1800.

Simcha Tree – Honor your family by dedicating a Leaf (\$180), Rock, or Trunk Letter, on our "Simcha" Tree of Life, for any and all occasions – Births, Weddings, Special Anniversaries or Birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or other special honors or events.

Leaves: \$180 Rocks: \$1000 Trunk Letters: \$1800

Jerusalem Stone - has been established in celebration of our new Bima Window Wall - \$180



ISRAELI DANCE for beginners

Tuesday Nights

True beginners at 7:00 pm,
advanced beginners/intermediate 7:45 pm

\$10.00 per class/ \$45 prepaid for 5

Proceeds go to TBO/BT

Led by Elyse Litt 732-396-8299

March

Happy Anniversary!

Richard & Ann Curtis
Sheldon & Jane Halper
Herbert & Janice Hymanson
Arthur & Felella Millman
Jonathan & Janie Phillips

Happy Birthday!

Gene Berry	Barry Orange
Karen Bess	Toby Prince
Shawn Cammy	Harold Rochman
Sheri Freedman	Marvin Rubinstein
Adeline Gesten	Mallory Saks
Arthur Gesten	Lowell Scher
Paula Hymanson	Eric Seidman
Edward Leibowitz	Irvin Solomon
Scott Leibowitz	Eugene Tendler
Edward Miretskiy	Myrna Young

Got a Simcha?

Birthday? Anniversary? Graduation?
New grandchild?

Host a Kiddush at TBO/BT

You can sponsor the entire Kiddush or be a co-sponsor with a donation of \$18 or more.

Contact Julia at 732-381-8403 x11 or
tbethor@gmail.com.

Happenings at TBO/BT

Magevet performs at the Sol Sern Memorial Program



Scott Greenberg speaks about his grandfather, Sol Sern



Cantor Stern joins the group for a solo



Thelma, Howard & Cantor join with Gloria and the Sern Family after the concert










Scot Greenberg with his family

Men's Club presents World Wide Wrap



MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  5:29p 6:30p Dinner 8:00p Services Shabbat Across America 19 Adar	2 9:30a Services 20 Adar
3 9:00a Morning Minyan 21 Adar	4 8:00p Sisterhood Board Meeting 22 Adar	5 7:00p Israeli Dancing 23 Adar	6 24 Adar	7 25 Adar	8  5:37p 8:00p Services 26 Adar	9 9:30a Services Simcha Shabbat 27 Adar
10  Begin daylight time 9:00a Morning Minyan 28 Adar	11 29 Adar	12 7:00p Israeli Dancing 1 Nisan	13 8:00p Ritual Meeting 2 Nisan	14 8:00p Men's Club Meeting 3 Nisan	15  6:45p 8:00p Services 4 Nisan	16 9:30a Services Sammy Burkhard Bar Mitzvah 5 Nisan
17 9:00a Morning Minyan 6 Nisan	18 7:30p Congregation Meeting 8:00p TBO/BT Board Meeting 7 Nisan	19 7:00p Israeli Dancing 8 Nisan	20 9 Nisan	21 10 Nisan	22  6:52p 8:00p Services Dress Down Shabbat 11 Nisan	23 9:30a Services Dress Down Shabbat 12 Nisan
24 9:00a Morning Minyan 13 Nisan	25  6:30a break fast Breakfast 6:30p Passover Seder EREV PASSOVER 14 Nisan	26 9:30a Service PASSOVER 1st Day 15 Nisan	27 9:30a Service PASSOVER 2nd Day 16 Nisan	28 Chol HaMoed Pesach 17 Nisan	29  7:00p 8:00p Services Chol HaMoed Pesach 18 Nisan	30 9:30a Services Chol HaMoed Pesach 19 Nisan
31 9:00a Morning Minyan 20 Nisan						

Chag Sameach!

PASSOVER SCHEDULE 2013/5773

Sunday, March 24	After dark.....	Bedikat Chametz (Search for Chametz)
Monday, March 25.....	6:30 am	Siyyum B'chorim & B'Chorot (breakfast to break the Fast of the Firstborn)
.....		Burn Chametz
.....	Late Morning	Community Passover Seder at the temple
.....	6:30 pm	Service for 1st Day Pesach
Tuesday, March 26	9:30 am	Second Seder
.....	Evening	Service for 2nd Day Pesach
Wednesday, March 27	9:30 am	Service for 2nd Day Pesach
Thursday, Friday, March 28, 29.....	6:45 am	Hol Hamoed (Intermediate Days) in Cranford
Friday, March 29	8:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday, March 30	9:30 am	Shabbat Morning Service
Monday, April 1	9:30 am	Service for Pesach 7 th day
Tuesday, April 2.....	9:30 am	Service for Pesach 8 th day & Yizkor

The following blessings over the candles will be recited during the Pesach season:

1. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheynu melech haolam, asher kiddshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu, lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.
2. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheynu melech haolam, shehechiyanu, vekiyananu, vehigyanu lazman hazeh.

The Pesach candle lighting schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 25	6:56 p.m.	Blessings 1 & 2
Tuesday, March 26	7:56 p.m.	Blessings 1 & 2
Friday, March 29	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat Blessing
Sunday, March 31	7:02 p.m.	Blessing 1
Monday, April 1	8:03 p.m.	Blessing 1



TBO/BT COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

Join us as we celebrate the First Seder together

on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 pm!

Cost: \$36 per adult, \$20 children 6-13,
5 & under - free

Non-members: \$42 per adult

RSVP to the temple by Monday, March 4.



Pesah Guide

Kashering of Kitchen Appliances and Utensils

It is customary (and easiest) to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, replacing them with either new utensils or ones used year to year only for Pesah. This is clearly not possible for major appliances and may not even be possible for dishes and utensils. There is a process for kashering many, but not all, kitchen items thus making them kosher for Pesah. The general principle used in kashering is that the way the utensil absorbs food is the way it can be purged of that food (*Ke-volo kakh pol-to*). Thus utensils used directly on a fire need to be kashered by fire (*libbun*), utensils used in cooking require boiling (*hag'alah*) and utensils used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing. Specific items are covered below.

a. Earthenware (china, pottery etc) cannot be kashered. However fine translucent chinaware that was put away clean and that has not been used for over one year, may be used after washing. The china is then pareve and may be designated for milchig or fleishig use.

b. Plastic items generally may not be kashered. Consult your Rabbi for specifics.

c. Metal utensils used in a fire must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and then must be subjected to direct fire. A blow torch and a self-cleaning oven are two ways to accomplish this purging (*libbun*). This is a complicated and potentially dangerous procedure and may result in discoloration of the metal being purged. Exercise caution when performing *libbun*. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered because they require direct fire and this will warp them.

d. To kasher metal pots used for cooking and eating and silverware and utensils wholly of metal not used for baking, thoroughly clean the item, then following a strict 24 hour waiting period, where they are not used, immerse the item (*hag'alah*) in water at a rolling boil. For pots and pans, clean handles thoroughly. If the handle can be removed, do so for a more thorough cleaning. Each item must be completely exposed to the boiling water to accomplish *hag'alah*. Pots and pans are either immersed in a larger pot of boiling water (may be done one section at a time) or filled with water brought to a rolling boil and then a heated stone is dropped into the pot such that the boiling water overflows to cover the sides of the pot. In the case of silverware every part of each piece must be exposed to the water at a rolling boil. Following this process, each utensil is rinsed in cold water.

e. Ovens and Ranges – every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly cleaned. This includes the walls and top and bottom of the oven. Then the oven or range should be heated as hot as possible. The oven should be heated at maximum heat for an hour; the range top until the elements turn red and glow. Then parts of the range top around the elements that can be covered should be covered, usually with aluminum foil. Self cleaning ovens are put through the full cleaning cycle while empty. Following this process the oven should be again cleaned to remove any ash. If the oven was very dirty to start, two cycles may be needed to assume a thorough cleaning.

f. Smooth top electric ranges present a challenge. We recommend cleaning the top thoroughly and then turning on the burners to maximum so that it heats as hot as possible and then carefully pour boiling water on the surface area around the burners.

g. Microwave ovens that have no convection option should be thoroughly cleaned. Then an 8 ounce cup of water is placed inside, the oven is turned on until the water almost disappears (at least 6 of the 8 ounces is gone). Heating to complete dryness may damage the oven. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

h. Convection ovens are kashered like regular ovens. Make sure to clean thoroughly around the fan.

i. Glassware is a subject about which the authorities disagree. One opinion requires that glasses be soaked in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. Another opinion requires only that the glasses be scrubbed and cleaned thoroughly or run through a dishwasher. Glass cookware is treated like a metal pot. See above for procedure.

Glass bakeware like metal bakeware cannot be kashered.

j. A dishwasher needs to be thoroughly clean including the inside area around the drainage. Then a full cycle while empty should be run with kosher detergent. After 24 hours of not being used the dishwasher is again run empty for the purpose of kashering. The dishwasher and the racks are pareve following this process. For enamel coated dishwashers, consult a rabbinic authority.

k. Other electrical appliances can be kashered if the parts that come in contact with hametz are metal and are

removable, in which case they may be kashered like all other metal cooking utensils. If the parts are not removable, the appliances cannot be kashered. We recommend whenever possible that small appliances be used that are strictly for Pesah thus avoiding the difficulty of kashering these appliances.

l. Tables, closets, and counters should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesah. The coverings can be contact paper, regular paper, foil or cloth that does not contain hametz (e.g. been starched with hametz starch). Alternatively, boiling water may be poured over the counters after they have been thoroughly cleaned. The use of this alternative method depends on the material of which the counter was made. Below is a list of materials for countertops that the Chicago Rabbinical Council affirms may be kashered for Passover. It is important to note that these materials may be kashered only if they are not stained, scratched, or cracked. Surfaces with a synthetic finish also must be cleaned and covered as they may not be kasherable. For questions contact a rabbinic authority.

Common Brands:

Avonite, Buddy Rhodes, Caesar Stone, Cheng Design, Corian, Craftart, Formica, Gibraltar, John Boos, Nevamar, Omega, Pionite, Silestone, Spekva, Staron, Surrell, Swanstone, Wilsonart, Zodiaq

Common Materials:

Acrylic, Granite, Marble, Metals (stainless steel, copper), Plastic laminate, Polyester Base, Quartz resin, Slate, Soapstone, Wood, butcher block

m. A metal kitchen sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and scrubbing the sink (especially the garbage catch), letting it sit for 24 hours and then carefully pouring boiling water over all the surfaces of the sink including the lip. A porcelain sink cannot be kashered, so Pesah dish basins and dish racks must be used, one each for milchig and fleishig.

n. Non-Passover dishes, pots, utensils and hametz food that have been sold as part of the selling of one's hametz should be separated, covered or locked away to prevent accidental use.

Foods and Food Stuff

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hametz* (leavened grains) 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 one's rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges to repurchase the items on behalf of the owner, since the hametz is again permitted. If ownership of the *hametz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of any such *hametz* remains prohibited after the holiday (*hametz sheavar ha-Pesah*). Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hametz* during Pesah, and since many common foods contain some *hametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesah. An item that is kosher all year round, and that is made with no hametz, and is processed on machines used only for that item and nothing else may be used with no special Pesah supervision. White milk would be an example of such a product. In most cases however, since we do not know enough about the processing of products or the sources of ingredients products ought to have Pesah supervision. Those who wish to follow other opinions should check with their Rabbi. What follows is a general guideline. All kosher for Pesah items must have a label indicating the name of a recognizable living supervising Rabbi or kosher supervision agency. Items that have a label that is not integral to the package and does not indicate the product and current Pesah year, should not be used without consulting your Rabbi. Prohibited foods include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers or coffees containing cereal derivatives i.e. anything made with wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye. Any food containing these grains or derivatives of these grains (the five prohibited species for Pesah) are forbidden. Foods containing flavorings, which may be derived from alcohol produced from one of these grains which would be hametz, need Pesah supervision. Ashkenazi Rabbinical authorities have added the following foods (kitniyot) to the above list: e.g. rice, corn, millet, beans and peas. These and other plant foods (e.g. mustard, buckwheat and sesame seeds) are not permitted on Pesah. Although many rabbinic authorities have prohibited the use of peanuts and peanut oil, our Movement's Committee on Laws and Standards has permitted their use and consumption on Pesah provided said items have proper kosher certification and no obvious hametz. Most Sephardic authorities permit the use of all the kitniyot foods other than those that might have come in contact with the prohibited grains. The further processed products whether liquid or solid from kitniyot are also forbidden by most rabbinical authorities. These might include but not be limited to: corn sweetener, corn oil, soy oil and ascorbic acid (vitamin C). Israeli products are often marked "contains 'kitniyot'" and, thus, Ashkenazi Jews who do not use kitniyot need to be vigilant when purchasing Israeli products.

Permitted Foods:

a. The following foods require no kosher l'Pesah label when purchased before or during Pesah: fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been coated (the supermarket is required by the FDA to have a list of such products), eggs, freshfish from a kosher source and fresh kosher meat or frozen, raw hekshered meat other than ground products as ground products with prohibited materials could be made on the same equipment.

b. The following products require reliable kosher l'Pesah certification (regular kosher supervision being not sufficient) whether bought before or during Pesah: all baked goods (matzah, Pesah cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal and any other products containing matzah, canned or bottled fruit juices, canned tuna, wine, vinegar, liquor, decaf coffee, dried fruits, oils, frozen uncooked vegetables, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, all cheeses and soda. (These restrictions hold for Ashkenazic Jews; for Sephardic Jews, the presence in some of these products of kitniyot but not hametz may not present a problem.

c. The following foods require no kosher l'Pesah label but do require Kashrut supervision if purchased new and unopened before Pesah: natural coffee without cereal additives, non-confectioners' sugar, pure tea (not flavored herbal or decaf tea), salt with no iodine, milk (in the absence of a kosher Pesah alternative), frozen uncooked fruit with no additives, and baking soda.

d. Any processed food bought during Pesah must have a kosher l'Pesah label.

e. Any detergent, because it is not a food and it is not eaten, may be used for Pesah as long as it has valid kosher supervision.

f. Medicines: 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, authorities differ in their approaches. Please consult with your Rabbi. Capsules, because they do not need binders, are preferable to pills.

Sale of Chametz Form

The Torah prohibits the ownership of chametz (leaven) during Pesach. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the chametz to a non-Jew. The transfer, mekhirat chametz, is accomplished by appointing an agent 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 chametz. If ownership of the chametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this chametz is prohibited after the holiday as well (chametz sheavar alav haPesach.)

Optimally, one should sell the chametz to the agent in person. If this is not feasible, kindly fill out the following contract and return it to the synagogue office no later than **MARCH 22**.

CONTRACT FOR SELLING CHAMETZ

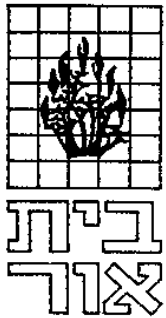
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Name _____
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