

# REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

*"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."*  
EXODUS 25:8

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## **PASSOVER SEDER**



**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017**

**Beginning with Services at 6:30 P.M.**

**Seder in our Crystal Ballroom at 7:15 P.M.**

**Conducted by - RABBI ROMIEL DANIEL**

**Catering by - MEAL MART (Glatt Kosher)**

**Member Adults - \$70.00**

**Non-Members - \$80.00**

**Children under 12 - \$30.00**

**CALL THE CENTER OFFICE FOR INFORMATION  
718-459-1000**

*Menu & Reservation Form on Page 7 of this Bulletin*

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# FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

## NISAN

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Nisan (or Nissan) on the Hebrew calendar is the first month of the ecclesiastical year and the seventh month (eighth, in leap year) of the civil year. The name of the month is of Assyrian-Babylonian origin; in the Torah it is called the month of the Aviv. It is a spring month of 30 days. (Nisan usually falls in March–April) on the Gregorian calendar. In the Book of Esther in the Tanakh it is referred to as Nisan. Karaite Jews interpret it as referring to the month in which barley was ripe.

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#### Holidays and observances with approximate dates

- 10 Nisan – yearzeit of Miriam the prophetess, sister of Moses and Aaron
- 14 Nisan – Fast of the Firstborn – on 12 Nisan when the 14th falls on Sabbath
- 15–21 Nisan – Passover – also 22 Nisan outside of Israel
- 26 Nisan – traditional yearzeit of Joshua
- 27 Nisan – Yom HaShoah – on 26 Nisan or 28 Nisan when the 27th falls on Friday or Sunday respectively, interfering with Shabbat

#### In Jewish history and tradition

- 1 Nisan 3761 BCE) – Creation of the Universe according to Rabbi Joshua's opinion in the Talmud (Rosh Hashanah 10b-11a)
- 1 Nisan 1638 BCE) – Death of Abraham according to the Talmud
- 1 Nisan 1533 BCE) – Death of Isaac according to the Talmud
- 1 Nisan 1506 BCE) – Death of Jacob according to the Talmud
- 1 Nisan 1456 BCE) – First mitzvah is given to the Jewish people (Exodus 12:1–2)
- 1 Nisan 1455 BCE) – Mishkan inaugurated; death of Nadav and Avihu
- 7 Nisan 1416 BCE) – Joshua sends two spies to Jericho.
- 10 Nisan 1417 BCE) – Death of Miriam, 39 years after the Exodus.
- 10 Nisan (1416 BCE) – The Israelites cross the Jordan river into Canaan (Joshua 4)
- 11 Nisan (1270 CE) – Death of Nachmanides
- 13 Nisan (474 BCE) – Haman's decree to annihilate the Jews is passed.
- 13 Nisan (1575 CE) – Death of Rabbi Joseph Caro, author of the Shulchan Aruch.
- 14 Nisan (1135 CE) – Birth of Maimonides
- 14 Nisan (1943 CE) – Warsaw Ghetto uprising begins. The uprising would last until Iyar 3, and is now commemorated in Israel on 27 Nisan.
- 15 Nisan 1713 BCE) – Birth of Isaac
- 15 Nisan 1456 BCE) – The Exodus from Egypt
- 15 Nisan 474 BCE) Esther appears before Achashverosh unsummoned and invites him and Haman to a feast to be held the same day. During the feast she requests that the king and Haman attend a second feast the next day.
- 16 Nisan ( 1273 BCE) – The Children of Israel stop eating Manna, six days after entering the Holy Land.
- 16 Nisan (474 BCE) – Esther's second feast during which she accuses Haman regarding his plot to annihilate her nation. Achashverosh orders his servants to hang Haman.

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- 17 Nisan 24th century BCE) – Noah's Ark came to rest on mountains of Ararat
- 17 Nisan 474 BCE) – Haman hanged after Queen Esther's second drinking party.
- 21 Nisan 1456 BCE) – The sea splits, allowing Israel to escape the Egyptian army.
- 26 Nisan 1386 BCE) – Death of Joshua
- 28 Nisan\_1415 BCE) – Conquest of Jericho by Joshua (Book of Joshua ch. 6).

### **The Month of Nisan**

The Torah tells us, “And you must do this service in this month....”

The month of Nissan is a special month for the Jews, because of Passover and the several Commandments that Hashem gave us during that month. We received the Commandment of Bris Milah (Circumcision), which is a pivotal Covenant, our mutual agreement with Hashem. Those few Commandments that are called “Bris,” define us as Hashem's Chosen.

Some of those are: keeping Shabbos, Milah, worshiping only Hashem and not one or more false gods, marrying only another Jew (whether born Jewish or properly converted to Judaism), and possibly some others.

We did not receive those last two in Egypt. However, during all the time we lived in Egypt no Jew ever married a non-Jew without a complete conversion. And while many of the Jews *did* worship idols for a while in Egypt, only those who made an effort to stop doing so were allowed to leave Egypt. The rest died secretly, during the Plague of Darkness.

We also received the Commandment of Shabbos during the month of Nissan, after we left Egypt, and also the Commandment of purification through the Ashes of a Red Calf.

The Month of Nissan is sort of a minor Holiday. and there are several Laws and Customs that we keep during that month. There are some minor deletions in the Prayers, and one or two extra things we say.

If there is, Heaven forbid, a funeral during the month of Nissan, we may not say a eulogy, except for a great Torah Scholar.

We do not establish a fast day or a day of mourning for the month of Nissan.

There are some exceptions to this. For example, all first born Jewish males must fast on the day before Passover.

Also, a bride and groom fast on the day of their wedding, as usual.

There used to be a custom to fast on the day of a yartzeit (anniversary of a death) of one's parent, and some people still do this, but this is not done during Nissan.

During the month of Nissan we should also visit blossoming fruit trees, and recite the special Blessing for such a sight.

And, perhaps most importantly, we are required to provide the poor with their Passover needs.

Each Jewish community is obligated to organize a charity drive for this purpose. It is called “Ma'os Chittim,” which literally means “wheat money.” In the Jerusalem Talmud it is called “kimche d'Pischa,” Passover flour. In other words, money for matzah. But the money is not limited to such purposes; it should help the poor buy whatever they need for Passover.

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Some 100 years ago or more, someone once came to a Rabbi Yisrael Salanter, and asked him a Halachic question. If he can't afford to buy wine for Passover, may he use milk for the Four Cups? (During the Seder the first two nights of Passover we must drink four cups of wine scattered throughout the proceedings. One at the beginning, one after explaining the Story of the Exodus, one after the Holiday Meal, and one after reciting the Hallel -- Psalms of praises.)

Rabbi Salanter gave the man twenty-five rubles (Russian money of the time).

After the man had left, the Rabbi's wife asked the Rabbi, "Since when does wine cost twenty-five rubles? Five rubles wouldn't have been enough?"

The Rabbi answered, "If he wanted to drink milk, that means he didn't have enough money for chicken or meat for the Holiday Meal either!"

Eating chicken or meat at the Holiday Meals are also a required part of the Holiday (unless it makes one sick). And we are required to do what we can to help the poor with ALL their needs.

Therefore, the Halachah says that the community must organize a Ma'os Chittim drive, and each person who lives in that town must contribute to it. That money may come out of one's regular tithing (charity consisting of a tenth of one's income).

One cannot be said to have truly and properly prepared for Passover unless one has also helped prepare for someone *ELSE'S* Passover as well, one way or another.

Let us celebrate the month of Nisan by giving of ourselves to the family, community and the nation so that we all participate in Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world. May the Almighty guard and protect Israel and our nation the USA which is in a state of turmoil and unrest. May G-d guide our leaders and bring our nation to a state of peace and harmony.

*Rabbi Romiel Daniel*

## **SELLING OF CHOMETZ**

A certificate authorizing the sale of chometz appears on page 6 in this Bulletin and is also available outside the Center office and on our website.

Please send or bring in your form by 7:00 A.M. on Monday, April 10th.

Search for chometz on Sunday night,  
April 9th after 7:35 P.M.

Siyum Bechorim / Fast of First Born  
7:00 A.M. on Monday, April 10th

Chometz may not be eaten after  
10:45 A.M. on Monday, April 10th

Rabbi Daniel will be burning chometz at RPJC  
on Monday, April 10th at 11:15 A.M.  
(Chometz must be finished burning before  
11:50 A.M. on Monday, April 10th.)

Chometz that was sold may be eaten on  
Tuesday, April 18th after 9:20 P.M.

## **YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

We shall have our commemoration at  
the morning service at 8:45 A.M.

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***CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CHOMETZ***

I/WE \_\_\_\_\_  
HEREBY AUTHORIZE RABBI ROMIEL DANIEL TO DISPOSE OF ALL CHOMETZ THAT  
MAY BE IN MY (OUR) POSSESSION WHEREVER IT MAY BE - AT HOME, AT MY (OUR)  
PLACE OF BUSINESS, OR ELSEWHERE - IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS  
OF JEWISH LAW AS INCORPORATED IN THE SPECIAL CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF  
CHOMETZ.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

APT. # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUITE # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUITE # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

\* HUSBAND AND WIFE, SPECIFY NAMES.

MUST BE SIGNED BY HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD AND PREFERABLY BY ALL PARTIES.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this form to the Rego Park Jewish Center office  
or directly to Rabbi Romiel Daniel***

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- ◆ **Catered by Meal Mart (Glatt Kosher)**

**\$80 Adult (non-members)**  
**\$70 Adult (members)**  
**\$30 Children under 12**

### **MENU INCLUDES**

Seder Plate per table, Matzoh, Charoset, Hard Boiled Eggs, Cole Slaw

**Appetizer:** Choice of Gefilte Fish or Stuffed Cabbage (Select in Advance)

**Soup:** Matzoh Ball Soup

**Main Course:** 1/2 Roast Chicken

Potato Kugel, Carrots, Steamed Broccoli & Matzoh Farfel

**Dessert:** Assorted Cake

Wine, Grape Juice, Soda, Coffee, Tea

**Call or e-mail for  
vegetarian menu  
or if you have other questions.**

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**E-mail: [office@rpjc.org](mailto:office@rpjc.org)**

### **VEGETARIAN MEALS AVAILABLE IF ORDERED IN ADVANCE**

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the Passover Seder (\_\_\_\_\_) adults (\_\_\_\_\_) children

Regular Menu: includes choice of appetizer - \_\_\_\_\_ Gefilte Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Cabbage

I prefer a Vegetarian Menu instead \_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetarian meals

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate seating preference or age group \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to: Rego Park Jewish Center**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><b>B.B. = BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS</b>  <b>B.C.L.I. = BREAKFAST CLUB LEARN IN</b>  <b>B.D. = BOOK DISCUSSION</b>  <b>C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING</b>  <b>E.S. = EVENING SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>K.C. = KNITTING CLUB</b>  <b>M.S. = MORNING SERVICE</b>  <b>N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE</b>  <b>N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE</b>  <b>P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB</b></p> <p><b>R.C. = RABBI'S CLASS</b>  <b>S.D. = SINGLES DANCE</b>  <b>SIST. = SISTERHOOD</b>  <b>S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS</b>  <b>Y.V. = YIDDISH VINKEL</b></p>						<p><b>1</b>      <i>NISSAN 5</i></p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M.            B.B.            E.S. 7:00 P.M.            S.E. 8:02 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"VAYIKRA"</p>	
<p><b>2</b>      <i>NISSAN 6</i></p> <p>M.S. 8:45 A.M.            S.D. 2:00 P.M.            N. E.S.</p>	<p><b>3</b>      <i>NISSAN 7</i></p> <p>M.S. 7:00 A.M.            E.S. 6:15 P.M.</p>	<p><b>4</b>      <i>NISSAN 8</i></p> <p>N.M.S.            E.S. 6:15 P.M.            BINGO 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>5</b>      <i>NISSAN 9</i></p> <p>N.M.S.            Y.V. 1:00 P.M.            E.S. 6:15 P.M.            R.C. 6:45 P.M.</p>	<p><b>6</b>      <i>NISSAN 10</i></p> <p>M.S. 7:00 A.M.            E.S. 6:15 P.M.</p>	<p><b>7</b>      <i>NISSAN 11</i></p> <p>N.M.S.            E.S. 6:30 P.M.            C.L. 7:09 P.M.</p>	<p><b>8</b>      <i>NISSAN 12</i></p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M.            E.S. 7:15 P.M.            S.E. 8:10 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"TZAV"</p>	
<p><b>9</b>      <i>NISSAN 13</i></p> <p>M.S. 8:45 A.M.            N.E.S.</p>	<p><b>10</b>      <i>NISSAN 14</i></p> <p>M.S. 7:00 A.M.            FAST OF 1<sup>ST</sup> BORN            E.S. 6:30 P.M.            C.L. 7:11 P.M.            SEDER 7:15 P.M.            EREV PASSOVER</p>	<p><b>11</b>      <i>NISSAN 15</i></p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M.            N.E.S.            C.L. 8:12 P.M.            1<sup>ST</sup> DAY            PASSOVER</p>	<p><b>12</b>      <i>NISSAN 16</i></p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M.            N.E.S.            YOM TOV ENDS -            8:13 P.M.            2<sup>ND</sup> DAY            PASSOVER</p>	<p><b>13</b>      <i>NISSAN 17</i></p> <p>M.S. 7:00 A.M.            E.S. 6:15 P.M.            CHOL HAMOED</p>	<p><b>14</b>      <i>NISSAN 18</i></p> <p>N.M.S.            E.S. 6:30 P.M.            C.L. 7:15 P.M.            CHOL HAMOED</p>	<p><b>15</b>      <i>NISSAN 19</i></p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M.            E.S. 7:15 P.M.            S.E. 8:16 P.M.            CHOL HAMOED</p>	
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<p><b>23</b>      <i>NISSAN 27</i></p> <p>M.S. 8:45 A.M.            YOM HOSHOAH            SERVICE            N.E.S.</p>	<p><b>24</b>      <i>NISSAN 28</i></p> <p>M.S. 7:00 A.M.            SIST. 12:15 P.M.            E.S. 6:15 P.M.            YOM HASHOAH</p>	<p><b>25</b>      <i>NISSAN 29</i></p> <p>N.M.S.            E.S. 6:15 P.M.            BINGO 7:00 P.M.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>ROSH CHODESH</b> </div>		<p><b>27</b>      <i>IYAR 1</i></p> <p>M.S. 7:00 A.M.            E.S. 6:15 P.M.            CENTER MEETING            7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>28</b>      <i>IYAR 2</i></p> <p>N.M.S.            E.S. 6:30 P.M.            C.L. 7:31 P.M.</p>	<p><b>29</b>      <i>IYAR 3</i></p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M.            P.C. 12:30 P.M.            E.S. 7:30 P.M.            S.E. 8:35 P.M.            "TAZRIYA-            METZORA"</p>
<p><b>30</b>      <i>IYAR 4</i></p> <p>M.S. 8:45 A.M.            B.C.L.I. 9:30 A.M.            N.E.S.</p>							





P'RI YADEHAH

# FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD



***“This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Mitra’yim. All who are hungry, let them enter and eat. All who are in need, let them come to celebrate Pesach. Now we are here; next year we shall be in Israel. Now we are enslaved, next year we shall be free.”***

## ***Haggadah Shel Pesach***

This statement which opens the Passover Seder service is the “Leitmotif” of the Seder. It is written in Aramaic, the language of the Jews in Talmudic times and therefore assured that the invitation to come and eat would be understood by the poor, the needy and the stranger alike. The Passover Seder is designed to bring to life what Abraham Joshua Heschel called the “commandment of faith.” Again and again we are called on to remember that we were slaves in Egypt. “Sek’her Litsi’at Mitzra’yim” - and we were brought out to freedom. We are requested to empty our homes of chomets which ferments. As we do this, let us also consider with what fermentation we, as individuals, are enslaved. What poisons of narrow mindedness keep us from accepting and embracing new ideas, fresh outlooks as well as a wider circle of friends? Are we slaves to habit, fashion and conformity? As we celebrate the deliverance of our people, may we recognize the areas in which we are living in self inflicted slavery and let us free ourselves. As we are writing this column barely four weeks before Pesach, we the world, our beautiful country and our beloved Israel are all facing crises. May we continue to pray that G-d will listen to our pleas and that the conflicts will transform a war to “a Milchemet Mitzvah,” a struggle fought for justice and hope for an ultimate peace and lasting peace throughout the world.

With these thoughts in mind, hopefully, a week after the conclusion of Passover we shall attend our Sisterhood meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017, and it will be the culmination of our annual Raffle. Shirley Decker, Chair with the help of Ruth Kaplan, Co-chair, are doing a wonderful job. Y’yasher Kohaykh to both of you. If you are holding raffle book(s) you have time to turn them in and to attend the meeting and then you will be doing your part in helping with the spiritual as well as physical upkeep of our wonderful institution as well as perpetuating our future by

providing an excellent education for our children and grandchildren. We want to make sure that they will continue to ask the four “kashes.” On Passover we recite “Ze Ulmad - Go forth and learn.” We want to make sure that this happens - “L’dor V’dor - from generation to generation.”

Our March meeting was successful and it was a pleasure to study and learn with Rabbi Irwin Goldenberg. Rabbi Goldenberg traced and connected the life span of mankind/womankind as well as the family through the five Books of the Torah - from Bereshit (birth and the creation of the family) through Devarim (the death of Moses & old age, retirement and the recapitulation of our lives.) The Rabbi explained that the words of the Torah present an actual scrapbook of our individual lives but also of the lives of “K’Lal Israel” - the collective life of mankind. We were very fortunate to have our own Rabbi Romiel Daniel in attendance and we learned from his interpretation how the moods and events of our lives are reflected in the interpretation of the colors of famous paintings as interpreted by the old masters like Rembrandt. As it was Shushan Purim, we all still enjoyed hamantashen. We thank Rabbi Goldenberg for feeding us spiritually.

We hope that some of you will join us and take advantage of the BQLI Helen Cytrin Study Day at ICC on April 25th - applications are in the lobby and I will mail our flyers together. Don’t miss this!

As we sit together at our Seder tables, we forget the hard work, the hustle and the bustle of the past weeks because a joyous “ruach” prevails. And as we hear the solemn words, “whoever is hungry,” let us commemorate and DO.

Hag Sameach - A Suessen Pesach -  
Shalom V’L’Hitraot  
Ruth Loewenstein

# SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP NEWS - REVIEWS

Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator

## *PARASHAT & HAFTARAT CLUB*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> at 12:30 P.M.**

### **PARASHAT TAZRIA - 12.1 - 13.59**

### **PARASHAT METZORA - 14.1 - 15.33**

These two Parashats narrate pure and impure physical human conditions and information of ritual treatment. Tazria speaks of women who had given birth to be regarded as ritually impure. If the newborn is male, she is impure for seven days. On the eighth day the flesh of the baby's foreskin shall be circumcised. The woman shall remain in a state of blood purification for thirty three days. If the newborn is female, the woman will be unclean for two weeks and in blood purification for sixty-six days.

When a person develops a swelling of the skin, a rash or a discoloration, a scaly affliction, it is reported to Aaron the priest or one of his sons. The priest examines the affected skin - if it turns white and is deeper than the skin of the flesh, it is a leprous affliction. After seven inspections, the priests declare him unclean. He shall live apart outside the camp, any article of his burned.

Metzora continues with the affected skin treatment of Leprosy. G-d then, through Moses, prescribed rituals of sacrifice to purify the body from discharges - menstrual flow and nocturnal emissions. If the plague in on the walk of the house, it should be scraped and torn down. The Israelites should be guarded against uncleanness.

### **HAFTARAT TAZRIA - 2 KINGS 4.42 - 5.19**

Naaman was the Commander of the Army of the King of Aram. He was important to Aram and through him the Lord granted victory to Aram. Naaman, a great warrior, was a leper. Once when the Arameans were out marching, they took a young Israeli girl and she became the attendant to Naaman's wife. She said to her, "I wish Naaman could come before the prophet Elisha in Samaria, he could cure Naaman of his leprosy."

### **HAFTARAT METZORA - 2 KINGS 7.3 - 20**

There were four men, lepers, outside the gate. They said to each other, "Why should we sit here waiting for death? If we decide to go into the town, with the famine, we shall die there." They set out for the Aramean camp. There was no one there. The Lord had caused the Aramean camp to hear sounds of chariots, horses, the sound of a huge army. They said to each other, "the King of Israel must have hired the Kings of Hittites to attack us." They fled for their lives.

Presenters: Rabbi Romiel Daniel & Charles Lehat

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## **ATTEND SHABBAT SERVICES**



## SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP

### NEWS - REVIEWS

Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator

#### *REVIEW* *TU B'SHEVAT* *LUNCHEON & LECTURE*

The Tu B'Shevav luncheon on February 11th, honored the Jewish National Fund. The National Secretary of J.N.F., Jeri Schatz, highlighted the ways J.N.F. is building a brighter, healthier and more secure Israel. They are building new communities from the north to the south in the Negev and Galilee, working with people with special needs and preserving heritage sites - building a lake in Beer Sheva, which will bring recycled water to JNF's River Park, becoming an anchor for tourism and commerce; also doing much for Yeruham, making it a modern, vibrant city. In new communities, J.N.F. builds synagogues.

Jeri Schatz reminded us of the J.N.F. boxes and the Tree Certificates you can have sent for happy or memorial events. Please fill the box with coins or dollars and they will pick them up. When visiting Israel, tree planting gives one a special connection with the land and people of Israel. To date, 250 million trees were planted, providing areas for recreation, halting the growth of the desert, preventing soil erosion and protecting watersheds.

We thank Rabbi Romiel Daniel for the inspirational invocation. Special thanks to Rebecca Katz for the décor. Thanks to Jack Siegel and thanks to his grandsons Aaron and Jacob for helping and for making the motzi. Thanks to Lorraine Carroll and Fran Glickfeld for seating arrangements. Thanks to Robin Basdeo and Alvin Saywack for their services.

Lee Lobel-Zwang  
Coordinator

## *5777 - SHALACH MONES PROJECT*

Once again our members and friends participated in the mitzvah of Mishloah Manot. We planned, bought, brought, made and delivered lovely packages - as mentioned in the Book of Esther - the Megillah - "make them days of feasting and joy, of sending to at least two people who are in spiritual or physical need..."

The following helped us to plan, shop, set up, make and deliver the packages:

Mollie Alkana	Elaine Spodick
Robin Basdeo	Edward Starer
Elise Chmielewski	Ray Starer
Rabbi Romiel Daniel	Ruthe Unger
Rebbetzin Noreen Daniel	Elizabeth Zakoff
Joyce Fefferman	Elliott Zakoff
Sandi Goodman	Joel Zakoff
Ruth Loewenstein	Lynne Zakoff
Jeanette Mildner	

Today Rabbah to Ray & Ed Starer who made car deliveries; to Lynne & Joel Zakoff who took us to Margaret Tietz Nursing Home, where we delivered twelve packages and were able to visit with one of our members. Special thanks go to Robin Basdeo who set up a fantastic assembly line, headed it and organized the "crew of workers."

Above all, Hashem thanks all of you, who in one way or another contributed, so that we were able to continue this mitzvah and assure a bit of a "freiliche Purim" to many.

Ruth Loewenstein

## *JEWISH WAR VETERANS*

The Kew-Forest-Woodside-Loitz Post 250, Jewish War Veterans of the USA and their Ladies Auxiliary have announced their next Sunday morning meeting for April 30th at 9:30 A.M. The congregation is invited to attend. Light refreshments are served.

For further information contact Co-Commander Sy Weber at 718-271-6015 or Past Queens County JWV Commander Kenneth Lloyd Brown at 718-297-7711.

## ANNUAL CENTER MEETING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>  
at 7:00 P.M.**

All Center members are invited to attend the Annual April Center Meeting of the Rego Park Jewish Center. There will be an election of trustees for the 2017-2020 term. The following names have been proposed by the Nominating Committee.

Jack Alkana  
Sandi Goodman  
Martin Novzen  
Jack Siegel  
Ruthe Unger

At a Board of Trustees meeting in February, 2017, the Board approved a continuation of the Rabbi's contract for two more years. The April Center meeting will include a congregational vote to continue Rabbi Daniel's services.

The agenda will also include the presentation of a financial report.

All members in good standing are invited to attend. Refreshments served.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brian Alweiss  
Beverly Ellman  
Ira Hochman  
Ruth Kaplan  
Jeanette Mildner  
Ira Schnitzler  
Jacky Schoenfeld-Cohen



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ida & Arthur Schwartz



### REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Agnes Posner  
Mel Weiss



## In Memoriam



*The members listed below  
will observe Yahrzeit as indicated.  
Yahrzeit candles should be lit the night before.  
Schedule of service elsewhere in this Bulletin.  
Please help ensure a Minyan by attending services.  
There are no morning services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays  
and Fridays, unless it is Rosh Chodesh,  
a special holiday or - if there is a yahrzeit.  
If you have a yahrzeit which falls on a Tuesday,  
Wednesday or Friday morning, you should inform  
Rabbi Daniel if you would like to have services.*

#### **Sunday, April 2nd**

Sidney Rubin - Sister

#### **Tuesday, April 4th**

George Godfried - Mother

Martin Novzen - Father

Ruthe Unger - Brother

#### **Thursday, April 6th**

Zivan Zabar - Mother in law

#### **Saturday, April 8th**

Florence Cohen - Father in law

#### **Sunday, April 9th**

Florence Cohen - Brother in law

#### **Wednesday, April 12th**

Ruth Kaplan - Mother

Rebecca Katz - Brother

#### **Friday, April 14th**

Florence Most - Father

#### **Saturday, April 15th**

Charlotte Halpern - Husband

#### **Wednesday, April 19th**

Reuben Ezra - Mother

Freda Gimple - Grandmother

#### **Thursday, April 20th**

Pnina Lanxner - Mother

#### **Friday, April 21st**

Lillian Werner - Brother

#### **Sunday, April 23rd**

Frances Rotkopf - Mother

Ira Hochman - Brother

#### **Tuesday, April 25th**

Jack Alkana - Father

#### **Friday, April 28th**

Seymour Weber - Father

#### **Sunday, April 30th**

Meryl Colman - Mother

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## **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**



The Book Discussion Group is special to many of us; we share a love of literature and enjoy a rapport that brings us together. Our feelings, thoughts and ideas differ but we find a commonality in our love of reading. If you would like to be with intelligent, thoughtful people, please join us.

The selection for our April 19th meeting is The Portrait of a Lady by Henry James, published in 1881. Henry James was born in 1843 in New York City and died in 1916 in Sussex, England. He became a British citizen in 1915. Mr. James lived in Europe permanently beginning in 1875 and published about 100 pieces in the next forty years. A persistent theme in his writing was the innocence in the new world and the corruption and wisdom in the old world.

Many of the primary characters in his writings were women and The Portrait of a Lady is no exception. Isabel Archer is the primary character in this novel and she traveled from Albany, New York to Europe to become a proper and well-rounded young woman.

Isabel Archer is described as a provincial and pretentious young woman with meager knowledge, inflated ideals, strong self-confidence, and uncompromising temperament. Through her lack of self-knowledge and her unpreparedness of European customs and conventions, Isabel suffers disillusionment and unhappiness.

If you would like to join us or if you have any questions, please call me at 718-263-4973. We will be meeting at the Center on Wednesday, April 19th from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Mollie Alkana

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## **SUNDAY BREAKFAST CLUB & LEARN-IN WITH THE RABBI**

February discussions focused on two famous sages, Maimonides and Rashi. A brilliant and learned scholar, Maimonides was responsible for establishing order in religious understanding through his writing of the Mishna, the Second Torah, the Guide to the Perplexed, and his best known Thirteen Principles of Faith.

Rashi, who began his studies at age five, was well known for his commentaries on the Talmud, 39 Books of the Bible, and his Penitential Poems. These were translated into many languages which influenced non-Jews as well. In fact, the first printed book was on one such commentary.

Referencing the Ten Commandments, Rabbi Daniel explained that they are part of a total of 613, each of equal importance. Only two commandments offers rewards - "Honor your father and mother .. So that you may live long." and "Shoo away the mother bird before you take the young one or the eggs from the nest."

Become part of this learning experience. Join us on Sunday mornings and enjoy a great breakfast as well.

Elaine Spodick

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## **YIDDISH VINKEL**

Revive your Yiddish. Our Yiddish Vinkel meets **most** Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 P.M. We speak Yiddish, read Yiddish stories and poems and sing Yiddish songs. Coffee and delicious danish are served. So come, enjoy warm friendship and have "fargeneegen."

**Please note: depending on weather conditions, Yiddish Vinkel may not be meeting each and every Wednesday afternoon. Please phone the Center office on Wednesday mornings after 10:00 A.M. to confirm if Yiddish Vinkel will be meeting that day.**

Mildred Pelton  
Yiddish Vinkel President

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## Yahrzeit Fund

Jack Alkana, in memory of mother Vida Alkana.  
Marion Art, in memory of sister Chana.  
Rabbi Romiel Daniel, in memory of father Isaac Daniel  
Susan Goldschmidt, in memory of father David.  
Leonor Herbst, in memory of husband Morris Herbst.  
Clara Herscu, in memory of mother Rifke.  
Clara Herscu, in memory of father Moshe.  
Paul Holtzman, in memory of father Zelig Holtzman.  
Dan Isaacs, in memory of father Asher Isaacs.  
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of mother Rebecca  
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of father Jacques.  
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of uncle Samuel.  
Abe Miller, in memory of brother in law Mordecai.  
Sandy Novzen, in memory of father Donald.  
Sidney Rubin, in memory of mother in law Eva.  
Sidney Rubin, in memory of father in law Lou.  
Ira Shimshi, in memory of sister Mona Shimshi.  
Jack Siegel, in memory of mother Annie Siegel.  
Carol Stoller, in memory of mother Hilda.

## Hebrew School Fund

Regina Landau, in memory of husband Isaac Landau.

### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Donations received by the Center office after March 17th will be listed in the May Bulletin.

## General Donations

Noreen Daniel, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.  
Shirley Decker, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.  
Leonor Herbst, with thanks for good health.  
Rachel Kacenenbogen, with thanks for good test results.  
Pnina Lanxner, in honor of closing the ark on Shabbat.  
Marlene & Jerry Silverman, in honor of aliyahs.  
Carol Stoller  
Ruthe Unger, with wishes to all for a very happy, healthy & kosher Pesach.  
Rochelle Wasserman, with thanks for the delicious Purim package.

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Carol Stoller

## Mishebayrah Fund

Ruth Kaplan, for the recovery of Agnes Posner.  
Carol Stoller

### **DAILY MINYAN URGENT REQUEST**

The morning and afternoon minyan are fragile and exist without a strong safety net of men to make a minyan if some of our regulars do not come. If you are observing the yahrzeit of a loved one and it falls on a day when we do not have a minyan you would be upset and rightly so. We need you not only when you are observing yahrzeit, but a few days each month to insure that someone else will be able to say kaddish. A few days each month is not too much to ask. By doing a mitzvah, you will be rewarded with a bigger mitzvah.



## **PARKSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

has been the Funeral Director for the Rego Park Jewish Center for 50 years. We are both your neighbor and family and very proud of our long standing relationship.

We can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 98-60 Queens Boulevard in Rego Park.

**(718) 896-9000**

Stop by sometime to discuss pre-arranging a funeral or to get a Yahrzeit Calendar or to answer any question you might have.

**OUR JEWISH FAMILY IS HERE TO HELP YOUR FAMILY**

# **PLAY BINGO AT REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER**

*Tuesday, April 4th and April 25th*

*Tuesday, May 2nd and May 16th*

**Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.**

**Early Bird Game Starts - 7:00 P.M.**

**Regular Games Start - 7:15 P.M.**

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