

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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SELLING OF CHOMETZ

A certificate authorizing the sale of chometz appears in this Bulletin and is also available on our website.

Please send in your form so that it is received by 8:00 A.M. on Monday, April 22nd.

Search for chometz on Sunday night, April 21st after 8:11 P.M.

Start Fast of First Born on Monday, April 22nd at 4:37 A.M.

Siyum Bechorim / Fast of First Born Monday, April 22nd at 8:00 A.M.

Chometz may be eaten on Monday, April 22nd until 10:36 A.M.

Rabbi Daniel will burn chometz at RPJC on Monday, April 22nd at 11:45 A.M.

The first Passover seder should be held on Monday, April 22nd at 7:30 P.M.

The second Passover seder should be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 8:30 P.M.

Chometz that was sold may be eaten on Tuesday, April 30th after 9:36 P.M.

Sale of Chometz forms may be mailed, faxed or emailed to Rego Park Jewish Center - See the top of the Chometz form for mailing address, fax number & email address.

Please note:

Halachic authorities have ruled that online authorizations are acceptable for selling chometz.

PARASHAT CLUB

Shabbat, March 16TH

Shabbat, April 13TH

12:30 P.M. after Shabbat services

Presented by Rabbi Romiel Daniel

**Come Bring Family, Friends
and Children**

CELEBRATE A JOYOUS PURIM

**HEAR THE
MEGILLAH READING**

The Fascinating "Book of Esther"

SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 23RD

at 8:00 P.M.

with

**Rabbi Romiel Daniel
& Baal Koreh Nasanel Carmen**

**Enjoy Hamantashen & Soda
after the Megillah reading**

All Invited

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

ADAR

Adar is the 12th month on the Jewish calendar counting from Nisan.

The Hebrew name "Adar" is related to the word "adir," which denotes strength and power.

Tradition relates that Moses passed away and was born on 7 Adar.

The Talmud says. "When Adar enters, joy increases." This reaches its climax on the 14th of the month, as we celebrate the holiday of Purim, the day when Mordechai and Esther triumphed over the wicked Haman. Purim means "lots." Like a lottery, which is not rational or predictable, Purim expresses that which is above nature and human understanding.

The spirit of Purim permeates the entire month, making it a time of unparalleled rejoicing and good mazal (fortune) for the Jewish people.

We observe Purim by reading the Megillah (book of Esther), which recounts the story of the Purim miracle. This is done once on the eve of Purim and then again on the following day.

We give gifts of money to at least two poor people and gifts of two kinds of food to at least one person.

A traditional Purim food is hamantaschen, three-cornered pastries bursting with poppy seeds or another sweet filling. Although there is no obligation to eat hamantaschen on Purim, many enjoy fulfilling this custom. A festive Purim feast, which often includes wine or other intoxicating beverages, is included in the day.

Families and friends gather around the tables for the festive meal. It's actually a mitzvah to eat. Judaism is cool like that... The celebration resembles a traditional Jewish meal, but with a number of unique characteristics: Purim celebrates a miracle in which G-d's presence was hidden, so people often "hide" behind costumes. Both adults and kids can dress up. We are going to have a bit (or more than a bit) to drink, and otherwise act in ways you'd never see us act during the rest of the year.

When we meet each other on the joyous holiday of Purim, we greet each other with wishes of "happy Purim."

In Israel, we say "chag Purim sameach" - חג פורים שמח - and pronounce it KHAG poo-REEM sah-MAY-akh.

L'chaim!

NISAN

Nisan is in the Spring - Nisan is one of the few months mentioned in the Torah by name. G-d refers to it as Chodesh HaAviv, the Month of Spring. Ensuring that Nisan remains in spring forms the backbone of the entire intricate Jewish calendar, including the leap year.

It is the first month of the Jewish calendar - "This month shall be for you the first of the months," G-d told Moses. Curiously, it is one of four "heads of the year" listed in the Talmud.

G-d took us out of Egypt in Nisan - After 210 years of suffering in exile, G-d took His nation out of Egypt. This took place in the month of Nisan.

Passover Begins on the 15th - Passover, held annually on the anniversary of our Exodus, begins on the 15th of Nisan. Possibly the most widely celebrated Jewish holiday, Passover is observed by eating matzah and maror (bitter herbs) and drinking four cups of wine, during a special meal called the Seder, in which we recount the gripping story of the miraculous Exodus.

It's Also a Name - Nisan is one of only two Jewish months whose names are also given names. Nisan is a fairly common name for boys, and Aviv and Aviva are fairly common male and female given names in Modern Hebrew. The only other month that is a name is Sivan, which is a common name for girls in Israel. Fun fact: Pesach (Passover) is the only Jewish holiday that is also given as a (male) name.

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It is a miracle month - The word nes means “miracle,” making Nisan a month of miracles.

Education and sharing day is in Nisan - To emphasize the vital role of education in society, the United States annually marks “Education and Sharing Day USA.”

There is a blessing to be said over fruit trees - If one sees a budding fruit tree during the month of Nisan, there is a special blessing to be said: “Blessed are You ... Who has made nothing lacking in His world, and created in it goodly creatures and goodly trees to give mankind pleasure.”

We don’t say Tachanun all month - Because the first 12 days commemorate the joyous offerings of the princes, we don’t say Tachanun (confession of sins) and similar prayers. Neither do we say it during the festival of Passover.

Rabbi Romiel Daniel

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN WITH RABBI DANIEL



March 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7, 14, 28

Bring your own dairy breakfast.

Coffee served.

SISTERHOOD MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Topic: “Esthers of Today”

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Topic: “Quiz related to Passover”

Refreshments Provided

Everyone Welcome

**Please check your email
for links to Religious Services,
the Parashat Club & our
Sunday Learn-In
on Zoom**

**Please contact our Center office
at office@rpjc.org
for more information**

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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 -
in person or by mail, email or fax.***

Return this form before 8:00 A.M. on Monday, April 22, 2024

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Rego Park Jewish Center
97-30 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, NY 11374

Invites you to join us for our



PASSOVER SEDER

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024



Seder in our Crystal Ballroom at 7:30 P.M.

- ◆ **Seder conducted by Rabbi Romiel Daniel**
- ◆ **Catered by Meal Mart (Glatt Kosher)**

\$90 Adult (non-members)
\$80 Adult (RPJC members)

MENU INCLUDES

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

Appetizer: Gefilte Fish

Soup: Matzoh Ball Soup

Main Course: Roast Chicken

Potato Kugel & Carrots

Dessert: Passover Cake

Wine, Grape Juice, Soda, Coffee, Tea

RSVP by April 14th

**Call or e-mail
if you have questions.**

Call: 718-459-1000

E-mail: office@rpjc.org

I would like _____ reservations for the Passover Seder.

Name (print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Let us know if you have seating requests _____

Please make your check payable to: Rego Park Jewish Center

Mail to: Rego Park Jewish Center, 97-30 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, NY 11374

Reservations must be received by April 14, 2024

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Jeffrey Novzen & Alexis Austin on the birth of their daughter Eleanor Aurora Novzen on January 6, 2024. Eleanor is the granddaughter of Sandy & Martin Novzen.

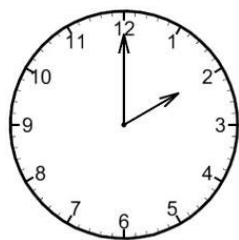
Mazal Tov to Ida & Arthur Schwartz on the birth of their great granddaughter Iyla Rae Schwartz, daughter of Dr. Brandon and Haley Schwartz, and granddaughter of Jeffrey & Wendy Schwartz and Jimmy & Renee Schwartz.

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A KIDDUSH OR PARASHAT CLUB

Reina Goodman and Robin Hochberg, who sponsored the Parashat Club on January 13, 2024.

Martin Cantor, who sponsored the congregational kiddush on January 27, 2024.

REMEMBER



**“SPRING FORWARD”
MARCH 10, 2024**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Zulma Bogen
Elise Bornstein
Susan Goldschmidt
Frances Rotkopf
Ray Starer



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Maria Duron
Beverly Ellman
Eugene Erichsen
Ira Hochman
Jeanette Mildner
Ira Schnitzler

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ida & Arthur Schwartz



LOSS OF MEMBER

Long time member Leon Horowitz passed away on January 4, 2024. We extend our sincere condolences to the Horowitz family.

LOSS OF FORMER MEMBER

Dennis Cohen passed away on January 25, 2024. We extend our sincere condolences to the Cohen family.

March 2024

ADAR I / ADAR II 5784

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 21 ADAR I E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 5:30 P.M.	2 22 ADAR I M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 6:29 P.M. "KI TISSA"
3 23 ADAR I N.L.I.	4 24 ADAR I	5 25 ADAR I	6 26 ADAR I	7 27 ADAR I	8 28 ADAR I E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 5:38 P.M.	9 29 ADAR I M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 6:37 P.M. "VAYAKHEL"
10 30 ADAR I LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ROSH CHODESH	11 1 ADAR II ROSH CHODESH	12 2 ADAR II	13 3 ADAR II	14 4 ADAR II	15 5 ADAR II E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 6:45 P.M.	16 6 ADAR II M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 7:45 P.M. "PEKUDEI"
17 7 ADAR II LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	18 8 ADAR II	19 9 ADAR II	20 10 ADAR II SIST. 1:30 P.M.	21 11 ADAR II FAST BEGINS - 5:35 A.M. FAST ENDS - 7:42 P.M. FAST OF ESTHER	22 12 ADAR II E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 6:53 P.M.	23 13 ADAR II M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 7:52 P.M. MEGILLAH READING - 8:00 PM "VAYIKRA" EREV PURIM
24 14 ADAR II N.M.S. LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M. PURIM	25 15 ADAR II	26 16 ADAR II	27 17 ADAR II	28 18 ADAR II	29 19 ADAR II E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:00 P.M.	30 20 ADAR II M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 8:00 P.M. "TZAV"
31 21 ADAR II LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE N.L.I. = NO LEARN-IN N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING					

April 2024

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	1 22 ADAR II	2 23 ADAR II	3 24 ADAR II	4 25 ADAR II	5 26 ADAR II E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:07 P.M.	6 27 ADAR II M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 8:08 P.M. "SHEMINI"
7 28 ADAR II LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	8 29 ADAR II	9 1 NISSAN ROSH CHODESH	10 2 NISSAN SIST. 2:00 P.M.	11 3 NISSAN	12 4 NISSAN E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:15 P.M.	13 5 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 8:16 P.M. "TAZRIYA"
14 6 NISSAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	15 7 NISSAN	16 8 NISSAN	17 9 NISSAN	18 10 NISSAN	19 11 NISSAN E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:22 P.M.	20 12 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. C.L. 8:24 P.M. "METZORA"
21 13 NISSAN N.L.I.	22 14 NISSAN FAST BEG. 4:37 AM M.S. 8:00 A.M. C.L. 7:25 P.M. SEDER 7:30 P.M. EREV PASSOVER 1 ST SEDER	23 15 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. N.E.S. C.L. 8:28 P.M. 1 ST DAY OF PASSOVER	24 16 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. 2 ND DAY OF PASSOVER	25 17 NISSAN CHOL HAMOED	26 18 NISSAN E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:29 P.M. CHOL HAMOED	27 19 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 8:33 P.M. CHOL HAMOED
28 20 NISSAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M. C.L. 7:32 P.M. CHOL HAMOED	29 21 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. C.L. 8:35 P.M. 7 TH DAY OF PASSOVER	30 22 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. YIZKOR P.E. 8:36 P.M. 8 TH DAY OF PASSOVER	C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE N.L.I. = NO LEARN-IN		N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB P.E. = PASSOVER ENDS S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MISHEBERACH FUND

Mollie & Jack Alkana, for the recovery of Lynne & Joel Zakoff.

Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery of Martin Cantor.

Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery of Sheila Sasmor.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, for the recovery of Jack Alkana.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, for the recovery of Sheila Sasmor.

Joshua Patraj, for the recovery of his father Joseph.

Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Agnes Posner.

Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Sheila Sasmor.

GENERAL DONATIONS

Noreen Daniel, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Reina Goodman, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.

Pnina Lanxner, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Blanca Nickels

Joshua Patraj

Benjamin Samson

COMMEMORATIVE FUND

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in honor of the birth of their granddaughter Eleanor Aurora Novzen.

Norma Reyes, in honor of Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel.

Ida & Arthur Schwartz, in honor of the birth of their great granddaughter Iyla Rae Schwartz.

Ruth Wolfson, in honor of the birth of Iyla Rae Schwartz.

HIGH HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Jeffrey Novzen

MEMORIAL FUND

Bertha Klein, in memory of Ruth Weichselbaum.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after February 22nd will be listed in the May / June bulletin.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yahrzeit Fund

Jack Alkana, in memory of mother Vida Alkana.
 Jack Alkana, in memory of brother Sam Alkana.
 Max Amper, in memory of sister in law Esther.
 Mikhail Gelfer, in memory of mother
 Reina Goodman, in memory of father Moises.
 Joel Herbst, in memory of mother Sarah Herbst.
 Joel Herbst, in memory of sister Janet Herbst.
 Pnina Lanxner, in memory of father Chaim.
 Florence Legler, in memory of sister Barbara.
 Florence Legler, in memory of husband Charles Legler.
 Martin Novzen, in memory of mother Irene Novzen.

Yahrzeit Fund

Sandy Novzen, in memory of father Donald.
 Frances Rotkopf, in memory of father Mortimer.
 Elaine Spodick, in memory of father Harry.
 Carol Stoller, in memory of mother Hilda Stoller.
 Carol Stoller, in memory of father Murray Stoller.
 Carol Stoller, in memory of Stuart Hess.
 Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of grandmother Mollie Weiss.
 Ruth Wolfson, in memory of husband Murray Wolfson.
 Ruth Wolfson, in memory of son Michael Wolfson.



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