# Dateline

Adar II - Nisan 5779

April 2019

# **Pesach Service Schedule**

# Friday, April 19 Erev Pesach Ta'anit Bechorot (Fast for First Born) and Siyyum 7:00 AM

Candle Lighting7:20 PMMincha & Ma'ariv7:00 PM

#### Saturday, April 20 First Day of Pesach

9:30 AM
7:15 PM
8:24 PM

# Sunday, April 21

Second Day of Pesach			
9:30 AM			
7:20 PM			
8:25 PM			

# April at HHBJC

April 3 Adult Ed - Cantor Zim Yiddish Club

> April 4, 11 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise

April 4 Ritual Committee Meeting

> April 6 Simcha Shabbat

April 7 Mah Jongg Club

April 7 HHBJC Lectures Russian Political Warfare

April 13 Pesah Lunch & Learn Monday, April 22 Tuesday, April 23 Hol Hamoed Services at 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 24 Hol Hamoed Services at 8:00 AM and 7:30 PM

# Thursday, April 25 Hol Hamoed

Morning Services	6:30 AM
Candle Lighting	7:27 PM
Mincha	7:30 PM

# Friday, April 26

7th Day of Pesach	
Morning Services	9:00 AM
Candle Lighting	7:28 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM

## Saturday, April 27 8th Day of Pesach

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Morning Services	9:00 AM			
Yizkor	10:30 AM			
There is <u>no</u> late Yizkor				
Mincha	7:15 PM			
Yom Tov Ends	8:32 PM			



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# From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise

# <u>The Gene</u>



Science was never my best subject when I was a student, and on the rare

occasion that I read a sciencerelated book, I need to concentrate much harder in order to understand the material. That was certainly the case when I recently read *The Gene: An Intimate History* by Siddhartha Mukherjee. In this month's issue of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*, allow me to reflect on a fascinating moral dilemma—the question of genetic manipulation.

Dr. Mukherjee traces the history of scientific research, from the pea garden of Gregor Johann Mendel and Charles Darwin's expedition to collect species, through the work of Francis Crick and James Watson on DNA, and to contemporary researchers on the human genome. Along the way, he emphasizes moments in history when genetic research raised profound moral challenges. Most familiar among them was the satanic work of Nazi "scientists" on Jews, but I learned more about the Soviet agricultural researcher Trofim Lysenko, whose project to "reeducate" wheat and rice

## Shabbat Schedule



Friday, April 5, 2019	
Candle Lighting	7:06 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 6, 2019	9
Tazria Shabbat HaChodesh	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:50 PM
Havdalah	8:10 PM
Friday, April 12, 2019	
Candle Lighting	7:13 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 13, 20	19
Metzora	9:00 AM
Shabbat HaGadol	
Mincha Havdalah	7:00 PM 8:17 PM
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Friday, April 19, 2019 Erev Pesach	
Candle Lighting	7:20 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 20, 20	19
Pesach I	9:30 AM
Mincha	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting	8:24 PM
Friday, April 26, 2019 7th day of Pesach	
Candle Lighting	7:28 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 27, 20	19
Pesach 8	9:00 AM
Mincha	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting	8:32 PM

We need your help with our daily Minyan.

Please join us mornings or evenings!

Monday & Thursday 6:45am & 7:30pm

Tuesday 7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday 8:00am & 7:30pm

Sunday & Legal Holidays 9:00am & 7:30pm

Friday Morning 7:00am Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

#### Handicap Access

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If you are bringing pre packaged food into the Synagogue, please consult with Rabbi Wise.

## Bereavement Support

The Bereavement Support Group meets the First and Third Monday night of the month at 7:30 PM with compassionate, caring, warm and concerned friendly people. Refreshments are always served and are complimentary. All faiths are welcome. Led by Marty Kevelson and Malka Lesnik Belgrod.



I feel *Passover* is in the air. What a liberating feeling! Our festival of Freedom, our Exodus from Egypt, our liberation from slavery and our journey to *Eretz Yisrael*.

I recently saw a movie about a German Jewish family that was so fortunate to be able to escape to Switzerland just as the Nazi's were starting their roundups. I remember the scene when they were on the train, desperately fleeing, and they started to softly hum the song from our Passover Haggadah, Avadim Hayinu. It brought tears to my eyes. As they remembered the plight of our ancestors in Egypt and they were trembling with fear as they were making their way to Switzerland, they held on to the hope that they too would soon be free. You could see in their eyes that singing this song gave them strength & hope and the stamina to keep running. You could see what they were thinking as they were singing ... If they could do it, we could do it.

Let us remember our ancestors who fled Egypt, and let us remember all of our Jewish brethren who fled their homes from all corners of the world...from Germany to Russia, from Yemen to Ethiopia, from Iran to Syria, from Iraq to Spain and from so many other countries whose leaders wanted to persecute and annihilate our people.

We are survivors! We are determined! We will never forget! With the strength & love of community and with the warmth & spirituality of our Synagogues, we will make sure that *Yiddishkeit*, Jewish Life, Jewish Tradition & Jewish Culture lives on & thrives, from generation to generation!

I remember the many Passovers Seders I led at the wellknown Jewish resorts & hotels, not only in NY but across the country. There would be 1,500 -2,000 people at a Seder with everyone singing together. Recently I led the Seders at one of the last remaining Jewish resorts in upstate NY and it brought back so many memories. This year June and I will be having the Seders with our son and his family. You can rest assured that I will be thinking of all of you, my HHBJC family. I look forward to seeing you back in shul after the holiday.

I wish everyone a *Zissen Pesach,* Happy Passover!

Chag Kasher V'sameach!

AM YISRAEL CHAI !

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,

Cantor Sol Zim

#### (Rabbi Wise Continued from page 1)

crops was a metaphor for totalitarian rule over Soviet biology, farming, and ideology. "Although Nazi doctrine was unsurpassed in its virulence, both Nazism and Lysenkoism shared a common thread: in both cases, a theory of heredity was used to construct a notion of human identity that, in turn, was contorted to serve a political agenda" (p. 127). Add to these shameful moments the eugenics movement that was so prominent in the US at the time, as the author says, "By the mid-twentieth century, the dene-or the denial of its existence-had already emerged as a potent political and cultural tool. It had become one of the most dangerous ideas in history" (128).

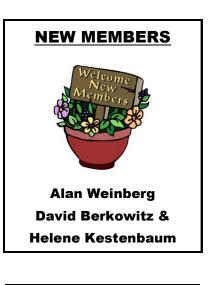
Fast-forward to the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, where we are developing the capacity to select our Mukherjee presents aenes. three cases involving different genetic concerns-the BRCA1 mutation, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, and neuromuscular disease, and with them profound moral dilemmas. One example is the case of a woman with a family history of fatal breast cancer. Upon learning that she carried the BRCA1 mutation, the woman faced many questions-what should she do with the knowledge of her diagnosis? How far into her family tree should share the news? This mutation indicates higher risks for breast cancer, but does not predict it with certainty. "The future of a woman carrying a

BRCA1 mutation is fundamentally changed by that knowledge-and yet it remains fundamentally uncertain. For some women, the genetic diagnosis is all-consuming; it is as if their lives and energies are spent anticipating cancer and imagining survivorship-from an illness that they have not yet developed. A disturbing new word, with a distinctly Orwellian ring, has been coined to describe these womenprevivors — presurvivors" (441).

When I was on Law Committee, we addressed the question of PGD-pre-implantation genetic diagnosis. When couples use in-vitro fertilization to conceive a child, they could theoretically choose which embryos to implant. May parents choose the genetic makeup of a child? The teshuvah, written by Rabbi Mark Popovsky and approved in 2008, weighed various moral considerations. You can find the teshuvah in the public section of the Rabbinical Assembly website. In wrestling with this question, we found ourselves in the heart of the questions raised in The Gene. The more we know about how we are encoded, the more powerful we are. What should humankind do with this knowledge? Knowledge and wisdom are two distinct human traits; may our species always know how to use them in tandem.

*Bivrakhah*—in blessing,

Rabbi David Wise



# **Temple Family**

The family of Sam Solasz acknowledges with grateful appreciation the Chesed Committee's kind expression of sympathy

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Fairway Supermarket: 242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston



Rabbi's Reflections Associate Rabbi Gary D. Kessler Four Suggestions for Your Seder



It seems that everything comes in "fours" at the *Passover S* e d e r.

There are four cups of wine, four questions, and four types of children (the "four sons"). So, I thought I would make four suggestions to help make your seder a meaningful, yet not oppressive experience.

Suggestion One: One of the most common problems at any seder is the fact that there is so much reading, talking and singing that is supposed to be done before the actual meal begins. The Rabbis actually did this on purpose. They knew that if the eating came first and the talking afterwards, not many people would do the talking part. So, they put the talking first and the eating afterwards. (Of course, there are some talking and singing parts after the meal, also which often get skipped. See suggestion four.)

The biggest problem with this order is that people get hungry. Children especially need to eat, but even us adults begin wondering when we will get to the food. There is a solution to this problem. After the Kiddush, the leader washes his/her hands and then we all say the blessing over vegetables (borei pri ha'adamah). We then dip some vegetables (everybody seems to use parsley for some reason) in salt water and eat it. Guess what? Now that we have said the blessing over vegetables, we can eat some more vegetables if we want!

You can set out a plate of vegetables like asparagus, potatoes, and carrots so that you and your guests can nosh for the 45 minutes (an hour?) that it takes to go through the *Haggadah* and not feel food-deprived. You shouldn't consume a lot of vegetables (after all, there is a whole meal coming!), but it takes the edge off so we can enjoy the service.

Suggestion Two: There are two main requirements at the Seder. Both of these requirements are mentioned in the Talmud. The first requirement is that someone has to ask a question. Most Haggadot satisfy this requirement by printing the standard formula: the Four Questions. This is a part of the Haggadah that is probably done at most homes for two reasons: first, it comes toward the beginning; and second, it is a part customarily reserved in many households for the "youngest" person at the table. Thus, it gives a child an opportunity to show off what she or he has learned in school.

I would like to suggest an enhancement to this requirement. One of my colleagues always sends out an invitation to his **se***darim* and she encloses four index cards with the invitation. Each guest is asked to write four questions of their own, one on each card. The cards are collected on the night of the **Seder** and place in a hat. Then, at certain places in the course of the **Seder**, the hat is passed around as someone draws a card out and read the question. Everyone discusses the question for a few minutes and then the **Seder c**ontinues.

Questions that have been asked include: In what way do you feel you are leaving your own Egypt tonight? What symbol would you add to the seder plate and what does it represent? If you had to leave behind your present life (like our ancestors did when they left Egypt) what would you want to take with you and why? In *dayenu* we say that it would have been enough if G-d had taken us out of Egypt and not give us the Sabbath, or given us the Ten Commandments, do you agree or disagree with that idea?

Suggestion Three: The second major requirement at the seder is to talk about the Exodus. The Haggadah does this in a number of ways. If you want to shorten the service, this is a place you can do it. Look through the *Hagadah* you plan to use and see all the different ways the Exodus is discussed. Pick the ones you like the best. Particularly if you are going to do something like suggestion two above, you will already be spending time talking about the Exodus anyway, perhaps even in a more personally meaningful way.

<u>Suggestion Four:</u> Don't skip the last part! After the meal, while you are all digesting the delicious food, it is a good time to thank G-d for our ability to (Continued on page 15)

# Ohr Chadash News

Ohr Chadash Welcomes Shinshinim Program To Their School

This year Ohr Chadash is proud to announce that we introduced the Shinshinim as part of our Hebrew school curriculum. What are "Shinshinim"? A "Shinshin" is an Israeli Emissary sent by the Israeli Government and the Jewish Agency for Israel to communities abroad. They come to our communities with the goal of educating people of all ages about Israel and Israeli culture. These bright and talented young adults have made the difficult decision to postpone their army service to participate in this rewarding program.

We are blessed to have Rotem Levinger as our dedicated Shinshin for the year. Each Sunday, Morah Rotem comes and infuses a love for Israel and its culture to our students. Each week she provides fun and engaging activities to teach the children, in a hands-on manner, something unique and special about Israel. This is always a highlight of the day for the children as they excitedly look forward to her upcoming lessons and discussions. In addition, Morah Rotem introduces to the students a new Hebrew word of the week. It is amazing to see how their vocabulary has grown and developed over the short duration of the year.

Morah Rotem and the Shinshinim organization is an integral component to our program.

# Sisterhood

Shalom! This season is a busy time for Sisterhood. Thanks to Jo Ann Luquis for making our Challah Bake such a success. She even made a "How To" packet for everyone to take home.

Once again our dedicated Vicky Wolkofsky created a delicious and interesting Purim Misloach Manot basket. Thank you to all of the Sisterhood members who helped assemble them. Our HHBJC members truly enjoyed the Purim baskets that the Sisterhood members distributed after the Megillah reading. A good time was had by all.

On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM the Mah-Jongg Cub has its last regular play of the season.

BQLI Region held its Helen Ctryn Study Day on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Several of our Sisterhood members participated in and enjoyed the event.

Don't forget to make your reservations to come and see a real treat – a kosher cooking demonstration by renowned chef Paula Shoyer on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM. We have to cap reservations at 40 people so don't lose out.

We are all looking forward to learning, in two lessons, how to make our unique and beautiful tallit. Lessons by Judy Greene of Marathon Jewish Center will be on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00AM (watch for possible date change) and Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM. Plan to come to both sessions.

We are happy to honor Linda Liederman as the HHBJC honoree at the Woman of Achievement Awards and Dinner Gala from the BQLI Region on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for a special end-ofseason mah-jongg event on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please join us at our next planning meeting, which will be announced shortly.

Last but not least, stay tuned for our Honey from the Heart mailing in early summer.



Be Active in HHBJC Be Involved Join a committee

Membership - Engagement Fund Raising Adult Education Facilities Life Long Learning Chesed Committee Green Team Call the Office Now

# Queens Village Chit Chat 'Bout This & That By Sue Heppenheimer

Once again Matzoth are on the menu,

We hope you will enjoy all the good foods on the Seder's venue,

All the best to you & your families as you eat the good food, We know this will put you in a great Pesach mood!

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to our congregants Ronnie Gersten, Richard Martin, Joseph Rosenberg, and Marcia Kops. Have a great day & enjoy the celebrations that accompany the day.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting soon.

We now have a list of members who will help give rides to doctor's appointments during the week and to synagogue on Saturday morning. If anyone needs help please contact the synagogue office. If anyone else is interested in signing up to help, please contact the office.

Please visit our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/ hollishillsbaysidejc/

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# JUDITH LESNIK CHESED COMMITTEE

Hello friends,

Please be reminded that on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st Rabbi Steven Glazer, Rabbi Emeritus Congregation Beth Emeth, teacher and author of Seasons of Caring ( Meditations for Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers ). will be joining us as a Scholar in Residence.

Friday night dinner and Lunch and Learn following Shabbat services.

More details and flyer to follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

See you then. Happy Purim Laura Brodsky



Have you visited our website lately? The web address is www.hollishillsbaysidejc.org.

The site has been given a new look with more up-to-date information. There is a section where you can find Shabbat hours for the coming weekend. There is an events section to keep you informed on all of our exciting programs. There is a section for Loss and Shiva information.

Please check out all the changes and let us know if you have any suggestions to further aid us in putting our best face on the web for current and potential members.

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H2I Youth Director News

Jennifer Gold

Dear Congregants,

This month, our members will be busy with a few meaningful programs before Spring Break! We will also be having many members attend regional events this month including METNY Palooza (April 6-7, 2019) and Divisional Elections (April 7, 2019). We are looking forward to our annual Chocolate Seder/Prince of Egypt Marathon along with different stressbuster programs.

Please see our April events for each group below.

# Chalutzim-Grades 2-5-(5-6:15)- ICCJ

Sun., April 7: Stressbusters -ICCJ Sun., April 14: Prince of Egypt/ Chocolate Seder Program -7:30-9:00 PM - ICCJ Sun., April 21: BREAK/ PASSOVER – NO PROGRAM Sun., April 28: BREAK/ PASSOVER – NO PROGRAM

## Kadima-Grades 6-8-

(6:15-7:30) - ICCJ Sun., April 7: Stressbusters -ICCJ Sun., April 14: Prince of Egypt/ Chocolate Seder Program -7:30-9:00 PM - ICCJ Sun., April 21: BREAK/ PASSOVER – NO PROGRAM Sun., April 28: BREAK/ PASSOVER – NO PROGRAM

# USY-Grades 9-12- (7:30-9) -ICCJ Sun., April 7: Coffee Shop -

ICCJ Sun., April 14: Prince of Egypt/ Chocolate Seder Program -7:30-9:00 PM - ICCJ Sun., April 21: BREAK/ PASSOVER – NO PROGRAM-Sun., April 28: BREAK/ PASSOVER – NO PROGRAM

If any questions arise, please feel free to reach out at any time at my email H2IYouth@H2Iyouthgroup.org

Thank you, Jen Gold

# **Daily Service Schedule**

Monday & Thursday 6:45am & 7:30pm

Tuesday 7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday 8:00am & 7:30pm

Sunday & Legal Holiday 9:00am & 7:30pm

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am

## HOLLIS HILLS BAYSIDE JC/ HILLCREST JC/ICCJ

#### **H2I YOUTH GROUP**

Three terrific synagogues have come together to create one outstanding youth program! Where do you fit in?

Nitzanim-Students in grades 2 & 3 -Meeting Sunday, 5:00-6:15 PM Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:00 PM

Chalutzim-Students in Grades 4 & 5-Meeting Sunday, 5:00-6:15 PM Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:30 PM

Kadima-Students in grades 6, 7 & 8-Meeting Sunday, 6:15-7:00 PM Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:30 PM

USY-Students in grades 9-12-Meeting Sunday, 7:30-9:00 PM Thursday Recreation Hour, 7:30-9:00 PM

For more information email us at h2iyouth@gmail.com or check out our website http:// www.h2iyouthgroup.org/

We are now established with "Terracycle", a recycling organization that makes new things out of old. Our team is the "HJR Memorial Environment Fund" and the charity we support is the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center. Please send in your old cell phones as soon as possible and let's start collecting, recycling and earning money for the HHBJC now!

#### (Ohr Chadash Continued from page 6)

We live in a time where all too often there are numerous negative opinions and comments regarding Israel . As our children are so easily influenced by these damaging opinions, the Shinshinim program allows students to see and hear, first hand from a young adult whom they can relate to, the truth about Israel . The relationships Morah Rotem have cultivated and forged while part of Ohr Chadash will certainly remain as strong memories for all of our Ohr Chadash children. Our goal is for our students to develop a love toward Israel and to show their support and solidarity toward our land throughout their lives.

Rabbi Dr. Boaz Tomsky









# Remember Our Synagogue Operating Funds

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*In memory of Eva Wohl* Jerry Sandell

*In memory of Bertha Presser* Dolores Goldowski

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With thanks for the warm welcome and aliyah during Morning Minyan Gail Wahle

*In memory of Sam Solasz* The Solasz Family

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Wishing Refuah Shelemah to Rabbi Gary Kessler Ida & Daniel Weisser Adrienne & Jan Glaubiger

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*In memory of Stanley Bernstein* Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

*In memory of Usher Farber* Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

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Wishing Refuah Shelemah to Rabbi Kessler Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

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In honor of the marriage of June & Cantor Sol Zim's grandson Jonathan, to Hillary Laura & Martin Brodsky

In honor of the birth of Vicky & Michael Wolkofsky's new grandson, Max Gabriel, to Adeena & Seth Jaye & Ben Solomowitz

In honor of the birth of Linda & Arthur Liederman's new grandson, to Joshua & Leah Jaye & Ben Solomowitz

In honor of the birth of Marilyn & Stanley Seidenfeld's first grandson, Jack Judah, to Steven & Jocelyn Jaye & Ben Solomowitz

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# Below is a monthly calendar for posting on bulletin boards and refrigerators

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Adar II 25 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM		Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Cantor Zim -	4 Adar II 28 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	5 Adar II 29 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 7:06 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	6 Nisan 1 Tazria 9 AM Shabbat HaChodesh Mincha 6:50 PM Havdalah 8:10 PM Rosh Chodesh Nisan Simcha Shabbat- 9 AM
7 Nisan 2 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Mah Jongg Club – 1 PM HHBJC Lecture – Russian Political Warfare - 8 PM	8 Nisan 3 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM		8 AM and 7:30 PM	6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>12</b> Nisan 7 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 7:13 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>13</b> Nisan 8 Metzora 9 AM Shabbat HaGadol Mincha 7:00 PM Havdalah 8:17 PM Pesach Lunch & Learn - After Services
<b>14</b> Nisan 9 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>15</b> Nisan 10 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM		<b>17</b> Nisan 12 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>19</b> Nisan 14 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 7:20 PM Mincha 7:00 PM <b>Ta'anit Bechorot</b> <b>Erev Pesach</b>	20 Nisan 15 Pesach I 9:30 AM Mincha 7:15 PM Candle Lighting 8:24 PM
<b>21</b> Nisan 16 I <sup>st</sup> day of the Omer <b>Pesach II</b> Morning Services 9:30 AM Mincha 7:20 PM Havdalah 8:25 PM	22 Nisan 17 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of the Omer Pesach III (CH"M) Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM	Pesach IV (CH"M)	4 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer <b>Pesach V (CH"M)</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer <b>Pesach VI</b> (CH" <b>M)</b> Minyan Times	26 Nisan 21 6 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer Pesach VII Morning Services 9 AM Candle Lighting 7:28 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>27</b> Nisan 22 7 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer <b>Pesach VIII</b> Morning Services 9:00 AM Mincha 7:15 PM Havdalah 8:32 PM
28 Nisan 23 8 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM		30 Nisan 25 10 <sup>th</sup> day of the Omer Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM				

# **HHBJC Lectures on Contemporary Issues**

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# Sunday, April 7, 2019, 8:00 pm Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center

# **Russian Political Warfare**



# Dr. Alina Polyakova

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A former Fulbright scholar, Dr. Polyakova previously served as Director of Research and Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council and as a Senior Research Fellow and Professor at the University of Bern in Switzerland, in addition to holding fellowships from the National Science Foundation among other honors.

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enjoy such a banquet, and to have successfully gotten through all the preparations and everything! (Of course, we should be sure to thank those who have spent the time and energy to put together the meal and the service as well!) After the meal you should do this: the first thing is the grace after the meal. A short form of grace is found in some Haggadot. The next thing (after opening the door for Elijah) are Psalms of praise. The last thing, are popular Passover songs which are fun for the family to sing together. (Had Gadya, Who knows One, Adir Hu and so on.) Recently, many funny Passover songs have also been written. This is quality family time for us to enjoy together. It is a shame not to use it! May you all have a wonderful, fun, and inspiring Passover. See you on the other side of the Red Sea!

My wife, Ruth and I wish everyone of you a Chag Kasher Ve'Sameach A Happy and Kosher Pesach 2019/5779

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Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes Life After Retirement Escape From Paradise A Passover Alert

Imagine this conversation, friends:

"What? Run away from our homes and our lives here in <u>the</u> <u>bread basket of the world?</u> Starving, wretched, travelweary immigrants are pouring into our country from everywhere, desperate for shelter and sustenance.

Check our local media, you fool! They've provided us all with proof, True facts. We are the envy of the world– economically, architecturally culturally and militarily. Our national granaries are overflowing!

On a personal note, we Israelites have a lot to be proud of. Our great, great, grandfather JOSEPH was once the <u>Head</u> <u>Honcho</u> of this country. His political nick-name was "**THE BREAD MAN!**". People actually bowed down to him when he passed in his chariot in the streets.

Our communal history of mighty contributions to our fellow country-men gives us honorable status, right? We live in a nice neighborhood here in GOSHEN, right? Should we give all that up? You're suggesting we should...pack up whatever we can, strap on our backs and hoof it including even tomorrow's fresh dough we were planning to bake for breakfast? Run off in the middle of the night like scared rabbits...into a barren desert?

Why? 'Cause they're planning to work us to death as despised slaves, unworthy of life? That's insane, paranoid!

My cousin, **Eliran**, serves in the national police force! With his own billy club given to him by Pharaoh's Captain of the Guard he beat dozens of slackers and trouble-makers like you, <u>Moses!</u> Why would they kill him and the rest of us, too? We built Pharaoh's cities, created his wealth, power and glory! My family and me are stayin' put right here in good old Goshen. Get lost, <u>Mo</u>!"

#### Dear friends,

You may think that such an imagined conversation never took place, never! Well, think again. Check the Midrash! Our Sages disagree. Diligently they studied the Scriptures, read deeply within and between the lines and they have revealed that scores, indeed, tons of folks did not take MOSES seriously. They refused to escape from Egyptian paradise. Guess what? They died during the plague of darkness and were buried by their mourning brothers before the light of bloody dawn.

Why? To hide the bodies of these self-deluded overconfident ones who failed to see the handwriting on the wall, who had no faith in Moses, from the gaze of gloating Egyptian taskmasters. It's all there in our sacred books, honest testimony to the harsh price of faithlessness according to our sacred Religious tradition.

We won't find this bitter tidbit in our haggadot but if we check with our learned teachers, the imagined conversation above exists in the small print of our traditional commentaries. In fact. If we check further, it is echoed in the memoirs of Jewish families in Frankfurt. Warsaw, Amsterdam, Paris and Budapest during the rise of the national socialist party in Germany in the 1930's. Consult with survivors of the shoah. They will tell us the same bitter tale.

Members of my own family heard the mosaic warning in Europe, discarded it...and went up in smoke in Terezin!

It's up to us in America and elsewhere to make sure that the imagined conversation cited above plays no role in our future and that such a scenario makes no sense in the liberty loving land of the free because of the brave. G-d bless America!

A happy, healthy and joyous Passover to all!

RABBI DR. HIRSCH JOSEPH SIMCKES & FAMILY

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April Birtildays	
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Natan Gonen	4/2
Arline Jacobson	4/2
Marc Halpern	4/3
Kara Keppel	4/3
Irene Grapel	4/5
Jeffrey Sackett	4/5
Jerry Sandell	4/5
Radim Teplitsky	4/7
Vicki Blumenfeld	4/10
Sorour Yerushalmi	4/10
Janice Costi	4/11
Joel Barsky	4/12
Audrey Shepard	4/14
Irwin Horowitz	4/15
Ellana Sanders	4/16
Marcia Sparrow	4/16
Gary Newman	4/18
Galit Kofman	4/20
Ross Goldfarb	4/21
Tess Blumenthal	4/22
Jeanette Dauber	4/22
Sheldon Flatow	4/23
Harvey Goldstein	4/23
Greta Margolis	4/23
Steven Teleky	4/23
Paul Goldstein	4/26
Joseph Rosenberg	4/26
Esther Yohai	4/27
Josh Sussman	4/27
Seth Seidman	4/28
Bonnie Moskowitz	4/29
Maris Blechner	4/30

## April Anniversaries

Lisa & Ira Daly	4/2
Ann & Jeffrey Wohl	4/5
Lynn & Howard Nachman	4/11
Linda & Arthur Liederman	4/12
Robyn & Marc Rosenberg	4/17
Blanka & Leonard Kaplan	4/19
Dawn & Kenneth Michaels	4/30



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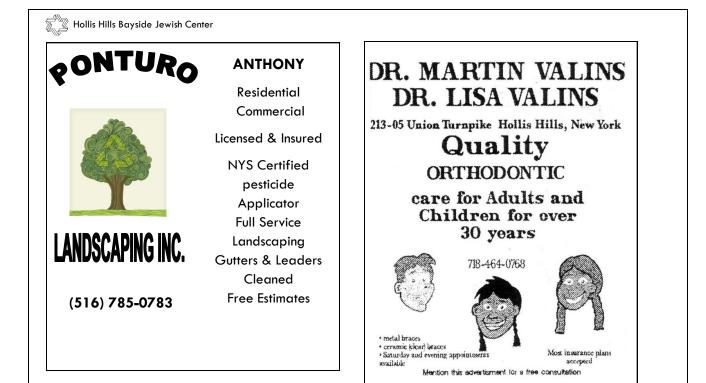
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