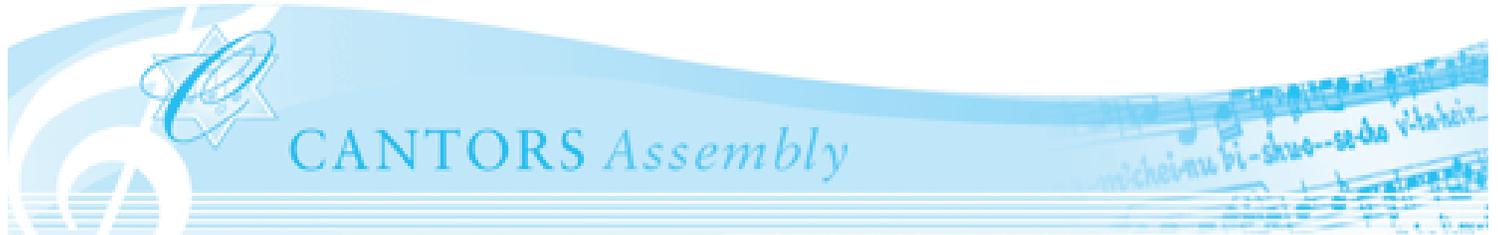




# Congregation B'nai Moshe **Bulletin**

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## MUSIC מוסיקה MUSIC מוסיקה MUSIC מוסיקה MUSIC מוסיקה

Congregation B'nai Moshe is proud to host The Cantors Assembly Gala Concert on Tuesday, March 24th. Dinner with the Cantors (reservations only) will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by the concert at 7:00 p.m. and Afterglow. The concert will present Cantors from the Great Lakes and Rivers Regional Chapter of the Cantors Assembly and highlight Cantors Assembly members from other regions, as well. Featured performers include:

Cantor Earl Berris, B'nai Moshe, West Bloomfield MI  
Cantor Howard Glanz, Adat Yeshurun, Elkins Park PA  
Cantor James Gloth, B'nai Israel, Toledo O  
Cantor Kim Komrad, Kehilat Shalom Gaithersburg MD  
Cantor Paula Pepperstone, Shaarey Tikvah, Beachwood OH  
Cantor Benjamin Meisner, Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto Ontario  
Cantor Pamela Schiffer, Shaarey Zedak, East Lansing MI.

Additional Hazzanim to be announced.

**Gala Concert Tickets and Afterglow \$36**

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**Dinner with the Cantors by reservation only**

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Contact your Cantor or the B'nai Moshe office at 248.788.0600 or [cbminfo@bnaimoshe.org](mailto:cbminfo@bnaimoshe.org) for tickets and additional information. Make checks payable to: The Cantors Assembly [www.cantors.org](http://www.cantors.org).

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## Thoughts From Our President

by Steven Sperling



Dear Congregant,

You are never supposed to start a letter on the gloomy side, but as I look out my window I see the clouds overhead and the snow on the ground. I wonder, where did global warming go? Will this winter ever end? I turn on the TV or Radio for the news and all I hear is that the economy is going down hill as if there is a race to get to the bottom. People are out of work and businesses are going bankrupt and closing. Where and when will all this end? Things have to get better.

Do you remember the business climate of the 1990's? All you heard were people talking about the stock market and how great they were doing with the stocks that they had bought. Everyone was an expert on stock picking. Things seemed to be going straight up. The economy was booming and everyone was happy.

There must be some middle ground in all of this. I read articles that my fellow presidents wrote in past *Bulletins*. The main theme was "we are in an austerity program, budgets are being cut and we need money. Please pay your dues."

I am not going to tell you we are any different when it comes to these problems. We are doing the same things that they were doing when it comes to budgets and costs. I urge those who still have balances on their accounts and have not made arrangements for monthly payments to do so. Those who can pay off their account please do so.

For those of you who may lose your job or have already, there is always help. Jewish Family Services through the Deutsch Fund for Emergency Financial Assistance can help you with living expenses including mortgage payments. Remember "No Family Stands Alone" is not just a slogan; it has real meaning behind it. Please contact Rabbi Pachter to help you. There is no shame to ask for help. Everything is confidential. You are never alone; your B'nai Moshe Family is always there for you.

There are still many exciting events happening at B'nai Moshe. Recently we had the largest group of adults and children at our Friday night Shabbat dinner. The food catered by Mimi Markofsky of Elite Kosher Catering was very good; our speaker, Rene Lichtman was excellent; and being with friends and family was wonderful.

The participants in our Cabaret Night were great. It was a very enjoyable evening. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter-Congregational Men's Club Dinner was held at B'nai Moshe's Bodzin Hall. We had a great response from our Men's Club and from all of the other Men's Clubs throughout greater Detroit.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March B'nai Moshe will host the Cantor's Assembly Gala Concert. Please be sure to purchase your tickets. It will be great to have a fantastic turnout from our congregation. We want to support Cantor Berris and the Cantor's Assembly. Just so you know, a portion of the proceeds will be helping B'nai Moshe.

Coming up in late April or early May will be the Jewish Theological Seminary's Annual Dinner. Our honorees this year will be Ellyce and Stephen Field. B'nai Moshe will be hosting this event, too.

Elite Kosher Catering will be catering all of these events. Mimi Markofsky is well known in our community for her excellent catering skills. We are very lucky to have her as our caterer in order to bring these events into our synagogue. Passover is coming soon, so please contact Mimi for your Passover order.

Remember "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, It is about learning to dance in the rain."

Shalom until next month.

## A Word From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Elliot Pachter



### PURIM AND AMERICAN POLITICS

In the January/February 2009 Moment Magazine, journalist David Frum writes about the fascinating topic of the large, disproportionate number of Jews in positions of political power in the United States. Whereas Jewish people constitute less than 2% of the

US population, Jews account for nearly 10% of the House, more than 10% of the Senate, and a whopping 22% (2 out of 9 justices) of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Frum addresses the rising number of Jews who hold cabinet posts and/or maintain roles of influence on our president.

As Jewish people have found their way up the ladder of politics in America, we must wonder where we find appropriate role models in our history for the modern Jewish political leader to emulate.

Most biblical leaders, as Mr. Frum explains, such as the kings and judges, prophets and kohanim, lived and led exclusively in Jewish communities. Therefore, they offer no real example to Jewish political leaders of today, who live as a minority. On the other hand, we have the example of Joseph rising to power in Egypt, second only to Pharaoh. But Joseph was initially the only Jew in his country, again making his situation incomparable to today.

However, one biblical story does offer real role models for American Jews in positions of power—this is the story of Purim, and the leadership of Esther and Mordechai.

Like us, Esther and Mordechai are Jews who live, and are comfortable in the larger society. They sincerely are devoted to the needs of their secular community, reflected best in Mordechai's proud act of thwarting a plot to assassinate the king, and in Mordechai's eventual succession to Haman's job. We know that Esther pleases the king, and with this king, one hint of being disloyal would have resulted in dismissal.

But Esther and Mordechai are also role models for balancing secular politics with intense support for the specific needs of the Jewish people. That is why Mordechai warns his cousin:

“Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this.”

The message of the Purim story remains relevant today for the Jewish leaders of America. Finding the delicate balance between support for one's country and responsibility to the Jewish people continues to be an essential challenge, not only to our brothers and sisters in positions of power, but to all of us.

As Hillel described our never ending struggle centuries ago, “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I?”

## A Word From Our Cantor

by Cantor Earl G. Berris



This is part of a message sent to me by Joel Ungar as he completed the eleven months of Kaddish for his Mother, Sharlene. I was, personally, very moved by his words. It has been fifteen years since the second and last time I experienced the ritual of daily kaddish upon the passing of my own mother, which was much different as an adult than it was as a child for my father some 35 years earlier. It

is something that we are all obligated to do and listening to this story may inspire you to fulfill this mitzvah of honoring your own father and mother in this beautiful and consoling manner. I would like to add my apologies to Joel for the edits needed to fit into my Bulletin space. I'm sure he would be honored to share the full version with anyone who asks.

“The Last Day of Kaddish for my Mother” ... today is the 13th of Tevet, 11 months less one day. And that is the amount of time you are supposed to say Kaddish for a parent.

Mourner's Kaddish is said 6 times a day - 4 times during the morning service, once in the afternoon service and once in the evening service. There is an additional Kaddish said Friday during Kabbalat Shabbat. That's 43 times a week. Over 11 months less one day that comes to close to 2,000 times you say Kaddish. You need to have a community of 10 adult Jews to say Kaddish and certain other prayers.

My mother was buried on a Thursday. We had Shiva for the full week. Thursday, of the next week, I went to our synagogue for morning services and I have been in a synagogue every day since then. And not just once a day - for all but 20 days I was there twice a day.

I did this at first because it was for my mother. I saw my father do this for my grandfather (my mother's father), for his mother and my mother do this for her mother. I have seen others do it over the years. I did this because it was the right thing to do. But I got far more from doing this than I expected. I have gotten to know many people I've known for a long time at B'nai Moshe much better - many of whom were also saying Kaddish. Saying Kaddish became a very important part of the grieving process for me. There is something very comforting in saying Kaddish with your fellow mourners that has helped me deal with the grief from losing my mother.

A couple of months ago, I realized I was “ready” for the Kaddish period to be over. Now that is over, I'm not so sure. Saying Kaddish has been a means of connection to my mother. That connection will now be lost. I will have to find other ways to maintain a sense of connection to her. I have been asked by many people why I have done this. Not many people these days say Kaddish every day for the 11 months. I can't answer for other people. I am not an overly assertive person. I try to do what I think is right and hope that my example inspires others to do what is right. I needed to do this for my mother, and for me, to show others how I honor my mother and her memory. Until just now I don't think I realized it was probably the best way I could ever keep the commandment to “Honor your father and your mother so that your days may be long upon the soil which G-d, your G-d, is giving you.” And at the risk of losing some humility, I am proud that I have been able to honor my mother and her memory in this way. Zichrona liv'racha – May her memory be for a blessing.

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### CAMPUS VISITS

Rabbi Pachter and Cantor Berris have scheduled the following times to have a meal and visit with B'nai Moshe college students:

**Sunday, March 8, University of Michigan Hillel**

**Sunday, April 12, Michigan State University Hillel**

Both visits are 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner is free for all B'nai Moshe college students, but reservations are a must. Please email [rabepach@bnaimoshe.org](mailto:rabepach@bnaimoshe.org) to reserve a place for you or the college student in your family.

The April 12 visit to MSU is during Pesach and provides a great opportunity for a free, kosher-for-Pesach meal.

These visits are not limited to students at these universities. We encourage those at nearby campuses—e.g. Eastern, Central and Albion—to also plan to join us.

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A series for 3-6 year olds

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Including a light lunch and library time

from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon

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*A preschool program to introduce young families to B'nai Moshe and grow our membership*

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We have small activities that can be done from home. We have group activities where you can meet dynamic synagogue members.

Please call Beth Mealoy at 248-661-1047 and let her know how you can help with the following activities. If we haven't found the right match for you, let her know what you can do and we probably need that done too.

Activity	Time
Color in pictures that are drawn on large sheets of paper	1/2 hour at home (need multiple volunteers)
Prepare craft supplies	1 hour at the synagogue with a group
Put B'nai Moshe stickers on bags	20 min at home
Purchase snack supplies	Visit to Hillers
Prepare song sheet so it looks good (songs supplied by email)	At home
Prepare flyer about our religious school (Gail to supply photo and basic content)	At home for a few hours
Phone calls	At home for 15 minutes
Hand out name tags	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 10am
Snacks – Layout on table and hand out	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 11:30 am
Stand around – direct people and answer questions about our synagogue	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 10 – 11:30 am
Lead songs	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 10 – 11:30
Hand out craft supplies	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 10 – 11:30

### PESACH PRODUCTIONS

*A Community-wide event for families of all ages. At the JCC West Bloomfield, in the Handleman Hall and Lobby*

*March 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*“The Matzah Factory” and the*

*“Pesach Primer”*





# PURIM BINGO



**MONDAY - March 9, 2009 at 6:45 p.m.**  
Services in the Chapel and then to the  
**Bodzin hall at 7:00 p.m. for**  
**MEGILLAH READING** alternating  
with **BINGO** for **PRIZES**  
(\$1.00 recommended donation--  
unlimited Bingo cards & snacks\*  
all proceeds to Jewish Housing Association of  
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✋ **MAGICIAN @ 6:45 p.m.**  
Prizes for all kids in costume



Many helpers needed to insure a successful Purim Event!  
Please call the L.I.F.E Office @ 248.788.3600 to volunteer.

\*Snacks available at 8:00 p.m. at the conclusion of the Fast of Esther-- hamantaschen, popcorn, ice cream, soda, tea and coffee bar

## PURIM SERVICE TIMES

**Monday, March 9 ~ 6:45 p.m. Evening Service in the Chapel**  
Followed by Megillah Reading and Bingo

**Tuesday, March 10 ~ 6:45 a.m. Morning Service (special time)**  
Followed by the Megillah reading and concluding at 8:15 a.m.

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# Synagogue / Sisterhood / Men's Club

## SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT

Sisterhood just celebrated in January, Anniversary Shabbat, commemorating the day that Mathilde Schechter appeared at a United Synagogue meeting in 1913 and voiced the need for a women's arm of the Conservative Movement of Judaism.

Moving forward (91 years later) we are affiliated with Women's League of Conservative Judaism with 600 women's groups in synagogues across North America, divided into 13 regions, including Canada and Mexico. We also have special relationships with Masorti congregations in Israel.

Our Sisterhood membership at Congregation B'nai Moshe is currently over 200 women ranging in age from our late 20's to our 90's. We are single women, wives, widows, mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and even great-grandmothers. We are housewives, volunteers, educators, engineers, doctors, lawyers, social workers, secretaries, retailers, business women, realtors, nurses, and students. Presently, we are working, semi-retired, retired or seeking employment.

Our membership includes great cooks, needlepoint and knitting experts, artists, mah-jongg players, fundraisers, readers, environmental activists, and world travelers. We are all different shapes and sizes and each has her own interests and abilities. Our life styles differ as do our priorities, but we have a common bond... We are the women of Congregation B'nai Moshe Sisterhood, an affiliate of Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Much appreciation goes to my co-president Annette Kaufman for her valuable support and day-to-day workings of the Sisterhood, plus my Board of Directors, and past presidents of Sisterhood that continued to mentor me throughout the years. Also a yasher koach to Lynne Avadenka for her leadership skills chairing Anniversary Shabbat, and doing all the kiddushim she had assisted on with Susan Brohman and Paula Kosciuk. Plus a special thanks to my dedicated Thursday morning kiddush ladies, kugel and cholent makers. Also, thank you to all of my committee chairs for the morning and evening book clubs, paid up membership dinner, break fast, rummage sale and bazaar we just had. A special thank you to Carol Pollack and Beverly Klimko for keeping our finances in line and doing anything and everything that we asked of them.

On a serious note, as I started looking into the future of Sisterhood I became deeply worried and a little bit saddened. Yes, the times we are living in are frightening, with our economy in shambles, war in Israel, and worrying if you will still have a job in the morning. Our Sisterhood numbers are down. This past November we were honored to have had the Women's League Convention in Detroit, which some of us were privileged to attend. It was one of the smallest turnouts that we've had in years. This was the first time the convention wasn't held on the East Coast or Florida, but, in the Detroit metro area! Women are over-committing themselves and don't have the time or energy to serve on Sisterhood boards much less belong to Sisterhood. The capable women go straight to the synagogue board without ever having to serve on the Sisterhood board today.

Annette and I are on a list serve for Sisterhood presidents all across the country. We are all facing the same concerns. For example many of the boards are recycling their presidents, have co-presidents or no presidents at all because no one is willing to step up to the plate. Many of our Sisterhood board positions are vacant because no one is willing to become involved and participate. Some of us have been stuck in the same position for over 10 years because we are worried that things won't get done or have multiple board positions to keep the Sisterhood operational. Annette and I are frustrated and tired of wearing multiple hats! Sisterhood programs are planned for different age groups and no one wants to attend the programs! We need your help to survive and continue our existence! We would be willing to mentor women. Just because you weren't asked to be on the Sisterhood board doesn't mean that we didn't want you to participate in Sisterhood. We encourage all of the women in the synagogue to join Sisterhood and get involved. You could be as committed as you would like, even serving on our board. Please help us so the next generation of Sisterhood women can play a key role in the ongoing support to our beloved congregation.

I mentioned before that we are an arm of the synagogue and we give back to the synagogue with our fundraising. Unfortunately, our fundraising efforts are down this year. There probably will NOT be any more rummage sales at our synagogue because we can't get workers. No one wants to be in charge of this fundraiser. We used to make a few thousand dollars from the twice yearly sales that we've had previously. We also haven't had very many sponsored kiddushim this year. No sponsor and Sisterhood must provide the food. Have you thought about co-sponsoring a kiddush for a birthday, anniversary or graduation to help us cover some of our food costs?

Purim is coming soon. Annette and I hope you will support our Shalach Manot project. The shul has expenses and we try to fulfill our obligation by a line item in our budget each year, but if we don't reach our fundraising goals we can't help the synagogue. There won't be any more new carpeting in the building or new computer systems or even books for the library. How about coming to shul on Saturday and there is no kiddush not even a kichel?

I am asking the unaffiliated Sisterhood women to please get involved, join a committee, plan a program, or even ask to join our board. We are part of your B'nai Moshe family. The fact of the matter is, without more women getting involved in Sisterhood (besides dues paying members), the handful of women currently doing all of the work are physically and mentally tired. You heard what can happen and is happening all over the country. Sisterhood might cease to exist without revitalization by the members!

*By Ruth Shayne*

## SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

The Judaica Shop will be open on Wednesday afternoons from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you need an appointment for a private showing or need to consult with Rita Greenspan on an order, she may be reached at 248.592.0431. Volunteers are still needed to help with many different duties. Please call the synagogue office or call Rita Greenspan if you can help.

# Preparing For Passover

April 8 - 16, 2008 15 - 22 Nisan 5769  
by Rabbi Elliot Pachter

## Preparing the Kitchen

The kitchen should be completely prepared for Pesach by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8. Preparation involves **FOOD, UTENSILS and APPLIANCES**. The following guidelines are based on the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards.

### Food

All foods containing chametz, rice and legumes should be eaten, given to the needy or placed in an "out of the way" cabinet.

We are fortunate in the Detroit area to have many stores that stock Pesach foods. The following products must bear a "Kosher for Pesach" label: baked goods, matzah items, wine, liquor, vinegar, oil, dairy products (see "milk" below), processed and canned foods.

The following foods do not require a "Kosher for Pesach" label if using an unopened package purchased **prior** to Pesach: milk, coffee (without additives), pure tea, sugar, salt, pepper, natural spices, fruit juices with no additives and frozen raw vegetables without additives. Any of these products purchased **during** Pesach require a "Kosher for Pesach" label.

The following foods never require a "Kosher for Pesach" label: fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, fresh kosher meat.

### Utensils

Now is the time to take inventory of your Pesach cooking and eating utensils. It is preferable to have completely separate utensils for this holiday, separated further between milk and meat. You may find it necessary to purchase some new items. If you have no other choice, you may need to kasher some chametz utensils to be used on Pesach. The kashering process is the same as when newly kashering a kitchen.

**Earthenware** may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

**Wholly Metal** items used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (pots, silverware) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them that will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

**Glassware** may be kashered in one of two ways:

1. Soak the items in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours; or
2. Scrub the items and clean in a dishwasher.

**NON-PESACH UTENSILS** should be separated during the holiday so as to prevent accidental use.

### Appliances

Unless you are blessed with a separate Pesach kitchen, you will need to kasher your oven, stove, dishwasher, sink and refrigerator prior to the onset of the holiday.

**Ovens and Stoves** should be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. They should be heated at the highest setting for a half hour. Use the broiler setting, if available. Self-cleaning ovens should be put through the self-cleaning cycle.

**Microwave Ovens**, which do not have a browning element, may be kashered. After a thorough cleaning, a cup of water should be placed in the oven and "cooked" until the water disappears.

**Dishwashers**, left unused for 24 hours, may be kashered by running a full cycle with detergent.

**A Metal Sink** may be kashered by cleaning and pouring boiling water over it.

**A Porcelain Sink** should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

**Refrigerators** should be thoroughly cleaned. Removable metal parts should be rinsed with boiling water.

Other electrical appliances may be kashered only if all parts which come into contact with chametz are wholly metal and can be removed to be cleaned and immersed in boiling water.

(SEE OTHER SIDE)



## Pre-Pesach Mitzvot

**Siyyum B'khorim** - The completion of Talmud study in honor of the firstborn and **Birkat Hachama**, service for blessing the Sun, are ceremonies that takes place this year on Wednesday, April 8, at our morning minyan which begins at 6:45 a.m. Firstborn children are obligated to fast before the first seder in gratitude for having been spared during the last plague. Many sources suggest that this fast is for males and females, firstborn of either the mother or the father. This fast can be waived by attending a completion of Talmud study, or "siyyum," which is followed by a festive breakfast.

**Bedikat Chametz** - The search for leaven usually occurs the night prior to the onset of Pesach. This year this ceremony is performed Tuesday, April 7. Prior to Tuesday evening the home should be thoroughly cleaned. All known chametz should already be collected and set aside. After sunset, approximately 8:05 p.m., the family recites the b'rakha (found at the beginning of most haggadot), and conducts a final search for any remaining chametz. Some families strategically deposit small pieces of bread in various places in the home in advance of the search. Special kits, containing the customary candle, feather and wooden spoon are available for purchase at the local Jewish bookstores.

**Bi'ur Chametz** - The disposal of a few bits of remaining leaven, usually through burning, takes place this year on Wednesday, April 8, no later than 12 noon.

**Mekhirat Chametz** - The selling of leaven to a non-Jew prior to the onset of Pesach is required, so that we are able to leave some chametz in our homes during the holiday. Without this release of ownership we would be forbidden from eating such chametz after Pesach. It is advisable to rid our homes of as much chametz as possible. What remains must be stored in an "out of the way" location. Please contact Rabbi Pachter no later than Tuesday, April 7, to arrange for the selling of your chametz.

**Ma'ot Chittim** - These are monies which enable even the poorest in our community to acquire matzah, wine and all Pesach needs. Donations to the B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund will be distributed to a number of worthwhile causes. Use the coupon on this page and return to the shul as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday, April 7.

### Service Schedule For Passover

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u>                                                        |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday  | 4/8         | 6:45 a.m. <i>Siyyum for First Born &amp;</i><br>6 p.m. (1st Seder) |
| Thursday   | 4/9         | 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. (2nd Seder)                                        |
| Friday     | 4/10        | 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.                                                    |
| Saturday   | 4/11        | 9 a.m. & 8 p.m.                                                    |
| Sunday     | 4/12        | 9 a.m. & 4:45p.m. (Fleischman)                                     |
| Monday     | 4/13        | 7 a.m. & 6 p.m.                                                    |
| Tuesday    | 4/14        | 7 a.m. & 6 p.m.                                                    |
| Wednesday  | 4/15        | 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.                                                    |
| Thursday   | 4/16        | 9 a.m. & 8:10 p.m.                                                 |

### Mekhirat Chametz/Ma'ot Chittim

I hereby appoint Rabbi Elliot Pachter as my agent to arrange for the sale of my Chametz.\*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The approximate value of my chametz is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution to the B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund. Please make checks payable to B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund. Please return this to the shul by Tuesday, April 7.

**\*This message may be sent to Rabbi Pachter by email at: [rabepach@bnaimoshe.org](mailto:rabepach@bnaimoshe.org)**

In your email, please include your home address and the approximate value of your chametz.

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 with Wild Mushrooms  
 Charoses\* (1/2 pint) \$ 5.95  
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# Synagogue / Community News / Men's Club

## MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

Please join us in celebrating this annual event.

Starting Friday Night, March 2, 6:00 p.m. with services,  
and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, March 21, at 9:00 a.m. please join with us for  
Shabbat Morning Services where we will be leading the  
congregation in prayer.



## CABIN FEVER REVIEW

The Cabin Fever Brunch & Movie afternoon held on January 25th was a delight! The participants enjoyed a yummy brunch in the library surrounded by a variety of books suited for all ages. After shmoozing, eating and looking at the most recent additions to the library, the group enjoyed a wonderful movie entitled 'Arranged'. The theme of the movie was arranged marriages by an orthodox Jewish family and a Muslim family. The young women from each of the families form a close friendship through work. It is telling story which warms the heart. Special thanks go to Leslye Rosenbaum and Ellyce Fields for preparing the Brunch.

## THE 2009 SYDNEY TAYLOR BOOK AWARDS

### ANNOUNCED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES (AJL)

In January 2009, the AJL Sydney Taylor Awards Committee announced the three **GOLD MEDAL Award Winners** of the prestigious **Sydney Taylor Book Award** for 2009. They are: Richard Michelson and Raul Colon, author and illustrator of *As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom*, published by Alfred A. Knopf; Karen Hesse, author of *Brooklyn Bridge*, published by Feiwel & Friends; and Valerie Zenatti, author of *A Bottle in the Gaza Sea*, published by Bloomsbury.

The Sydney Taylor Book Award honors new books for children and teens that exemplify the highest literary standards while authentically portraying the Jewish experience. The award memorializes Sydney Taylor, author of the classic All-of-a-Kind Family series. The winners will receive their awards at the Association of Jewish Libraries convention in Chicago this July. The awards are announced in January and cover titles published during the previous year. The Awards Committee reviews hundreds of titles over the course of the year in order to select the "best" and the "best of the best".

Michelson and Colon's *As Good As Anybody* will receive the 2009 gold medal in the Sydney Taylor Book Award's Younger Readers Category. In this book, two very special clergymen, one a rabbi, the other an African-American reverend are raised in divergently different countries yet experience similar levels of persecution and bigotry that will one day bring them together. As colleagues in America's struggle for civil rights, they march together from Selma to Montgomery in March 1965. Colon's colored pencil and watercolor illustrations offer a beautiful complement to the text, describing two unique paths from childhood to adult life – King's in the rich, warm brown-tones of the American south and Heschel's in cool blues and grays. When the two exemplary men join in their march for tolerance, the palettes merge in full color harmony. This book is recommended for grades 2-5.

Hesse's *Brooklyn Bridge* will receive the 2009 gold medal in the Sydney Taylor Book Award's Older Readers Category. While his family left the anti-Semitism of Russia to build the American dream, Joey Michtom's dream is to visit the glittering Coney Island. Crafting a story from the spark of a true event, the invention of the Teddy Bear in 1903, Hesse masterfully weaves multiple themes of hard-work, survival, homelessness, and familial dedication with interlocking and parallel stories of families who live reasonably well opposite those less fortunate living in the shadows below the imposing Brooklyn Bridge. This book is recommended for grades 5-8.

Zenatti's *A Bottle in the Gaza Sea* will receive the 2009 gold medal in the Sydney Taylor Book Award's Teen Readers Category. This story about the relationship between an Israeli girl, Tal, and a Palestinian boy, Naim, via e-mail and instant messaging, is honest but hopeful. Well-written and compelling, the tale of their relationship conveys the confusion, anger, exhaustion, and depression felt by many young people during the 2003 intifada.

Six Sydney Taylor Honor Books were named for 2009. For Younger Readers, Honor Books are: *Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride* by Deborah Bodin, *Sarah Laughs* by Jacqueline Jules, *A is for Abraham: a Jewish Family Alphabet* by Richard Michelson, and *Naming Liberty* by Jane Yolen. The Honor Book for Older Readers is *Memories of Babi* by Aranka Siegal and the Honor Book in the Teen Reader Category is *Freefall* by Anna Levine.

In addition to the medal-winners, the Award Committee designated twenty-two Notable Books of Jewish Content for 2009: six in the Younger Readers Category, ten in the Older Readers Category, and four for Teens. And this year the Award Committee gave two additional awards: *Genesis - the Book with Seventy Faces: a Guide for the Family* by Esther Takac and *Celebrating with Jewish Crafts* by Rebecca Edid Ruzansky impressed the Award Committee with their uniqueness and range. They have been designated Notable Books for all ages. Notable titles, and more information about the Sydney Taylor Book Award, may be found online at [www.SydneyTaylorBookAward.org](http://www.SydneyTaylorBookAward.org). A blog about the awards can be found at [www.sydneytaylorbookaward.blogspot.com](http://www.sydneytaylorbookaward.blogspot.com). Our library owns most of these titles. Look for them on the Shabbat Friendly Cart or in the library.