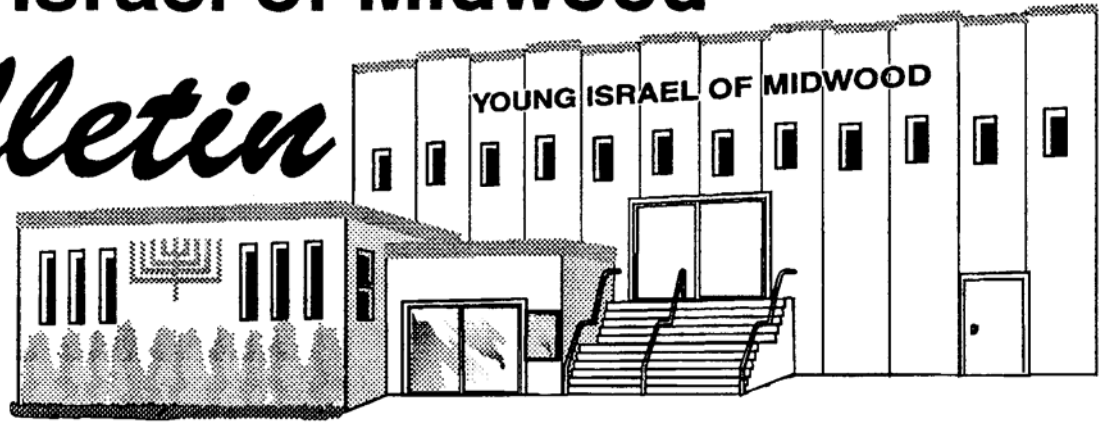


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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Dear fellow *mispallel*,

Pesach is a time of questions – the four questions of the *מה נשתנה*, the questions of the four sons, the many famous questions about the Haggadah which we ask and re-ask year after year. Yet among all these many questions there is one question that is almost never asked, even though it is the most fundamental of all: Why did there need to be a redemption and a Pesach in the first place? That is, why did there have to be all those terrible years of suffering and slavery, all that pain and torture? Why did we have to experience those years of slavery in Egypt at all? The question is unavoidable; especially since the Torah itself emphasizes that the exile and slavery in Egypt were pre-ordained long before, when Hashem told Abraham that his children would be enslaved for four hundred years. I have seen various answers, some of a mystical or metaphysical character, and they are all, no doubt, true and important. But perhaps the simplest answer is the following:

One of the strangest features of human nature is that we value most what we do not have. The things that are ours we take for granted. We yearn for the things that we do not have; and the things that we had and lost are most precious of all. It is perverse, perhaps, but it is nonetheless true.

And because we value most that which we have lost, it follows that if we lose something and are then given it back we cherish it in a way we could not have done had we never lost it in the first place.

Part of the mission of the Jewish people is to carry the banner of freedom through history. Now freedom is not natural. Certainly freedom in the sense that Judaism understands it – as meaning not only liberty but also responsibility and human dignity – is not natural at all. The natural order in human as well as animal societies is that the strong should prey on the weak. Nothing is harder to achieve and to maintain than a society that offers freedom and dignity to all its members. In the ancient world, even to conceive of such a society required a tremendous leap of imagination. That leap could only be achieved by a people who had lost their freedom and been given it back. And that is why the slavery and the degradation were ultimately necessary: To create a people who would cherish freedom and human dignity as no other people had done before, and who would carry the message of freedom through history, and teach it to mankind. We learned the lesson of the value of freedom in a very hard school; so hard was the school that we have never forgotten the lesson. And even today that lesson, that every human life is valuable because it reflects the image of its Creator, remains revolutionary; in many societies, even subversive. In the last century collectivist and statist ideologies that denied that lesson captured large and powerful states and wrought calamity on a never before imagined scale. And today, all around us, a tawdry hedonism, nourished by positivistic scientism, denies transcendent meaning and dignity to human life and erodes the sacred canopy of shared values that once held society together, leaving us naked and exposed in a Hobbesian world of all against all. Our mission remains to represent the possibility of something higher, of a society in which each individual is dignified by the sacred trust of a divine soul, in which freedom is realized through holiness, and in which an entire people generation after generation is held together by a shared and sacred history, which began in those first steps towards freedom which we still celebrate today.

Wishing you a *chag kasher v'sameach*,

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We would like to welcome back many of our members from their winter vacations. We hope that they had an enjoyable and restful winter. We in the shul look back on a wonderful Purim Extravaganza that was enjoyed by all who attended, both children and adults. This yearly event is one of the highlights of our shul calendar where all of the community can enjoy an evening of entertainment for the children and grandchildren in a relaxed atmosphere. Many kudos go to Yedidye Hirtenfeld for making all of the arrangements and for insuring that all runs smoothly. We hope that Yedidye will be zocheh to continue working on the party for many years to come. We in the shul are looking forward to the wonderful Yom Tov of Pesach, a time of when we celebrate our national renewal and when we are able to spend precious time with our families. We wish everyone a Chag Kosher Vesameach and look forward to the Geulah Shelayma when we will all be together in Yerushalayim Hakodesh Habanuya

David Stern

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Welcome home everybody, so nice to see that you all look so well!

Thank you so mush Noga for doing such a great job as Sisterhood treasurer.

Lynda Herskovitz, you are truly and "aishes chayil". Todah Rabah for undertaking the sale of Purim cards and once again doing a fantastic job.

"Yasher Koach" to Yedidye Hirtenfeld for our Purim Festival! Once again you gave us: Great Entertainment!, Delicious Food!, Beautiful Costumes!, and Lots of Prizes! A great time was had by all, especially the children!

Please join us for Rabbi Yechiel Snow's shabbos shiur for women. The times will be posted at the downstairs entrance. Please make every effort to attend. His words will be an inspiration to you all week long.

Remember to celebrate your s'machot by donating a leaf or rock to our beautiful Rivka Trencher Simcha Tree. Please call Amalia Rosenthal at 718-377-4872 or Noga Rudowsky at 718-377-6793. Thank you to Amalia and

Noga for their efforts on behalf of sisterhood.

Sisterhood also has condolence cards available. Please call Bess Moldovan at 718-252-4591.

Please support all of the sisterhood's fundraising projects.

I wish to extend to all a Chag Kasher V'Sameach.

Bess Moldovan
President

Holocaust commemoration program: Cracow, Plaszow, and the Search for Closure

Sunday evening, April 26, 2009 at the Young Israel of Midwood.

The program will focus on the Holocaust in Cracow, Poland's third largest city, prewar home to 60,000 Jews. Dramatic readings will describe the fate of its Jews in the Cracow Ghetto and the Plaszow concentration camp, built on the Jewish cemetery. Cracow was where the righteous Oskar Schindler established his enamelware factory and befriended Amon Goeth, the brutal commandant of Plaszow, actions that led to the rescue of close to 1200 Jews.

Helen Jonas was forced to work as a maid in the house of Amon Goeth, the brutal commandant of the Plaszow camp. Monika Hertwig, daughter of Goeth and his mistress, knew nothing about her father, who was hung before she was born. In the documentary film, *The Inheritance*, both women meet at the camp fifty years after the war. Monika is seeking truth and absolution; Helen is seeking closure. The film raises thought provoking questions about memory, moral responsibility, and the legacy of the Holocaust.

The program is free and open to the public.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Births:

Mazel Tov and much nachas to:

Rabbi & Mrs Menachem Davis on the birth of a grandson.
Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Isaac on the birth a son.
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Isaac on the birth a grandson.
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Landsberg on the birth of a grandson
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Stein on the birth of a grandson.
Dr. & Mrs. Phil Friedman on the birth of a granddaughter
Mr. & Mrs. Yisroel Rabinowitz on the birth of a grandson
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Tepper on the birth of a great grandson.
Rabbi & Mrs. Ira Rudowsky on the birth of a grandson.

Bar Mitzvah:

Mazel Tov and much nachas to:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lichtenstein on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Avi Weingarten
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Tepper on the bar mitzvah of their son, Reuvain.
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Tepper on the bar mitzvah of a grandson.

Bat Mitzvah:

Mazel Tov and much nachas to:

Mr. & Mrs. Sy Knapel on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Shoshana Knapel.
Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Perlowitz on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Matti Fuld.

Condolences:

We extend our sincere condolences to:

Mr. Wil Marcus on the loss of his brother.

Mr. Leiby Unger on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Fay Unger.

Mr. Yaakov Miles on the loss of his wife, Mrs. Dina Miles.

The Zwebner family on the loss of Mrs Ruth Zwebner.

May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mechiras Chametz

Rabbi Shulman will be available for *mechiras chametz* the following times:

Saturday night, March 28th: 8:30 – 9:30 PM

Sunday morning March 29th: 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday March 30th, April 1 & April 2nd: 8:15 – 9:30 AM & 8:30 – 9:30 PM

Tuesday, March 31: 8:15 – 9:30 AM & 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Friday April 3rd: 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Saturday night, April 4th: 8:30 – 9:30 PM

Sunday April 5th: 8:30 – 10:00 AM & 8:30 – 9:30 PM

Monday April 6th: 8:30 – 9:30 AM & 8:30 – 9:30 PM

Tuesday April 7th: 8:30 – 9:30 AM

NCYIjobs

The National Council of Young Israel has set up NCYIjobs as a free e-mail based employment bulletin board to assist those in the Jewish communities in the United States, Israel and around the world in seeking employees and employment. You might want to review the resumes at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NCYIjobs/messages> or post your requirements at NCYIjobs@yahoogroups.com and/or subscribe at NCYIjobs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

News Briefs

Anyone who has not been getting recorded messages from the shul (or wants to verify that their number is on the list) should contact Ira Rudowsky at 718-377-6793 or send an e-mail to ira_rudowsky@hotmail.com and include the name and phone number to be added. May all our announcements be for simchas.

The Young Israel of Midwood, like many other shuls, maintains an e-mail list. In order to better serve our members, we would like to update our members' e-mail addresses in order to notify you of important upcoming events and items of interest to the Jewish community. Please contact David Stern at (phone) 718-258-8090 or (e-mail) vroom45@aol.com or Steve Kahn at thekahn5@hotmail.com.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR PESACH 5769

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Rabbi Eli B. Shulman to sell my Chometz to a non-Jew of his choosing, and rent the locality where my Chometz is stored, which is at present at the following address:

(address, apartment number)

_____ as well as other locations
(locations where Chometz is stored; e.g. upper kitchen closet)

and includes the following* (write items here or circle below **only** items to be sold):

as well as all other Chometz in my possession including any goods in transit. The buyer has free access to the Chometz acquired by him.

Types of Chometz: baked goods, non-Pesach matzo, flour, cereals, groceries, gefilte fish, canned goods, tablets, medications, cosmetics, animal food containing chometz, alcoholic beverages, shares in companies, as well as bits of chometz that adhere to utensils.

New York, Nissan 5769

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Also complete this part if you will be away all Pesach:

(If you are not sure how to fill this part out Rabbi Shulman will advise you.)

I specifically authorize Rabbi Shulman to sell all Chometz located anywhere at the above address(es), with the exception of the chametz in _____).

The keys to my property can be found with: _____, at _____

_____.

Signed: _____

Special Garbage Pickup

Once again the city has arranged special garbage pickups before Pesach. There will be additional pickup on Wednesday, April 8th. Refuse should be placed in plastic bags whenever possible. Do not mix garbage and recycling. Cardboard boxes should be broken down and tied. Do not include any bulk items. No tree debris will be removed (due to the Asian beetle crisis). Put your garbage out Tuesday evening. This pick up is in addition to the regular weekly pickups.

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