

# Authorization to sell Chametz

The undersigned hereby authorizes, empowers and directs Rabbi Zev Silber, or any other person authorized or empowered by him, to act in my place and stead and on my behalf to sell all *chametz* possessed by me, whether knowingly or unknowingly, whether presently in my possession or in anyone else's possession. Such *chametz*, as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law shall include actual *chametz*, mixtures of *chametz*, and *chametz* that has adhered to or become absorbed into the surfaces of pots, pans and other utensils. This general authorization shall apply to any *chametz* owned by me or in my possession wherever so located, including, but not limited to, that *chametz* situated at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (address of house, store, office, etc.)

and located in the following places:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify place(s) where *chametz* is being stored  
 e.g. sealed kitchen cupboards)

The undersigned hereby further empowers Rabbi Zev Silber to lease all places upon which such *chametz* is situated and to lease or sell on my behalf any and all pots, pans, and utensils which contain *chametz*.

Rabbi Zev Silber is hereby authorized and directed by me to enter into any other type of transaction on my behalf with respect to such *chametz* on any such terms and for such period of time as he deems fit. I hereby confirm the validity of such transactions as if same were entered into by me directly.

If this document is being signed by more than one person, all necessary changes to the language of this authorization shall be deemed to have been made.

I hereby affix my signature this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 (5770)

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly complete this form and return it in person or mail to:

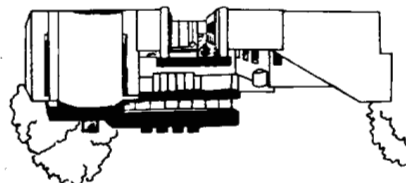
**Rabbi Zev Silber, Beth David Synagogue  
 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905**

Please allow 1 hour after the end of Passover before eating any *chametz* that was sold or before using any of your *chametz* utensils.

All forms must be received **by 10:00 AM Monday, March 29, 2010.**



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### From the Rabbi

There are many names that we use for this holiday of Pesach. The most common, used throughout the Torah, is *Chag Hamatzot* – the holiday of eating the matzah. The matzah that we eat has two meanings that are totally contradictory. As we say during the Seder, the matzah reminds us of the bread that our ancestors ate when leaving Egypt hurriedly, with no time to allow the dough to rise. On the other hand, matzah is also known as *lechem oni*, poor man's bread. It reminds us of the conditions of slavery, no time to bake bread, but relying only on the simple flat cakes to partially satisfy our hunger.

This duality is found in other aspects of Pesach, as well. Another name for the holiday is *zman cheiruteinu*, the time of our deliverance or freedom. Not only did we become a nation, but this is the season when we celebrate freedom from oppression. Yet, that freedom seems short lived. We find throughout our history that Jews have been oppressed and discriminated against, threatened and suffered from anti-Semitism time and again. We say as much in the *hagadah* at the Seder. One of the customary songs during *maggid*, at which we raise our cups when singing, is the *v'he she'amda*. It, God's mighty hand, compassion, protection and intervention, is what has saved our nation many, many times. Egypt was not the only society and age that threatened the Jewish people. In almost every generation some have attempted to destroy us, either physically or spiritually, and God has saved us, redeemed us, and protected us.

Sometimes this occurred quickly, with few casualties, such as during Purim in the time of Queen Esther or in the six-day war in our generation. Sometimes there was much suffering before salvation and reprieve was evident, as in Egypt long ago, or during the Shoah and in communist Russia, more recently.

When God's intervention comes quickly, we truly can lift our cup and sing His praises for the repeated redemption. But sometimes, this is a song of prayer and hope. We may not see how we will escape the difficulties and threats, but we are confident that, with God's help, we will.

As we sit at our Seder in our present generation, we thank God for all the redemptions and deliverances that we have experienced, and for the relative safety that we find ourselves in, our own times. Yet we recognize that there are threats all around us, aimed primarily at the Jews in Israel, but also ultimately against us. We cannot ignore the threats by the dictator of Iran to wipe Israel off the map. We dare not think that he is not serious in his attempt to develop nuclear weapons. We must not ignore the statements by terrorist groups to inflict harm on Jews and supporters of Israel wherever they may be found.

We lift our cup in Thanksgiving, but also in prayer. We know that you will protect us, God. Please do not allow that ultimate salvation to be accompanied by many casualties. Release our soldiers held in captivity, and save us from the anti-Semitic threats and dangers that lurk around the world. We put our cup back down, and continue celebrating the past as we pray and hope for a safe future.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a *chag kasher v'sameach* – may you have a joyous and kosher Pesach holiday.

~ Rabbi Zev Silber

### From the President

Happy Passover to all our congregants.

*Saba and Michael Wiesner, President*

### Calendar of Events

Monday, March 15, 7:30 pm	Pesach workshop
Monday, March 29	First Seder
Shabbat, April 10	Kiddush Luncheon
Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 pm	Sisterhood Mtg.
Sunday, May 2	<i>Chailine</i> deadline
Shabbat, May 8	Kiddush Luncheon
Wednesday, May 12	Sisterhood Donor

### Mitzvah Fund

Toby Kohn, 754-4297 or [tgkohn@stny.rr.com](mailto:tgkohn@stny.rr.com)

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

#### Mazel Tov to:

Sharon & Howie Mintz on the engagement of their daughter, Abigail, to Shai Romirowsky

#### Refuah Sheleimah to:

Ruth Groh Leonard Preston

#### Condolences to:

Maxine Granato in memory of her mother

### Contributions

#### Shul Beautiful to:

Judith Ginsburg -- Mazel Tov on the engagement of your daughter, Riva, and the engagement of your grandson, David Rittberg, from the Yonaty family

Riva Ginsburg -- Mazel Tov on the engagement of your son, David Rittberg, and on your engagement, from the Yonaty family.

### Thank You

Dora & Steve Feuer in memory of Dora's parents, Sonia & Morri Starkerman

Dora & Steve Feuer in memory of Steve's father, Irving Feuer

Rika & Steve Katz wishing *Chag Sameach* to all our friends at Beth David

Marcy & Gaby Yonaty in memory of Ethel Aaron Hauser

# Sisterhood

It appears that it is becoming a tradition that our February Music Month program is canceled due to inclement weather. Perhaps Jewish Music Month should be in July. Our March meeting with Misty Contreras, Certified Nutritionist at Lourdes Hospital will have taken place by the time you read this. I am sure we will be able to use some of her important advice and tips to help us prepare nutritionally delicious meals for Passover. They are always delicious, but with all the eggs and matzoh, are they always nutritious?

I have just come back from spending the month of February in sunny California (albeit there were several nasty rainy days) and enjoying our seven great-grandchildren. I have to say it was the best Purim I have ever had. We baked hamantashen and other treats together, did face painting, decorated masks and costumes, and assembled and delivered Shalach Manot. There was a Purim Seudah at the home of one of my granddaughter's with all of our California family present, and best of all, the great-grandchildren. For Sam and I to have lived to enjoy this time is the real Yiddish nachas. We are truly blessed.

I would like to thank Lori and Melanie Tuberman and Lynn Eisenberg for baking the hamantashen served after the Megillah reading and at the Purim seudah.

It is my hope that we shall all be blessed with a wonderful and happy Pesach. When you clean out your cupboards don't forget Food for Chow!

..... ~ Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

## March-May Minyan Times

### Mornings (times constant)\*

Sunday.....8:30 am  
 Monday – Friday .....6:40 am  
 \*Except March 30, 31, April 5, 6:.....9:00 am  
 \*Except March 16, April 1, 2, 14, 15: May 14: .....6:30 am  
 \*Shabbat .....9:00 am

### Evenings (times constant)

Friday (beginning April 2).....7:15 am

### Evenings (times vary)

Friday, March 12 .....5:50 pm  
 Friday, March 13 .....5:20 pm  
 Sunday-Thursday, March 14-18.....6:55 pm  
 Friday, March 19 .....7:00 pm  
 Shabbat, March 20.....6:45 pm  
 Sunday-Thursday, March 21-25.....7:00 pm  
 Friday, March 26 .....7:05 pm  
 Shabbat, March 27.....6:40 pm  
 Sunday-Tuesday, March 28-April 6 ..... see Pesach Schedule  
 Wednesday-Thursday, April 7-8.....7:20 pm  
 Shabbat, April 10.....7:10 pm  
 Sunday-Thursday, April 11-15.....7:25 pm  
 Shabbat, April 17.....7:20 pm  
 Sunday-Thursday, April 18-22.....7:35 pm  
 Shabbat, April 24.....7:25 pm  
 Sunday-Thursday, April 25-29.....7:40 pm  
 Shabbat, May 1.....7:35 pm  
 Sunday -Thursday, May 2-6.....7:50 pm

Shabbat, May 8.....7:40 pm  
 Sunday -Thursday, May 9-13.....7:55 pm  
 Shabbat, May 15.....7:50 pm

## Maot Chitim – Passover Charity

We all know how expensive it is to purchase all our Pesach foods and needs. We cannot forget that we have an obligation to help those less economically able to do their own purchases and enjoy the Seder and the holiday. This special charity to provide for Jewish poor the ability to purchase Pesach provisions is called Maot Chitim.

Beth David and Jewish Family Services are working together to provide for the needs of local poor and the poor in Israel. In order to assure that the money is available to enable the poor to shop before Pesach, we ask that you send your check no later than March 22. Checks may be made payable to Beth David Synagogue Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or to Jewish Family Services, noting that it is for Passover Charity and if you wish to designate your gift to local or Israeli poor. Checks may be mailed to the office of either organization. Contributions received after March 22 will be distributed in Israel.

**PRE-PESACH WORKSHOP ~ by Rabbi Zev Silber**  
 Mon. Mar.15 – 7:30 PM ~ All invited, open to the community

## Pesach Schedule

**Erev Pesach**  
**Sunday, March 28**.....Mincha/Maariv.....7:10 pm  
 Bedikat Chametz-  
 Search for the Chametz.....after 8:06 pm  
**Monday, March 29**..... Shacharit.....6:40 am  
 Siyum .....(approximately 7:15 am)  
 Latest time for eating chametz.....11:00 am  
 Latest time for burning chametz .....12:02 pm

**Pesach**  
**Monday, March 29**.....Candle lighting.....7:08 pm  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:10 pm  
 Kiddush at seder.....after 8:08 pm

**Tuesday, March 30**..... Shacharit.....9:00 am  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....(approximately 7:10 pm)  
 Candle Lighting and Kiddush at seder.....after 8:09 pm  
**Wednesday, March 31**..... Shacharit.....9:00 am  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:10 pm  
 Yom Tov ends .....8:10 pm

**Chol Hamoed**  
**Thursday-Friday, April 1-2**..... Shacharit.....6:30 am  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:15 pm

**Shabbat Chol Hamoed**  
**Friday, April 2**.....Candle Lighting.....7:12 pm  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:15 pm  
**Shabbat, April 3**..... Shacharit.....9:00 am  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:05 pm  
 Shabbat ends .....8:13 pm

**Chol Hamoed**  
**Sunday, April 4**..... Shacharit.....8:30 am

**Last Days Pesach**  
**Sunday, April 4**.....Candle lighting.....7:14 pm  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:15 pm  
**Monday, April 5**..... Shacharit.....9:00 am  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:15 pm  
 Candle lighting .....after 8:15 pm  
**Tuesday, April 6**..... Shacharit.....9:00 am  
 Yizkor .....(approximately 10:40 am)  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:15 pm  
 Yom Tov ends .....8:17 pm

# Beth David Family

Purim at Beth David was a *freilach* (joyous) event. Costumed revelers listened to the Megillah Saturday night and again on Sunday prior to the festive seudah. Harold and I unexpectedly heard the Megillah in Oak Park, Michigan. The massive snowfall that put Binghamton on the map kept us from returning from our four-day journey to Atlanta. Our being stranded in Detroit for three days gave us the opportunity to meet welcoming folks in another community.

Susan and Michael Wright combined business with pleasure on a journey to Maui. Hawaii's sunshine, clear skies and crystal waters uplifted their winter spirits. Claire and Samuel Ladenheim enjoyed every minute of their three-week sojourn in LA with their children Xianna and Michael Shiffman. They met their newest great-granddaughter Eve Toba, daughter of Tamar and Asher Gottesman, and they bonded with their various California grand and great-grandchildren.

Refuah shelema is wished to Ruth Groh and Leonard Preston.

Please remember to send your family happenings to me. Either call me at 797-5458, or email at [msasnowitz@stny.rr.com](mailto:msasnowitz@stny.rr.com).

Although Pesach always falls on the 15th of Nisan, each year we seem to dwell on it arriving early or late in the season. This year we'll recall our redemption from slavery at the end of March when the weather is still tenuous. It might be cool outdoors, but may your homes be filled with warmth as your family gathers to remember the Exodus. May you each be blessed with a kosher and meaningful Pesach.

..... ~ Meryl Sasnowitz

## Pesach Customs & Practices

**When:** Pesach begins on Monday, March 29th at night, and lasts through the day of Tuesday, April 6th.

**Prohibition of Chametz:** It is not only forbidden to eat *chametz* on Pesach, it is also forbidden to have *chametz* in our possession or in our sight. Therefore, a thorough **cleaning** of all places where *chametz* may be found is required by the night of Sunday, March 28. What is required is to clean all places where *chametz* may be found, used or stored in our homes, basement, pantries, offices, cars, purses and book bags. Don't forget your talit bag! Spring cleaning of rooms and areas that never have *chametz* there is not necessary. *Chametz* products that we are not consuming or throwing away before Pesach should be stored in a closed or covered cabinet. Dishes and utensils used for *chametz* should also be stored separately in order to avoid the mistaken use of these during Pesach.

**Kitchen Preparation:** We only use Pesach dishes, utensils and cookware on Pesach. The kitchen counters and appliances must be made Kosher for Pesach before any food for Passover is prepared in or on them. The **kashering** process differs for each appliance or utensil, and some may not be koshered at all. Please consult a reliable source for the laws and method of kashering, and do not hesitate to ask the rabbi for assistance. Many of the major supervising agencies have kashering guides on their web sites. Kashering must be completed before you burn the *chametz*.

**Shopping:** Buy only products with a Kosher for Passover label from a reliable supervisory organization. The primary reliable agencies are the OU, the Star-K, the Chof-K, the OK, and KAJ. Many other supervisory agencies are also acceptable, but consult the rabbi before purchasing a product with a kashrut symbol that you do not know is acceptable. Many products can be used on Pesach without a

special marking, and most of the kashrut agencies have lists of these on their web sites. When in doubt, please ask the rabbi for assistance.

**Mechirat Chametz - Selling of the Chametz:** The *chametz* that we have not consumed or disposed of before Pesach may not remain in our possession during the holiday. In order to avoid undue hardship or a large economic loss, arrangements can be made to sell the *chametz* to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday. As indicated above, all *chametz* remaining in your home must be stored in a closed or covered cabinet. Non-Passover utensils can be stored separately since we do not need to sell these. In order to execute a legally and halachically binding sale, you must complete the authorization form found in this *ChaiLine* and submit it by 10:00 am on Monday, March 29. It is preferable to do this in person, but forms submitted to the office or by mail are also acceptable.

**Bedikat Chametz – Search for Chametz:** We check the house and search for any *chametz* that we may not have found during our cleaning after nightfall on Sunday, March 28. It is customary to place 10 pieces of *chametz* around the house prior to the search to make sure that our search is complete. Any *chametz* that we find during our search should be stored or disposed of except for that which we plan to burn the next morning. Before beginning the search we recite a blessing, and following the search we recite a statement of nullification for any *chametz* that we may not have found. The blessing and nullification can be found in a siddur or Haggadah.

**Ta'anit Bechorim- Fast of the First Born:** The fast of First Born is held on Erev Pesach, Monday, March 29, to commemorate their deliverance from death during the tenth plague in Egypt. It is customary for the first-born to participate in a meal served in celebration of a *mitzvah*, such as a *Brit Mila* (circumcision) or *siyum* (the completion of a tractate of the Talmud). Those who attend one of these events celebrate with the partaking of refreshments and are then exempt from this fast. A *siyum* will be held at Beth David following *Shacharit* services.

**Bi'ur Chametz – Burning the Chametz:** It is prohibited to eat *chametz* on Erev Pesach, Monday, March 29 after 11:00 am. All *chametz* must be removed from our possession and the *chametz* found the night before during the search must be burned by 12:02 pm. A statement of nullification of any *chametz* not found or disposed of is recited at the time of burning. The statement can be found in a siddur or Haggadah.

**Matzah and food on Erev Pesach:** It is forbidden to eat matzah during the entire day of Erev Pesach in order that we may hunger for the taste of matzah at the Seder. Under some conditions, foods containing matzah meal may be eaten, as well as egg matzah, which we generally do not eat on Pesach. Please consult the rabbi for specifics. After 4:10 pm we may only eat small quantities of fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs or fish.

**Seder Preparation:** The special foods for the Seder plate for both *Sedarim* should be prepared during the day of Erev Pesach. The *Kiddush* at the Seder may not be recited until after nightfall on either night. The *afikoman* should be eaten before 1:08 AM. Some people have the custom of beginning *sefirat ha'omer* – the counting of the omer – at the second Seder instead of counting during the evening service.

**After Pesach:** *Chametz* that was owned by a Jew during Pesach may not be consumed, even after Pesach. The *chametz* that you arranged to have been sold before Pesach will be returned to your possession at approximately 9:00 pm on Tuesday, April 6. Black and White Cookie Company is Jewish owned and arranged for its *chametz* to be sold to a non-Jew through the Orthodox Union (OU). Challah will be available for the Shabbat following Pesach. Price Chopper is Jewish owned and arranged for its *chametz* to be sold to a non-Jew through the Albany Vaad Hakashrut. Weis Markets is Jewish owned and the *chametz* in all the local stores was sold by me, while the stores in other areas have been arranged with other rabbis. The *chametz* at the local JCC, Hillel Academy and our synagogue was sold by me. Friendly's Ice Cream outlets are Jewish owned and arranged for its *chametz* ice cream products to be sold to a non-Jew through Rabbi Shaya Kilimnick of Beth Sholom Congregation in Rochester, NY.

This information is accurate as of time of publication. If there are any changes which will affect the ability to purchase or consume *chametz* from or at any of these businesses, I will inform the congregation by e-mail. If you do not receive e-mail updates from the synagogue, please send a request to [rabbisilber@stny.rr.com](mailto:rabbisilber@stny.rr.com) to be added to our distribution list.