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The TABI Times

From the Rabbi



Pesach, above all else, is a festival of freedom. When we hear the words of the Haggadah, we are reminded of our journey from slavery. Every single day of our lives we are commanded to remember the exodus from Egypt. This is a separate obligation than the one we have on the seder night, when we are obligated to relate the story of our exodus from Egypt.

There are many differences between remembering the exodus

daily and the retelling of the story on the Seder night. For example, to remember it daily, all one has to do is simply mention it as we do in the third paragraph of the Shema. However, on Passover, the story of the exodus must be told in a question and answer style.

Another difference is that when telling the story we must start by telling the negative aspects in the beginning of the story, such as the story of our persecution and enslavement and that our ancestors worshipped idols, and end with the praise and good tidings of the exodus, when God took us out of Egypt. We do not have this obligation in the daily remembrance of the exodus. Why do we have to tell the story in this

particular order, from the negative aspects to the positive ones?

If we just mentioned that God took us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and did many miracles for us, that would be very nice. However, when we relate how our ancestors were worshipping idols, were slaves to Pharaoh, and then were taken out by God with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and given the Torah, we can feel a much deeper sense of gratitude. Only now, that we know the beginning of the story, can we see so clearly how kind and merciful God was to us and how much praise and gratitude we should have for God.

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We can derive a great lesson from this. By and large, we live a relatively comfortable lifestyle. We live in nice homes, have food on the table, and do not have to worry about our next meal. Most of us are not persecuted or discriminated against. The Jews are in control of the land of Israel for the first time in almost 2,000 years. However, we must not forget the source of all of our comfort. We have to think back to our people's history: the destruction of the Temples, the crusades, the Inquisition, the pogroms, and the Holocaust. We have to look at how terrible of a situation our people have been in and how miraculous it is that we are still here as a people and that there is yet another generation of Jews being raised in our world. One cannot just sit back and relax, simply enjoying his or her portion in life. One has to think about the daily blessings and give thanks to God

We have to look at the big picture of history and see God's hand guiding us from place to place.

Only then can we realize that we are obligated to give tremendous amounts of gratitude to the One who gives us strength and blessings each day.

Pesach is the festival of freedom – with freedom comes responsibility. We have the responsibility to remember, the responsibility to teach our heritage to the next generation and the responsibility to give thanks to God for all our blessings.

May this be a happy and healthy Pesach for you and your families. Please join us for our Passover Seder on April 14th at 5:30 PM. Pesach services will be at 8:00 AM on April 15th and at 8:00 AM on April 21st at which time Yizcor will be recited.

Chag Sameach, a Happy and healthy Passover to you and your families.

Gary A. Mazo, Rabbi

Yahrzeit Observances

April 2 / 02 Nisan	Sol Z. Bernstein, Goldie Sabel
April 3 / 03 Nisan	Bertha Mack, Louis Trockman
April 4 / 04 Nisan	Abe Fishman, Betty Levin, Jeanette Posin
April 5 / 05 Nisan	Celia Danenberg, Edward Engel, Ida Hamburg, Alfred Hirshberg, Murray Maurer
April 6 / 06 Nisan	Nathan Reisman, Mike Shavitz, Bernard (Ben) Silver
April 7 / 07 Nisan	Robert B Kopelwitz
April 9 / 09 Nisan	Lori D. Karp, Clara Roberts
April 10 / 10 Nisan	Sarah Bloom, Corinne R. Levy, Abraham Mack, Arthur J. Shane, Rose Anna Trockman, Oscar Winski
April 11 / 11 Nisan	Rose Joseph
April 12 / 12 Nisan	Sarah Levin
April 13 / 13 Nisan	Isaac Bloom, Isaac Salm
April 15 / 15 Nisan	Irving Opie
April 16 / 16 Nisan	Esmer Downing, Rebecca M. Dumes, Rabbi Milton Greenwald, Sol Karp, Julius Korba, Fanchon Sabel, Joseph Schwartz
April 17 / 17 Nisan	Rosalie Pollack
April 18 / 18 Nisan	Frances Barancik, John Lookatch
April 19 / 19 Nisan	Jess Hallert, Rachel Hecht, Constance B. Present, David Sachs, Cookie Sater, Lillian Sater, Ruth Silverman
April 20 / 20 Nisan	Benjamin Elbert Nahmias, Josephine Nahmias, Milton Newman
April 21 / 21 Nisan	Louis Colman, Lillian Spahn
April 22 / 22 Nisan	Samuel Bernstein, Vic Hasson, John Laska, Robert K Levi, Louis B. LeVine, Elliott Sabel, Lena Statsinger
April 23 / 23 Nisan	Henry C Levy, Harry Michelson, Abraham Weil
April 24 / 24 Nisan	Hyman G Dumes, Benjamin J. Kweskin, Margo Seif
April 25 / 25 Nisan	Fay Abrams, Arthur C. Bitterman, Fred Horenstein, Rosella G. Newman, Alex Schamberg, Emanuel Shavitz
April 26 / 26 Nisan	Anna Sarah Greenberg, Juliette L. Kessler, Bess Snyder
April 27 / 27 Nisan	Abigail Abrams, Sheldon Allen Breskow, Pam Burg, Ed Loeb
April 28 / 28 Nisan	Donald Ellenstein, Ethel M. Millman
April 29 / 29 Nisan	Fannie Maurer Fishman, Lewis (Bus) Newman
April 30 / 30 Nisan	Ruth Cristil, Pauline Scheer, Dorothy Slavkin

Birthdays

04/01 Maxwell Brian Forman
 04/04 Sam Stone
 04/05 Lois Rosenblum Mittleman
 04/06 Ami (Aviva) Ellenstein Benjamin Lobel
 04/07 Dr. Barry Lieberman Yusman
 04/08 Lilah Ebeling Rogel
 04/09 Isaiah Moss, Steven Karp, Pamela Alisa Sontz, Jeremy Bloomfield
 04/11 Mark Adler, Jessica Levco, Madeline Berger
 04/12 Judge Wayne S. Trockman
 04/13 Deena Lewis, Liza Malamut
 04/14 Mark Aquilar, Shirley Siegel, Polly Abrams, Mallory Isabel Berger

04/16 Laura Anne Trockman, Jason Jeffrey Sater
 04/17 Carrie Solomon, Patrick Drake, Ethan Goldblatt
 04/18 Jean Berger
 04/19 Samuel Jerome Gershwin
 04/20 Sara Trockman, Clarence Mann, Sarah Marta Berger
 04/23 Lynn Senzell, Nathan Haas, Ro Goldblatt
 04/25 Margie Adler, Joselyn Trockman, Donna Martin
 04/28 Shira Madison Eve Metter, Jason Coulter Samuel Brett Kornick
 04/30 Emily Rachel Isaacs, Anji Ellenstein Farwick

Anniversaries

04/03 Jim & Lisa Trockman
 04/07 Robert & Deborah Goldman
 04/09 Jill Sater & David Stellmach
 04/15 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Sater
 04/18 Larry & Lois Simon
 04/20 Charles & Leslie Berger
 Mr. & Mrs. David Pearson

04/23 Nirit Zukerman-Gast & Justin Gast
 04/24 Mr. & Mrs. Mark P. Davis
 04/27 Barry & Naomi Barancik
 04/30 Jon & Martha Goldman

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My Spiel

BOB GOLDMAN, President

Shalom from the executive suite.

My regular requests for your feed-back, your input, your criticism, your encouragement seem to fall on deaf ears (eyes). I'll assume you think we do a good job caring for, managing and leading our congregation. But, now I have another request for your input as well as your contribution.

As we are attending and enjoying Friday Shabbat services in ever greater numbers, I need to know if we can, once again, have you bring home-prepared food items for our Oneg; Fresh fruit, baked goods (ummm home-made fresh), fresh vegetable pieces. Richard will, as usual, prepare the table for us. Rabbi Mazo has a handle on refilling our spirits, but putting together a spread to fill our stomachs is stretching my budget.

As one alternative, I ask that we reorganize an Oneg Shabbat committee. Please let me know if you would be willing to take this on. Another, is to collect a few bucks to keep the table full.

Add a small bump to your TABI dues or send a small contribution to the office designated for an Oneg Fund if this is what you enjoy and you would rather not prepare a food item to contribute. Really, if everyone just pays or brings a little each week it should be more than enough added to what we already provide.

Another I alternative is that we concentrate on your spirit and continue offering you a more modest Oneg. Please let me, Barbie or a Board member know what you want to do. Of equal importance to me is to let you know how much I enjoy the format of our monthly Family service. Rabbi Mazo continues his regular emphasis on including music in the Shabbat worship service, with Josh Riedford's accompaniment, in a low key acoustic mode as compared with our higher energy Shabbat rocks. This feels more intimate and participatory and it is definitely not a "children's" service – it is a great experience for us all. bg

A Musical weekend with Steve Dropkin!



Friday, April 4th
Shabbat Service
with Kippah Groovin'

7 PM **Special Oneg to follow**

Saturday, April
5th

Shabbat Morning
Service 10 AM **Kiddush to follow**

Sunday, April 6
Hands-on Music for the Sunday School

Steve Dropkin is widely regarded as a major new composer of contemporary Jewish music and liturgy. He has been actively involved in Jewish music for more than 40 years. He began his songleading career as a 14 year old attending Camp Eisner in Massachusetts. In high school, he was the Regional Songleader for the Jersey Federation of Temple Youth. That experience led to his inclusion on the album, Songs NFTY Sings, where he sang and played guitar for three songs.

Steve's career as a songleader and composer has led to performances throughout the United States as well as England and Israel. He is a regular guest at NFTY and URJ conferences. Many of his songs are now standards in synagogue worship, summer camps, and religious schools. His composition of Hashkivienu won the first ever Shalshalet Choral Festival.

We are excited to welcome Steve to TABI for a special musical weekend!

A few months ago, the Social Action Committee presented an opportunity to help the United Caring Services make use of some of their surplus corn. Several people answered the call by coming together in the TABI kitchen and make a whopping 98 corn breads!

It was such a huge success and so much fun, the TABI Cooking Club was born!

We got together again in March and this time we made a whole lot of hamantaschen for Purim.



Sam Dye expertly fills hamantaschen

Next up: ADVENTURES IN HAROSET MAKING

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 10 AM

Using recipes from around the world, we will make new and delicious kinds of haroset. We have several different recipes:

ASHKENAZI, AMERICAN, ISRAELI, GREEK, CALIFORNIA, PERSIAN, YEMENITE, VENETIAN, TURKISH, RAMBAM, ITALIAN, CURACAO, PIEDMONTESE, SURINAM, GEORGIAN, MOROCCAN, CALCUTTA... to name a few.

Here's the plan. RSVP to say you'll join us and you will receive a recipe at random (or you can choose one that appeals to you). Bring your recipe and the necessary ingredients with you. We will make our recipes and have an opportunity to sample each other's. It would be great to have enough to share them at the TABI Community Seder.

RSVP to Barbie at (812) 477-1577

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A very warm welcome to our newest TABI members:

Rona (Ro) and David Goldblatt
5825 Medinah Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630
812-858-2875
rogoldblatt@mac.com

The Goldblatt family moved from New Jersey to Newburgh in January when David took a position as a VP of Marketing at MasterBrand Cabinets in Jasper. In the last 17 years, the family has lived all over the US as well as in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Ro and David's children, fifteen year old twins Alexander (Alex) and Kayla and almost eleven year old Ethan, attend Evansville Day School.

Now in Evansville:

TABI members, Amanda and Tim Henn have crossed the Ohio and moved to 8212 Lake Terrace Drive with their Aunt Joy White

LOOKING FOR GRADUATES!

Do you have a high school, college, or professional graduation coming up in your family? We want to include your student in our upcoming annual "Hats off to the Graduates." Let us know the good news. Call or email Sue Barancik with your information (the who, what, and when, and where). Reach Sue at 853-9929 or suemarbar@roadrunner.com. C'mon, let us congratulate you and your student!

Thanks to Rabbi Gary Mazo

for serving as a cast member at the Taste of Black History dinner/program held at the Eykamp Auditorium on the UE campus. TABI member Kelley Coures produces and directs a dramatic program each year as a fundraiser for the Evansville American Museum. This year was a Return to Black Hollywood' featuring vintage film clips and bios of actors from the 1930s. Rabbi Mazo told the story of the late composer/band leader Duke Ellington. The event was sold out.

Mazel Tov!



Congratulations and very sweet wishes to Megan Senzell, daughter of Lynn and Mark, on her December graduation from the renowned Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI. Megan received her B.S. degree in Pastry and Baking. Following graduation, she did an internship at Butcher & Bee in Charleston, SC, a popular sandwich shop, where she baked countless loaves of bread to be served both at Butcher & Bee as well as at many of the finest Charleston restaurants. Now that her internship is over, Megan is employed baking breads and treats at Sweet Radish, a vegan and gluten free bakery in Charleston.

A well-deserved Mazel Tov goes to Katherine Brice for receiving the Super Citizen Award at Evansville's North Junior High School. Her teachers overwhelmingly voted for Katherine for this award given to students who have good grades, good citizenship, help out in class, and do things above the norm. Her proud mother, Cheryl, and grandmother, Elaine, were delighted! Share the simchas! Let the TABI community know of the happy events in your family's lives. Email or call Sue Barancik with your news. You can reach Sue at 853-9929 or by email at suemarbar@roadrunner.com.



ADULT NON-FICTION: *Three lives, three memoirs*

Chesler, Phyllis. **An American Bride in Kabul.** In 1961, Twenty year old Phyllis Chesler, a Jewish-American girl from Brooklyn, fell in love with an Afghan boy and moved with him to his homeland. When she arrived in Kabul with her bridegroom, authorities took away her American passport. She fought against her seclusion and lack of freedom, her Afghan family's attempts to convert her from Judaism to Islam, and her husband's wish to permanently tie her to the country through childbirth.

Moss, Richard. **Matilda's Triumph.** Our own TABI member has written a memoir about his family, focusing on his childhood in the Bronx, his mother's struggles raising five boys alone, his graduation from medical school, pro bono work in several countries, and finally setting up his medical practice in Indiana. He writes of his struggles dealing with his mother's stroke and his inability to save her. Mazel Tov, Richard

Steinman, Louise. **The Crooked Mirror: A Memoir of Polish-Jewish Reconciliation.** In 1945, an American diplomat heard about the massacre of Polish Jews who tried to reclaim their property from their Gentile neighbors. He remarked that Hitler purged Poland of Jews, but the Poles had not purged themselves of their legacy of anti-Semitism. Steinman, of Polish Jewish descent, agreed to join a meeting of American Jews, Poles, and a variety of other interested parties as part of an ongoing effort at Polish Jewish reconciliation.

TEENS: *New additions for Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day*

Baascomb, Neal. **The Nazi Hunters:** How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi.

In 1945, Adolf Eichmann, the head of operations for the Nazis' Final Solution, walked into the mountains of Germany and vanished from view. Sixteen years later, an elite team of spies captured him on a bus in

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Argentina and smuggled him to Israel, resulting in one of the century's most important trials -- one that cemented the Holocaust in the public imagination. This is the thrilling and fascinating story of what happened between these two events. Grades 7-10

Sax, Aline. **The War Within These Walls.** Teenage Misha narrates the story of what happened during WWII when Nazi forces took over Poland and walled off a part of Warsaw in 1940 to hold the Jews. Misha rebels against the inhumane conditions of meager rations and the tremendous overcrowding in the Warsaw Ghetto by smuggling food until his younger sister disappears while on a run through Ghetto by smuggling food until his younger sister disappears while on a run through the sewer system. Then, in 1943, when he learns that the Nazis plan to kill all the Jews by transporting them to concentration camps, he joins a rebel group determined to fight back no matter how hopeless their cause might be. Grades 8 and up

KIDS: *Three new books about Passover, all perfect for grades K-3.*

Marshall, Linda Elovitz. **The Passover Lamb.** As Miriam completes her farm chores, she practices chanting the Four Questions in preparation for the Passover Seder to be held that night. She notices that one of the family's sheep, Snowball, has given birth to three lambs but is refusing to feed one of them. Miriam immediately steps in, feeding the lamb, cuddling it, naming it Moses, and eventually taking it along to the Seder, nestled in a basket and dressed in a diaper.

Snyder, Laurel. **The Longest Night.** This picture book in verse follows the actual story of the Exodus. Told through the eyes of a young slave girl, author Laurel Snyder and illustrator Catia Chien skillfully and gently depict the story of Pharaoh, Moses, the 10 plagues, and the parting of the Red Sea in a remarkably accessible way.

Strauss, Linda Leopold. **The Elijah Door: A Passover Tale.** For years the Galinskys and Lippas have shared Seder. But no more! Mama Lippa shuts her windows tight against the Galinsky voices. Papa Galinsky cuts a new side door to avoid seeing the Lippas. But David Lippa and Rachel Galinsky love each other, and fortunately, they have a trick up their sleeves. This charming folktale and stunning woodcuts celebrate the joys of love, freedom, and family.

SAYINGS FROM THE B'NAI B'RITH LODGE

By Phil Siegel

In January, 2014, Brother Irv LeVine made a thoughtful and appreciated donation to the B'nai B'rith Teddy Bear Project. On February 4, 2014, Irv celebrated his ninety-second birthday. He started the day by attending the Tuesday morning minyon. When the service was over those in attendance sang, "Happy Birthday" and thanks to Nancy Drake a picture was taken which appeared in the Evansville Courier & Press. We are all proud of Irv and wish him many more happy birthdays and good health.

At a recent Lodge meeting the President of the Local Lodge, Dr. Michael Sontz called for "Good and Welfare". The gentlemen primarily spoke about their children and grandchildren. This was not unusual. The President read a copy of a class assignment of a grandchild entitled "MY SPECIAL OBJECT". The following was written by ROBYN BAIRD, a Senior Honor Student at Skidmore College located in Saratoga Springs, New York.

"Grandparents love spoiling and putting smiles on the faces of their grandchildren. Mine are no different, with the minor exception that my grandfather also likes to "spoil" unrelated children in need. My personal object that is meaningful; reflective of my values, is a teddy bear that I received from my grandfather a few years ago. This teddy bear is not only a gift lovingly given to me from my grandfather, rather it also reflects my religious beliefs and dedication to be involved in charity work. Significant qualities that my grandfather largely facilitated in passing down to me and reflects my personal narrative and identity. The teddy bear is wearing a t-shirt with the words "B'nai B'rith Buddy". B'nai B'rith is a Jewish community service organization, and having been raised in a Jewish family; the Hebrew words on the shirt reflect my spiritual beliefs. Furthermore, this teddy bear serves as a personal reminder for me toward understanding the importance of constantly giving back to the community. I am aware that the intentions behind his present were to pass along his Jewish faith, dedication to charity work, and a symbol of love for his granddaughter."

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Please consider a contribution to the Teddy Bear Project and show others that you care about them. Mail your donations to: Philip H. Siegel, 100 N.W. First Street #202, Evansville, Indiana 47708



Josephine (Finna) Fredriks poses with her B'nai B'rith Buddy

PAX: Program for Academic Exchange

Program for Academic Exchange(PAX) is a non-profit educational organization looking for host families in Evansville for the 2014-2015 school year. PAX students range in age from 15-18 and come from one of 70 Europe-an, South American, Asian, or African countries to attend a local high school. They have studied English for at least three years and are excited to learn more about Ameri-can culture while also sharing their own culture with our community. Each student is covered by comprehensive medical insurance and has their own spending money for incidentals, while the host family provides a bed, and a warm and encouraging home environment. This is a great way to bring the world to the Evansville community! If you or someone you know would be interested in host-ing an exchange student or would like more information,

Please contact Liz Webster at 812-480-9636 or email at eawebster15@gmail.com.



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TABI School News

The TABI School Committee had been meeting to tackle not only the day-to-day challenges of running the school, but also look strategically to create a sustainable school that meets the needs of our student and families. Below are some highlights of the year so far:

New Families:

The TABI school family welcomed a new family this month. The Goldblatts (Ro, David, Alex (15), Kayla (15) and Ethan (10) were welcomed with a special donut breakfast at the start of Sunday school. We are happy to have them join our TABI family.

Curriculum 2014-2015:

At this point in time, the school committee agrees it is time to start exploring different curricula and school models that might better meet the needs of our families, students, and congregation.

School Clean Up:

Messy classrooms are signs of active and engaged students, right? Maybe, but it was time for a little spring cleaning. Big thanks to Davena, Jade, Ed, and Jessica. They cleaned up 3 classrooms. There are 3 left – plus the office. Next cleaning day will be in April. Davena will send out more information later.

Confirmation:

Save the Date: Confirmation will take place on Friday, May 30. Please help us celebrate this milestone of our oldest TABI school students."

A Student's Perspective – By Skylar Day

Recently, our Bar/Bat mitzvah class took a new look at the story of Purim. We had to use our social media skills to make a Facebook profile page for the characters in the story of Purim. Our page had to include a profile picture, timeline, what religion they were and their relationship status. Some of our groups decided to make the page more modern day, so we added things like hashtags, selfies, and texting slang. We are pretty sure that we taught our parents a thing or two about teenage lingo. I'm happy to say that we enjoyed ourselves a lot and had a great time making these very creative profile pages, and I think we might have taught the Rabbi a little something, also! ;)

Rabbi Pepper's Lovely Purim Band

