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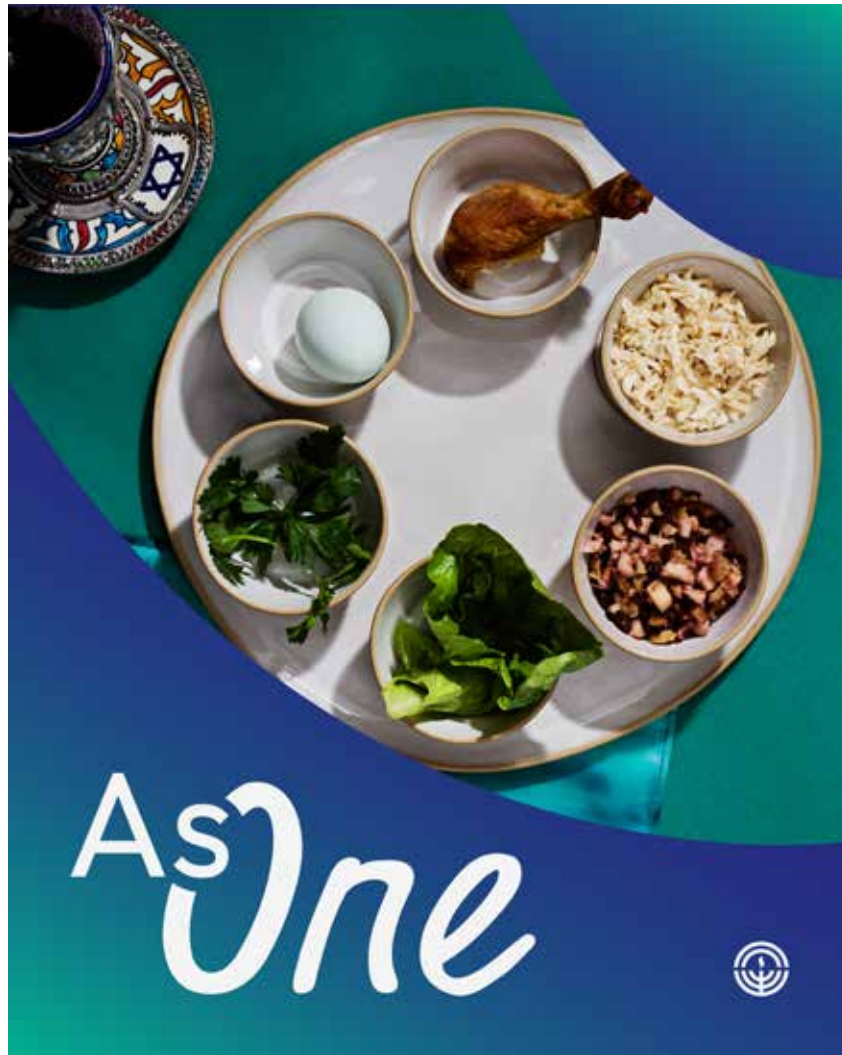
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At the Seder table, we taste bitter herbs to remind us about the suffering our ancestors endured in Egypt. Today, with antisemitism reaching unprecedented levels, that ancient warning demands renewed vigilance and collective action. Antisemitism spreads online, on our campuses, and in our streets. Protecting our communities requires sustained investment in security, relentless advocacy, and unwavering resolve.

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May the story of the Exodus inspire hope and freedom in your heart this Passover.
May your Seder be full of reflection, love, and the timeless story of freedom

Amy, Barbara, Janice



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and sustaining the environment**

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Message from Mark Grunblatt, President

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Shalom Chaverim,

World and national events have again raised security concerns for our community. From the Persian Gulf to Haifa to Jackson, Mississippi to Bondi Beach, Australia to Yemen to Paris to Buenos Aires, Argentina and beyond, Jews are targets of haters seeking to kill us and destroy our institutions.

Purim and Pesach remind us that this is an old pattern. As your Federation President, I again remind you that if you are targeted or witness an anti-Semitic attack, stay safe, then file a police report. After that, contact us at Federation. Be like Mordechai, letting Queen Esther know the dangers you see. Both public safety officials and our National Federation track and cross-reference such threats and attacks, disempowering the hate-fueled Hamans and Pharaohs.

While staying safe, let's have some fun. Sap is running in Catskill maple groves, so spring will be here soon. Try sugar on snow. Heat maple syrup to 235° F, and pour over clean snow. Crushed ice also works. Vermonters like it with dill pickles, but I'll take my sweet treats straight.

The Ulster County Jewish Federation is planning its 75th anniversary gala this fall. We seek your help with our preparations and at the big birthday party itself. Long-time members, can we interview you about the old JCC off Hurley Mountain Road? All members, if you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Brian in our office. More broadly, we seek your help with all our projects, such as the Jewish Day of Learning, fundraising, security and safety, Israeli affairs and general outreach. New board and committee members are always needed. Again, let our office know.

Kadima yechad (forward together),

Mark Grunblatt

Mark Grunblatt
UCJF President

*This statement is provided from the
Ulster County Jewish Federation Security Group*

STATEMENT FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA:

The Jewish Federations of North America organization, Secure Community Network (SCN), ADL (Anti-Defamation League), Community Security Service (CSS), and Community Security Initiative (CSI) of New York, recommend that Jewish communities across North America remain vigilant and maintain heightened security measures during this time of uncertainty.

All parties remain in close contact with national partners and key stakeholders, including working with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners and Jewish communal organizations to monitor developments, share information, and ensure appropriate security measures are implemented as circumstances require.

We actively monitor events and proactively share any relevant information. To report incidents or suspicious activity, please contact your local law enforcement agency at 911, local reporting authority, and UCJF security person at 845-590-0925. This group recommends that communities reemphasize these Eight Best Practice Recommendations:

Eight Best Practice Recommendations:

1. Ensure awareness and coordination with law enforcement and the Jewish Community Security Initiative and/or security professionals servicing your community or region
2. Extend the protections or security of your event's/facility's perimeter as far as possible
3. Open events only to identifiable individuals and pre-screened invitation lists (e.g., no mass emails to the broad public)
4. Require registration and verification of registrants for events open to the public
5. Provide details of location, time, and other information only upon confirmed registration
6. Allow access control (locks and entrance procedures) to known, confirmed registrants/attendees into the facility/event
7. Remain vigilant and report suspicious activity
8. Add armed on-duty or off-duty law enforcement, private security, and/or volunteer teams as additional layers of protection wherever possible



Sharon-Murray Cohen, Executive Director
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Dear Community Friends,

For 25 years JFS has provided essential programs and services to seniors, of all faiths, in our area.

As we celebrate 25 years of helping seniors throughout the Ulster County region, we acknowledge that your generous donations throughout the years have been a crucial part in our providing essential services. Now, due to cuts in state funding, county funding and limited funding through The Claims Conference, ***we are in need of your support and generous giving more than ever.*** Your generosity enables us to continue providing programs and services to seniors and their families – of all faiths – throughout the mid-Hudson Valley.

Our Mission is non-denominational: We provide quality and compassionate social services and educational programs to senior citizens in Ulster County and the entire region. ***Jewish Family Services of Ulster County provides essential and often life- saving services.***

- **Counseling by licensed Social Workers**
- **Family-centered mental health services**
- **Bereavement Support Groups**
- **Care Giver Support Groups**
- **Alzheimer and Dementia Support**

This population is increasing rapidly. A recent study showed that 15.6 percent of seniors in Ulster County, not in nursing homes, have Alzheimer's or dementia. The impact on them and their families can be devastating. We are helping them.

- **How to protect seniors from financial, emotional and physical exploitation.** We guide victims as to where to turn for help if they become victims.
- **Holocaust Survivors:** In addition to our many other activities, we offer comprehensive assistance to Holocaust survivors, some of whom are still living here full-time, and some of whom are still coming up during the summer months. As this population ages, the help they need increases exponentially. We provide arrangements for home care, case management and care plans, home visits and psychological services, in addition to things like emergency moving expenses, eyeglass and emergency dental expenses.

But funding for these services have become greatly compromised in the current environment

Without your support these programs could be gone. We need your support now.

Here are two ways to offer your tax-deductable donation: **Checks to:**

Jewish Family Services of Ulster
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Or Online:

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PJ Library

By Maya Unger, PJ Library Ulster County Coordinator

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Shalom everyone,

It has been quite a winter with an abundance of snow and freezing temps, but we have managed to stay cozy and keep up our programming, with books and crafts and friends new and old. We had a wonderful lively Chanukah program at Ulster Library, with a great turnout and satisfied bellies full of jelly (donuts). We also recently had a snug storytime at The Bakery in New Paltz, as well as a magic themed storytime with tricks, honoring the great Houdini (and the PJ book about him).

Please save the dates and join us for our upcoming Passover programs!

Looking forward to spring and the return of flowers and critters, just around the corner..

In the meantime stay warm and safe!

Warm blessings, Maya Ungar





Please join us for a trip down the Nile..

Passover family program

April 7th, 2026

4:30 pm

Stories, crafts
& Passover treats

860 Ulster Ave,
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*Greeting
Season*

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 1



Dr. Cy Gruberg
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Contact Your Guidance Office

Thank you to Dr. Cy Gruberg of blessed memory & the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, a \$500.00 scholarship is available to Jewish high school graduating senior(s) from an area high school who is college bound “*whose acts or deeds have made a most significant contribution to their school and our community.*”

Applications for 2026 are available through the guidance offices at all Ulster County high schools, as well as at Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Wallkill High Schools. The Federation’s high school scholarship committee will select the recipients, and students will be notified before their respective school awards ceremonies or graduations.

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- Summer camp programs (sleepaway camp for children)
- Summer programs in Israel for teenagers
- High school or college one-year academic programs in Israel
- Volunteers for Israel (ages 18 and older)
- Jewish study programs (ages 18 and older)



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The applicant or a family member must be a donor to the Jewish Federation of Ulster County.
- A minimum contribution of \$54 to the 2026 Annual Campaign is required.
- Programs must be Jewish in orientation.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by **Friday, May 8** and will receive their awards at the Federation's **Annual Meeting Monday, June 8**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit a letter addressed to the Scholarship Committee that includes the following information:

- Applicant name and address
- Home and/or cell phone number
- Email address
- Current grade or academic status
- Parent(s) or guardian name(s)
- Parent(s) address (if different from applicant's)
- Purpose of funding (please specify program type)
- Explanation of how this experience will impact your life
- Share something about yourself
- Work or volunteer experience (if applicable)

Submission Information Deadline Friday, April 24 Mail or email your resume and proposal letter to:

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Email: ucjewishfederation@gmail.com

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Message from Reb Leah Hecht

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Dear Members of Our Precious Community,

As we prepare for the beautiful Yom Tov of Pesach, our hearts begin to feel the familiar stirring, the polishing, the cooking, the kashering, and the anticipation. Soon we will gather around our Seder tables, surrounded by family, friends, and the timeless words of the Haggadah.

At the very beginning of the Seder, we lift the matzah and declare:

“Kol dichfin yeitei v’yeichol, kol ditzrich yeitei v’yifsach”

“Whoever is hungry, let them come and eat; whoever is in need, let them come and celebrate Pesach.”

These are not merely poetic words. They are a living directive. Before we speak of redemption, before we tell the story of our freedom, we open our doors. We make space. We look outward.

In the spirit of the holy teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe who constantly reminded us to care for every Jew with unconditional love, we reaffirm that our community Seder tables are open.

If you do not have a place for the Seder...

If you know someone who may be alone...

If you are unsure where you will celebrate...

Please know: you belong. You are invited. Our doors and hearts are open.

Pesach is the festival of emunah, of transmission, of questions and answers. It is when we gather our children close, and tell them that no matter how dark the exile felt, Hashem heard our cries and redeemed us with a mighty hand. And just as Hashem did not leave a single Jew behind in Mitzrayim, we too must ensure that no one is left behind at our Seder tables.

If you would like to join a Seder please reach out to us. Let us fulfill together the sacred words of the Haggadah.

May we merit to celebrate this Pesach with true joy and expansiveness. And may this be the final Pesach in Exile, as we prepare to greet Moshiach and celebrate next year in Jerusalem.

Wishing you and your families a Kosher
and Freilichen Pesach,
With warmth and blessings,
Reb. Leah Hecht



Message from Rabbi Y. Yitzhak Hecht

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Dear Friend,

When you woke up this morning, what was your frame of mind? Was today simply the day after yesterday and a prelude to tomorrow? Or was this morning the beginning of a new chapter, the first page in a book entitled “The Rest of My Life”? It’s a common human experience to feel chained to our habits, trapped by inertia, and disempowered to shape the future. That’s why fresh starts, a new job, a new home, a new hobby, can feel so exhilarating. They offer the gift of a clean slate. We feel energized, unencumbered by history, and wide open to new possibilities.

Think of it in seasonal terms: Winter holds nature in a kind of frozen pause. Trees are bare, flowers lie dormant, and animals hibernate. The world goes quiet.

But then comes spring. Slowly, the pulse of life returns. Buds appear on branches, birds fill the air with song, and there’s a hum of vitality all around. The season whispers of growth, hope, and transformation. There’s a can-do energy in the breeze. The world is waking up and inviting us to do the same.

This cycle mirrors our inner lives. A psycho-spiritual “winter” might look like being stuck in old habits, frozen in the status quo, or convinced that real change is out of reach. Just as nature lies dormant through the cold months, we too can find ourselves in seasons of stillness, contraction, or inner hibernation.

But winter never lasts forever.

As the earth begins to thaw and bloom, we prepare to celebrate Pesach, Zman Cheiruseinu, the Festival of Our Freedom, commemorating our national liberation from Egypt. Fittingly, it’s also called Chag Ha’Aviv, the Spring Festival. These two names, held together, express a profound idea: it’s no coincidence that Pesach comes in spring, when our senses are reawakened by light, scent, and song. Just as the natural world stirs back to life, so can we.

Pesach celebrates our collective redemption, but it also calls us to seek personal, inner freedom. It invites us to break free from whatever holds us back: fear, stagnation, regret, or self-doubt. It urges us to move forward with clarity and courage. We have the power to shift the rhythm of our own dance and step into this season of renewal and growth.

So this year, make your Pesach more meaningful. Reflect not only on the freedom of the past, but on your freedom today! The freedom to grow, to dream, and to begin again.

Remember, G-d is holding your hand today, just as G-d held our collective hand during the original Exodus.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Kosher,
happy and healthy Pesach!
Rabbi Y. Yitzhak Hecht



Message from Rabbi AB Itkin

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Dear Friend,

As we are entering into the Pesach Season, we reach a defining moment in our collective journey: the Splitting of the Sea. More than a miraculous escape, it marked a point of no return. G-d did not lead the Israelites on the shortest path to freedom. He brought them to the edge of the Red Sea, with the Egyptian army closing in from behind. There was no retreat, only forward.

Why choose such a perilous route?

Because true freedom is born not in comfort, but in commitment. Sometimes, the only way to move forward is to remove the possibility of going back.

That is exactly what G-d orchestrated at the sea. The Jewish people had only recently left slavery. Their

fear was real. But by bringing them to a place where there was no way back, G-d ignited within them the strength to move forward with faith. When the sea split, they walked through not just to safety, but into a new identity.

At Pesach time, we too are invited to cross our own sea. To let go of doubt, fear, and the false comforts of the past. To step into freedom not with hesitation, but with resolve.

Because when we leave ourselves no way back, G-d opens the way forward. And in that courageous step, the journey truly begins.

Wishing you all a kosher and Happy Pesach!
Rabbi AB Itkin

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Message from Reb. Binie Itkin

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Dear Friend,

As we prepare to sit at the Seder table on the holy night of Pesach, we are reminded that this is the night of questions. The Torah tells us, “V’higadeta l’vincha,” you shall tell your child. Our Sages, in their profound wisdom, structured the Seder in a way that ensures the telling begins with asking. The Seder does not begin with answers. It begins with curiosity.

From the Mah Nishtanah to the discussion of the four sons, the Haggadah teaches us that questions are not a sign of weakness in faith, they are the engine of faith. A Jewish child is encouraged to notice, to wonder, to challenge, to think. Around the Seder table, no sincere question is unwelcome. We are reminded that our role is to create an atmosphere where questions can flourish. It is a sign that the child’s soul is engaged. Our task is not only to provide answers, but to validate the questioner.

Sometimes a child or adult may sit quietly at the table. But inside, there are questions about Jewish identity, about suffering, about miracles, about belonging. Pesach teaches us to notice not only the raised hand, but the searching eyes. The Seder night is uniquely designed to provoke curiosity. We dip twice. We recline. We remove the matzah. We do

things out of order. Why? So that someone will ask. Judaism treasures thoughtful engagement. A silent Seder is not the ideal; a lively, inquisitive, even slightly noisy Seder is a sign of life and transmission.

And perhaps most importantly, asking questions is itself an expression of freedom. A slave cannot question. A free person can. On the night when we celebrate our liberation from Egypt, we empower every participant, young and old, to explore, to probe, to seek understanding. This is true spiritual freedom.

So this year, let us welcome the questions. Let us invite them. Let us even prepare a few of our own to spark discussion. Share a story. Pose a “why.” Encourage every child to feel that their voice matters.

May our homes be filled with warmth, dialogue, laughter, and meaningful conversation. And through our sincere questions and heartfelt retelling, may we merit the ultimate answer, the complete redemption with Moshiach, speedily in our days.

Wishing you all easy preps for a healthy & joyous Pesach!
Reb. Binie Itkin



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Message from Rabbi Adam Cerino-Jones (he, him)

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Dear Friends,

This year will be my son's first *Pesakh*. He's still far too young to ask the Four Questions (can't talk yet) or to search for the *afikomen* (can't walk yet), but even so, the holiday already feels different to me. As a parent, I find myself looking at the festival with fresh eyes. *Pesakh* is, of course, all about telling our story to the next generation, but this year that responsibility feels much more personal. Because he won't yet understand everything that is happening around the table, I've been approaching the holiday with a simple question in mind: In the years to come, what do I want my son to learn from this?

One answer to that question comes from a favorite *mishnah* of mine. In *Pesakhim* 10, the *Mishnah* begins describing how the *Seder* should be conducted and insists on something essential: even the poorest among us should not eat the Passover meal until they recline, as free and dignified people do. Furthermore, if someone must rely on charity in order to celebrate the holiday, those distributing help must still ensure that they receive at least enough for the four cups of wine. The message of these two laws is clear. The experience of the *Seder* – its inherent dignity and taste of freedom – is meant to belong to everyone. No one should be excluded from the story we tell that night, and no one should be denied the full experience of celebrating liberation.

This teaching connects to one of the traditional names of the holiday: *z'man kheiroteinu*, "the season of our freedom." Freedom itself is, of course, at the heart of the Passover story. But this year I find myself especially drawn to that small word "our." Not just my freedom, or your freedom, but *our* freedom – something shared by the entire community. In that sense, our freedom feels less like a simple description of the world as it is, and more like an aspiration. Each year at *Pesakh*, when we gather around the table and tell the ancient story of our redemption once again, we remind ourselves of the kind of world we are meant to help build: one where dignity and freedom truly belong to everyone.

My son will not absorb any of this at his first Passover. We'll be lucky if he makes it through the whole *Seder*. But I know that in the years ahead he will listen to the story, ask questions, and begin to discover what this holiday means to him. When that time comes, I hope that one of the lessons he takes away is this vision of "our freedom" – shared, aspirational, and something we are always called to work toward together.

Wishing you and your loved ones a sweet and meaningful *Pesakh*.

Khag Pesakh sameakh,
Rabbi Adam



Message from Rabbi Karen Levine

Kehllat Lev Shalem | The Woodstock Jewish Congregation

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My Great-grandfather Was a Fugitive Aramean

Soon we will gather around seder tables to remember how our ancestors went free from Egypt. We will tell the story of a wandering tribe, first welcomed, then later disdained and enslaved by the ruling elite in the land of their sojourn. We will eat matzah, bitter herbs, and charoset. And we will read these words from the Torah that have been woven into the haggadah:

My father was a fugitive Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers and sojourned there; but there he became a great and very populous nation. The Egyptians dealt harshly with us and oppressed us; they imposed heavy labor upon us. We cried to the ETERNAL, the God of our ancestors, and the ETERNAL heard our plea and saw our plight, our misery, and our oppression. GOD freed us from Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm and awesome power, and by signs and wonders, bringing us to this place and giving us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. — Deuteronomy 26:5-9

I imagine the first seder that my great-grandfather, Yehudah ben Avraham, celebrated in Norfolk, VA. He'd recently immigrated to the United States under duress, traveling from his longtime ancestral home in central Lithuania, joined by his three oldest children: my grandfather, Sh'muel; and two daughters, Fruma and Bluma. His wife, my great-grandmother Shayna, and his four younger children will come over several years later.

A rabbi and *sofer*/scribe, Yehudah was hired by a shul in the city of Norfolk to “hold services,” for Shabbat and holidays, teach (not more than 20!) children, and “read from the scrolls whenever necessary.” This was according to his contract with Chevro Mikaro Kodesh, dated March 28, 1923 — which was 11 Nisan, just days before the start of the Passover festival. On the eve of 15 Nisan (April 1), he was likely sitting at the head of a seder table, telling the ancient story of redemption and I imagine that he heard these words differently than ever before.

My great-grandfather was a wandering Aramean, a son of Israel, a fugitive from a land of increasing constriction, with pogroms threatening life and property. A crisis point had been reached and it was either migrate or die.

He traveled a great distance, over land and across a sea, to reach freedom in America, this place, a land flowing with milk and honey. How grateful he would have been on that first Passover in 1923, looking into the eyes of his children, as he raised up the matzah and declared, “This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat.”

We honor the memory of our ancestors, both personal and collective — people who journeyed from oppression to freedom — by appreciating the relative comfort that we enjoy as a result of the risks that they undertook. And we also honor them by remembering all who journey still — those who flee war, hunger, or fear, seeking refuge and a place to belong. The story of the Exodus is the story of every immigrant and refugee who dreams of freedom and safety.

Chag Pesach Sameach!

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Message from Rabbi Jack Sherratt

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Shifra and *Puah* refused Pharaoh's order to kill the Hebrew baby boys. Not as part of a movement. Just two women who looked at evil and said: *no*.

Yocheved hid her infant son for three months — a quiet, daily act of defiance. Then, when she could no longer keep him hidden, she caulked a basket and placed the baby in the Nile, pitching love against oppression.

Miriam watched from the reeds. And when Pharaoh's daughter found the basket, *Miriam* stepped forward: *Shall I find you a Hebrew nurse?* One question. And *Moses* came home to his mother's arms.

Batya, Pharaoh's daughter, reached into the water and pulled out a Hebrew child, choosing love over law.

Each of these women acted alone — in her own time, with her own courage. And together, without intending to, they saved the one who would save us all.

Moses, who saw an Egyptian taskmaster beating a Hebrew slave and could not look away, was called to conscience long before G-d called to him from the flames, listening first to the voice within.

Shifra, *Puah*, *Yocheved*, *Miriam*, *Batya*, *Moses* — not one of them could see the complete picture. Each just did *the next right thing* — in the dark, alone, afraid — and somewhere downstream, the cumulative weight of their actions split the sea.

And then there's the *Erev Rav* — the mixed multitude — outsiders with no obligation to the Israelites who nevertheless וַיָּרֶד אֲשֶׁר יָצֵאתָ מִמִּצְרָיִם *went up with them*, casting their lot with an oppressed people in a radical act of solidarity. The *Erev Rav*, who didn't know where the road from *Mitzrayim* would lead, only which side of the water they wanted to be on.

The Exodus didn't happen because of one great hero. It happened because of a midwife who lied to a king. A mother who both held on and let go. A girl who waded and waited, and who bravely stood watch. A princess who reached into the water. A man who risked everything to do what he knew had to be done. A people who chose solidarity above all else.

In this deeply fraught moment, when the weight of the world can make any single act feel utterly futile, *Passover* reminds us to simply do the next right thing. Speaking when silence requires complicity. Refusing when complicity undermines justice. Standing with the oppressed even when it's a risk.

Individual acts of conscience, of refusal, of solidarity, accumulate. They compound. What feels like a drop in the water becomes, in time, the path to freedom through the parted sea.

Do the next right thing.

The waters are beginning to rise.

Chag Pesach Sameach,

R' Jack



Passover Recipes

Submitted by Amy Barash

Yapchik (Potato Kugel With Meat) Recipe

Total Time: 4-8 hours

Yield: Serves 6-8

Ingredients

- 2 medium white onions, very finely chopped
- 8 large russet potatoes
- 1 lb flanken or beef stew meat, cut into small cubes
- 6 eggs
- ¾ cup + 3 Tbsp olive oil
- ¼ cup water
- 1 Tbsp Telma onion soup powder (can substitute onion soup mix or onion salt)
- salt and black pepper, to taste

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- Season the meat with a pinch of salt and pepper. Heat 3 Tbsp olive oil in a large pan and sear the meat on all sides. Set aside and leave to cool slightly. This stage is optional but adds a lot of flavor to the dish.
- Peel the potatoes and shred them with on the larger side of a grater or on the grate blade of a food processor.
- In a large mixing bowl, combine the eggs, ¾ cup olive oil, water and a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Add the grated potato, finely chopped onions and onion soup powder. Mix well.
- Pour half the mixture into an oval or rectangular baking dish (approx. 9×12 inch), top with the seared meat, then add the second half of the potato mixture.
- Bake for 3 hours uncovered.



Passover Recipes

Submitted by Amy Barash

Green Curry

Total Time: 3 hours 30 minutes

Yield: Serves 6

Ingredients

For the curry paste:

- 2 bunches cilantro
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 knob ginger
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp garam masala
- 1 green chilli (optional)

For the curry:

- 2-3 Tbsp neutral oil, for frying
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 kg cubed chuck or diced lamb
- 2 Tbsp tomato paste
- 1 pint water

Instructions

1. **Optional:** Preheat the oven to 340°F (170°C). (You can also cook this dish on the stovetop.)
2. Start by making the green curry paste: Blend the cilantro, garlic, ginger, powdered spices and the chilli (if using) with a hand blender. Add a few drops of water if it needs help to blend.
3. Heat the oil over medium heat in a deep, ovenproof dish. Add the chopped onions to the oil, stirring to avoid them sticking. Then add 1 tsp salt and 1 tsp brown sugar, to help the onions caramelize.
4. Add the cubed meat, and fry until browned on all sides.
5. Add the tomato paste and mix, ensuring everything is coated. Add the green paste and mix again, coating everything. Cook for 5-7 minutes, to cook out the rawness from the ginger, then add the water.
6. Turn the heat down to low and simmer for 2-3 hours, until the meat is soft and falls apart easily. (Alternatively, cook in the oven at 340°F for 2 hours.) Either way, check the dish every 30 minutes to ensure it isn't drying out or catching on the bottom (if it is, add more water).
7. Serve over steamed basmati rice.

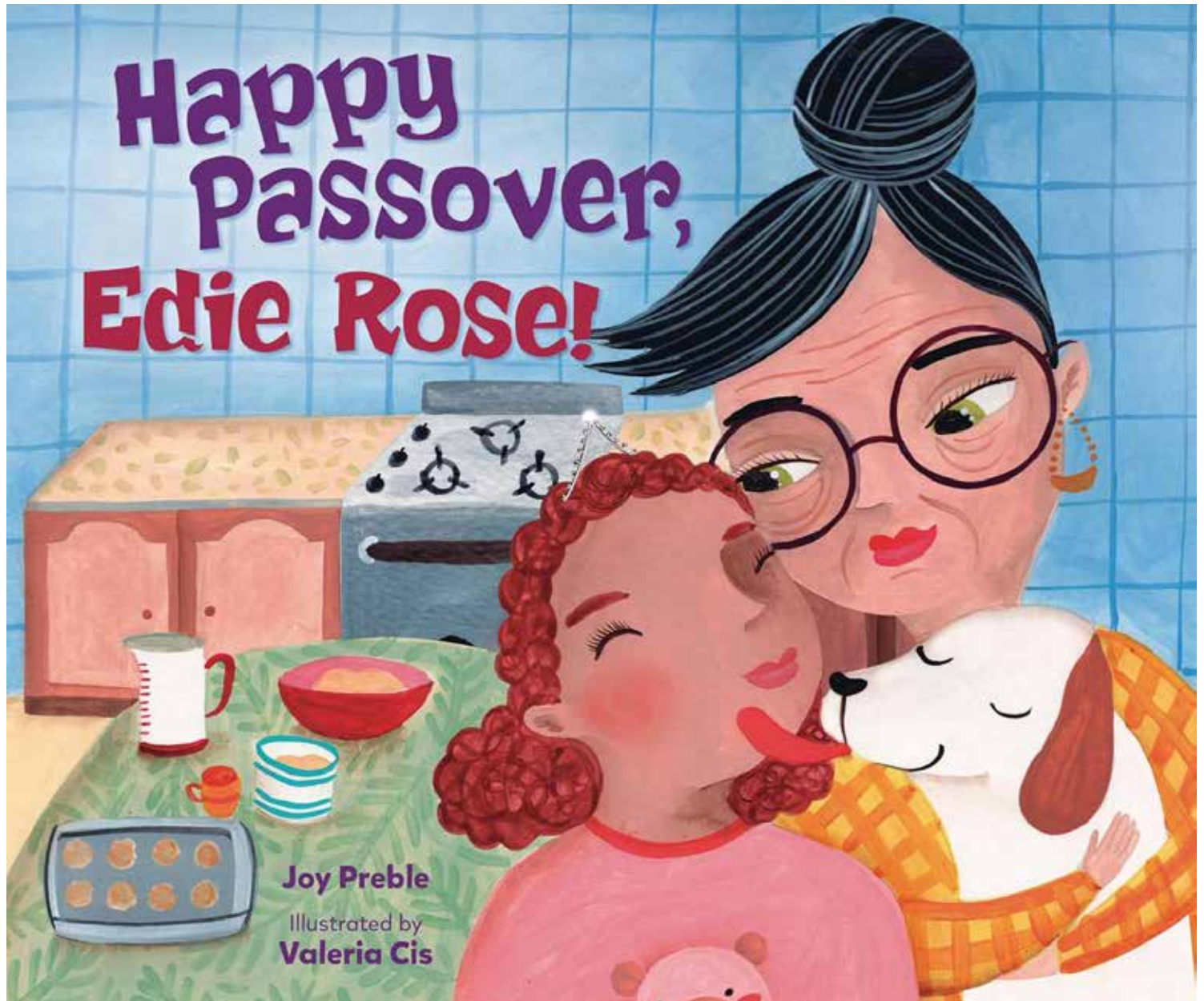


Passover Storytime & Craft

**Sunday, March 29th at 10AM in the Reher Center Gallery
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Join us for a special children's storytime celebrating Passover!

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Tea 'n' Torah is held on **Thursday's**
from **11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

April 16, 23, 30 & May 7, 14, 28.

CKids

Join CKids Club each month for the freshest and most exciting events, empowering kids to tap into their talents and interests, while connecting to their own Jewish identity. Children will have a positive Jewish experience learning while enjoying hands-on activities. They will leave each program feeling happy and excited about their Judaism. Contact Rabbi AB Itkin at Office@ChabadUlsterCounty.org or 845-331-1176 for more information.

Jewish Women's Circle of Ulster County

Jewish women have always played a pivotal role in Jewish life. On a personal, familial and community level it has always been the Jewish woman who has created and developed an aura of pride in being a Jew. While bringing inspiration to our daily lives, gaining deeper insight into our own innate spiritual qualities, we can contribute and transform our own lives and our communities in a most profound way.

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We look forward to seeing you there! Please email for more info & upcoming events: Office@ChabadUlsterCounty.org 845-331-1176

Young And Jewish

A place to connect with other Jewish young adults in a welcoming and relaxed setting through social and educational activities! Geared for young adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's.

Upcoming events to be announced. Past events have been; Game night, Challah Bake, Shabbos Dinner, Paint N Sip and Music & Schmoozing.

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Experience the liberation and freedom of Passover. Relive the Exodus, discover the eternal meaning of the Haggadah, and enjoy a community Seder complete with hand-baked Matzah, wine, and a wonderful dinner spiced with unique traditional customs. Explore the Kabbalistic insight on the number four: Four cups of wine, four sons, four questions and four types of freedom.

First Seder Night: Saturday, April 1st

Second Seder Night: Sunday, April 2nd

Call for time and location.

Cost for each Seder, per person is: \$36

Adults, Children - \$18.

No one will be turned away due to a lack of funds.

Reservations are a must! Please RSVP by March 27

All are welcome. For more info and reservations: 845-331-

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Passover Calendar

Times are for Kingston, NY

Tuesday, March 31st

Formal search for Chametz after nightfall

Wednesday, April 1st - Erev Passover

Fast of the First Born

Eat Chametz **until 10:51 am**

Sell and Burn Chametz **by 11:55 am**

(If you are selling your Chametz through us please make sure to have it in by Monday, March 30th)

Candle Lighting: 7:04 pm

1st Seder Night - Seder information www.ChabadUlsterCounty.org/Seder

Thursday, April 2nd - 1st Day of Passover

Morning Services: **8:00 am**
Light Candles AFTER: **8:05 pm** from a pre-existing flame
Evening Services: Call

2nd Seder Night - Seder information www.ChabadUlsterCounty.org/Seder

Friday, April 3rd - 2nd Day of Passover

Morning Services: **10:00 am**
Light Candles before **7:06 pm** from a pre-existing flame
Evening Services: **7:10 pm**

Saturday, April 4th - Shabbos Chol Hamoed

Morning Services: **10:00 am**
Evening Services: **7:00 pm**
Shabbos & Holiday Ends: **8:07 pm**

Sunday, Tuesday April 5-7 - Chol Hamoed

Morning Services: **8:00 am**

Tuesday, April 7th

Light Candles at **7:10 pm**
Evening Services: **7:15 pm**

Wednesday, April 8th - 7th Day of Passover

Morning Services: **10:00 am**
Evening Services: **7:15 pm**
Light Candles after **8:12 pm** from a pre-existing flame

Thursday, April 9th - Final Day of Passover

Morning Services: **10:00 am**
Yizkor Memorial Services: **11:00 am**
Evening Services: **6:00 pm**
Meal of Moshiah: **6:15 pm**
Passover Ends at **8:13 pm**

Note: Candle lighting times are for Ulster County, NY only.
For other areas, visit www.ChabadUlsterCounty.org/times.



Happy Passover

Pesach Sheini Friday, May 1st

Second chances are always needed, take another bite of Matzah.

Lag B'Omer

Join us for a Lag BaOmer celebration of Jewish unity & family fun day. We will enjoy a delicious BBQ buffet, drinks, music, and more.

Who: All Jewish men and women. No membership required.

When: Tuesday, May 5th, 6:30 pm

Where: 254 Lucas Avenue, Kingston, NY

Cost: \$25 per person | \$15 per child

Why: Lag B'Omer is a festive day in which we celebrate Jewish unity, commemorating the passing of the great sage Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, and the end of a terrible plague during the days at the end of the 2nd Temple.

The Sinai Climb Sunday, May 17 at 10:00 am

Get ready to scale new heights at The Sinai Climb, an action-packed Shavuot adventure! With fun challenges and epic discoveries, kids will uncover how we became the Jewish nation at the top of it all!

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Shavous Celebrations & Ice Cream Party

Thursday, May 21st

Candle lighting **7:58 pm**

Evening Service **8:10 pm**

All Night Learn-O-Thon: **11:00 pm**

Friday, May 22nd

Morning Services **10:00 am**

Reading of the Ten Commandments Followed by Dairy Kiddush Buffet in the Richard & Sophie Basch Gazebo & Kid's Ice cream party.

Saturday, May 23rd

Morning Services 10:00 am

Yizkor Memorial Service **11:15 am**

Services are followed by a kiddush buffet in in the Richard & Sophie Basch Gazebo.

Evening Services & Farbrengen **7:15 pm**

Holiday ends **9:07 pm**

Learn all about the Holiday of Shavuot at www.ChabadUlsterCounty.Org/Holidays/Shavuot

Prayer

Shabbat Evening

Join us Friday evenings Services. 10 Minutes after candle lighting followed by melodies and inspirational Jewish stories every week.

Shabbat Day

Join us every **Saturday** for our **weekly Shabbat services at 10:00 am**. Whether you are a regular or new to the Synagogue experience, you are welcome at Agudas Achim & Chabad.

Services will be followed by a warm, communal kiddush luncheon at approximately **12:15 pm**. The lunch features traditional foods, including hot vegetarian cholent, kugels, wine, and challah. These gatherings are open to everyone and are free.

If you would like to sponsor a kiddush luncheon, please contact us at Office@ChabadUlsterCounty.org or call 845-331-1176.

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On **Sunday, May 31st** there will be an End of Year Ceremony for the year 2025-2026. This is a great chance to visit and see what our program has to offer your child.

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Contact Rabbi AB at (845) 331-1176 or Office@ChabadUlsterCounty.org

Bar / Bat Mitzvah Lessons

Bar and Bat Mitzvah's are an opportunity for a child to explore and discover what being Jewish really means. A Bar/ Bat Mitzvah is an experience that can mold a child, leaving an everlasting imprint on his/her life forever. For personal Bar or Bat mitzvah lessons contact Rabbi AB or Reb. Leah at (845) 331-1176 or Office@ChabadUlsterCounty.org No membership or prior Jewish knowledge needed!

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For updates on events, to learn more about Meditation, Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah, Private Conversion Tutorials or Adult B'nai Mitzvah by arrangement, please contact us.

For a detailed listing of all Services/Events visit: <https://www.cehv.org/news-events/events-calendar/>

Kabbalat Shabbat Services:

- **Kabbalat Shabbat** service begins at **6 pm every Friday**.
- **Morning Minyan:** held weekly on **Saturday mornings, service begins at 10am**, with communal prayer, meditation and Torah study. Summer break – no morning minyan from July through September 12th.
- **Tot Shabbat** is our 30-minute program for newborn through early elementary-aged children together with their parents. Led by Rabbi Jack and Student Hazzan Alexandra, this monthly program features music and singing, storytelling and signing, while introducing the basic elements of Jewish joy, traditions, and practices, and becoming comfortable in our synagogue. Tot Shabbat also explores holiday themes, Jewish values, as well as Hebrew letters and beginning vocabulary. Upcoming dates: **Friday, April 17; Friday, May 8; Friday, June 12.**



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- **Ongoing Adult Education with our Clergy team** – private tutoring and adult b’nai mitzvahs also available.
- **Meditation & Torah Study:** (via Zoom) **Meets 8:45 am on most Tuesdays**, followed at **9:15am** by Torah study. Led by Rabbi Jack, join your fellow seekers to receive the day’s blessings and explore Jewish traditions with a progressive, egalitarian approach.
- **Hebrew Trope** (via Zoom) - Wednesdays at NOON with Student Hazzan Alexandra. Newcomers welcome, learn or improve Torah chanting skills!

- **Hebrew, Shebrew!... Wednesdays at 4 pm on Zoom.** This group of dedicated students is committed to advancing their knowledge of Hebrew. Meeting virtually weekly to study Hebrew through ‘Black Beauty’ reading and translation.

Special Programs and Holidays:

- **Mah Jongg** at CEHV! Our Mah Jongg regulars meet each **Monday morning at 10am** in the social hall. Players of all levels are welcome to join. Play and learn with this fun group. For more information contact the main office.
- **Women’s Seder Sunday, March 29th 3pm**
- **2nd Night Seder Thursday, April 2nd 5pm** - Reservations open through March 27th
- **Yom HaShoah Remembrance, Tuesday, April 14th 7pm**
- **Jews in Jails, Prisons and Death Row, A talk with Jane Davis Sunday, April 19th 2pm**
- **Tikkun L’eil Shavuot Thursday, May 21st 10pm**
- **Shavuot Sunrise Service Friday, May 22nd 5am**

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Regular offerings (check with office to confirm schedule)

- **Friday Night Shabbat Service - 7:00 p.m.**
Synagogue
- **Saturday Morning Torah Study - 10:00 a.m.**
Community Center
- **Saturday Morning Shabbat Service - 10:00 a.m.**
(once every other month)
Synagogue
- **Chaverim (for kids under 7) - 10:30 a.m.**
(once a month)
Community Center

Second Night Seder

Thursday, April 2 6pm at Jewish Community Center
30 N. Chestnut Street. Adults \$50, Children 6-13 \$15,
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Shabbat

Weekly Shabbat Services

Friday, 6-7:30pm (7-8:30pm after Shavuot); Saturday, 10am-12. All services are held in person, with online access via Zoom

Monthly First Fridays

Next date: Friday, April 3, 2026, 6pm

40 minutes of kid-friendly, intergenerational prayer followed by a community dinner. Please bring your favorite vegetarian dish to share.

Special Programs

Shop and Swap Fundraiser

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 12pm-4pm

SHOP: Take for free Your choice from our curated collection of women and children's clothes and accessories

VISIT: Our boutique featuring Eileen Fisher and other designer clothing items at bargain prices

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Thursday, March 26, 9am-7pm

2nd Night of Passover Community Seder

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 5:30pm

led by Rabbi Karen. Please see www.wjcshul.org for more details!



Jewish Writers' Circle

Third Sunday of the month

Jewish Writers' Circles are grassroots peer-led communities of writers who meet monthly for in-person gatherings. Open to both emerging and seasoned writers of diverse genres (including poetry, prayer, memoir, fiction, and more), a JWC offers a meaningful blend of creative, cultural, and spiritual exploration. Advance your writing, immerse in Jewish wisdom, and connect with other creative people! Space is limited, RSVP required. Please contact Director of Operations, Tara Nicholson at admin@wjcshul.org for more information.

Dates coming up: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19.



Ongoing Groups and Programs

Parashat HaShavua: Wonders in the Weekly Torah Portion with Rabbi Karen

**Two sections: in person on Wednesdays, 4:30–6pm
online on Thursdays, 12–1:30pm ET**

The weekly Torah portion is an essential focal point for Jewish learning. In this class, we will do close text reading, bringing our individual experiences and perspectives as we engage with ancient teachings to draw contemporary life lessons.

“A Shtickle Toyrah” (a bit of Torah)

Mondays, 9–9:30am

Members of the community take turns offering a short teaching on the weekly Torah portion.

WJC Book Club

Tuesdays, 1–2:00pm, online, via Zoom

Club Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, 11am-2pm

WJC Men's Group

Thursdays, 7:30pm

WJC Women's Group

First Monday of the month at 5pm

Special guest speakers, includes potluck dinner.

Meditation Group in Quaker Style

First and third Tuesday of the month, 4pm

We sit in silence and wait for insight about whatever arises. Brief sharing is invited, without discussion or argument. Together we practice generous listening, both to what is in our own hearts and to what others wish to share. Dates coming up: April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18.

Rosh Chodesh Gathering

One Sunday every month

All self-identified women are welcome to meet in person to celebrate. Dates coming up: April 19, May 17, June 14, July 19, August 16.



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Unite Against Hate



The Haggadah invites us to experience the story of Exodus as our own: to feel the bitterness of slavery, the freedom of liberation, and the hope of a brighter tomorrow. This Passover, that ancient text speaks with profound urgency. We must embrace the responsibility to nurture Jewish life for our children and grandchildren, stand with Israel as it rebuilds and grows stronger, and protect our communities from rising antisemitism.

Every Passover, families gather as the youngest child recites the Four Questions: “Why is this night different?” In that sacred moment, Jewish identity begins to bloom, and your support ensures it flourishes for a lifetime.

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As One, We Unite Against Hate

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Former hostages who sat in darkness now sit at Seder tables with their families. We helped make this miracle possible with \$908 million in emergency funding—raised in addition to our Annual Campaign—to sustain Israel throughout its darkest chapter. As Israel shifts from survival to renewal, the vital work of rebuilding is underway.

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