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Rabbi's Message

As we prepare to observe the festival of Pesach, we should consider the message or messages we want to convey in the retelling of the story this year. In fact, the Haggadah requires that we make the Exodus from Egypt relevant to our day! In this regard, I want to consider the meaning of one of the names of Pesach that we encounter in the liturgy.

Each festival has a secondary name, in the case of Pesach, it is z'man cheruteynu, the season of our freedom. The Exodus from Egypt is the greatest liberation narrative of the ancient world and one that has inspired many cultures and faiths, not just the Jewish people. In the liberal Christian world, scholars have devoted many pages to defining and describing Liberation Theology, an ideology that demands engagement in social justice.

Liberation is a big idea with many component parts and derivatives. A first reading suggests a political message, releasing captives from their incarceration. It might apply to nations, communities or individuals. It suggests imprisonment or some form of physical bondage. It includes the notion of slavery, whether coerced or voluntary. It rests on the notion that liberty or freedom is an inherent right and unjustifiably restricting freedom is

a crime or a sin.

But liberation can also suggest a psychological reality, holding on to a set of beliefs about one's past that limits one's ability to fully enjoy life in the present. We all know the term 'baggage' in reference to psych-social reality; we carry with us memories of the past which are a continuing burden in our lives. Our inability to let go of this baggage is also a form of imprisonment or incarceration.

And there is a social/societal dimension to liberation. We live in a complex world with many systems, structures and norms. For some people, these historically and economically determined social orders provide maximum freedom and opportunity. But for others, the systems condemn them to a continuing disadvantaged position without end. Liberation here implies examining all of our social systems, both these established by law and those established by custom or convention, and asking if everyone is truly free or are some people being held captive by the 'system'.

As we celebrate our physical liberation from Egypt in the past, let us ask ourselves about the challenges we face from which we must be liberated today; all the challenges - the personal, the political, the social, the economic and so on.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Fri., Apr. 5 Services & Candle Lighting 7:05 pm

**Sat., Apr. 6 Parsha Tazria
Rosh Chodesh Nisan
Morning Services 9:00 am**

Fri., Apr. 12 Services & Candle Lighting 7:13 pm

**Sat., Apr. 13 Parsha Metzora
Shabbat HaGadol
Morning Services 9:00 am**

**Fri., Apr. 19 Services & Candle Lighting 7:10 pm
First Seder**

**Sat., Apr. 20 First Day Pesach
Services 9:00 am**

Sun., Apr. 21 Second Day Pesach 9:00 am

Fri., Apr. 26 Services & Candle Lighting 8:27 pm

**Sat., Apr. 27 Eighth Day Pesach
Yizkor
Services 9:00 am**

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Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 7:00PM

Rabbi Joseph Potasnik

What is the message of yesterday for today?

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Laura Curran

Nassau County Executive



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you miss it?! Just like that, Purim has come and gone! I think it must be the fastest holiday in Jewish observance. Not to worry: Pesach is almost here, and if 8 days of observation aren't enough, weeks of preparation and at least a week of recovery more than make up for the speed of Purim's passing by. Don't get me wrong, I don't dislike Pesach, on the contrary, it brings me lots of joy. The 3 best parts of Pesach to me are: Family gathering on the first night, family gathering on the second night, and a week of gut-busting matzah-brei consumption.

But I digress, because I did not plan to write about holidays. My plan, once again, was to write about people. Here at Congregation Shaaray Shalom, our Constitution lays out the successive terms of certain Executive Officers as: 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and lastly President, each with 2 years of service. Another organization I am familiar with (NYSABA...look them up: <https://www.nysaba.org/>) has a slightly different route for succession of Executive Officers: Vice President, President, Immediate Past President, also each with 2 years of service. NYSABA uses a model of Learning, Leading, and Supporting. After one's term as President, it is one's responsibility to provide support to the incoming President. With Congregation Shaaray Shalom, we use a model of: Learning, More Learning, and Leading. Does that mean there is no support by the immediate past president? Quite the contrary! At my disposal, is an army of highly experienced Past Presidents, eager to support those to wish to help our current leadership, and help our congregation.

I am not going to go into detail about what

each past president does here at Congregation Shaaray Shalom, because there are truly not enough pages in this bulletin. Also, it is likely that I will overlook the ongoing or past contributions of someone and will be thoroughly admonished (trust me, I have had plenty of finger wagging at me over last few years).I can say that I have always felt that anytime I needed help, or advice, at least 3 past presidents have practically jumped at the opportunity to lend a hand. To me, these people display an incredible sense of pride and dedication. The role of the Past Presidents is so important, because they carry with them the wisdom of experience, and I am so appreciative for all they have done for us and for me.

I would like to focus on the efforts of one particular Past President: Larry Rosenberg. Larry is a supercharged machine, and I am not sure how he can find enough time to do all he does, while rocketing around to see his grandchildren and extended family. But at this time, Larry is hyper-focused on our annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration, scheduled for May 1st 2019. His overwhelming enthusiasm makes this a more impressive commemoration each year, and I am sure this year will not disappoint. He goes to great lengths to make sure just the right speaker is engaged, and that every detail is well planned and executed. Time seems to help with improving many things in life, but apparently Hate is still thriving. Please make sure that you join us for Yom HaShoah this year, and help us make sure that no one ever forgets: encourage people from outside Congregation Shaaray Shalom to join us. This message is important for all to hear, both Jews and non-Jews, those who are older and those who are children.

Alan Shamoun

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Most synagogue funds are used for the benefit of the synagogue, but the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in particular, is for the benefit of people in need in the community. Unfortunately, as the needs have increased, contributions to the Fund have decreased. Keep making the contributions that you have, but if you are able to give something additional for this Fund, please do. All donors are acknowledged, both with a card and in the Bulletin, unless you wish your donation to be anonymous. Thanks and best wishes.



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While there is an active Security Committee working on long term programs and equipment, the House Committee continues to be vigilant adjusting timers, replacing bulbs and repairing light fixtures to keep our halls, lobbies and outside paths in top visibility. Security and safety continue to be priority one. In so doing, a special donation of a few cameras has been added to our existing system.

These cameras are for some very specific high security areas in and around our sanctuary and other religion areas. As our building gets more and more use and is utilized by renters and other groups, this heightened security will not be visible but very much in place and acting as a 24 hour guard. These were recommended by our security experts as a needed protection for theft and vandalism on our interior areas containing religious paraphernalia. Again, they have been installed and are not visible but are on 24/7 to protect our religious artifacts and our people.

Additional repairs will be in progress as the weather breaks and contractors can start their projects on exterior work on our building. Thank you for your patience

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SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is not in sync with Bulletin deadlines, so I am forced to talk about a future event that will be in the past by the time the Bulletin actually comes out. Of the Sisterhood events in March, there is one exception -- sort of. After hearing our speaker, Diane Masciale from WLIW 21 on March 6th, it occurred to me that she had the power to change lives. Ms. Masciale carries titles of V.P., General Manager, Executive Producer, and is affiliated with WNET, NJTV, Thirteen and WLIW 21. She is also in charge of a new station, *All Arts* (Optimum channel 144) and is in charge of *Amanpour and Company*.

Ms. Masciale should be crowned Queen of Multitasking. The areas she touches are varied, and each looks like a fulltime job. This is where she changes our lives. The variety of shows she described, and the power of DVR, can hook you all and you might find yourselves glued to the TV 24/7. Needless to say, she was highly interesting, and she gave us the scoop on a new series called *800 Words*. This is an Australian dramedy about a recently widowed Sydney newspaper columnist, George Turner, who moves his children to a small New Zealand town to make a fresh start. The first season ran Feb. 8 - Mar.29. The second season begins Friday, April 5th and runs through the 24th at 10 PM. Set your DVRs for WLIW.

So what else is old?

Purim is over and the baskets are done. Pizza and Games was a rousing success. Next on the agenda is the pre-Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, May 5th, and if you look at the flyers, you'll know we've resurrected Beat the Clock. There will be prizes, raffles, a speaker and FOOD! (Of course.)

Don't forget to write up your Bubbe Meises and look for the next Munch & Mingle.

Have a zeissen Pesach.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN BRIEF:

Tuesday, April 2nd Pizza and Game Night (6-ish)

Sunday, May 5th Pre Mother's Day Brunch, speaker, Beat the Clock, raffles and more

Check for times. See you there.

Helene

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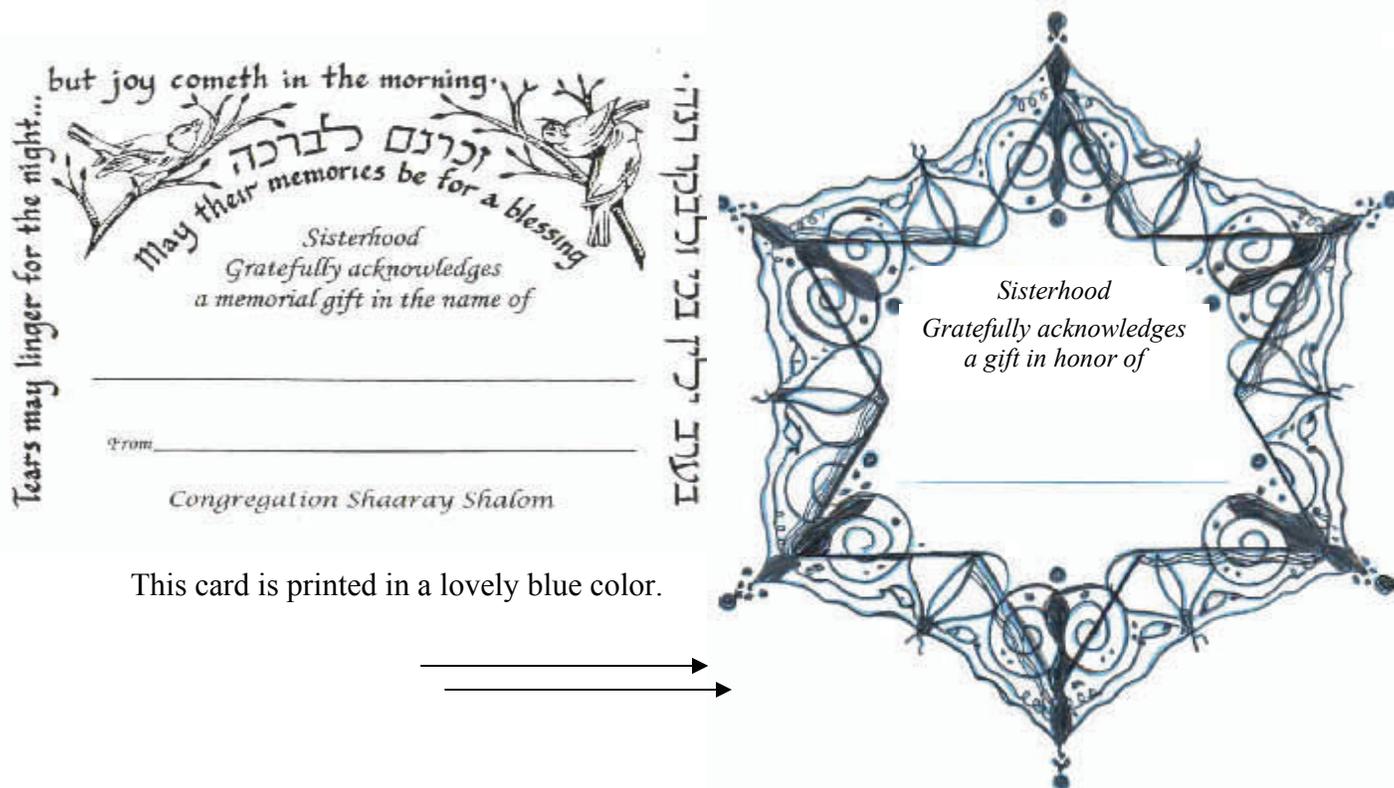
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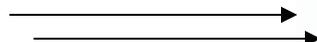
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Congregation Shaaray Shalom

MEN'S CLUB ON THE MOVE

As we approach the new season of spring, baseball is in the air and we look forward to a sponsored game or 2 at Citifield and possibly the Brooklyn Cyclones and not to insult those from the Bronx, if I can get 10 people we could get there as well.

As Yom Hashoah is rapidly arriving very soon, our Men's Club is preparing to distribute the yellow candle as a reminder of the terrible atrocities put upon our people and our support of remembrance. We will be working hard to help our congregation make this year's program a very special one.

Have a sweet, joyous and meaningful Pesach.

FOOD FUND

The joyous festival of our redemption and freedom will be upon us very soon. Although many of us will be very involved in the arduous preparations involved in this unique holiday of ours, we cannot forget those who are not so fortunate.

When we sit down at the Seder, take special note of the Haggadah when it states, "Let all who are hungry enter and eat; and all who are in need, come and celebrate the Passover!" Although we cannot realistically invite ALL into our homes, we can, through donations through the Food Fund make it possible for them to get food for their own homes.

At this joyous time, please remember them. Chag sameach v'kasher!

Arbie Orenstein

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- Write it in an e-mail (or as a *Word* attachment) and send it to either email address:
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As the Torah commands us, we know the reality of the outsider, for we were outsiders in the land of Egypt. May we experience the liberation we seek in our own lives and may we be agents of Liberation for others who are still oppressed.

From our home to yours, Chag Sameach V'khasher.
Rabbi Art Vernon



Greetings from the Ritual Committee

The Board of Directors accepted the Committee's recommendation to adopt the Sim Shalom, 2nd edition revised, as the official siddur of Congregation Shaaray Shalom.

Dan Alter reported to the Committee that a buyer has been found for the Franklin Square Torah #15076. A motion was passed to recommend to the Board that the Torah be sold "as is" to a Shul in Tucson, AZ.

The Committee approved hiring David Glickman to read Torah on Shabbatot of March 23 and 30th.

Alan Shamoun reported to the Committee that the Shul has been making calls and advertising for a Torah reader. Alan had a discussion with a Mr. Jeffrey Beris, a Torah reader, and he agreed to be our reader starting shortly. The Rabbi knows Mr. Beris as a Torah reader. The Committee passed a motion to recommend to the Board that we engage Jeffrey Beris.

The motion passed unanimously.

A letter will be sent to Cantor Mike Myers to engage him for the High Holidays as per our previous agreements.

Rosh Chodesh is a day given to women for their non-participatory work on the Golden Calf built in the desert by the Jews fleeing Egypt. The Ritual committee would like to honor female congregants on Shabbat, April 6th, Rosh Chodesh Nisan, by giving them various honors during services.

In reviewing the old minutes it was noted that the mezuzot in the Shul should be checked two times every 7 years. That time is now. The mezuzot will be removed shortly and the scrolls will be given to the Cantor who volunteered to bring them to the sofer to be checked.

The Committee thanked all members of the Congregation who stepped forward to volunteer during services for the month of February.

The Committee would like to periodically honor congregants by having them sit on the Bimah during Shabbat. The Rabbi suggested that we honor Perry Sklarin for the month of March.

Davening from the Bimah will resume on April 6th. A Purim and Passover schedule for services was also organized.

Jeff Smith/ Henry Luft Co-Chairs



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3	27	Julius Kravetz	10	Bernard Gilsenberg	17		William Jacobson	
4	28	Elaine Papadapolous	10	Isrrael Gordon	17		Dr. Irv Listengart	
	Nisan		10	Samuel Marcus	17		Edda Pacht	
6	1	Honey Bluhm	16	11	Ida Rabinowitz Cohose	23	18	Max Hanfling
	1	Ruth Eisenberg		11	Shirley E. Greenberg		18	Fannie Lichtenberg
	1	Al Lazarow		11	Luzar Grossma		18	Mary Schacher
	1	Joseph Meister		11	Rose Rader	24	19	George Drexler
	1	Benjamin Schreiber		11	Nathan Schvedman		19	George Markowitz
	1	Esther Shapiro		11	Lillian B Seymann		19	Isadore Rosen
	1	Harry Weber		11	Lena Slupsky		19	Dotty Schwartz
7	2	Samuel Chess		11	Nat Tarab		19	Louis Smith
	2	Fanny Rothman		11	Sadie Weiss		19	Rose Weinstein
8	3	Dora Cohen	17	12	Rose Ferber		19	Morris Zebofsky
9	4	Albert Denver	18	13	Helen Buttlair	25	20	Joseph Blaustein
	4	Frances Pearl Denver		13	Sarah Dooks		20	Jacqueline Kamerman
	4	Ann Beatrice Parker		13	Rosalie Lila Gould	26	21	Rose Drachtman
	4	May Rosenberg		13	Edith Zalin	27	22	Solomon Emrlig
	4	Eva Weissman	19	14	David Barth		22	Nathan Glazar
10	5	Annie Goldberg		14	David Garth		22	Morris Kellner
	5	Beatrice Greenfeild		14	Ida Glzaer		22	Minnie Klinger
	5	Elaine Rowner		14	Samuel Goldman		22	Manuel Manfield
11	6	Nyrna Axscher		14	Vivian Shapiro		22	Arthur Prince
	6	Morris Cohen	20	15	Abraham Blumberg		22	Shirley ROME
	6	Leona Krasnow		15	Samuel Brandt		22	Minnie Rothfeld
	6	Rose Leichtung		15	Abraham Carmel		22	Selma Schliff
12	7	Haim Alcabes		15	Louis Edelman		22	Jakob Schwarz
	7	Sadie Baden		15	Ida Feldman Keitel	28	23	Aaron Harry Keenholtz
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13	8	Doris Honig		16	Ted Leine		24	Zelda Leonora Lassman
	8	Max Kligman		16	Henry Simon		24	Meyer Lazarow
	8	David Weiss		16	Danny Wolinsky		24	Bernard Reiter
14	9	Samuel Bergman		16	Penny Wulinsky		24	Helen Schwartz
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