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Happy Passover

to all from the Adams Street Shul!

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April Calendar

Candle lighting:

4/2:	5:54 PM
4/5 (1st Seder):	6:57 PM
4/6 (2nd Seder):	8:00 PM
4/9:	7:01 PM
4/11 (Erev Pesach 7):	7:04 PM
4/12 (Erev Pesach 8):	8:07 PM
4/16:	7:09 PM
4/23:	7:17 PM
4/30:	7:25 PM

Shabbat Services:

Fridays evenings:

4/2:	6:00 PM
4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30:	7:00 PM

Saturday mornings

at 9:00 AM

Saturday afternoons

4/3:	5:45 PM
4/10, 4/17:	6:45 PM
4/24, 5/1:	7:00 PM

Passover Services:

Monday,	4/5
(Erev Pesach):	7:00 PM
Tuesday,	4/6
(Pesach 1):	9:00 AM, 7:00 PM
Wednesday,	4/7
(Pesach 2):	9:00 AM, 7:00 PM
Friday, 4/9 (Pesach 2):	9:00 AM, 7:00 PM
Saturday,	4/10:
	9:00 AM, 7:00 PM
Sunday, 4/11 (Chol HaMoed,	
Erev Yom Tov):	8:00 AM, 7:00 PM
Monday,	4/12
(Yom Tov, Pesach 7):	9:00 AM, 7:00 PM
Tuesday,	4/13
(Pesach 8, Yizkor):	9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Sunday Mornings

at 9:00 AM

Yom HaShoa Program:

Teaching the Holocaust Through Music

Dr. Ludmilla Leibman, a professor of music at Boston University, will speak on "Teaching the Holocaust through Music" at the synagogue's Yom HaShoa program on Sunday, April 18th at 7:30 PM. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Leibman's talk addresses the cultural policies of Nazism as they applied to music, the music of the ghettos and concentration camps (which reflects the spiritual resistance of the Jews), and will conclude with a survey of music composed after the Holocaust by Jews and other victims of Nazism.

Dr. Leibman was born in Russia and graduated magna cum laude

from the Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory with master's degrees in music theory and ethnomusicology. After immigrating to the United States in 1991, she received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Boston University, where she teaches music theory. Her doctoral dissertation, "Teaching the Holocaust through Music," became the basis for a new interdisciplinary course at BU. Dr. Leibman is also the director of the Educational Bridge Project, which she initiated in 1997 as an international exchange program between musicians of the United States and Russia.

Remembering Albert Kalman

The Adams Street Shul will observe the first yearzeit of Albert Kalman (z'l), beloved treasurer of the shul and member of the Board of the Directors for many years, at morning services on Saturday, April 17th. Rabbi Zalman Gorkow will speak about Al's many achievements on behalf of the shul, and his commitment to Torah, mitzvah and the prophetic ideals. A celebratory kiddush in Al's memory will be sponsored by his wife Vivienne. The community is cordially invited to attend.

Receipt Program at The Butcherie

As you do your Passover shopping at The Butcherie in Brookline, remember to ask for your receipts to be stamped for "Adams Street Shul." Then, send your stamped receipts to the shul, we will turn them in and The Butcherie will donate 5% of your receipt total (3% for credit card purchases) to the shul. You will be supporting a great cause!

Lost and Found

Several items have been languishing on our coat racks for the past few months. If not reclaimed before Pesach, they will be given to tzedakah. Items include:

2 navy blue rain slickers; 1 pair of men's short leather black boots; eye glass case; 2 single mittens (children's); 1 pink umbrella.



Join

the Shul's E-mail List

Want to receive the latest news from Adams Street? Then join the shul's e-mail list, and you'll be kept informed of important events. It's easy to join: just send an e-mail to

President@AdamsStreet.org and you'll be signed up! If you have any questions, call Aryeh Cheses (617-527-7967).

Donation Opportunities

What can you do with twice "chai" (\$36)? Consider making a donation to the shul to purchase a siddur, or sponsor a kiddush or seudat shelishit (afternoon third meal) on Shabbat. Contact Aryeh Cheses about book donations, or Harvey Lipsky for kiddush/seudat shelishit information.



B'kol dor v'dor ... In each generation, each of us must feel as if we ourselves had gone forth from Egypt, as it is written: "And you shall tell your child on that day, it is because of what the Eternal One did for me when I, myself, went forth from Egypt."
(Exodus 13:8)

Preparation for Annual Shul Elections

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Synagogue, preparations are being made for the elections and other voting that will be held at the annual Congregational Meeting ("the Meeting"), which will be held in June. The Board of Directors has selected a Nominating Committee ("the Committee") that will officiate at the voting. In accordance with the Bylaws, three members of the Committee are members of the Board of Directors and two are non-Board members. The members of this year's Committee are Board members Leonard Berman (committee chair), Harvey Lipsky and Saul Aronow, and non-Board members Harold Binder and Sarah Wagner.

Each year, all officers of the shul (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk) and two of the six Directors (who serve for three-year terms) are elected. The Committee will prepare a slate of recommended candidates. If a member wishes to nominate alternate candidates, s/he should submit the names to the Committee at least 15 days prior to the Meeting, as a petition signed by at least 10 members and containing a statement by the candidate that s/he would serve if elected. Please contact Leonard Berman, Chairman of the Committee, if you are interested in presenting alternative candidates. The Committee will prepare ballots for the Meeting with all eligible candidates.

Shul Directory

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Passover Guidelines

Contributed by Rabbi Zalman Gurkow

Sale of Chometz:

In preparation for Pesach, one must rid their home and other properties entirely of all chametz. Any chametz not destroyed must be sold to a non-Jew before Monday, April 5th. A rabbi is appointed as an agent for the owner of the chametz to sell it to a non-Jew. Not only does one sell the chametz in their possession, but the property on which the chametz is located is also subleased to the non-Jew. This procedure is not a legal fiction, but a true sale in accordance with Talmudic and secular law.

Rabbi Zalman will be available at the shul for the sale of chametz on Saturday evening, April 3rd after Havdalah, and Sunday morning, April 4th at 9:00 AM. If you are unable to make these times, contact the Rabbi for a private appointment or fill out the "Contract for Sale of Chametz" (included in this newsletter) and fax to Rabbi Zalman at 617 244-4667 before Sunday evening April 4th. The Rabbi can not accept chametz for sale after Sunday, April 4th. All chametz sold by Rabbi Zalman shall be considered sold as of Monday, April 5th at 11:42 AM, and may be reused only after 9:00 PM on Tuesday, April 13th.

Sunday, Erev Pesach, April 4th

Bedikat Chametz - the Search for Chametz should be done after nightfall, the earliest time for which is 7:33 PM. The custom is to "hide" pieces of bread for the search. The blessing and the concluding formula may be found at the beginning of most Haggadot. Although, we search for the "10 pieces of bread," (which can be placed in tin foil or bags to avoid crumbling), Bedikat Chametz is supposed to be a bona fide search through drawers, coat pockets, and purses. Cars may be cleaned well under sunlight and need not be searched. The halakhah requires that the search be done by additional illumination (candle or flashlight).

Monday, April 5th

All eating of chametz must cease by 10:38 AM. (Matzah may not be eaten until the Seder.) Burning of chametz must be performed by 11:42 AM.

**Candle Lighting at 6:57 PM
Seder may start at 7:44 PM**

Burning of Chametz:

Chametz is burned on the morning of Monday, April 5th by 11:42 AM. (All chametz that was sold to the rabbi must be closed and stored away.) Upon throwing the chametz into the fire, one recites in Aramaic and English, "All chametz and leavening that may still be in my property which I have not seen or have not removed, or whose existence I have no knowledge of, shall be null and disowned and deemed valueless as the dust of the earth."

Fast of First Born Males:

Monday, April 5th is a fast day for first-born males, reminding us how G-d

spared the Jewish first-born from the 10th plague in Egypt. Traditionally, one may break this fast by attending a festive meal in honor of completing the study of a Talmudic tractate (siyum). Such events are held in various shuls around Boston on the morning of April 5th.

Minimum Requirements for the Seder:

One must have a required minimum of one Kazayit (1 ounce) of Matzah for the Seder (approximately half of board of matzah), 3/4 ounce of Maror and 4 cups (5 ounces each) of wine or grape-juice.

It is preferable to use round hand baked Shmurah matzah for the Seder. The difference between Shmurah and non-Shmurah matzah is in the degree of stringency that was invested in the preparation of the flour. Jewish law requires us to protect the flour from coming in contact with water prior to its baking. Most authorities

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CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

Since it is prohibited to possess chametz on Passover, we must sell to a non-Jew all chametz that will not be eaten or burned and all chametz utensils that were thoroughly cleaned before Passover. These are stored away in closets or rooms while preparing for Passover. These closets/rooms will be leased to the non-Jew at the time of the sale. Since there are many legal intricacies in this sale, only a competent Rabbi should be entrusted with its execution. The Rabbi acts as our agent both to sell the chametz on the morning before Passover starts, and then to buy it back on the evening after Passover ends.

Please fill out this form for selling the chametz, cut it out, and mail it to Rabbi Zalman Gurkow, 46 Court St., Newton, MA 02458. Or fax to 617 244-4667. It must be received by Sunday April 4, 2004.

I/We, _____
hereby authorize Rabbi Zalman Gurkow to dispose of all chametz that may be in my/our possession wherever it may be at home, at my/our business or any other place in this world, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law as incorporated in the special contract for the sale of Chametz.

Residence Address: _____ Apt. _____

City/Town: _____

Business Address: _____ Suite # _____

City/Town: _____

Signature/s: _____

Must be signed by head of household and preferably by all parties.

**WISHING YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
A HAPPY & KOSHER PASSOVER**

Passover Guidelines

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agree that it is sufficient to protect the flour from such time when it is ground, but some authorities require this protection to begin from the moment of harvest. Second Night of Passover - Tuesday, April 6th

Candle lighting on the 2nd night is performed no earlier than 8:00 PM using an existing flame. One may not begin preparing or setting up for the evening meal and Seder before dark. We begin to count the Omer at the second Seder. We

count 49 days at the end of the Maariv service of each day leading up to the holiday of Shavuot (on the 50th day). One who skips even a single day of counting may continue to count the remaining nights, but without a bracha.

Leil Seventh Day of Pesach - Sunday night, April 11th

7:04 PM Candle Lighting

7:00 PM Mincha, followed by Maariv

Seventh Day of Pesach - Monday, April 12th

9:00 AM Shacharit at shul

7:00 PM Mincha, followed by Maariv

8:07 PM Candle lighting

Eighth Day of Pesach - Tuesday, April 13th

9:00 AM Shacharit (with Yizkor)

7:00 PM Mincha

8:05 PM Maariv /Havdalah

9:00 PM: May begin to reuse Chometz that had been sold for Pesach.

(All major supermarkets in the Boston area are not Jewish-owned and thus may be patronized for Chametz items after Yom Tov.)

Nachas Notes

Miriam Kramer, a third grade student at Solomon Schechter Day School in Newton, recently participated in the third grade play, performed in Hebrew, where she was selected to be the Hebrew narrator. After the play, the third graders were presented with their own Tanachim. Miriam's Tanach had a dedication page created by her parents, Gail and Matthew Kramer. Mazal tov to Miriam and her family on this milestone!

Refuah Shelema Wishes

Alice Aronow

Eldon Boling, father of Sarah Boling Wagner

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