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RABBI 'S MESSAGE

As we begin our preparations for Pesach (Passover) my thoughts turn to the deeper meaning of our celebration. Passover is "The Time of our Freedom." Some 3,000 years after the exodus from Egypt we are conscious of the sad truth that there are many still enslaved. Some suffer from dictators and tyrants, others are enslaved to poverty and need, and still others suffer from the slavery that is born of depression and other psychological problems. Pesach calls upon each of us to recognize the reality of our lives and to seek the inner freedom and spiritual exultation that comes from setting ourselves free. Simultaneously we must see the world as it is and recommit ourselves to insuring human dignity for all of G-ds children.

On another level, Passover is the "Birth of the Nation", as individuals we received our freedom in order to become part of the people hood of Israel and affirm the covenant with G-d first made by Abraham. It is our identity as a Jewish People, a Yiddisha folk, that enables us to contribute to the world a moral call and participate in Tikun Olam. On a very personal note, after years of reflection, I understand that I became a Rabbi first and foremost, to serve the Jewish People. As a child of the generation of the Holocaust, my soul was touched by a desire to insure our people's continuity as Jews. It was only living as a Jew and study, combined with meditation and prayer, that I discovered the fire of G-d in my soul. These two calls, the Jewish people and our creator, were not always equal in my mind. Only through time and experience can I understand our traditions, teachings that Elijah was consumed with, the fire of G-d and Jeremiah with the love of his people. Let us each in our own way consider where we stand in relationship to our people and our G-d this Passover. It is the Time the nation of Israel was born out of slavery. May this Passover bring to you and your loved ones the inner freedom of true oneness.

Wishing you All a Healthy Happy Pesach,

Rabbi

President's Message

HAPPY PASSOVER

My wife Betsey and I want to wish our Temple family a very Happy Passover. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robyn Reese for being the chairperson for the second night of Seder at Heritage Springs Country Club. As of this writing, it is my understanding we will have about 96 people for the second night of Passover. Congratulations to Robyn Reese for making this Passover Seder a success. Please remember that there are no services on Friday, April 6, 2012, due to first night of Passover.

I would also like to thank Bo Friedman for putting Rabbi's name on the outdoor sign. Bo, thank you for everything you have done for the Temple.

A reminder to everyone that Abe Gold, a Holocaust survivor, will be here the weekend of April 20th. Please come out and hear him speak. The Annual Meeting will be held on June 10th, 2012.

Happy Passover
Larry Kessler
President

Board Meetings

CBE Board Meetings are open to all congregants. If you have a topic for discussion please contact Larry Kessler 48 hours prior to the meeting so we can place you on the agenda. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Election of Officers and Yearly review will be JUNE 10th at 10:00AM.

Schedule of Services



FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Rabbi David Levin Leading Shabbat Services + Oneg
April 13th, 20th, & 27th



April 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NO Religious School	2	3	4	5	6 No Shabbat Services First Night of Passover	7 Passover Seder @ Heritage Springs CC led by Rabbi Levin 6PM
8 Religious School 9AM - 12PM	9	10	11	12	13 Family & Religious School Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Levin 7:30PM Last Night of Passover	14
15 Religious School 9AM - 12PM	16	17	18	19	20 Shabbat Services led by Aaron Pfluke & Rabbi Levin 8PM	21 Aaron Pfluke Bar Mitzvah 10AM
22 Religious School 9AM - 12PM Holocaust Remembrance Day with speaker Abe Gold 2PM	23	24	25	26	27 Shabbat Services with Rabbi Levin 8PM	28
29 Religious School 9AM - 12PM	30					



Religious School Schedule

April 2012 - May 2012 (9AM -12PM)

Religious/Hebrew School Teachers:

Susan Greear & Rick Buchwalter

April 8th	PASSOVER 
April 15th	
April 22nd	YOM Hazikaron & YOM Ha'atzmaut
April 29th	
May 6th	Lag B'omer
May 13th	Mother's Day Brunch
May 20th	Yom Yerushalayim Day (Last Day of School) Israel Celebration with foods, arts & crafts & history

Yahrzeits

In Memoriam

April 2012

Frederick Factor	Husband of Fran Factor	April 4th Nissan 23, 5772 JD
Rene Goldfield	Grandmother of Lucy Easley Mother of Suzanne Park	April 4th Nissan 10, 5772 JD
Max Geller	Father of Arlene Tracht	April 7th Nissan 19, 5772 JD
Louis Isage	Father of Sid Altner	April 11th Nissan 2, 5772 JD
Charles Siegel	Husband of Marilyn Siegel	April 12th Nissan 3, 5772 JD
Irving Bzezensky	Father of Julius Barron	April 14th Nissan 17, 5772 JD
Elsie Walters	Mother of Cynthia Kadel Zorfias	April 14th Nissan 18, 5772 JD
Dave Kargman	Father of Lawrence Kargman	April 19th Nissan 15, 5772 JD
Blanche Miller	Mother of Sharon Goldman	April 27th Lyar 1, 5772
Leonore Kessler	Mother of Larry Kessler	April 28th Lyar 3, 5772 JD

JD - Jewish Date



Get Well Wishes

**Walter Kessler, Larry Kessler, Sondra Weiner,
& Sheila Shear,**

We pray for your speedy and complete recovery.



Susan and Ira Kahn
Sandra and Michael Holtzman
Stanley Stearman

Note from the Rabbi:

*In Reform congregations most, but not all, people observe the Yahrzeit on the English date. It is acceptable in the Reform movement to use that date. It is also OK to use the Jewish date one year and the Hebrew date another year. The date of a Yahrzeit is traditionally calculated according to the Hebrew calendar and is the anniversary of the death, not the burial. Given the secular calendar date that the individual passed away, HebCal.com's Yahrzeit calendar can be used to generate a list of corresponding Yahrzeit dates for the next 10 years. While the Yahrzeit date is usually calculated based on the Hebrew calendar, this is only a custom so if someone would prefer to use the secular calendar anniversary of the death rather than the Hebrew date this is permissible. - **Rabbi Sue Levy***

By observing the Yahrzeit according to the Hebrew day of the year and reciting Kaddish, one of the most sacred rituals observed by all Jews throughout the generations, there is nothing greater we can do for the soul of those who have departed this world than to accept upon ourselves an increase in good deeds and positive achievements to be done lizchut--"in merit of "-- and l'ilui nishmat, "for the elevation of the soul".

*Source: "Code of Jewish Law" O.C. 132; "Biur Halacha" - Ma'amar Kaddishin") - **Rabbi shraga Simmons, Aish Ha Torah.***

If you would like to observe the Yahrzeits of your loved ones on the Jewish Date, please notify the Temple office. Thank you.

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is a Donation.

SISTERHOOD

Shalom Y'All,

I want to wish everyone a very happy Passover. Passover was my favorite holiday when I was young and my thoughts go back to then very year.

The book reading has a new date, which is Sunday May 6th. It may be at Sheila Shear's and we will let you know.

I will be sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, April 27th in honor of my 75th birthday. I hope that many of you will be there to help me celebrate.

See Y'All in Temple,

Sheila B



AARON EDWARD PFLUKE



Aaron Pfluke, son of Jill and James Pfluke will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 21st, at 10:00 AM, at Congregation B'nai Emmunah. He attends J.D. Floyd K-8 in Spring Hill, and is in the 6th grade. He enjoys baseball, music, movies, video games and animals. When he lived in P.A., he loved to help take care of the animals and ride on the four-wheeler with his dad and uncles. He is a participant in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and appreciates the time his Big Brother spends with him. His Bar Mitzvah will be attended by family and friends coming from California and New York, as well as other parts of Florida.



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Congregation B'nai Emmunah

Presents

YOM HASHOAH Service Led by Rabbi David Levin

Sunday, April 22, 2012

2PM

with

Guest Speaker
Holocaust Survivor
ABRAHAM GOLD



To include sharing our pulpit with local church clergy to talk about the 1 million plus non-Jews that perished in the Holocaust. Also, Holocaust Poetry to be read by our students of the Religious School. This Poetry was written by children of the 7th grade West Hernando Middle School.

Please join us for what is sure to be a very moving and inspiring tribute to all those cherished souls whom we all lost and must never forget.

Limited Seating Available

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OUR SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION APRIL 22, 2012 @ 2PM IS HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR ABRAHAM GOLD.



Biography of Abraham Gold

Abraham Gold was born in Romania in 1926, one of ten children. In 1944 when he was 18 years old he and his family were captured by Hungarian Fascists and taken to the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. Only six members of his family survived. He lost his parents, two sisters, Sose and Sury and two brothers Shlomo and Martin. After the war was over he found out his twin brother Martin had died one week after being liberated. In 1948, Mr. Gold emigrated to America where an uncle lived. He lived in New York City and worked as a tool and die maker before joining the U.S. Army in 1950. He married in 1951 and eventually established his own printing shop in New York City. He retired in 1987 and in 1988 volunteered to work as an EMT with the West End Ambulance service. He did this for 10 years. In 1998, the Gold's moved to Florida. In 2005 they moved to Sebring to live close to their daughter. He and his wife Silvia have four children and ten grandchildren. Abe Gold now volunteers his time to talk to schools, churches and synagogues about his experiences as a Holocaust survivor.

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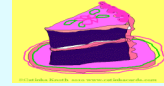
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Happy Birthday To



Betsey Kessler	April 8th
Sheila Buchwalter	April 10th
Aaron Pfluke	April 16th
Hannah McCartney	April 19th
Sarah McCartney	April 19th
Cynthia Duncombe	April 23rd
Maryanne Smith	April 27th
Esther Peretz	April 30th

Happy Anniversary

<i>Joseph and Claire Gabay -</i>	April 18th	25 yrs.
<i>Ellen and Joseph Holtzman -</i>	April 19th	16 yrs.
<i>Peter and Susan Kern -</i>	April 23rd	29 yrs.

“MAZEL TOV”



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Rabbi David Levin Office Hours

Rabbi Levin's Office hours are as follows. He will be in the Temple office **Mondays** and **Thursdays** from **8:00 AM - 11:30 AM**. If you need to speak to him about a personal matter, please call the office to make an appointment.

Rabbi Levin also requests to know if someone is ill, or experiencing some kind of difficulty. Please call the office (727-938-9000) so they can get in touch with him so he can help.

