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Rabbi's Words



By the time this edition of the Migdalor is released, we will be just about to enter the space for the חג האביב-The Spring Holiday, of Passover. The planning and cleaning and cooking should all be done. We are prepared to welcome the holiday, welcome our guests and even the unseen guest of Eliyahu haNavi. The table is set and the Seder Plate is displaying all the signs of the holiday. In this spirit I wanted to offer a few thoughts about Passover and no doubt we will be visiting some of them when we join together for 2nd Seder as a community.

In what is a bit of a surprise, Passover is the “most observed” Jewish holiday. It’s not Chanukah, not Shabbat or Yom Kippur, but Passover. And by observed, I mean that more Jewish families pause and create an observance on Seder Night-לילא סדר, then any other observance. I won’t pretend that all those observances are the sort that begin at sundown and go to midnight. But in some way, shape or form, families mark the evening with the signs of the Passover holiday. And engage in remembering the Exodus from Egypt. Why Passover of all observances is the one most families take part in? To me, there are several reasons. First is it is a “home observance”. We don’t go to shul, but we create the seder at home and invite others in to observe with us. It’s acted out, that is to say, everyone at the table has a role to play, an action to perform. It’s not the Rabbi or Cantor carrying the load, it’s everyone taking a part, from young children to adults. It’s a day we recall prepping for and cleaning and cooking with our parents. Oh who am I kidding? It’s all about helping **mom** prepare the house and kosher the house special for the holiday. And finally, it’s all about the food. All the special “Kosher for Passover” foods and meals. Swapping flour and bread for matzah meal and matzah. No fluffy food, everything is crunchy. If you’ve been around me in recent weeks, you know,

“Rabbi Ron does **not** like Matzah”. This is true and on 2nd night seder, we will talk more about that.

I truly enjoy the Seder. The gathering of family and friends, with the traditional ritual items, the best silverware and china-dishes, wine glasses and Seder plate, all in use and on display. Seeing the elegant and special glass for Eliyahu and in our modern times, the newer glass for Miriam the Prophetess-the finder of water. The debate over the best recipe for Haroset? Traditional Ashkenazi style with apples and raisins and walnuts, a time tested blend going back to the shtetl in Poland and Ukraine?? Or the Sephardic style Judy makes with dates, figs, apricots and something spicy, in the spices, with roots going back to Syria, Yemen and Morocco? As a young boy, I remember biting into the Horse-Radish root, causing real tears in my eyes and my nose running, I suddenly understood how a dragon could breathe fire. Drinking the 4 cups of wine and recalling G1ds promises to the people of Israel, the lighting of the candles to sanctify time. I enjoy seeing my grandchildren reciting the 4 questions. It makes me recall my own feelings and fears of being 8yrs old. Wanting to do well, wanting to impress my father and so very afraid to chant in Hebrew in front of everyone. It is a night of questions and yet a night where often the questions are not directly answered. I love the discussions and discovering the multitude of ideas and points of view around the table. Discussing the deep matters of ‘what is freedom’? And ‘what am I a slave to’? At the end, singing the Passover songs, in my family we mostly sing in the key of “off”. But we do love to sing and enjoy. That final moment at the very end, where we make the special declaration of “לשנה הבא בירושלים”-Next Year in Jerusalem.

My friends, Judy joins me in wishing everyone a joyful and meaningful Passover. May peace come to ארץ ישראל and the entire world.

Rabbi Ron



## Message From Brenda Rich



Greetings: Welcome to April. May all the April showers that come your way help you to grow and shine. May your faith continue to strengthen as you continue to fight antisemitism and that we all will continue to survive.

I am sorry that you missed our community Seder. You will hear all about what you missed in next month's article.

However, don't miss the upcoming services and classes that we will be having. There are **no services** on Zoom or live at CAH on April 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Passover on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, services will be live and live streamed beginning at 10 a.m. There will be a Yizkor service.

On Tuesday, April 14, there will be a service commemorating Yom Ha'Shoah on **Zoom**.

Services will be live and live streamed on Friday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

And don't miss Fran Lande's Mussar sessions on Zoom on April 16, 23 & 30.

Hope you all have a joyous Passover.

Shalom.

Brenda

# Purim 2026

MORE MISHLOACH THANKS



Kol tov,  
Ruth Resnick

# Yom Hashoah *Service*



7 pm April 14th  
on Zoom

**COMING SOON!**

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**LEARNING ABOUT ANTISEMITISM TO TAKE ACTION IN A CORNER OF  
THE WORLD**

A program to explore and learn together about when anti-Zionism is racism and when is it not? And a speaker/ workshop on an action component supporting Jewish students on local college campuses as they navigate college life.

This is made possible by a grant from the **Pacific Southwest Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism**

## Mussar: Deepening Our Character

Mussar classes continue in April.

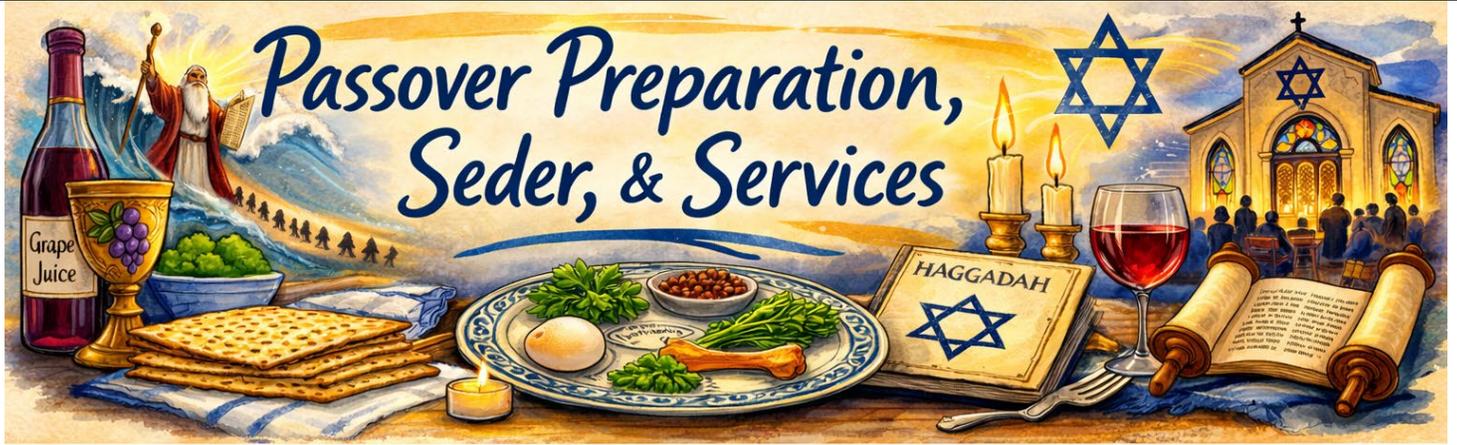
Come join us as we continue our exploration of middot/ soul traits. Each week we gain insight into the meaning of various middot and how to better balance the role each can play in our daily interaction.

No previous knowledge of Hebrew or text study required, just a desire to learn and make sense of our lives. You can join us even if you have not been able to attend the previous classes. **We will be studying Trust/Bitachon**

Class dates will be April 16, 23rd and 30th at 7 pm on Zoom.

For more information, please contact Fran Lande, Life-Long learning chair at [fblande@gmail.com](mailto:fblande@gmail.com).





This year we will hold our annual **Am HaYam Passover Seder on Thursday, April 2**, the second night of Passover, **at 5:00 p.m.**

We will have services this year on the **eighth morning of Passover, Thursday, April 9 at 10 a.m. live and live-streamed at CAH. There will be a Yizkor service..**

You may have questions about Passover preparation, [here is a link](#) to the Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide.

If you have questions about preparing your home, or about the Seder, or Passover services, please contact the Rabbi at: [rabbiron@congregationamhayam.com](mailto:rabbiron@congregationamhayam.com).

We wish you all a *chag kasher v'samei-ach*, a healthy, meaningful, and joyful Passover!



## WHAT DO YOU PUT IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN ?

If you are putting newspapers, magazines, shredded mail, frozen meal containers and glass in your bin for the city to pick up that is great. **If you are still putting in soda cans and water bottles, please consider saving them for CAH.**

Soda cans are recyclable. Plastic water bottles, both plain and flavored can be recycled. From the small 4 ounce to the large half gallon bottles can bring money in to CAH.

If you think a few cents doesn't matter, I can tell you a small income on a regular basis adds up. Since we started in 2014 CAH has earned \$ 1,173.32. You can bring the recycles to services or you can save them in 13 or 33 gallon bags and I will be happy to pick them up.

There are lots of holiday parties coming up between now and New Years Eve. You might ask neighbors to save them.

Call me for any questions or to pick up. You can call me at home or leave a message on the temple phone at 805-644-2899.

Thank you so much.

Ruth Resnick



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WHATEVER YOU PURCHASE, WHILE AM HAYAM GETS A  
PERCENTAGE.**



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## April: Get in on All the Excitement Here at CAH!

Here at CAH we offer an extensive set of ongoing, recurring events.

Brenda sends out the link for the Zoom or YouTube link ahead of time, so that it will be towards the top of your Email inbox. Services are coordinated by Rabbi Goldberg; all other events are coordinated by our Life-Long Learning Chair, Fran Lande. If you have questions about our non-service offerings or have suggestions for other events, please contact Fran. Please contact [fblande@gmail.com](mailto:fblande@gmail.com)

EVENT	LEADER	DAY and TIME	DATES
Passover Seder	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Thursday, 5:00p at CAH	April 2
Erev Shabbat		No CAH service	April 3
Shabbat		No CAH service	April 4
Passover/Yizkor Service	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Thursday, 10a at CAH and Streaming	April 9
Yom HaShoah Service	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Tuesday 7p on Zoom	April 14
Erev Shabbat at CAH	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Friday, 7:30p at CAH and Streaming	April 17
Shabbat at CAH	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Saturday, 10a at CAH and Streaming	April 18
Mussar	Fran Lande	Thursdays 7p on Zoom	April 16,23, 30
Ritual Meeting	Neal Abramson	Sunday 10a on Zoom	April 19
Board Meeting	Brenda Rich	Sunday 11a on Zoom	April 19

In Memory of

Gerald Davis IMO of Sophie Davis  
Brenda Rich & Mark Rich IMO Dean Rich

Get Well

Fil Barton	Steven Goch
Alma Boronkay	Fran Lande
Lee Rothschild	Arlene Davis
Rick Newberger	Jerry Davis



## Yahrzeit

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 3 AND SATURDAY APRIL 4**

Jack Prilook. Brother of Elaine Hanig  
\*Francis Pierson Wiltkowsky, Mother of Muriel Posner z'l  
Nathan Theodore Sacks, Father of Rabbi J. B. Sacks  
\*Sam Hanig, Father-in-Law of Elaine Hanig

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 17 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

\*Lois Lebman, Mother of Barbra Miner and Ronnie Sanlo  
\*Regina Margolis, Mother-in-Law of Judy Margolis  
\*Ervin Klein, Father of Judy Leventhal z'l  
\*Max Schonfield, Step-Father of Lois Lebman z'l  
\*Louis Fenick, Step-Father of Elaine Hanig

May their memories be for a blessing

# April 2026

## Nissan/Iyar 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Passover Starts at 7p.	2 Passover	3 Passover  Light Shabbat Candles 7:02p  IMO Morris Rosenthal	4 Passover  Shabbat ends at 7:58p
5 Passover	6 Passover	7 Passover	8 Passover  IMO Jack Prilook	9 Passover/Yizkor services 10a at CAH  Passover ends at 8:03p	10 Light Shabbat Candles 7:07p	11 Shabbat ends at 8:04p
12	13	14 Yom HaShoah Service 7p on Zoom	15 IMO Francis Pierson	16 Deepening Our Character 7p on Zoom  IMO Nathan Theodore Sacks  IMO Sam Hanig	17 Erev Shabbat Services 7:30p at CAH  Light Shabbat Candles 7:13p	18 Shabbat Services 10a at CAH  Shabbat ends at 8:10p
19 Ritual meeting 10a on Zoom  Board meeting 11a on Zoom	20	21 IMO Lois Lebman	22 IMO Regina Margolis	23 Deepening Our Character 7p on Zoom	24 Light Shabbat Candles 7:18p  IMO Ervin Klein	25 Shabbat ends at 8:16p  IMO Max Schonfield  IMO Louis Fenick
26	27	28	29	30 Deepening Our Character 7p on Zoom		



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