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3rd ANNUAL FAMILY & COMMUNITY SEDER
Wednesday evening, April 8 • 6 pm

What makes THIS seder different from all other seders???

Find out at the
Malverne Jewish Center’s
3rd Annual Community Seder
Wednesday, April 8 • 6-9:30pm
Join us for a creative and interactive seder featuring singing, eating, celebrating, and telling the Passover story. Did I mention eating???

GET EARLY BIRD PRICING BY MARCH 20!!!
$45/person ($40 for MJC members & Chaverim)
Afterwards, the cost is $50/$45, RSVP by 4/1.
Children under 10 are $25, under 5, free.

For more information and to register, please call 516-593-6364 or email malvernejewishcenter@gmail.com.
Checks may be mailed to MJC, 1 Norwood Ave., Malverne, NY 11565; www.malvernejewishcenter.org

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION
Sunday, April 19
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At Shabbat services on March 7th, I celebrated completing Tractate Berakhot of the Babylonian Talmud with a brief study, a blessing and of course, kiddush. This tractate, which contains 64 pages of stories, discussions of rules, debates over how to bless and what, when and who is obligated to bless, ends with Psalm 29: Ado-nai oz l’am: yitayn, Ado-nai yivareikh et amo baShalom, “May God give strength to the people, May God bless God’s people with peace.”

As coronavirus fears, concerns and information are taking over my Facebook feed, I think that God “giving strength” and “blessing us with peace” is taking on an additional meaning. Normally, when I think of “peace,” I think of peace between countries, between groups, between neighbors and within families; how we want to live in a world at peace. However, the word shalom can also mean “complete” or “perfect.” And yes, it can also be used as “hello” and “goodbye.”

I noted that, according to the Talmud, we say a blessing over the good in the world, “Blessed are you, Lord our God, hatov v’ha meitiv, who is good and does good.” We’re also required to bless God when bad things happen with dayan ha emet, “the true Judge.” The theological implications of this are a discussion for another time, but acknowledging that there might be something else at play here, that God has a role in the universe, gives me a feeling of shalom—peace.

Do I think God caused coronavirus or causes some people to get it and not others? Do I think God will miraculously cure people who contract it, or drop a vaccine into someone’s lab? No.

One of my favorite TV shows is “Call The Midwife,” and in one episode, after Nurse Jenny tragically loses her boyfriend and questions where God was, Sister Julienne says, “God isn’t in the event, Jenny. He is in the response to the event in the love that is shown and the care that is given.” This is how God gives strength to us, by placing us where we can support those who need our support, and by giving us sh’leimoot, complete peace.

The Malverne Jewish Center will continue operating as usual, and if you have questions or concerns, please reach out. May God bless and protect all of us. May God grant strength, wisdom and compassion to those who are caring for anyone afflicted with an illness, may God bless us with the strength to continue living our daily lives, and the ability to reach out to those in need.

Rabbi Susan Elkodsi

Don’t Miss Out!

For Members in Good Standing, who can no longer drive and/or cannot avail themselves of alternative means of transportation or assistance, the Malverne Jewish Center offers a free taxi service. Please contact the office (516-593-6364) to learn how to use this service, which is available year round.

If you can’t be with us in person, some of our services and discussions are available on the internet via Zoom. While religious services are not interactive, discussions are. To connect, you may either run Zoom directly from your web browser or download the Zoom app to your internet device, click on the link provided in the program announcement and follow the directions. It’s suggested that you familiarize yourself with Zoom before using it. You can learn how to use Zoom at https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us. If you need more information, please contact Rabbi Elkodsi at (203) 332-4428 or susanelkodsi@gmail.com.

Please check our website: www.malvernejewishcenter.org for newly added programs and last minute scheduling changes.
**SHABBAT & PASSOVER CANDLELIGHTING**

- March 6 - 5:34 pm
- March 13th - 6:42 pm
- March 20th - 6:49 pm
- March 27th - 6:56 pm
- April 3rd - 7:04 pm
- April 8th - 7:09 pm (Erev Pesach - first Seder)
- April 9th - 8:10 pm (Pesach - second Seder)
- April 10th - 7:11 pm
- April 14th - 7:15 pm (7th night Pesach)
- April 15th - 8:17 pm (8th night Pesach)
- April 17th - 7:19 pm
- April 24th - 7:26 pm

**PASSOVER SERVICES**

- First day - Thursday, April 9th - 9:30 am
- 2nd day - Friday, April 10th - 9:30 am
- 7th day - Wednesday, April 15th - 9:30 am
- 8th day - Wednesday evening, April 15th - 7 pm. Yizkor will be recited

**YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!**

**SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

- Sunday, April 19th - 10 a.m.
- Berger Room
- Bagels & Coffee will be served

The first meeting of the MJC Book Club for 2020 took place on Monday, February 24th. The book we discussed was Nicole Dweck’s debut novel, *The Debt of Tamar*.

The characters were inspired by the status of the Jews in sixteenth century Europe as Conversos fleeing the Inquisition and finding refuge in the Ottoman Empire where they were able to practice openly as Jews.

Tamar was in love with the son of the Sultan. Her father didn’t want her to abandon her faith to marry him, so he sent her away to Tiberias. Tamar’s expulsion triggered a curse in their families for generations. The debt was finally resolved in the twenty-first century when the last descendant of the Sultan had a chance encounter with a Jewish woman of Tamar’s lineage.


The book is available through the Nassau County Library System and also available for Kindle users.

The book club is open to everyone. Please feel free to bring a friend. I hope to see you there.

*Sue Dropkin*
The Congregation notes with sadness the passing on January 27th of our life member and dear friend, BARBARA HEITNER. Condolences to her daughter, Amy (Steven) Ameri, daughter-in-law, Teresa Heitner, and grandchildren, Dylan, Tyler, and Eric.

Rabbi Elkodsi is offering individual or group lessons. Contact her to discuss your needs. susanelkodsi@gmail.com

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IN THE FAMILY

Arlene and Hank Lynn are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Jenn, to Ryan Delatte. The happy couple tied the knot on January 3, 2020. Ryan is currently an active duty Army Recruiter in the L.A. area and Jenn is an HR specialist/recruiter for a local hotel chain. She also serves in the Army Reserves and was recently accepted to the University of Southern California for a Master’s program in the field of Human Resource Management.

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND:
Mildred Castleman – in memory of Barbara Heitner.
Sue & Carl Dropkin – in memory of Barbara Heitner
Emilee & Dave Feldman – in memory of Barbara Heitner.
Eli Greenbaum – in memory of Saul Libustug
Lottie Tartell – Mazel-tov to Arlene & Hank Lynn on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Ryan Delatte. In memory of Barbara Heitner.

HERMAN & MURIEL LEVINE JEWISH EDUCATION FUND:
Linda & Herb Brodsky – in memory of Barbara Heitner.

Lottie Tartell

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND:
Judy Zuckerman & Paul Schumann – with thanks to Rabbi Eldkosi.

Graduation time is near!

Let us know the name(s) of the graduate(s) in your family by April 25th and we will recognize him/her (them) in our next newsletter.
Graduate’s name
School
Degree
Future Plans, if known
Your name and relationship to graduate

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Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day
Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 7:00PM

For Students:
5:45 pm Dialogue & Pizza - Deconstructing Symbols of Hate

Ambassador Dani Dayan
The Consul General of Israel in New York

Never Again Means NEVER AGAIN

As Consul General, Ambassador Dani Dayan represents the State of Israel to communities from throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Delaware. Ambassador Dayan has a longtime reputation as an Israeli public figure, lecturer and entrepreneur enjoying wide support and appreciation from all sides of the American and Israeli political spectrum.

With remarks by:
Laura Curran - Nassau County Executive

Location: Congregation Shaaray Shalom, 711 Dogwood Ave., West Hempstead, NY 11552
516-481-7448
A light collation will follow the program

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Malverne Jewish Center
When I was writing my President’s Message around this time two years ago, I used the title “Let It Snow” because it was snowing like mad outside and I was lamenting the thought of having to deal with it. That was then and this is now, where it’s sunny and in the 40s outside and I’m relishing the thought that spring training has begun and all is right with the world, despite the usual Yankee injuries. But wait, it’s only the beginning of March and we all know what March and even April can bring, so it ain’t over just yet (sorry, Yogi). After all, we can still face a snowstorm or two before the crocus signals that winter’s fourth quarter has run out the clock and spring is truly here, accompanied by the celebrations and commemorations associated with the season.

Whatever the season, things are hopping at the Malverne Jewish Center as we prepare to celebrate Purim and Pesach and to commemorate the sanctity of Yom HaShoah with this year’s particular emphasis on educating young people on the Holocaust with a special program specifically designed for them. In between and around these holidays are a host of programs planned by Rabbi Elkodsi and Pat Sachs’ Program Committee, from thought-provoking lectures to an afternoon of Beit Café, with the music of Shir Harmony of Long Island. And then there’s what has become my favorite event, our (third) annual Community Passover Seder, which has been attracting more participants each year with a beautiful service, minus the midnight ending we all grew up with, and some really great company and fabulous food. Judging from the past two years, we expect to sell out once the event is announced, so I encourage you to make your reservations early. Don’t get stuck asking yourself “why is this night different” in terms of not being able to attend an MJC event. So, call the office to reserve your spot as soon as the word is out.

Continuing with an initiative based on what we learned from the discussions held during the parlor meetings and designed to encourage more participation among our congregants in the governance of our synagogue, and at the same time promote the engagement of the synagogue with the community it serves, we’ve begun an aggressive and extensive outreach program to a variety of current and former MJC stakeholders. The program is called Chaverim, or Friends of the Malverne Jewish Center, and is being spearheaded by Rabbi Elkodsi and Linda Brodsky, with some 133 letters to people formerly associated with the synagogue, folks who have attended our events and local residents who have not been to our events before. The goal is to increase participation in and connection with our synagogue community. The letters solicit financial support, but more importantly they encourage recipients to become involved with MJC in any way they feel comfortable, be it by formal membership or a less-committed form of engagement. While synagogue membership would be an ideal outcome, we recognize that it is not the only outcome and we clearly relate that notion in the letters. The feedback of the parlor meetings told us that we need to grow, whether by adding to our membership numbers or by less structured arrangements, and this effort is certainly consistent with achieving that goal. Thank you, Rabbi and Linda.

Finally, I’d like to put in a word about this year’s Yom HaShoah commemoration, which will take place at Congregation Shaaray Shalom on Sunday, April 19 at 7:00 pm. The keynote speaker will be Ambassador Dani Dayan, the Consul General of Israel in New York, with opening remarks by Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, As I mentioned earlier, the emphasis of this year’s program will be educating our young people on the horrors of the Holocaust, but just as or even more importantl, how it came about in the first place and what each of us can do to make certain it never happens again. The theme of the Yom HaShoah program is: “Never Again Means NEVER AGAIN.” Nothing could be more apropos at this time of increasing anti-Semitism, both in terms of number of occurrences and their boldness. So please, plan on attending this very important event and lend your voice to an emphatic NEVER AGAIN.

At this point in my President’s Message I’ve reached a fork in the road as to whether to continue or call it a day because I’ve run out of the room allocated to me. So, in the words of the great and very wise Yogi: “When you come to a fork in road, take it.” So, I’m going to take the fork that says: See you next issue. So long for now.
BREAKING FREE FROM BORING SEDERS!

Wed., March 25 • 7:30pm Malverne Jewish Center

Join us and get some great ideas for your Passover seders! We’ll be looking at different Haggadot, sharing songs and game ideas, and ways to help make your seders interesting and interactive for all!

No Charge, but please RSVP so we can properly prepare.
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or call 516-593-6364

At the corner of Norwood & Hempstead Aves in Malverne in the Bridge Church building.
Since the Torah prohibits the ownership of chametz (leaven) during Pesach, we arrange for the sale of the chametz to a non-Jew. The transfer, mekhirat chametz, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now permitted chametz. If ownership of the chametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this chametz is prohibited after the holiday as well.

The Torah prohibits the eating of chametz during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some admixture of chametz, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach. This is a general guideline.

**FOOD:**

Prohibited foods include leavened bread, cakes biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffee with cereal derivatives in them, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. While most Ashkenazic authorities include corn, millet, legumes, beans, peas in the list of prohibited foods, they are called kitniyot, and are not chametz. Peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, and some authorities permit products such as corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above.

The following foods require no kosher lePesach label if purchased prior to Pesach:
- Unopened packages or containers of natural coffee (without cereal additives), sugar, pure tea, salt, pepper, natural spices, fruit juices with no additives (frozen, canned or bottled), frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes see above), milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses, such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and camembert (soft), tuna in water (no oil added), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives), baking soda.

The following foods require no kosher lePesach label if purchased before or during Pesach:
- Fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes see above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

The following foods require a kosher lePesach label if purchased before or during Pesach:
- All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal and any products containing matzah), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt and soda.

The following foods require a kosher lePesach label if purchased during Pesach:
- Processed foods (canned, frozen or bottled): milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea and fish (as well as all foods listed immediately above).

**DETERGENTS:** If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher lePesach label.

**MEDICINE:** Chametz binders are used in many pills. If another form/preparation is available, that is preferable; however, health takes priority and medications must be taken if needed.

**UTENSILS:** The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil. This means that utensils used in stove-top cooking are kished by boiling, those used in broiling are kished by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kished by rinsing.

**OVENS AND RANGES:** Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashed in the same manner as regular ovens. A microwave oven, which does not cook food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and then a cup of water (lemon juice may be added) should be placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until most of the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashed for Pesach.

**GLASSWARE:** May be thoroughly scrubbed before Pesach or put through a dishwasher.

**DISHWASHER:** After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

**ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES** - If the parts that come into contact with chametz are removable, they can be kished in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashed. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned).

**KITCHEN SINK** - A metal sink can be kashed by a thorough cleaning and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used.
MEKHIRAT CHAMETZ (SELLING CHAMETZ)

The Torah prohibits the ownership of chametz (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt) during Pesach. Ideally we burn or remove all chametz from our premises.

Because this might cause prohibitive financial loss, we arrange for the sale of the chametz to a non-Jew and for its repurchase after Pesach. This is usually done by appointing a rabbi as power of attorney for selling your chametz, so that the transaction is done correctly. If you would like to appoint me as your seller, please complete the following document and return it to me by April 6th.

Please note that this is a real sale and the buyer will own your chametz. There is a true story of a synagogue custodian who had purchased the chametz of synagogue members and the synagogue, who was throwing a party at his house and ran out of liquor. He turned up at the shul and took the liquor to replenish his party. Although perfectly legal, this did not lead to good relations between the custodian and the synagogue! Also note that this does not happen very often and your chametz will most likely be safe. If the buyer is willing, your chametz will revert to your possession after 8:18 p.m., Thursday, April 16th.

FOR SELLING CHAMETZ 5780 (PASSEOVER 2020)

I, the undersigned give the power of attorney to Rabbi Susan Elkodsi for the purpose of disposing to a buyer of Rabbi Elkodsi’s choice, of all chametz in my possession, which includes all foods and things fully or partially composed of leavening, or of the derivatives of leavening and all other foods and things associated by Judaism with chametz in my possession, the sale of which is to be effective by Wednesday, April 8th at 10:30 a.m.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________

You may email this form to susanelkodsi@gmail.com or malvernejewishcenter@gmail.com, or mail to:

Malverne Jewish Center, 1 Norwood Avenue Malverne, NY 11565

Questions? Call Rabbi Elkodsi at 203-332-4428
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*May their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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- **GENERAL FUND** - supports the activities and operations of the Malverne Jewish Center.
- **RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND** - funds are donated to worthy causes and individuals selected by the Rabbi.
- **HERMAN AND MURIEL LEVINE JEWISH EDUCATION FUND** - established by the Levine/Brodsky families. Funds are used for the presentation of educational and cultural programs at the synagogue.
- **MARTIN RADWELL MEMORIAL BOOK FUND** - funds are used to purchase books and other enhancements to the synagogue.
- **YAHRZEIT FUND** - a lovely way to remember a loved one’s yahrzeit. Please indicate if you’d like the name(s) of the people you are remembering to be listed.
OUR MITZVAH PROJECT

Our Mitzvah Project is now in its 15th year. We continue to collect essential non-perishable food and non-food items for the Rena Shkolnick Kosher Food Pantry located in the Marion & Aaron Gural JCC Sustenance Center in Cedarhurst.

Items that are appropriate for Passover are appreciated. Remember that all products must have a Kosher seal (hecksher) on them and Passover items should be labelled Kosher for Passover.

As in the past all donations (food, paper goods, health care products, detergents, soap, diapers, baby wipes etc.) can be brought to the bin in the Berger Room or Temple office and we will deliver them to the pantry.

Dave Feldman, Chairperson

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