

# The Messenger

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## Havdalah April 2 Pot Luck

Please call Carol at 951-7697514 to let her know which special dish you will bring.

This Havdallah is sponsored by  
Cathy Colt and Jeff Silver.



(NO FRIDAY SERVICE  
THIS MONTH)

**Passover Seder**  
**Saturday April 23**  
Make your reservations  
By April 18.  
See Flyer Inside.



# President's Message



Dear Members:

Anne Savy, Claudia Schwartz and Art Sobel did a great job as members of the Nominating Committee. They are working on a slate of officers that I'm sure will make you all proud. Remember that being an officer is only one way to serve the temple. Please join a committee.

NOW, all you have to do is REMEMBER THIS DATE, Saturday, June 4, 2016, for the Congregational Meeting held prior to the Havdalah service. We will elect officers who will serve for two years, approve the proposed budget, and conduct any other business you wish to discuss. Time will be around 4:45, but that will be announced in a future "Messenger."

Tzedakah; A Way of Life: Hundreds of people rely on the various food banks in town. Torah tells us to leave the four corners of our fields for those in need. Today, this could be translated to mean the 4 corners of our shopping carts! I urge everyone to bring a little something to Temple to place in the Our Savior's Food Bank. They feed a large number of needy folks who knock on their door every Monday.

Hannah

# *From the Rabbi*

March 2016



Shalom Chaverim,

For those of you who attended the March Havdallah/Purim celebration, the answer is: Ecclesiastes. I was trying to recall the names of the Five Megillot (Scrolls) and had a Gov. Rick Perry moment and was only able to remember four of the five. For those not in attendance, the Five Scrolls are: Esther, Ruth, Song of Songs, Lamentations, and Ecclesiastes. Each is read on a different holiday: Esther on Purim, Ruth on Shavu'ot, Song of Songs on Pesach, Lamentations on Tisha B'av, and Ecclesiastes on Sukkot.

Now that we got that out of the way, we can shift our focus to our next major Jewish holiday: Passover. For our sages, Passover was the most important Jewish holiday because it is so rich in symbolism and because its message and focus on personal freedom is so universal. However, there is also much about Passover that is misunderstood. Like so much in Judaism, everything about Passover is open to interpretation, and not just one interpretation, but many different teachings and lessons. That leads to incorrect and sometimes misplaced interpretations.

Over the years, many of my Christian friends and colleagues have expressed interest in Passover, particularly because they believe that the Last Supper was a Passover Seder. To be sure, the Last Supper may have been a Passover meal, but to say it was a Seder is a bit of an anachronism. The Seder as we know it today dates back to Talmudic, not biblical times, and thus the elements and rituals with which we are so familiar would have been unknown in the time of Jesus. The four cups of wine, the Four Questions, the Hagaddah, and the Seder plate are all later innovations. So while the Last Supper may have taken place during the Festival of Passover, or on the holiday itself, it was most definitely not a Seder in the modern sense.

That is just one example of a common misunderstanding about Passover. Again, like so much in Judaism, our rituals have taken on varied and differing meanings over the centuries. The original meaning or reason for a particular ritual may have been reinterpreted, or given additional rationale. That is the beauty of Judaism and Jewish tradition. Ours is a very deep, historic, and varied tradition. And Judaism, as a living tradition, continues to be interpreted and added to by each succeeding generation. What once spoke to our ancestors may not speak to us today, and what speaks to us today may not speak to our descendants in generations hence. What has enabled Judaism to survive and what will enable Judaism to continue is that flexibility, that potential growth, that openness to change and evolve.

The challenge for us is to place our traditions, rituals, and beliefs into historical context and to draw from our rich tradition to find our place in the world today. It's always important to understand the past but not be completely bound by it. That is why the Hagaddah teaches: "In each generation, a person must see themselves as if they personally went forth from Egypt." For me, that has always been the most important line during the Seder. Each generation must inherit the past, live the present, and ensure the future. Our generation is no different than any that preceded us.

Our April 2<sup>nd</sup> Havdallah program will be "Everything you always wanted to know about Passover but were afraid to ask." We will explain the rituals and elements of the Seder and answer these questions and more: Why do we really open the door for Elijah? What's with all the dipping of food? Who wrote those Four Questions and have they changed? What is the Seder modeled after? Is it permissible to eat rice, beans, and legumes? I hope to see you there!

Lech L'shalom – May you go in peace,  
Rabbi Kenneth Milhander



# Sisterhood

Sisterhood met March 22. Please note even though we don't have a regular service in April (because of Passover) our next meeting is April 19 at Sun Lakes Country Club Atrium. Typically we have 5-7 ladies who attend. Don't forget that Nancy Darling has very graciously donated to Sisterhood the proceeds of the sale of beautiful hand-knit scarves, which she modeled at our January meeting. They are only \$10 and are works of art. Thank you Nancy. Our business meeting is extremely brief and is followed by a nice lunch with a lively discussion of a variety of issues. If you would like to attend but don't have a ride please call Cathy Colt at 951-392-5380 to arrange for transportation.

Cathy Colt  
Sisterhood President

TREE OF LIFE – order a leaf as a memorial or an honor. \$18 for members. \$25 for non-members. Please contact Cathy Colt.

## Yahrzeits

Harold Goldstein	Father of	Paul Goldstein
May Marx	Sister of	Marty Hoffman
Ira Kaner	Father of	Kay Ross
Janet Cohn Weinberg	Mother of	Fred Weinberg

## Birthdays

Barry Schwartz	Apr. 3
Judi Margolis	Apr. 4
Paul Goldstein	Apr. 18
Ed Newman	Apr. 21
Art Sobel	Apr. 26

## Anniversaries

Fred Weinberg & Randy Forney	Apr. 1
Jeff Silver & Cathy Colt	Apr. 10
Art & Debbie Lewin	Apr. 14
Art & Alice Sobel	Apr. 28

Please note the purpose of your donations on your checks to the temple.

**Tribute Donations** Shalom Bayit offers all of us the ability to memorialize or honor friends and loved ones. Tribute donations can be made in honor of a bar/bat mitzvah, the birth of a baby, a birthday, an anniversary, a graduation, a wedding, or any special occasion. Donations in memory of loved ones help us remember that person in a special and meaningful way. Also, tribute donations are a thoughtful way to say "thank you." Your donation should be sent to the address on the back of the *Messenger* to the attention of "Treasurer" and will be acknowledged with a card to the recipient of this tribute. It will also be listed in the *Messenger*, unless you request otherwise.

## Yahrzeit Donations

Sandra Shulkin in memory of her father Morris Shulkin  
 Les Diamond in memory of her mother Audrey Bernstein  
 Hannah Riceberg in memory of her mother Freda Cohen  
 Hannah Riceberg in memory of her father Michael Cohen  
 Hannah Riceberg in memory of her sister Rochelle Belle Brown  
 Hannah Riceberg in memory of her uncle Samuel Berman  
 Sandy Zwick in memory of her father Clyde Geisler  
 Sandy Zwick in memory of her mother Marcella Geisler  
 Shirley Barsh in memory of her father Sam Gerstein

**RECYCLING.** Please bring your separated cans and plastic bottles (with caps included but unscrewed from bottles) to temple events. You can also write a check in lieu of your recycling. If you call Joan Frost (951-845-9757), she can arrange to have your recycling picked up if you can't bring them to temple.

# *Havdalah and Oneg Sponsors*

## *Havdalah*

We need sponsors for June, July, and August.

## *Oneg*

We need sponsors for May, August, and December.

Celebrate a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion.  
Remember someone who is gone -- honor them by sponsoring an  
Oneg or Havdalah.

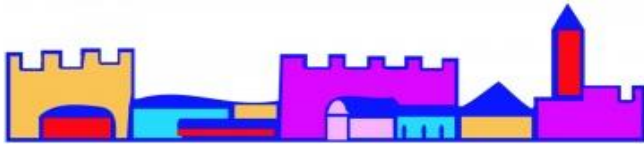
Sign up at a service or Call Carol at 951-769-7514.

Thanks to all of you who stay to help clean up after services.  
And a special thanks to Anne Savy, Cathy Colt, and Joan Frost  
who come at noon to set up before every Havdalah.

BOARD MEETINGS are open to all temple members. You are encouraged to attend. The more participation the better.

## April 2016

MONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					1:30 – Board Mtg.	5:30 – Havdalah – (Pot Luck)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					(No Service this month)	
17	18	11:30 – Sisterhood	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	6:00 – Passover Seder
					30	



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