A Holiday Thought Rabbi Joseph Lichtman

Sheliach Tzibur Emeritus

The question is asked, "Why do we call this holiday *Pesach?*" for in the Torah it is called *Chag HaMatzot - the Festival of Matzot.* A most interesting answer given by the *Kedushas Levi* suggests that *HaShem* delights in the deeds of His people. And the Jewish People are delighted with their God. As *Chazal* ask in the Tractate Berachos, "What is written in G-d's *T'fillin?*" And they answer, "Who is like you, O Israel, one nation in the land." At the same time the Jewish People recite the *Shema -* they add - "The L-rd is One, the L-rd is One."

Pesach reminds us of G-d's praise of the Jewish People whom He rescued from Egyptian bondage. Chag HaMaztot is reminiscent of the Jews following Moshe into the wilderness without even concerning themselves about from where their next meal would come. As it says, V'gam tzaido lo asu lahem - "And also food they did not take with them." Therefore HaShem calls the holiday in the Torah Chag HaMatzot for this shows His delight in His People, and we call it Pesach to show our delight with HaShem.

Before we usher in this holiday, we gather our monies and put it aside for *Maot Chittim*, to make sure that the poor among us will have the material means to celebrate Passover. There is a hint given by our rabbis for the custom of giving Tzedaka before Pesach. As we said above, the Torah calls the holiday Chag HaMatzot. The letters of the word *Matzot* stand for *Tzedakah Tatzil MeMavet* - charity saves one from Death." The letter *Tzadie* from the word *Tzedakah* stands in the middle of the word *Matzah*. The remaining letters, *Mem* and *Tav*, are on the ends of the word. These two letters compose the word, *Met* - "Death." So we see, if we put *Tzedakah* in between the word *Met* it will save us from death. Therefore, make sure that this *Yom Tov* will not be marred by misfortune, Give Maot Chitim.

May this year usher in the Final Redemption.

A most joyous *Pesach* to all.



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KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

In Observance of Yahrzeits ◆ Jake & Jean Zimmer, on the yahrzeit of Jeannie's grandmother, z''l.

• Lyuba Kruglyak in honor of the yahrzeits of her mother, *Manya bas Mordechai* and father, *Yaakov ben Label z''l.*

• **Drs. Helen & Mel Elberger**, honoring the memory of Mel's parents' yahrzeit and upcoming family yahrzeits.

• Alex Shteynberg, on the yahrzeit of his father-in-law, z"l.

• Melzer Family for family yahrzeits.

◆ Lanner Family, commemorating the yahrzeit of their father and grandfather, *Dovid ben Baruch Shalom, z"l*

Chaim Lanner on the yahrzeit of his grandmother

Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz, commemorating the yahrzeit of R. Moshe's mother, *Rus bas Avraham* z''l.

• Vladimir & Alex Shteynberg for the yahrzeit of their maternal grandparents, Zev ben Yitzhak & Khava bas Nehemiah z"l.

◆ Lennie Brandwein on the yahrzeit of his father and mother, *Chaim Yisroel Ben Shoel z"l* and *Fruma bas Lipa Eliezer z"l*.

In Honor of other Events
Bezalel Zeidman, celebrating a significant birthday.

• Felix Perera, in honor of the "Jewish People" and world events.

WEEKDAY BREAKFASTS

◆ Alex & Vladmir Shteynberg in honor of the yahrzeit of their grandparents, *Chana bas Mendel z"l* and Avraham ben Chaim z"l

• The Shul, honoring Amy & R. Mordechai Tropp and family prior to leaving Elizabeth for Highland Park.

 Monday morning's breakfast was sponsored by Esther & Dr. Eugene
Steinhart, commemorating the yahrzeit of Chava Addison z"1

• Jean & Jake Zimmer, commemorating the yahrzeit of Jake's father and mother, Zvi ben Azriel, z"1 and Yocheved bas Yaakov Menachem Mendel z"l. and Jean's mother, Chana Ester bas Yehuda z"l.

• Mrs. Ruth Strashun, commemorating the yahrzeit of her husband, Harold, Yecheskel ben Menachem Mendel z"l.

DIVREI TORAH

Our thanks to the following individuals who delivered the D'var Torah at Kiddush

R. Moshe Abramowitz, Lennie Brandwein, Dr. Mel Elberger, Chaim Lanner, R. Mordechai Tropp, Ira Penner and others.

KIDDUSH DETAILS:

 The Shul will subsidize each week's Kiddush for events other than special Life-Cycle events, such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Ufrauf, etc.

 The cost for a member to host a Kiddush is \$60 and the Shul will cover the other half.

 A normal Kiddush consists of whole and chopped herring, crackers, soda, cookies and schnaps for Kiddush. Up to nine tables are set up. If additional tables are needed, check the Kiddush Policy letter for details. Kiddush for a special event or Simcha (Bar Mitzvah, Ufruf, etc.) is not subsidized by the Shul.

The cost of Shalosh Seudos is \$25.

 Use the Sign-up sheet downstairs to reserve sponsorship for a Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos. A copy of the complete policy governing Kiddush sponsors and use of the Shul is also posted there.

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NACHAS NOTES - MAZAL TOV

זרעא חייא וקיימא BIRTHS – Mazal Tov:

• Becky & Robbie Heizler (Shul Corresponding Secretary) on a grandson, born to their children, Sara & Srully Scharf (Teaneck).

 Helene & Arthur Scheuer (Yerushalayim) on a great-grandson, born to their grandchildren Avigail & Uri London (Seattle).

 Robin & Bruce Epstein (Modiin – former BY Gabbai Sheni) on a granddaughter, born to their children, Ilana & Yis Rappaport.

Malka & Moishe Korbman on granddaughter, born to their children Ettie & Mayer Behrend (Waterbury, CT)

• Amy & Rabbi Mordechai Tropp on a granddaughter, born to their children, Aviva & Yaakov Tropp (Beitar Illit).

 Amalia & Yitzchok Montal (Ramat Bet Shemesh) on a grandson, born to their children, Yehuda & Nitzan (Eli). Mazal Toy also to their aunt, Annabelle Horowitz (Petach Tikva).

• **Debbie & Dr. Danny Sheinbein** on a grandson, born to their children Yosefa & Aryeh Kirschbum (Yerushalayim).

 Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider on a greatgranddaughter, born to their grandchildren, Rifki & Tzvi Yaakov Miretsky (Teaneck) and to grandparents, Malka & Steve Miretsky (Chicago) and a greatgranddaughter, to their grandchildren. Yaakov & Chaya Schneider (Brooklyn, NY) and to grandparents, Debbie & Dr. Moshe Schneider (Edison).

Jeff Goldstein on the birth of a granddaughter,
Fraida Etel (named for Fern Goldstein, a"h) to his
children, Yonina & Hershel Tkatch (Oak Park, MI).

◆ Ray Elazar Mayer & Mrs. Elisheva Teitz on a great-grandson, born to their children, Yossi & Rochel Teitz (Chashmonaim, Israel).

◆ Greg Rothstein & Donna Olshanky on their first grandchild, born to their children, Leah & Yechezkel Gottheim (Passaic).

• Susan & Kenny Mandel on a granddaughter born to their children, Lee-El & Ben Mandel (Baltimore).

זה הקטן גדול יהיה BAR and BAT MITZVAH - Mazal Tov

Beverly Schnipper on the bas mitzvah of her granddaughter, Chava, daughter of her children, Atara & Moshe Silverstein (Passaic).

• Edie & Irwin Bruck on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Daniel Moshe, son of their children, Shoshana & Mark Dresdner (Teaneck).

• Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Simcha, son of Dina & R. Refoel Schneider ((Baltimore).

• **Debbie & Dr. Danny Sheinbein** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, **Ephraim**, son of **Aryeh & Arielle Sheinbein** (Bergenfield, NJ.)

שמח תשמח רעים אהובים ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES -

• Annette & Lenny Lauer on the engagement of their grandson, Eli, son of Sharon & Sanford Shulman (East Brunswick) to Ariella Nayberg (Plainview, NY).

• Drs. Helen & Mel Elberger on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Mordy Grunseid (Brooklyn).

• Ina Prager & Chaya Krakauer (Baltimore) on the marriage of their granddaughter, Bracha, daughter of Judy & R. Binyamin Krakauer (Baltimore) to Eliezer Shames (Silver Springs, MD).

• Judy & R. Shlomo Wohlgemuth on the engagement of their grandson, Michael, son of Rachel & Alan Kluger to Rena Rothman (Highland Park).

• Diane Lejtman on the engagement of her grandson, Kalman, son of Esther & Victor Lejtman (Baltimore) to Sofia Miller.

Helene & Arthur Scheuer (Yerushalayim) on the marriage of their grandson, Nosson, son of their children, Devorah & Yona Rannells (Ramat Bet Shemesh) to Shira Damari.
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CONGREGATION BAIS YITZCHOK CHEVRA THILIM is planning its

Forty-Sixth Annual Gathering

Awards Dinner



Honoring

HERBERT S. KAISER Recognizing over two decades of dedicated and tireless service to the Shul

and

IRA PENNER With gratitude for his immediate and eager assumption of Gabbai Sheni leadership position



SUNDAY EVENING * JUNE 11, 2017 * 17 SIVAN 5777 RECEPTION: 6:00 PM * DINNER & AWARDS: 6:45 PM THE YM-YWHA OF UNION COUNTY * GREEN LANE * UNION, NJ

FORMAL INVITATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN EARLY MAY

The planned unveiling of Chana Kaiser's a"h Monument will take place earlier in the day, at 4:30 pm , at the JEC Cemetery

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46th Annual Gathering

ONGREGATION BAIS YITZCHOK CHEVRA THILIM'S FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GATHERING AND AWARDS DINNER is set for Sunday, June 11, 2017 at the YM-YH of Union Country, Green Lane, Union, NJ.

This event was originally set for last year and would honor our current honoree, **Herbert Kaiser –** *Tzvi Shmuel.* The unfortunate passing of Herby's mother, Chana Kaiser z''l, necessitated a change in plans. The new date follows Mrs. Kaiser's one-year yahrzeit and will include the unveiling of her monument earlier in the day. This will allow guests coming for the Gathering to also attend the unveiling.

Herbert S. Kaiser, our Guest of Honor, who will receive the Kesser Shem *Tov* Award, grew up in Elizabeth, with all his personal life-cycle events celebrated at Bais Yitzchok, bar mitzvah, ufrauf, sheva berachos. Around 2001, Herby joined our other Gabbaim, Herb Prager z"l, Bruce Epstein and Anchel Nulman, as Gabbai *Riivi*. When Bruce and his family made Aliyah, Herby moved up to the Shelishi position. He held this position until a year ago when he joined the Board. During these many years, Herby's continual presence was a given. In 2005 he moved to the North Avenue section of town when he married Judy.

Even with his new location, he was always eager to *lain* and give Lennie Brandwein a break, be present on *Simchas Torah*, where he earned the moniker, *Herby – the "Make it happen Man."* His energy and enthusiasm, leading all the songs during the *Hakafos*, gave us a needed lift for Yom Tov. His communal contributions are many. He has read the *Megillah* for many unable to get to Shul, often at private homes, at nursing homes and even in Bais Yitzchok one year, when our regular *Baal K'riah* was away. He is usually at the weekday 8 am Elmora Hills Minyan, where he often *lains*. For years Herby was in the forefront of replacing *machzorim* for each Yom Toy; changing the *Paroches*, Torah covers and table covers for the *Yamim Noraim*.

Herby has always been a strong support and presence for his parents, and with the loss of his mother, his display of *kibud av* - honor shown to this father, Hermann, may he live and be well, iis alwaus evident.

At Adath Israel (North Ave Shul), he is always present to help in any way possible and offer his skill and talents as needed.

With the Aliyah of Anchel Nulman and family last year, an additional Gabbai was needed to support our Gabbai Rishon and Vice President, Leonard Lauer. Newly arrived from Boston, MA, Ira Penner was gracious to offer his skill and assume the Gabbai Sheni position. Ira relocated to Elizabeth 18 months ago from Boston. His move was part of the sale of the company he founded in 2001, Digital Publishing Solutions, to a Jersey City based printing group. While in Boston, Ira was very active in Jewish education and was on the board of the Mesivta of Boston and an adviser and fund raiser to the Haredi elementary school, Torah Academy, the Kollel of Greater Boston and the Boston regional Bais-Yaakov.

We are happy to honor Ira's participation in the leadership of the Shul and present him with the *Kavod Hatorah* **Award** at this year's event.

Mazal Toy to those being honored this year. Please contact us at <u>baisyitzchok@verizon.net</u> with questions and to request an invitation.

NACHAS NOTES

• Sandy & Dr. Joseph Waldman on the marriage of their granddaughter, Elana, daughter of their children, Beth & Shimy Kaminetsky (Boca Raton) to Yosef Penner.

• Edie & Irwin Bruck on the engagement of their granddaughter, Ilana, daughter of their children, Jodi & Jonathan Schmeltz (Teaneck) to Michael Seltzer (Lawrence, NY).

הקדב"ה ישלם שכרם **OTHER "HONORABLE MENSCHEN"**

♦ MELAVEH MALKA – VIDEO – SELICHOS started the Yom Tov season off with a program on Motza'ei Shabbos. A Dessert Reception, a video (Part II of "The Jewish Americans" - a PBS Presentation) followed by Selichos, led by R. Joseph **Oratz**. Thanks to the **Zimmers** for the refreshments, Hermann Kaiser (screen) Robbie Heizler (projector) Moshe Abramowitz (video, etc) and Rabbi Oratz for his inspiring davening.

◆ YAMIM NORAIM - Sincere thanks to all who made this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur memorable: **R. Joseph Oratz** (Maariv, Musaf and Neilah) Lennie Brandwein (Shacharis, Maariv on RH II, Mincha on YK and Krias HaTorah), Moshe Abramowitz (P'sukei D'zimra). Gabbaim: Lenny Lauer, Ira Penner & retired Gabbai, Herby Kaiser. Thanks also to: Danny Sheinbein (seating), Joel Flamholtz (Finances), Jean & Jake Zimmer (everything else), and to those who changed paroches and coverings, switched Machzorim, set up the Memorial Lamps, bought kibbudim, etc, and Marty Lewitter, whose shofar sounding on Rosh

Hashanah and whose last blast brought Yom Kippur to a close. We could not have done it without you. Kol hakavod.

• **SUKKOS** - Thanks to those who helped setup of the Shul Sukkah: Glenn Bond (Foreman), Lennie Brandwein, Ira Penner, Jean & Jake Zimmer, Alex Shteynberg, Moshe Abramowitz and Eugene Steinhart. Thanks to everyone for attending and Jeannie Zimmer for Kiddush on Yom Tov and during Chol Hamoed.

♦ SIMCHAS TORAH KIDDUSH – The Kiddusha Rabba on Simchas Torah, followed Shacharis, Sponsors were: Cheryl & Moshe Abramowitz, Annette & Lenny Lauer, Jean & Jake Zimmer, Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous, Mrs. Ruth Strashun, Alex Shteynberg and Susan & Kenny Mandel. Our thanks to them and all who made Yom Toy so successful. Y'vasheir kochachem - Robbie Heizler in honor of getting Chasan Bereishis, Ira Penner in honor of Chasan Torah and Dr. Mel Elberger, Kol Hanearim.

• CHANUKAH - Shul members who sponsored the Chanukah luncheon: Jean & Jake Zimmer, Mrs. Ruth Strashun, Ina Prager, Annette & Lenny Lauer, Bezalel Zeidman and Baback Panahdarhagh. Thanks, as usual, to the **Zimmers** for preparing and presenting the Kiddush and meal for those who stayed afterwards.

♦ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BREAKFAST – was held, Sunday, January 1st as part of a special breakfast hosted by Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz (commemorating the 39th vahrzeit of Cheryl's father z"l). The slate of officers was approved with thanks to **Dr. Bernard Lichstein** (past President - Florida) who is leaving the Board after many years of service. Welcome to Jean Zimmer, Recording Secretary and Mrs. Ruth Strashun, Board Member.

 MAZAL TOV - Marty Lewitter (long time) member and Bais Yitzchok *Baal Tokeah*) and his family for being honored at the Elmora Shul Dinner.

♦ PURIM - Thanks to Rabbi Joe Oratz for again providing the wonderful Kiyum HaMitzvah with his reading of the Megillah ... Jean & Jake Zimmer and

helpers, for facilitating a Seuda held in Shul on Purim day.

♦ HAKARAS HATOV – Thanks to everyone who have made the daily and Shabbos *minyanim* possible through their loyalty and prompt attendance. Yiyasheir kochachem.

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April – June 2017 Nissan – Sivan 5777 Yom Toy Schedule						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Shabbos
2 Regular Davening: Weekdays: Sun - 8 am Mon & Thu - 6:25 Tu, Wed & Fri - 6:30 am Regular Shabbos: Erev Shabbos - 7 pm Shacharis - 8:30 - Mincha - at candle lighting time <u>BEDIKAS CHAMETZ after dark on Sunday.</u>					7 ੈੈੈੈ 7:10p Mincha 7:00 p	8 <u>Parashat Tzav</u> SHABBOS HAGADOL Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 7:10p
9 Rav Teitz will be available at Shacharis for Mechiras Chamet and again prior to the siyum on Monday	6:10a Shacharis and <i>Siyum</i> for z TA'ANIS	11 PESACH I Shacharis 9:00 <i>Tefilas Tal</i> Mincha 7:20p ੈ 0 8:22p SEDER II	12 PESACH II Shacharis 9:00 Mincha 7:20p	13 PESACH III Shacharis 6:15a	14 PESACH IV Shacharis 6:15a Ô Ô 7:17p Mincha 7:00 p	15 PESACH V Shacharis 8:30a <i>Shir HaShirim</i> Mincha 7:10p
16 PESACH VI Å ै 7:20p Mincha 7:25p	17 PESACH VII Shevii shel Pesach Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 7:30p Ů Ů 8:29p	18 PESACH VIII Acharon shel Pesach Shacharis 8:30a <i>Yizkor</i> Mincha 7:30p	19	20	21	22 <u>Parashat Shmin</u> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 7:15p
23	24 <u>Yom HaShoah</u>	25	26 <u>Rosh Chodesh</u> <u>Iyyar</u> Shacharis 6:15a	27 <u>Rosh Chodesh</u> <u>Iyyar</u> Shacharis 6:15a	28 රී ෆී 7:32p Mincha 7:00 p	29 <u>Parashat Tazria-</u> <u>Metzora</u> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 7:25p
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Shabbos
May 21	22	23	24 <u>Yom Yerushalayim</u> 50 th Anniversary of the Reunification		26 <u>Rosh Chodesh</u> <u>Sivan</u> ồ ඊ 7:59p Mincha 7:00 p	27 <u>Parashat</u> <u>Bamidbar</u> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 8:00p
28	29	30 EREV SHAVUOT ຕໍ່ຕໍ່ 8:02p	31 SHAVUOT I Shacharis 8:30a ŮŮ 9:11p Mincha 8:10p	June 1 Shacharis ບໍ່ບໍ່ 8:30a Mincha – Seudas Dovid Hamelech 8:10p	2 ຕໍ່ຕໍ່ 8:05p Mincha 7:00 p	3 <u>Parashat Nasso</u> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 8:05p



The members and Officers of Bais Vitzchok extend their sincere condolences to our members and friends who have suffered recent losses -

- Joel Flamholz on the passing of his brother, Jack Flamholz a"h.
- Sandy Waldman on the passing of her brother, Joel Moscowitz, a"h.
- Pearl Ricklis on the passing of her mother, Sonia Silberklang, a"h.



The Officers and Board of Directors of Congregation Bais Yitzchok Chevra Thilim wish one and all a healthy and happy Pesach

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