Welcome to Shir Chadash





The Shir Chadah Players Did it Again!!!! Who knew Zoom could be so entertaining? Watch for their return in 2022





The Spiritual Life Committee invites the members and friends of Shir Chadash to join us on Saturday, the 6th of March

22 Adar 5781

at 10:30 am

Matthew Scott Glasser



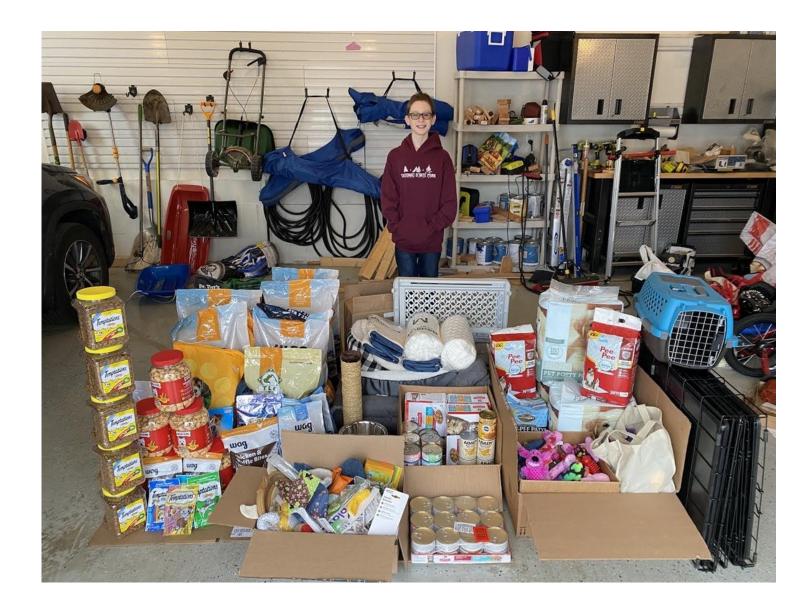
Son of Liz and Larry Glasser Is called to the Torah as Bar Mitzvah

Parsha Ki Tissa

Thank You !!!

Thank you all for donating for my pet collection. With a total of more than 40 people donating, I was able to collect 18 containers of treats, 82 cans of dog food, almost 250 pounds of dry food, 600 puppy training pads, and many other items like dog beds and food bowls. Thank you again for donating, I am glad that I could make such a big difference to so many animals.

- Matttew Glasser





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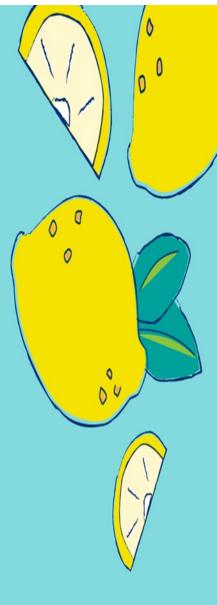
JoJo Cat Kaswer



Daughter of Slene and Kevin Kaswer Ss called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah

Parsha Shemini





Jolo's Childhood Cancer Fundraiser This Fundriaser was designed for my Bat Mitzvah project. All of the money that I Raise goes towards research to save children from cancer.

Alex's lemonade stand

Alex's Lemonade Stand is a group of individuals Who devote their lives to solving the cure to

hildhood cancer.

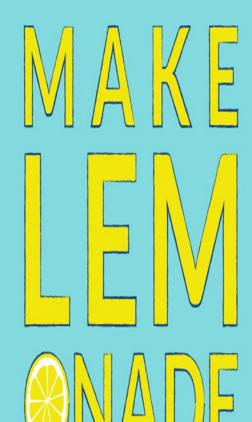
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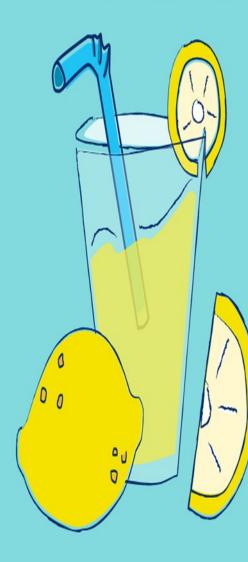
Go to <u>https://www.alexslemonade.org</u> and at the top right of the page search up 'JoJo's Childhood Cancer Fundraiser'.

Contact Me

If you have any questions you can email me at

jojoscancerfundraiser@gmail.com





Congregation Shir Chadash

Rabbi Daniel Polish

Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

January 2021

Services held at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church Route 55 and Stringham Road, LaGrange



Pesach 2021 Another Zoom Seder?

The arrival of Pesach this month reminds us that our lives have been out of kilter now for over a year. It was last year's reluctant acknowledgement that we would not be sharing our Seders in person that finally convinced us that our lives were taking an unexpected turn. Some of us opted for setting aside the customary practice for the year. Others of us were driven to creativity: the first generation of Jews to celebrate Pesach online. This year finds us veterans. We have been through this before and we respond to the new reality as if it were a matter of course: "OK it's time to start making plans for the zoom seder". If nothing else, the year has shown us just how resilient and adaptable we can be.

And, in a way that is what Pesach itself teaches us. Even in the most routine of times, we set aside our routine to change our dishes and change our diets, and try something radically new, even if only for seven days. And our distant ancestors, who fled Egypt? Wasn't theirs the story of leaving the known and familiar behind and venturing into the unknown and challenging? We adapt. We are confronted with new and difficult circumstances and we find a way to make it viable.

And, yes, we are entitled to celebrate ourselves. We have discovered that we are more flexible than we might have feared. We have endured a hard, and perhaps painful, year. And we have made it through. We look forward to the passing of winter and the arrival of spring. We look forward to the end of this ordeal—the time when we and our dear ones and most of our fellow citizens receive their vaccinations and we can begin to make our way, slowly and tentatively, back toward life as it has been familiar to us.

We open the door for Elijah. We open doors back to living our lives more fully. Sheltering in place though we are, may your Pesach be meaningful and joyous.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Daniel Polish



President's Message Bar, Bat Mitzvahs bring hope, faith, new goal

It's hard to believe I'm already writing the column for the March newsletter. There's still a ton of snow on the ground. I'm still wearing a mask whenever I go out. And there's still a chill in the air. But, I've got hope and faith.

You would, too, if you witnessed Talia Barnes' Bat Mitzvah February 20th.

Talia led services for a congregation of about 70 people. She read from the Torah, taught from her Torah portion and, I believe, made all who attended proud. It has been a while since I witnessed such an event, and it was my first one since becoming president of Shir Chadash.

I don't often attend Saturday services, I'm a Friday night guy. But I've made it a point to clear my calendar for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs as they are an important life event for a Jewish child. They mark becoming an adult in our tradition, but they also serve to teach us about responsibility. Let's face it, learning to lead a service, read Hebrew, chant blessings, write and recite a D'var Torah, plan and execute a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project takes a lot of effort and time.

Talia's project brought happiness to children and families who otherwise would have gone without during the holidays because she cared enough to start the project. She was able to accomplish it because YOU helped. Whether you were a teacher or other adult providing guidance or a donor. It was because of her vision and YOUR decision to do something, that helped move her closer to her goal.

Talia's Bat Mitzvah is the first of several coming up here at Shir Chadash. On March 6th Matthew Glasser becomes Bar Mitzvah followed on April 10th by JoJo Kaswer's Bat Mitzvah. I hope you will all be as supportive of Matthew's and JoJo's efforts as you were of Talia's. But I also have a project of sorts I'd like to enlist your help with. And it's simple, really. I want you to commit to helping me make Shir Chadash better, more vibrant.

For years, I've seen the many of the same people serve on the board, on committees, lead lay services, organize fundraisers and perform in the Purim Spiel. Don't get me wrong, I love it. But now is the time to step up and add your energy, your ideas, your talents to the mix. So, I'm asking that anyone who is not currently serving on the board or a committee to commit to no more than 10 hours this year – in an area of your choosing to help me, the board, our congregation.

Don't know what to do? Give me a call at 845-691-8778 or email me (you get one from me every week; it's <u>igoldberg@yahoo.com</u>) and we'll set a time to speak. I want to hear from you and I want us to spring into action now, with the motivation and inspiration taken from our young members.

Mazel Tov and thank you, Talia, Matthew, and JoJo, for showing your dedication, your heart for others and your persistence in becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

B'Shalom, Irwin Goldberg, President





Our children are our future! And this is most apparent as we watch these young teenagers, who have grown up before our eyes, become Bar/Bat Mitzvah and lead us in services. Talia Barnes did such a beautiful job on February 20th, and now we can look forward to Matthew Glasser becoming Bar Mitzvah on March 6th, 2021. JoJo Kaswer will become Bat Mitzvah on April 10th, and then we can look forward to three more of our students demonstrating their commitment and skills next year (2021-2022). Please join us on Zoom for the B'not Mitzvot over the next couple of months, and hopefully in person next year. Show our students that you value their determination, and years of preparation.

Also, please let Cantor Hirschenfang and Rochelle Bellach know how proud you are of these youngsters, and how thankful you are for the teaching that has led to these wonderful life cycle occasions. Rochelle Bellach started with many of these students when they were just beginning to read, before Hebrew was even a thought. She taught them about the holidays, Jewish symbols, the different life cycle events, and Jewish values. This laid the basis for their study of Jewish history, especially Jewish American history, and the role of Judaism in their lives taught by Cantor Hirschenfang, who also trained these youngsters to chant Torah and Haftorah.

As a congregation, you also had a part - being role models, with these students watching you participate in services and Jewish events. These teenagers saw you work to better the lives of the poor, providing food, school supplies, and even reading to those less fortunate children. Now, as these teens become hopefully active members of Shir Chadash, they have demonstrated the same caring for others, for life and for this Earth while working on their own Mitzvah projects. It is said that "it takes a village' to make the world a better place. You are part of that village and we appreciated what you do for your community, for this congregation, and for the children who will follow in your path.

Our Saturday morning Sharing Shabbat Services usually begin at 10:20a.m. and 10:30a.m. on Bar/Bat Mitzvah mornings. Keep up-to-date by reading our Weekly Emails sent out every Thursday morning. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, do you know some Shir Chadash families or unaffiliated families with children who might want to get in on the fun? New students can try out our school for one month FREE. Children will be learning about Jewish values, through Torah stories, Jewish heroes, Jewish American history, and the study of Jewish holidays. To receive the link, or to ask questions, contact Sue Marcoe: <u>sfmarcoe@gmail.com</u> or 845-723-4045.

Our schedule for regular Saturday morning Sharing Shabbats is:

9:30-10:15 a.m. - Aleph Class (Rochelle Bellach, teacher) 10:45-11:45 a.m. - Bet Class (Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, teacher) With our Saturday morning Shabbat Services sandwiched in between the two classes 10:20-10:40 a.m. Bat/Bat Mitzvah mornings, our Bet Class begins at 9a.m, the Aleph class begins at 9:30a.m. and services begin at 10:30a.m.

Wishing you and your family a happy and meaningful Pesach. Sue Marcoe HAPPY

















Shir Chadash Member of the Week: A Virtual 'Oneg'

Dear Shir Chadash Community,

Firstly, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. This year at Shir Chadash, while we are all socially distancing and therefore Zooming our worship, we are exploring ways to create and enhance our community. To get better acquainted one of our goals for the year is to have a different family be our *Shir Chadash Member(s) of the Week*. In the past we have each sponsored a weekly Oneg so now, this will be something like a virtual Oneg. We ask that a member/family be on Zoom with us on an assigned Friday night. You can share a creative prayer, idea, or project that ties into how you spend Shabbat. Additionally, we'd love to know anything you want to share with us about yourself or your family.

Shir Chadash is a small but tight knit congregation. During these challenging times we want to build on that closeness. From its inception, Shir Chadash has put an emphasis on its community, on you, its members, to foster friendships and caring relationships. I know that Shir Chadash has been a nourishing congregation for me and my husband, David. I hope it has been for you as well.

Please find the schedule below. I will be calling you soon to follow up. If you need to change a date please feel free to be in touch with me by phone or email. My contact information is included.

Best wishes in the New Year,

Katherine Karten 845.216.2214 erickhawkinsdance@gmail.com

<u>Oct-20</u>		<u>Nov-20</u>		<u>Dec-20</u>	
16-Oct	Messhalum	6-Nov	Kaswer	4-Dec	Goff
23-Oct	Chuney	13-Nov	Herschbein	18-Dec	Flanders/ Schmidlers
30-Oct	Watsky/Levine	20-Nov	Freedman	25-Dec	Hershey
<u>Jan-21</u>		<u>Feb-21</u>		<u>Mar-21</u>	
8-Jan	Morrow/NIchols	5-Feb	Janus	5-Mar	МасКау
15-Jan	Rand/Difrancesco	12-Feb	Lindner	12-Mar	Lash
22-Jan	Spiegel	19-Feb	Neil	19-Mar	Hayman
29-Jan	Zivica	26-Feb	Bill	26-Mar	Dorn
<u> Apr-21</u>		<u>May-21</u>			
2-Apr	Glassberg	7-May	Marr		
9-Apr	Thrasher	14-May	Scheck		
16-Apr	Moore	21-May	Schiff		
23-Apr	Pollock/ O'Herron	28-May	Turner		
30-Apr	Feit/Digiacomo				



Tzedakah in the Time of COVID-19 Opportunity

On Thursday, March 25th Help provide a Take-Out Chinese Dinner for our 100 Neighbors Living at the Homeless Shelter!

As we shelter in our homes and shop at the supermarket and order take-out, there are many in our community who have no homes and are especially vulnerable during these colder months. 100 of our homeless neighbors are being housed and fed at the Homeless Shelter. The fourth Thursday of every month, the Jewish community provides dinner for the residents of the Homeless Shelter. On March 25th, it's Shir Chadash's turn to serve this community. This time, we would like to treat the residents to a Take-out Chinese Dinner with Homemade Cookies for Dessert.

Please consider helping us purchase the dinner! And please consider baking some cookies for dessert! (Contact us for the recipes.)

Thank you! Sandy Lash <u>sjlash@optonline.net;</u> Robbie Schiff <u>veggierob@yahoo.com</u> 845-227-4650 845-876-2626









Community Corner

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County Master Gardener Volunteers present

Building a Backyard Wildlife Habitat: A Gardener's Approach

March 23 at 7 pm by Zoom Presented by Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church Register by emailing fpupcearthstewards@gmail.com

Make your yard more enjoyable while you do your part to restore natural habitat.

You can attract birds, butterflies, and other wildlife to a more sustainable home landscape. It all starts with what, where and even how you plant.

This program emphasizes Native plants, and will help you qualify your yard as a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation

"Jam-packed with useful information, beautiful visuals, such a positive slant on what we as individuals can do to make a difference in natural habitat and protection of our local species." - from Audience Feedback









Your Presenter: Chris Ferrero Master Gardener Volunteer

Cornell University Cooperative Extension Dutchess County

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Member's Corner Member Talks

Member Talk with Sandy Lash

Join Sandy on Zoom Sunday March 14, 2021 12 noon—2 PM For " A Taste of the Sephardic Family Passover Table"

Sandy will talk about her Sephardic heritage; the traditional Sephardic cuisine; and we'll cook an iconic, well-loved Sephardic Family Passover dish together, **Mina de Espinaca**: Passover Spinach Pie. And while we're making our mina, **Huevos Haminado**, Sephardic boiled eggs, indispensable to the Sephardic seder, breakfast and lunch tables, will be simmering away.

Click <u>here</u> for pre-Zoom preparation instructions, including a list of ingredients and equipment you will want to have ready.





Cook's Corner

Israeli Salad



Ingredients:

- 3-4 Roma Tomatoes
- 1 Large English or Persian Seedless Cucumber
- 1 Red Pepper (optional)
- 1/2 Onion—red or yellow
- 1/2 cup parsley
- 3 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 1/8 cup of lemon juice freshly squeezedSea Salt to taste

Pepper (optional) to taste

Directions:

- Finely dicing the tomatoes, cucumber, peppers, onions, and parsley.
- Once you've chopped all of the chopped vegetables add them to a large bowl (not a small bowl, this is a decent amount of salad and you want to be able to mix without spilling) with the chopped parsley.
- Drizzle with the olive oil and lemon, then salt to taste, viola that's it!

** This salad goes great with Sephardic Spinach Pie. Tune into Sandy Lash's Member Talk to learn more about this delicious dish

IN SUPPORT OF CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH

Donations to Shir Chadash are a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one, honor a friend, or celebrate a simcha while supporting the Congregation. We have: the **General Fund**; the **Building Fund**; the **Clergy's Discretionary Fund**; the **Adult B'nai Mitzvah Scholarship Fund**; the **Morse and Social Action Projects Fund**; the **Sy Hirschenfang Scholar-in-Residence Fund**; and now we have the **Wendy Bill Get It Done Fund**. We accept donations to any of our funds and the **General Fund** always needs your help to fund all our wonderful programs. Please send your donations to our Treasurer: Nicky Turner 43 Mac Ghee Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or on our website: <u>www.shir-chadash.org</u>. The donation tab is on the home page and please remember to complete the message box.

Thank You for alerting us to Henrietta Glass' juhrgeit.

Martha's mother would welcome the opportunity to provide food for handless folks. Mitzi would even have baked chickip cockies for all.

Please thank Sandy + others for making averyone Grace Bass in memory of her husband Harvey Bass aware of the March Grace Bass in memory of her aunt, Lillian Rubenstein chinese dinner. The enclosed check is to aid Grace Bass in memory of Wendy Bill in that initiative . Nicky Thank ten for help. Jay - Martha . in Mitzi's honor Jinny and Robert Goff in memory of Udel Go Roberta Schiff in memory of Wendy Bill Lois and Harold Weber in memory of Wendy Bill Stuart Bill in memory of his wife, Wendy Bill Stuart Bill in appreciation of Cantor and Rabbi Lois and Harold Weber in appreciation of Rabbi Polish Lois and Harold Weber in appreciation of Sue Marcoe Sue Marcoe in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Talia Barnes and Matthew Glasser Sue Marcoe in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Glasser Sandy and Jeff Lash in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Glasser Andrea Ostwald in support of the Chinese Dinner for the homeless Cantor and Rabbi **in support** of the Chinese Dinner for the homeless Jay and Martha Hershey in support of the Chinese Dinner for the homeless and in Mitzi's honor (see note) Roberta Schiff in support of the Chinese Dinner for the homeless Lois and Harold Weber in support of the Chinese Dinner for the homeless Eleanor and Bill Marr in support of the Chinese Dinner for the homeless

March 2021 Torah Portion

<u>KI TISA</u>	March 6 2021	Exodus 30:11-34:35
VAYAK'HEL/PEKUDEI	March 13 2021	Exodus 35:1-40:38
VAYIKRA	March 20 2021	Leviticus 1:1-5:26
TZAV	March 27 2021	Leviticus 6:1-8:36



Yahrzeits March 2021

From Generation to Generation.....We Remember Them

Yahrzeit observance allows us an opportunity to recall the pain of a loss and also the opportunity to respect and honor the memory of our loved ones. As a spiritual community, we observe our Yahrzeits at Kaddish on Kabbalat Shabbat. If we don't have your Yahrzeit information or you would like to update your list, please take a moment to click here and let us know the anniversaries you observe.

March 5 Miriam Kerchman Raymond Kerchman	mother father	Marc Kerchman Marc Kerchman	
March 12			
Seymour Ginsberg	father	Ed Ginsberg	
Ruth Reich	aunt	Diane Light-Spiro	
March 19 Donald Levy Betty Mead Alfred Marr Steve Rhodes Steve Rhodes Max Bill	cousin grandmother father uncle uncle father	Sue Marcoe Ryan Mee William Marr Nancy Barr Barbara Stapholz Stuart Bill	
March 26			
Shaina Danielle Cohen	neice	Stuart Bill	
Sally Greenblatt	grandmother	Daniel Kuriloff	
Howard Fredrick Wallach	father	John Wallach	
Vivian Rothman	aunt	Michael Rothman	

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Sharing Shabbat WOULD BE CANCELLED BY 7:00am



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Did you know that every dollar you spend at Adams Fairacre Farms, Hannfaord, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop or Tops could be helping Shir Chadash ... and it won't cost you anything extra?

It's true.

Through programs at each store, Shir Chadash is able to purchase gift cards and gets a percentage back while you get the full face value! It's a true Win-Win!

Think about it, you probably shop every week and therefore would need cards every week, right?

In an effort to help stabilize some of the congregation's finances and make it easier for members to get cards as-needed, the board would like to be able to place regular monthly orders and have cards available for everyone as they need them.

So, here's how you can help. Several people have committed to contributing money to fund an initial order of cards, so we'll have them on hand for you when you order.

If you can commit each week to purchasing gift cards totaling the amount you spend each week and paying treasurer Nicky Turner either with cash or check *(PayPal takes too much out to make it cost effective)* two week's prior, and we'll make sure you receive your cards.

Of course, if you'd like to pay ahead for two, three or more weeks at once, that's OK too! Either way, you'll be able to get your groceries that week and Shir Chadash will get a little bit of revenue on an ongoing basis, and we'll all be happy. If you have any questions about the program, contact

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Brings you a "a new song"

Calendar for 5781: 2020-2021 Kabbalat Shabbat Services starting Friday evening, September 11th at 7:30 pm Sharing Shabbat starting Saturday morning, September 12th 9:00 am

All are welcome!

Saturday Morning Sharing Shabbat

September 12, 26 October 3, 17, 31 November 14 December 5, 19 January 9, 23 February 6, 20 March 6, 20 April 3, 17

May 1, 15

Special Dates

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Fri, Sept 11, 2020	First Shabbat Service of the year
Sat, Sept 12, 2020	Selichot Service with Temple Beth-El 8:00 pm
Fri, Sept 18, 2020	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sat, Sept 19, 2020	Rosh Hashana 10 am
Sun, Sept 27, 2020	Kol Nidre 8 pm
Mon, Sept 28, 2020	Yom Kippur 10 am
Fri, Oct 2, 2020	Family Sukkot Service
Fri, Oct 9, 2020	Family Simchat Torah Service
Wed, Nov 11, 2020	Member Talks, Coping with Covid,
	with Lori Dritz, LCSW
Wed, Nov 18, 2020	Member Talks, Vegan Thanksgiving
	with Roberta Schiff, MS
Tue, Dec 8, 2020	Latkes Pickup
Wed, Dec. 9, 2020	Latkes Pickup
Fri, Dec 11, 2020	"Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Celebration
Fri, Dec.18, 2020	Ivrit joint service with Temple Beth-El gr. 3 & 4
	presentation of Siddurim
Wed, Jan13, 2021	Members Talk, "Arthur Szyk:Artist with a Mission",
	Eleanor Marr
Sat, Jan, 23, 2021	Tu B'Shevat Seder
Sat, Feb 20, 2021	Bat Mitzvah of Talia Sylvia Barnes
Fri, Feb 26, 2021	Purim Spiel and Celebration
Sat, Mar 6, 2001	Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Glasser
Sat, Mar 27, 2021	1 st Seder/Passover (through 4/4)
Sat, April 10, 2021	Bat Mitzvah of JoJo Cat Kaswer
Sun, May 16, 2021	Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
Fri, June 4, 2021	Teacher Recognition 7:30 pm
Sun, June 6, 2021	Congregational Meeting TBD
Fri, June 18, 2021	Board Installation 7:30 pm

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sət
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					Kabbalat Shabbat	Torah Study 9:15 AM
					Service 7:30 pm	Class 9:00 AM Services 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Glasser
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Zoom	
					Kabbalat Shabbat	
					Service	
					7:30 pm	
14 Members Talk	15	16	17	18	19	20
12:00 PM—2:00 PM					Zoom	Zoom
Sandy Lash					Kabbalat Shabbat	Torah Study 9:15 AM
"A Taste of the Sephardic Passover Table"					Service 7:30 pm	Class 9:00 AM Services 10:20 AM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Zoom	1st Pesach Seder
					Kabbalat Shabbat	
					Service	
					7:30 pm	
28	29	30	31			
1st Day of Pesach	2nd Day of Pesach	3rd Day of Pesach	4th Day of Pesach			
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2nd Pesach Seder