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From the Rabbi's Desk

From Servitude to Servitude: What's the Difference?

During the Passover seder, we recite "*Avadim hayinu. Ata b'nai chorin*". We were slaves. Now we are free." With these words we imagine ourselves standing in the shoes of our biblical ancestors, celebrating our release from subjugation to Pharaoh in Egypt. We are free... or so it seems.

In fact, the language used in the story of the Exodus leaves no doubt that we are, in fact, still *avadim*, just to a very different master: God. Moments after escaping Pharaoh's chariots and right before our ancestors sing and dance after crossing the Sea of Reeds, the Torah says: "And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and God's servant (*avdo*, in the Hebrew) Moses" (Exodus 14:31).

How ironic that Moses takes the title "*avdo*" when, only 19 verses earlier, the Torah uses the same root word – *avad* – to harken back to Israel's servitude to Pharaoh. Fearful that Pharaoh's troops would overtake them, the Israelites cry out to Moses: "It would have been better to serve Egypt as slaves – *ki tov lanu avod mitzrayim* – than to die in the wilderness" (Ex. 14:12). The term that best captures Israel's relationship to their former oppressors now describes Israel's relationship to God!

In truth, the dual usage of the term *avad*

appears much earlier in the story. For example, Moses refers to himself as an "*eved*", or servant,

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Mar. 5	Megillah Reading and Festivities	10:30 AM
Mar. 8	Board of Director's Meeting	7:00 PM
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Mar 10	Friday Night Service	7:00 PM
Mar. 11	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
Mar.16	The Community Kitchen	4:30 PM
Mar. 17	Friday Night Service and Creating Friendships for Peace	7:00 PM 8:00 PM
Mar. 19	NH Jewish Film Festival Movie at Colonial Showroom in Keene	2:00 PM
Mar. 22	Rosh Chodesh Gathering	7:00 PM
Mar. 24	Friday Night Service	7:00 PM
Mar. 25	Meditation, Mindfulness and Kiddush Lunch	10:30 AM
Mar. 28	Coffee hour with Rabbi Dan at Brewbakers	11:00 AM
Mar. 29	James Carroll Lecture Zoom	7:00 PM
Mar. 30	The Community Kitchen	4:30 PM
Mar. 31	Friday Night Service	7:00 PM
Apr. 6	CAA Community Seder	6:30 PM
Apr. 7	Friday Night Service	7:00 PM
Apr. 8	Shabbat Festival Service/Yizkor	9:30 AM
Apr. 12	Board of Director's Meeting	7:00 PM
Apr 16	Symposium on Anti-Semitism in NE	3:00 PM
Apr. 20	The Community Kitchen	4:30 PM
Apr. 21	Friday Night Service	7:00 PM
Apr. 22	Meditation, Mindfulness and Kiddush Lunch	10:30 AM
Apr. 23	NEC Lecture Series: Mak'hela Chorus	3:00 PM
Apr. 25	Coffee hour with Rabbi Dan at Brewbakers	11:00 AM
Apr. 26	Rosh Chodesh Gathering	7:00 PM
Apr. 28	Friday Night Service	7:00 PM
Apr. 30	Israeli Shaliach visiting	9:30 AM

Note: Torah Study with Rabbi Dan will be held on Shabbat mornings when there is no Shabbat morning service.

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to God in his encounter with God at the burning bush (Ex. 4:10), and God instructs Moses to tell Pharaoh to "let My people go that they may *avaduni* – serve me" (7:16). Even before the Exodus, God has claimed Moses and the rest of Israel as God's servants even as the Israelites suffer as slaves to the Egyptians.



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If, as the *haggadah* instructs, we are to view ourselves as if we, too, were freed from slavery in Egypt, then we, too, are freed only to become *avadim*, servants, to God. So we must ask ourselves: What does it mean for us to be *avadim* to God, to have traded the bonds of slavery for the bonds of servitude to the Divine?

Each of us will answer this question differently. For many Jews, to vow allegiance to God and to serve God means to abide by the 613 *mitzvot*. In the most traditional communities, *mitzvot* are viewed as inviolable laws established by God at Mt. Sinai. For the Ultra-Orthodox and Modern Orthodox, to be a servant of God means to submit to all God's commands, however stringently those commands are interpreted by individual sects.

Many liberal Jews, myself included, choose to view *mitzvot* as something other than laws and statutes imposed upon them by a Heavenly Ruler, who metes out rewards and punishments for either obeying them or violating them. For us, *mitzvot* are sacred folkways that guide us on a path of Godly living. To see myself as a servant of God and to walk that path of Godliness, therefore, I must allow myself to be guided by those *mitzvot*, even to some extent to feel bound by them ethically, morally, and spiritually.

Regardless of how one views *mitzvot*, *mitzvot* are certainly not shackles, and servitude to the Holy One is NOT slavery. True, from the outside *mitzvot* appear restrictive and sometimes they feel that way from within as well. More importantly, though, *mitzvot* remind us of our freedom to choose God as our sovereign, to receive God's love, and to partner with God in furthering the work of creation. As Jews, we experience our freedom through the very *mitzvot* that hold sway over us in one way or another.

For me, being a servant to/of/for God means devoting myself to making the whole world a place in which Godliness prevails. Our liturgy refers to this process as "*l'taken olam b'malchut Shaddai* – to repair or perfect the world in God's Kingdom." Whether through prayer, through social justice or through simple acts of lovingkindness, I aim to bring into the world the goodness, compassion, and beauty that flow from the "Power that Makes for Salvation," to borrow a term from Mordecai Kaplan, a prominent 20th century Jewish thinker. This Power is God, and it is to this Power that I give my allegiance and gladly direct my energies.

In Egypt, we were slaves to Pharaoh. Today, we are joyous servants of the Holy One. In Egypt, we suffered. Today, our servitude provides comfort, joy, and fulfillment. In Egypt, our *avodah* was senseless. Today, our *avodah* infuses our lives with holiness and meaning. We were *avadim* then, and we are *avadim* now. Yet we are grateful, for today we truly are free.

L'Shalom

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rabbi Aronson".

A Letter from the President

How does one relate to Passover? The events we recall at the seder occurred over three thousand years ago, yet we still celebrate and observe Passover today. What is the connection between freedom from slavery in Egypt and our lives here and now that keeps Passover relevant to our lives?

For me, Passover offers lessons that help me break free from those thoughts and beliefs that I feel "enslaved" by. Sometimes people are enslaved by outside forces, such as a Pharaoh, but other times, people become enslaved by forces internal to themselves, like thoughts, beliefs, and behaviors. I want to focus on the sense of enslavement that comes from within.

According to the ancient rabbis, the Israelites were enslaved for four hundred years in Egypt not only physically by Pharaoh, but also psychologically by what some might call a "slave mentality." They had become so accustomed to their state of bondage that the very thought of being free scared them. They feared not know-

ing where their next meal would come from. In addition, miserable as they were as slaves, slavery was the reality they knew best, the reality they were most “comfortable” navigating.

The rabbis suggest our ancestors who left Egypt were unable to shake off this “slave mentality” and were not prepared to enter the Land of Canaan with faith and optimism. Thus, God made the Israelites wander through the desert for forty years until the generation of slaves had died off and a new, braver generation could take on the challenge of conquering the Land.

When we read about Israel’s years of wandering in the desert, we find that our ancestors were too scared to trust G-d and move forward, even after the miracles G-d had shown them. They wanted to return to Egypt and continue to be slaves rather than to change their thinking and behavior. I think this feeling of fear held them back from being able to enter the land of Canaan. Two notable exceptions were Caleb and Joshua, who told the people not to be afraid of the people living in Canaan, and to go forth into the new land.

The lesson I learn from this is that we shouldn’t let ourselves become slaves to old mindsets and behaviors. We should free ourselves to move beyond our comfort zones. If we fail at trying something new, unfamiliar, and uncomfortable, it is okay; it’s part of the learning process and part of being human. For example, becoming president of the synagogue was a scary challenge for me, but I keep telling myself to try my best and see what happens. I invite others to follow my lead in taking risks for the purposes of growth and self-fulfillment.

Now, there are many reasons why people choose not to be involved at CAA, but I think two of those reasons are related to the Exodus story. First, like our ancestors, people are apprehensive, even fearful, of the unknown. This prevents them from trying out something new, like coming to Torah study (“I don’t know enough”) or a congregational picnic (I don’t know enough people,” “I don’t know what to bring to potlucks.”) or taking on a leadership role (I’ve



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never led a committee before. I don’t think I’m up to it.”).

In those instances, people let their anxieties get the best of them, and they don’t take the necessary steps to have experiences that they might find worthwhile. Some of our ancestors who were enslaved might have feared what would become of them in the wilderness, not knowing how they would eat or defend themselves if attacked. To them, freedom was too risky. They felt safer staying in Egypt as slaves.

Next, people are comfortable doing what they have always done, and they don’t want to be bothered with veering from their routine (“I only go to synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I don’t feel like doing anything with the community during the year.”). Part of the slave mentality is feeling so comfortable with the status quo that it feels like too much work to change course. Perhaps some of our ancestors in Egypt weren’t so afraid of being free as they were comfortable in a role they had always known.

I encourage members to move beyond their comfort zones to become more engaged with life at CAA. There is so much that CAA has to offer!

May your Passover bring you freedom from whatever mindset you have that impedes your growth and your full appreciation of what the synagogue has to offer you. May you venture forth from Egypt and enter your own Promised Land, whatever that might mean for you.

*Chag Sameach,
Roye Ginsberg*

Are You Getting the Weekly Synagogue Email?

A mass mailing to CAA members and other interested parties provides info on upcoming services and other events. This email is sent out every Tuesday or Wednesday. Additional emails are sent when there’s news that can’t wait.

If you’re not receiving the weekly email, call the CAA office and ask to be added. It’s the way to keep up to date in between *Bulletins*.

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Megillah Reading and Festivities

Sunday, March 5, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Don't miss this intergenerational, congregational, translational Megillah reading and hilarious shpiel at 10:30 am. The whole megillah is for the whole congregation! (We moved it a day early so that everyone can attend, so unless you're scouring your home that morning for classified documents that belong in the National Archives, we expect to see you there.)

At 11:30-ish, we'll relocate to the Dr. Arthur Cohen Community Hall to fulfill the mitzvot of sending goodies to friends and gifts to the poor, i.e. we'll make hamantaschen and gift baskets and collect donations for a good cause. We hope you'll stay for the whole program, but if you have to leave early to start cleaning your home for Passover or packing for that Purim cruise to Shushan you've always dreamt about, that's okay, too.

Please let Daniella know if you'll be joining us so we can plan our day accordingly. Please email her at office@keenesynagogue.org or call the office at (603) 352-6747. You'll be glad you did.

Hebrew II for Adults

*This 10-session class will begin on Thursday,
March 9, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm*

It is open to anyone with knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet and Hebrew vowels with basic decoding skills. It will run through the first (or second, if necessary) week of June, with a two-week break during Passover.

Students from Hebrew I are invited to continue with Hebrew II, as we move onto the textbook "Aleph Isn't Enough: Hebrew for Adults, Book 2" by Linda Motzkin, which you can purchase through Amazon, Behrman House, and other booksellers.

Sign up for the class by Thursday, March 2nd at <https://forms.gle/Jm6Fb6vEnWGrSHYr6>.

The Nathan E. Cohen Lecture Series Presents



MAK'HELA: THE JEWISH CHORUS OF WESTERN MA

Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 PM

Admission is free – All are welcome
Congregation Ahavas Achim

Conducted by our very own Lainee Ginsberg, Mak'hela is coming back to CAA! This concert will honor the state of Israel in honor of Yom Ha-atzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day) with special musical favorites including Am Yisrael Chai, Yerushalayim Shel Zahav, Erev Shel Shoshanim, and Mayim. An afternoon of

beautiful song that you won't want to miss!

The Nathan E. Cohen Memorial Lecture series was founded by Dr. Arthur Cohen as an ongoing tribute to his father's memory. It provides programs open to the general public at no charge.

Betsy Small is the Guest Speaker Re: Creating Friendships for Peace

After the Friday Night Service, March 17, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Following the evening service, learn about the non-profit organization, Creating Friendships for Peace, with the executive director, Betsy Small.

The goal of CFP is to promote peace in divided countries. It pursues this goal by providing programs for youth that foster friendship, understanding, and trust between them and help them develop the leadership skills to contribute to the end of the conflict in their countries.

Through CFP's Friendship Program, pairs of teens from the island of Cyprus and the Middle

East live together with host families during a month-long US summer residential program.

Learn how to get involved as a sponsor or host family for this important initiative.




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Check out our website at www.keenesynagogue.org

Welcome to the 2023 NH Jewish Film Festival

Thursday, March 16 through
Sunday, March 26

From March 16 to March 26 viewers can attend 6 in-theater screenings, as well as virtually stream 5 separate at-home film programs.

Conversations and interviews with filmmakers, documentary subjects, and local speakers will accompany some of the programs and will be available throughout the Festival.

Following the Festival, we are offering Bonus Weeks from March 27 to April 16, during which 4 of the in-theater films will be available to stream virtually for those who were unable to attend in person. Additionally, we are partnering with PJ Library to offer a special free film event at JFNH for children 8 years and younger on Sunday, March 19.

Join your New Hampshire Jewish community at the movies, and together, let us share the power of film.

Ross Fishbein and Pat Kalik
New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival Chairs

Showing in Keene: Farewell, Mr. Haffmann

Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 pm at the
Colonial Theater's Showroom

"Absorbing. An excellent wartime thriller that examines sobering questions of morality and character. The actors bring their complex characters to life superbly." Ron Cerebona, The Canberra Times
"Meticulous and breathtaking. Auteuil is impeccable." Le Parisien.

Occupied Paris, 1941: All members of the Jewish community are instructed to identify themselves to authorities. Jeweler Joseph Haffmann (Daniel Auteuil), fearing the worst, arranges for his family to flee the city and offers his employee François Mercier (Gilles Lellouche) the chance to take over his store until the conflict subsides.

But his own attempts to escape are thwarted, and Haffmann is forced to seek his assistant's protection. As the assistant and his wife move into the Haffmann home, the agreement turns



into a Faustian bargain, one that will forever change the fate of all.

Awards: Audience Award Gold Coast International Film Festival 2022, Audience Award - Cleveland Jewish Film Festival 2022, Audience Award - Aspen Filmfest 2022, Audience Award - Best Narrative San Francisco Jewish Film Festival 2022

Symposium on Anti-Semitism in New England

Sunday, April 16, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Tentative program:

- Keynote speaker: Representative from ADL New England
- Responses: Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- Law enforcement official
- Local pastor or minister
- Moderator: Rabbi Dan Aronson

Rosh Chodesh Gatherings

Wednesday, March 22 and Saturday, April 26,
7:00 pm

We are starting something new at CAA. Join us for this Girls Night Out, as we celebrate the new moon on Rosh Chodesh. The significance of Rosh Chodesh as the "head of the month" is rooted in the appearance of the new moon and its place in the Jewish calendar. We will honor this tradition by observing the new moon, engaging in spiritual growth, study and reflection on the unique experiences and perspectives of Jewish women.

To sweeten this experience, wine, beverages, and hamentashen will be served in March! RSVP to Daniella at office@keenesynagogue.org.

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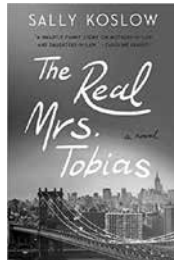
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CAA Book Club

The next meeting will be held in person, at the synagogue, on Sunday, March 26.

Coffee and bagels will be available at 10:15 am. The discussion will start at 10:30 and last about an hour.

We will be talking about "The Real Mrs. Tobias" by Sally Koslow. It's 2015 in New York City, and three women all known as Mrs. Tobias – Veronika, the matriarch, her daughter-in-law Mel, and Mel's daughter-in-law Birdie – are trying to navigate personal difficulties, some of which are with one another.



Veronika and Mel, despite having little in common, are both psychotherapists who are more skilled at helping other people than solving their own problems. Birdie, still dealing with the culture shock of moving to New York City and marrying into the Tobias clan, is pushed to her limit when her husband gets into trouble.

No amount of badgering from his steely grandmother, smart-mouthed mother, or disillusioned wife can convince him to own up to what he's done. Overwhelmed, Birdie bolts to her Mid-western hometown, hoping that space, warmth and wisdom from her own feisty grandmother will help her find a path forward. And though Birdie begins to find comfort in unexpected places, her absence stirs up long simmering troubles back home forcing the Tobiases to reconsider their relationships with each other, and ultimately, what it means to be family.

THE ED KAPILOFF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Presented by the Kapiloff Family

For the past twenty-two years, the Ed Kapiloff Youth Scholarship has provided one annual scholarship for a child or children of synagogue members to attend a Jewish summer camp.

Applicants are invited to send a written request to Rabbi Dan Aronson telling why a Jewish summer camp experience would be meaningful and how it could help them to better serve their synagogue and community. Parental help with the letter of application is acceptable.

- You must choose a Jewish camp such as Camp Havaya (Reconstructionist), Camp Eisner or one of similar cost. You may attend a camp affiliated with any of the movements, in any location.
- The Scholarship will be based on need and requires community service to the synagogue or community.
- Your family must be a member in good standing of Congregation Ahavas Achim.

If you have any questions, please contact contact Rabbi Dan Aronson at 352-6747, or RabbiDA@keenesynagogue.org.



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Vienna Gets Me Back

By Vivian Prunier

On the last day of summer, I returned to the city of my birth to become a citizen of a different country. Under a new law, Austria allows the descendants of people persecuted during the Shoah to apply to have Austrian citizenship conferred to them. In my case, my persecuted ancestry was my mother, who was born in Vienna and left in 1938 when Hitler came to town. My mother and her family fled to Paris, then London, and arrived in New York in June, 1939.

The process to apply for restoration of Austrian citizenship was not particularly onerous. My mother was already enrolled in the Austrian social security program, so the Austrian government knew who she was. All I had to do was prove that I was her descendent and that I was who I said I was.

Well, maybe it was a little difficult – I had to obtain a copy of a divorce granted in 1977, but those files were archived and inaccessible because of COVID. But wait! My ex had asked for a copy of this document a couple of years ago, and the document was still available. So, the package was completed, submitted in June 2021, and I waited. I kept on waiting and nothing kept on happening.

My sister Carole decided to apply for Austrian citizenship in June 2022. In the process, she discovered that my application had been approved. . .and the notification had gone to my spam folder. I finally got my paperwork in August.

A few weeks later, to my great surprise, Carole and I and four other newly minted citizens, received invitations to attend a ceremony at the New York Consulate where our document of citizenship – *Besheid* – would be conferred by the Federal Chancellor of Austria. He would be in New York for the meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, so why not have a special ceremony? And why not go? I could apply for my passport while there.

My son Jim agreed to be my “plus one”. Acquire train tickets, make a hotel reservation (gasp!), top up my Uber account, bring my US passport, and get passport photos of a size specified by the E.U. Shine shoes, find dress-up clothes, choose jewelry and other accesso-

ries. The price of the new passport photos was \$18.18, *Chai- chai*, in Hebrew. A portent! The only thing that didn't get done was sleeping the night before my departure.

Now I was back in New York. I had often visited the city when my grandmother lived there. My grandmother would give me subway tokens, lunch money, and instructions to report back at dinner. So, I knew New York.

When our Uber driver couldn't get through the choked traffic, I could lead my son across Central Park and up Madison Avenue to the Austrian Consulate in time for the conferral ceremony – and even though we were a little late, there was still time to apply for an Austrian passport.

The U.N. General Assembly was in session. Real New Yorkers know that this event brings the city to a virtual standstill. Even the Austrian Federal Chancellor had to climb out of his motorcade and walk. He finally arrived and the ceremony could begin.

There were speeches and photographs. I have a certificate and an Austrian passport. I am a citizen. I am still trying to understand what this means. All I have from Austria is fragments: a love of Mozart, a fondness for Viennese pastry, a memory of beautiful wood inlaid furniture that a friend of my family managed to hang onto, a painting showing my grandfather's childhood home. Maybe my grandmother's silver.

In 1941, Jews from Vienna organized a synagogue called the American Congregation of Austrian Jews. It was located about 2 blocks from my grandparents' apartment. My totally nonobservant grandmother joined, probably for the sole purpose of acquiring cemetery plots. Being enterprising, she persuaded all her New York City relations and several of her friends to buy plots as well. So, when I visit this cemetery (the last time was in 1994) I can see what was once my family's Viennese community.

Sometimes I imagine that I and all the other 3000 Jews who received Austrian citizenship through this program will find ourselves transported into a thriving Jewish community in Vienna. Perhaps there will be a modern manifestation of the parable of the valley of dry bones?

Simchas for March/April

Birthdays

Benjamin Pieper Friedman	3/01
Stephen Weiner	3/01
Ellen Jahos	3/03
Gillian Fulton.....	3/05
Isaac Sylvern	3/07
Marty Post.....	3/10
Jacob Pieper Friedman	3/13
Mike Davern	3/14
John Halper	3/16
Rowen Helene Kaufman.....	3/16
James Nebenzahl.....	3/20
Rebecca Sayles	3/23
Aaron Jahos.....	3/26
Wendy Fulton	3/30
Margo Cohen.....	3/31
Elaine Bieber	4/01
Andrew Fulton.....	4/05
David Sayles	4/06
Eli Jahos	4/07

Jori Platt	4/07
Sand Seligman	4/07
Barbara Green.....	4/08
Thomas Ross	4/09
Robert Vogel	4/09
Bruce Platt	4/11
Roberta Visser.....	4/12
Eleanor Kaufman	4/13
Daniel John Carney-Olmstead	4/17
Perry Cohen	4/19
Trish Spear	4/27
Aerin Tamar Prunier.....	4/29

Anniversaries

Kira and Mark Thomas	3/30
Alyse and Paul Bettinger	4/13
Kathi Borden and Greg Blair	4/16
Rebecca and David Sayles	4/16
Jill and Marty Post	4/24

Kesher Committee Events

Thursday, March 2: Making Hamentashen at CAA. Come to help prepare, bake, and box to sell.

Sunday, March 26: Bowling at Yankee Lanes at 2:00 pm. Please contact Daniella at the synagogue to RSVP by March 8th, when we are reserving lanes. Cost is \$10 per person and includes shoe rental. RSVP to Daniella: office@keenesynagogue.org, or call (603) 933-3259 by March 17.

Tuesday, March 28: Coffee with Rabbi Dan at Brewbakers at 11:00 am

Sunday, June 4: Book sale (please bring books, games, puzzles etc. to CAA)

Two Sundays, July 30, August 20: We will be going to see The Worcester Red Sox. Both games are at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each and includes \$2.00 of concession money. Tickets are going fast. Call Paul at 603-242-3521 or email him at: paulbaseball73@outlook.com to reserve your seats. Do it now!

Volunteer at The Community Kitchen

CAA continues to be involved with The Community Kitchen on a regular basis. We have been serving the evening/hot meal for takeout, and then cleaning up, 1-2 times per month. Thanks to our crew, which has included Malcolm and Selena Katz, Kira and Mark Thomas, Barbara Green, Ari Levine, Michael and Noah Davern, Sandy Kochman, and Gary.

The evening meal has served 100-160 guests/date, so the need continues, and seems to be growing. Thanks to all our volunteers; we have a waiting list of congregants who've offered to help. TCK will allow us only a certain number/date. Also, Elaine Bieber continues to be a volunteer chef at TCK on a regular basis. Thanks Elaine!

We (CAA) have also been involved on a weekly basis helping to package up food for guests to pick up through the Pantry Program. Thanks to Malcolm Katz, Ari Levine, Michael Davern, and Gary (Wednesdays), Selena Katz (Thursdays).

We have upcoming evening meal Kitchen dates: March 16 and 30, and April 20. If you have interest in joining our great crew, please contact Gary Shapiro, (603) 352-0440, gm_shapiro@yahoo.com.

Temple Beth Jacob's* Shapiro Lecture Series Presents

*Speaker: James Carroll, author of
"Constantine's Sword: The Church
and the Jews"*

**Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 pm,
Zoom**

James Carroll, a
former Roman
Catholic priest
and still a devout
Catholic, is
the author of



"Constantine's
Sword: The Church and the Jews",
winner of the 2022 National
Book Award and read by the TBJ
Sunday morning book group this
year. He will be in conversation
with Rabbi Robin Nafshi to dis-
cuss rising antisemitism, religious
identity, and anything else that
comes up.

Join in on Zoom: [https://us02web.
zoom.us/j/86398362777?pwd=ZlJzT
llLbnJRc3pQS2NkbnpjY1ZmQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86398362777?pwd=ZlJzTllLbnJRc3pQS2NkbnpjY1ZmQT09)

To view a documentary version of
Constantine's Sword: [https://www.
jamescarroll.net/constantiness-
word/documentary](https://www.jamescarroll.net/constantiness-word/documentary)

To view an interview with James
Carroll, 20 years after the pub-
lication of *Constantine's Sword*:
<https://youtu.be/RGztsJ7hICK>

**Located in Concord, NH.*

Yahrzeits for March/April

Date Observed	Yahrzeit	Jewish Date	Friday before Yahrzeit
2/26	Mollie Hanan	Adar 5	2/24
2/26	Eric Komitzsky	Adar 5	2/24
2/27	Paul Nebenzahl	Adar 6	2/24
2/28	Janet Silverstein	Adar 7	2/24
3/01	Harry Krugman	Adar 8	2/24
3/01	Annette Schadick	Adar 8	2/24
3/02	Pauline Krugman	Adar 9	2/24
3/03	Moritz Lowy	Adar 10	2/24
3/03	Donald Allen Sayles	Adar 10	2/24
3/04	Marcia Tenofsky Riendeau	Adar 11	3/03
3/07	Eleanor P. Jacobson	Adar 14	3/03
3/07	Maurice Levy	Adar 14	3/03
3/07	Larry Schuman	Adar 14	3/03
3/07	Gwendoline Winn	Adar 14	3/03
3/11	Fanny Lowy	Adar 18	3/10
3/11	Nancy Reisig	Adar 18	3/10
3/11	Nancy Reisig (actual)	Adar 18	3/10
3/11	Chaya Leah Slome	Adar 18	3/10
3/14	Razi Yitzchak	Adar 21	3/10
3/15	Michael Kotleroff	Adar 22	3/10
3/16	Frieda Yeager	Adar 23	3/10
3/18	David Schuman	Adar 25	3/17
3/20	Mildred Fox	Adar 27	3/17
3/21	George E. Ehrlich	Adar 28	3/17
3/21	Jean Schneider	Adar 28	3/17
3/22	Rabbi Richard A. Levine	Adar 29	3/17
3/23	Benjamin Komitzsky	Nissan 1	3/17
3/23	Fred Weisman	Nissan 1	3/17
3/24	Abraham Bettinger	Nissan 2	3/17
3/24	Lillian Richmond	Nissan 2	3/17
3/24	Beatrice Sarubin Zeskind	Nissan 2	3/17
3/25	Ida Butler	Nissan 3	3/24
3/25	Paul Malkin	Nissan 03	3/24
3/28	Jack Feldman	Nissan 06	3/24
3/29	Abraham Shapiro	Nissan 07	3/24
4/01	Nancy Baar Nebenzahl	Nissan 10	3/31
4/03	Lottie Katz	Nissan 12	3/31
4/03	Elsie Kaufman	Nissan 12	3/31
4/04	Jocelyn Holly Burman Belluck	Nissan 13	3/31
4/04	Dora Satlin Komitzsky	Nissan 13	3/31
4/06	Allan Halper	Nissan 15	3/31
4/07	Julius A. Levine	Nissan 16	3/31
4/09	Lester Cohen	Nissan 18	4/07
4/09	Marshall Samuel Feingold	Nissan 18	4/07
4/09	Robert Querns	Nissan 18	4/07
4/09	Mollie Rubin	Nissan 18	4/07
4/09	Bob Shapiro	Nissan 18	4/07
4/11	Iris Silberstein	Nissan 20	4/07
4/15	Rabbi Jack J. Cohen	Nissan 24	4/14
4/15	Susan Avrin Spear	Nissan 24	4/14
4/16	Harvey Miner	Nissan 25	4/14
4/16	Baby Boy Shapiro	Nissan 25	4/14
4/17	Morris Popover	Nissan 26	4/14
4/17	Rose Shapiro	Nissan 26	4/14
4/19	Mark Bieber	Nissan 28	4/14
4/22	Pearl F. Goldberg	Iyar 01	4/21
4/23	Albert Eichner	Iyar 02	4/21
4/23	Irving Post	Iyar 02	4/21
4/25	Norman Fulton	Iyar 04	4/21
4/26	Sam Fox	Iyar 05	4/21
4/28	Richard Dorner	Iyar 07	4/21
4/28	Burton Sylvern	Iyar 07	4/21
5/01	Michael Forman	Iyar 10	4/28
5/02	Betty Querns	Iyar 11	4/28
5/03	Rose Hanan	Iyar 12	4/28
5/04	Barry Berk	Iyar 13	4/28

Yahrzeits are listed according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Kaddish may be recited on the Shabbat nearest the date of remembrance. Please notify the synagogue office at 352-6747 if you find an error, or would like to have the name of a loved one included in the future.

Cycle of Life

Our condolences to:

Trish Spear and her family on the death of her father, Max Drobner, who passed away on January 25, 2023, in Florida. Max, who lived for over thirty years in Aventura, Florida, proudly served in the Army during the Korean war.

Margo Cohen, on the death of her grandfather, Stuart Ross, on January 3, 2023, at the family home in Bath, Maine. Stuart was renowned for his serene landscapes and still life paintings. <https://www.pressherald.com/2023/01/24/obituarystuart-ross/>

Mazel Tov to:

Pat and Steve Weiner on the birth of their fourth grandchild! Parents, Toby and Eric Jacobson of Merrimack, MA welcomed Baby Boy Jacobson into the world on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Baby, parents, and grandparents are all well.

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General Fund

Marty Reisig - in memory of Randy Carmel's sister, Caren Sichel

Mike & Tricia Kapiloff - in support of CAA

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- Etta Kapiloff, mother of Rose Weinrieb, grandmother to Pam and Eric Weinrieb, and Shelley Amster

- Leonard Kapiloff, nephew of Rose Weinrieb, cousin of Pam and Eric Weinrieb, and Shelley Amster



Margolia Cohen Gilson - for a memorial plaque for Deborah Cohen, and in memory of Abraham, Deborah, and Edward Cohen

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Arthur Cohen - in memory of his wife Ruth

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Daniel Aronson - in gratitude to Randy, David, and Daniella for their work in the Paul Vincent NEC lecture.

Lawrence Dachowski - with gratitude for CAA hosting the lecture by Prof. Paul Vincent

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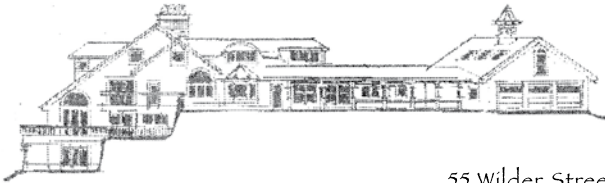
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