



Rabbi's ReMarks



Passover is the festival of *ge'ulah*, redemption. Our ancestors were redeemed by the Almighty and delivered from the harsh rigors of slavery in Egypt. Throughout the *seder*, however, there is a recognition that the Exodus, although cause for great celebration and thanksgiving, was not *ge'ulah shleimah*, humankind's and the people Israel's complete and ultimate redemption. The recurring refrain of the Haggadah is *l'shanah haba'ah*, next year – next year in the Land of Israel, next year may we be free people, next year in Jerusalem, implying that at the present time, the world is not yet fully redeemed and that we need to act as God's partners in working toward that goal of *ge'ulah shleimah*. This is a challenge and a mission that we accept in a spirit of hopefulness. Passover teaches us that oppression and injustice do not always triumph and that the spirit of freedom and human dignity can prevail. The symbol of our hope is Elijah, for whom we pour a cup of wine at the *seder*, hoping that he will soon fulfill his role as the harbinger of the Messianic age. That future time, symbolizing our hope for peace and justice in the world and for sovereignty and independence for the Jewish people, is the theme of the Haftorah from the prophet Isaiah, which is chanted on the eighth day of the festival.

At the rabbinic *yeshiva* study seminar I recently attended, one of the texts we looked at was the book of Ruth. There, the word *ge'ulah* is used in a more limited sense. Boaz, by purchasing back the land that had been lost to his relative Naomi in time of famine and by marrying Naomi's widowed daughter-in-law Ruth, acts a *go'el*, a redeemer. He restores the fortunes of Naomi and her family by reacquiring the land that was their ancestral inheritance and by giving Naomi (who has lost her husband and her two sons) a grandchild whom she adopts as her own. Our teacher, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, made the point that redemption in the context of Scripture is something that takes place after there has been a loss and involves a process of restoration.

That concept certainly applies to the history of our people. In the time of the patriarchs and matriarchs, the Israelites had been free men and women in the land promised to them by God, but they lost their freedom after they went down to Egypt and were enslaved by Pharaoh. Jews in ancient times had their own independent commonwealth (to be precise, two separate kingdoms – Judah and Israel) but lost their independence and were subject to rule by the great empires of antiquity – Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Jews had been sovereign in their own land and never totally severed their connection with it, even when it was ruled by others. But in the wake of the destruction of both Temples, the majority of our people was dispersed far and wide and multiple centers of Jewish life arose in the Diaspora. The Exodus was a restoration of the freedom enjoyed by the Israelites' ancestors, a freedom that for those leaving Egypt could have been no more than a bit of lore from a distant past. The loss of that living memory and the process over centuries of bondage of growing accustomed to the conditions of their enslavement is what made Moses' and God's task of forging this group of ex-slaves into a free people so difficult. In Jewish tradition, the Messianic age is symbolized by a restoration of the Davidic monarchy. In our own times, the achievement of the Zionist movement has been to establish a Jewish homeland in the land of Israel and to restore Jews to a position of political sovereignty and independence. In that sense the founding of the state of Israel, whose 70th anniversary we observe this month, is, as the prayer we read at Shabbat morning services phrases it, “the beginning of the flowering of our redemption.”

April and May have usually been a very busy time on the Springfield Jewish community calendar – Pesach, Yom Hasho'ah, Israel Independence Day, *b'nai mitzvah*, and congregational and Federation annual meetings. I wish all of you a joyous and meaningful Pesach and a pleasant and wonderful spring (for me and, I suspect most of you, a season that liberates us from the bleakness and rigors of winter).

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

President's Message

As you receive this, we will be preparing for our Annual Meeting. At that meeting, currently scheduled for April 15 at 12:30, you will learn of the past activities and status of our Congregation. We anticipate having financial reports from our accountant available for your review and will have reports from all the committees. The Nominating Committee will recommend individuals to serve on our Board and list those whose terms are expiring and who will not continue serving on the Board. I greatly appreciate the work of Richard Bass as Chair of this committee, and the very good job which he has done.

At that meeting, we will also discuss the status of our discussions with Temple B'rith Sholom. I hope you will do everything you can to attend. Refreshments will be served.

We have had a very successful early spring. As you know, working with Temple B'rith Sholom, we have experimented with a two-month period of different worship services. Some weeks, all services have been at our facilities and some weeks at theirs. Each Rabbi has led the combined congregation at each of our facilities. We have had Shabbat dinners and I want to especially thank Beryl Feldman for stepping up to prepare for all of us a delightful meal on March 16. As you know, this takes a great deal of effort, and coming just a few short weeks after she had led the effort at our Purim dinner, her effort was above and beyond the call of duty. Please join me in thanking her.

I also want to thank Erin Sabath and the members of our choir for their beautiful participation in that service on March 16. They were joined by several members of the choir from Temple B'rith Sholom, and together added greatly to the joy of our coming together. If you see either of these wonderful people, please thank them for their efforts.

As we prepare for the Passover season, I wish each of you and your families a wonderful spring and a wonderful Seder. As we retell the story of the freeing of the Jewish slaves from Egypt, we remember how sweet freedom is. We will participate in a community Seder on March 31 at Temple B'rith Sholom, which is always enjoyable. I confess I never know when you will receive this but, if the deadline for reservations has not passed, please call Temple B'rith Sholom to make reservations for this event. While making reservations, please don't forget the celebration of Rabbi Marks' special birthday. We will gather for dining, dancing and great fun at Temple on April 21. Invitations have been mailed, and I do hope we have many of you there to celebrate Rabbi's special birthday and his over forty years of service to our community.

Saul J Morse



April Candle Lighting Times

April 6	7:10 pm
April 13	7:17 pm
April 20	7:24 pm
April 27	7:31 pm

Other Events

Tuesday, April 3	
Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Monday, April 9,16,23,30	
Talmud Class	12:00 noon
Thursday, April 12	
Adult Education	7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 10	
Sisterhood Book Club	1:00 pm
<i>If All the Seas Were Ink: A Memoir</i>	
<i>Ilana Kurshan</i>	
<i>Temple Israel</i>	

Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!

Welcome Spring!! After a long, cold winter the temperatures are rising and the crocus are blooming. A beautiful sight to behold. Since my last bulletin article our Sisterhood had two great events. In February we had a delicious lunch (so sorry I missed it!) at the Village Tea Room and Gift Shoppes. There was even time to do a little shopping at the gift shops. What could be more fun! Our second annual "Sisters" Night Out was on March 6 at La Fiesta Grande restaurant. Approximately 32 women from Temple Israel and the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield talked, laughed, and ate in the spirit of friendship. Both groups eagerly discussed getting together again in the not too distant future! A big thank you to Jackie Perlmutter for making the arrangements for both events.

At the last Sisterhood Board of Directors meeting on March 9, 2018 a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve a \$100 donation for the JCRC Mobile Food Pantry on May 19, 2018. Rick Griminger is also asking for volunteers.

A second motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to commit \$1,000 (\$500 from Sisterhood and \$500 from the Gift Shop) for a musical Artist in Residence weekend (without specifying a particular artist) event.

Save the Dates for the upcoming events:

Thursday, April 19, 2018 ...work day to help decorate Temple's social hall for Rabbi Marks' 75th birthday celebration on Saturday, April 21, 2018. We will meet at 10:00 am. Some jobs that need to be done are cleaning the stage, setting tables, putting on chair covers, etc..Your help will be greatly appreciated. We want everything to look extra special for our special, wonderful Rabbi!

Thursday, May 17, 2018... has been set aside for Taste n" Tell. Once again Suzanne Schriar has graciously opened up her lovely home to host this popular yearly event. Plan on bringing a favorite dish (and recipe) to share.

Sunday, June 10, 2018 ... at American Harvest Eatery we will have Donor Brunch. Time and menu will be forthcoming. Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers. Voting for the 2018-2019 Sisterhood Board of Directors will take place. Let's have a great turn-out!

Friday, July 27, 2018 ... is Sisterhood Shabbat. Dinner will be served. Services will also include recognizing the newly elected Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 year.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and "zeesin" Pesach!!

Sandy Weiss



Yahrzeits—April

1	Sarah Feldman
1	Ida Fineman
1	Amy E. Smith
2	Jacob K. Gingold
2	Steve Levine
3	Anna Feltenstein
3	Morris Feuer
3	Merle Hornstein
3	Stanley Perlmutter
4	Louis Sherman
4	Max Sherman
4	Judith Dwortz Becker
6	Julia Jacobson
6	Samuel Albert Riseman
6	Jeanette Solomon
7	Louis A. Bass
7	Bessie S. Routman
8	Carol Faingold
9	Evelyn Charney
9	Jerome Fein
9	Jason Reynolds
10	Joseph Weisman
11	Pearl Kellner
11	Lena Oppleman
11	Herman Ritter
11	Charles Weiss
12	Henry R. Grebler
12	Sylvia A. Stone
13	Abe Abramovitch
13	Reuben Iglarsh
15	Michael Goldstein
15	Norman Linder
15	Sidney Sorkin
17	Carol Berkowitz
18	Frances Wasser
20	Nathan Oberman
20	Andrea Reynolds
21	Ruth Potish
22	David J. Erenske
22	Isaac Robinson
22	Skovronsky Family
23	Henry Skovronsky
23	Anna Sherman Wolff
25	Max Cohn
26	Sylvia Berle Herrick
26	Mel Matlins
27	Della Cohn
27	Harry N. Goodman
27	Rose Pianko
27	Edith Alice Rosenberg
28	Adele Wainer
30	Lena Oberman

Tributes

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Irwin Weiner by Monika Weiner-Robert

Abe Routman by Margaret Schoenfeld

Lena Gruebel by Paula & Jerry Gruebel

In Memory Of:

Frances Weiss by Zale Glauberman

FEUER-BROZGOLD FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Rose Pell by Fran Feuer

Arnold Pell by Fran Feuer

Joseph Feuer by Fran Feuer

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Marks by Fran Feuer

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Marks by Donna Mapes

Rabbi Marks by Richard Damashek

Rabbi Marks by The Westbrook family

FAMILY FUND

In Honor Of:

Carl Faingold by Zale Glauberman

CARE COMMITTEE FUND

In Memory Of:

Eugene Chodash by Zale Glauberman

MUSIC FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Mary Fink by Carol & Jay Kitterman

In Memory Of:

Jojene Sabath by Zale Glauberman

In Appreciation Of:

Temple Israel's Fabulous Choir by Linda & Paul
Weichsel

Sisterhood Tributes

Yahrzeit of

Anna Carl

Sandy & Barry Weiss

Community News

LIFE & LEGACY: YEAR TWO IS A SUCCESS!

In year two of Temple Israel's LIFE & LEGACY™ program, 21 donors made commitments to participate. Thanks to this generous support, Temple Israel will receive its second \$5,000 grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF).

We thank the following individuals who have signed letters of intent as of 3/20/18:

Anonymous Donors (13)	Linda Lingle	Juliette E. Seidman
Rhoda Augustine	Rabbi Barry Marks & Nancy Sage	Stuart & Merle Shiffman
Harry & Deborah Berman	Linda J. Morrison	Lisa W. Stone
Robert S. Cohen	Saul J. Morse & Anne B. Morgan	Stephen Stone
Elissa GoldbergBelle	Adam Porter	Rita Victor
Eli Gottlieb Goodman	David Radwine	Joseph & Jody Wallace
Rick Griminger	Cantor Sam Radwine	Mark Wancket
Vera Herst	Erin Sabath	Sari Miller Wancket
Leonard Lieberman	Scott & Amber Sabin	

Temple Israel's LIFE & LEGACY team hopes you will consider making a legacy commitment. If you are interested in participating, please call the Temple office. A team member will be happy to share detailed information about this effort to secure future support for our Temple and the Springfield Jewish community.

If you have already made a provision for Temple Israel in your estate plan, please let us know.

The Temple Israel LIFE & LEGACY team:

Rick Griminger, Len Lieberman, Erin Sabath, Mark Wancket, Rabbi Marks

LIFE & LEGACY is a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Springfield and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to assist Springfield synagogues and the Federation increase their endowments through after-life giving and special endowments. Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom work with the Federation on this key project.

2018 MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, in conjunction with the Central Illinois Food Bank, Temple Israel, Temple Israel Sisterhood, Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple B'rith Sholom Sisterhood, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith will be sponsoring our fourth annual mobile food pantry on May 19, 2018 in the parking lot of TBS.

Food insecurity is a very real issue in our community. According to the Central Illinois Food Bank, 1 in 8 people and 1 in 5 children in our community struggle with hunger. Last year we distributed over 15,000 pounds of food to approximately 210 patrons, representing over 700 family members. Patrons who participated in the event were grateful for our support and our volunteers enjoyed themselves. It is truly a win – win event.

Rick Griminger has taken on the important job of volunteer coordinator for this year's event and has already begun recruitment. We will need volunteers for various jobs starting at approximately 9 a.m. and lasting until about 1 p.m. A few volunteers will also be needed a bit earlier to collect shopping carts and prepare the inside of TBS for registration and set up for breakfast. Food distribution will begin at 11 a.m. to accommodate those volunteers who wish to attend morning services.

In order to volunteer, please contact Rick at rgriminger@att.net or 217-652-4363. Please let Rick know what times you are available (if you are only available for a portion of the event we still welcome your participation). Also be sure to let Rick know if you have any physical limitations so that he can make an appropriate assignment. We can almost guarantee that if you volunteer you will enjoy yourself and feel the satisfaction of giving back to our community.

The planning committee is looking forward to another successful event and thanks you in advance for your support and participation

Joint Temple Events

Sharing Shabbat Together



On Friday, April 13, 2018 we will offer our monthly Shabbat dinner. Services will begin at 5:45 p.m. with dinner following. Reservations are a must as soon as possible. If you make a reservation and find that you cannot come, please let me know. Michael Higgins, Maldaner's Restaurant will provide our meal in April. NOTICE THE CHANGE OF DATE & TIME ONLY FOR APRIL!

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION, R.S.V.P. TO: DEBBIE WEINER
217-546-7117 or drweiner@sbcglobal.net
BY MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

PLEASE NOTE POLICY CHANGE: FOR RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER THE MONDAY BEFORE, THERE WILL BE A \$2.00/PER PERSON LATE FEE

Our Menu will include:
 Great Northern Bean Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing
 Chicken Cacciatore
 Chef's Choice of Starch
 Chef's Choice of Hot Vegetable
 Bread and Butter

Sharon and Ed Green
 Eva and John Muller
 Brad Gubin and Shaela Dunne
 Scott and Betsy Gubin
 will provide dessert.

A Vegetarian Meal will be provided upon request

Please feel welcome to bring your own bottle(s) of wine to accompany your meal or to share.
NOTE: The cost is \$18.00 for adults, 14 years and older, \$ 6.00 for children under 14 years.
 There will be no charge for children under 3 years old.
 I look forward to seeing you!

B'te avon,

Debbie Weiner, Shabbat Dinner Coordinator

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