

the Bialystoker Brief

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

As hectic as Pesach normally is, this year it is especially hectic. With Erev Pesach falling on Shabbos, we must hurry to daven the Shabbos morning davening and eat our Shabbos Seuda (and perhaps even TWO Shabbos Seudos) by 10:14 Shabbos morning. (We will discuss the exact details of this unusual day in a Shabbos afternoon Shiur on April 9 at 6 PM.)

With all the hurry and hard work, we may be tempted to listen to the little internal voice which addresses us every year around Pesach time: "Isn't Pesach supposed to be the holiday of freedom? How am I free if I'm working so hard?"

The answer lies in realizing that true freedom is not measured by rest and relaxation, but rather by accomplishment. When we achieve our potential—be it in spiritual or more worldly matters—we are then truly free. Pesach is hard work, yes—but when the work is over we have succeeded in forging a unique connection between ourselves and HaKadosh Baruch Hu.

In that sense, we can look back with pride at the past two months at the Bialystoker. The Shul as a whole has striven to achieve its potential in a host of unprecedented ways.

We have been privileged to co-host, together with Kollel Bais Simcha Aharon, the renowned Rabbi Dr. Dovid Gottlieb as a scholar-in-residence. A dynamic speaker and teacher, Rabbi Gottlieb kept audiences of about 150 people spellbound with his wisdom and warmth. The beautiful Shabbos served as an eternal memorial to our dear friend and neighbor Rabbi Dr. Moshe Krasner, of blessed memory.

The incredible talents of Janet Riesel and Tova Peretz, working on behalf of our sisterhood, produced a smashing singles' Shabbaton the following week, bringing over 60 singles together at the Bialystoker. The feedback I personally received from both the singles and our community was fantastic. A successful younger singles' Shabbos evening dinner a few weeks before reflected the hard work and talent of Batsheva From, who organized the event. About forty young singles shared a warm Friday night dinner together on that occasion.

Our sisterhood, under the new leadership of Deborah Goldman, & Karen Wolfson has been hard at work organizing Matanos L'evyonim greetings, which enabled unprecedented sums of Tzedoka to be distributed to the poor. A beautiful "triple-header" of communal Seudos—Purim morning, Shabbos evening, and a gala Shabbos morning Kiddush—lent a touch of class and friendship to make our Purim holiday truly beautiful.

Our youth activities, under the direction of Malki Cohen, are

fun and educational at the same time. The youth groups every Shabbos are beautifully organized, with age-appropriate activities for all. A new davening group, led by Yitzchok Dawidowicz, is a smashing success. Our Youth Shalosh Seudos was beautiful and inspiring and will hopefully be repeated soon. The icing on the cake was a spectacular Purim carnival, co-hosted with the United Jewish Council, which was lovingly and painstakingly organized by Malki and Dr. Mayer Sinensky.

The Hon. Martin Shulman was the driving force behind a Friday night explanatory service and dinner, which focused the attention of many beyond our immediate community on the Bialystoker and its work.

All of these extraordinary people—and many more—bring a sense of freedom (read: fulfillment) to our miniature Sanctuary. May their hard work serve as an inspiration to us all; may we merit to spend this Pesach together in true freedom, in Yerushalayim Ihr HaKodesh.

Rabbi Romm can be contacted at 212-475-0165; e-mail: rav@bialystoker.org; home: 212-539-1220.

Rabbi Romm will be available to sell the Chometz starting Sunday, April 10, every weekday night between 8 and 9 PM until Wednesday, April 20, as well as the Sunday mornings of April 10 and 17 between 8:30 and 10 AM. He is also available by appointment.

EVENTS

Please note the next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th, if you have any questions, or concerns regarding the shul, please feel free to discuss it with a board member before the meeting.

Lower East Side Shidduch Group

Do you know someone looking for a shidduch? If so, come to our next monthly Shidduch meeting to take place after Pesach. If unable to attend, you can still provide us with the details. Contact Tova Peretz (jtperetz@quixnet.net) or Allison Silver for more information.

An Ode to a Matzoh

By: Nathan Rosner

You're made thin and round;
Matzoh is your name.
You're a symbol of a fight for freedom;
Going back to exodus fame.

Slavery for the Israelites was to end;
A nation of free men to be born.
Let my people go: Moses intoned.
Pharoe listened but with scorn.

Who is this G-d? I'm to obey,
In whose name you persist.
I have a record of all deities.
Will I find Him on my list?

O foolish and ignorant Pharoe,
Moses thought to himself.
All your god are lifeless icons,
Statues for display on a shelf.

But how dare you disobey
The living omnipotent L'rd?
Ten plagues He'll bring on your land;
Plagues of pestilence and the sword.

The tenth plague "Death to the first-born"
Convinced Pharoe he must set the slaves free,
For fear more Egyptians will die
If the Israelites don't leave immediately.

So the Israelites left hastily;
They had no time to pack.
They picked up their belongings
And they toted them on their back.

Even the dough they prepared
To make their daily bread,
They had to beat into thin wafers
And bake in the sun instead.

And so we commemorate this event
With a festive Seder spread,
Which includes many symbolic fods,
But mainly Matzoh and no bread.

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MAZEL TOVS

Births

- Mazel tov to Paul & Helene Greenfield on the birth of a granddaughter, Alexandra, a daughter to Philip & Danielle Greenfield.
- Mazel tov to Andrew & Yehudis Dube on the birth of their son, Avraham Mayer.
- Mazel tov to Rivki Krasner on the birth of a grandson, Moshe Yitzchok, a son to Avi & Mirel Krasner. Mazel tov to the aunt and uncle Mindy & Yehuda Zachter.
- Mazel tov to Joel & Shavy Steinberg on the birth of a son, Shmuel Chaim. Mazel to the aunt & uncle Menachem & Chaya Levitin.
- Mazel tov to Heshy & Esther Jacob on the birth of a granddaughter, Chaya Sarah, a daughter to Yocheved & Mordy Wenick. Mazel tov to the aunts & uncles, Shami & Leah Jacob, Dovie & Malkie Jacob.
- Mazel tov to Bennett & Tammi Schachter on the birth of a daughter.
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Yosef & Nechi Seidenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Devorah, a daughter to Chana Rochel & Yoeli Rubenstein. Mazel tov to aunt & uncle Tova & Yaakov Laska, and to the grandparents, Arnold & Helen Pfeffer & Rosalie Seidenberg and to the extended Adams & Katz families.

Engagements

- Mazel tov to Manny & Rosalie Plotsker on the engagement of their son Shmuel to Ilana Harris. Mazel tov to his sister and brother-in-law, Pessie & Shmuel Rosen.
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Mendel & Judy Bandman on the engagement of their son Avi to Baily Rothenberg.
- Mazel tov to Rivki Krasner on the engagement of her son Reuven to Ora Gold. Mazel tov to his sister and brother-in-law Mindy & Yehuda Zachter.
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Shmuel & Gitty Fishelis on the engagement of their son Yaakov to Naama Shepard.
- Mazel tov to Ira & Rochelle Miller on the engagement of their son, Jeffrey to Allison Sturm. Mazel to his brother Jonathan & sister Becky and to his grandfather, David Besserglick.

Marriages

- Mazel tov to Aaron & Miriam Katz on the marriage of their son Chaim Yeshaya to Chanie Weisenfeld. Mazel tov to the extended Adams, Katz, Pfeffer & Seidenberg families.
- Mazel tov to Aaron & Miriam Katz on the marriage of their daughter, Chanie to Chaim Moshe Rosenberg. Mazel tov to the extended Adams, Katz, Pfeffer & Seidenberg families.
- Mazel tov to Moshe & Malkie Machlis of the marriage of their son, Aharon Dovid to Tova Praeger. Mazel tov to the grandparents Herman & Gussie Gewanter.

Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

- Mazel tov to Joe & Jean Slamowitz on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Daniel, son of Stephen & Robin Slamowitz. Mazel tov to the aunts and uncles Marc & Debby Hyman, and David & David Slamowitz.
- Mazel tov to Darryl & Beverly Hagler on the bat mitzvah of daughter, Erica. Mazel tov to the aunts and uncles Shlomo & Suri Hagler & Mendel Hagler.
- Mazel tov to Yosef & Nechy Seidenberg on the bar mitzvah of their son, Yisrael Zvi. Mazel to the his sister & brother in law Tova & Yaakov Laska, and to the grandparents, Arnold & Helen Pfeffer & Rosalie Seidenberg and to the extended Adams & Katz Families.

More Mazel Tavs

- Mazel tov to Yonah & Malki Jungreis on the bris of their son, Baruch Bendit. Mazel tov to the grandparents Pinchas & Linda Jungreis, and to the aunt and uncle Yisrael Jungreis & Aliza Jungreis. Mazel tov to the extended From & Rosenberg families.
- Mazel tov to Fran Shulman for being honored as guest of honor at the PTA luncheon for Machon Bais Yaakov.
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Shmuel Rosen for being honored as Educator of the Year at Yeshiva of Central Queens.
- Mazel tov to Etta Packer for being honored at the MTJ Sisterhood Luncheon.
- Mazel tov to Paul & Helene Greenfield in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Joseph & Dorothy Reifman in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Mazel tov to Stephen Glassberg in honor of celebrating a special birthday.
- Mazel tov to Mel & Heidi Rosenbach in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Please Note: These were events that were called into or emailed to the office, and we regret any omissions. If you would like your simcha to be added in the next issue, please let us know.

Thank You

Israel & Bonnie Keller for sponsoring a bagel & lox breakfast on the 1st day of Rosh Chodesh Adar I in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father.

Naftali & Leah Solomon for sponsoring a bagel & lox breakfast on the 2nd day of Rosh Chodeh Adar I.

Sponsorships

Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim, February 5

Kiddush (1st & 2nd Minyan) and Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Daniel Stein in honor of his bar mitzvah parsha, and commemoration of his father Dovid Ben Shlomo's 16th yahrtzeit. Also in honor of the entire Lower East Side Hatzolah and all of the children of the LES

Shabbos Parshas Teruma, February 12

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Baruch Mandelkern

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Sponsored by Marty & Fran Shulman, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, Mordechai Ben Ephraim Yitzchok HaKohen Shulman

Shalosh Seudos: Youth Shalosh Seudos

Shabbos Parshas Tizaveh, February 19

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored by Ira & Rochelle Miller, in honor of Chosson Bereshis

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Sponsored by Bertha Mandelkern, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her husband, Baruch Mandelkern

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Aaron & Judy Mitrani, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, Sylvia Stein

Shabbos Parshas Ki Sisa, February 26

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Udele (Betty) Goodman, in honor of the birthday of her mother, Anna Goodman

Shabbos Parshas Vayakayl, March 5

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Co-sponsored by Sol Wenig & Janet Riesel in honor of their anniversary and Marty & Karen Wolfson in honor of the shabbaton

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by The Singer Family, in honor of Daf Hayomi

Shabbos Parshas Pekudai, March 12

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Aaron & Brenda From, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his parents, Murray & Betty From

Shabbos Parshas Vayikrah, March 19

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored by Nussie Sklar

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Sponsored by Moshe & Malkie Machlis in honor of the aufruf of their son, Aharon Dovid

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by the Board of Director in honor of the aufruf of Aharon Dovid, for all his assistance to the shul

Shabbos Parshas Tzav, March 26

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Sponsored by Martin & Karen Wolfson & The Bialystoker Sisterhood in honor of not cooking

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Geoffrey Dworkin in honor of Purim

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

Mr. Eli Band	Mr. Joseph Granek
Mr. Reuven Bell	Mrs. Atara Kahan
Mr. Alan Blumenthal	Mr. Elliot Kahan
Mrs. Linda Eidelman	Mr. & Mrs. Chayim Kirschenbaum (Anniversary)
Mr. Harold Eiden	Mr. Yaakov Laska
Mr. Yisroel Epstein	Mr. Simcha Mermelstein
Mrs. Frieda Fried	Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Mitrani (Anniversary)
Dr. Ari Ginsberg	Mr. Bennett Schachter
Rabbi Yesocher Ginzberg	
Mrs. Carol Goldsammler	
Mr. Ira Gornish	

March's daf yomi is being sponsored by Mrs. Marcia Friedman & family in memory of R' Sholom Dovid Ben R' Yaakov Aharon Friedman. Daf yomi sponsorship is available for April.

Condolences

- Robert Denis on the loss of his father, George Denis.
- Deena Ritter on the loss of her great uncle, Jerome Henry (Yaakov Henoach) Rosenblum.
- Ezra Turkel on the loss of his father, Mayer Turkel.
- Chaim Lazar on the loss of his mother, Anna Lazar
- Joel Bernstein on the loss of his father, Lester Bernstein
- Chaim Baruch Bayewitz on the loss of his brother, Moshe Bayewitz

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Yehudah & Mindy Zachter
Geoffrey Dworken

Bialystoker Synagogue Youth Department

This year on Chol Hamoed Pesach, Tuesday, April 26, 2005, we will be joining NCSY as they host hundreds of Jewish people from all over the tri-state area, Pennsylvania & D.C. for an unforgettable day at Great Adventures. SPACE IS LIMITED, RESERVATIONS ARE BASED ON A FIRST PAID FIRST SERVED BASIS. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person (MEMBER), or \$55 per person (NON-MEMBER). Reservations will only be held with payment! If you would like to make a reservation or need further information, please contact mdcohen2001@yahoo.com or the shul office 212-475-0165.

Bialystoker Synagogue Sisterhood

Due to a severe computer glitch, The Matanos L'evyonim Project has been delayed. Please be assured that all the money was distributed properly. We thank you for your patience in this matter and hope to have the letters out as soon as possible. Thank you again for your support and understanding. We wish you a happy Pesach!

~ The Bialystoker Sisterhood

Correction: The article in the last newsletter on Rabbi Romm's women shiur was written by Annie Glassberg, we regret the omission

Bialystoker Synagogue–Pesach 2005

April 21st–May 1st 2005 / 15th–22nd of Nissan

SALE OF CHOMETZ with Rabbi Romm in the Shul

Sunday, April 10th: 8:30 - 10 AM & 8 - 9 PM
 Monday, April 11th - Thursday, April 14th: 8 - 9 PM
 Sunday, April 17th: 8:30 - 10 AM & 8 - 9 PM
 Monday, April 18th - Wednesday, April 20th: 8 - 9 PM

Shabbos, April 16th 6:05 PM

Shabbos Hagadol Drasha

Thursday, April 21st

Shacharis 6, 7, 7:45 & 8:30 AM
 Siyum after first 3 minyanim
 Bedikas Chometz after 8:26 PM

Friday, April 22nd

Shacharis 6:15, 7, 7:45 & 8:30
 Burn Chometz by 11:34 AM
 Candles 7:24 PM
 Mincha 7:34 PM

Shabbos, April 23rd ~ Erev Pesach

Shacharis ONE MINYAN 6:45 AM
 Latest time to eat chometz 10:14 AM
 Mincha 7:25 PM
 Maariv 8:25 PM
 Candles NOT BEFORE 8:35 PM
 FIRST SEDER

Sunday, April 24th ~ 1st Day of Pesach

Shacharis 7 & 9 AM
 Mincha 7:30 PM
 Maariv 8:25 PM
 Candles NOT BEFORE 8:35 PM
 SECOND SEDER
 Start counting the Omer

Monday, April 25th ~ 2nd Day of Pesach

Shacharis 7 & 9 AM
 Mincha 7:30 PM
 Maariv 8:30 PM

Tuesday, April 26th ~ Friday, April 29th CHOL HAMOED PESACH

Shacharis 6, 7, 8, & 9:15 AM
 Mincha 7:35 PM (Mon - Thurs)
 Maariv 8:20 PM (Mon - Thurs)

Friday, April, 29th ~ Chol Hamoed

Candles 7:32 PM
 Mincha 7:42 PM

Shabbos, April 30th ~ 7th Day of Pesach

Shacharis 7 & 9 AM
 Eat Shalosh Seudos at home
 Mincha 7:30
 Maariv 8:30 PM
 candles NOT BEFORE 8:41 PM

Sunday, May 1st ~ 8th day of Pesach

Shacharis 7 & 9 AM
 Yizkor 8 & 10:30 AM
 Mincha 7:30 PM
 Ne'ilas Hachag
 Maariv 8:35 PM

Yom Tov ends at 8:42 PM (9:05 PM Rabbenu Tam). If you do not hear from Rabbi Romm by 9:15 PM, you can assume that the non-Jew who purchased the chometz over Pesach has decided to sell it back.

Have a happy and healthy Pesach!

April 2005

Bialystoker Synagogue

אדר ב' - ניסן תשס"ה

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Shabbos

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3 כ"ג אדר ב'

4 כ"ד אדר ב'

5 כ"ה אדר ב'

6 כ"ו אדר ב'

7 כ"ז אדר ב'

8 כ"ח אדר ב'

9 כ"ט אדר ב'

10 א' ניסן
Rosh Chodesh
Earliest Tefillin 5:25 AM
Latest Shma 9:35 AM
Mincha 7:20 PM
Maariv 8:05 PM
Daf: 41

11 ב' ניסן
Women's Tefillah Shiur:
8:15 PM
Daf: 35

12 ג' ניסן
Shiur by Rabbi Lichtenstein on "Pesach Themes"
9:00 PM
Daf: 43

13 ד' ניסן
Men's Gemorah shiur:
8:45 PM
Daf: 37

14 ה' ניסן
Daf: 38

15 ו' ניסן
Candles: 7:10 PM
Mincha: 7:20 PM
Daf: 39

16 ז' ניסן
Parshas Mitzora
Shabbos HaGadol Drasha: 6:05 PM
Mincha: 7:05 PM
Maariv: 8:22 PM
Daf: 47

17 ח' ניסן
Earliest Tefillin 5:14 AM
Latest Shma 9:29 AM
Mincha 7:25 PM
Maariv 8:10 PM
Daf: 48

18 ט' ניסן
Daf: 42

19 י' ניסן
Daf: 44

20 י"א ניסן
Daf: 45

21 י"ב ניסן
Siyum after the first three Minyanim
Daf: 45

22 י"ג ניסן
Burn Chametz by 11:34 AM
Candles: 7:24 PM
Mincha: 7:34 PM
Daf: 53

23 י"ד ניסן
Parshas Acharei Mos
Shabbos HaGadol
Erev Pesach
One Shacharis Minyan at 6:45 AM
No Chametz after 10:14 AM
Mincha: 7:25 PM
Maariv: 8:25 PM
Candles: Not Before 8:35 PM
Daf: 54

24 ט"ו ניסן
Pesach
תפילת טל
Mincha: 7:30
Maariv: 8:25
Candles: Not Before 8:35 PM
Second Seder
Daf: 55

25 ט"ז ניסן
Pesach
Mincha: 7:30 PM
Maariv: 8:30 PM
Daf: 56

26 ט"ח ניסן
Pesach
Mincha 7:35 PM
Maariv 8:20 PM
Omer: 3
Daf: 57

27 ט"ט ניסן
Chol HaMoed Pesach
Shacharis: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15 AM
Omer: 4
Daf: 58

28 י' ניסן
Chol HaMoed Pesach
Shacharis: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15 AM
Omer: 5
Daf: 59

29 י"א ניסן
Chol HaMoed Pesach
Shacharis: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15 AM
Omer: 6
Daf: 60

30 י"ב ניסן
Pesach
Shir HaShirim
Eat Shalosh Seudos at Home
Mincha: 7:30 PM
Maariv: 8:30 PM
Candles: Not Before 8:41 PM
Omer: 7
Daf: 61

1 May י"ג ניסן
Pesach
Yizkor: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Mincha: 7:30 PM
Neilas HaChag
Maariv: 8:35
Omer: 8
Daf: 63

2 May י"ד ניסן
Earliest Tefillin 4:53 AM
Latest Shma 9:19 AM
Mincha 7:40 PM
Maariv 8:25 PM
Daf: 63

Weekday Shacharis:
Sun: 6:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15
M,TH: 6:00, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30
T,W,F: 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30

Weekday Mincha & Maariv:
see Sunday

Shabbos & Yom Tov Shacharis:
7:00 AM
9:00 AM

Rabbi Romm's Shabbos Afternoon Shiur:
one hour before mincha
KL = Kiddush Levana day
Latest Kiddush Levana: 21 April, all night

3 May י"ה ניסן
Pesach
Maariv: 8:35
Omer: 9
Daf: 63

4 May י"ז ניסן
Pesach
Maariv: 8:35
Omer: 10
Daf: 63

5 May י"ח ניסן
Pesach
Maariv: 8:35
Omer: 11
Daf: 63

6 May י"ט ניסן
Pesach
Maariv: 8:35
Omer: 12
Daf: 63

7 May כ' ניסן
Pesach
Maariv: 8:35
Omer: 13
Daf: 63

8 May כ"א ניסן
Pesach
Maariv: 8:35
Omer: 14
Daf: 63

9 May כ"ב ניסן
Pesach
Maariv: 8:35
Omer: 15
Daf: 63

Sfiras HaOmer: denotes count for that night

Sale of Chametz: 8:00 - 9:00 PM on April 10 to 14 and 17 to 20
Additional morning hours from 8:30 - 10:00 AM on April 10th and 17th