Dear Friends,

There is no holiday that invokes the spirit of the past more than the holiday of Pesach. Whether it is the foods of a parent or grandparent, sitting at the seder with family, maintaining ancient traditions, Pesach truly connects us to our rich history and tradition.

For the past few years I have dedicated my sermons over Pesach to Jewish giants of the past. Two years ago, we explored the lives of Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Kook, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, Rabbi Aharon Kottler, and David Ben-Gurion, four people who shaped Judaism profoundly in the 20th century. Last year, we discussed the lives of four heroic women; Miriam, Gracia Mendes, Sarah Shnerer, and Golda Meir. I hope and pray that more biographies are written on the lives of Jewish role models to give our daughters (and sons) Jewish role models to look up to.

This year I will be speaking about Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk, and Rabbi Nachman of Breslov. These rabbis were all part of the Chassidic movement. The Chassidic movement was formed in the late 18th century and the image that usually comes to mind when thinking of Chassidim is that of men wearing funny fur hats and white stockings. What does the Chassidic movement have to do with us?

Plenty. First and foremost, a recent feature in the OU’s Jewish Action discussed a new phenomenon called Neo-Chassidim. While Rabbis Joshua Heschel and Zalman Schacter-Shalomi brought Chassidic teachings into the Conservative movement and beyond, there has been a more recent rise of Chassidic ideas and practices in Modern Orthodox circles over the past decade or so.

The theories as to what caused this revival and influence of Chassidic teachings in the Modern Orthodox world are wide and varied. One thing that without a doubt has made Chassidus so attractive is their teachings which are warm, deep, and relevant. There are a number of people in our shul who study Chassidic thought every weekday morning and I hope to share some Chassidic thought during my sermons over the holiday.

However, I believe there is more to it. The Chassidic movement was in essence a rebellion against the establishment and there are times in history when such a rebellion is more prone to happen than others. Anti-establishment politics would be one way of summing up what we are experiencing here in America and in many parts of the world. In that respect, the Chassidic movement, its successes and failures can perhaps provide us with some timely insights. I look forward to sharing some thoughts on this idea, especially on the final day of Pesach, before Yizkor.

Wherever you may be celebrating Pesach, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous, meaningful, and tradition-filled holiday. By connecting ourselves to the rich history of our past, whether it’s through Chassidic teachings or simply enjoying Bubbe’s Matza Balls, may we be inspired by our past and build an inspired future.

Chag Kasher V’Sameiach, Rabbi Yisrael Motzen
Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of Jake Tyler Case, son of Susan and David Case, grandson of Joan and Chaim Kornblit, Loretta and Pete Dillon and Frank Case

We observe the following Yahrtzeits this week:

April 8 / 12 Nisan
Irwin Barer
Leslie Alan Benson
Michelle Frater
Anna Pass
Ella Praeger
Rose Weiner
Janet Zell
Elsa Maho
Erwin Plotnick
Nellie Pretsfelder
Rebecca Rothman
Isadore Sinskey

April 9 / 13 Nisan
Albert Selenkow
Samuel Silver
April 10 / 14 Nisan
Esther Blank
Leonard Rapoport
Miriam Sachs
Herta Wollenberg
April 11 / 15 Nisan
Irvin Blinken
Louis G. Demb
Evelyn Feinroth
Max Leikach
Jerome S. Naiman
Ida Pearlman
Charles Rubin
Ida Schenker
Herbert Scherr
April 12 / 16 Nisan
Joshua Abelow
Rose Gaby
Samuel Leonard Grebow
April 13 / 17 Nisan
Esther Nechama Margolese
April 14 / 18 Nisan
Irving Amernick
Norma Beth Bank
Blanche I. Julius
Melech Kalish
Julius Katz
Max Malin
Marc Marrus
Millie Schwartz
Samuel Warshaw
April 15 / 19 Nisan
Rachel Haltman
Raffal Lurie
Max Scherr
Oscar Tabackman
April 16 / 20 Nisan
Sylvia Fechter
Max Gaby
Julius Jontiff
Solomon Lowensteiner
Annie Scheinen
Anne Winters
Pearl Wishnovitz
April 17 / 21 Nisan
Frieda London Amdur
Bertha Mondell Shapiro
Bertha H. Omansky
Dora Rabovsky
Ida Hilda Seidman
Jeanne L. Shugarman
Herman Siscovich
April 18 / 22 Nisan
Moishe Albin
Elliott Jacob
Ethel Kadin
April 19 / 23 Nisan
Rhona N. Bernstein
Morton Ostrow
Ethel Pribluda
Marsha S. Ross
Avraham Yitzhak Samuels
April 20 / 24 Nisan
Abraham Glazer
Benjamin Gold
Harry Omansky
Samuel Sakols
April 21 / 25 Nisan
Albert Balin
Samuel Cooper
Philip Diamond
Charles Dickman
Harry Fink

April 22 / 26 Nisan
Bill Saks
Eve Saks
April 23 / 27 Nisan
Lina Green
April 24 / 28 Nisan
Rivkah Merville
April 25 / 29 Nisan
Solomon Lowensteiner
April 26 / 30 Nisan
Blanche I. Julius
April 27 / 1 Nisan
Melech Kalish
April 28 / 2 Nisan
Isadore Sinskey
April 29 / 3 Nisan
Samuel Warshaw
April 30 / 4 Nisan
Herman Siscovich
May 1 / 8 Nisan
Naomi LaZerow
May 2 / 9 Nisan
Irvin Blinken
May 3 / 10 Nisan
Irving Amernick
May 4 / 11 Nisan
Norma Beth Bank
Blanche I. Julius
Melech Kalish
Julius Katz
Max Malin
Marc Marrus
Millie Schwartz
Samuel Warshaw
May 5 / 12 Nisan
Rachel Haltman
Raffal Lurie
Max Scherr
Oscar Tabackman
May 6 / 13 Nisan
Sylvia Fechter
Max Gaby
Julius Jontiff
Solomon Lowensteiner
Annie Scheinen
Anne Winters
Pearl Wishnovitz
May 7 / 14 Nisan
Frieda London Amdur
Bertha Mondell Shapiro
Bertha H. Omansky
Dora Rabovsky
Ida Hilda Seidman
Jeanne L. Shugarman
Herman Siscovich
May 8 / 15 Nisan
Moishe Albin
Elliott Jacob
Ethel Kadin
May 9 / 16 Nisan
Rhona N. Bernstein
Morton Ostrow
Ethel Pribluda
Marsha S. Ross
Avraham Yitzhak Samuels
May 10 / 17 Nisan
Abraham Glazer
Benjamin Gold
Harry Omansky
Samuel Sakols
May 11 / 18 Nisan
Albert Balin
Samuel Cooper
Philip Diamond
Charles Dickman
Harry Fink

Member News
**Pesach Schedule**

**Shabbos Hagadol** April 8
Dairy lunch with guest speaker 12:30 PM
Haggadah Class  5:30 PM

**Sunday** April 9
Shacharis 8:30 AM
Mincha/Maariv 7:25 PM
Bdikas Chametz after 8:20 PM

**Erev Pesach** April 10
Shacharis and Siyum 6:30 AM
Finish eating Chametz 10:30 AM
Finish burning Chametz 11:50 AM
Candle Lighting 7:21 PM
Mincha/Maariv 7:25 PM

**1st Day of Pesach** April 11
Shacharis 9:00 AM
Sermon 10:30 AM
Mincha/Maariv 7:25 PM
Pesach Class 7:40 PM
Candle Lighting after 8:22 PM

**2nd Day of Pesach** April 12
Shacharis 9:00 AM
Sermon 10:30 AM
Mincha 7:25 PM
Pesach Class 7:40 PM
Maariv/Havdallah 8:23 PM

**Chol Hamoed** April 13
Shacharis (in conjunction with Derech Chaim) 8:00 AM
Mincha/Maariv 7:25 PM

**Chol Hamoed** April 14
Shacharis (in conjunction with Derech Chaim) 8:00 AM
Mincha 7:00 PM
Candle Lighting 7:25 PM

**Shabbos Chol Hamoed** April 15
No morning class
Shacharis 9:00 AM
Chumash Class 6:25 PM
Mincha 7:15 PM
There will be a Shalosh Seudos
Maariv/Havdallah 8:27 PM

**Chol Hamoed** April 16
Shacharis (in conjunction with Derech Chaim) 8:00 AM
Candle Lighting 7:27 PM
Mincha/Maariv 7:00 PM

**Yom Tov 7th Day** April 17
Shacharis 9:00 AM
Mincha/Maariv 7:35 PM
Candle Lighting after 8:29 PM

**Yom Tov 8th Day** April 18
Shacharis (Yizkor) 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:35 PM
Maariv/Havdallah 8:30 PM
Chameitz will be bought back 9:30 PM

**Wednesday** April 19
Shacharis 6:45 AM
Mincha/Maariv 7:35 PM

**Thursday** April 20
Shacharis 6:30 AM
Mincha/Maariv 7:35 PM

**Friday** April 21
Shacharis 6:45 AM
Mincha 7:00 PM
Candle Lighting 7:32 AM
Contributions

Synagogue Fund

Arlene Harmand in memory of her beloved parents Philip and Sara Frank
Gloria Lieber in memory of her beloved sister, Lenora Perlberg
William Warnstadt Jacob for a donation toward the Israel Package
Cindy Wolff in memory of Eric Sachs
Harriet Cohen in memory of her beloved husband, Bernard Cohen
Florence Coplan in memory of her beloved sister, Lillian Goldberg
Devorah Lewin in memory of her beloved father Mack Maho, and her beloved grandmother, Elsa Maho and in honor of Pesach and in gratitude to Hashem for bringing her to her 39th birthday
Harry Ostrow in memory of his beloved brother, Morton Ostrow
Adrienne Whitman in memory of Eric Sachs
Marcia Abrams in memory of her beloved father, Leon Shapiro
Hanna Berger in memory of her beloved mother, Claire Sanford
Estelle Levitas in memory of her beloved grandmother Raiza Miriam Sachs

Pulpit Fund

Morah Orit who collected from all her cute little students
The Plunka Family, Mazel Tov to Dr. Elliott and Wendy Klein-Schwartz on the birth of a granddaughter
Binyamin Fleischman as a general donation
Sherry Jacobson in memory of her beloved mother, Thelma Bright
Yale and Sherry Jacobson get well to Harry Ostrow
Tzvi Kadin in memory of his beloved mother, Ethel Kadin

Sefer Torah Fund

Chaim and Lyn Bendicoff wishing Mazel Tov to Wendy Klein Schwartz and Elliott Schwartz on the birth of a granddaughter born to Benjamin and Naomi Schwartz

Youth Fund

Sandra and Chaim Burstyn in honor of Rachel Shar on the birth of a baby girl

We will be having a special kiddush in honor of Rebbetsin Ruth Leibowitz who is moving. Sponsorship available starting at $36. Please call the office (410) 358 - 6500
Kidz Corner

Upcoming Events

April 8—Cocoa and Mishna @ 10 AM in Room 9. We are learning Moed Katan. With registration and regular attendance, students are eligible for the Siyum at Dougies.

Shmuz and Snack—Rabbi Jonathan Gross.

There will be no Cocoa and Mishna during the first 2 days of Pesach. No hot cocoa will be served during Pesach.

May 15: America Eats for Israel.

NER TAMID BOARD ELECTIONS: Open to youth group participants 4th grade and older. Deadline to apply to run for office: May 16, 2017. Voting will be held: May 20, 2017.

May 21: Parent Son competition. Activities, prizes, ice cream...Register nertamid.net

Ner Tamid Congregation is looking for experienced adults (male or female) to work in our youth department. Our program emphasizes appropriate behavior and a respectful environment. There are 2 positions; elementary school and tween/teen level.

Contact youth@comcast.net with interest.

We are excited about having Moreh Laura Larson and Margalit Tiede running our Pre-School groups on Shabbos and Chagim. We need another adult to help with the room. Our tween/teen volunteers are great, but another adult in the room is necessary. We are hoping to set up a rotation of parents and other adults to be the extra eye and ear in the room. Contact Sam Wach youth@nertamid.net or 410-764-6241 to volunteer.

NEW! Do you want $50 to use for games, toys, or anything you want? Win a free Amazon gift card by answering the...Rabbi’s Discussion Question of the Week:

The Pesach Seder is a time for asking questions; the Mah Nishtana, the four sons and their questions and many more questions are found through the Haggadah. The purpose is to encourage you, the children, to ask even more questions at your Seder! To get us ready for Pesach we will do something a little different this week - please email me a question that you came up with on your own that connects to Pesach. Please discuss the question at your Shabbos table!

Email your answer to rabbi@nertamid.net to be entered into a monthly raffle to win great prizes!! Please indicate if the question was discussed at your Shabbos table for an EXTRA ticket! The raffle takes place once a month immediately before Kiddush. Open to students grades 1-12.

Groups this week

Tiny Tots Toddler - 3 year olds: Morah Laura Larson in room 1
Gan 4 year olds - Kindergarten: Morah Margalit Tiede in room 11
Junior Minyan - 1st and 2nd grade: Morah Orit Gnatt in classroom 6
Tween Minyan - 3rd through 6th grade: Binny Schwartz in classroom 9
Our Synagogue is available for all your simchas! Our beautiful Reitberger Auditorium and Koman-Keyser Sanctuary are available to rent, special rates for members. Contact the office, 410-358-6500.

Bikur Cholim

Ronald and Marilyn Smullian at Tudor Heights, 6789 Park Heights Ave.
Saul Goldberg at Tudor Heights, 7218 Park Heights Ave.
Philip Marcus at Home, 2903 Fallstaff Road #207
Harry Ostrow at Home, 3021 Fallstaff Road #208 B

Quote of the Week

“What you get by achieving your goals, is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.”