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Rabbi Meyers' Message

They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat.

On Purim, Haman tried to kill us. We survived, we eat Hamantashan.

On Pesach, Pharaoh tried to kill us, we survived. We eat Matzah.

Similar stories, similar outcomes. The only difference seemingly being the food we eat.

Indeed, Purim and Pesach stand as twin pillars of commemoration and celebration, each marking a miraculous deliverance from the brink of despair. Yet, while both holidays share the common theme of salvation, they diverge in their focus, highlighting distinct facets of the Jewish experience.

Purim, with its jubilant festivities and raucous revelry, commemorates the miraculous salvation of the Jewish people from the nefarious plot of Haman, the genocidal tyrant of ancient Persia. It is a tale primarily of **physical** deliverance, a testament to the providential hand of G-d that shielded our ancestors from imminent destruction.

In contrast, Pesach encompasses a broader narrative of liberation, encompassing both **physical** and **spiritual** redemption. According to the teachings of our sages, the Jewish people were not only enslaved in body but also in spirit during their sojourn in Egypt. They were on the brink of

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President's Perspective

We seem to have made it through winter, maybe even more than once this season. The dual leap year continues, February with 1 extra day, and we with our 1 extra Adar. This means, of course, we are looking forward to the joy that is Adar and the Purim celebration, followed a scant month later by our Festival of Freedom, Passover.



I hope everyone was able to get a glimpse at our booth in the Savitsky Virtual Fair. We have excitement with the change of season (whenever it actually settles on a new season), we have excitement with our holidays, and we have the excitement of our search for a new location.

We have the Rabbi to thank for our new tradition of Oneg Shabbat rotating among homes in the area, mostly on those early winter Friday Nights. We'll see if we keep that up in the summer, or come back to it when the dark returns.

If ever in doubt about a schedule or if there is an event, check out our newly redesigned website!

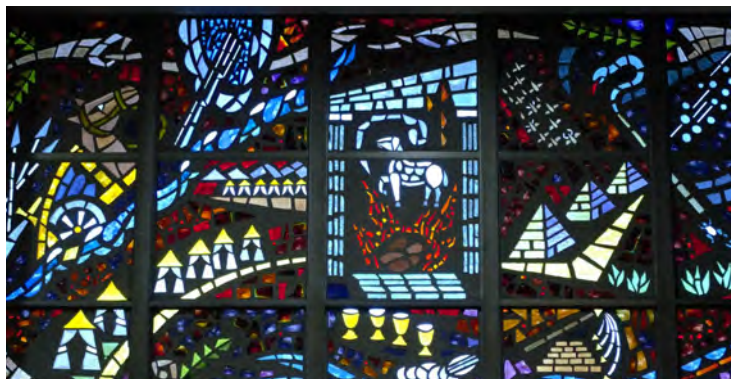
See you in Shul!

Daniel Gutstein
President

LEIL SHABBAT ONEG

JOIN US AFTER YOUR FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT MEAL FOR DIVREI TORAH, ZEMIROT AND MORE

SHABBAT ZACHOR, MARCH 23, 9:30PM
@ DANIEL AND KARI GUTSTEIN



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www.ljcagbi.org

To print calendars, flyers or order forms, go to the bulletin page needed, and print the page(s) you would like. Perfect for refrigerator door decor.

Announcements

Mazal Tov:

To Miriam & Steve Kramer on the birth of a grandson in Israel

Condolences to the family of:

Marvin Bilfeld

Brother of Anna Moscovitch

Rosalie Diamond

Nadine Meltz

Eleanor Parker

Please get your articles in for the shul bulletin

If you have a program, announcement or event, please get your information to the Shul *Bulletin* so everyone will know about it! Send your electronic submissions to the editor at: bulletin@ljcagbi.org or submit a hard copy to the Shul office before the deadline, **May/June 2024 issue, Friday, April 19, 2024**. All material is subject to approval by the editor and may be modified for space or content. Inserts must also be approved by the editor before inclusion in the *Bulletin*. Please email bulletin@ljcagbi.org for further details.



Your presence is greatly needed: please attend

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A G Beth Israel, our Shul, has always maintained two daily minyanim for Shacharit and for Mincha/Maariv (or just Maariv during the winter months). It continues to be difficult to guarantee that 10 men will be present for davening. **Your help is urgently needed to ensure that a full minyan is present for everyone, especially those who have Yahrzeit or are in their year of mourning. Please attend whenever you are able.**

From the Catering Department is taking a well earned break this issue.



assimilation, perilously close to losing their distinct identity and heritage. Thus, Pesach represents not only a physical emancipation from bondage but also a spiritual awakening, a reaffirmation of our covenantal relationship with the Almighty.

In the challenging history of our people, the miracles of Purim and Pesach have served as beacons of hope, guiding us through the tumultuous currents of time.

Indeed, the words of our sages ring true: – בכל דור ודור עומדים עלינו לכלותינו in every generation, there are different forces at play who rise up against us. There have been generations in which we needed a Purim-esque physical salvation, and generations when we needed a Pesach-esque spiritual salvation.

Rarely did the two overlap.

However, in our current generation, beset by myriad challenges and threats, the need for both a Purim and Pesach salvation is more pressing than ever before.

Today, we find ourselves confronted by enemies who seek our destruction, both near and far. From the scourge of anti-semitic violence to the existential threats facing our brethren in Israel, the specter of persecution looms large on the horizon. In the face of such adversity, we invoke the spirit of Purim, turning to G-d in prayer for deliverance from those who seek to harm us.

Yet, the challenges we face extend beyond the realm of physical danger. Assailed by forces of assimilation and apathy, our community grapples with a crisis of identity and continuity. The erosion of Jewish values and the rise of internal discord threaten to undermine the very fabric of our collective existence. The painful images of fellow Jews protesting against Israel's right to exist are beyond words.

In our current generation we find a rare convergence of circumstances; in need of both the miracle of Purim and the redemption of Pesach.

So this year as we gather with family and friends to celebrate these sacred holidays, let us connect with the spiritual power and potential embedded within the sanctity of these calendric days. Let us make them not just holidays, but Holy Days. Days of prayer to beseech the Almighty for salvation from our external foes and from the spiritual malaise that threatens to engulf us. May the dual miracles of Purim and Pesach serve as a beacon of hope in our time of need, guiding us towards a future filled with promise and redemption. And may our prayers for salvation be answered swiftly and mercifully, ushering in an era of peace and prosperity for all.

**A TORAH LEARNING OPPORTUNITY
FOR WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN, BY WOMEN**

SHABBAT MORNINGS, MONTHLY AFTER KIDDUSH

PARSHA PEKUDEI, MARCH 16 - MARCIA KRAMER
SHABBAT HACHODESH, APRIL 6 - SILVIA PANITCH

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WELCOME

March/April 2024 Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 10	Rosh Chodesh Adar 11- Day 1
Monday, March 11	Rosh Chodesh Adar 11- Day 2
Wednesday, March 20	Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 21	Fast of Esther
Saturday, March 23	Shabbat/Erev Purim/Megilah Reading
Sunday, March 24	Purim/Megilah Reading
Monday, March 25	Shushan Purim
Sunday, March 31	Lox Box Event
Tuesday, April 9	Rosh Chodesh Nisan
Monday, April 22	Erev Pesach/1 st Seder
Tuesday, April 23-30	Pesach



**THURSDAY
NIGHT
MEN'S MISHMAR**

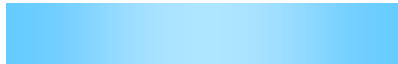
Thursday nights after Maariv

**Mar. & Apr. dates:
Mar. 7, 14 & 28
Apr. 4 & 11**

Schedule for Daily/Shabbat/Holiday

MARCH 2024/ADAR I 5784 - ADAR II 5784						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
Key: S – Shacharit M- Maariv M/M- Mincha/Maariv CL – Candle Lighting H- Havdalah					1 S: 7:00am CL: 5:23pm M/M: 5:25pm	2 KI TISA S: 9:00am Mincha: 12:15pm H: 6:25pm M: 6:50pm
3 S: 8:30am M/M: 5:30pm	4 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	5 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	6 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	7 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	8 S: 7:00am CL: 5:32pm M/M: 5:35pm	9 VAYAKHEL S: 9:00am Mincha: 12:15 pm H: 6:35pm M: 7:00pm
10 ROSH CHODESH ADAR I S: 8:30am M/M: 6:40pm	11 ROSH CHODESH ADAR II S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	12 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	13 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	14 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	15 S: 7:00am CL: 6:40pm M/M: 6:45pm	16 PEKUDEI S: 9:00am M/M: 6:35pm H: 7:45pm
17 S: 8:30am M/M: 6:45pm	18 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	19 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	20 S: 7:00am M: 7:15pm	21 FAST OF ESTHER Fast begins: 5:28am S: 7:00am M/M: 6:35pm Fast ends: 7:30pm	22 S: 7:00am CL: 6:48pm M/M: 6:50pm	23 VAYIKRA SHABBAT ZACHOR S: 9:30am Mincha:1pm H: 7:50pm Maariv & Megilah- 8pm
24 PURIM S: 8:30am Mincha: 1:30pm Maariv: 7:15pm	25 SHUSHAN PURIM S: 7:00am M/M: 6:55pm	26 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:55pm	27 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:55pm	28 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:55pm	29 S: 7:00am CL: 6:55pm M/M: 7:00pm	30 TZAV S: 9:00am M/M: 6:50pm H: 8:00pm
31 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:00pm						





Services & Candlelighting Times

APRIL 2024/ADAR II 5784 - NISAN 5784						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
	1 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:05pm	2 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:05pm	3 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:05pm	4 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:05pm	5 S: 7:00am CL: 7:03pm M/M: 7:05pm	6 SHEMINI S: 9:00am M/M: 6:55pm H: 8:05pm
7 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:10pm	8 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:10pm	9 ROSH CHODESH NISAN S: 7:00am M/M: 7:10pm	10 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:10pm	11 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:10pm	12 S: 7:00am CL: 7:11pm M/M: 7:15pm	13 TAZRIA S: 9:00am M/M: 7:05pm H: 8:15pm
14 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:20pm	15 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:20pm	16 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:20pm	17 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:20pm	18 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:20pm	19 S: 7:00am CL: 7:19pm M/M: 7:25pm	20 METZORA - SHABBAT HAGADOL S: 9:00am M/M: 7:15pm H: 8:20pm
21 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:25pm	22 EREV PESACH S: 7:00am CL: 7:22pm M/M: 7:25pm	23 PESACH DAY 1 S: 9:30am M/M: 7:25pm CL: 8:24pm	24 PESACH DAY 2 S: 9:30am M/M: 7:25pm H: 8:25pm	25 CHOL HAMOED S: 7:30am M/M: 7:30pm	26 CHOL HAMOED S: 7:30am CL: 7:26pm M/M: 7:30pm	27 CHOL HAMOED S: 9:00am M/M: 7:20pm H: 8:30pm
28 CHOL HAMOED S: 8:30am CL: 7:29pm M/M: 7:35pm	29 PESACH DAY 7 S: 9:00am M/M: 7:35pm CL: 8:30pm	30 PESACH DAY 8 S: 9:00am M/M: 7:35pm H: 8:35pm				KEY: S - Shacharit M - Maariv M/M - Mincha/Maariv CL - Candle Lighting H - Havdalah

Minyan times are subject to change. To confirm minyan time please check the shul website under the worship services tab or call/text Paul Kramer at 312.343.2200.

LJCAGBI PROUDLY WELCOMES
OUR PRE-PURIM

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE



Rabbi Ari Zucker

Teacher and Community Educator

SHABBAT MORNING, MARCH 9TH





PURIM SCHEDULE

2024 @ LJCA GBI

SHABBAT, PARSHA VAYIKRA (EREV PURIM) 3/23

9:30AM - SHACHARIT

1PM - MINCHA

7:50PM - HAVDALAH

8PM - MAARIV AND MEGILLAH

~8:45PM - PURIM PARTY!

SUNDAY 3/24, PURIM DAY

8:30AM - SHACHARIT AND MEGILLAH

12:15-1:15 - PURIM OPEN HOUSE AT THE MEYERS

1:30PM - MINCHA

7:15PM - MAARIV



Got Questions?

PRE-PURIM

Q&A

The laws and customs of Purim this year can be outright confusing, Join us at Shabbat morning Kiddush, March 16 for an easy and convenient way to hear the answers to all your Purim questions!

Send questions in advance to rabbi@lhcagbi.org

Sponsorship opportunity available- please contact the Shul office



PORTRAITS OF PURIM AND PESACH

SEE THE STORIES OF PURIM AND PESACH COME
ALIVE THROUGH HISTORICAL MASTERPIECES

THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 6:30PM

MAR. 7, 14 & 28

APR. 4 & 11

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TUESDAY

Tuesdays @ 8:00pm

NIGHT

TORAH

3/5
RebbetziN Wall

3/12
Rabbi Meyers (Z)

3/19
YUTMK @ Mimi RoseNbush

3/26
RebbetziN Wall (Z)

4/2
Rabbi Meyers (Z)

4/9
RebbetziN Wall (Z)

4/16
YUTMK @ Mimi RoseNbush(Z)

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**PRE-PESACH
SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

**Shabbat morning,
April 6
Parsha Shemini
Shabbat HaChodesh**

**RABBI
AHARON CARDASH**
BELOVED REBBI AT
FASMAN YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL



Sponsorship opportunities available

**PRE-PESACH
QUESTION & ANSWER**

WE KNOW THE PESACH SEASON IS BUSY!
JOIN US AT SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSH,
APRIL 13 FOR AN EASY AND CONVENIENT WAY
TO HEAR THE ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR
PESACH QUESTIONS!

SEND QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE TO RABBI@LJCAGBI.ORG
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE- PLEASE CONTACT THE SHUL OFFICE



Join LJCAGBI
for a
PRE-PESACH
SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

**MINCHA/MAARIV 7:25 PM, DINNER
TO FOLLOW**

**Reservations required. Call or email the Shul office by
April 10, no exceptions.**

Cost for dinner \$36 pp, \$10 for children 6-12 and \$5 for children 5 and under.

**Call the Shul office at 847-676-0491 or email your
response to officeljc@att.net**



Pesach Schedule 2024

Mechirat Chametz- Selling the Chametz

One is not allowed to eat, own, or derive pleasure from their chametz during Pesach. Therefore, one must arrange to have their chametz sold by the Rabbi prior to Thursday, April 18. All sold Chametz will be purchased back one hour after Pesach is over. See the Mechirat Chametz form for more details regarding this procedure.

Bedikat Chametz/Search for Chametz

Bedikat Chametz, the search for chametz, takes place on Sunday night, April 21 after 7:40 pm. Before the search, the blessing of “Al Biur Chametz” is recited. After the search, Kol Chamira (nullification declaration, for unidentified chametz) is recited. Those who are traveling or are otherwise unable to do the search that night, should do so (without a bracha) on the last night they will be present in their home.

Ta’anit Bechorim/The Fast of the Firstborn

Firstborn males, bechorim, are required to fast on Erev Pesach in commemoration of the final plague, Makas Bechorot, when G-d spared the life of every first-born Jew. This year the fast will be observed on Monday, April 22. As in all years, the fast can be circumvented by participation in a Siyum, which will be held in the synagogue, following Shacharit at 7am.

Sof Zman Achilat Chametz/Latest time to eat Chametz

One must finish eating all Chametz by 10:30am on Monday morning, April 22.

Bi’ur Chametz - Burning/Destroying of the Chametz

The Biur Chametz procedure this year is on Monday morning (April 22) before 11:40am. One should burn the Chametz they found during the prior night’s Bedika, as well as any other Chametz that they will not be selling prior to Pesach. If one does not have access or the ability to burn one’s chametz, one may crumble it and flush it down the toilet. Once one has disposed of the last of the Chametz in their possession they should then recite the Kol Chamira (nullification of the Chametz), also before 11:35am.

The Seder Night 1- Monday, April 22

Yom Tov candle lighting time is at 7:20pm. One should not make Kiddush and begin the Seder before nightfall.

The Seder Night 2- Tuesday, April 23

One must make sure to wait until the first day of Yom Tov is over before prepping any of the food or lighting the candles for the second day of Yom Tov. This year, the earliest time for such activity is 8:25pm. The second night of Pesach is the first day of Sefirat HaOmer.

Motza’ai Yom Tov - End of First Days of Yom Tov

The first days of Yom Tov ends at 8:25pm. Havdalah is recited without Besamim (spices) or Aish (fire).

Erev Shabbat Chol HaMoed (Fifth night of Pesach)

Candle lighting is at 7:25pm. Kiddush on Friday night is a regular Shabbat Kiddush. We do not make Havdalah for Yom Tov.



Motza'ai Shabbat Chol HaMoed (Sixth night of Pesach)

Shabbat concludes at 8:30pm. Regular Havdalah for Motza'ai Shabbat is recited (including wine, spices and candle).

Yizkor Candle

It is customary for those who will be reciting Yizkor to have a Yizkor candle, representing the soul of their departed loved one, lit in their home for Yom Tov. If one is able to procure one, it is best to acquire a 48-hour Yizkor candle and light it on Erev Yom Tov, this year Sunday, April 28, before one kindles the Yom Tov candles.

Seventh night of Pesach

Yom Tov candle lighting time is 7:30pm.

Eighth night of Pesach

One must make sure to wait until day 7 of Yom Tov is over before prepping any of the food or lighting the candles for day 8 of Yom Tov. This year, the earliest time for such activity is 8:30pm.

Yizkor

We recite Yizkor in shul on the morning of day 8 of Pesach (Tuesday, April 30). Yizkor will be approximately between 10am-10:30am.

Motza'ai Pesach- Conclusion of Passover

Pesach concludes at 8:30pm on Tuesday, April 30. One may not eat the chametz that one sold until 9:40pm, when it has been legally bought back. Havdalah is recited without Besamim (spices) or Aish (fire).

If you have any questions regarding any Pesach preparations or any other questions Rabbi Meyers can be reached at rabbi@lvcagbi.org.

Adult Education Announcements

Join us for ongoing and special adult education programs coming up in the next few months

(flyers in this bulletin)

Tuesday Night Torah: Weekly zoom on Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm

Portraits of the Parsha, Weekly zoom on Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

Men's Mishmar, Weekly on Thursday nights following Maariv

Women's Discussion Group, Monthly, 4th Shabbat, after Kiddush

Scholars-in-Residence: Shabbat morning, March 9, Rabbi Ari Zucker

Shabbat morning, April 6, Rabbi Aharon Cardash

Our first Sunday morning breakfast program on February 25 was a success,

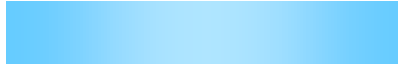
and we are planning for more in the future.

Please send requests or suggestions for topics to: adulted@lvcagbi.org

Adult Education Committee:

Marc Feder, Marilyn Goldman & Merilyn Thall

Arlene Michaels Miller, Chair



Off the Subject

A Jew took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating. Shortly thereafter a blind man came by and sat down next to him.

Feeling neighborly, the Jew offered a sheet of matzoh to the blind man.

The blind man ran his fingers over the matzoh for a minute, and exclaimed, "Who wrote this?"

Chaim and Yankel, two of Chelm’s “less bright” residents are trying to measure a telephone pole. They keep trying to climb it and keep sliding down. Along comes this really big, muscle bound man from a nearby town and says, "Hey, what are you guys doing?"

Chaim and Yankel say, "We're trying to measure the height of this pole."

The strong man wraps his arms around the pole, pulls it out of the ground, lays it down and measures it. Then he picks it up, puts it back in the ground, says "40 feet" and walks away.

Chaim then turns to Yankel and says, "What a shlamazel - we wanted the height, not the length."

New Web Site

Our shul has a newly redesigned web site!! Check it out at www.ljcagbi.org. All the latest happenings and news that you need to know right now!! Thanks to design committee members: Russel Katz, Jeff Light, Kari Gutstein, Rabbi Yehuda Meyers and chairman Larry Miller. Also thanks to our advisors, Renee & Joe Silberman, Daniel Gutstein, Marcia & Paul Kramer. Finally thanks go to our developer, Hirsch Fishman of Addicott Web for his professionalism and patience.

