



# B'nai Moshe Men's Club Annual Shabbat Weekend

**Friday, April 8**  
**Honoring Man of the Year**  
**Sidney Kraizman**



**Services at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m.**

Dinner reservations required, see form below.

**Shabbat Services, April 9 at 9 a.m.**

Featuring members of the Men's Club leading the services.

## Men's Club Dinner Reservation Form for Friday, April 8

Return this form with your payment by April 1 to:  
Congregation B'nai Moshe 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ or \*Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ \*Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Adults	Members \$20	Non Members \$25	
_____ Children (4 to 12)	\$11	\$14	Children 3 and under: No charge

No. of adults: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of children: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_

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## Thoughts From Our President

by Kerry Greenhut



### Looking Forward

The big news you should all know about by now is the upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration Weekend. Please read the information we are sending about all the activities. This is truly a "once in a lifetime" event. The Shabbat services. The Friday night dinner. The Scholar in Residence. The dinner dance gala.

Everyone should participate in at least some aspect of the occasion.

So, please make sure the weekend of May 20-22 is on your calendar and take care of making reservations as soon as possible. Remember if you miss it this time around, you will have to wait another 100 years for the next one.

Now, there are two somewhat less exciting, but also important things to look forward to around this time of year.

First, we will be holding our annual elections in May. As always, the ballot will include nominees for the Board of Directors. Each year a number of directors' terms expire. Plus, we vote to fill slots that are available due to resignations. In addition, this is the year we elect officers (president, vice presidents, treasurer, and secretary) for two year terms. I know that the election meeting is not the most scintillating event on your calendar, but your participation is important. After all, you members are the "owners" and our job is to serve you. It also gives you the opportunity to meet the officers and directors and to ask questions or make suggestions. (If, however, you cannot attend the meeting, please contact the office after the slate is mailed out to request your absentee ballot.) Watch your mail for more information. And don't forget that, each adult member is entitled to a vote.

Second, the synagogue's fiscal year will end on June 30. This means that you should have your financial obligations (dues, tuition, pledges, etc.) for the year settled by that date. I am sure you all realize that, like local organizations, we have been adhering to a very tight budget. We must pay our expenses monthly. Every dollar does count and we truly appreciate your continued support.

Just one more thing. As we begin to move into the vacation season, our activities slow down but don't stop. One crucial activity in which we all need to be involved is recruiting new members. If you have relatives or friends who are potential members, please tell the office so we can contact them. It may sound trite, but to know us is (usually) to love us. Despite our outreach activities, many people still are not familiar with our synagogue. I think it is a shame when I hear a new member say, "I wish I'd known about B'nai Moshe sooner."

Thanks so much.

See in shul for the 100th Anniversary activities!!

Kerry Greenhut

## A Word From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Elliot Pachter



### Share Your Stories On Pesach

Up until recently, I had never heard of Fennville, Michigan. Now I know all too well that this city was founded by a man named Fenn who opened a saw mill, and somewhere along the way, "Fenn's Mill" became Fennville. I now know that Fennville is located just seven miles southwest of Saugatuck, is just one

square mile in size, and is home to just a bit more than 1,400 people.

One of Fennville's 1,400 residents was a young man, 16 years old, named Wes Leonard. In case the story escaped you, Wes Leonard is the high school junior who recently died just minutes after scoring the winning shot to keep his team, Fennville High School, undefeated for the season. Wes, a gifted athlete, was also the quarterback of his school's football team. His sudden, unanticipated death was caused by an enlarged heart. I have never met the young man, but all stories indicate that a "big heart" was something he truly possessed.

I can't begin to imagine the horror of this tragedy — for Wes' family, friends and community. I wish I had never heard this story. I wish I could get it out of my head. But the story is real, and therefore it is our duty to keep Wes' memory alive; to give his life continued meaning by passing on his legacy to future generations.

That is what we do when stories occur, stories of joy or sorrow — we listen, we remember, we pass on the tale to everyone we meet. Most of what we know comes from the stories, great and small, that we have been privileged to hear or read.

That is how we get ourselves through the pain of the loss of a loved one — by sharing the stories of his/her life at the funeral, at the shiva, and on a continuing basis on holidays, birthdays and many other occasions.

This brings us to the Seder table. Our responsibility (and our pleasure) on these first two nights of Pesach is to meaningfully recall the history of our ancestors in their miraculous path from slavery to freedom.

The seder is not just for the stories of our ancestors in Egypt. The haggadah is also inclusive of those who taught us how to keep these memories alive. And so we remember Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Tarfon, Ben Zoma, Rabbi Yosi Hagelili and Rabban Gamliel, to name just some of them.

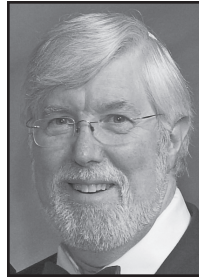
Some have added to their seder a tribute to other aspects and people from Jewish history — from the time of the Crusades, Inquisition, Shoah, etc. Some speak about the more modern plights of Jews from Ethiopia or the former Soviet Union, and their struggles for freedom. Many of us also connect the seder to the birth of the modern State of Israel.

Don't stop there — use Pesach night as a time to share your personal histories. Invite people to your table who have stories to pass on, stories that you would otherwise not know and they would be forgotten.

One of the greatest gifts of the Jewish people to the world is our instinct for keeping memory alive. Do not view the Seder as a "speed contest" to see how quickly one can get to the gefilte fish. Rather slow down the pace, share what you know, and be a good listener.

## A Word From Our Cantor

by Cantor Earl G. Berris



### The Talking Matzah

In the order of the Seder as it appears in the ceremonial symbols, the afikoman is referred to by the word Tzafun, hidden, because it has been hidden away, from the beginning of the meal until the time for eating it. Some people hide it in a pillow or cushion; the custom of hiding it inside the cushion used for reclining may have a basis in the verse (*Psalms 31:20*): *How great is the goodness that You have hidden for those who fear You. We hide it in cushions to symbolically guard it, in*

fulfillment of the verse (*Exodus 17*): *And you shall guard the matzot.*

In some Sephardic communities, when they get to the point in the Seder for *yachatz*, instead of hiding the afikoman, it is tied on the shoulder of a child, who leaves the room and then knocks on the door. The people at the Seder table call out:

"Who are you?" to which he responds: "Israel."

"Where have you come from?" "From Egypt."

"Where are you going?" "To Jerusalem."

"What are you carrying?" "Matzah."

The child then enters the room, looks at the festive table, and begins to ask the Four Questions: "Why is this night different from other nights?"

The following story, paraphrased by me, was told by Rabbi Berl Wein. In the midst of my preparations for our family Seder last Passover, my precocious four-year-old grandson, Daniel, informed me that he would be "very quiet when eating matzah at the Seder." When I did not respond enthusiastically to this profound statement, he pursued the matter and said, "Don't you want to know why I will be very quiet when I eat matzah?"

I, being then quite occupied with such weighty matters as choosing the appropriate wines for the Seder, grunted offhandedly, "Tell me why, Daniel." With a smile of wisdom that only children who are yet unaware of their limitations can muster, he said to me, "Because I want to hear the matzah."

Matzah is accustomed to hearing what we have to say to it. During most of the ritual service of the Passover Haggadah the matzah hears our words and listens to our tale. But, I now thought, how meaningful it would be if, in the words of Daniel, we would "hear the matzah." I think that such a conversation would go something like this:

"Every empire was convinced that it was invincible and immortal. But I have seen them all pass. I began in Egypt, traveled through the Sinai Desert, and took root in the Land of Israel. I was at the Temple in Jerusalem, the palace of David, the herdsman's hut on the Golan, and the merchant's home in ancient Jaffa. I have seen Warsaw, Vilna, Kiev, Cracow, Moscow, Berlin, Paris, Shanghai, Cochín, and Mumbai. I have been at Seder tables spread with white linen, laden with the finest china and most ornate silver serving pieces. I have also been in hidden, dark cellars in Seville and Barcelona, expelled from London and Oxford, and unaccountably and unjustly accused of blood libels in my preparation. I was also in Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, under siege in modern Jerusalem and Safed, in labor camps in Siberia, and I am still in hiding in Damascus, Teheran and the entire Arab world. I have been around and I have learned a thing or two.

"I have observed the passing of civilizations and empires. I have witnessed profound changes in the world order and in society's beliefs. I, as a lowly matzah, couldn't comment too loudly about these goings-on. But I have seen them all pass. Yet the struggle for personal freedom, for meaning and commitment in life, for peace and mutual understanding, for the sanctity of home and family is yet to be won. That is why I'm so delighted to have this little chat with you. I'm always thrilled to have someone who will listen to me.

"For a while, people, even my people, thought that I wouldn't be around much longer. But that was not true. I am found in America, Europe and even still in Russia. I am back home in Jerusalem and Hebron, Tiberias and Tel Aviv. In fact, for anyone who will listen to me, I am still there."



*BarMitzvah*

*Jeremy Check*

Jeremy Check will be called to the bimah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Jeremy is the son of proud parents, Enid and Kevin Check and brother of Melanie. They are very thankful

to share this mitzvah with family and friends. Also sharing in this Simchah are his grandparents Gloria and Harvey Feinberg, Lenore Stone, and Nora Stone. Jeremy is also the grandson of the late Marvin Check and Arnold Stone.

Jeremy is a seventh grade honor student at Dunkel Middle School in Farmington Hills. His favorite activities include football, baseball, playing video games, spending time with family and friends, and especially attending Camp Tamarack. Jeremy's ongoing Mitzvah project is volunteering at the Friendship Circle, which he plans on continuing past his bar mitzvah.



Gemini, a popular duo from Ann Arbor, entertained children and their families during a free family concert at B'nai Moshe.



The March 6 concert, which was part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration, gave children of all ages - including our L.I.F.E. Program students - a chance to sing and play along.



Photos by Don Sherman



Gemini Concert sponsored by Joyce & Dr. Donald Sherman, their children and grandchildren; and Heather & Steven Sperling, their children and grandchildren.



# Papercut Artist Honors The Spirit Of Passover



Papercut "Let my People Go" by artist Naomi Hordes done in 1987 relates the exodus from Egypt to the plight of the Soviet Jews who were struggling to leave the Soviet Union. That struggle for freedom was successful.

You can view this papercut and learn all about the ancient Jewish art of

papercutting and other paper crafts in the artist's book *Practical Papercutting* found in the B'nai Moshe Library. There are other craft books to enhance your celebration of the Pesach. And look for Haggadot, Pesach stories for children and books to help you have a meaningful Seder. You can find all of this and more at your library. As Passover approaches and we view the political uprising of

enslaved peoples around the world who are yearning for freedom, may we pray that all God's people everywhere will soon be free. Have a happy and Kosher Pesach from everyone at the B'nai Moshe Library.

## Passover Service Schedule

Day	Date	Time
Monday	4/18	6:45 a.m. Siyyum for First Born 6 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Seder)
Tuesday	4/19	9 a.m. & 6 p.m. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Seder)
Wednesday	4/20	9 a.m. & 8:15 p.m.
Thursday	4/21	7 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Friday	4/22	7 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Saturday	4/23	9 a.m. & 8:15 p.m.
Sunday	4/24	9 a.m. & 6 p.m. (at CBM)
Monday	4/25	9 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Tuesday	4/26	9 a.m. & 8:15 p.m.

## Take Time For These Pre-Pesach Mitzvot

**Siyyum B'khorim** - The completion of Talmud study in honor of the firstborn, is a ceremony that takes place this year on Monday, April 18, at our morning minyan which begins at 6:45 a.m. Firstborn children are obligated to fast before the first seder in gratitude for having been spared during the last plague. Many sources suggest that this fast is for males and females, firstborn of either the mother or the father. This fast can be waived by attending a completion of Talmud study, or "siyyum," which is followed by a festive breakfast.

**Bedikat Chametz** - The search for leaven usually occurs the night prior to the onset of Pesach. This year this ceremony is performed Sunday, April 17. Prior to evening the home should be thoroughly cleaned. All known chametz should already be collected and set aside. After sunset, approximately 8:15 p.m., the family recites the b'rakha (found at the beginning of most haggadot), and conducts a final search for any remaining chametz. Some families strategically deposit small pieces of bread in various places in the home in advance of the search. Special kits, containing the customary candle, feather and wooden spoon are available for purchase at local Jewish bookstores.

**Bi'ur Chametz** - The disposal of a few bits of remaining leaven, usually through burning, takes place this year on Monday, April 18, no later than 12 p.m. (noon).

**Mekhirat Chametz** - The selling of leaven to a non-Jew prior to the onset of Pesach is required, so that we are able to leave some chametz in our homes during the holiday. Without this release of ownership we would be forbidden from eating such chametz after Pesach. It is advisable to rid our homes of as much chametz as possible. What remains must be stored in an "out of the way" location. Please contact Rabbi Pachter no later than Sunday, April 17, to arrange for the selling of your chametz. Please see the form on page 9.

**Ma'ot Chittim** - These are monies which enable even the poorest in our community to acquire matzah, wine and all Pesach needs. Donations to the B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund will be distributed to a number of worthwhile causes. Use the coupon on page 9 and return to the shul as soon as possible but no later than Sunday, April 17.

**Returning to Chametz** - One may return chametz on April 26 at 9:15 p.m.





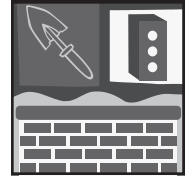


## Be Part of the Countdown to 100!

### Show your Support!

#### ✓Place an Order for the Brick Project

Honor dear friends and family, mark special events in your life, and help continue to build our synagogue by purchasing and inscribing a brick! Bricks purchased by April 1 will be recognized during a special inaugural ceremony during the Celebration Weekend in May. And remember, there are discounts on multiple brick purchases.



#### ✓Place an Ad in the Celebration Journal

Promote your business or just show your love for all that B'nai Moshe has done for its members and the community over the many years...and help ensure our financial health as we enter our second century. The beautiful journal will be a wonderful keepsake of our shul's history and the centennial celebration. There are also special packages that provide ads and tickets to all Celebration Weekend activities. All ads are due by April 15.



✓ *Please Be an Angel* – Would you like to help make the special weekend of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration even more special, but the ideas you've heard so far don't work for you? Celebration Chairperson Pearlana Bodzin will be happy to discuss ways you can sponsor a part of the exciting celebration. Feel free to contact her at 248.357.1157.

### Celebrate!

#### ✓Men's Club Centennial Year Shabbat Dinner and Services

RSVP now for the Men's Club Shabbat Dinner on April 8 and join us for special Shabbat morning services on April 9.



#### ✓Mother's Day with Brunch, Sunday May 8

Bring all the special mothers, and mothers-to-be, to a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch sponsored by our Men's Club.

#### ✓The BIG Weekend: May 20-22, 2011

We begin with a not-to-be missed Friday night Shabbat Dinner and Saturday morning services and kiddush with special guest and scholar-in-residence **Rabbi Michael Ungar**. Michael is not only the son of proud parents Seymour and Sharlene (z"l) Ungar, but he's one of ours, having grown up at B'nai Moshe. Then on Sunday evening, just to top things off, dine and dance the night away as we celebrate the past, present and future of B'nai Moshe.



**For more information or to RSVP for an event, please call CBM at 248.788.0600.  
[www.bnaimoshe.org](http://www.bnaimoshe.org)**

## Sisterhood Torah Fund Donations Support JTS

Please remember that Sisterhood supports The Jewish Theological Seminary throughout the year. You, too, may do so by purchasing tribute cards for any occasion or simply send us a check for any amount.

All checks should be made out to TORAH FUND and mailed to Sharon Silverman, 6487 Forestside Drive,

Waterford 48327. If you have any questions, please e-mail [sharon125@att.net](mailto:sharon125@att.net) or call 248.666.8170.

This month we would like to thank the following women for their donations: Jennifer Bass, Pearlana Bodzin, Bess Glazier, Lillian Greenhut, Ruth Rosenfeld, Sharon Silverman and Maggie Thirman.

# PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

April 18-26, 2011 15-22 Nisan 5771

by Rabbi Elliot Pachter

## Preparing the Kitchen

The kitchen should be completely prepared for Pesach by 11 a.m. on Monday, April 18.

Preparation involves **FOOD, UTENSILS** and **APPLIANCES**.

### Food

The following guidelines are based on the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards. For complete details go online to: [www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesahguide5771.pdf](http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesahguide5771.pdf)

Prior to the onset of the holiday, all chametz (leavened products of wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt), rice and legumes should be eaten, given to the needy, or placed in an "out of the way" cabinet.

The following items require a "Kosher for Pesach" label: baked goods, matza and matza products, pop, juices, decaffeinated and/or flavored coffees and teas, herbal teas, liquor, wine, vinegar, oils, canned tuna, dried fruits, frozen vegetables and processed foods, candy, chocolate milk, ice cream, yogurt, cheeses and butter.

The following items do not require a "Kosher for Pesach" label if using an unopened package purchased **prior** to Pesach: white milk, Tropicana 100% orange juice, frozen fruit (with no additives), pure white sugar, quinoa. Any of these products purchased **during** Pesach require a "Kosher for Pesach" label.

The following items do not require a "Kosher for Pesach" label: fresh fruits and vegetables; eggs; fresh or frozen kosher meat (except chopped meat); whole spices and nuts; pure tea leaves or bags; regular unflavored coffee; baking soda.

### Utensils

Now is the time to take inventory of your Pesach cooking and eating utensils. It is preferable to have completely separate utensils for this holiday, separated further between milk and meat. You may find it necessary to purchase some new items. If you have no other choice, you may need to kasher some chametz utensils to be used on Pesach. The kashering process is the same as when newly kashering a kitchen.

**Earthenware** may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

**Wholly Metal** items used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then heated in an oven's self cleaning cycle or by a blowtorch. Those used for cooking or eating (pots, silverware) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them that will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

**Glassware** may be kashered in one of two ways:

1. Soak the items in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours; or
2. Scrub the items and clean in a dishwasher.

NON-PESACH UTENSILS should be separated during the holiday so as to prevent accidental use.

### Appliances

Unless you are blessed with a separate Pesach kitchen, you will need to

kasher your oven, stove, dishwasher, sink and refrigerator prior to the onset of the holiday.

**Ovens and Stoves** should be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. They should be heated at the highest setting for a half hour. Use the broiler setting, if available. Self-cleaning ovens should be put through the self-cleaning cycle.

**Microwave Ovens**, which do not have a browning element, may be kashered. After a thorough cleaning, a cup of water should be placed in the oven and "cooked" until the water disappears.

**Dishwashers**, after being thoroughly cleaned and left unused for 24 hours, may be kashered by running a full cycle with detergent.

**A Metal Sink** may be kashered by cleaning and pouring boiling water over it.

**A Porcelain Sink** should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

**Refrigerators** should be thoroughly cleaned. Removable metal parts should be rinsed with boiling water.

**Other electrical appliances** may be kashered only if all parts which come into contact with chametz are wholly metal and can be removed to be cleaned and immersed in boiling water.

**Tables and Counters** should be cleaned and covered. See the website of the Chicago Rabbinical Council (CRC) for a list of counter materials that can be kashered.



## Mekhirat Chametz/Ma'ot Chittim

I hereby appoint Rabbi Elliot Pachter as my agent to arrange for the sale of my Chametz.\*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The approximate value of my chametz is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution to the B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund. Please make checks payable to B'nai Moshe Ma'ot Chittim Fund. Please return this to the shul by Sunday, April 17.

**\*This request may be sent to Rabbi Pachter by email at: [rabepach@bnaimoshe.org](mailto:rabepach@bnaimoshe.org)**

In your email, please include your home address and the approximate value of your chametz.

