

# THE MESSENGER

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Brith Sholom Beth Israel Synagogue

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# PESACH: L'DOR VADOR – PASSING THE TORCH

by Rabbi Ari Sytner



Rabbi Ari Sytner

While attending a recent rabbinic conference in Philadelphia, I participated in a seminar, which addressed the importance of setting both long and short-term goals. This session forced me to ask the tough questions about where I see our community in five to ten years from now.

I realized that I as hard as I tried - I was having a difficult time answering the question. As for my own plans – the answer was clear. My hope is that Charleston remains our home, and that I have the privilege of remaining the rabbi of BSBI for the next fifty years. Chana has recently established The Sytner Law Firm, and we are proud to further dig our roots into the Charleston community. However, as I take an honest look at the direction of our congregation, I am having a more difficult time envisioning what we might look like in ten years from now.

As your rabbi, I feel that it would be negligent of me to ignore the trends that have unfolded before us. Over the last several years, we have seen a serious decline in our attendance at Shabbat and weekday services. Upon entering our beautiful sanctuary on Shabbos, the number of attendees below fifty-five years old can typically be counted on one hand, while the majority of the people are over seventy-five or eighty years old. I consider it a great honor to have elders in our community. However, the very theme, which we are about to celebrate at the Pesach Seder is the concept of “L’Dor VaDor” – survival through passing the torch from one generation to the next.

Because of my love, commitment and investment in BSBI, I raise my concerns about our immediate and distant future –

and turn to you, the respected members of our congregation to help answer the question of how we can pass the torch to the next generation and ensure a vibrant Orthodox future for BSBI.

In his new book, *World Wide Mind*, author Michael Chorost describes a phenomenon that he describes as the Push-Pull Dynamic of Evolution. Chorost explains that through the power of progress and innovation we actually create new challenges.

For example, as computers programs get more complicated, scientists are forced to develop stronger and faster computers that are capable of running such software. Then, with new and improved computers, the programmers begin to create even more complex software – which in turn demands even faster computers. Thus, as we proudly solve one problem, we discover that a new one has been created. The perception is that we are constantly running into obstacles. However, the reality is that we are actually moving forward and experiencing healthy and natural growing pains.

When I read Chorost’s work, what immediately came to mind was the cycle of the Jewish people. We are masters of taking our challenges and transforming them into new opportunities. Inevitably, we progress in the manner of taking two steps forward and one step back. This constant cycle of Push-Pull evolution is not a sign of failure, rather, it is a trend indicative of constant progress, forward momentum, and a willingness to confront new obstacles.

By nature, I am an optimist. When I look at the fact that our congregation faces financial hardships – I don’t see our demise. Instead, I recognize that it is a symptom of BSBI’s long-term investment in Jewish Charleston beyond ourselves. BSBI has always absorbed great expenses in terms of supporting AHA, the Mikvah, community Kashrut, outreach initiatives, and free High Holiday services open to all. Furthermore, the reality that many of our younger members rarely attend our Downtown Shabbat services is a result of the positive fact that families have made recent strides to become Shomer Shabbos – a healthy sign of vibrant Orthodox life.

I firmly believe that this congregation has created many such Push-Pull problems, which now, again, opens new doors for us. These challenges are not a sign of

our failures, rather a symptom of our progress. Although I do not claim to have the answers to our problems, I recognize that we have a great number of accomplishments and successes that we should be very proud of. As long as we are willing to continue to evolve, discuss, and innovate new solutions – our work and wisdom will pay off and propel us forward - creating a sustainable BSBI for the 21st century.

In doing so, we must be willing to take a good hard look in the mirror and ask ourselves the tough questions. What is our Shul’s mission? Are we content with the status quo? What are the dreams and goals we wish to achieve? What will our Minyan look like in 5 years from now? How can we strengthen our Minyan House to ensure sustainability? Can we retain and attract younger families? How will we overcome the financial hurdles that lay before us?

I don’t have the answers to these questions, but I have faith in our congregation’s wisdom and ability to find the answers that will best suit the future of Orthodox Judaism in Charleston.

In order to begin this process, I am calling for the consideration of three necessary steps to be taken. It is through these steps that I aim to build the bridges of trust, collaboration and participation from all of our members.

1. The first step is to facilitate an informal series of “**Community Conversations**” in order to promote dialogue and an exchange of ideas between our members. By just sitting down and talking - we can more easily identify the problem areas and listen to what it is that our membership wants out of BSBI. These conversations should be held in your homes and facilitated by a Shalom-Bayis committee - with no bias or political agenda, other than to talk and learn from one another. These conversations have no right or wrong answers, but the questions should be discussed in a comfortable way that welcomes and respects all opinions at the table. I am interested in learning what would entice our membership to participate, volunteer and donate more of their time, energy and resources to BSBI. The goal is to hear the will of our members and give them a role, a voice and an investment in identifying the areas that we can improve.

2. Secondly, by working together with our friends and neighbors, we must rebuild

much of the lost unity, trust, excitement and drive that our Shul needs in order to survive and even thrive. I believe that our members are the greatest asset that we have, and if we each put aside our personal desires and differences – we can unify in spirit, and function in a manner that puts the greater good of BSBI and Klal Yisroel first. I want nothing more than to see a Shul that is devoid of all political undertones and silos – where trust, transparency and harmony are the norm. K'lal Yisroel can only survive with peace, unity and Shalom-Bayis.

3. Finally, through healthy collaboration – I believe that the final step is to hire an outside neutral party to help aid our congregation in a strategic planning process. This will allow us to look objectively at our organization and suggest possible solutions for securing our

finances and our future over the next ten years.

My role in this process is not to determine the future of BSBI. Rather, it is to be the facilitator, and to invite everyone to the table to work collaboratively for the good of the Shul we all love. We have enjoyed a strong history on Rutledge Avenue and we can have an equally strong future there. However, it will take the involvement of all the members of our congregation to make that happen. If we are truly honest with ourselves, we will realize that by taking no action, remaining silent and apathetic – we stand, in the long run, to lose everything we've invested in.

John Lennon once said, "life is what happens when you are busy making other plans". Our Shul has definitely been busy – and accomplishing many wonderful

things in the process. However, like in any family, when you get too busy, it is easy to lose focus of what it is that we are all about.

I invite you to please join me in supporting our president, Jeffrey Sabel as we work together to bring strength, peace and long-term success to our congregation. As we enter Pesach, also known as Chag Ha'aviv – the Spring-time Holiday, it is my prayer that we turn our optimism towards a new season and a fresh start. In doing so, we will concretize our vital tradition, not only for ourselves, but L'dor Vador – for all future generations. In the same spirit of our ancestors, we may use the challenges we face as an opportunity to push forward and create redemption, hope and everlasting salvation.

## JROC UPDATE by Rabbi Beni Krohn



Rabbi Beni Krohn

What an amazing last few months! Baruch Hashem, as the cold days of January have receded and the warmer days have come back, I have had the opportunity to be involved in numerous new projects.

Charleston brought all of its firepower to the Junior NCSY Shabbaton in Savannah, GA, February 4th- 6th, as 21 middle-schoolers from across our community enjoyed an action-packed weekend. From the Friday night oneg to the Motzei Shabbat "Make-your-own-music-video" night activity, it was non-stop fun for young Jewish students from Savannah, Charleston, as well as four cities all over Florida. Chani and I had the pleasure of chaperoning the students, along with tremendous help from Shlomie and Ricky Netanel. As we walked away from the bus, one of the 8th graders had only one

question, "Rabbi Krohn, when is the next Shabbaton? I'm DEFINITELY coming!" Keeping the excitement going, we all went bowling February 27th at Charleston Lanes in West Ashley. More exciting events are already being planned!

To shake things up a little at the college level, I have begun two new student study groups, one which focuses on the Talmud, a class for some of the more advanced students, as well as a new discussion group. There has been an excellent response from the students to both initiatives and I look forward to growing these new groups. The five students who spent their winter breaks either in Israel or in NYC all came back with excellent reports. All students have made commitments to continue their Jewish learning in a more substantial way. There are a whole new crop of trips coming up for this semester, and I hope to have a number of new students on their way to an inspirational summer break.

The last few months have also brought new developments on the community level, as I have had the pleasure of meeting many of our congregants and other community members at their offices or after work for study sessions. These are some of the most important and stimulating times of my week, as I get to interface one-on-one or in small groups with all of you. I am looking forward to expanding this area of my work. Evening classes have continued to flourish, as community members have

braved the cold (for Charleston) weather to come out and learn. Chani's women's class and my Tuesday night class have been a great way for us to learn with y'all in the comfort of your living rooms. Thank you to all of you who have opened your homes and given of your time for us and your fellow community members.

Utilizing the skillful knowhow of Lori Hoch Stiefel, we have launched our website: [www.TheJROC.com](http://www.TheJROC.com). You can find information there regarding trips, classes, helpful links, and lots more. It is still in its beginning stages and I hope to be able to update it continually.

As Pesach is almost upon us, Chani and I would like to let everyone know that if there is anyone in need of a place for either the first or second night Seder, please let us know and it would be our utmost pleasure to have you in our homes over Yom Tov. We wish all of you a Chag Kasher V'Sameach: A Happy Passover!

To get in touch with Rabbi Krohn, please e-mail him at [RabbiBeni@theJROC.com](mailto:RabbiBeni@theJROC.com) or call (843) 730-3161.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jeffrey Sabel

Since I have been President of BSBI, I have been amazed at the hard work of the numerous volunteers who take the time to help the Shul. Without volunteers, the Shul could not function. There is not enough room in the Messenger to name all the volunteers who devote their time for the shul, however there is one volunteer that stands out - Faye Grabin.

What a woman of valor! Through her own initiative, Faye has kept Lunch and Learn program successful. Faye organizes everything from buying the food, getting help to prepare food and making sure the kitchen is ready. In addition to all of that, Faye also does the shopping for the kiddushes. She never asks for anything in return and truly loves and cares about BSBI. It has been an honor to work with her. When you see Faye, please thank her for her dedication and all that she has done.

There are many great activities up coming for BSBI this spring. Two important programs that stand out are the Dedication of BSBI's Holocaust Torah on April 3rd at 1:00 pm at the Shul, and Charleston Jewish Experience: Piccolo Spoleto at BSBI Synagogue.

The Dedication of BSBI's Holocaust Torah is more than just

a dedication. It will be a celebration of Jewish life. Please make plans to join us at this joyful event.

On May 31st - June 1st, we will once again be participating in the City of Charleston's Piccolo Spoleto festival with Charleston Jewish Experience: Piccolo Spoleto at BSBI Synagogue. There will be concerts, a kosher cafe, and lunchtime speakers. Our festival last year was a success due to the volunteers and I know it will be the same this year. All BSBI needs is more volunteers like Faye Grabin.

If you would like to volunteer for the festival, please contact Lori Hoch Stiefel at [lori@bsbisynagogue.com](mailto:lori@bsbisynagogue.com).

Shalom,  
Jeffery



Jeffery Sabel

## RESCUED TORAH FROM THE HOLOCAUST IS DEDICATED AT BSBI SYNAGOGUE

by Lori Hoch Stiefel

Brith Sholom Beth Israel Congregation has sponsored the restoration of a Torah discovered from a magnificent synagogue in Poland destroyed by the Nazis in World War II, and it is now being dedicated for use.

This Torah needed a much overdue restoration, as there were many letters and words that are cracked, broken or missing altogether, rendering the Torah unfit for use. Each Torah has 304,805 letters on 62 panels, with each panel consisting of three to five columns of Hebrew text. Each Hebrew character or letter must be examined and restored by a licensed scribe who carefully and repeatedly retraces the shape with a quill pen.



Charlie Markowitz and Joe Engel, Holocaust Survivors

This project that has been a labor of love for over two years, and the Torah is finally ready to be welcomed into its new home.

We would like to welcome everyone in the Charleston Community to witness this momentous occasion and celebrate the survival of this Torah as well as the Survival of the Jewish People. There is no charge for this commemoration and all are welcome to attend.

**Date:** Sunday, April 3rd, 2011

**Time:** 1 pm

**Location:** Brith Sholom Beth Israel Synagogue,  
Music and refreshments will be provided.

Torah is the name given to the Five Books of Moses in traditional Judaism. These five books are considered a faithful and exact record of the word of G-d to his Prophet, Moses. Torahs are written using special ink, on approximately 62 sheets of "kosher" parchment by a trained scribe, who is also called a sofer. A Kosher Torah is one that has no mistakes, no missing letters or words, nor any extra letters or words, and no holes or tears. Each letter and word has to be formed in accordance with Jewish Law.

Athlete Chef Gardener Student Scientist  
**Teacher** Writer **DAUGHTER**  
 CEO Artist **Sister** Mother Scholar Neighbor  
 Caregiver *Citizen*  
**FRIEND** **Wife** Aunt **Grandma**

## BSBI Sisterhood: Come As You are and Be Welcomed Home

The BSBI Sisterhood's spectacular Chanukah Dinner and Game Night welcomed December 2010 in on first night of Chanukah, December 1st in Solomon Hall. Ceci Toubiana led her cooking crew of volunteers to produce a culinary adventure with a choice of a delicious meal meat or vegetarian alternative.

The children were entertained big time with a special room full of activities to please the littlest to biggest and all of us that are kids at heart. The games included dreidels, card games, 2 ping-pong tables, 9 hole mini golf and 5 carnival games; Finish Line, Tip a Troll, Shockwave, Alien Invasion and Inflatable T-Ball. Fantastic prizes were awarded for ping-pong and dreidel winners!

The BSBI Sisterhood and the Synagogue joined forces to present a fantastic Scholar in Residence Weekend in February. This event brought together congregants of all ages and affiliations who enjoyed the feeling of togetherness while enjoying delicious meals, fellowship and some learning from articulate speaker Aliza Bulow.

The Shabbat Dinner in Solomon Hall was both delicious and full of spirit. Many children sang and danced around with their parents and teachers in between courses and after the meal.

Aliza presented her first formal lecture "From Puritan to Rebbitzin: A Convert's Journey Through American History." Amazingly, she kept us on the edge of our seats as we focused on her eloquent presentation as 13th generation American born to Protestant parents and her journey to embrace Judaism, converting at 16. She now works to strengthen Jews and their connections to their heritage.

On Saturday at the continental breakfast, Aliza's topic was "Maximizing your Prayer Experience" which was followed by a discussion on the weekly parsha. The hot Kiddush luncheon prepared by Sisterhood president Hadassah Rothenberg and her trusty helpers was a culinary hit especially the meat cholent as well as vegetarian cholent. The potato kugel required Hadassah to peel 40 pounds of potatoes. Now that was quite a feat! The afternoon lecture, "Kabbalah: mystical insights into marital intimacy" was well received by adults while children played games and enjoyed a Scavenger hunt.

The weekend ended with a pizza dinner and lecture "Becoming Extraordinary." All that attended that weekend went away with something special and Aliza and the delicious food for the soul did it!

Written by Sandy Katz, BSBI Sisterhood member. Photo taken by Gerry Katz.



Sydney Richman, Marsha Kronick (this year's Woman Who Makes a Difference honoree, and Rachel Kronick Rothbart

## ASK THE RABBI

www.askmoses.com

### **Q** Why is the Shabbat before Passover called Shabbat HaGadol (the Great Shabbat)?

**A** Because it commemorates a “great” miracle that happened on the Shabbat before the Exodus.

Some background: The Israelites in Egypt were heavily steeped in the idolatry of Egypt. Before they would merit redemption, G-d wanted them to disclaim the idolatry of Egypt. Now one of the major Egyptian god’s was the sheep. So G-d tells the Israelites to take a sheep and sacrifice it. Even Moses was astonished by this request, thinking that the Egyptians “will stone us if we start up with their sheep.” But G-d insists.

This sacrifice is to be called the Korban Pesach (commonly known as “the Paschal lamb”), Pesach meaning to “skip.” In the merit of this sacrifice G-d would “skip” over the Jewish homes and only the Egyptian firstborn would be killed.

On the Shabbat before the Exodus, each Israelite took a lamb and tied it to a post. Miraculously the Egyptians did not raise a hand against the Israelites despite the humiliation of their deity. The Israelites explained that they intended to sacrifice these lambs by G-d’s command, who would then destroy the firstborn of Egypt. When the Egyptian firstborn heard this they begged their fathers and Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.

Their cries were ignored and a civil war broke out in Egypt in which many Egyptians were killed. (This war is hinted to in the verse (Psalms 136:10), “He smote Egypt with their firstborn....”)

### **Q** Why do we have three matzot on the Seder plate?

**A** Here are some of the reasons that are given:

1. It is an allusion to the three measures of flour that Abraham asked Sarah to prepare for the angels that visited him after his circumcision. According to the Midrash, the angels visited Abraham on Passover. (It is a tradition that Abraham kept the entire Torah even though it had not yet been given. So he would have celebrated Passover even before the Jews had entered Egypt!) The biblical commentator Alshich says that Abraham wanted Sarah to knead the dough herself (and not delegate the job to a servant) so that she could make sure that it did not become Chametz.

2. It is a remembrance for our Patriarchs, Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

3. Every Shabbat and holiday you need two whole loaves of Challah. [This commemorates the double portion of manna we received in the desert on the day before Shabbat or a holiday.]

On Passover we need two whole matzot for the blessing. So we start out with three because at the beginning of the Seder we break the middle Matzah and we’re left with two whole ones for the blessing.

4. The three Matzot represent the Jewish people who are divided into three groups: Kohanim, Levites, and Israelites -- all of whom were saved by the miraculous Passover Redemption.

### **Q** We have no children, should we just skip the Four Questions?

**A** Everyone—child and adult—should say the Four Questions.

While there is the tradition of the youngest child singing the Four FAQ’s aloud, we should all recite them afterwards along with the rest of the Haggadah text.

The fact of the matter is that these Questions are for adults,

too. We really need to stop and ask: “What DOES make this night different from all other nights?”, and spend a good chunk of time and effort exploring the answer.

Why are we all here tonight having a seder? What does it mean to me this year different than all the other years? What are we accomplishing with all these rituals and foods? How is this night different for G-d than all other nights? Askmoses.com may have an answer for many of these questions, but on this night your input is desperately needed.

And, after all, we are G-d’s children. From the youngest of us to the oldest.

### **Q** Why do we recline to our left side during the seder?

**A** Well, the reason we recline altogether is because such was the manner of kings. The aristocratic way to recline is on the left side. In the words of the Talmud (Pesachim 108a): “Lying on one’s back [or stomach, according to Rambam’s translation; cf. Tosafot] does not constitute reclining; and reclining on one’s right side does not constitute reclining.”

Rashbam explains that the aristocrats reclined on the left so as to leave the right hand free for eating purposes.

The Talmud adds another reason (though it is not clear whether this refers to lying on one’s back or on one’s right—see Rashi and Rashbam respectively): “Perhaps the windpipe will precede the esophagus in receiving the food and some danger will come of it.”

From a kabbalistic perspective perhaps it can be suggested that leaning on the left side represents the fact that on the night of Passover, even the “left side,” which in Kabbalah is associated with darkness and death, can be elevated. (This idea is stated regarding the fact that the menorah is lit on the left side of the door and that the Tefillin are worn on the left arm.)



# April 2011

Sunday

Monday




Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><b>Reminder:</b>  <b>Our Community takes in Shabbos at 7 pm,</b>  <b>even when sunset is later</b>  <b>**If you are interested in sponsoring an upcoming kiddush,</b>  <b>please contact Janice and James Turner at 843-766-1737</b></p>							1	2
							<p>26th of Adar II, 5771</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>7:00 PM Mincha</li> <li>7:22 PM Candle lighting</li> </ul> 	<p>27th of Adar II, 5771</p> <p>Shabbat HaChodesh</p> <p>Parashat Tazria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>7:00 PM Mincha</li> <li>8:25 PM Havdalah</li> </ul> 
<p>28th of Adar II, 5771</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>9:00 AM Intro to Prayer</li> <li>1:00 PM Holocaust Torah Dedication</li> <li>7:00 PM Mincha</li> <li>8:00 PM Men's Gemara Class</li> </ul>	<p>29th of Adar II, 5771</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>5:30 PM Intro to Talmud - Bavla Metzia</li> <li>7:00 PM Mincha</li> <li>7:45 PM Pesach Preparation Class @the Minyan House</li> </ul>	<p>1st of Nisan, 5771</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>9:00 AM Travels through Tanach</li> <li>7:00 PM Mincha</li> </ul>	<p>2nd of Nisan, 5771</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>7:30 AM Blessings and Bagels</li> <li>1:00 PM Lunch and Learn</li> <li>7:00 PM Mincha</li> </ul>	<p>3rd of Nisan, 5771</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>10:45 AM Women's Siddur Class</li> <li>12:50 PM JSU @PG</li> <li>7:00 PM Mincha</li> <li>8:00 PM Yeshiva Night @the Minyan House</li> </ul>	<p>4th of Nisan, 5771</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>7:00 PM Mincha</li> <li>7:26 PM Candle lighting</li> </ul> 	<p>5th of Nisan, 5771</p> <p>Parashat Metzora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Shacharit</li> <li>7:15 PM Mincha</li> <li>8:30 PM Havdalah</li> </ul> 		
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# UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND CLASSES AT BSBI



## The Dedication of BSBI's Holocaust Torah

Sunday, April 3rd, 1 pm at BSBI Synagogue (starting in the front courtyard)

Please join us as we culminate our two-year journey of preserving and restoring our Holocaust Torah. Help us welcome this Torah into its' new home at Brith Sholom Beth Israel and celebrate the survival of the Torah and the Jewish people. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, please contact Lori at 843-577-6599 ext.7, [lori@bsbisynagogue.com](mailto:lori@bsbisynagogue.com) or visit [www.BSBISynagogue.com](http://www.BSBISynagogue.com). Torah dedication opportunities are still available. Please contact us if you would like to get involved.

## Pesach Preparation Class with Rabbi Sytner

Monday, April. 4th, 7:45 pm at the Minyan House, 8 Lord Ashley Drive

Pesach is just around the corner and we know you have tons of questions to ask. Rabbi Sytner will soothe your nerves and give you everything you need to know in order to feel prepared for Pesach.



## Classes

### Sunday

**Men's Gemarah Class:** April 3rd and 10th, 8 pm at the home of Robyn and Randy Cohen, 1688 Seignious Drive.

### Monday

**Intro to Talmud - Bava Metzia with Rabbi Beni Krohn:** April. 4th and 11th, 5:30 pm at the CofC.

### Tuesday

**Travels through Tanach:** April 5th, 9 am in JCC Lobby with Rabbi Sytner.

### Wednesday

**Bagels & Blessings:** April 6th and 13th, 7 am in the BSBI Chapel.

**Lunch and Learn:** April 6th and 13th, 1 pm in the BSBI Lunchroom. Cost: \$10.



Jonathan and Benjamin Ellison, Students at Porter Gaud

### Thursday

#### **Women's Siddur Class with Rabbi**

**Sytner:** April 7th, 14th and 28th, 10:45 am in the chapel

**Porter Gaud JSU:** April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 12:50 pm at PG

**Yeshiva Night:** April 7th and 14th at the Minyan House in West Ashley, 8 Lord Ashley Drive.

For Topics, please look in the BSBI Weekly E-mail and the Shabbat Program

Get up-to-date news from us on a weekly basis by signing up for the BSBI E-newsletter. You can sign up for it on the BSBI website, [www.BSBISynagogue.com](http://www.BSBISynagogue.com) or by e-mailing your name and e-mail address to [info@BSBISynagogue.com](mailto:info@BSBISynagogue.com).

# PICCOLO SPOLETO AT BSBI SYNAGOGUE RETURNS!

by Janice Turner

Excitement is building as the countdown to Piccolo Spoleto at BSBI begins. We are delighted that BSBI will once again be participating in the annual Piccolo Spoleto Festival, in partnership with the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs. The "Charleston Jewish Experience: Piccolo at BSBI Synagogue" will take place May 31st- June 2nd, 2011 right here at our beautifully restored synagogue. The planning committee is working hard to ensure that this year's event will be one you won't want to miss.

Three outstanding, evening concerts will highlight the festival. Back by popular demand will be two performances by Ian Kay and the CharJJE(Charleston Jewish Jazz Ensemble) who dazzled audience members last year with toe-tapping Klezmer music, Yiddish Swing Standards, and comedic parodies of of Mickey Katz. New to this year's Piccolo line-up will be exotic chamber music. This concert will be a potpourri of music that emanates from the passionate feelings of the common man within several nationalities. Authentic tangos, czardas, folk themes, and established string music that contains some of the most sublime melodies ever invented by man. Music that is spirited, lively, passionate, endearing, tender, and warm. The quality of the musicianship ranks among the finest that Charleston has to offer.

We are also busily preparing for the return of our new and improved Kosher Café, which will be offering a wonderful array of food from our Jewish tradition, not to mention delicious desserts. While dining, you will be able to enjoy inspiring and thought-provoking lectures by daily guest speakers. Synagogue historian, Jeffrey Kaplan will be on hand each day to lead guided tours of our synagogue.

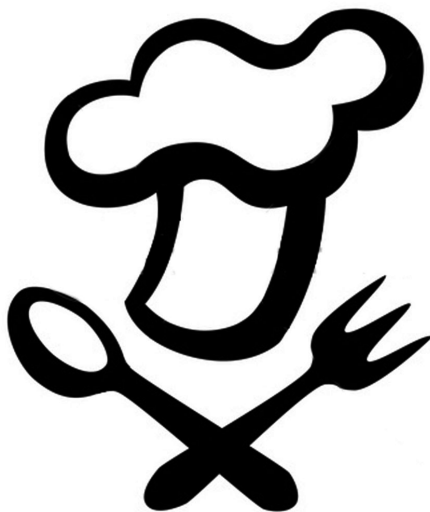


Charleston Jewish Experience:  
**Piccolo Spoleto at  
BSBI Synagogue**  
[www.CharlestonJewishExperience.com](http://www.CharlestonJewishExperience.com)

The sponsorship of last year's festival was made possible by the outstanding program book we put together. We need your help to make it work again. We are looking for advertisers for the book. There are many different levels to choose from, each one so important to our success. You can download a form at [www.CharlestonJewishExperience.com](http://www.CharlestonJewishExperience.com) or contact Lori Hoch Stiefel at [lori@bsbisynagogue.com](mailto:lori@bsbisynagogue.com) for one.

The helping hands of volunteers are an integral part in the success of any large-scale event, so please contact Lori at [lori@bsbisynagogue.com](mailto:lori@bsbisynagogue.com) and join us in making this year's "Piccolo at BSBI Synagogue" a wonderful success.

We look forward to seeing everyone!



## Calling all Volunteers, Martha Stewart and Julia Child Wannabees!

Charleston Jewish Experience: Piccolo Spoleto at BSBI Synagogue is back for its' second year, taking place from May 31st - June 2nd and we cannot do it without your help.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Kosher Café, the Program and Ad Book, PR/

Marketing and more.

If you're interested, please contact Lori Hoch Stiefel at 843-577-6599 ext.7 or at [lori@bsbisynagogue.com](mailto:lori@bsbisynagogue.com)

## CAN YOU SPELL VICTORY? by Elayna Gleaton

On January 13, 2011, students from Addlestone Hebrew Academy traveled to Calhoun Academy in St. Matthews along with children from other private schools for the SCISA Regional Spelling Bee. Students in grades three through eight were eligible. The representatives from Addlestone Hebrew Academy were:

- Max Weinstein and Sammy Rosenberg from third grade
  - David Berendt and Yaffa Goldkin from fourth grade
  - Jacob Gleaton and Brett Schlesinger from fifth grade
  - Abby Turner and Noa Leigh Hubara from sixth grade
  - Shoshana Weiss and Elayna Gleaton from seventh grade.
- Eighth grade students chose to focus on exams instead of participating in the bee.



Jacob Gleaton, Abby Turner and Max Weinstein

Middle school English teacher, Mottie Wieters, had been coaching the students for the bee by teaching about word derivations and stems (parts of words). The contestants had been preparing for this day for months, and now that it had finally arrived, they were full of jitters and excitement. The spelling bee began with a fun round of easy words like “frog” and “can,” but they got harder until there were words like “kavya” and “cheka.” Some of the other words were: saffron, regatta, ergonomic, roughhewn, mercurial, nougat, ersatz, newfangled, nightingale, retrospective, cobalt, insidious, capricorn, zenith, chutney, etc...

Three AHA students were able to continue to the State Spelling Bee, which took place on February 16, 2011 in Kingstree, SC. Abby Turner, a returning State speller, spelled for a mind-blowing 62 rounds before she won the competition for sixth grade! Her opponent was last year’s State winner from Hilton Head Prep. Jacob Gleaton and Max Weinstein both placed fourth for their grade level. As a seventh grader, I am proud to have been eligible to attend the spelling bee each year. Whether I win or lose, I know that I am becoming a better speller every year.

## CHARLESTON KIDS VS. SAVANNAH KIDS, WHO IS BETTER?

by Aaron Kirshtein

As many of you know my fellow AHA brethren and I were recently on a shabbaton in Savannah, Georgia. It was beyond fun. There was great food, wonderful counselors, awesome friends, and did I mention the food. Every time the Rabbi’s/ counselors forgot about their lesson plan they improvised with food (which kind of worked out in our favor), so every kid was preoccupied at ALL times. On Shabbat evening we got to meet cool kids from cool places. How awesome? The rest of the shabbaton was filled with fun and games.

So, this leads us to the question who was better, Charleston kids or Savannah kids. AHA kids demolished other city kids in dodge ball, AHA kids had the healthiest jewish background, and AHA kids simply rocked the house the best. However we need to look at what is most important. We are all G-d’s children and we are all equal in his eyes. Getting to spend time with other kids our age from different communities, gave us a deeper appreciation for the special and unique nature of each group. I cannot wait until the next trip.



Participants on the Shabbaton



## WHAT IS THE LAMED VAV SOCIETY?

Jewish tradition teaches us that in every generation there are Lamed Vav (thirty six) hidden righteous people that keep the world going. Nobody knows who they are - and if you even suspect that you are one of them . . . you are probably not.

The idea behind this legend is that it is the discreet acts of righteousness that are the most powerful deeds that we can ever do. BSBI has a secret Lamed Vav Society, which helps serve as the backbone of the Shul. This society is based upon a group of people that secretly donate \$1000 annually to the Shul. These donations do not get recognition; no plaques, announcements or fanfare surrounds these noble donations. The only one that is aware of the identity of the donors is Rabbi Sytner, as checks are sent directly to the rabbi’s attention and he processes them personally.

Currently, the Rabbi is looking to find several new angels that can join the Lamed Vav society. Donations can be made annually or even paid out monthly over the course of the year. If you are interested in participating in this program please contact Rabbi Sytner directly at [rabbi@bsbisyagogue.com](mailto:rabbi@bsbisyagogue.com), or 843-452-6382.

# PASSOVER SCHEDULE 5771

## Saturday, April 16th

Shabbat HaGadol: The Great Sabbath named so because it was on this Shabbat that the Jews expressed their defiance and declared their independence from Egypt.

## Sunday, April 17th

Immediately after nightfall the head of the household is obligated to search for the chometz by the light of a single-wick candle and/or flashlight. Before the search, the blessing Al Biur Chometz (as found in the Haggadah or Siddur) is made.

## Monday, April 18th / Erev Yom Tov

The day before Passover is a fast day for Jewish firstborn males, in commemoration of the tenth plague, the slaying of the firstborn male Egyptians.

A special celebration Siyum is conducted for the First Born at 7 am, following which participating firstborn males are permitted to break their fast.

Chometz should not be eaten after 9:30 am and all chometz should be burned by 10:30 am.

**Biur Chometz:** Burning of the leavened bread products, including the findings of Sunday's search for Chometz. Regular matzah is not to be eaten until the Seder.

As the holiday of Pesach does not commence before nightfall, proper care should be taken not to start early as a matter of convenience. It is recommended to begin the seder after 8:30 pm. If possible, children (and tired adults) should nap earlier in the day.

Taanit Bechorot (Fast of the Firstborn)

Fast begins at 6:00 am  
Shacharit 6:45 am  
Mincha 7:45 pm  
Candlelighting 7:34 pm  
Seder begins after 8:35 pm

## Tuesday, April 19th - Yom Tov

Shacharit 9:45 am  
Mincha 7:45 pm  
Candlelighting 8:38 pm  
2nd Seder begins after 8:38 pm

## Wednesday, April 20th - Yom Tov

Shacharit 9:45 am  
Mincha 7:45 pm  
Havdallah 8:38 pm

## Thursday, April 21st- Chol Hamoed I

Shacharit 7:00 am  
Mincha 7:00 pm

## Friday, April 22nd - Chol Hamoed II

Shacharit 7:00 am  
Shabbat Candlelighting 7:37 pm  
Mincha 7:00 pm

## Saturday, April 23rd – Chol Hamoed III

Shacharit 9:00 am  
Mincha 7:15 pm

## Sunday, April 24th Chol Hamoed IV/

### Erev Yom Tov

Shacharit 8:00 am  
Mincha 7:45 pm  
Candlelighting 7:38 pm

## Monday, April 25th - Yom Tov

Shacharit 9:00 am  
Mincha 7:45 pm  
Candlelighting after 8:39 pm

## Tuesday, April 26th - Yom

### Tov

Shacharit 9:00 am  
Yizkor 10:15 am  
Mincha 7:45 pm  
Havdallah 8:42 pm  
You can eat chametz after 9:45 pm

Please do not partake in your chometz before 9:45 pm to allow time for the rabbi to negotiate to buy back the chometz on your behalf.

**\*\*\*The Shul office will close April 19th - April 27th. All classes are cancelled during this time. We wish you a very Happy and Kosher Passover!**

**Please Note:**  
Always look for the "p" or "Kosher for passover" on all Food for passover - even when Shopping in the kosher for Passover section of the Grocery store. Non-passover Items can easily be misplaced. For more information, please visit <http://www.oukosher.org/index.php/passover>

# PASSOVER 101 from OU.Org

## What is Passover?

Passover is an eight day Jewish holiday, of Biblical origin, marking the birth of the Jews as a people and their emergence as a unique nation in history, devoted to G-d's will. It celebrates the liberation of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt over 3000 years ago, under the leadership of Moses.

## When does Passover Begin?

According to Biblical law, Passover is determined by the Jewish lunar calendar, and begins on the eve of the fifteenth day of the month of Nisan. The English date this year is Monday evening, March 29th, 2010.

## How Do I Prepare for Passover? What Special Preparations Must Be Made In The Jewish Home For Passover?

The home must be thoroughly cleaned of all Chametz before Passover. Any Chametz not removed from a Jew's premises before Passover should be sold. Jewish law forbids the use of any Chametz which remains in a Jew's possession during Passover, even after the holiday is over.

All cooking and eating utensils must be either set aside exclusively for Passover use, or, in some cases, "made Kosher" in consultation with a rabbi, according to the procedures of Jewish law. All of these preparations must be completed by the morning before Passover.

## What Are The Rituals For The Period Before Passover Begins?

The day before Passover is a fast day for Jewish firstborn males, in commemoration of the tenth plague, the slaying of the firstborn male Egyptians, which immediately resulted in the Exodus.

In many congregations, a special

celebration Siyum is conducted, following which participating firstborn males are permitted to break their fast. A ritual search for Chametz is conducted the previous night, and the Chametz that is found is burned the next morning.

## Preparing for Passover

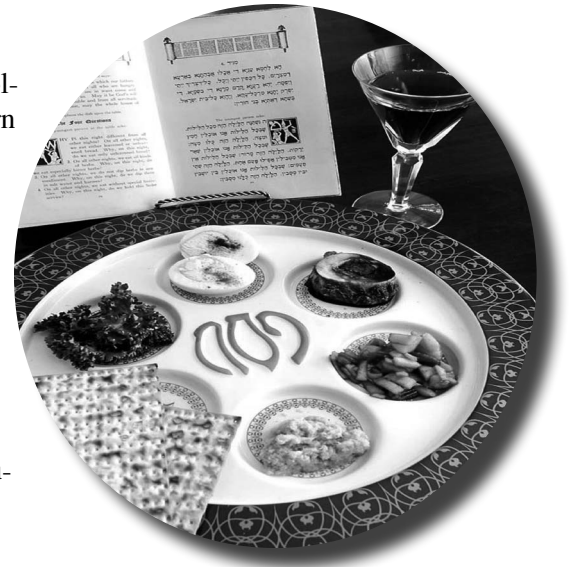
For more detailed instructions and guidance, a competent Halachic authority should be consulted.

### 1. Removing Chametz

A. Prior to Passover, every Jew is required to remove all Chametz from his home, property, and all premises under his or her jurisdiction (i.e. desk, office, locker, car). Even if one will not be on the premises during Passover, as long as one is there within 30 days of Passover, the obligation to remove all Chametz before Passover applies. In such cases, one should consult a competent Halachic authority and make the necessary arrangements.

B. To facilitate the removal of Chametz, each Jew is obligated to conduct a diligent search in all places where Chametz may have been kept or consumed any time during the preceding year. The specified time for this search is the night before Passover, traditionally using a feather and the light of a single candle. However, Passover cleaning in Jewish homes must be started much earlier. The premises should be clean by the time the search begins (approximately 45 minutes after sunset). The blessing is recited before the search begins, and a public disclaimer of ownership of Chametz (Bitul) is recited afterward. These texts can be found in most traditional Haggadahs.

C. It is permissible to sell Chametz to a non-Jew before the restrictions on Chametz go into effect on the day before Passover. To comply with the



stringent requirements of Jewish law, the sale is conducted by contract through an Orthodox rabbi, who is empowered to act as an agent by a Power of Attorney Form for the Sale of Chametz. The sold Chametz is the non-Jew's property until after Passover ends and must be treated accordingly. The Chametz should be locked away until after Passover when the Rabbi repurchases it for the community.

D. Restrictions on the eating, then use, and finally, possession of Chametz normally begin on the morning before Passover. Just before these restrictions begin, the remaining Chametz must be destroyed (usually burned) and a public disclaimer of Chametz ownership (Bitul) recited. The exact times depend on your geographic location. Consult your local Orthodox rabbi for the times when these restrictions go into effect, or see Halachic Times for Passover.

E. Chametz which remains in a Jew's possession during Passover may not be used by him or any other Jew at any time, and it may not be purchased after Passover. If Chametz is discovered during Passover, it should be disposed of, in accordance with Jewish law, as soon as possible. Consult an Orthodox rabbi immediately for the appropriate procedures.

### 2. Utensils For Use on Passover

A. Jewish law requires special dishes, cooking utensils, glassware, and silverware for Passover use, with separate meat and dairy sets. They can be made of any material, including plastic or paper. Once these are used for Chametz, they may not be used again on Passover.

B. If it is not possible to maintain a complete set of separate utensils for Passover it may be possible to use some year-round utensils for Passover after a special “kashering” procedure.

“Kashering” should only be done under the guidance of an Orthodox rabbi. Metal and wooden utensils, if they can be thoroughly cleaned, may be “kashered,” but earthenware utensils may not be “kashered”. Procedures for “kashering” depend on how the utensil was used during the year. Consult with your local Orthodox rabbi for details.

C. Shelves, countertops and eating surfaces used year round should be cleaned and covered for Passover use, and special dish racks, sink racks and wash basins should be used. Cooking surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned and covered. Ovens should be thoroughly cleaned, and either “kashered” by being burnt out (consult your rabbi for details) or used with a special insert liner.

### *3. Foods Which May Not Be Used On Passover*

A. Any food or food product containing fermented grain products (Chametz) may not be used or remain in a Jew’s possession on Passover. Even foods with minute amounts of Chametz ingredients, or foods processed on utensils which are used for other Chametz-containing foods, are not permissible for Passover use.

B. Ashkenazic Jews, (Jews of Eastern European descent) also do not eat many legumes (Kitniot) - beans, corn, peas, rice, etc. and products containing

them as ingredients throughout Passover, while Sephardic, Yemenite and Oriental Jewish custom varies from one community to another.

C. Because of the large number of food products which contain Chametz or Kitniot ingredients, only food products manufactured under reliable rabbinical supervision should be purchased for Passover use. That includes beverages, condiments, spices, and all processed foods such as fruits and vegetables, fish, meat and dairy products, and especially, baked goods.

D. Grain alcohol is a fermentation product, and is therefore Chametz. Any edible items which normally contain grain alcohol, including whiskey, liquor, and liquid medications (however, see paragraph F for further information on medications), and even those which are not usually taken internally (such as perfumes, cologne, toilet water, hair spray, hair tonic, shaving lotion, mouthwash, liquid and roll-on deodorants) should be treated as Chametz unless specifically approved for Passover use.

E. Totally inedible non-food products which contain grain alcohol such as polish, ink, paint and floor wax, are permissible for Passover use.

F. Any person with a medical condition must consult his or her physician and rabbi to ascertain the medicines that should be taken during the holiday, and any special procedures that should be followed.

G. There are many families which maintain the tradition of additional restrictions to their Passover diet. Some do not eat any food products made of Matzah or Matzah meal mixed with water (Gebrochts) during the first seven days of Passover.

*What Does “KOSHER FOR PASSOVER” Mean?*

During Passover, Jewish law forbids the consumption or possession by Jews of all edible fermented grain products (Chametz) or related foods. Therefore, even foods and household products which meet the strict, year-round dietary regulations, and are considered Kosher, are nevertheless, often unacceptable, or require special preparation for Passover use in the Jewish home in order to be Kosher for Passover.

*How Can One Tell If A Product is “KOSHER FOR PASSOVER?”*

Most processed foods and beverages require special rabbinical supervision for Passover use. They must also be Kosher for year-round use, and prepared in accordance with all of the regular Jewish dietary laws. The 2010 Guide to Kosher for Passover Foods is available online at <http://www.oukasher.org/index.php/passover/>

Jewish consumers are urged to look for the P or the Kosher for Passover designations as an integral part of the product label, and to be familiar with the rabbi or organization giving the Passover endorsement. The mere mention of Kosher For Passover on the label is not a sufficient guarantee of the product’s acceptability for Passover use.

The largest and most widely respected Kosher supervisory agency is the Kashruth Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Its registered service mark, OUP, on thousands of consumer and industrial food products, is a guarantee of the highest standards of Kashruth for Passover. Processed foods not carrying any rabbinical supervision should be cleared with a rabbi before Passover use, as should any medicines and vegetables.

# Sale of Chometz Form

Please complete the following form and submit to Rabbi Sytner or the Synagogue office prior to Friday, April 15.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize Rabbi Ari Sytner to serve as my agent to sell all Chometz that I possess, knowingly or unknowingly. The following is a partial listing of those items: (List general Chometz items ie. Bread, cereals, pasta etc...)

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The approximate **dollar value** of all of my Chometz is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to sell or lease, according to the discretion of the Rabbi, the places where the Chometz is stored. These places include (Please list: ie. Kitchen, garage, cars, workplace, cupboards etc...):

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**Addresses** of homes and/or businesses, which may contain Chometz:

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If you will be going away for Pesach please complete the following):

THE KEYS TO THESE PREMISES CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH:

(Name and phone number) \_\_\_\_\_

## Mo-os Chittim

One of the first things we do at our Passover Seder is open our doors and say, "*Let those who are hungry enter and eat.*"

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# WHAT IS SEFIRAT HAOMER?

In the days of the Holy Temple, the Jewish people would bring a barley offering on the second day of Passover (Leviticus 23:10). This was called the “Omer” (literally, “sheaf”) and in practical terms would permit the consumption of recently-harvested grains.



Starting on the second day of Passover, the Torah (Leviticus 23:15) says it is a mitzvah every day to “count the Omer” -- the 50 days leading up to Shavuot. This is an important period of growth and introspection, in preparation for the holiday of Shavuot which arrives 50 days later.

Shavuot is the day that the Jewish people stood at Mount Sinai to receive the Torah, and as such required a seven-week preparation period. The commentators say that we were freed from Egypt only in order to receive the Torah and to fulfill it. Thus we were commanded to count from the second day of Pesach until the day that the Torah was given -- to show how greatly we desire the Torah.

## How to Count the Omer

The Omer is counted every evening after nightfall (approx. 30 minutes after sunset), which is the start of the Jewish ‘day.’ (In the synagogue it is counted toward the end of the Maariv service.) If a person neglected to count the Omer one evening, he should count the following daytime, but without a blessing.

To properly ‘count the Omer,’ you must say both the number of days and the weeks. For example:

On days 1-6, we say only the number of days. For example:  
“Today is 4 days of the Omer.”

On days which are complete weeks -- e.g. 7, 14, 21 -- we say as follows, for example:  
“Today is 21 days, which is 3 weeks of the Omer.”

On all other days, we say, for example:  
“Today is 33 days, which is 4 weeks and 5 days of the Omer.”

(Since you must recite the blessing before you count, don’t mention the count for that night beforehand.) Before counting, stand and say the following blessing:

Baruch ata Adonoy, Elokeinu melech ha-olam, asher kid’shanu be’mitzvo’sav ve-tzivanu al sefiras ha’omer.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who made us holy with His commandments, and commanded us on the counting of the Omer.

The Omer may be counted with a blessing only if both of the following conditions have been met:

- 1) you count the Omer during the evening, and
- 2) you have not missed counting any of the days so far. This means to say that if a person neglected to count the Omer for an entire day and did not recall until the following evening, he should continue counting on subsequent days -- but without a blessing.

Why can’t you “continue counting with a blessing” if you miss counting one day?

The reason is because regarding the Omer, the Torah writes: “Seven weeks, they shall be complete” (Leviticus 23:15). Thus according to many authorities, if one missed counting any day, the 7-week period can no longer be considered ‘complete’.

## Restrictions During the Omer

The Talmud tells us that Rabbi Akiva had 24,000 students who tragically died during the Omer period, because they did not treat each other with sufficient respect. Therefore, for the 33 days from Passover until Lag B’Omer, we observe these signs of mourning:

- 1) no weddings
- 2) not listening to instrumental music, either live or recorded (vocal music is permitted)
- 3) no haircuts or shaving, unless for business purposes

[Note: According to some customs, the 33-day mourning period begins a few weeks later -- on the first of Iyar, and ends on the third of Sivan.]

Omer Count	English Date
1st day of the Omer	April 20
2nd day of the Omer	April 21
3rd day of the Omer	April 22
4th day of the Omer	April 23
5th day of the Omer	April 24
6th day of the Omer	April 25
7th day of the Omer	April 26
8th day of the Omer	April 27
9th day of the Omer	April 28
10th day of the Omer	April 29
11th day of the Omer	April 30
12th day of the Omer	May 1
13th day of the Omer	May 2
14th day of the Omer	May 3
15th day of the Omer	May 4
16th day of the Omer	May 5
17th day of the Omer	May 6
18th day of the Omer	May 7
19th day of the Omer	May 8
20th day of the Omer	May 9
21st day of the Omer	May 10
22nd day of the Omer	May 11
23rd day of the Omer	May 12
24th day of the Omer	May 13
25th day of the Omer	May 14
26th day of the Omer	May 15
27th day of the Omer	May 16
28th day of the Omer	May 17
29th day of the Omer	May 18
30th day of the Omer	May 19
31st day of the Omer	May 20
32nd day of the Omer	May 21
33rd day of the Omer	May 22
34th day of the Omer	May 23
35th day of the Omer	May 24
36th day of the Omer	May 25
37th day of the Omer	May 26
38th day of the Omer	May 27
39th day of the Omer	May 28
40th day of the Omer	May 29
41st day of the Omer	May 30
42nd day of the Omer	May 31
43rd day of the Omer	June 1
44th day of the Omer	June 2
45th day of the Omer	June 3
46th day of the Omer	June 4
47th day of the Omer	June 5
48th day of the Omer	June 6
49th day of the Omer	June 7

# LAG BAOMER

Lag BaOmer, the 33rd day of the Omer Count – this year Tuesday, May 2, 2010 – is a festive day on the Jewish calendar, celebrated with outings (on which the children traditionally play with bow and arrows), bonfires, and other joyous events. Many visit the resting place (in Meron in Northern Israel) of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, whose yahrtzeit (anniversary of his passing) the day marks.

Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, who lived in the 2nd century of the Common Era, was the first to publicly teach the mystical dimension of the Torah known as the “Kabbalah,” and is the author of the basic work of Kabbalah, the Zohar. On the day of his passing, Rabbi Shimon instructed his disciples to mark the date as “the day of my joy.”

The Chassidic masters explain that the final day of a righteous person’s earthly life marks the point at which “all his deeds, teachings and work” achieve their culminating perfection and the zenith of their impact upon our lives. So each Lag BaOmer we celebrate Rabbi Shimon’s life and the revelation of the esoteric soul of Torah.

Lag BaOmer also commemorates another joyous event. The Talmud relates that in the weeks between Passover and Shavuot a plague raged amongst the disciples of the great sage Rabbi Akiva “because they did not act respectfully towards each other”; these weeks are therefore observed as a period of mourning, with various joyous activities proscribed by law and custom. On Lag BaOmer the dying ceased. Thus Lag BaOmer also carries the theme of Ahavat Yisrael, the imperative to love and respect one’s fellow.

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## Lag BaOmer Traditions and Customs

\* It is traditional to light bonfires on Lag BaOmer eve. These commemorate the immense light that Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai introduced into the world via his mystical teachings. This was especially true on the day of his passing, Lag BaOmer, when he revealed to his disciples secrets of the Torah, whose profundity and intensity the world had yet to experience. The Zohar relates that the house was filled with fire and intense light, to the point that the assembled could not approach or even look at Rabbi Shimon.

By far, the largest Lag BaOmer celebration takes place in and around Rabbi Shimon’s tomb, located in the Northern Israeli village of Meron. Hundreds of thousands attend the festivities, and the round-the-clock celebration, singing and dancing are unparalleled.

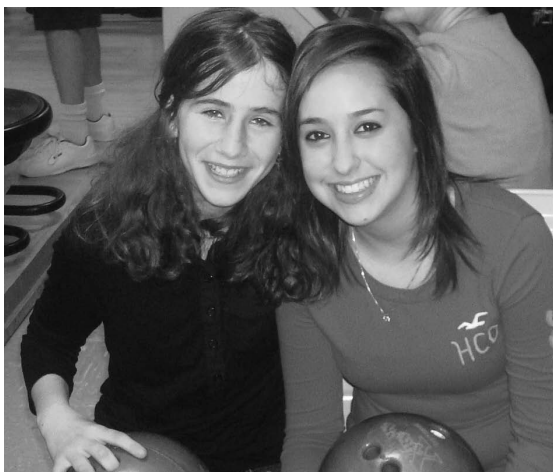
\*Children customarily go out into the fields and play with imitation bows and arrows. This commemorates the midrashic tradition that no rainbow was seen during Rabbi Shimon’s lifetime. Rainbows first appeared after Noah’s flood, when G-d promised to never again devastate the world. When the world is deserving of punishment, G-d sends a rainbow instead. Rabbi Shimon’s merit protected the world, rendering the rainbow superfluous.

\* In some circles it is customary to eat carobs on Lag BaOmer. This commemorates a lifesaving miracle that Rabbi Shimon experienced. For a period of thirteen years, Rabbi Shimon and his son were fugitives from the Roman regime, in hiding in a cave in Northern Israel. Miraculously a carob tree grew at the entrance of the cave, providing nourishments for its two holy occupants.

\* All the Omer mourning practices are suspended on Lag BaOmer. Permitted are weddings, haircuts, music, etc...



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Junior NCSY Bowling

- Dear Rabbi Sytner and everyone at BSBI, I just wanted to thank everyone for their warm welcome from the first time we came to BSBI. All of you welcomed us and made us feel at home immediately. BSBI is a wonderful community and I am grateful to have been a part of it even for a few short months.  
~ Linda Gradstein
- Great job on all the new programming for youth taking place at BSBI!  
~Anonymous
- Congratulations to all the participants and winners in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) State Spelling Bee. Abby Turner (6th grade) won 1st place; Max Weinstein (3rd grade) came in 4th place and Jacob Gleaton (5th grade)- 4th place. We are so proud of you!
- Mazal Tov to Hadassah Rothenberg on her engagement to Stephen Levensow of Glasgow, Scotland

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Linda Goodman	Apr 2	Adar-II 27	Anna S. Young	Apr 20	Nissan 16
Oscar Sokol	Apr 2	Adar-II 27	Lipman Leroy Silverstein	Apr 20	Nissan 16
Bernhard Lisker	Apr 3	Adar-II 28	Morris Logan	Apr 20	Nissan 16
Ida Lerner Sokol	Apr 4	Adar-II 29	Carrie Levy Priluker	Apr 21	Nissan 17
Jacob Berkman	Apr 4	Adar-II 29	Jill Lazarus	Apr 21	Nissan 17
Alexander Elihu Epstein	Apr 5	Nissan 1	Rita K. Feldman	Apr 21	Nissan 17
Beatrice Coan	Apr 5	Nissan 1	Sarah Fisher	Apr 21	Nissan 17
Ethel Garfinkel Silverberg	Apr 5	Nissan 1	Jennie Litman Kaminski	Apr 22	Nissan 18
Hannah Goldberg Schwartz	Apr 5	Nissan 1	Nathan S. Addleston	Apr 22	Nissan 18
Morris D. Finkelstein	Apr 5	Nissan 1	Mortie Cohen	Apr 23	Nissan 19
Albert Priluker	Apr 6	Nissan 2	Rosie Ginsberg	Apr 23	Nissan 19
Freida H. Feinberg	Apr 6	Nissan 2	Bertha K. Greenberg	Apr 24	Nissan 20
Hannah G. Tanenbaum	Apr 6	Nissan 2	Hattie G. Prystowsky	Apr 24	Nissan 20
Bernard Cohen	Apr 7	Nissan 3	Julius Isaac Schwartz	Apr 24	Nissan 20
Haskell WidELITZ	Apr 7	Nissan 3	Melvin Solomon	Apr 24	Nissan 20
Jack Laufer	Apr 7	Nissan 3	Otto A. Kramer	Apr 24	Nissan 20
Rose Sonenshine	Apr 7	Nissan 3	Rudolph Robinson	Apr 24	Nissan 20
Ruth Lerner Gilston	Apr 7	Nissan 3	Stanley Livingston	Apr 24	Nissan 20
Sadie Sarah Mazo	Apr 7	Nissan 3	Bertha Ellison Coleman	Apr 25	Nissan 21
Benjamin Solomon	Apr 8	Nissan 4	Beth Cohen	Apr 25	Nissan 21
Morris Drucker	Apr 8	Nissan 4	Blanche Gelber	Apr 25	Nissan 21
Sarah B. Ellison	Apr 8	Nissan 4	Jacques Kierbel	Apr 25	Nissan 21
Alvin Rittenberg	Apr 9	Nissan 5	Eric M. Jaffe	Apr 26	Nissan 22
Essie Mazo	Apr 9	Nissan 5	Harriet J. Goodman	Apr 26	Nissan 22
Isaac Berendt	Apr 9	Nissan 5	Samuel Prystowsky	Apr 28	Nissan 24
Mary Doobrow	Apr 9	Nissan 5	Edith C. Kirshtein	Apr 29	Nissan 25
Matie Garfinkel Samet	Apr 9	Nissan 5	Ida Doobrow Jaffe	Apr 29	Nissan 25
Mildred Samet	Apr 9	Nissan 5	James Edward Levin	Apr 29	Nissan 25
Miriam G. Kohn	Apr 9	Nissan 5	Sam Garfinkel	Apr 29	Nissan 25
Nathan Feinberg	Apr 9	Nissan 5	Solomon Rosen	Apr 29	Nissan 25
Rev. Isaac Feinberg	Apr 9	Nissan 5	Abraham Richman	Apr 30	Nissan 26
Rose Feldman	Apr 10	Nissan 6	Dinah Livingstain	Apr 30	Nissan 26
Freda Lerner Chase	Apr 11	Nissan 7	Sam Leinwand	Apr 30	Nissan 26
Haskell Solomon	Apr 11	Nissan 7			
Jerry Zucker	Apr 11	Nissan 7			
Margaret Karesh	Apr 11	Nissan 7			
Sarah Schraibman	Apr 11	Nissan 7			
Abe Finkelstein	Apr 12	Nissan 8			
Charles Fisher	Apr 12	Nissan 8			
Mathilda Zuckman	Apr 12	Nissan 8			
Max Hirsch	Apr 12	Nissan 8			
Helen L. Kramer	Apr 13	Nissan 9			
JoAnn Sunshine Weingarten	Apr 13	Nissan 9			
Katie Cohen Goldman	Apr 13	Nissan 9			
Erna Werthaiser	Apr 15	Nissan 11			
Esther Sokol	Apr 15	Nissan 11			
Gertrude Lerner	Apr 15	Nissan 11			
Moses Mendelson	Apr 15	Nissan 11			
Robert Truere	Apr 16	Nissan 12			
Abraham Rundbaken	Apr 17	Nissan 13			
Michael Risman	Apr 17	Nissan 13			
Nettie Read	Apr 17	Nissan 13			
Pincus Levy	Apr 17	Nissan 13			
Harriet Rothschild	Apr 18	Nissan 14			
Jack E. Krawcheck	Apr 18	Nissan 14			
Rose L. Silverstein	Apr 18	Nissan 14			
Agnes B. Volaski	Apr 19	Nissan 15			
Elias Haller	Apr 19	Nissan 15			
Esther Leinwand	Apr 19	Nissan 15			
Jacob Prystowsky	Apr 19	Nissan 15			
Leon Laban	Apr 19	Nissan 15			
Lou Schwartz	Apr 19	Nissan 15			
Sarah Fox	Apr 19	Nissan 15			

**Please note that the Yahrzeit begins the evening before and continues through the day that is listed.**

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## SEDER CHECK LIST

1. Three Matzot (covered)

The Matzot can either be part of the Seder Plate (if the plate is so constructed) or left separately. Also, they should be whole.

2. Haggadah

3. Wine

4. Seder Plate

5. Kiddush cup (at least 3.3 oz.)

6. Saucer (for spilling wine when plagues are mentioned.)

7. Extra Matzah (covered-optional; This Matzah need not be on the table.)

8. Cup of Elijah

9. Salt Water

10. Extra Marror (This Marror need not be on the table.)

11. Pillow (for leaning)

12. Kittel (a white garment worn by all married men except one who is in mourning. Some have the custom that a Chatan (groom) during the first year of marriage does not wear a Kittel.)

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Monday, April 4th, 7:45 pm at the Minyan House  
Join us as Rabbi Sytner answers all of your questions in preparation for Passover.

## WHY MUST THE SEDER START SO LATE AT NIGHT?

Passover must be observed on the 15th day of Nissan, which only begins after nightfall. If we begin the Seder while it is still light outside, it is considered the 14th of Nissan, and Pesach has not yet begun. While drinking extra cups of wine before nightfall might be added fun, they would not count toward fulfilling the Pesach obligation of four cups of wine. Therefore, the best advice is to take a nap during the day, start the Seder after dark, and stay up late and have a blast!

## HELPFUL PASSOVER WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT!

<http://www.star-k.org/cons-pesach.htm>

<http://www.kosherquest.org>

<http://www.crcweb.org>

<http://www.oukosher.org>