



From Rabbi Guttenberg

According to Jewish law, when the month of *Adar* enters, we are supposed to increase our happiness "*Mishenichnas Adar Marbim B'Simcha*". (*Talmud Ta'anis* 29)

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Within the month of Adar is the holiday of Purim, during which we enjoy the festive activities associated with the day. But as the East Coast saying goes “March comes in like a lion, but goes out like a lamb” some may view Adar in the same

manner. *Adar* comes in with happiness, but exits with fear. The anxiety and timorous anticipation of *Pesach* overwhelm our attitude toward the tail-end of the month. The notion of cleaning, cooking and preparing dominate the mind and squeeze out any residual happiness. How truly unfortunate is this situation. On the flip side, since the holiday of *Purim* has so much joviality associated with it, we often forget about how close we came to annihilation.

The festivities of *Purim* often get in the way of the *Kashrut* of the day. The *mitzvah*/commandment of *Simchal* happiness doesn’t only pertain to the month of *Adar*, but it also is attributed and should be felt on the three pilgrimage festivals.

Pesach, as one of these festivals, has a deeply rooted high level of happiness inherent to its essence. However, this festive side of the holiday is often forgotten about and left behind in the tremendous preparation required.

Maimonides teaches us that during the Seder night, we should envision ourselves as if we are leaving *Mitzrayim*/Egypt. While the word *Mitzrayim* represents a place, it has another meaning as well. *Metzar* also means distress. We each have moments in our lives that are our own forms of Egypt- our slavery, stress and dilemmas. Our personal Egypt slavery can be health, wealth or stealth. But no one can look back at the past year and not see hardships or their own *Metzarim*. At the *Seder*, we travel back in time to ancient Egypt, while we are simultaneously living our personal struggles. As we imagine ourselves leaving the physical land of Egypt, we need to also envision and hope for the ability to leave our personal troubles and adversity behind. If one can fulfill this, then the happiness will shed forth from within and one can experience the beauty and pleasure of the day.

Rabbi Shaye Guttenberg
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Sunday morning coffee and learning

Join Rabbi Guttenberg every Sunday morning for a Beis Medrash style learning with coffee. Come alone or with your Chavrusah and learn through prepared Jewish sources on various topics.

8:00 am Shacharis and 8:45 am Learning.

Programs for Teens

YOUTH PROGRAMMING UPCOMING EVENTS

NCSY SF Shabbaton — April 19: save the date!

JSU CLUBS

Monday 11:40 @ George Washington HS
Wednesday 12:30 @ Galileo HS
Thursday 12:20 @ Sota HS and School of the Arts
Friday 11:30 @ Gateway 3:45 @ Lowell

If anyone has or know any students at these schools please let them know. FREE FOOD at every club!

DNL (Dinner N Learning)

Tuesday night 7–9 pm @ the Donovan home
2059 31st Ave FREE DINNER

Ta Sh'ma Come & Learn Boys Talmud Group

Thursdays 4:50–5:50 pm @ Adath Israel

Marin LNL (Latte N Learning)

Wednesdays 7–8 pm Starbucks @ Terra Linda,
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In-depth Chumash class FREE LATTES

Adath Israel

Jewish Immersion

Hebrew School



After a great 5773 so far at the Adath Israel Jewish Immersion Hebrew School with teachers Daniella Bohnik and Rabbi Mike Donovan, we are pleased to be

adding a weekly Sunday class at the Shul to our existing Tuesday 4 pm–6 pm schedule. The class, which will focus on Torah, mitzvos and Jewish values, is open to children in grades K-5 and will begin on Sunday April 7 from 10am-12pm.

We are delighted to welcome Racheli Shandrovsky as our new teacher. Racheli has a B.Ed in Biology and Chemistry and is currently writing her thesis for a Masters in Science, Jewish law and Education at Bar Ilan University.

You can find more information on the Shul website: www.adathisraelsf.org or contact David Garth via email: hebrewschool@adathisraelsf.org.

Get Ready for Pesach: A Children's Program

This learning event will get the whole family excited for the Seder. This joint program is co-lead by Alex Shandrovsky, Director of Special Projects JSN and Marina Lynn, Head Teacher at the Brenna Berger Adath Israel Pre-School.

Sunday, March 24 — Free and open to everyone

10:00–11:00 Free Play. Our indoor playground will be open for children.

11:00pm–12:00 Parallel program for parents and children.

Kids will learn more about the magic of the Seder, including top five questions to ask your parents at the seder, favorite songs and fascinating customs. The parents will learn practical tools how to run a fun, education and bonding Seder that is stress-free.

Adath Israel Pesach Schedule 5773

Erev Shabbat, Fri. March 22		Daily minyan for chol hamoed	
Candle lighting	7:06 PM	Shacharit (weekdays)	7:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:06 PM	Shacharit (Sunday)	8:00 AM
Shabbat HaGadol, Sat. March 23		Erev Shabbat, Chol Hamoed, March 29	
Shacharit	9:00 AM	Candle lighting	7:12 PM
Drasha	11:00 AM	Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat	7:12 PM
Kiddush	11:45 AM		
Mincha	6:45 PM	Shabbat, Chol Hamoed, Sat. March 30	
Havdalah	8:04 PM	Shacharit	9:00 AM
Erev Pesach, Mon., March 25		Mincha/Ma'ariv (no Seudah Shilisheet)	6:50 PM
Ta'anit Bechorot (Fast of the Firstborn)		Havdalah	8:11 PM
Fast starts at	5:47 AM	Erev Pesach 7, Sunday March 31	
Shacharit followed by siyyum	6:50 AM	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Last time for eating chametz	11:12 AM	Candle lighting	7:14 PM
Last time for burning chametz	12:14 PM	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:14 PM
Candle lighting	7:08 PM	Pesach 7, Monday, April 1	
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 PM	Shacharit	9:00 AM
Community Seder (RSVP required)	8:00 PM	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 PM
Pesach 1, Tuesday, March 26		Candle lighting from existing flame	8:13 PM
Shacharit	9:00 AM		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 PM	Pesach 8, Tuesday, April 2	
Candle lighting (from existing flame)	8:07 PM	Shacharit	9:00 AM
Pesach 2, Wednesday, March 27		Yizkor (approx.)	11 AM
Shacharit	9:00 AM	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 PM	Havdalah	8:14 PM
Havdalah	8:08 PM	Chametz that you sold may be eaten at	9:30 PM

Adath Israel Community Pesach Seder

Re-experience leaving Egypt with your friends and family at the Adath Israel Community Seder. Our Seder is highly interactive, kid friendly, and delicious. This year's program is led by Alex Shandrovsky, an experiential educator from Israel with years of experience leading holiday programming for groups of all ages. All are welcome!

First night of Pesach: Monday night, March 25, 2013

\$95 for non-members; \$80 for members

\$35 children ages 4-12; 3 years and under and under free

\$750 to reserve your own table (10 people)

Reservation due by Monday March 18th. See the shul website or call the office at (415) 546-5665 to make your reservation.

Brenna Berger



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The Brenna Berger Adath Israel Preschool provides high quality early childhood and Jewish education in an Israeli style for children of ages two through five years. Over the last two years the preschool has experienced significant development and growth. The preschool is proudly the only Jewish-Israeli preschool in San Francisco, is modern Orthodox, and enjoys a close affiliation with Congregation Adath Israel. The preschool, which is named in honor of Brenna Berger Z"l, supports each child and family in building their Jewish identity and a love to Israel.

The Brenna Berger Adath Preschool is operating at capacity. We are home to many Jewish families, of American, Israeli and Russian origin, from different San Francisco neighborhoods. We are proud of our integration of a Jewish curriculum with a general curriculum that supports both child development and Jewish identity. Also, our curriculum is dual-language English-Hebrew: the children sing, discuss, hear stories, and learn in both English and Hebrew.

The preschool supports working parents by providing a program from 8:30am to 5:30pm. Currently the preschool is in full enrollment, and we are working on expanding the preschool to be able to accommodate all the children of our community. The children of members of Congregation Adath Israel are prioritized for enrollment.

We would love to have you visit our preschool. Please contact me to set up a time to tour our beautiful facility.

Chag Pessach Kasher Ve Samea'ch,

Judith Zemel
Director
Brenna Berger Adath Israel Preschool

Sale of *chametz* 5773 / 2013

Prior to Passover, it is mandatory that all *chametz* (leaven) be transferred out of your possession. Rabbi Guttenberg transacts a sale of *chametz* on behalf of members of the congregation who authorize him to be their agent. It is best this completed document be returned to Rabbi Guttenberg in person. However if that is not possible, please return this to the synagogue immediately via U.S. Mail or fax. Fax number: (415) 564-5629 **DEADLINE TO TURN IN THIS FORM: Sunday March 24 at 9 AM**

I, (name), the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Shaye Guttenberg of Adath Israel, 1851 Noriega St. San Francisco, CA 94122 to act on my behalf to sell:

- 1) all *chametz* (leaven) possessed by me (knowingly, or unknowingly) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law (e.g. doubt of *chametz*, and *chametz* mixtures);
- 2) any *chametz* to which I have or may have legal responsibility in whole or in part (including corporations or other business entities which own or deal in *chametz* in which I may have an ownership interest or sit goods which may be delivered to me during the period of **Monday March 25, 2013 at 11 AM through Tuesday April 2, 2013 at 9:30 PM**;
- 3) any *chametz* that adheres to the surface of pans, pots, or cooking and usable utensils or mixtures thereof. I also empower the said Rabbi Guttenberg to lease all places wherein the *chametz* owned by me may be found, especially at the premises noted below.

What is the physical address where the *chametz* is located?

Where on the premises will this *chametz* be found?

What is the approximate value of the *chametz*?

I will be home for Pesach. I will be away for Pesach.

If I am away, I will leave the key to this location with (name):

Address

Phone number



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Rabbi Guttenberg has the full right to sell and lease by transactions, as he deems fit for such time that he believes necessary as explained in the general authorization contract to sell the *chametz*. Also, I hereby give the said Rabbi Guttenberg full power and authority to appoint a substitute with full power to sell and lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all Torah and Rabbinic regulations and laws. This authorization is also intended to conform to the criteria and requirements of the law of the State of California and the United States of America.

And to this, I hereby affix my signature on this day of the month of 2013.

Signature

Phone number

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Alternatively, you can donate to the Maot Chitim Fund via the shul's website, adathisrael.org

Chag kasher v'sameach!

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Sara Porter on her marriage in Israel to Yonatan Lenn

Rabbi Jacob and Judy Traub on their granddaughter Sarah Willner's engagement

Sarah and Mordechai Pelta on the birth of a baby daughter

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Gan Shabbat: A Program for Children

Adath Israel welcomes all children for Shabbat morning programming for all ages, under the direction of Rabbi Mike Donovan.

When: every Shabbat morning (see details below)

Who: Newborn - 10 years old

Cost: FREE

Nitzotzot (Spark) Tot Shabbat – Parent and Me.

AGES: Newborn -2 years old.

TIME: 10:15am- 11:15 am

LOCATION: Small room adjacent to the social hall.

PROGRAM: Hands on games and Jewish songs with Rebbetzin Rochel Donovan. One Parent must attend with child.



Nerot (Fire) Toddler Shabbat

AGES: 3 – 4 year olds.

TIME: 10:00- 12:00 pm

LOCATION: Social hall.

PROGRAM: NCSY teens to teach set curriculum on weekly parsha plus two hired babysitters to assist.

Shalhevet (Flame) Youth Shabbat

AGES: 5-10 year olds.

TIME: 10:00- 12:00 pm

LOCATION: Small Chapel

PROGRAM: Rabbi Donovan will educate children on how to lead services, will teach about the parsha, and will do it all with fun games and songs.

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