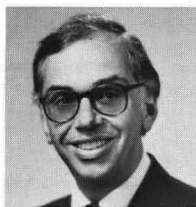


# Bulletin

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## From The Rabbi's Study

I love Passover, I always have. I even enjoy the hardships involved in working (under Resa's tutelage) to prepare the household to embrace its status as a Chometz-free zone, emptied out of those foods which are forbidden to us during the seven days of celebration.

Passover is a time rich in memories for me, indeed for all of us. I remember meeting Resa's grandfather for the first and only time at a Seder in Malden. I remember the young soldiers who were guests at our table in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, young soldiers who all too soon would be sharing in another drama on the battlefields of Viet Nam. I remember the inexpressible joy and pride when Ronn was able to chant the Four Questions for the first time — and the poignancy of that celebration

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## ADAM MICHNIK

A Founder of Solidarity  
Human Rights Activist



Recipient of the Eighth Annual  
**SHOFAR AWARD**

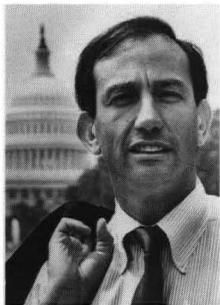
Friday, April 19, 1991

8:15 pm

At Shabbat Services  
In the Sanctuary

Reception to follow

## When Tom Dine Speaks, The U.S. Government Listens



A *New York Times* front page article recently announced a \$650 million aid package for Israel. The two people who met with Secretary of State James Baker to hammer out the deal were the Israeli Ambassador and **Tom Dine**, Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), who will be our speaker at the Brotherhood Dinner/Lecture on **Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 pm** (lecture at 7:30 pm).

Mr. Dine, a specialist on American foreign and defense policy, assumed the leadership of AIPAC ten years ago. His name regularly appears on

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**Tom Dine**, Executive Director of AIPAC, will speak on "The Shifting Search for Israel's Allies in the Post War Era" on **Thursday April 11th** at a dinner & lecture sponsored by the Brotherhood.

# Calendar of Events

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## Sisterhood Sponsored Activities

### Bridge

Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30 pm  
4/2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

### Gift Shop

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Open Meeting

Wednesday, 4/24, 5:45 pm

### Sisterhood Board Meeting

Monday, 4/10, 5:45 pm

### Seniors Club

Tuesday, 4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:00 am

## Brotherhood Sponsored Activities

### Brotherhood Board Meeting

Wednesday, 4/3, 6:00 pm

### Dinner & Lecture: Tom Dine

Thursday, 4/11, 6:00 pm

### Retreat: Rabbi Eric Yoffie

Saturday, 4/13, 9:00 am

## Study

### Institute of Jewish Studies:

#### Choral Society

Monday, 6:00 pm

See Choral Society schedule for dates

#### Jewish Life & Law

Tuesday, 4/2, 9, 6:00 pm

#### History & Literature of Jews

Tuesday, 4/2, 9, 7:30 pm

## Beginning Hebrew

Wednesday, 4/3, 10, 17, 24, 6:00 pm

## Intermediate Hebrew

Wednesday, 4/3, 10, 17, 24, 7:00 pm

## Advanced Liturgical Hebrew

Wednesday, 4/3, 10, 17, 24, 6:30 pm

## Talmud

Friday, 4/12, 19, 26, 8:00 am

## Chevre Torah

Saturday, 4/6, 13, 20, 27, 9:15 am

## Religious School

Monday, 4/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, 4/3, 10, 17, 24, 4:15 pm

## Preschool Workshop

Sunday, 4/14, 9:30 am

## Family Shabbat, Friday, 4/12

Dinner: 5:30 pm, Service: 6:30 pm

## Lecture: Rabbi Daniel Syme

Thursday, 4/25, 7:30 pm

## Meetings

### Central Women's Focus

Tuesday, 4/16, 8:00 am

### MAKOR/The Source

Friday, 4/19, 7:30 pm

## Scouts

### Girl Scouts

Tuesday, 4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 3:30 pm

### Boy Scouts

Tuesday, 4/1, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30 pm

## Youth Group

### Post-Confirmation Class

Monday, 4/15, 6:00 pm

### Monthly Meeting

Monday, 4/15, 7:00 pm

### Central/Rodeph Spring Retreat

Friday - Sunday, 4/26-4/28

*Hold the Date!*

**Monday, May 13**

**POLICE  
COMMISSIONER  
LEE BROWN**

**Dinner: 6:00 pm**

**Lecture: 7:30 pm**

*Jointly sponsored by  
Central Synagogue Brotherhood  
& Central Synagogue Sisterhood*

## Michnik to Receive Shofar Award

Adam Michnik, outspoken and unyielding human rights activist for more than 25 of his 45 years, will receive the Eighth Annual **Shofar Award** from Central Synagogue at Shabbat Services on **Friday, April 19, 1991 at 8:15 pm.**

Mr. Michnik was a founder of Poland's Solidarity movement and a leading tactician of the nonviolent anti-totalitarian struggle. He was arrested many times — the first in 1965 — for his political beliefs, spending a total of six years as a political prisoner. He is now the editor-in-chief of *Gazeta Wyborcza*, the new independent daily in Poland, and an outspoken deputy in the Polish parliament.

In 1986 Edward Kennedy presented Mr. Michnik with the Robert Kennedy Human Rights Award. His other honors include: honorary doctoral degrees from The New School for Social Research and from the University of Minnesota; the French Pen Club Freedom Award; the Jurzykowski Prize; and many awards from Polish associations and institutions.

The Shofar Award is awarded for leadership on behalf of justice, equality, and commitment to the rights of the individual, in the finest tradition of Judaism and the Jewish people. Previous honorees are Jacob K. Javits (1984), Norman Lear (1985), Louise Nevelson (1986), Dr. Mathilde Krim (1987), Eugene M. Lang (1988), Isaac & Vera Stern (1989), and Jonathon Kozol (1990).

## Up Front with Brotherhood

### Bob Kandel, President

No doubt many of you plan to attend the **Tom Dine** dinner and lecture on **April 11**, **Martin Hertz's** retreat on **April 13**, and Police Commissioner **Lee Brown's** dinner and lecture on **May 13**. (See the enclosed flyer.)

Be sure to reserve the evening of **June 1** for **Richard Kandel's** second "Annual Fabulous Gala," at home in the Schwartz Auditorium, which may not be recognizable when Richard finishes decorating. Composer-arranger-pianist **Peter Howard** will return with a new program, and Richard's culinary and viticultural expertise will result in another great meal. An added attraction will be our raffle drawing. Your invitation will arrive soon; mean-

while, please reserve the date!

**Nat Shapiro** needs volunteers to work with the Soviet emigres at the 92nd Street Y and at NYANA. We have been accumulating clothing, as you know, but the need for jobs, language proficiency, etc., are so great that we need more volunteers. Call the Brotherhood Office and Nat will be in touch with you.

Kudos to **Cantor Richard Botton** for a wonderful concert, and to **Bill Freedman**, **Richard Kandel**, **Ben Moss**, **Perry Edelstein**, **Alan Kupferberg** and the rest of the Brotherhood Board for insuring the success of the event. Reminders: to respond to Alan Kupferberg's letter on mentoring our college students; and to attend the next **Luncheon for the Blind** on **May 5**.

Finally, have a wonderful Pesach, and a great spring.

## Notes from Sisterhood

Ruth Oliver

### Come to the Annual Meeting, and Come to the (Russian) Cabaret!

On **Wednesday, April 24**, Sisterhood will present a double feature: our Annual Meeting, followed by a Russian-style cabaret. **Mildred Ross**, chair of the nominating committee, will present the slate of officers and board members; **Barbara Jayson**, chair of the budget committee, will present the budget for the coming year. (See the enclosed flyer for details.)

When the election and the vote are concluded, a Russian-style buffet dinner will be served, to be followed by the music of **Vadim Tunitsky**, a Russian emigre, who is a student at HUC-JIR, School of Sacred Music. Mr. Tunitsky will sing cabaret music from Russia, England, Ireland and the United States. A graduate of Kharkov Musical College and School of Arts in Russia, Mr. Tunitsky received a diploma with honors as an opera singer and a voice and violin teacher. From 1979 to 1984, he conducted the Kharkov Chamber Orchestra, after which he was a soloist with the operatic theatre.

The cost of the dinner is \$14 for members and \$16 for non-members. All members are welcome to attend the business meeting and cabaret, for which there is no charge. The evening is co-chaired by **Babette Kingsley** and **Edith Sigety**.

### Volunteers Needed for Literacy Program

The Critical Issues Committee is seeking volunteers to teach adults to read and write English. Volunteers will be given 20 to 30 hours of training, and will be expected to commit at least three hours a week to teaching one to three students. To learn more about the program, please call **Elsie Shapiro** (753-9285) who reports with pleasure that, thanks to the active participation of our congregation, hundreds of letters were sent to Congress urging the passage of the Brady Bill for handgun control. This very active committee welcomes new members to attend its meetings, held on the third Wednesday of the month.

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lists of the most effective political professionals in Washington.

Prior to assuming the leadership of AIPAC, Mr. Dine worked for U.S. government and academic organizations. His ten years' experience in the U.S. Senate included work as legislative assistant for foreign affairs to the late Senator Frank Church, national security staff director of the Senate Budget Committee, SALT advisor to Senator Edmund Muskie, and deputy foreign policy advisor to Senator Edward Kennedy. He has held fellowships at the Brookings Institute, the Kennedy Institute of Politics, the Center for International Affairs, and the Program for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University.

If the United States President and the United States Congress listen when Tom Dine talks, so should we! Please plan to attend this important talk. Invitations have been mailed. To make reservations for the dinner, please be sure to return the reply card with you check as soon as possible. (No reservations are necessary for the lecture.)

## Annual Yom Hashoah Observance

We are pleased to announce that, in accordance with a significant tradition here at Central Synagogue, we will be joining once again with Saint Peter's Lutheran Church on **Monday, April 15th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**, for a **Holocaust Memorial Service**. Saint Peter's Pastor, Dr. Damm, together with Rabbi Davids and Cantor Botton, will conduct the service at Saint Peter's, 53rd and Lexington. We urge and invite your participation.

## About Mazon

*The following was provided by Hazel Beckerman, Mazon Chair*

Now it is more important than ever for private, non-profit organizations such as Mazon to help those in need. Due to our government's current overwhelming economic problems and domestic cutbacks in every area of society, voluntary programs to feed the hungry are essential. The volunteer groups which are funded by Mazon donations are vital to the desperately hungry in our city and throughout the country.

Since the Social Action Committee of Central Synagogue became a Mazon "partner" in 1987, I am pleased to report that our congregants continue to support this successful Food-for-the-Hungry program very effectively. It is gratifying that the contributions we at Central make to Mazon provide much needed funds for local community projects. The beneficiaries include: Dorot, Project Ezra, and the Coalition for the Homeless, among others, all of which help feed, protect, educate and in different ways benefit the hungry and homeless in our city.

A Mazon contribution is an excellent example of the high moral values we teach our children, especially of Bar and Bat Mitzvah age — sharing with those less fortunate. Many of our young people are doing just that — honoring their own Bar and Bat Mitzvahs by sending a check to Mazon.

As President Bush recently said in his State of the Union address, "We all have something to give . . . if you're not hungry, not lonely, not in trouble, seek out someone who is . . . join the community of conscience."



## TO THE SUBLIME WITH THE MUSICAL



**Jewish Music from the Present to the Future**

On **Friday, May 3rd at 8:15 pm**, Cantor Botton will conduct the Central Synagogue Choral Society in an exciting musical pot-pourri: the **Annual Music Shabbat**. Our wonderful volunteer choral society members will be joined by an instrumental jazz sextet. The music will include liturgical jazz, Chassidic music, as well as tuneful liturgical music by contemporary composers. As always, our Annual Music Shabbat will be well attended, so come early and bring your friends. Admission is free.



## About Our Religious School

**Jack L. Sparks, Ed.D., RJE**  
**Director of Education**

This month we invite Religious School parents to be part of two very special occasions:

The new spiritual leader of our congregation, beginning July 1st, will be **Rabbi Peter Rubinstein**. We have scheduled a reception for our parents to meet Rabbi Rubinstein on **Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 pm**. We are very excited by Rabbi Rubinstein's wonderful ideas for our school and urge you to make whatever arrangements are necessary so that you can help us welcome him at this lovely reception.

On **Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 pm, Rabbi Daniel Syme**, Vice President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and well known author, will be speaking to the entire congregation on "Families in the Torah: their problems and lessons for today." Rabbi Syme, no stranger to our congregation, will challenge us with modern concerns as seen thousands of years ago. The talk and ensuing reception promise to be a memorable event.

Call the Education Office (838-5122) for additional details.

## People

Mazel Tov to former Rabbinic intern **Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz** and husband Adam Snitzer on the birth of their daughter Hannah Eve on December 30, 1990.

## Passover Celebrated by the Children

On March 27th, the two oldest groups of Nursery School children will be joined by the older children from the St. Bart's Nursery School for their annual joint seder. The children will play together, sing and dance together, and enjoy a traditional Passover meal prepared by parents and staff of our Nursery School. Parents and staff from St. Bart's will also participate in the day's celebrations.

On March 28th, Nursery School and Parenting Center children will enjoy a lovely Passover celebration in Joslin Hall.

## Youth Group

**Julie Satow, Secretary**

I am part of a class of young women who will soon be the intelligent and active participants in a new generation of Jewish women leaders. I am aware of the significance of my religion, and understand the importance of feeling comfortable with it. Yet, I feel part of my womanhood is my religion, but my religion is not fully part of my womanhood. Judaism does not fully quench my thirst for defining myself, as it deals with the male gender on an intimate scale, and views the needs of the female as secondary.

The basis of Judaism itself was barely touched by a woman's input, as its contents were written mostly by men. It therefore constitutes mainly male ideals and emotions. Originally, the restrictions placed on women were caused by the deep-seated belief that women could only belong to a familial class. In the present day, women are seen in a fresh and renewed light. Women's opportunities are growing, and our abilities are more widely recognized. In many ways Judaism has tried to enlarge its scope, so as to include many of these new outlooks. Still, too many women who are growing up with these modern and innovative ideas surrounding them feel alienated by Judaism.

At times I feel unwanted when I pray at Temple. When I read the liturgy, and truly try to understand the traditional words, I see a God portrayed almost exclusively in male personifications. When the Hebrews made their exodus from Egypt, and God promised them freedom from their bondage, he promised it to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. How can a woman give true allegiance to a heritage of fathers and sons?

As the segregation between the sexes grows hazier, women will be less tolerant of a religion that does not deal with their needs. Hopefully our religion will understand the importance of evolution, and will allow itself to continue modernizing. I love my religion; I could not feel this strong an attachment if Judaism lacked all the qualities I need for individual survival. But, I believe an institution as great as ours must be able to include all types in its congregations, and must have a God that everybody can identify with.

## Attention Religious School Parents!

Don't miss this opportunity to meet

## Rabbi Peter Rubinstein

at a reception  
for Religious School Parents  
**Tuesday, April 16**  
**6:00 pm**

## Lunch-with-the-Rabbi

You are cordially invited to join us at the next Lunch-with-the-Rabbi program on **Wednesday, April 17, 12:30 - 1:45 pm**, in Joslin Hall on the second floor of the Community House. Once again, Rabbi Davids will prepare a special set of translations of stories and teachings taken from the Midrash, stories and teachings which help illuminate contemporary concerns. Please call the Rabbi's office to reserve your sandwich lunch (\$6 per person), and your place at one of our most enjoyable study programs.

## Nursery School Auction a Huge Success

This year's Nursery School Auction was a tremendous success. It included a pre-dinner raffle, cocktails, elegant hors d'oeuvres, wonderful music, and a fabulous dinner catered by "Between the Breads." The evening's success was due in large part to the hard work of a team of more than two dozen families, capably coordinated by **Ricki Eisen, Bonnie Blanco** and **Beth Katz**. The proceeds from the Auction will go to the Nursery School Scholarship and Enrichment Fund.

**Rabbi Daniel B. Syme**  
will speak on  
**"Families in the Torah:  
Their problems and lessons  
for today"**

**Thursday, April 25**  
**7:30 pm**

Gala reception to follow

Sponsored by the Religious School Committee

**FAMILY SHABBAT — FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 5:30 PM**

## College Update

### Rabbi Tom Weiner

Being a Jewish student on many college campuses today is a lot more complicated than it was in years past. The political views of the general Jewish community used to fit in quite comfortably with the liberal political thinking on many college campuses. Today the student who is openly and proudly Jewish and openly and proudly supportive of Israel can find him or herself moving against the tide. Now more than ever it is important for us to effectively and supportively reach out to our students.

The College Committee (Carol Cohen, Gina Genel, Linda Lynn) and I have worked very hard this year to expand our college program. We continue sending students a menorah and boxes of Passover candy.

This year, thanks to the Brotherhood, I will

visit college students in Philadelphia, Boston, Providence, Poughkeepsie, Washington, D.C., New Haven and right here in the city. This ongoing contact is more crucial — and more satisfying — than ever.

Two new elements have been added to the college program. Every student now receives a weekly edition of the new Jewish newspaper, the English edition of the *Forward*. It's very helpful to have good and supportive Jewish press available to them. Secondly, the Brotherhood and the College Committee have instituted a new networking program to help with career decisions and placement. We are gathering the names of all congregants interested in making themselves available to our students for career counseling and guidance. We have some terrific young people on campuses all across the country. If you have any thoughts as to how we can best serve them, please give me a call.

## Anna Quindlen to Receive Prism Award at Focus Breakfast

**Anna Quindlen**, author of the weekly column *Public and Private* in the *New York Times*, will receive the Second Annual Prism Award at the Central Women's Focus breakfast at **8:00 am on Tuesday, April 16**. The Prism Award is



given for achievement reflecting the concerns of women. In her columns, Ms. Quindlen articulately examines public issues that often are ignored by other journalists. Many of the issues she has taken on are of special concern to women.

The program will take place in **Joslin Hall** at 123 East 55 Street. Reservations are essential. Please send \$9 for current members of Focus (\$12 for all others) in a check payable to Central Women's Focus, 123 East 55 Street, New York 10022. To find out about a late reservation (after April 2nd), leave a message with your name and telephone number on Barbara Dicker's answering machine at (212) 758-8583.

## Rabbi Eric Yoffie at Brotherhood Retreat

**Rabbi Eric Yoffie**, Executive Director of ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America), will be the Scholar in Residence at the **Brotherhood Retreat** to be held on **Saturday, April 13 at 9:15 am**.

The program for the day includes Torah study with Rabbi Davids, services and a luncheon. At 2:00 pm Rabbi Yoffie will talk on "Israel and the Middle East: Religion and Politics." After the presentation, discussion groups will be formed for more intense investigation of different aspects of the subject. The three topics will be: "Religious fanaticism in Israel and the Arab world;" "Israel and Palestinians: Is the gap unbridgeable?" and "Is peace after the Gulf War irreconcilable with conflicting religious concepts?" A Havdalah service and collation concludes the day's activities..

To reserve your place at the retreat, please send a \$20 check (payable to Central Synagogue Brotherhood) with your name, address and phone number to Central Synagogue Brotherhood, 123 East 55 Street, New York 10022.



**CENTRAL COLLEGE DINNER IN PHILADELPHIA:** Rabbi Tom Weiner enjoyed dinner with some of our Philadelphia area college students during a Brotherhood sponsored visit in February. Seated (left to right): Jason Polevoy, Josh Leibowitz, Jennifer Saul, Joliene Leibowitz. Standing (left to right): Rabbi Weiner, David Steinhardt, and Ethan Klemperer. Missing from photo: Ezra Nanes.

### Sisterhood

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## One Way to Make a Difference

The deep meaning to our Soviet emigres of hospitality extended to them is never better expressed than in a letter to Sisterhood from Elena Kozakin. Elena and her family were Sisterhood's guests at Chanukah services and dinner. She wrote of the evening: "This was remarkable to our family because we celebrated Chanukah, not only for the first time in the U.S., but the first time in our lives." The letter also expressed deep appreciation to **Roz Harber** and our English in Action volunteers, with whom the Kozakin family are studying. Elena voiced the family's gratitude for the learning experience and the hospitality that gave us "the unique opportunities that help ease our transition into

Jewish-American society and a new life close to our Jewish heritage." Sisterhood has extended invitations to our Soviet friends to join us for Sisterhood Sabbath services and the special dinner program that follows.

## Mark Your Calendar

... for the Sisterhood Sabbath, dinner, and installation program referred to above, to take place on **Friday evening, June 7th** in Schwartz Auditorium. The Sisterhood Sabbath service is one of the most beautiful, spiritual, uplifting experiences of the year. This year's theme is "peace" and we may rest assured that it will be celebrated in beautiful prayers. Full details will be included in the next mailing, but do save the date. You will be glad you did.

## Remember The Gift Shop For Your Spring Gift Needs!



## Social Action Committee:

### Report on Homelessness Project

During the year 1989-90, in honor of the sesquicentennial observation of the founding of Central Synagogue, the Social Action Committee sponsored a special program to prevent families on the verge of being ejected from their apartments retain them. This was a cooperative effort of the sub-committee on housing of the Social Action Committee and the Legal Aid Society.

The Legal Aid Society had found that tenants were being evicted who had temporary financial difficulties, and who could normally handle their problems. If they received one-time assistance, eviction could be avoided and the consequent increase in the number of homeless families could be reduced. A request for funds was made to members of the synagogue, and a generous response resulted. A total of \$11,336 was raised, including \$2,000 from Brotherhood.

The Legal Aid Society, through Helaine Barnett, attorney in charge, set up criteria for determining how help was to be allocated and was most judicious in its use of funds, exploring all avenues of assistance before making a grant. In one case, help had been extended to a family that was able to handle the payment later, reimbursing the fund for the money it advanced.

The fund has now been exhausted, and the Legal Aid Society has reported on its expenditures. The fund saved from homelessness twenty-five families, consisting of about ninety people. The smallest individual outlay was \$83.40, and the greatest \$1,016. The Legal Aid Society has expressed its gratitude for our help in this worthwhile effort. The Social Action Committee wishes once again to thank those members of the synagogue who contributed to this project.

## Central Synagogue & NYANA Work Together

Central Synagogue has joined hands with NYANA (New York Association for New Americans) in a pilot program to help find jobs for newly resettled Soviet Jews. Our assignment at Central is simple: if you have an opening in your business (or know of an opening elsewhere), all you need do is fill out the form that's attached to this issue, and mail it in to NYANA. Let's all pull together to make the Central Network an active one!

### From the Rabbi's Study (continued from page 1)

when Aviva, our youngest, took over the task from Shoshana — and declared that the job was hers by right until the grandchildren came on the scene.

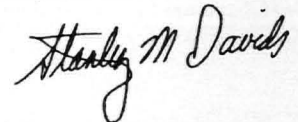
I remember Soviet Jews who have joined us over the years, bridging the gap between ancient liberation and contemporary dreams, making the Haggadah text overflow with urgency. I remember tears of happiness when my father was able to be with us: he always has the right to read the only passage in Yiddish found in our Reform Haggadah. And I remember my in-laws, pushing me on to complete the Seder before dawn would break, challenging miracle stories other than those which emerged out of the decisions and deeds of human beings. I remember that special warmth which flowed through the room those years when a very special friend, a Black minister in Worcester, shared with us his impressions of the struggle for freedom as together we proclaimed: Ha Lachma Anya — Behold, this is the bread of affliction . . . Let all who are hungry come and eat." And I remember the Trappist monk, a lover of Jewish medieval studies, who annually received permission from his order to join us in sacred celebration.

I remember the time when our children prepared an effigy of Elijah, hanging him from the portico above our front door. On cue, a young cousin thrust open that door, expecting nothing but the image of a full moon on a crisply dark night. There was an encounter with the supernatural at that moment which will live forever in our family annals. And, of course, the scramble for the Afikoman, an event which brought rewards to all of the participants, no matter what their age. Not every piece of that middle Matzoh would be discovered each year, leading to certain other rather unnecessary concerns at a later date.

There are memories of friends who felt that, by joining us, they were extending the embrace of their own family circles; memories of college students, unable to return to their own homes, bringing their particular stories and concerns and struggles to our midst. And, of course, memories of those wondrous matzoh balls — which were never too hard, never too soft. Truly a Passover miracle! We would sing and debate, eat more than was necessary, empty our four cups, and finally reach for those incredible double almonds from Bartons which alone could properly mark the close of yet another Seder.

A new Seder now awaits us, a new time to bring the family together, to share with friends both old and new. May the memories each of us will gather this year be good memories. As we look around and note seats which will never again be filled, may we also have the joy of seeing new seats occupied by those whom we have come to love and embrace. As we read "freedom's wondrous story," may we be strengthened in our resolve to share our gifts with all who come seeking. As we immerse ourselves in that ancient Exodus, as we feel ourselves stung by the taskmaster's whip and emboldened by visions of liberation, as we walk the suddenly dry bed of the Reed Sea and prepare for Revelation at Sinai, may we renew that ancient declaration: "This year we are slaves; next year may all of us be free; this year we are here, next year may we meet together in Jerusalem."

Chag Samayah. Have a beautiful Festival season.



*The following letter was sent to Sisterhood and Brotherhood:*

Thank you for sponsoring me and my wife to celebrate Sabbath Hannukah Dinner. It was our first Hannukah. We felt ourselves as real Jews, who were not afraid to show our feelings and religion. It was great!

We enjoyed every moment being in Central Synagogue with my teacher Mrs. Sigety and nice people around us. Meals were delicious and we spend very special time we'll never forget.

We look forward to celebrating every Jewish holiday at Central Synagogue. Thank s very much for your sponsoring.

*Arkady & Zbanna Zaltsman*

**We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions made during February:**

## Central Synagogue Gift Funds

### Caring Committee: Breakfast for the Hungry

Beatrice Bernheim  
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In honor of:  
**Frank & Annette Berlin**  
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In memory of:  
**Ellen Freudenheim's mother**  
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## General Fund

In honor of:  
**Sitting on the pulpit**  
Mildred Bloch

**Baby naming of granddaughter Melanie Marissa Davidoff**  
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In honor of:  
**Jennifer's Bat Mitzvah**  
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In appreciation of:  
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Mr. & Mrs. Saul Phillip Steinberg

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In memory of:  
**Louis B. Morrison**  
Mr. & Mrs. David L. Schwartz

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In honor of:  
**Richard Miller's Bar Mitzvah**  
Mr. & Mrs. Leo A. Zurier

## Rabbis' Discretionary Funds

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In memory of:  
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Lauria Lieberman

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In memory of:  
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# COMING EVENTS

**Thursday, April 11, 6:00 pm**

**Brotherhood Dinner & Lecture**  
Guest Speaker: Tom Dine

**Friday, April 12, 5:30 pm**

**Family Shabbat Service & Dinner**  
Dinner: 5:30 pm; Service: 6:30 pm

**Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am**

**Brotherhood Retreat**  
Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Eric Yoffie

**Tuesday, April 16, 8:00 am**

**Central Women's Focus Prism Award Breakfast**  
Honoree: Anna Quindlen

**Friday, April 19, 8:15 pm**

**Shofar Award at Shabbat Eve Service**  
Guest Speaker: Adam Michnik

**Thursday, April 25, 7:30 pm**

**Religious School Committee Lecture**  
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Syme

**Friday, May 3, 8:15 pm**

**Annual Music Shabbat Service**  
Cantor Botton & Central Synagogue Choral Society

## Worship Services in the Sanctuary

### Friday, March 29

5:30 pm Shabbat Eve Service  
Passover Eve Service

### Saturday, March 30

10:30 am Shabbat Service  
Passover Morning Service

### Thursday, April 4

5:30 pm Passover Closing Evening Service

### Friday, April 5

10:30 am Passover Closing Morning  
Service/Yizkor Memorial Service

8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service

### Saturday, April 6

10:30 am Shabbat Service

### Friday, April 12

5:30 pm Shabbat Eve Service  
Family Shabbat Program

### Saturday, April 13

10:30 am Shabbat Service  
Bar Mitzvah: David Ebenstein

### Friday, April 19

8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service  
Shofar Award

### Saturday, April 20

10:30 am Shabbat Service  
B'nai Mitzvah: Emily Bahr  
Adam Gerson

### Friday, April 26

5:30 pm Shabbat Eve Service

### Saturday, April 27

10:30 am Shabbat Service  
B'nai Mitzvah: Michelle Meltzer  
Keith Oppenheim

### Friday, May 3

8:15 pm Annual Music Shabbat Service

### Saturday, May 4

10:30 am Shabbat Service  
Bat Mitzvah: Shawna Kalish

### Daily Services:

Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 am, Blitzer Chapel  
Friday, 7:45 am, followed by Talmud class

### Upcoming Holidays:

#### Passover:

Begins sundown March 29: First Seder  
Ends sundown April 5

#### Yom Hashoah:

April 11

#### Israel Independence Day:

April 18

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