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# PASSOVER

## April 15 - April 23, 2022

## Nissan 15 - 22, 5782



### A QUESTION AND ANSWER GUIDE TO PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

## A. DEFINITION OF HAMETZ (LEAVEN)

1. Hametz is any one of the following grains—oats, spelt, wheat, rye, and barley—that has come in contact with water for 18 minutes or more. This is the beginning of the leavening process.
2. Hametz can also be any food product, whether solid or liquid, that is produced from the above grains even if these grains are of the smallest quantities. (The only exception is matzah, when the dough does not come into contact with water for more than 18 minutes and the dough is baked in less than 18 minutes.)
3. Dishes, utensils, ovens, and ranges that have absorbed even the smallest amounts of hametz and hametz products are forbidden to be used during the week of Passover unless they are properly cleansed and kashered according to Jewish law.
4. It was the custom of Ashkenazic Jewry during the week of Passover not to eat rice, corn, and vegetables of the pea family as though they were really hametz. The reason for the custom was that the above vegetables were ground into flour to make bread. To avoid any confusion between these vegetables and the five hametz grains, the custom was created to abstain from eating these foods during Passover week.
  - Nowadays, there is little chance of this confusion. Eating these products, *as long as they are marked KOSHER FOR PASSOVER L'Ochlei Kitniyot*, “Kosher for Passover for those whose custom is to eat rice, corn, and vegetables of the pea family,” is not a violation of the Torah’s prohibition on Hametz. As noted above, Jews of Sephardic descent routinely eat these on Passover.
  - However, out of respect for people eating at your home, or in whose home you eat, ALWAYS ASK WHAT THEIR CUSTOM IS, and abide by it.
5. Any non-hametz food product that was prepared in vessels and utensils that did absorb hametz is prohibited to be eaten during Passover.

## B. WHAT IS NOT HAMETZ?

1. The following types of food are not considered hametz in themselves:
  - a) Meat, poultry, and fish
  - b) Fruits and vegetables
  - c) Dairy products
2. The above mentioned non-hametz food categories must be processed, canned, bottled and packaged with rabbinic certification to guarantee that no hametz ingredient is included in the processing.
  - a) The following does not require any rabbinic certification:
    1. Those foods written in Paragraph #1 in their raw or fresh condition
    2. Refined sugar (excluding brown sugar, which does require supervision)
    3. Salt
    4. Ground coffee (excluding instant coffee)
    5. Pure fruit juice without additives in a glass jar or bottle only
3. The prohibition against the use and consumption of hametz applies to those products that are edible and fit for human and animal consumption.
4. Those products that are made from hametz that are not edible and are not fit for both human and animal consumption are not considered hametz, and one may derive use and benefit from them. Some examples of such products are toothpaste, deodorants, hair sprays, shampoos, soaps, lipsticks, talcum & baby powder, and cold creams & hand creams. Although toothpastes and lipsticks do not require rabbinic certification for use during Pesach, one should only use a fresh tube of toothpaste with a new toothbrush and a fresh stick of lipstick.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Dishwashing liquids and soaps *must have rabbinic certification*.

## C. THE SALE OF HAMETZ

The Torah teaches that during the eight days of Passover, Jews must not own or use any form of hametz. In the past, Jews would destroy all the hametz and hametz products before the Passover holiday or a Jew would give away all the leaven to a non-Jew as a gift that would be his permanent possession. However, Jews began to acquire much larger quantities of hametz for business or the home. The destruction or the giving away of these vast quantities of hametz would have meant a tremendous financial loss for Jews. The Rabbi's teach "Rachmana liba Be-ee." "The Law requires the heart." Jewish law gave us an alternative that has shown great compassion and understanding of the material needs of the Jewish community. This alternative is called "machirat hametz"—the selling of hametz.

The selling of the hametz is a legal business transaction with a non-Jew that involved the drawing up of a legal contract based upon rabbinic law and signed in the presence of two witnesses who also sign the contract. The contract includes an assessment of the value of the hametz being sold, a statement of the terms of delivery, and other conditions. The rabbi on Passover eve acts as the agent who will negotiate the sale with the non-Jew. The two people will reach an assessment of the value of the hametz, and the rabbi will ask for a down payment of money on the hametz. The rabbi will stipulate with the non-Jew that the balance of the money be paid on the night after the eighth day of Passover after the appearance of the stars, Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, approximately 8:30 PM. If, at that time, the non-Jew does not want to pay the balance, then the rabbi will return the deposit to the non-Jew and the sale will not be completed.

This is a legal and binding sale and not a joke as some people claim. Any person who does desire to sell his or her hametz may come to the synagogue office or fill out the form below appointing the Rabbi as his or her agent in the sale of hametz. Please remember that the sale of the hametz is not reserved only for traditional Jews, but every Jew can participate in the mitzvah. Even if that person does not observe the traditions of Judaism in his or her home, the person should not feel ashamed but should try to do this mitzvah.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Even if one will be away from one's home during Passover, one is still obligated to sell his or her hametz.

## II KASHERING OF UTENSILS

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (kevoelo kakh poletu). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

1. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware that has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.
2. Metal (utensils wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them that will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water.
  - a. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.
3. Oven and ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous-cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. A microwave oven, which does not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and a cup of water should be placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be Kashered for Pesah.
4. Glassware: Authorities disagree as to the method of kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesah or putting it through a dishwasher.
5. Dishwasher: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.
6. Electrical Appliances: If the parts that come into contact with hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)
7. Refrigerators need only be thoroughly cleaned with warm water and soap. The racks don't need to be covered, but if you wish to use foil or wax paper, pierce it to allow air to circulate in the refrigerator.
8. Tables, closets and counters: If used with hametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.
9. Kitchen sink: A metal sink can be kashered by a thorough cleaning and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.
10. Hametz and non-Passover utensils - Non-Passover dishes, pots, and hametz whose ownership has been transferred should be separated, locked up, or covered, and marked to prevent accidental use.

## III THE SEARCH FOR THE HAMETZ

1. The Talmudic tractate known as "Massechet Pesachim" requires an intensive and careful search for hametz in one's house on the night before Passover as soon as possible after nightfall. This cleansing of the home before Passover is traditionally known as "bedikat chametz." This year, the search for hametz takes place on **Thursday evening, April 14th** after sundown.

2. The supplies necessary for the search are:
  - a) A candle
  - b) Wooden spoon, paper bag, paper plate, or paper cup
  - c) A feather
3. Since most of our homes are cleaned and ready for the Passover holidays, it is customary to place crumbs of bread in the various rooms of our homes (especially those rooms in which hametz was consumed) before the search.
4. Prior to beginning the search, the following blessing is recited:  
 "BARUCH AHTAH ADONAI, EHLOHAYNU MELECH HA'OLAM ASHER KID'SHANU BIH-MITZ-VOH-TAF, VIH-TZEE-VANU AL BEE UR HAMETZ."

"BLESSED ARE YOU, SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS SANCTIFIED US THROUGH HIS COMMANDMENTS AND COMMANDED US CONCERNING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HAMETZ."

5. The person then moves from room to room with a lit candle (please note: the house must be darkened) and gathers up the crumbs with the feather and places them in the wooden spoon or paper bag. No conversation is permitted until the search has been completed. The hametz that is found during the search is then tied up and put away so that it will be burned the next morning.
6. After the search has been completed, the person recites the following formula for nullification of the hametz preferably in the English language:

"ALL LEAVEN AND ALL HAMETZ THAT IS IN MY POSSESSION THAT I DID NOT SEE AND DID NOT DESTROY, LET IT BE NULL AND OWNERLESS AS THE DUST OF THE EARTH."

#### IV FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

1. It is a tradition that on the day preceding Passover, the first-born sons of our people fast as an expression of thanksgiving to G-d for having spared the first born of the children of Israel from the plague that destroyed the first born of the Egyptians. This year the fast takes place on Wednesday April 8.
2. It is permissible for the first born to break the fast for the purpose of celebrating certain religious observances such as a wedding, a circumcision, or the completion of a tractate of the Talmud. In most instances, the Rabbis of many congregations will study a Talmudic tractate during the year and complete it on the eve of Passover. There are rejoicing and celebration when the Rabbi asks not only the first born, but everyone to participate in his simcha. The celebration is known as a "siyum." The FJCC will have minyan and a study session on **Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM** for the Fast of the First Born.

#### V BURNING OF THE HAMETZ

1. The book of Exodus tells us: "You shall destroy leaven from your houses." On the morning of Passover eve, the hametz that was collected during the bedikat hametz the evening before and other hametz is burned in a fire. The fire is normally lit outdoors, and the hametz is then thrown into the flames.
2. After the hametz is thrown into the flames, the following statement is said in English: "Any kind of leaven which is in my possession, whether I have seen it or not, whether I have destroyed it or not, shall be regarded as null and void and shall be as the dust of the earth."

No hametz may be eaten after **10:38 AM**, on **Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>**. The burning of the hametz should take place on **Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>**, before **11:45 AM**. There will be a community burning of Chametz at FJCC on **Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>**, at **9 AM**.

*Form to Appoint an Agent to Sell My Chametz (Shtar Harsha'ah)*

I, (please print) \_\_\_\_\_,  
fully empower and permit Rabbi Eric Cohen as my agent to act in my place and in my behalf to sell all my chametz and chametz mixtures as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law and to lease all places wherein the chametz owned by me may be found, especially in the premises located at (please print addresses):

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The Rabbi has full power to sell and to lease by transactions as he deems fit and proper for such times as he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms and forms according to Jewish law. Also, I do hereby give the Rabbi full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and lease. This is meant to conform with all the Torah and Rabbinic regulations and laws, and to be in accordance as well with the laws of the State of New Jersey and of the United States of America.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

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## PASSOVER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Search for Chametz at home

Thursday, April 14                      After dark

Services / *Siyum* Fast of the First-born

Friday, April 15                      8:00 AM

Burn Chametz at FJCC

Friday, April 15                      9:00 AM                      Latest time to burn Chametz 11:45 AM

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

Friday evening, April 15                      **6:00 PM**                      Light candles 7:21 PM (light another candle that will burn 24 hours)

Saturday morning, April 16                      9:15 AM

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

Saturday evening, April 16                      **6:00 PM\***                      Light candles (from the EXISTING flame) 8:22 PM

Sunday morning, April 17                      9:15 AM

PASSOVER Day 7

Thursday evening, April 21                      7:30 PM                      Light candles 7:27 PM (light another candle that will burn 24 hours)

Friday morning, April 22                      9:15 AM

8TH DAY OF PASSOVER = SHABBAT

Friday evening, April 22                      7:30 PM                      Light candles (from the EXISTING flame) 7:28 PM

Saturday morning, April 23                      9:15 AM

**Yizkor on Saturday, April 23rd will be about 10:30 AM.**

Holiday ends Saturday evening, April 23rd at 8:22pm

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### TO PRINT FROM A PC...

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**2. Click “Menu”**

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**3. Click “Print” from the drop down menu that opens**

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**2. Press “Command” and the letter “P” at the same time.**

*This will open the print window.*

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*Hit “Print” at the bottom right to print the entire bulletin, or under “Pages,” select “From” and enter the starting page you want to print, “to” the ending page. After adjusting the page range, click “Print” at the bottom right.*

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## Passover & Neighbors - Perfect Together

During troubling times, neighbors are important. At the very first Passover Seder, the one we observed in Egypt, every family is supposed to choose a lamb or a kid and roast it:

“Speak to the whole community of Israel and say that on the tenth of this month each of them shall take a lamb or a kid, for each family, one for each household. But, the text goes on, if the household is too small for a lamb, let them share one with a neighboring family who dwells nearby... each shall contribute for the lamb according to what each household will eat.” (Exodus 11: 3-6)

My teacher, Rabbi Art Green, points out that the choice of a

close neighbor is interesting here. In a society, he writes, still so tribally defined, one might have expected a brother's family, or some larger kinship unit, to share the paschal lamb. *Shakhen*, “neighbor,” he notes, is not a term widely found within the Torah. If this text, as is widely assumed, is prescribing for *pesach dorot*, all future Passovers, and not just the one in Egypt, it is saying something interesting about social structure within the Jewish community. All of Israel are together in reliving this experience of liberation. If your household cannot consume a whole lamb, reach out to your very closest neighbors and share it with them. Perhaps your souls were meant to overlap..., Rabbi Green suggests, just like your back yards.

In fact, RaSHI (12:46) quotes a Midrash saying that the paschal lamb should be eaten *be-chavurah*, “in community,” one of the early occurrences of that word. You have to create *chavurah*, community, with your neighbors in order to fulfill the *mitzvah*!

In these times of pandemic, when families are not easily accessible, or when our families are spread out all over the country (perhaps all over the world), those best positioned to support us are... our neighbors. Perhaps, we can take comfort in knowing that Jews have been valuing their neighbors from the moment they became a free people, many millennia ago.

Shabbat Shalom!

**RABBI**

## Good things are happening...

### IN OUR WORLD

[Humpback Whales Make a Comeback in Australia](#)

### IN OUR COUNTRY

[Monarch Butterfly Migrations Were Recently Counted...And the Numbers are Staggering](#)

### IN OUR STATE

[Jersey Man Returns from a 25,000-Mile Walk Around the World](#)



## President's Letter

How fabulous! We had a wonderful turnout in person for the Purim Family Megillah Service this year. It was fun seeing everyone, seeing the children in their costumes, laughing as the teens acted out the story of Queen Esther-Haman, enjoying the music accompaniment to the story and enjoying yummy hamantashen together. The Purim Carnival was equally as joyous. Thank you to all the volunteers who made these events possible.

The music of Purim was preceded by two engaging musical events – Havdalah with Klezmer music by Tsu Fil Duvids, then the following week Strummin and Hummin with Chip. Both programs had the members tapping their toes, singing along and dancing in the aisles. Again, thank you to the Center Series and the many people who organized the two performances, especially Cara London and Harry Rapkin, the event chairs.

Over the past few months, we also met for Friday, Saturday and Sunday services in the sanctuary, resumed Hebrew School in person, continued adult education online, welcomed the teens for a sleep-in, gathered for book author talks, instituted a new movie club, invited mah jong players back to the FJCC, maintained the weekly bridge group, baked hamantashen and more. [The FJCC calendar is full of things to address your interests.](#) [We invite you to participate in one or all of the gatherings!](#)



In the upcoming month of April, we have a [Lunch & Learn about life's transitions, a well-known speaker addressing Modern Day Slavery, youth group activities, our annual Yom HaShoah program with filmmaker Pierre Sauvage, a storyteller to entertain adults and children at Kabbalat Shabbat and our usual ongoing weekly programs.](#) In addition, there will be a Post-Passover-Pizza-Party because who doesn't like pizza after a week of matzah!

Where can you find out about all that is happening at the shul – go to [www.flemingtonjcc.org](http://www.flemingtonjcc.org) and click the ["Calendar" tab](#). The Calendar and Upcoming Events sections of the website have been updated and (hopefully) they are easier to navigate. Thank you to Deborah Kesselhaut and Dana Cohen for all your hard work in setting this up. If you are having trouble logging into the new member portal, Nathan Lefkow has graciously offered to help anyone who needs a few tips.

This month, I'll leave you with a musical, rather than literary quote: "It's my life. It's now or never! I ain't gonna live forever. I just want to live while I'm alive. It's my life!"

**Sharon Rednor**  
**FJCC President**



# Contributions

## Building Fund

Rick Borrow - in memory of David S. Jacobson.

Robin, we are so sorry for your loss. Rick & Beth.

Marsha & Zel. Gerstein

- mazel tov to Sharon & Edward Winnick on the engagement of your daughter Sydney to Daniel
- in memory of Calvin Canter, beloved brother of Linda Atlas

Deborah & Alan Hylton

- in memory of William Teuhaft, beloved cousin of Marilyn Dvoor
- in memory of Jack Kogan, beloved father of Nomi Forman

## General Fund

Amy Baratz

- Dear Robin, our most sincere condolences on the passing of your dad. With love, Amy & Stan Baratz
- in memory of David Jacobson

Barbara & Mitch Clarin

- in honor of Howard Spinowitz: in memory of your beloved father, Harvey
- in honor of Jeremy Silberman: in memory of your beloved father, Paul
- in honor of Beth & Douglas Krampel: in memory of Harry Krampel

Jeffrey Cooper - in memory of David Jacobson

Marlene Dvoor - for the Yahrzeit of her grandparents, Jacob & Ida Dvoor

Alvin Fagan - in honor of the FJCC, from Archie

Carolyn's friend - mazel tov to Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of your first grandchild, Evan Samuel (Gideon Benzion)!!

Marsha & Zel Gerstein

- in honor of Jeremy Silberman: in memory of your beloved father, Paul
- in honor of Howard Spinowitz: in memory of your beloved father, Harvey
- in honor of Monica Gort-Jakukowski on the engagement of Ariel to Scott
- mazel tov to Jerry Atlas, in honor of your birthday
- mazel tov to Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of your grandson, Samuel
- refuah shlemah and a speedy recovery to Lois Butt
- refuah shlemah to Matt Schutz

Marsha & Zel Gerstein

- in memory of David Jacobson

Beth Hinnen - in memory of David Jacobson. To the family: My deepest condolences for the recent passing of your father. While I did not know personally, I felt deeply connected to his humor and kindness through knowing his son, Brad. May David live on through all who knew him. In loving kindness, Beth Hinnen.

Elizabeth Lowe - mazel tov Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of your grandson, Evan Samuel

Suzanne & Frederick Rothstein

- for the yahrzeit of Minnie Arowitz
- for the yahrzeit of Bernard Volowitz, Sue Rothstein's father
- refuah shlemah to Lois Butt. Get well wishes from Sue & Rick Rothstein.

Stefania Sirota - in memory of David S. Jacobson:

Dear Brad, Chava, Sasha and Ava. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this moment of loss and sorrow. Stefania & Chris.

Stephanie Ledgin - mazel tov to Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of Evan Samuel, their first grandchild

Evelyn & Philip Stern

Arthur Wetstein

## Kiddush / Oneg Fund

Deborah & Steve Kesselhaut

- in memory of Harvey Spinowitz, beloved father of Howard Spinowitz
- mazel tov to Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of their grandson, Evan Samuel

Bruce Moskovitz & John Fellin - mazel tov to Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of your grandson, Evan Samuel. Kirschner!

Suzanne & Frederick Rothstein - mazel tov to.

Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of their grandson, Evan Samuel Kirschner

Jane & Eric Wasserman - mazel tov to Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of their grandson Evan Samuel Kirschner

## Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Elizabeth & Howard Spinowitz

- in memory of Harvey Jay Spinowitz, beloved father of Howard. You will be missed, Grandpa Harvey.
- mazel tov to Carolyn & David Goldman on the birth of your adorable, new baby grandson, Evan Samuel Kirschner



# This Month In Jewish History, It's the Jewish High Five

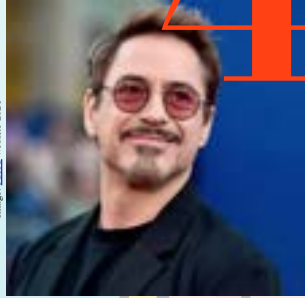


Image: JCHC website 2021

4 Robert Downey, Jr. is a self-described “Jewish Buddhist,” son of a half Lithuanian, one-quarter Hungarian and one-quarter Irish-Jewish father. Despite a checkered past that included run-ins with law enforcement and drug abuse, Downey, Jr. was able to turn it all around and enjoy the success of the Marvel universe by appearing in all nine Avengers movies and a few hits along the way (*Tropic Thunder*, for example). And let’s not forget some of his early masterpieces, like the dark and brooding *Less Than Zero*. Happy birthday, Robert!

6 A local Jew (raised in Passaic) and People Magazine’s “Sexiest Man Alive” for 2021, Paul Rudd is “another reason for Jewish parents to be disappointed in their sons” according to Adam Blickstein (via Twitter). His English-born, Jewish parents moved the family to Kansas when Paul was 10. He is a highly praised and versatile actor who, like our friend above, had the chance to appear in the Marvel Cinematic Universe as Ant Man. Fun Fact: The original Rudd last name was Rudnitsky.



Image: JCHC website 2021

1 If you're looking for drama, look no further. America's sweetheart slayer of the undead, Sarah Michelle Gellar, hails from Long Island of two Ashkenazi Jewish parents. Aside from her mad slaying skills, the actor was a competitive figure skater and a black belt in taekwondo. Boasting some serious GenX movie street cred, this 44-year old has starred in over seven commercially successful films, and various television programs, including winning an Emmy for her work on the daytime soap, *All My Children*.



Image: JCHC website 2021

1 One word: Babs! Yes, the famed Yentilist, Barbra Streisand was born this month in...well, let's not dwell on the year. Babs can do it all: she is an iconic singer, actress, director, producer and a mom. She has also won countless awards, from an Oscar, to a Tony, to an Emmy, Grammy, Golden Globe...shall I go on? But where did she begin? Modestly. Barbra grew up middle-class and attended Beis Yakov Jewish School in Brooklyn. One of her most famous roles, playing the lead in *A Star is Born*, was recently reprised by Lady Gaga (not a Jew).



Image: Vanity Fair 2014

24 What is with this guy's success? The writer, actor, comedian and now, quasi-talk show host, Jerry Seinfeld, is a graduate of Queens College, and is still working, although not how you might think. Netflix is lousy with Seinfeld, both the sitcom AND the stand up comic. But for something completely different, be sure and catch the Emmy-award winning *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee* for a peak into, not only some fascinating comics' brains, but Mr. Seinfeld's as well. Although a privately practicing Jew, he has only been known to date Jewish women (until he married his wife, Jessica).



Image: JCHC website 2021



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**WHO'S THAT SISTER?**

Click Here...WOTY needs a few good women! Email us today & volunteer to help out for WOTY! The event chair is looking for volunteers, no matter how little or how much you can contribute of your time and effort. See our Save-the-Date on Page 16.



# Sisterhood Purim-azing!



Thank you to the fabulous Sisterhood members and volunteers who made Purim AMAZING this year, our first year back, post-pandemic and in-person!

**Mishloach Manot Bags:** To Cheryl Faigan and Rachel Rodriguez for organizing this year's Mishloach Manot bags, and to the following volunteers who helped stuff them: Kimi & Kylei Mittler, Sharon Rednor, Jacqui & Sarah Sornstein, Gabby & Liz Spinowitz, Jodi & Rose Weitz. We would also like to thank the FJCC Board members and volunteers who delivered the bags and those congregants who donated!

**Purim Café:** To Josy Kestenbaum for organizing and running the café, and... to those who shopped, cooked, served and sold the delicious and wonderful treats for the families, kids and Youth Group members at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 20th: Kim Muller, Helen Pollack, Neil Pollack, Daniel Wasserman, Jane Wasserman, Jonathan Weitz and Carol Wolf. We would also like to thank ShopRite of Flemington for their generous food donation that made the café possible!

**Hamantaschen Baking:** To the following volunteers for helping bake the delicious, giant Hamantaschen sold at the café...Glenn Gold, Josy Kestenbaum, Tina Martoccia, Pam Nemeth, Christine Piazza, Sharon Rednor, Rachel Rodriguez, and Jacqui Sornstein.

For photos from the Purim Carnival & Café, go to the Youth Group Page.

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*Attendees & volunteers catch up at the carnival*



*Hamantaschen, both large and small were for sale!*



*Sisterhood Volunteers & Youth Group hosts get busy in the kitchen and at the cafe!*





*Youth Group members get gally with the Hebrew School students and on their own!*



## Bring on the Joy!

The Youth Group put on an incredible carnival for Hebrew School students, who enjoyed games, crafts and toys (and even temporary tattoos), as well as sweets and treats from the café, courtesy of Sisterhood!



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## Roasted Orange Peppers with Walnut Relish

8 servings, 1.35 hours

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 orange bell peppers, seeded and quartered
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 2 tbsp. sherry vinegar
- 1 tsp. honey
- 1 small shallot, finely chopped
- 1/4 c. toasted walnuts, very finely chopped
- 2 tbsp. fresh parsley, finely chopped

### DIRECTIONS

- Heat oven to 350° F. In a 3-quart baking dish, toss peppers with oil, garlic, and 1/2 tsp each salt and pepper.
- Transfer to oven and roast, stirring occasionally, until peppers are very tender, 80 to 90 minutes.
- Spoon off oil from pan and reserve. In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar and honey, then reserved oil.
- Stir in shallot, walnuts, and parsley. Spoon relish over peppers.
- Serve



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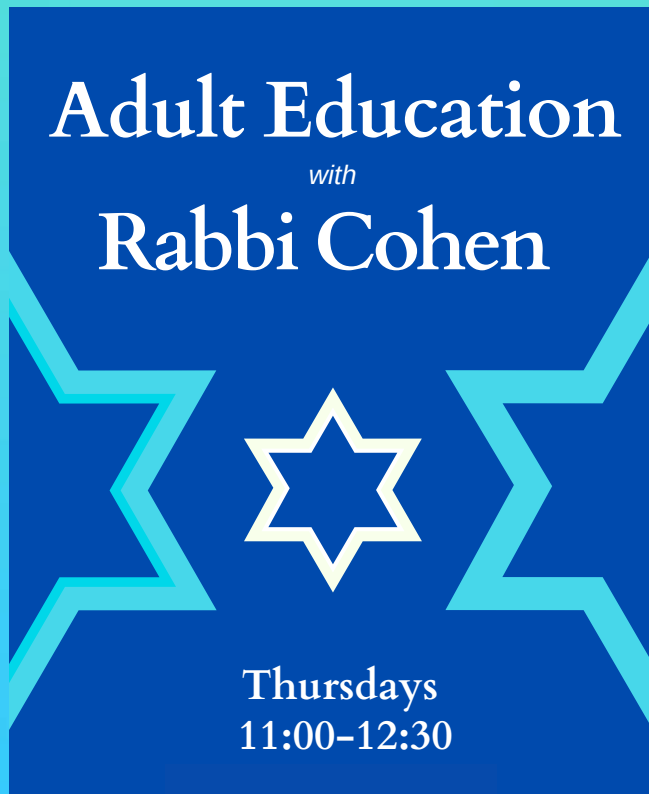


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