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Rabbi Anthony Fratello, MAHL

I remember when I was in Rabbinical School learning an incredible fact: The most widely observed Jewish Holiday, is Passover. Let me explain what I mean by that.

As you know, today Jews come in every shape, shade, and style. There are Jews who trace their ancestry to Eastern Europe and those who trace their ancestry to the Middle East and the Levant. There are Jews who trace their ancestry to Africa and others whose ancestors are buried in Asia. There are Jews who are straight, Jews who are gay, Jews who identify with one particular way of life and those who identify with the exact opposite. Today there are Jews who might be considered the most observant of observant, and those who observe nothing. Among ALL of these Jews the most common observance, is Passover. It might be a full Seder, it might only be a piece of Matzah, but whatever it is, it is a shared experience. And the shared experience is what unites us.

That is wonderful. Especially given that the key theme of Passover is Jewish Peoplehood. God brought us out of Egyptian Bondage that we might be a free people. I would say that all of those who manifest the different faces of Judaism are able to do so precisely because of that freedom. Looking across the broad spectrum of Jewish life it is as if we are seeing the promise of the Seder made real.

Today our Jewish identity is more and more precarious. We obviously see the struggles of our brothers and sisters in the Land of Israel, but we are also keenly aware of the threats that are right here at home. I have said before and will continue to say, in the end the only people that we can truly count on are one another. Throughout our history it has been our shared approach to calamity and challenge that has enabled us to survive. It served our ancestors in

ancient days, and it will serve our people today. We just need to tap into it.

So, wherever you may find yourself this Passover S eason, take a moment to ponder our past, our present, and our future. Take a moment to think of those who are struggling even now. Raise a cup to them, or better yet, fill their cup with love and support. One never knows the time when we may need them to do the same for us.

From our house to yours, A Zissen Pesakh!



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Cantor's Corner

Cantor Carry Barry, MSM

As we enter the Passover season, I am reminded of a story in one of the less traditional *haggadot* in my collection. It's a tale about a king who lived most of his life as a peasant. He had become king by some miraculous event, much like Arthur pulling the sword from the stone. He was a wonderful king: compassionate and fair. He listened to his subjects and was beloved by all.

There was one mystery surrounding him, however. When he became king, he had insisted that he have a space outside the walls of the castle where no one else was allowed to enter. A space that was not already outfitted with the opulence of royalty. He was given an abandoned cabin in the woods.

Every so often, the king would make his way to the cabin and stay there for a day or two with no servants attending him. While the people were curious, most of them were too busy to be bothered and, since they were so happy under the king's rule, no one questioned this peculiar ritual of his.

After a number of years, one young courtier, convinced the king must be up to something, followed him into the woods and straight to the cabin. He managed to find a section of the window that was not covered and what he saw shocked him. There was the king, normally bedecked in the finest robes, standing in front of a mirror wearing the plainest of peasant linens.

The courtier could not stop himself and entered the cabin. As the king's mouth dropped in shock, the courier demanded an explanation.

The king soon recovered and invited the young man to sit with him. It was then that he smiled warmly and said, "My dear young man, you are not old enough to remember my humble beginnings. I once lived in a cabin such as this. I worked all day long to have food to eat. With all of the riches that come with my title, it would be quite easy to forget from whence I came. I keep this space here to remind me. Remembering my past helps me be a better leader for the people."

Friends, it is for a remarkably similar reason that we gather each year around our tables to take part in Passover seder. Our readings, our rituals, and our songs teach us that we were once slaves in Egypt and that it is through God's grace and the bravery of our ancestors that we are alive and free today. It is incumbent on us, however, to not take this for granted and to champion those who are enslaved and mistreated today.

May this *Pesach* be both sweet *and* inspiring. Let it ignite our souls and remind us of our sacred mission of *tikkun olam*.



Passover Second Night Seder Tuesday April 23, 2024 6:00 pm Please join us!



Services conducted by Rabbi Anthony Fratello & Cantor Carrie Barry

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Celebrating our April B'nei Mitzvah

Ari Harrison Peschansky

Becomes a Bar Mitzvah On April 13, 2024



Parent (s) Names: Stacey and Scot

Peschansky

Grandparents: Laurie and Jay Dimirsky and

Mark and Mardi Peschansky Siblings: David Peschansky Sports: Golf & Pickleball Academic Interests: Science

Special Interests: Lego, Fishing, STEM

Torah Portion: Tazria

My Bar Mitzvah project: For my Bar Mitzvah project, I decided to raise money for the IDF's Lone Soldier Center. For those of you who don't know what a lone soldier is, I will explain. A Lone Soldier is a person who leaves their home country to serve as a member of the IDF. Since they don't have immediate family living in Israel, they have nowhere to go when they are not on duty, during holidays, or when they just need a friendly place to call home. The Lone Soldier Center helps these individuals by providing a supportive environment, Shabbat dinners, health services, and a feeling of belonging. It is because of centers like this that a lone soldier can have a successful experience while serving in the IDF. The job they are doing protecting Israel is an honorable one. As a way to say thanks and support this important work, I will be raising money to help the Lone Soldier Center provide these services.

https://my.israelgives.org/en/fundme/ AriPeschanskyBarMitzvah

Harper Rose LeRoy

Becomes a Bat Mitzvah On April 20, 2024



Parent (s) Names: Sara & Joshua LeRoy Grandparents: Stephen & Jacqueline Jones

and Alan & Marilyn LeRoy Siblings: Charlotte LeRoy

Academic Interests: HOSA/Health Sciences
Special Interests: Animals, Cooking and Music

Torah Portion: Metzorah

My Bat Mitzvah project: My mitzvah project was to donate supplies to a local pet foster, "A Second Chance Puppies and Kittens Rescue." The organization takes in cats and dogs in need of a home until they can be adopted. It is a 100% volunteer nonprofit rescue, and the group has rescued over 14,500 animals. Their main focus is saving pregnant or nursing animals and their offspring by placing them in safe foster homes. I chose this project because I've always loved animals and it's upsetting to know that some aren't treated as nicely as others. I chose this organization because it's where we got our oldest and best dog. I hope my project has had a positive impact on "A Second Chance Puppies and Kittens Rescue"





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JULI ZENO



Israel at 76: The October 7 Attacks and the War in Gaza:

Consequences for Israel and the Jewish People

The TSS Israel Committee & Brotherhood invite you to our observance of Israel '76

Sunday May 5, 2024 2:00 PM



Guest Speaker: Luis Fleischman Ph.D

Professor of Sociology at Palm Beach State College, founding co-chair of the Palm Beach Center for Democracy, and author of The Middle East Riddle: A Study of the Middle East Process and Israeli-Arab Relations in Times of Change (New Academia, 2021)

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SISTERHOOD

Dear sisters,

As April approaches, we are anxiously awaiting our 2024 Women's Seder, our multigenerational event led by Cantor Barry and Rabbi Tract on April 7. We have sold out and look forward to seeing you all there and are so excited about this event that has been a staple for TSS Sisterhood.

Also mark your calendars for our **April 18** meeting fashion show. Call Diana Haber (561) 704-2998 to sign up for modeling.

And we end our year in May with our very own wonderful Cantor Barry, on <u>May 16th</u>. As she charms us every Friday night, this will be a wonderful event honoring women.

We are looking towards the summer for some other activities. Stay tuned for more details.

And finally, the sisterhood board would like to wish each and every one of you a Zissen Pesach. We hope you all enjoy this time with friends and family.

And please remember, once again, we are not just Thursdays.

Thank You

Roberta H. Alter and Ellen Hulkower



BROTHERHOOD

Next Brotherhood ROMEOs lunch will be on Tuesday, April 9, restaurant TBA

Day of service/Good deeds day: Sunday, April 14, Brotherhood will be participating

Keep the date: Sunday, May 5, 2:00 PM at TSS, joint Israeli Committee and Brotherhood event: Speaker on the current situation in the Middle East, "linner" to follow at Mama Mia's Restaurant in Boynton Beach.

End of season banquet: in June TBA



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