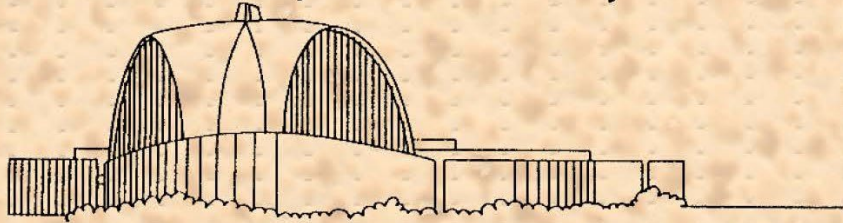


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שבת שלום SHABBAT SHALOM

ב"ה

DAILY MINYAN SUNDAY - FRIDAY IS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 9:00 AM
CONTACT RABBI GOLDEN FOR MORE INFORMATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

LIGHT CANDLES: 6:48 PM

At this time during COVID-19,
Friday evening services are not being held



SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 (7 NISAN 5781)

PARASHAT VAYIKRA
פרשת ויקרא

SHABBAT SERVICES 9:30 AM
שחרית, קריאת התורה ומוסף

Shabbat Morning Services will be held in the Sanctuary
with social distance restrictions by reservation only.
Kindly refer to the updated COVID-19 Policy.

Please contact the Temple office by
Thursday, March 18 to register:
admin@thesephardictemple.org (516-295-4644)

PASSOVER

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

תענית בכורים

Fast of First Born begins 5:28 AM

ZOOM SHAHRIT SERVICE 9:00 AM
SIYYUM VIA ZOOM AFTER THE SERVICE

BEDIQAT HAMETS

בדיקת חמץ

Search for Hamets begins after sunset 7:13 PM



MELDADOS

SHABBAT, MARCH 20, 2021

JOSEPH ABRAHAM CASSUTO
MORRIS CALDERON
AL SANSOLO
KATIE J. BEJA
SARA (MICKEY) MEVORACH
NETTIE VALERIE STEIN
ALBIE STATMAN
BETTY HAZAN
SUZETTE FINTZ
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ANNA MITTLER
JOSEPHINE PAPARO
MEYER ROSEN
AVRAM VALENCY
JOSEPH ZIRINSKY

PLEASE SEE COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF
PASSOVER SERVICE TIMES AND
HOLYDAY INFORMATION



Parashat **VAYIKRA**... This first Parashat of the Book of Leviticus describes several of the types of sacrifices that the Israelites brought to the Tabernacle and later to the Jerusalem Temple. Though far removed from our contemporary reality, these sacrifices represented an archetype for mending a broken relationship. Among these offerings were several sacrifices that were brought by individuals to repair their relationship with G-d after incidents of breakdown. "...And it will be forgiven him for anything of all that he has done wherein to incur guilt." (Lev. 5:26) Each sacrifice was accompanied by a personal admission of guilt and contrition for previous actions.

IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

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SEPHARDIC TEMPLE SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Shabbat Morning Services will be held in the Sanctuary with social distance restrictions by reservation only. Please review our new COVID-19 Policy.

Registration to the Temple office for Shabbat must be received by Thursday.



If you have any questions regarding Passover preparations,
please contact Rabbi Golden:

rabbigolden@thesephardictemple.org • (516-295-4644)



The Orthodox Union Passover Guide is now available online:

<https://oukosher.org/passover/passover-guide/>



בסמך טוב ומזל טוב
SIMAN TOV & MAZAL TOV

On the Birth of a Baby Boy:

יעקב בן שמעון וקרולין

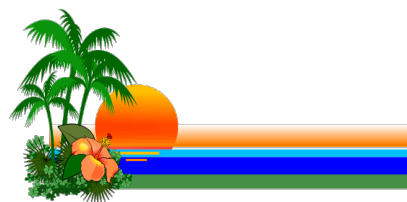
Jackson Louis Elias

Parents:

Callie & Steven Elias

Grandparents:

Rochelle & Alvin Elias



Spring change of address?

Please notify the Temple office
of any updates in address and
telephone numbers

Selling Hamets...?

Arrangements have been made to effect
the sale of hamets through Rabbi
Shlomo Segal of Kehilat Moshe of South
Brooklyn. Suggested donation \$36.

Please see the enclosed form to be
returned to: kehilatmoshe@gmail.com
by March 24

Ladino Phrase of the Week

קאדה קוזה אין סו טיימפו אי לה מאסה אין פסח
Kada koza en su tiempo i la masa en Pesah

**Everything in its proper time,
even the dough in Pesah**

*Courtesy of the Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America:
www.sephardicbrotherhood.com*



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FRIDAY EVE, MARCH 26

Candlelighting 6:56 PM

EREV PASSOVER

**SHABBAT HAGADOL MORNING
SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 27**

Morning Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, March 25)

HAMETS RESTRICTIONS

סוף זמן אכילת חמץ

Final time for eating hamets 10:54 AM

זמן ביעור חמץ

Dispose of any remaining hamets 11:56 AM

**END OF SHABBAT HAGADOL &
EVE OF PASSOVER**

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 27

Shabbat ends (Havdalah)..... 7:49 PM

Light candles for Pesah after 7:49 PM and

FIRST HAGGADAH (SEDER) after 7:49 PM

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 28

Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, March 25)

SECOND EVENING OF PASSOVER

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 28

Count the Omer – First Day

Light candles for Pesah after 7:50 PM and

SECOND HAGGADAH (SEDER) after 7:50 PM

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER

MONDAY, MARCH 29

Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, March 25)

Count the Omer – Second Day

Havdalah 7:51 PM

HOL HAMOED חול המועד פסח

INTERMEDIATE DAYS

(TUESDAY, MARCH 30 –

FRIDAY, APRIL 2)

ZOOM SHAHRIT SERVICE 9:00 AM

Contact the Temple office for Zoom link

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 2

Light Candles 7:03 PM

Count the Omer - Sixth Day

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 3

Morning Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, April 1)

EIGHTH DAY OF PASSOVER

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 3

Light Candles 7:56 PM

Count the Omer - Seventh Day

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 4

Morning Services: IN MAIN SANCTUARY 9:30 AM
(RSVP to the Temple office by Thursday, April 1)

~~Vizkor~~ Prayers recited after the conclusion
of the Shabbat service 11:30 AM

SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 4

Holyday ends/Havdalah 7:57 PM

Count Omer - Eighth day

Do not consume hamets
until after 9:00 PM

General guidance on the Disposal of Hamets:

In addition to the prohibition of consuming hamets on Pesah, the Torah mandates that no hamets be owned or possessed during the Passover festival. Thus, from biblical times, Jews have made sure to dispose of hamets and clean their residences and other properties of hamets. How best to do this in 2021? Our recommendation is to follow the traditional practice of consuming all hamets products in advance of the Passover festival (before Friday afternoon March 26). The relatively recent practice of selling hamets (MEHIRAT HAMETS) developed for businesses - like breweries and commercial wholesalers - who would suffer huge financial losses by disposing of hamets before Passover. Selling of hamets was never intended for common homeowners to keep a loaf of bread or a box of pasta in their possession over the holyday. If you still feel like selling your hamets,

This year the 14th of Nisan, the Eve of Passover, falls on Shabbat, and a number of significant changes to the pre-Yom Tov rituals are made:

First is the Fast of the Firstborn which is observed on the preceding Thursday, March 25. The Siyyum will take place via Zoom after the shahrit minyan (which begins promptly at 9:00am) has concluded. Please contact the Temple office for the Zoom link.

The Search for Hamets/BEDIQAT HAMETS is performed on Thursday evening, March 25 with the customary blessing before the search and the BITOOL (Declaration of Nullification of Hamets/KOL HAMIRA) recited after the search. We diligently search through all of our possessions to seek if any edible hamets might have been overlooked or escaped our attention during our cleaning and preparation for the holyday. Remember to search one's automobile(s), and one's office/cubicle, etc., in addition to one's residence(s). At the conclusion of the search on Thursday night, all hamets in one's domain and possession should be separated. Any hamets that will be disposed of, or eaten, on the next day should be placed in a designated location where it will not be lost or disturbed.

Because Erev Pesah falls on the Sabbath, the process of removing hamets from one's possession, and B'FOOR HAMETS (nullifying hamets), becomes much more complicated since the Sabbath restrictions preclude most methods of cleaning and destroying the hamets. Our recommendation is the following: Consume all hamets in one's possession by early afternoon on Friday, March 26, and any hamets left over should be disposed of at that time – before shabbath – and the BITOOL would be recited at that time. Some burn the hamets. This can be difficult to accomplish with completeness, and the Talmud is clear that other methods of disposal can be utilized. Thus, if the amount of hamets is small (a few crumbs, etc.) it could be flushed down the toilet. Another safe method for 'larger' amounts of hamets is to place it into a bag and dispose of it in a public trash container. Halakhic authorities also permit placing bagged hamets into one's own garbage can which is an act of HEFQEROOT (declaring something ownerless).

If, however, you plan to eat hamets on Friday and Shabbat Evening/Shabbat Morning, then the hamets that you have separated and left over from the Search for Hamets on Thursday evening should be consumed no later than 10:54am on Shabbat morning and the BITOOL (Nullification of Hamets) recited no later than 11:56am. Be aware that if you are choosing to eat hamets after midday Friday, any hamets left over after burning or otherwise disposing will not be included in the sale to the non-Jew if you are selling your hamets.

Selling of Hamets

Arrangements have been made to effect the sale of hamets through Rabbi Shlomo Segal of Kehilat Moshe of South Brooklyn: (kehilatmoshe@gmail.com), 347-850-4170. Suggested donation \$36.

Meals on Shabbat Erev Pesah

All Shabbat meals should be kosher for Passover (made of kosher for Passover ingredients in Passover utensils). How should we fulfill the requirement to recite the HaMotsee blessing over the LEHEM MISHNEH (two loaves of bread eaten at Sabbath & Festival meals)? The best way is to use Egg Matsah (MATSAH ASHIRAH) which is considered bread=LEHEM, but does not fulfill the requirement for the Haggadah (Seder) meal. While there is a long-standing custom to refrain from eating MATSAH on the day before Pesah, use of Egg Matsah enables us to observe the Sabbath requirement for LEHEM MISHNEH while also reserving the taste of the MATSAH SHEMURAH solely for the Haggadah evening on Saturday night.

If one wants to use hamets for LEHEM MISHNEH, you should use small rolls that can be consumed without cutting and eaten in its entirety to avoid crumbs. Use disposable utensils and dishes for your meal(s) to prevent contact with the hamets, and avoid bringing Passover utensils and dishes to the table. You will have to eat a very early lunch though to finish your hamets rolls by 10:54am, and recite the BITOOL by 11:56am.

Everyone is obligated to come to the Haggadah Table on Saturday night with a full appetite. Therefore, if you are eating a SE'UDAH SHELISHIT (Third Sabbath Meal), not even MATSAH ASHIRAH is allowed. A piece of fruit, or some light snack, is the way to go!

Seder Preparations

No preparations for the Haggadah (Seder) can be made on Shabbat – all items needed for the Haggadah, including the special *el Plato de Pesah*, should be created before the Sabbath. Remember to light a 3-day candle before Shabbat so you will be able to light your Yom Tov candles from a pre-existing flame. The more preparation for the Haggadah (Seder) is done before the Sabbath, the sooner the proceedings can begin after Shabbat.

TO REITERATE:

If you plan on being hamets-free by Friday midday, you can recite the BITOOL (Nullification of Hamets) at that time on Friday.

If you plan, however, to eat hamets on Friday afternoon, Shabbat evening and Shabbat morning, then the final time for eating hamets on Shabbat is 10:54am, and the final time for disposing of (without breaking the Sabbath - no burning obviously) and nullifying the hamets by reciting the BITOOL declaration is 11:56am.

SELLING THE “CHAMETZ”

The Torah forbids a Jew to own any chametz during Passover, so we sell all chametz (left after the search and burning) to a non-Jew, with the Rabbi acting as our agent. The non-Jewish buyer gives a small deposit, and the balance becomes a guaranteed loan. The sale of chametz transaction is legally binding, but the buyer may return it and retrieve his deposit. Place all chametz utensils in a specific room or closet(s) to be sold, sealed with tape or lock, until after Passover.

SALE OF CHAMETZ FORM (Please Print or Type)

I (/we) (SELLER’S NAME(s)) _____ hereby authorize Rabbi Shlomo Segal to dispose of all chametz in my (our) possession wherever it may be, at home, at my (our) place(s) of business, or elsewhere - in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law as incorporated in the special contract for the sale of Chametz.

Date _____

Resident Address(es): _____

City: _____

Business Address(es): _____

City: _____

Signature(s) _____

Please scan or take photo and email this form to kehilatmoshe@gmail.com

The form must be emailed no later than Wednesday, March 24, 2021.