

Chailights

April 2020

Rabbi Joseph H. Rosen



*FROM RABBI ROSEN'S ROSH CHODESH NISSAN AFFIRMATION VIDEO
SHARED HERE AT RABBI ROSEN'S REQUEST*

Shalom y'all,

We recently passed Rosh Chodesh, the beginning of the Jewish month, Nissan. One special observance we have for the new month is the inclusion of additional readings in the Torah Service. The concluding reading for Rosh Chodesh Nissan comes from Exodus 12 and describes the Passover sacrifice. This reading sets the stage for the upcoming holiday observed this month and provides an important message on the meanings behind the sacred rituals.

I have a personal connection to this passage, not only because Passover is my favorite holiday, but also because I read this concluding portion on my Bar Mitzvah 15 years ago. Studying this portion of the Passover narrative inspired me to search for meaningful stories from those who found ways to celebrate their Judaism in times of great crisis.

One story that left a powerful impression on me came from survivors of the Holocaust, who recalled their Passover commemoration in the camps. Entrenched and imprisoned in a place of abundant horror, they could not imagine acquiring the proper materials, nonetheless being allowed to hold a Passover seder. They had to sneak and scrape together whatever leftover food they could find. They even made matzah out of the same dough used to make shooting range targets. It was extraordinary to see how even in the most desolate settings, creativity and brief moments of hope through simple celebration can still be possible.

Such narratives of endurance are essential in the Jewish faith. And in this time of chaos and uncertainty, we can all take comfort in knowing that our heritage can prove to be a light in the darkness. When despair and desolation suffocate the soul, we remember how engaging with our sacred narrative can provide the inspiration to find healing, so that we may act in lovingkindness to aide those in need.

Until next time...L'hitraot,
Rabbi Joseph H. Rosen

Contacting the Office

As part of our effort to take care of our congregation and community, we have decided that the best way to practice Social Distancing is to expect it of our office staff as well. To this end we have decided to minimize our own presence in the Temple.

This does not mean that you can't contact the office. Our Administrative Assistant has agreed to have all Temple calls during normal business hours forwarded to her personal phone. Thus you can still call the office at the **(601) 956-6215** number. She's also reachable by e-mailing the office.

To speak to Rabbi Rosen you can call or text his work cell phone at **(601) 351-5238** or email him at **rabbijrosen@bethisraelms.org**. Calling the office will have Michaela get a message to the Rabbi but for direct contact, please call him or send an e-mail.

To speak to Kim in Bookkeeping please either reach out to her e-mail address, or call the Temple Office number above. Michaela will take a message and contact Kim. We are still processing all donations, pledge payments and checks while the office is closed, and Kim can still answer questions.

BETH ISRAEL DIRECTORY 2020

There is no time like the present to teach us the importance of being able to stay in contact with our friends and family in multiple methods. So there is no better time for us to continue our information gathering for the 2020 edition of the Beth Israel Directory.

By now everyone should have received either an e-mail or a letter containing a copy of their records as they occur in our files. We ask that everyone review this PDF or print-out and correct it for errors. Send your responses as a reply to the original e-mail noting any changes or whether the information is accurate, or use the pre-addressed envelope to mail your response back. In addition, Michaela is checking to see whether you would like your Yahrzeits observed by the Gregorian or Hebrew calendar in the future, so please include that note as well.

Have you not received this contact?

If you are part of a married couple, please start by checking to see if your spouse received the e-mail instead of you. To minimize the number of e-mails sent out our initial mailing was to one adult per family.

If you are the only adult in your household or neither you nor your spouse received a copy of your record, please call or e-mail the office (see above) and Michaela will send you another copy.

Currently responses are due by April 15th.

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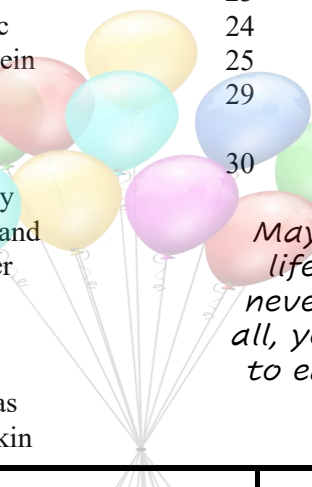
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Thursday
10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Friday
10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Closed daily for lunch
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

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1 Max Palmer
 4 Janice LeBlanc
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 8 Bob Berman
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 10 Sam Humphrey
 11 Hannah Copeland
 12 Richard Snyder
 14 Don Mitchell
 16 Zoey Mabry
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 21 Elizabeth Rankin



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 life's biggest joys and
 never-ending bliss. After
 all, you yourself are a gift
 to earth, so you deserve
 the best.*

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 23 Angela Sachar
 24 Mariel Kassoff
 25 Donna Orkin
 29 Eli Myers
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 30 Gilda Hesdorffer

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