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Adar – Nisan - Iyyar 5770

## ***What is So Great About the Great Shabbat?*** *by Rabbi Barry Gelman*

The Shabbat before Pesach is known as Shabbat Hagadol, “the great Shabbat.” Many have wondered why that special title is reserved for that particular Shabbat.

Rabbi Yaakov ben Asher (Spain, 1270 - c.1340) claims that this special Shabbat is dubbed “Shabbat Hagadol, “le-fi shena’aseh vo nes gadol, because a great miracle was performed on that day.”

Here is what happened. On the day that the Jews were freed from Egypt they summoned up the courage to slaughter the lambs that they had earlier tied to their doorposts. Since the lamb was a divinity in Egypt, the Jew’s action infuriated the Egyptians.

While this is a wonderful explanation, it still does not explain what the “great” miracle was. After all, this miracle pales in comparison to the miracles of the plagues and the splitting of the Red Sea. What makes the “Shabbat Hagadol miracle” greater than those other acts of God?

Rabbi Norman Lamm, Chancellor of Yeshiva University offers a beautiful explanation in, *The Royal Table*, a Haggadah with commentary and essays: “What we celebrate is not a great miracle, but the miracle of greatness...” Rabbi Lamm is teaching that the miracle is no so much that the Egyptians did not retaliate against the Jews for slaying their God, but rather that the Jewish people had the valor to overcome their fears and proudly fulfill their duty.

We learn in Pirkei Avot: “Rabbi Judah Ben Tema said, “Be bold as a leopard, light like an eagle, swift as a deer, and strong as a lion to do the will of your Father in Heaven.” (Pirkei Avot 5:20) This rabbi’s prescription to passionate performance of the Mitzvot reminds us to be tenacious, active, decisive and strong when it comes to performance of Mitzvot.

The Jews in Egypt, in carrying out the commandment to sacrifice the Paschal Lamb exhibited all of these characteristics.

It is that miracle of courageous character that we mark on Shabbat Hagadol. Shabbat Hagadol reminds us of the importance of not letting excuses get in the way of our mitzvah observance.

The same Rabi Yaakov Ben Asher cited above offers an instructive tool to help in this regard. Imagine, he suggests, how quick we would be to act if a human king demanded something of us.

We have the capacity to achieve the same greatness that the Jewish people achieved in Egypt that very first Shabbat Hagadol – great Shabbat. Shabbat Hagadol helps us refocus on doing God’s will, putting all excuses aside and focusing on the privilege of serving God with courage and vigor.

*Rabbi Gelman’s Shabbat Hagadol sermon will be on March 27 (12 Nisan) at 6:00 PM.*

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**President's Message:**  
*by Andrew Schneider*

CAUTION...Pesach is rapidly approaching!! Seems too early but, indeed, 15 Nisan is upon us. Time to once again clean the house, change the dishes, burn the chametz, and welcome family and friends to our seder (...or lock your door and head to a resort for the week...that's fine too!) At UOS, friends often become family. Not all of our members are native Houstonians and many of us have our family out of town, so the expansion of our family circle is welcome.



In a three week span late January through early February, our shul was privileged to celebrate eight smachot, including a bar mitzvah, an aufruf, multiple britim and baby namings, and a wedding. As always, these occasions were made more joyous by our extended UOS family preparing meals for some of these families, housing guests, and offering to help with anything and everything. Of course, our community also steps up in other times of need, as well. In some cases, it's impossible to find an open spot on the Care Calendar...truly a wonderful problem to have!

Just as we become involved in each others' lives, we also need to become more involved with our Shul. We're fortunate to have an active and committed board of directors, but we still need your help. Most of our committees are open to all and I invite you to contact the chair of one that interests you to find out more about it and offer your energy and ideas. They are:

- Education – Nada Chandler
- Fundraising – Michael Wadler
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I wish you all a Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

## Sabbatical Update

*from the Rabbi:*

My plans for study during my mini sabbatical continue to take form. As I previously noted, I will be spending time on in depth study of the Laws of Family Purity (Taharat Hamishpacha). Additionally, I recently had a conversation with Rabbi Jacob J. Schachter, University Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University who has kindly offered his guidance in helping me create an academic reading list that I can focus on as well. I am very excited about this aspect of my professional development.

*from the Ritual Committee:*

We are continuing our evaluation of our coverage needs for Rabbi Gelman's summer sabbatical. We have met with Rabbi Gelman and discussed various scenarios in terms of coverage. As Rabbi Davis' schedule becomes clearer we will be able to make final decisions on what type of coverage to provide. We have also been discussing the specifics of funeral coverage in the event of a death in Rabbi Gelman's absence. We will continue to keep you posted.



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# PASSOVER 5770

## FIRSTBORN MALES

Firstborn males over the age of Bar Mitzvah (13) are obligated to fast on the 14th of Nissan, in recognition of the fact that during the "Plague of the Firstborn" (which occurred at midnight of Nissan 15) God "passed over" the Jewish firstborn when He killed all firstborn Egyptians. If there is a firstborn male in the family under 13, the obligation to fast rests with the father. The prevailing custom, however, is for the firstborn to exempt themselves from the obligation to fast by participating in a *seudat mitzvah* (a meal marking the fulfillment of a mitzvah), such as a *siyyum*--a festive meal celebrating the conclusion of the study of a section of Torah). Once again, Rabbi Gelman will be providing the siyyum this year following services on March 29th.

## KASHERING UTENSILS

While it is preferable to have as many utensils as possible specially reserved for use only on Pesach, many utensils used throughout the year may be kashered for use on Pesach. Items that are 'kasherable' include: metal utensils used for hot and cold, providing they are not difficult to clean (i.e., a sieve, parts that are glued together), and plastic utensils. It is not customary to kasher glass for Pesach unless there are extenuating circumstances. Items made of earthenware, pottery, porcelain, Pyrex, and chinaware are also not kashered for Pesach.

**The easiest way to kasher utensils is to bring them to the UOS Kasher-In where Rabbi Gelman will supervise the immersion of metal utensils in a large pot of boiling water. The Kasher-In will take place on March 21st from 9:30AM to 11:30AM.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Utensils must be thoroughly cleaned and then not used for twenty-four hours before koshering.

**PESACH CLEANING MADE EASY** – March 7th at 8:00 PM at UOS – Join Rabbi Gelman in this annual event aimed at simplifying the Passover cleaning process. Rabbi Gelman will provide crucial product information as well as guidelines for kashering.

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## FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR PESACH

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is *b'dikat chametz*—the search for chametz. The ceremony is composed of five parts.

1. Reciting a special blessing over the mitzvah of the removal of *chametz*.
2. The search of the house by the light of a candle to find vestiges of chametz.
3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.
4. The burning or disposal of any chametz found during the search.
5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

**Steps #1 and #2** – The search for chametz should be done this year on Sunday evening, March 28th, after 8:20PM. Children should be asked to place pieces of *chametz* in the various rooms — a practice which ensures that the search will not be in vain. They can hold the candle and the feather and they should examine their own possessions, dressers and desks, for long forgotten relics of *chametz*. Passover is a beautiful festival. It is a serious one, too. Both these aspects can be captured in advance of the festival by a careful observance of *b'dikat chametz*. **A special bracha is recited before beginning the search. (pg. 645 in the Artscroll Siddur)**

**Step #3** - A special nullification formula is recited after the search in order to remove the found chametz and even chametz that one was unable to find from our ownership.

**Step #4** - The burning should be done on Monday morning, March 29th by **12:24PM**. No Bracha should be said, since the one said before the search applies to the burning as well.

**Step #5** – A final, more inclusive nullification formula is recited after the chametz has been burned.

### Finish Eating Chametz before 11:22AM

#### The Sale of Chametz

The ritual sale of *chametz* must be completed by early Monday morning, March 29th by 12:22PM. It is preferable to perform the transaction of appointing someone to sell your chametz in person. Rabbi Gelman will be available following morning and evening services starting March 17<sup>th</sup>. Those who cannot do this in person are asked to please FAX the Sale of Chametz form to 713 – 723 – 3852 or email your form to Rabbi Gelman. **ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY March 29<sup>th</sup> NOT LATER THAN 11:30AM.** *Individuals who will be in Israel for Passover should consult the Rabbi Gelman in advance to make special arrangements.*

#### Authorization For Sale of Chametz

I/WE .....hereby authorize Rabbi Barry Gelman, Rabbi of United Orthodox Synagogues of Houston, to dispose of all Chametz that may be in my (our) possession wherever it may be, in my (our) home and/or place of business, or elsewhere - in accordance with requirements of Jewish law as incorporated in the main contract for the sale of Chametz.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOING AWAY FOR PESACH

If you are going away for Pesach and will not be at home during the entire holiday, you do not need to clean for Pesach. You should sell all of the chametz in the house. If someone is staying in your house, you need to clean the rooms that will be used. The remaining unused rooms must be closed off with tape, and you must sell any chametz that is in them.

## GOING AWAY AND FULFILING THE MITZVAH OF BEDIKAT CHAMETZ

If you arrive at your Pesach destination by the fourteenth of Nisan (evening of March 28<sup>th</sup>), perform the search there. If you arrive on the morning of the fourteenth (morning of March 29<sup>th</sup>), you should clean well and check a small room, i.e. the entrance. You must also perform the search for chametz, with a blessing, in the rooms in which you will live during Pesach - if no one else has done so.

**SHMURA MATZOH** – will be available through Bnei Akiva. Contact Yoni at 713-366-1148 or at [yonib@bneiakiva.org](mailto:yonib@bneiakiva.org).

## AFTER PESACH

According to Jewish Law, chametz that was owned by a Jew during Pesach may never be eaten by a Jew. Therefore, it is preferable that after Pesach one buys food from establishments owned by non-Jews, establishments owned by Jews who properly sold their chametz before Pesach, or after a month (time that a store's stock has been used up) from any establishment.

*and also....*

**MEN's MOCK SEDER** – Have a great time and learn Haggadah insights that you can share at your seder. **March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm at UOS.** \$36 per person. Menu of barbequed steak, 4 cups of beer, 3 pitas. Reservations are required.

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This program is open to the community, so bring a friend!



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## **BAR MITZVAH - RONI PRIEL BUCHINE**

### **March 13, 2010 - Pashiot Vayakhel - Pekudei**



Roni's connection with U.O.S. began early in its Goldberg Montessori School at age two. Currently a seventh grade honors math student at the Robert M. Beren Academy, he is an avid basketball player on the middle school's team and also enjoys tennis, computers, and entertaining others with magic tricks and his unique sense of humor. He takes pride in having been friends with much of his gang since his pre-school days.

Parents, Mark and Ellen, as well as brothers Isaac, Jesse, and Brent, sister-in-law, Heather and nephews Nathan and Ryan are proud of and excited for Roni after all of his hard work and look forward to celebrating this milestone with extended family and friends.

### **MAZAL - TOV**

- to Shaina & Mauricio Bielaz on their recent marriage.
- to Debbie & Sheldon Bootin on the engagement of their daughter Rebecca to Alex Nussbaum. Also to grandparents Shirley & Leon Mucasey.
- to Lisa & Aaron Brown on the birth of a baby girl, Alexis Jordan.
- to Mark & Ellen Buchine on the birth of a grandson. Proud parents are Brent & Heather Buchine.
- to Nada Chandler on her daughter Amelia receiving a Masters of Fine Arts from American University.
- to Nada Chandler on her son Adam receiving a Masters of Fine Arts from Sarah Lawrence University.
- to Carolyn & Scott Davis on the engagement of their son Sam to Jennifer Brand. Also to grandmother Sonia Raizes.
- to Seema & Sol Davis on the marriage of their son Sam to Ivy King.
- to Gabi Gelman on receiving the State of Israel Bonds Hannah Senesh Award.
- to Elayne & Sloan Gordon on the graduation of their son Robbie from Baruch College
- to Sharon & Eddie Grosman on the graduation of their son Joshua from University of Arizona, receiving the Special Recognition for Academic Excellence and the Senior Capstone Design Award. Also to grandparents Roz & Jules Borger.
- to Dana & Itamar Ilouz on the birth of a baby boy, Yair Yisrael. Also to grandparents Mina & Simon Karni.
- to Tammy & Amir Karni on the birth of a baby girl. Also to grandparents Mina & Simon Karni and Cecilla & Fred Schwartz.
- to Sandy & David Kronman and Gloria & Gerald Sacks on the marriage of their children, Jessica & Jonathan.
- to Sharon & Bill Lipsky on the engagement of their daughter Eliana to Chaim Kirby.
- to Barbara & Hylton Nitsun on the birth of a baby girl, Naomi.
- to Sonia Raizes on the engagement her granddaughter Leah Rachel Kabran to Brian Eden.
- to Leah & Josh Rotenberg on the birth of a baby girl, Orli.
- to Michal & Sid Schechet on their recent marriage.
- to Marilyn & Don Schlossberg on the marriage of their son Daniel to Sarah Bueno.
- to Randy & Lester Smolensky on the engagement of their daughter Abigail to Shuki Merlis.
- to Tiby & Mike Unterhalter on the Bnei-Mitzvah of their twin grandchildren, Zachary and Serina Romick.
- to Rabbi Mark Urkowitz on the birth of a grandson, Ezra Yeshua. Proud parents are Tzvi & Michelle Urkowitz. Also to great-grandparents Rabbi Joseph & Juliette Radinsky.

*UOS Sisterhood is proud to announce the 2010 Eishet Chayil: **Dr. Liat Gantz***

*Liat will be honored during the annual Eishet Chayil Shabbaton, which will take place on Shabbat, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, Parashat Ki Tisa. The theme for this year's Shabbaton is: "תורת חסד על לשונה" - "The Law of Kindness on her Tongue".*

Liat Gantz, Ph.D. has lived in Houston for only seven years and yet she has been an invaluable member of the UOS community from the start. She is well known as a highly efficient individual with tremendous capacity. With her devotion to chesed, hospitality, Judaic and secular knowledge, she exemplifies the core values of an Eishet Chayil.



Born in Tel Aviv to Ronit (z"l) and Yossi Zilberfarb, she spent her childhood years in both New Jersey and Tel Aviv. After completing her bachelor's degrees in optometry and computer science at Bar-Ilan University, she moved to Houston to embark on her Ph.D. in Physiological Optics / Vision Science, which she successfully completed last year. She is the loving mother to her three children Arel, Roni and Idan and has been married to Assaf for 11 years.

As a long standing member of the UOS Sisterhood board she committed herself to countless hours of co-chairing, organizing and hosting major events, sending out announcements to all members, and serving on the UOS Mikvah committee. Liat has been instrumental in numerous activities in our shul and RMBA. To mention a few: previous UOS board member, UOS 40th Gala and the Mitzner Gala, Young Adults Shabbaton, UOS Hebrew Name Committee, RMBA PTO Silent Auction committee.

*The special guest speaker for the Shabbaton will be Debra Kaplan, Dr. Pinkhos Churgin Memorial Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University.*

*Dr. Kaplan 's Shabbat morning drasha topic will be : **Charity and Community** - a discussion of the aspects of charity in the medieval and early modern periods, and how these reflect communal life and connections between different communities. Following services, there will be a dairy Kiddush Luncheon, sponsored by Sisterhood.*

*At 5:00pm, Dr. Kaplan will lead an interactive text study on: **Women, Families and Work - Changes in Economic Life in the Frankfurt Ghetto**, exploring how families arranged their joint finances and work, and how these agreements changed over time. During Seudah Shlishit there*

*will be an informal discussion on **Jewish Women and Charity**.*



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## March 2010 (15 Adar - 16 Nisan)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 15 Adar	2 16 Adar	3 17 Adar	4 18 Adar	5 19 Adar	6 20 Adar
	6:45 AM Services 6:05 PM Services  <b>Shushan Purim</b>	7:00 AM Services 6:05 PM Services	7:00 AM Services 6:05 PM Services	6:45 AM Services 6:05 PM Services	candles: <b>6:05pm</b>  7:00 AM Services 6:00 PM Services	<b>Ki Tisa</b>  9:00 AM Services 5:50 PM Services <b>Shabbat Ends @ 7:06pm</b>
7 21 Adar	8 22 Adar	9 23 Adar	10 24 Adar	11 25 Adar	12 26 Adar	13 27 Adar
8:00 AM Services 6:10 PM Services	6:45 AM Services 6:10 PM Services	7:00 AM Services 6:10 PM Services	7:00 AM Services 6:10 PM Services	6:45 AM Services 6:10 PM Services	candles: <b>6:10pm</b>  7:00 AM Services 6:05 PM Services	<b>Vayakhei-Pekudei</b>  9:00 AM Services 5:55 PM Services <b>Shabbat Ends @ 7:10pm</b>
14 28 Adar	15 29 Adar	16 1 Nisan	17 2 Nisan	18 3 Nisan	19 4 Nisan	20 5 Nisan
8:00 AM Services 7:10 PM Services  <i>Did You Change Your Clocks?</i>	6:45 AM Services 7:10 PM Services	6:45 AM Services 7:10 PM Services  <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>	7:00 AM Services 7:10 PM Services	6:45 AM Services 7:10 PM Services	candles: <b>7:14pm</b>  7:00 AM Services 7:00 PM Services	<b>Vayikra</b>  9:00 AM Services 7:05 PM Services <b>Shabbat Ends @ 8:15pm</b>
21 6 Nisan	22 7 Nisan	23 8 Nisan	24 9 Nisan	25 10 Nisan	26 11 Nisan	27 12 Nisan
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28 13 Nisan	29 14 Nisan	30 15 Nisan	31 16 Nisan	<p><b>March 13 - Bar Mitzvah of Roni Buchine</b></p> <p><b>Sefirat Ha'omer starts on the 16th Nisan (evening of March 30)</b></p>		
8:00 AM Services 7:20 PM Services	6:45 AM Services 7:30 AM Siyyum 7:15 PM Services  candles before: <b>7:20pm</b> seder after: <b>8:20pm</b>	9:00 AM Services 7:15 PM Services  <b>Pesach 1st Day</b>  candles after: <b>8:21pm</b>	9:00 AM Services 7:15 PM Services  <b>Pesach 2nd Day</b>  Yom-Tov Ends @ <b>8:21pm</b>			

Erev Pesach (March 29): 6:03 AM - Fast starts for First-Born;  
11:22 AM - Finish eating chametz by; 12:24 PM - Sell and burn chametz by

# April 2010 (17 Nisan - 16 Iyyar)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Sefirat Ha'omer:</i>  for 2010: April 1 = 2nd day  April 4 = 5th day  April 11 = 12th day  April 18 = 19th day  April 25 = 26th day (etc.)  Counted the night before (so, for example, count the  2nd day on evening of March 31)</p>				<p>1            17 Nisan</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:20 PM Services</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach I</p>	<p>2            18 Nisan</p> <p>candles: <b>7:22pm</b></p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:00 PM Services</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach II</p>	<p>3            19 Nisan</p> <p>9:00 AM Services 7:10 PM Services Shabbat Ends @ 8:23pm</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach III</p>
<p>4            20 Nisan</p> <p>8:00 AM Services 7:20 PM Services</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach IV</p> <p>candles before: <b>7:24pm</b></p>	<p>5            21 Nisan</p> <p>9:00 AM Services 7:20 PM Services</p> <p><b>Pesach 7th Day</b></p> <p>candles after: <b>8:24pm</b></p>	<p>6            22 Nisan</p> <p>9:00 AM Services 7:20 PM Services</p> <p><b>Pesach 8th Day</b></p> <p>Yom-Tov Ends @ 8:25pm</p>	<p>7            23 Nisan</p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:25 PM Services</p>	<p>8            24 Nisan</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:25 PM Services</p>	<p>9            25 Nisan</p> <p>candles: <b>7:27pm</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:00 PM Services</p>	<p>10           26 Nisan</p> <p><b>Shemini</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Services 7:15 PM Services Shabbat Ends @ 8:27pm</p>
<p>11           27 Nisan</p> <p>8:00 AM Services 7:25 PM Services</p> <p><b>Yom Hashoah</b></p>	<p>12           28 Nisan</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:25 PM Services</p>	<p>13           29 Nisan</p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:25 PM Services</p>	<p>14           30 Nisan</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:25 PM Services</p> <p><b>Rosh Chodesh</b></p>	<p>15           1 Iyyar</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:25 PM Services</p> <p><b>Rosh Chodesh</b></p>	<p>16           2 Iyyar</p> <p>candles: <b>7:31pm</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:00 PM Services</p>	<p>17           3 Iyyar</p> <p><b>Tazria - Metzora</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Services 7:15 PM Services Shabbat Ends @ 8:31pm</p>
<p>18           4 Iyyar</p> <p>8:00 AM Services 7:30 PM Services</p>	<p>19           5 Iyyar</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 6:20 PM Services</p> <p><b>Yom Hazikaron</b></p>	<p>20           6 Iyyar</p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:30 PM Services</p> <p><b>Yom HaAtzmaut</b></p>	<p>21           7 Iyyar</p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:30 PM Services</p>	<p>22           8 Iyyar</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:30 PM Services</p>	<p>23           9 Iyyar</p> <p>candles: <b>7:35pm</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:00 PM Services</p>	<p>24           10 Iyyar</p> <p><b>Acarei Mot - Kedoshim</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Services 7:20 PM Services Shabbat Ends @ 8:36pm</p>
<p>25           11 Iyyar</p> <p>8:00 AM Services 7:35 PM Services</p>	<p>26           12 Iyyar</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:35 PM Services</p>	<p>27           13 Iyyar</p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:35 PM Services</p>	<p>28           14 Iyyar</p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:35 PM Services</p>	<p>29           15 Iyyar</p> <p>6:45 AM Services 7:35 PM Services</p>	<p>30           16 Iyyar</p> <p>candles: <b>7:39pm</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Services 7:00 PM Services</p>	

## MARK YOM HAZIKARON AND CELEBRATE YOM HA'ATZMAUT WITH HOUSTON BNEI AKIVA

As in past years we will be marking Yom Hazikaron, Memorial Day for fallen Israeli soldiers and members of security forces. This solemn day is the official day in the State of Israel to mark the ultimate sacrifice that so many have made in the establishment and defense of the Jewish State and Jewish people throughout the world.

As Jews who appreciate the importance of the State of Israel we join our brethren in marking this important day and we ask God to "remember those who heroically gave their lives in defense of the people and the land... They breathed spirit of strength and courage into the whole house of Israel in the Land and the Diaspora inspiring it to go forward toward its redemption and liberation" (memorial prayer for fallen Israeli Soldiers).

Following out commemoration of Yom Hazikaron we will move directly, as is done in Israel to celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut. This juxtaposition makes clear the contribution of fallen Israeli Soldier towards the establishment and ongoing independence of the State of Israel.

At UOS we celebrate the religious significance of the establishment of the State of Israel and will therefore mark the day with Hallel, other special tefillot and a festive meal.

### JOIN US IN HONORING YONI AND EINAT BAHAT

It is so fitting for us to honor Yoni and Einat Bahat for their three years of dedicated service to Houston Bnei Akiva as we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (April 19<sup>th</sup>). Yoni and Einat have inspired and empowered our youth by virtue of their warmth and commitment. Our community and specifically our young people have grown in their commitment to commitment to our people, our land, and our Torah.

Under the leadership of Yoni and Einat, Houston Bnei Akiva has become a national leader and model of success. We are grateful to Yoni and Einat for that.

Our Bnei Akiva program, under the leadership of Yoni and Einat, has flourished and most importantly, our teens have blossomed into leaders both locally and nationally. By creating a balance of hands on leadership and giving the madrichim their space, Yoni and Einat have fashioned a cadre of leaders that we are all very proud of.

Mark your calendar to make sure you can join us as we honor Yoni and Einat.

*Join us as we honor*

#### *Yoni and Einat Bahat*

*For their three years of dedicated and outstanding service to our  
community*

*We are so fond of the Bahat's and so grateful for what they have done  
for our community and our children.*

*We will honor Yoni and Einat at our annual  
Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration*

*Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:20 pm at UOS  
6:20 PM - Mincha*

*6:35 PM - Yom Hazikaron \ Yom Ha'atzmaut Ceremony  
7:00 PM - Festive Maariv*

*7:30 PM - Dinner in honor of Yoni and Einat Bahat, music,  
dancing and Daglanut (flags presentation).*

*Please Join us. More details to follow*



## UOS Goldberg Montessori School

The year is truly flying! It is so hard to believe that we have passed the half way mark and that Purim and Pesach are quickly approaching. Needless to say that has kept us very busy in the classroom.

We celebrated Tu B'Shevat by planting a lemon tree on the lawn near Greenwillow. Thank you to the Loebel family for their donation of a tree. Thank you also to the Cooper family of Houston Pecan Co. fame for their donation of dates and figs as a special treat. We did try to plant on a day that had no rain, but finally had to concede that there was a higher power, and planted on a day that it was just "misty".

February was very busy! We celebrated President's Day by learning all about Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and our current president, Barack Obama. All this was done with no political commentary whatsoever.

We also marked Dental Health Week with a visit from Marcia Friedman to learn all about good oral hygiene. The children learned what can cause cavities, how to brush correctly and how to floss.

We could not forget that we are Texans and proud of it, so Friday, February 26th was marked with western wear aplenty.

We also had a very special presentation to learn more about Texas history through story and song.

Purim was on everyone's mind, and the costumes were plentiful on Shushan Purim when we had wonderful celebrations here at school. Needless to say, we learned all about Purim beforehand and came prepared to hear megillat Esther. We also enjoyed the delicious home-baked (or rather, shul baked) hamantaschen.

Pesach is next on the calendar, and anyone walking in the hallways in March will hear Mah Nishtana over and over from seven different classes, not to mention all the other songs we will be learning. We culminate our unit with a pair of model seders, led by Rabbis Gelman and Davis.

We still take the opportunity from time to time to follow our traditional curriculum, play outside and enjoy being with our friends.

Registration for the 2010-11 academic year is underway and anyone interested in obtaining a registration packet can call the school office at 713-723-3856 to request that we mail one.



Wishing everyone the happiest of holidays. May you enjoy celebrating with your families in the best of health.

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*and their families*

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David & Donne Breston  
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Mar 10 - Sloan & Elayne Gordon  
Robert & Barbara Levy  
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Mar 13 - Robert Bell & Ilan Maidenberg  
Mar 15 - David & Carole Atlan  
Mar 16 - John & Alejandra Beneke  
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Ronald & Marilyn Kammerman  
Mar 17 - Dov & Carol Liberman  
Mar 19 - Lester & Ady King  
Mar 20 - Leon & Shirley Mucasey  
Mar 22 - Julius & Eva Lou Chapman  
Mar 23 - Rabbi Joseph & Juliette Radinsky  
Mar 27 - Max & Sharyn Mintz  
Mar 31 - Alan & Bonnie Blumberg  
Jaime & Kristen Gateno  
Apr 5 - Ian & Annette Kavin  
Apr 6 - Josh & Leah Rotenberg  
Apr 8 - Mark & Ellen Buchine  
Apr 9 - Les & Leora Nowitz  
Apr 12 - Michael & Freda Wadler  
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All scholarships are need based for Jewish-content overnight summer camps and Israel teen programs for 2010. Israel programs may include summer trips for tenth through twelfth graders or year-abroad programs for recent high school graduates.

A few of the approved Israel summer programs include three to eight-week trips sponsored by BBYO, Garin Greene, Young Judea, Ramah, NCSY and USY.

Summer camp scholarships are for children ages eight through 16. Camps may be in state or out of state as long as the child attends for at least three weeks and they are camps with significant Jewish content programming. Some camps that have been approved for scholarships in the past include Greene Family Camp, Moshava, Ramah, Sabra, Gan Israel, Tel Yehudah and Young Judea.

For more information or to request an application, please contact Paulette Walden with the Bureau of Jewish Education, at (713) 729-7000 x309 or [pwalden@houstonjewish.org](mailto:pwalden@houstonjewish.org). Additional information and applications are also available on the Federation's Web site at [www.houstonjewish.org/bje](http://www.houstonjewish.org/bje).

**YAHARZEITS**

*Yahrzeits begin the evening before.*

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 Fanny Berelowitz  
 Gabriel Thomas Whyte

Mar 2 / 16 Adar

Sarah Fayner  
 David Versano  
 Claudine Alwilda Junker

Mar 3 / 17 Adar

Olga Croock  
 Mark Elliot Endelman  
 Issac Makowsky

Mar 5 / 19 Adar

Nellie Beckoff

Mar 6 / 20 Adar

Joel D. Medvin  
 Moshe Daniel Radinsky

Mar 7 / 21 Adar

Molly G. Chapman  
 Devora Radinsky Urkowitz

Mar 9 / 23 Adar

Bernard Kammerman

Mar 10 / 24 Adar

Simah A. Kass

Mar 11 / 25 Adar

Annie Silverman  
 Choon Ja (Ruth) Thompson

Mar 12 / 26 Adar

Harry Beckoff  
 Max Borger  
 Bessie Schwartz  
 Bernard Gerszon  
 Rosalyn Weinberger

Mar 13 / 27 Adar

Fejga Tugender de Ferber

Mar 15 / 29 Adar

Sam Mahana  
 Nathan Spiegelman

Mar 16 / 30 Adar (observed)

Sarah Brounes

Mar 16 / 1 Nisan

Rosie Postan

Mar 18 / 3 Nisan

Samuel Kramer  
 Sarah Brenner  
 Helen Mizrahi  
 Issac Louis Ryemon

Mar 20 / 5 Nisan

Dora de Leef  
 Sol Verder

Mar 21 / 6 Nisan

Michael Margo

Mar 23 / 8 Nisan

Alex Moore

Mar 24 / 9 Nisan

Ella Gold

Mar 25 / 10 Nisan

Irvin Maleh

Mar 26 / 11 Nisan

Joseph Berkowitz

Mar 30 / 15 Nisan

Abraham Halpin  
 Hannah Freedman  
 Feiga Machla Mitzner

Mar 31 / 16 Nisan

Abraham Shapiro  
 Solomon Spindler

Apr 3 / 19 Nisan

Alfred Beckoff

Apr 5 / 21 Nisan

Rebecca Morris  
 Ruth Feder

Apr 7 / 23 Nisan

Sydney Medvin  
 Sigismund Joachim

Apr 8 / 24 Nisan

Dorothy Laholt  
 Sylvia Bloch

Apr 11 / 27 Nisan

Leah Magid

Apr 12 / 28 Nisan

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 Roselyn Mintz

Apr 13 / 29 Nisan

Nathan Morris  
 Zlate Pollak  
 Fannie Davis

Apr 14 / 30 Nisan

Freda Zelda Baker  
 Harry Endelman

Apr 15 / 1 Iyar

Lillian Landman

Apr 16 / 2 Iyar

Sam Berkowitz  
 Lewis Gersholowitz

Apr 18 / 4 Iyar

Salomon Spindler

Apr 20 / 6 Iyar

Rose Gersholowitz

Apr 21 / 7 Iyar

Julius Berkowitz  
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Apr 22 / 8 Iyar

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Apr 23 / 9 Iyar

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 James Mccarble

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*In this class, we will learn the sections from Massechet Kiddushin and Ketubot that deal with the Halachik and social aspects of marriage and family. This class will focus on the Talmud text and classic commentaries.*

### **MONDAY**

8:00 - 9:30 PM - Tanach B'Shana, *local scholars*

9:00 - 10:00 PM - Women's study class, *Michelle Faudem*

### **TUESDAY**

12:15 - 1:00 PM - Lunch & Learn, Madras Pavilion, *Rabbi Barry Gelman*

9:00 - 10:00 PM (alt. weeks) - Spiritual Outlook of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, *Rabbi Barry Gelman*

### **WEDNESDAY**

8:30 - 9:30 PM (1 / month) - Sugar Land Chavurah, *Rabbi Barry Gelman*

8:30 - 9:30 PM (1 / month) - Learn 'n Burn, *Rabbi Barry Gelman* - call for location

8:00 PM - Women's Tehillim Group - at home of Mindy Mitzner

9:00 - 10:00 PM - The World of Jewish Prayer, *Rabbi Moshe Davis* - call for location

Evening (1 / month) - Komer Chavurah, *Rabbi Barry Gelman* - call for time & location

### **THURSDAY**

12:30 - 1:00 PM - TorahCast (Internet), *Rabbi Moshe Davis*

7:00 - 8:30 PM - Young Professionals Group, *Rabbi Moshe Davis*

### **SHABBAT**

1 hr, 15 min before Mincha - Massechet Sanhedrin, *Gideon Miller* - call for location

1 hr before Mincha - Parshat Hashavuah, *Rabbi Barry Gelman*

*Levi ben Gershon, known as Gersonides was born in Languedoc, France in 1288. He was a famous rabbi, philosopher, Talmudist, mathematician and astronomer. He is most well known for his commentary on the Torah.*

1 hr before Mincha - Chumash with Rashi, *Rabbi Joseph Radinsky* (at his home)

between Mincha & Maariv - Massechet Berachot, *Dr. David Silberman*