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Newsletter

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Message from the Rabbi

If you want to gauge an American Jewish community, Ben Gurion is purported to have said, don't bother checking out their synagogues and centers. See if they have a kosher restaurant. He could have been talking about Passover. Forget about what's going on in synagogue or who is going to synagogue. Forget about the dining rooms. You want to see Passover? Look in the kitchen.



Growing up, the mark for me between the haves and the have-nots of who has a real Passover and who does not was all wrapped up in aluminum foil. If the countertops, refrigerators, sinks and even the faucets -- especially the faucets -- having been exposed to non-Passover cooking the year long, now for Passover were plastered and enveloped in layers of protective aluminum foil, creating a virtual, new, above-level surface to create and celebrate a Passover, then this home had a full Passover.

A Passover complete with sleepless nights (she was up 'til four in the morning!). Of cleaning underneath the mattresses, emptying every closet, oversized grocery lists (the check-out girl took one look at my three carts and you know what she said?) family from out-of-town and visitors or friends all getting around a long, extended table, probably with a folding table or two added to the end with rented chairs, and... All of this was visible in the folds of the aluminum foil around the faucets and the edges of the countertops.

Passover cannot be known from the prayers recited in synagogue (even though I love the tune for Passover morning prayers and feel cheated that it is squeezed between two seder nights). Passover cannot be known from four questions or sweet wine or even from a Maxwell House Haggadah. Passover can't even be known from Passover.

Passover in a child's mind, the place where memories are made, where memories are solidified, jelled, preserved, slow-roasted and developed into full-bodied palates – that Passover is made in the preparations.

Nothing grows outside of its environment. And when that environment must be created, nurtured for a specific life to spring forth there from, then the preparations become that much more necessary. You can go out and order in soup and roasted chicken. You cannot go out and order in a family focus that brings all these forces together and from them creates a something out of relative nothing. Like prayer, you can't put nothing in and expect to take something out. If you don't sweat for it than how can it ever get into your blood?

Close your eyes and see the rows of tables with men, women and children finding place around the dining room. Hear the singing that you love and inhale the distinctively Passover smells. You will be awed by the sanctity of the simple acts we do: washing, reciting, eating, drinking. What binds this all together is wrapped up in silver foil.

Hope to see you at our Passover Seder.

Happy Passover,

Rabbi Tzali and Rochel Stillerman

April 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Mah Jongg 10:30-12:30 pm Chicken Soup Delivery 1:30-2:30 pm Hug-2-Go 3:00-4:00 pm 	5	6 Birthday Shabbat 9:00 am P: Tazria 
7	8	9 Jewish Women Circle 7:00 pm 	10	11 Mah Jongg 10:30-12:30 pm Chicken Soup Delivery 1:30-2:30 pm Hug-2-Go 3:00-4:00 pm 	12	13 Shabbat Service 9:00 am P: Metzora 
14 Jewish Culture Club: "To Kill a Mockingbird" 2:45 pm 	15	16	17	18	19 Community Passover Seder 6:30 pm 	20 Shabbat Service 9:00 am Passover 
21 Passover Services 9:00 am 	22	23	24	25 Mah Jongg 10:30-12:30 pm 	26 Passover Services 9:00 am 	27 Shabbat Service 9:00 am Yizkhor 10:00 am 
28 Yiddiskeit Club 10:30 am 	29	30				



Thursdays, April 4, 11, 25 – **Mah Jongg Mavens!!!** Mah Jongg will be played from 10:30-12:30 pm every Thursday. No prior knowledge of Mah Jongg is necessary. We will teach you this once Chinese and now iconic Jewish tile game of memory, skill, and chance. **All levels welcome! First timers will be coached to join more advanced and intermediate players.**



Thursdays, April 4, 11 - **Chicken Soup Delivery** 1:30-2:30 PM at Chabad – The Chabad That Brings the Soup – Chicken soup will be available for deliveries **Every Thursday. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** If you would like to volunteer to deliver soup or know of someone who could use this warm and delicious “hug-in-a-jug”, please call Rochel Leah at (949) 244-8173 and **be sure to check out our new website** <https://huginajug.org>

Thursdays, April 4, 11 - **“Hug-in-a-Jug” Kosher Chicken Meals To-Go.** By popular request, Chabad will have ready for pick-up, mouth-watering complete chicken dinners. Available from 3-4pm for \$10! Dinners must be ordered 24-hours in advance by contacting Susan Grosfeld at (949) 233-7351 or susangrosfeld@wellnessense.com.



Saturday, April 6 – **April Birthday Blessings Shabbat Service** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am. Kiddush to Follow. *(Kiddush sponsorships welcome. If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush call Rochel Leah at (949) 244-8173)* [Parashat Tazria](#)



Tuesday, April 9 – **Jewish Women's Circle** Unleash your creativity to infuse the everyday with spirituality and meaning. For more information, to sponsor an event, or to RSVP, contact Rochel at (949) 244-8173 or email Rochel@jewishalisoviejo.com At Chabad at 7:00pm.



Friday, April 19 – **COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER** – Enjoy the holiday of freedom at an upbeat and inspirational Seder, complete with a gourmet Passover dinner and all your traditional favorites. And the best part? No dishes afterward!!! Cost is \$45/Adult, \$20/Child. 6:30pm @Chabad. **RSVPs must be received by Tuesday, April 16.** Please call Rochel Leah to RSVP at (949) 244-8173 or fill and mail the form in the last page. Sponsorships available and welcome.

Saturday, April 20 – **Shabbat Service** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am.

Sunday, April 21 – **Passover Services** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am.

Friday, April 26 – **Passover Services** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am.



Saturday, April 27 – **Shabbat Service** in the Beth Torah Sanctuary at Chabad 9:00am. **Yizkor** services at 10:00 am.

Sunday, April 28 – **Yiddishkeit Club** Literally translated, Yiddishkeit means “Jewish way of life.” Come share your stories growing up Jewish, sing along to familiar and new Jewish songs, discuss current events and Jewish news, laugh a ton, and learn a little Yiddish while you’re at it. 10:30AM-Noon at Chabad. \$5 Donation



“Some people like the Jews, and some do not. But no thoughtful man can deny the fact that they are, beyond any question, the most formidable and most remarkable race which has appeared in the world.”

- Winston Churchill



Save the Date

Friday, May 23

Lag B'Omer Barbecue

Celebrate Your Birthday with Chabad



If you have registered your special dates with us, Rabbi Stillerman will give you a special blessing during our Birthday Shabbat (this month it's April 6) and Rochel will provide a surprise treat from her kitchen. To register, please call Flo Malakoff at (949) 770-3116.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Robert Grosfeld	Phil Silverman
Jean Freedman	Meir Morchy
Murray Lavenstein	Andrea Pritsker
Cheryl Rabkin	Rhoda Harris
Helen Zipper	Elizabeth Steinberg
Nathan Kvetny	Eileen Racklin
Ronald Wayburn	Tzippy Ronen
Paula Gabay	Morton Lipso
Ira Joss	Arthur Greenspan
Roslyn Rhodes	Johna Zerne
Helen Edelstein	

SEND A VERY SPECIAL TRIBUTE CARD!

Celebrate and acknowledge life's special events with a Chabad Tribute Card. It sends a greeting to a loved one, stating that a donation has been made to Chabad in their honor or their memory. Send a Mazel Tov Card or an In-Memoriam Card.

*** To purchase a Tribute Card, contact Toby Farbman at (781) 367-5310 or email to: massmed@yahoo.ca or by mail: 3167 Via Vista, #O, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**



Yahrzeit Memorials – Debbie Hallet is our Yahrzeit Memorial volunteer. Call Debbie with the names and dates of your loved ones who have passed and who you would like to see remembered by the congregation on a regular basis at our Shabbat Services. Debbie will record those dates and will call to remind you of the service marking their passing. Please provide your name, the name and relationship of the departed, your phone number, and your mail and email addresses. Please call Debbie or leave a message at (617) 281-1105 or email to: rwhallet@gmail.com



Consider Chabad in Your Estate Planning

Wills and Trusts: Creating a will or trust is one of the most important steps in planning for your future, and we encourage you to consider including the Chabad of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Woods in your estate plan at a level that is appropriate for you and your family. Not only may this provide a tax benefit to you and to your heirs, but it also will bring priceless benefits to our community.

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A legacy

Create a new special fund: If you are considering a more substantial gift, you may also honor a loved one by creating a fund in their name to support a designated program or project at Chabad. These gifts help support our vibrant and enriching congregational community, while helping you achieve your philanthropic goals and bring additional meaning to special moments in your life.



Chabad of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Woods Now Accepts Car Donations (Running or Not!): It's a win/win for you and for Chabad! Car donations are an easy way to support Chabad, providing you with a tax write-off and Chabad with additional funds for our community. We take care of the DMV paperwork, pick up your car, sell it at auction and then send you a receipt for the full amount that the car sold for. It's that easy! We can also accept trucks, boats, motorcycles and RVs.

For more information on the above, please contact Rabbi Tzali Stillerman directly at (949) 244-7627.



Remembering those who came before us

By memorializing the names of our deceased loved ones, we express our gratitude for the gifts of their precious lives—and the hope that their spirits will continue to inspire us.

Congregants commemorate loved ones by making charitable gifts in their honor and by adding plaques in their names to our beautiful Memorial Wall located in the Beth Torah Sanctuary.



In accordance with Jewish tradition, we honor the memories of those who have passed away when the Kaddish prayer is recited at worship services. We mark the memories of these loved ones by illuminating their plaques during yahrzeit (the annual anniversary of their deaths), and illuminating all plaques at Yizkor services on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesach, and Shavuot.

For information about ordering a Memorial Wall plaque, please contact Rabbi Tzali Stillerman directly at (949) 244-7627 or rabbi@jewishaliso Viejo.com

SALE OF CHAMETZ DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

Our tradition forbids not only the eating of chametz, but also benefiting from it, owning it, or seeing it in our possession. It is therefore a tradition to arrange for the sale of chametz to a non-Jew during Pesach and then place the forbidden items, including liquors, out of sight

I/We hereby empower and authorize Rabbi Tzali Stillerman, or his duly authorized and appointed substitute, to act as my/our agent in selling all kinds of Chametz in my/our possession (knowingly or unknowingly) before Pesach 5779 located at:

HOME ADDRESS: _____

WORK PLACE/S: _____

OTHER: _____ and elsewhere in my/our possession

Signature(s): _____

Print Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Please return to: Chabad of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Woods, 23665 Moulton Pkwy, #D, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 by no later than noon on **FRIDAY, April 19, 2019.**

OPTIONAL: It is a time-honored tradition to help the less fortunate purchase goods for their own Passover observance. We at Chabad of Aliso Viejo and Laguna Woods offer our assistance with financial contributions or kosher canned or boxed food donations. If you wish, please complete the following:

Enclosed is my/our contribution of \$_____ designated for the Ma'ot Chitim Fund.

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER – RSVP FORM

Friday, April 19, 6:30pm

Name(s) _____

of Adults: _____ x \$45 each. # of Children: _____ x \$20 each.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_____ Phone #: _____

Mail your RSVP by Monday, April 16 to Chabad, 23665 Moulton Pkwy, #D, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 or call Rochel Leah Stillerman at (949) 244-8173