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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Anniversaries

David and Glenda Kirsch	Mar 27
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### Birthdays

Michael Waxler	Mar 11
Oded Grenman	Mar 18
Phyllis Hearn	Mar 21
Barbara Morgan	Apr 4
Larry Levi	Apr 7
Rachel Gordon	Apr 16
Stuart Fleischner	Apr 22
Betty Kleinman	Apr 23
Gary Lax	Apr 29
Cheryl Cohen	Apr 30

## Reb Shelly's Desk



*I have little, if anything, to say for this edition of *The Shofar*, but thought I would share with you Carol's obituary, written and edited by me and her children. And the photo is not the one at the funeral home, but the one loved most by her kids.*

Shelly



Carol Dina Kleinman, age 79, passed away on February 6, 2024 following a brief illness.

Carol was born in Brooklyn, New York, but has lived in Florida, California,

Connecticut and Texas before settling in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 2006.

She started and ran a successful lighting business in the DFW area for over 25 years, pioneering many practices still used today in construction. Arguably, her favorite job was being a blackjack dealer where she was known amongst many to have the loosest table and funniest jokes, making her very popular. Later in life, she was blessed enough to find her soulmate in Rabbi Sheldon Kleinman. Meeting online, it was a leap of faith at the time, but it was a perfect match, which lasted until the end.

She is preceded in death by her beloved parents, Max and Marcia Prushansky and her younger sister, Alyce Brand.

She is survived by her husband, Rabbi Kleinman, as well her children Andrea Sullivan (Colin), Steven Marx (Kim), grandchildren Molly & Patrick Sullivan, Hannah & Abby Marx.

She will be laid to rest with her parents in Dallas and her family and friends will celebrate her life and memory in Texas.

May her memory be a blessing.

## Sisterhood



Sisterhood met this month on February 5th. The topics for the business portion of our meeting were planning the brunch for the annual meeting, planning for Purim, and a brief preliminary discussion about the congregation Seder for Passover.

First, we decided on the brunch menu for the annual meeting. Patti Fleischner offered to be in charge of acquiring the food, even though she was leaving on vacation right before the meeting. The brunch was excellent, and we owe Patti a big thank you for her hard work. Thanks also to Ruth Sedler, who provided the disposable plates and coordinated with James about the post-meeting clean up, and to Betty Feir for the gorgeous floral arrangement for the table.

The next topic was Purim, which is on Saturday, March 23, 2024. Sisterhood will host this event. We will serve hot dogs (with David Reagler once again being our grill master), beer, and Hamantaschen. Millie Baron has a fun game—with prizes!—for us to enjoy. We also will celebrate our new members at this event.

Finally, we began discussing our congregation Seder for Passover, which begins at sundown Monday, April 22, 2024. Millie Baron volunteered to lead planning for a meal/services at CHI. Deadline for reservations will be April 1. Reservations can be taken at the Purim event. Pricing for the Passover Seder will be \$40 per member and \$50 per non-member guest. People under age 18 are free. The Seder menu will be decided upon at the March Sisterhood meeting.

Finally, we voted to donate \$1000 from our Holocaust funds to the Ahead Fund—which awards Arkansas teachers who do a good job educating about the Holocaust and teaching tolerance. This donation will be made in honor of David Ronnel (who created the Ahead Fund) and Joanne Reagler (who was very instrumental in the raising money for Sisterhood's Holocaust fund). More information about the Ahead Fund is available at [TheAHEADFund.com](http://TheAHEADFund.com).

After the very productive business meeting, we enjoyed our brown bag lunch and social time.

# Passover Foods Are Special

By Sherrill Nicolosi



Passover is the celebration of the liberation of the oppressed and enslaved Jews from the Egyptian pharaoh, who refused Moses' pleas to "Let My People Go". The first night of Passover 2024 is on April 22, and lasts eight days, the last falling on April 30, 2024. Passover is considered by many Jews to be one of, if not the most significant Jewish holiday. Jews refrain from eating leavened foods—chametz—and eat matzah and dishes made with matzah. The special Passaic foods make the Passover celebration unique for Jews.

Matzah and dishes made with matzah are eaten in honor of the Children of Israel who left Egypt before their dough had time to rise.

Foods specially prepared for Passover will be labeled "Kosher for Passover", meaning it's been certified as such. In CHI's The Jewish Foodies Cookbook, assembled by our Sisterhood in 2014, a portion of the cookbook is devoted to traditional Passover recipes, including favorites submitted by Elaine Gartenberg (chocolate toffee matzah), Pat Tanenbaum (Gravlax, a salmon dish), Joanne Reagler (Passover charosis), Patti Fleischner (chocolate mousse cake and matzah brie), and several recipes contributed by Phyllis Hearn, including Passover brownies, a favorite for all of us.

The beautiful Passover Seders, and the eating of unleavened foods, remind Jews of the importance of the freedom we enjoy, and the significance of passing down traditions to every generation of Jews.

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## **PURIM is HERE!!**

It's Time To Have Some Fun



**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**5:00pm**



Come join us for a fun evening sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood honoring all of our "New Members" (anyone who has joined the Temple in the '20s). All new members will be entered into a drawing for a Sisterhood Foodies Cookbook!

Hot Dogs and all the fixings will be served along with beer and wine and homemade Hamantaschen.

We'll be playing lots of games with FABULOUS prizes, like a chance to win a **\$100** gift certificate to Hot Springs' newest restaurant, The GOAT Mediterranean Grill!

**ALL** members are encouraged to come to meet and welcome our **NEW** members!!

This evening is being provided **FREE OF CHARGE** to all who attend, so **PLEASE** make sure to RSVP by Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to Ruth Sedler at:

[sedlerlbk@aol.com](mailto:sedlerlbk@aol.com)

## March - April Yahrzeits

### Kaddish Recited March 1

**Sally Friedlander Boley**  
*Mother of Sherrill Nicolosi*

**Dorothy Robins Taub**  
*Mother of Betty Feir*

### Kaddish Recited March 8

**William J. Brown**  
*Uncle of Betty Forshberg*

**Herman Fleischner**  
*Grandfather of Stuart Fleischner*  
*Grandfather of Mark Fleischner*

### Kaddish Recited March 15

**Marvin Barenblat**  
*Brother of Betty Kleinman*

**Jules B. Newman**  
*Grandfather of Brad Wolken*

**Murray H. Forshberg**  
*Father-in-law of Betty Forsberg*

**Wanda Burns**  
*Mother of Glenda Kirsch*

### Kaddish Recited March 22

**Julia C. Wigderson**  
*Mother of Sue Koppel*

**Bernice Weisman Sherman**  
*Aunt of Larry Levi*

**Ralph Edward Ballard**  
*Grandfather of Laura Castillo*

### Kaddish Recited March 29

**Bette Katz**  
*Mother of Sheri Cobb*

**Walter Ballard Haynie**  
*Brother of Laura Castillo*

**Larry Wolken**  
*Father of Brad Wolken*

### Kaddish Recited April 5

**Larry Carrington**  
*Son-in-law of Betty Forshberg*

**Sandra Rans**  
*Sister-in-law of Fred Korngut*

**Roslyn Kirsch**  
*Mother of David Kirsch*

**Darlene Smally**  
*Mother of Kim Baron*

**Eva Brown**  
*Mother of Betty Forshberg*

### Kaddish Recited April 12

**Nettie Gladner**  
*Mother of Neal Gladner*

**Luman Sheets**  
*Father of Mary Klompus*

**Craney Bellin**  
*Mother of Ruth Sedler*

### Kaddish Recited April 21

**Lonnie Pederson**  
*Nephew of Cheryl Cohen*

**Bernard Rephan**  
*Father of Jerry Rephan*

**Sam Savel**  
*Grandfather of Davud Cohen*

### Kaddish Recited April 26

**Moria Viner**  
*Sister of Cynthia Rephan*

# March Parshiot

## Ki Tisa

**March 2, 2024**

When Moses does not return when expected from Mount Sinai, the people make a Golden Calf and worship it. G-d proposes to destroy the errant nation, but Moses intercedes on their behalf.

Moses descends from the mountain carrying the Tablets of the Testimony engraved with the Ten Commandments; seeing the people dancing about their idol, he breaks the Tablets, destroys the Golden Calf and has the primary culprits put to death. He then returns to G-d to say: "If You do not forgive them, blot me out from the book that You have written."



## Vayak'heil

**March 9, 2024**

Moses assembles the people of Israel and reiterates to them the commandment to observe the Shabbat. He then conveys G-d's instructions regarding the making of the Mishkan (Tabernacle).

The people donate the required materials in abundance, bringing gold, silver, copper, blue, purple and red-dyed wool, goat hair, spun linen, animal skins, wood, olive oil, herbs and precious stones. Moses has to tell them to stop giving.

## Pekudei

**Mar 16, 2024**

Moses makes an accounting of the gold, silver and copper donated by the people for the making of the Mishkan. Betzalel, Ahaliav and their assistants make the Eight Priestly Garments -- the Apron, Breastplate, Cloak, Crown, Hat, Tunic, Sash and Breeches -- according to the specifications communicated to Moses in the Parshah of Tetzaveh.

The Mishkan is completed and all its components are brought to Moses, who erects it and anoints it with the holy Anointing Oil, and initiates Aaron

and his four sons into the priesthood. A cloud appears over the Mishkan, signifying the Divine Presence that has come to dwell within it.

## Vayikra

**March 23, 2024**

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## Tzav

**Mar 30, 2024**

G-d instructs Moses to command Aaron and his sons regarding their duties and rights as ko-

hanim ("priests") who offer the korbanot (animal and meal offerings) in the Sanctuary.

The fire on the Altar must be kept burning at all times. In it are burned the wholly consumed ascending offering; veins of fat from the peace, sin and guilt offerings; and the "handful" separated from the meal offering. The kohanim eat the meat of the sin and guilt offerings, and the remainder of the meal offering.

The peace offering is eaten by the one who brought it, except for specified portions given to the kohen. The holy meat of the offerings must be eaten by ritually pure persons, in their designated holy place and within their specified time.

Aaron and his sons remain within the Sanctuary compound for seven days, during which Moses initiates them into the priesthood.

## April Parshiot

### Shemini

April 6, 2024

Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as Kohanim (priests); a fire issues forth from G-d to consume the offerings on the Altar and the Divine Presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.

Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not" and die before G-d. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy.

G-d commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption.



### Tazria, Metzora

April 13, 20 2024

The Parshahs of Tazria and Metzora continue the discussion of the laws of *tumah v'taharah*, ritual impurity and purity.

*Tzaraat* (often mistranslated as "leprosy") is a supra-natural plague, which can afflict people as well as garments or homes. If white or pink patches appear on a person's skin (dark pink or dark green in garments or homes), a kohen is summoned. Judging by various signs, such as an increase in size of the afflicted area after a seven-day quarantine, the kohen pronounces it *tamei* (impure) or *tahor* (pure).

## Refuah Sheleimah

*The following people are in our thoughts and prayers for healing. Please offer prayers that they have a full and complete recovery.:*

- Sam Banks
- Mitch Boley
- Kimberly Brown
- Laura Castillo
- Bill Cobb
- Camy Crank
- Oded Grenman
- Betty Forshberg
- Stephen Kirsch
- Randy Lewis
- Barbara Morgan
- Heather Mosher
- Pat McCarthy
- Sherrill Nicolosi
- Ellen Rephan
- Mike Richardson
- Misty Stricklin
- Larry Taub
- Shep Taxer
- Steven West
- James Woodfork
- Marie Woodfork

A person afflicted with *tzaraat* must dwell alone outside of the camp (or city) until he is healed. The afflicted area in a garment or home must be removed; if the *tzaraat* recurs, the entire garment or home must be destroyed.

When the *metzora* ("leper") heals, he or she is purified by the kohen with a special procedure involving two birds, spring water in an earthen vessel, a piece of cedar wood, a scarlet thread and a bundle of hyssop.