



# Congregation Beth Mordecai

*Your Jewish Home for the Soul*

**March/April 2018**

**Nissan/Iyyar 5778**



## **Join Congregation Beth Mordecai for the Second Night Community Passover Seder**

**March 31, 6:30 PM**

**\$42 for Adults**

**\$20 Age 18 and under**

**FREE for 12 and under**

**Contact Elliot Rubin at  
officebethmordecai@gmail.com OR  
732-442-1373 for more details and to sign up**



**Congregation Beth Mordecai**  
Established 1897

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*"Tzedaka is equal in importance to all other commandments combined."*  
-Talmud

**I am pleased to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to the following fund...**

☐ **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**  
Allows the rabbi to support special programs and individuals in need.

☐ **General Fund**  
Applied to the operating budget of the congregation.

☐ **Friday Night Oneg Fund**  
Used for cookies and other noshes following Friday night services.  
A contribution of \$75 supports one oneg.

☐ **Shabbat Morning Kiddush Fund**  
Used for luncheons and noshes following Saturday morning services.  
A contribution of \$125 supports one Kiddush.

**...in honor, memory or appreciation of:**

#### My Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this contribution form and check directly to the synagogue office.  
Checks should be made payable to "Congregation Beth Mordecai".**



**Contributions to the above listed funds may  
also be made on the synagogue website  
through our secure PayPal link.**

**Your generous and thoughtful support of our funds are  
used to enrich & invigorate our community.**

**Todah Rabbah - Thank you**

#### General Fund Donations

Marilyn Davidoff & Richard Schwartz in memory of Marjorie Siegel  
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#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Alan & Louise Siegel in memory of Marjorie Siegel

## Schedule of Shabbat and Holiday Services

Saturday, March 31 - 10 AM No Services, Join us for Seder!

## Saturday, April 7 - 10 AM Shabbat, Passover & Yizkor Services

## Saturday, April 14 - 10 AM Shabbat Services with Discussion

## Saturday, April 21 - 10 AM Shabbat Services with Discussion

## Saturday, April 28 - 10 AM Shabbat Services with Torah Reading





**April 11**

**12 PM**

**Menlo Park Mall Food Court**

Join Rabbi Metz at Menlo Park Mall. Each session will have a topic associated with it - to be announced on the synagogue Facebook page. In addition, ask the rabbi ANY question you wish!

# Ever Wonder Who is God?

Join Rabbi Metz to  
explore what Jewish  
tradition teaches and  
what you think about  
God.

**Thursdays, April 12 & 19**  
**7 PM**

**Congregation Beth Mordecai**  
**224 High St. Perth Amboy**  
**RSVP by April 5 to**  
**[Rabbi.SaraMetz@gmail.com](mailto:Rabbi.SaraMetz@gmail.com)**



## Passover Food and Food Preparation Guidelines

The following is a summary of the decision of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Judaism

### A. Food

#### 1. Prohibited Foods

- a. Leavened breads, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereals, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, rice, dry peas, beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Baking soda may not be used.

#### 2. Permitted Foods

- a. Requiring no Kosher for Passover כשר לפסח label: The following are permitted in unopened packages: coffee with NO added flavors (No Decaffeinated), sugar, salt, pepper, fresh fruits and vegetables except for legumes (such as beans and peas). String beans are permitted.
- b. If bought BEFORE Passover starts: milk may be purchased WITHOUT a Kosher for Passover label.
- c. If certified Kosher for Passover by a Rabbinical Authority: Matzot, matzah flour, Passover noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jelly, relishes, dried fruits, dried spices, nuts, salad oils, gelatin, shortening, vinegar and liquors.

### B. Utensils

1. China - Fine translucent chinaware, which has not been used for Passover, may be used if thoroughly scoured and cleaned in hot water.
2. Dishwasher - may be kashered for Passover by running a full wash cycle with soap after not using the machine for twenty-four hours.
3. Earthenware - Cannot be Kashered
4. Glassware - May be kashered for Passover by means of washing thoroughly in hot water.
5. Gas Stove - The stove as well as the burners should be thoroughly scrubbed, cleansed and the turned on until red-hot.
6. Metal Dishes and Utensils - Utensils used in a fire (i.e. spit or broiler) should be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned and heated until red-hot. Silverware should be thoroughly scrubbed, cleansed and then dipped in boiling water. In both cases, the utensil should not be used for a period or of twenty-four hours between the cleansing and the kashering. The above procedures apply only to utensils made wholly of metal, with no cracks, that are used for cooking but NOT baking.



In advance of the Passover Festival, every Jewish person is commanded to dispose of all owned leavened products (*chametz*) for the duration of the holiday. Most cannot wholly dispose of all *chametz*, except by selling it to a Non-Jewish person. Jewish law allows an agent to be authorized to sell *chametz* on one's behalf. We ask for a minimum of a \$10 donation to accompany this request. That donation will be used to towards helping all who are hungry, to come and eat.

### **For Sale of Chametz**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby Authorize Rabbi Metz to sell all Chametz of whatever kind and nature, of which I am in possession, in my home, place of business or in any other place at \_\_\_\_\_, without reservation or limitation.

I understand that my *chametz* will be sold to a Non-Jewish person. That person will own my chametz during Passover. My *chametz* will be sold back to me after Passover ends.

I am permitted to eat said chametz AFTER 8:30 PM on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

## *Join Us for Passover!*

### *Our Second Night Community Passover Seder and Dinner is March 31, 2018 at 6:30 pm.*

We invite you and your family to come enjoy our full Seder Service and dinner with Rabbi Metz leading services. Then have a delicious dinner with us.

Dinner is \$42 for adults, under 18 years of age \$20, Under 12 FREE.

Please choose which main meal, and how many, you would like to have:

Brisket \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check, or fill out the PayPal credit card form on this page, with this reservation.

Adults @ \$42      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Under 18 @ \$20      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Under 12 free

Total                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

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I authorize Congregation Beth Mordecai to charge my credit card the above total.

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Signature





### April Birthdays

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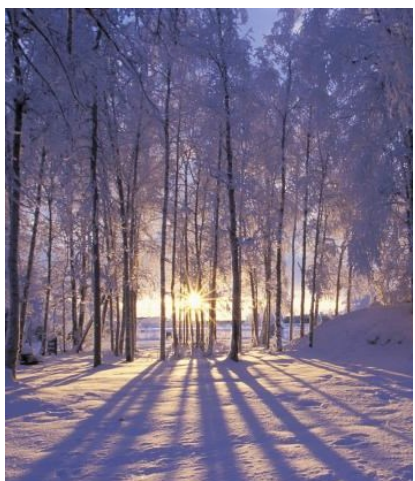
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## Whom do I call?

In the case of a death, call a medical authority,  
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