



# Congregation Beth David

Narragansett, Rhode Island

## *CBD NEWS ... Spring 2021*

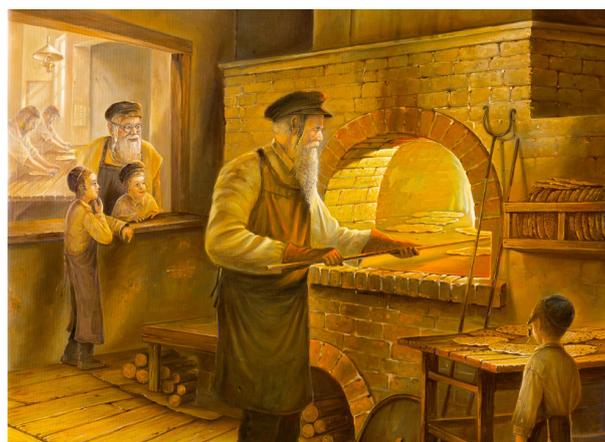
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### Celebrating Passover around the world

In a short time we'll gather around the Passover Seder table, and read what we've read for years, the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt, a story of freedom.

Every day the story is being played out in real time, as people across the globe are oppressed, even in our own country, seeking freedom and the hope it brings for their own futures, and future generations.

At our Seder Table we incorporate stories of freedom. In past years, it has been as simple as reading Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream Speech," with each person reading a line or paragraph. It is very powerful.



Matzah Making - a painting by Alex Levin

And around the world, Passover has inspired some traditions we might consider unusual. Here are a few, compiled from a number of sources:

- In Yemen Jews from Aden, the Adenic community, eat eggs of many styles as the main course during the Seder. Today, the Adenim have a more substantial main meal, while some families still continue the traditions of their ancestors.
- Try this one. In Gibraltar, where Jews have lived for 650 years, they incorporate the dust of bricks, ground up and mixed in their charoset recipe.
- In the Polish town of Gora Kalwara, on the seventh day of Passover, they re-enact the crossing of the Red Sea by pouring water on the floor, and naming the towns that they would cross in their region of Poland, raising a glass at each town.
- In some Ethiopian families, the matriarch would destroy all of her earthenware dishes and make a new set to mark a true break from the past.
- In a custom that began in Spain in the fourteenth century, and adopted by many Moroccan, Turkish, and Tunisian Jews, the Seder leader walks around the table three times with the Seder Plate, tapping it on the head of each guest.

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From Rabbi Adler - 5781



## PASSOVER 2021

The Talmud offers a verse which has been included in our Passover Haggadah. “Bechol Dor Vador ...” – “In every generation, it is our duty to consider ourselves as if we (ourselves) have come forth from Egypt. In other words, we have to put ourselves into the shoes (ok, sandals) of our ancestors in Egypt and vicariously experience their slavery and ultimate journey to freedom.

Sadly, this year, this task of “Bechol Dor Vador’ has been made more poignant by the arrival of Covid-19. This year, as we gather around the Seder table – more than likely still via Zoom – we think about the events of 3300 years ago, and how, with an aching heart, we are truly re-living those days.

In those days – the Egyptians experienced many plagues; in our days – we face the plague of a seemingly unrelenting virus, in addition to the plagues of loneliness, isolation, and fear.

In those days – the Israelites were told to stay in their homes, while the last plague hovered over the Egyptians. In our day – we are told to stay in our homes, while the plague is hopefully disarmed.

In those days – The Egyptians were grieved by the death of their first born; in our days – we grieve for the loss of all life, but especially the death of our elderly, the last born.

In those days – the Israelites were symbolically purified via the waters of the Red Sea; in our days – we purify ourselves by washing hands, wearing masks, and social distancing.

In those days - the viscous tribe of Amalek attacked the fleeing Israelites; in our days – continuing variant strains of the virus

In those days – the Israelites were yearning to be free of the shackles of slavery; in our days – we are yearning to be free of our dependence on Zoom and other software.

In those days, the Israelites ate Matzah as the bread of deliverance; in our days – we seek vaccination as a means towards deliverance from this awful virus.

In those days – the Israelites cried to G-d, seeking salvation; in our days – ditto!

In our days – we say ‘next year in Jerusalem’; in our days we also say – next year with our family and friends – in person!

As you celebrate Passover, Lori and I wish all of you a holiday season filled with blessings, peace, prosperity good health and happiness.

# Join Us for a Virtual Tour of Israel

CBD is delighted to invite you to join us for a special fun virtual travel adventure to Israel, right from the comfort of your own home. The virtual tour is scheduled to begin Monday, April 26 and continue each day, ending on Friday, April 30. The tour will begin at 4 pm each day.

Whether this is your first trip to Israel, or you've visited several times, you'll find this an exciting experience, filled with new adventures.



We'll visit both classic and iconic sites of Israel and visit some of the off the beaten path sites that are true gems. We'll reveal some of the secrets of Israel and hear some exciting stories about the Jewish State.

Among the highlights will be a visit to the Kotel (Western Wall), swimming with the dolphins in Eilat, rappelling into a salt cave and experiencing the magical and mystical city of Tzfat in Israel's north. We will also visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and more. Come hungry because we will be stopping for the best falafel (or shawarma if you prefer) at the Machne Yehuda market (shuk) in Jerusalem.

We will meet virtually at the charter counter at Green Airport on Monday, April 26 at 4 pm, for our virtual flight, but please come a few minutes early because we want to depart on time.

Keep on the lookout for a link to be able to register so you can reserve your seat and get your boarding pass. Seats are limited and previous virtual tours have sold out quickly, so save the dates now. The cost for this awesome week will be \$50 per household.

This tour is part of Jewish National Fund's (JNF) virtual travel initiative. With the skies closed to tourists, JNF has successfully led thousands of virtual tour participants to Israel. Your JNF professional is Dana, and your virtual guide will be Mordechai. You can learn more about Dana below and Mordechai by clicking the link (<https://tinyurl.com/mordechai-bio>).

We look super forward to meeting you. - We wish you early safe travels or Bon Voyage or in Hebrew - Nesia Tova! -- Dana and Moedecai

**Dana Klein** is an Israel Programs Admissions Director for Jewish National Fund. She says that her first visit to Israel with her Temple confirmation class on a NFTY trip when she was 16 was lifechanging! After graduating from Tulane University, she lived for a year in Yoqneam, Israel as a Sherut Laam volunteer. She received a master's degree from the Benjamin S. Hornstein Program at Brandeis. She is passionate about Israel and believes that there is no other way to learn about Israel then by being there. Her three daughters are all Alexander Muss High School in Israel alumni.

## Getting Good at Getting Older

By Harris Chorney

In a wide-ranging discussion, Rabbi Laura Geller challenged CBD's seniors to define themselves while transitioning as seniors and coping with a pandemic that often leads to isolation.

Rabbi Geller, author of *Getting Good at Getting Older*, spoke about challenges facing the "sixty something" generation at CBD's January speakers' program.

What should this 60 something generation call itself -- seniors, Boomers, older adult, and encore, as she mentions in her book.

She also spoke of the pandemic's challenges, which hinders socialization, causing loneliness, and the importance of friendship and connection with one another. As we get older, how do we navigate fear, how do we find a purpose in our life, how do we handle the transition?

Rabbi Geller said that perhaps we can find purpose by looking at things we've done, or by taking a course at Brown University or the University of Rhode Island.

The Rabbi spoke about rituals we experience, from our early years to marriage, children, and aging and funerals. What happens in between?

She also spoke about the importance of gratitude, incorporating the 100 blessings in Judaism, each day and developing this as a ritual for our lives.

After hearing Rabbi Geller, I thought about who am I, and how am I managing this exploration of getting older? It is with the help of this community that has made a difference. What stood out for me is the importance of supporting our community, and being there for one another during these challenging times, and creating a community that understands "Getting Good at Getting Older."

The book is a good resource to have on hand; how to clean out a parent's home, how to get back to exercising, how to find your purpose, how to discuss with family, mourning and moving on, and many more helpful guidelines.

Resources suggested by Rabbi Geller: <https://www.jewishspirituality.org/about/common-questions/> and <https://www.hartman.org.il/>



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- Hungarian Jews had a tradition of putting their gold and silver jewelry on the Seder Table, apparently in recognition of the passages in Exodus that the Israelites received gold and silver from the Egyptians.
- In Afghanistan, Jews created the tradition of gently whipping themselves with scallions as a symbol of the Egyptian slave drivers' whips used against the Israelites.

# Purim 2021



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