



## Message from the Rabbi

A few weeks ago I discovered that I have 47 slaves working for me. You read that right. I went on a website called slaveryfootprint ([www.slaveryfootprint.org](http://www.slaveryfootprint.org)) and I took their survey. Based on the things I own – furniture, clothing, electronic devices, cosmetics, medicines, cleaning supplies, jewelry and much more – I learned that 47 men, women and children work in subhuman conditions to produce the raw materials for my possessions. When we purchase a product in a store, few of us think about the chain that brought that particular item into our possession. But the process begins with **human beings** who mine, pick, dredge, cut or otherwise capture **raw materials**. These materials are then used to **manufacture** some sort of product. That product then becomes a **brand** which eventually finds its way into your and my shopping cart. That's the chain: slave > raw material > manufacture > brand > consumer. I used the word "subhuman" above to describe the working situation of those at the beginning of the chain. But in many cases, the more accurate word is "slavery."

What does "modern-day slavery" look like? From the slaveryfootprint.org website:

"Slavery exists deep within the supply chains of the products we love. Consider this...

Your shirt likely contains cotton that was picked by children in Uzbekistan who are forced to trade their school days for days in the fields.

Your phone has capacitors that are made with Coltan. 64% of Coltan reserves are located in Congo where child laborers are work from sunrise to sunset.

Your coffee comes to you via the efforts of an estimated 200,000 child slaves working in Ivory Coast alone who harvest 40% of the world's cocoa beans."

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism tells us that more people live in slavery today than at any other time in human history, 27 million according to the United Nations. This is more than the populations of New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut combined. Half these slaves are children. These are not people in low wage, unfulfilling jobs, but individuals in forced unpaid physical labor who are literally bought, sold, and owned by others. In fact, the respected British medical journal, the Lancet, estimates that 1 million children per year are sold as slaves. By comparison, at the height of the transatlantic slave trade, in the 1780's, 80,000 slaves per year were shipped across the Atlantic for sale. And yet, few people know about or discuss this. If the slave trade were a company, it would be #105 on the Fortune 500 list, above McDonald's, Xerox and Nike. Though slavery is no longer the law of any land, it thrives because law enforcement and politicians are looking the other way. This is where we can come in. The first step in raising our collective voice is engaging our collective

awareness. Repeatedly during our Seders we are exhorted to remember that once we were an enslaved people, and so we have a particular responsibility to those who are there today.

Slavery is an enormous and complex problem, but it is not hopeless. Good people the world over are learning about it and they are taking action. Please go to the slaverytracker website where you will find all sorts of information. Don't get discouraged! If you pick just one small thing to do or a change you can make in your own purchasing practices, you will be contributing to the end of slavery.

The purpose of Passover is to remind us of the past AND to spur us to action in the future. If all we take from the holiday is the warmth and fun of being around the Seder table with loved ones – as wonderful as that is – then we have completely missed the point. More than 2,000 years ago, the prophet Isaiah exhorted the Jewish people to not substitute ritual practice for meaningful action that changes people's lives. He wrote:

“Is this the fast I have chosen? A day of self-affliction? Bowing your head like a reed and veering yourself with sackcloth and ashes? Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Eternal? Is not *this* the fast I have chosen: to unlock the shackles of injustice, to loosen the ropes of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to tear every yoke apart?...Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall quickly blossom. Your Righteous One will walk before you, the glory of the Eternal One will be your rearguard. Then, when you call the Eternal One will answer. When you cry, God will say, *Here I am.*”

Exactly.

Have a very good month.

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Passover Seder at the Captain's Inn was enjoyed by the 80 attendees from the congregation, their relatives, children and friends. The food and the service were excellent. Rabbi Kim led us in a wonderful and at times humorous Seder. The guest appearance of Moses added more humor to the Seder. This year, Passover was very early and many who usually attend were still sunning themselves down south and yet we still had a wonderful group attending.

What kind of year can we expect? Hanukkah and Thanksgiving falling on the same date is a once in eternity overlap. How often does this happen? It turns out that this never happened before and it may never happen again. Thanksgiving is set as the fourth Thursday in November, meaning the latest it can be is 11/28. The Jewish calendar repeats on a 19 year cycle and Thanksgiving repeats on a 7 year cycle. You would think that they would coincide in 133 Years (7X19). Why won't it happen again?

The Jewish calendar is slowly getting out of sync with the solar calendar, at a rate of 4 days per 1000 years. This means that while presently, Hanukkah can be as early as 11/28, over the years the calendar will drift forward, such that the earliest Hanukkah can be is 11/29. Of course the Jewish calendar is never modified in any way, and then it will slowly move forward through the Gregorian calendar, until it loops all the way to where it is now. So Hanukkah will again fall on Thursday, 11/28.... In the year 79,811. Hope to see you all at that menorah lighting.

Don't miss our first guest speaker, Rabbi Sally Priesand, at services on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. As the first ordained woman Rabbi in the Americas, she should be most interesting to hear.

The next Dine-Around is scheduled at Applebees on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Jewish Heritage evening will be held at the Lakewood Blue Claws Game on May 7th. Let Madelyn Dunn, (609)660-1614, know how many tickets you will need. Seniors eat free. The pre-game program starts at 5:45 PM. Wear your Temple T shirt to make them know that we all support our heritage.

Lastly, mark your calendar. The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Lutheran Church. We will review the past year and have the new budget available for your approval. The election of the executive board will also take place as well as the new contract for the rabbi. As a reminder, you must be a member in good standing to vote, i.e., dues and school fees paid in full. Welcome back to all the snowbirds.

With the Warmest Regards,

Aaron Shapiro

*Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at the Lutheran Church*

**TEMPLE COMMITTEES**

Contact Aaron at 242-2390 or email at [shap1010@comcast.net](mailto:shap1010@comcast.net) if you wish to become a member of one of these committees or contact the Committee Chairperson.

Committee	Chair/Members
MEMBERSHIP	Cyndy Friedland
RITUAL	Hal Polon, Charles Flum
MUSIC	Philip Altland , Stan Jackson
GREETERS	Rose Jackson, Judie Levin, Pat Barndt, Syble Bleiweis, Hope Gardiner, Wendi Higgins, Thelma Polon, Maralyn Ricciardi
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ONEG & DINNERS	Madelyn Dunn, Philomena Jonas, Sheila Ehrlich, Pat Barndt, Wendi Higgins

**Yahrzeit April 2013 – OF BLESSED MEMORY**

According to the English Calendar

Date	Yahrzeit	
4	Samuel Applebaum	Father of Arlene Armstrong
6	Samuel Sales	Brother of Maralyn Ricciardi
8	Moe Markman	Father of Sandra Polter
8	Gladys Zeik	Mother of Debbe Dieckmann
10	Paul Taub	Cousin of Cyndy Friedland
12	Jon Brody	
27	Jack Silverman	Father of Terry Silverman
27	Rose Ginsberg	Grandmother of Thelma Polon
27	Abraham Ginsberg	Grandfather of Thelma Polon

**Illness or Sympathy Cards from the Congregation**

Please notify Arlene Armstrong at 609-242-1303 or by e-mail at [aarmst@hotmail.com](mailto:aarmst@hotmail.com) of an illness of one of our members or of the death of a member of our congregation or member of their family.



## CONGREGATION SHA'AREY HA-YAM SEDER AT CAPTAINS INN

Our Congregational Seder at the Captain's Inn on Tuesday night was a huge success. It was very well attended and even had a brief visit from Moses. The food was delicious and the crowd was enthusiastic and festive.



HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS SEDER PLATES

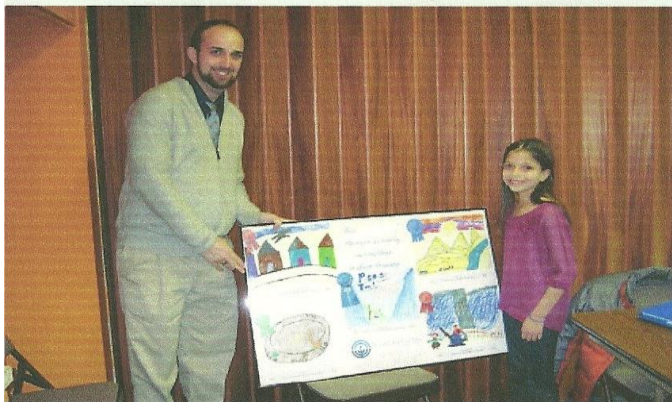




## Hebrew School News



We are all very proud of Brianna Otto as she won first place in the Jewish Federation of Ocean County's first art contest for Federations Passover card!



PREPARING FOR PASSOVER: (Top) Brianna Otto depicted Moses parting the Red Sea. The youngster is shown with Jason Krane, the federation's annual campaign director.

One of 52 Youngsters Who Participated in Contest

### *Manahawkin Girl Is a Winner With Ocean County Jewish Federation*

Mazel Tov to Dayna, Kurt, Bailey and Reece as they share in this honor with Brianna. Over 3600 Passover cards were mailed out to Federation members and affiliates...wow...who knew what an artist we had in our midst!!

## Hebrew School Visits Lakewood Matzah Factory



Want to submit an article for the Newsletter – Please send to [Rose-Jackson@comcast.net](mailto:Rose-Jackson@comcast.net) by the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month for consideration.

Ideas: Jewish facts, temple happening, book reviews, committee news, etc....

### Hurricane Sandy Sufferers

"For all people over the age of 12 who might be affected by mold and mildew either in their homes or elsewhere from Hurricane Sandy:

Pulmonary Function Testing, Pulse Oximetry, Blood Pressure, and Auscultation of the Lungs testing will take place at Ocean County Mall on April 27, 2013 and May 14, 2013 ..10 am to 4 pm.

For further information, please call 1-800-555-1990.



April	Date	Congregant
	11	David Jonas
	22	Noah Lessig
	29	Sandy Goldsborough



**Happy Anniversary to Fran and Joe Breese on April 7. Mazel Tov.**

#### FEDERATION NEWS

On Sunday, April 28th our Jewish Federation of Ocean County will be hosting their annual campaign called Super Sunday. Federation has been quite gracious to our congregation in various ways throughout the years. We are being asked to have volunteers assist on the 28th in making phone calls to Federation members for their annual pledges. This is part of giving back to our community, and we need your help. There will be shifts available starting 9:30AM. Along with making phone calls there are other ways in which you can assist in being supportive. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with a tear-off that gives more information about our support for Super Sunday. I will have signup sheets available at services so you can choose your appropriate time to volunteer. Please help us help Federation by signing up!! I am available for any questions either via phone at 609-698-4459 or via email at [cfriedland119@comcast.net](mailto:cfriedland119@comcast.net).

## City of Thieves

By [David Benioff](#)

Author [David Benioff](#) is one of the creators of *Game of Thrones* an American [epic fantasy](#) television series.

Goodreads.com synopsis below.

As wise and funny as it is thrilling and original - the story of two young men on an impossible adventure. A writer visits his retired grandparents in Florida to document their experience during the infamous siege of Leningrad. His grandmother won't talk about it, but his grandfather reluctantly consents. The result is the captivating odyssey of two young men trying to survive against desperate odds. Lev Beniov considers himself built for deprivation. He's small, smart, and insecure, a Jewish virgin too young for the army, who spends his nights working as a volunteer firefighter with friends from his building. When a dead German paratrooper lands in his street, Lev is caught looting the body and dragged to jail, fearing for his life. He shares his cell with the charismatic and grandiose Kolya, a handsome young soldier arrested on desertion charges. Instead of the standard bullet in the back of the head, Lev and Kolya are given a shot at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt to find the impossible. A search that takes them through the dire lawlessness of Leningrad and the devastated surrounding countryside creates an unlikely bond between this earnest, lust-filled teenager and an endearing lothario with the gifts of a conman. Set within the monumental events of history, *City of Thieves* is an intimate coming-of-age tale with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men. ([less](#))

Recommended by Rose Jackson.

#### HELP IS WANTED – SHARE A GOOD READ WITH OUR CONGREGATION

Anyone who has read a good book and would like us to mention it in our next newsletter, please send me the name of the book, how you felt about the book, and also include a brief synopsis of the story or if you would like I will include one from the Internet.





## You can help us "repair the world" in 2 hours

FirstEnergy Park, (Home of the Blueclaws)  
2 Stadium Way, Lakewood, NJ 08701



On Super Sunday, April 28th, 2013 I would like to volunteer for:

☐ Shift 1 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

☐ Yes, I will work computer data entry on:

☐ Shift 2 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

11:00 to 1:30 ☐ 1:30 to 3:30 ☐ 5:00 to 7:30 ☐

☐ Shift 3 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Follow-up Sessions: Tuesday April 30th 5:00pm ☐  
Thursday May 2nd 5:00pm ☐

Name  (Please print)

Phone (work)  (Home)  (email)

☐ I cannot participate at Super Sunday, but enclosed is my gift of \$

**Please bring your cell phone and charger; landlines will be limited**

Please return this to: 301 Madison Ave. Lakewood, NJ 08701

Or call: 732-363-0530

<http://www.jewishoceancounty.org/>

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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.





### **Tribute Cards**

Tribute cards are available to congregants and friends for making donations in memory of, in honor of, to celebrate all life cycle events.

To make the donation kindly contact:

Syble Bleiweis at 609-978-4240 or [sebleiweis@comcast.net](mailto:sebleiweis@comcast.net)

or Cyndy Friedland at 609-698-4459 or [cfriedland119@comcast.net](mailto:cfriedland119@comcast.net).

As soon as your check for the donation is received the tribute card will be mailed to the recipient. Checks should be mailed to whomever you speak to or email the request to:

Syble Bleiweis, 70 Oak Ridge Lane, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Cyndy Friedland, 16D Acorn Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

### **Welcome New Members**



We welcome ***Rhona, Allan and Myles Levy*** as new members! They are originally from Succasunna, New Jersey and have found a new home with us!

The Levy's joined us for our Second Night Seder, and the rest is history!! Prior to "Sandy", they were living in Pt. Pleasant, and have found a new home in Barnegat. Please extend your hand in friendship to them as they join us for our Rabbi Sally Priesand Shabbat dinner and service.



### **NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**



- **April 16** - Applebee's Dine-A-Round
- Clothing/Shoe Drive - Drop off begins **3/22** and ends **4/8** please pack shoes separately, clearly labeled.
- Fund Raising Committee needs your help. Please volunteer for helping at an event. Contact Dayna at 609-597-3239.

### **April Dates to Remember**

April 5 – Dinner and services with Rabbi Sally Priesand

April 8 – Last day of clothing drive

April 16 – Dine-Around at Manahawkin Applebee's

April 19 – Services at 7:30 PM

April 28 – Super Sunday at Federation

### **May Dates to Remember**

*Tuesday, May 7 Blue Claws Game – Jewish Heritage Evening*

*Services 7:30pm Friday May 3 & May 17*

*Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM*

# Don't throw it away!

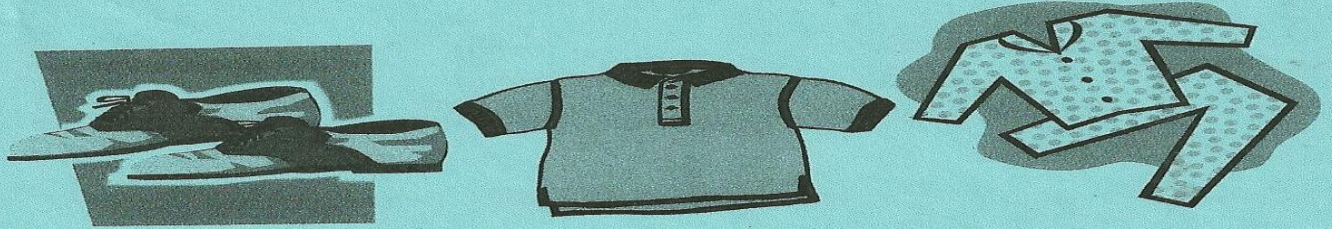
## Congregation Sha'arey Ha Yam is holding a used clothing collection.

We will be collecting wearable and usable clothing and shoes (men's, women's and children's) as well as small hard toys and stuffed animals.

The collection will take place from March 22nd to April 7th. Clothing and shoes can be brought to our Friday night services and 2nd Night Seder where they will be collected by Madelyn Dunn. Contributions can also be brought to Madelyn's home which is where everything will be stored until the pickup date, April 8th. (You can leave bags on the porch if no one is home.) Address: 148 Leeward Road Manahawkin.

Please bag clothing separate from shoes. Put items in well tied plastic bags. We will receive a donation for the total poundage that is collected.

For more information contact Madelyn. Call 609-660-1614 or email [justmemad@aol.com](mailto:justmemad@aol.com)



organization we are collecting for, Fashion Republic, issued this info. Please take note:

### WHAT WE COLLECT

#### • CLOTHING AND SHOES

USABLE AND WEARABLE CLOTHING  
CLOTHING FOR ALL SEASONS (MEN'S, LADIES', CHILDREN'S)

#### • ACCESSORIES

POCKETBOOKS  
BACKPACKS  
BRIEFCASES

BELTS  
HATS  
GLOVES

BABY ACCESSORIES  
SCARVES  
TIES



#### • HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS MADE OF FABRIC IN GOOD CONDITION

BLANKETS  
BED SHEETS  
BEDSPREADS  
PILLOWS  
QUILTS  
COMFORTERS

KITCHEN AND BATH ACCESSORIES MADE OF FABRIC  
TABLE CLOTHS  
DRAPERY  
CURTAINS  
TOWELS  
BATH RUGS



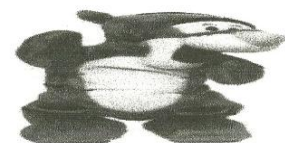
#### • TOYS

##### SOFT TOYS

STUFFED ANIMALS  
RAG DOLLS  
BEANIE BABIES

##### HARD TOYS

CARS  
TRUCKS  
AIRPLANES  
ACTION FIGURES  
DOLLS  
DOLL HOUSES



#### PLEASE NOTE:

1. WE DO NOT ACCEPT BOOKS, VCR TAPES, CDS  
KITCHEN APPLIANCES AND FURNITURE
2. HARD TOYS SHOULD FIT A BOX 24" X 24" X 21"