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RABBI'S MESSAGE – Lessons from a Crusty Haggadah Page



Rabbi Mark Glickman

I once had an opportunity to page through one of the oldest Passover Haggadot in the world. It was in New York, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and I was researching my book on the Cairo Genizah. This particular Haggadah, discovered in a dusty attic chamber over a Cairo Synagogue, dates back to about the year 1000 CE. Another Haggadah about the same age sits in another library; either that one or the one I saw in New York is the oldest such seder liturgy known to exist.

Since this particular Haggadah was discovered in Cairo, we can presume that this is the city where it was

created and used. The document is handwritten, relatively coarse, and all of sixteen pages long. Many of the blessings start with the Hebrew equivalent of *BAAEMH* – *the initials of Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-Olam*, (Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe). Observant Jews know that line by heart, so the scribe felt no need to write the whole thing out.

This Haggadah is so old that it has only two questions.

What was most memorable about it to me, however, was the “Hillel Sandwich” page. As anyone who has been to a seder knows, shortly before the meal, the liturgy calls upon participants to prepare an hors d’oeuvre similar to what the sage, Hillel, used to eat. Take some matzah, it tells us, slather some charoset on it, and add a piece of maror – the bitter herb, often horseradish. In so doing, we taste the sweetness of freedom along with the bitterness of slavery, all in the same bite.

It’s an important symbol, this little sandwich, for it represents the fact that we rarely experience either joy or despair completely on its own. Our joy is often tinged with pain; our despair usually comes with at least a glimmer of light.

It’s also a big mess. Most Haggadot are crusty on this page, bearing the remains of charoset juice from years past. The matzah crumbles, the charoset drips, and even a little maror can end up on the pages of the book sitting on users’ laps. Each of the two dozen Haggadot sitting on my own bookshelf awaiting their next seder bears these remains of seders past.

And that thousand-year-old Haggadah I saw in New York? Sure enough, on its Hillel sandwich page there were the distinct remains of charoset or some other such drippy food from a seder that probably took place centuries ago. That Uncle Bahya! He always was such a klutz (or however you say klutz in medieval Judeo-Arabic)!

Think about it. Sometime during the Middle Ages, a Jew in Cairo acknowledged the fact that joy usually comes with a dose of pain, and pain with joy, so they took a bite of that seder concoction, and left its dribblings for me to see in New York.

This year, I, too, will sit down to a seder, albeit probably in front of a computer screen. It will be a little lonely without my friends and family around the table, but I’ll sing and eat

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and look forward to redemption, anyway. It will happen during a difficult time, but a time in which I know that the vaccine is on its way, and that a more normal life will surely also come not too long afterward.

This year's seder, just like the one that happened in Cairo so many centuries ago, will bring joy tinged with sadness, incompleteness mixed with hope.

And many years from now, when someone in a faraway land looks at my Haggadah, I have a feeling that they'll be able to say the same thing.

Chag Sameach!

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

With sadness, we announce the loss of:

- Jeanne Fluter, aunt of Elaine Hashman
- Sherry Bambury, daughter of Valerie Murphy
- Victor Herscovitch, father of Albert Herscovitch
- Elizabeth Neuwelt, great aunt of Matt Hayles
- Roy Church, friend of Lee and Leslie Handy

Healing Prayers

Harvey Balakofsky, Yael bat Chava, Barney Faber, Elisha Hawrys, Jennifer Hollerman, Carol Kert, Debbie Krygier, Rosalee Krygier, Murray Kornberg, Itzhak Likver, Joanne Potts, Steve Potts, Noah Purkin, Frank Rackow, Mona Rosenbaum, Sofia Slovatek, Heather Spry Halls, Shauna Switzer

The Everyone Seder

Sunday, March 21, 4:00 pm

Referred to as the "Women's Seder" in past years, our ritual bucking the patriarchy will be modified for a special 2021 celebration on Zoom, and everyone is welcome to come to support and honour the women, transgender and non-binary people in their lives and histories. Unlike the usual Seder, where someone always asks to start on the page where the meal is served, we will conclude this event by dinner-time. A package of ritual foods (maror, charoset, etc) will be available for those that register with the office **by March 5.**

YAHREZITS

TO BE READ ON MAR 5-11

Irving Balakofsky	Jack Goodman	Florence Moscovitch	Hannu Myllykoski	Jack Sautman
Tillie Levine	Ruth Levitt	Monte Singer	Barney Yanofsky	Aron Eichler
Richard Becker	David Lenfest	Clara Wolk	Edith Doctoroff	Clair Moscovich
Dr. A.E. Newman				

TO BE READ ON MAR 12-18

Derek Baker	Cyril Leonoff	Wilfred (Vav) Walker	Risha Steinman	Dorothy Hodgins
Robert Smolkin	Moshe Zack	Samuel Feldman	Paul Sharpe	Gersen Wallace
Sarah Ponak	Betty Gelman	Yenta Rosenthal		

TO BE READ ON MAR 19-25

Rose Lily Dworkin	Jim Dudder	George Haas	Allan Bernbaum	Percy Devins
Morris Freedman	Jack Levitt	Rose Girtle	Irma Hirshberg	Oscar Kirshner
Vern Millard	Edward Arato	Henrique Ferreira	Alfred Harder	Edna McNeilly
Hanz Zechner				

TO BE READ ON MAR 26 - APR 1

Martin Stoffman	Bernard Isaacs	Frank Ashkin	Tzirl Podlog	Maarta Raita
Samuel Hapton	Cyril Joffe	Betty Riesenberg	Jack R. Century	Benjamin Kravtsov
Solomon Riesenberg	Ben Goorevitch	Miriam Haavik		

Anti-Racism Book Club

The Anti-Racism Book Club has established two groups to accommodate diverse schedules. Our March meetings will be March 22 at 7:30 and March 23 at 7:00. We will discuss *The Jews' Indian: Colonialism, Pluralism, and Belonging in America* by David S. Koffman. We arrange for discounted pre-ordered copies and make two copies of each book available for loan. To pre-order, contact Caron Glickman. We will have a special guest this month, Dr. Mikal Ekstrom, a Reform Jew who was born and raised on the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho and whose doctoral dissertation examined the relationships between Indigenous Peoples and Jews in the American West. He is currently an Assistant Research Professor with the Black Homesteader Project at the University of Nebraska Center for Great Plains Studies.

New members are welcome. If you wish to join, please contact Betsy Jameson at jameson@ucalgary.ca, and indicate whether Monday or Tuesday works best for you. Meetings will be on Zoom until it is safe to meet in person, and a dedicated link will be sent via email prior to each meeting.

— Nadine and Andrea Levinstein Rodriguez, Betsy Jameson, and Caron Glickman

Looking for Goods & Services

The Ways & Means committee is looking for goods and services to be donated for an online auction fundraiser. If you have a professional service you can offer or would like to make a gift-in-kind donation, please reach out to Ashley Owens at a_runka@yahoo.ca

Shabbat School Update

After a brief break for the Family Day Weekend our Zoom Shabbat School returned to help brighten the polar vortex. We ended February with a fabulous costume parade starring our favourite young people alongside Toronto music duo Judy & David. Thanks to Morah Emma for making this great opportunity happen.

We are looking forward to celebrating Pesach together in whatever form that takes this year. Stay tuned to the Temple Email updates for details.

— Deborah Book and Josh Orzech

DONATIONS

TO	FROM	OCCASION
AL OSTEN BUILDING FUND		
Valerie Murphy	Peter Driftmier	Condolences
Temple	Linda Garshman	In memory of Tevie Sheldon Segal
Albert Herscovitch & Brenda Zugman	Lee & Leslie Handy	Condolences
Temple	Lee & Leslie Handy	In Memory of Ora Handy, Ron Sautman, Jack Sautman, & HarryTulchinsky
Rick Phillips	Lionel Conn & Judith Hagan	Thank you
Al Osten	Stan Bernbaum & Nancy Hawes Bernbaum	In your honour
Lily Fixler and family	Roz & Danny Oppenheim	Condolences
Al Osten	Esther Silver	Happy Birthday
CARING COMMUNITY FUND		
Temple	Hartley and Nadine Waldman	In memory of Helen Walker
Debbie Baylin	Billy Zimmer	In memory of Steve Baylin
DANIEL ARATO FUND		
Susan and David Gradel	Judith and Peter Arato	Thank You

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Jamie Gelfand	Judith and Peter	Get Well
Allen Ponak	Judith and Peter	Get Well

DONNA RIBACK SHABBAT SCHOOL FUND

Tevy and Julie	Cheryl Green	In memory of Aunty Donna Riback z'l
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GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND

Temple	Judy Shapiro & Richard Bronstein	In memory of Charna Shapiro
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GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND

Debbie and Melissa Baylin	Drew and Ronnie Staffenberg	Condolences
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ONEG/KIDDUSH FUND

Temple	Ron Plucer	In memory of Chayim David Plucer
Temple	Michelle Stirling	In memory of Natalie Stirling
Temple	Cynthia Simmons & Arthur Schwartz	

PIANO UPKEEP

Temple	Brenda-Ann Marks	In memory of her mother, Minnie Sive
Deb & Paul Finkleman	Francie Nobleman	In gratitude

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Temple	Deborah, Harriet and Linda Lewis	In memory of Leo and Bee Lewis
Temple	Alex Francoeur & Maggie Serpa	
Temple	Sandra Mann	In memory of her father, Seymour Chappe
Temple	Annie Brodsky	In memory of son Joel Brodsky

SMOLKIN MEMORIAL WALL FUND

Temple	Annie Brodsky	In memory of Miriam Winston
Mrs. Ruth Dvorkin and Family	Len Himelfarb	Condolences
Temple	Len Himelfarb	In memory of Allan Hilford
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Goldberg	Len Himelfarb	Condolences
Mr. & Mrs. Doran Veiner	Len Himelfarb	Condolences
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Libin	Len Himelfarb	Condolences

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Debbie and Melissa Baylin	Betsy Jameson	Condolences
Albert Herscovitch & Brenda Zugman	Len Himelfarb	Condolences
Temple	Michel Levy	In memory of Henriette Mandel
Debbie Baylin	Paula and Chip Lexier	In memory of Steve Baylin
Albert Herscovitch & Brenda Zugman	Susan Light	Condolences
Temple	Sandra Mann	In memory of Michael Mann, beloved father and grandfather
Nathan Furst	Morah Leslie	Mazel Tov

LIFE & LEGACY: Here We Grow Again

Those of you reading this monthly report will recognize Temple's slow-but-steady progress. There are now 41 families who have committed to sustaining Temple's future. Kol Hakavod! Todah Rabah!! Where does that leave us? In order to receive the next \$7500 incentive award from the Grinspoon Foundation, we urgently need 2 more families to submit a Letter of Intent.

We continue to measure our progress in terms of *commitment, intention, and devotion to sustaining Judaism's future*. And by that measure we are doing ok. Not perfect, but ok.

The Letter of Intent asks for just your name, contact info, and birth date. No personal financial information is required. *Will 2 more families help us get the next incentive award for Temple?*

Hearing from people who have signed a Letter of Intent has been a heartwarming experience, and so we continue to share their essays with all of you. This month, Ron Plucer has sent us his comments, along with a wonderful family photo. Please see below.

Please join our Temple Legacy Circle by downloading the fillable form at the Temple website under Temple Life/Life and Legacy --- or by contacting one of us: Ron Bing, Mark Paidra, Cheryl Shore, Gertrude Cohos, Bonnie Kaplan (403-245-0568; bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com).

THE TEMPLE LEGACY CIRCLE AS OF FEB 15, 2021

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Anonymous (3) | 16. Michele Doctoroff & Ted Switzer | 29. Jennifer Eiserman |
| 4. Judy & Ron Bing | 17. Betsy Jameson | 30. Ashley Runka Owens & Dustin Owens |
| 5. Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte | 18. Jack & Donna Newton | 31. Michael Tavel Clarke |
| 6. Gertrude Cohos | 19. Lisa Welikovitch & Mark Paidra | 32. Hartley & Nadine Waldman |
| 7. Shauna L. Switzer | 20. Josh Hesslein | 33. Jonathan Zyto & Susan Klassen |
| 8. Cheryl & Morley Shore | 21. Annie Brodsky | 34. Ron Plucer |
| 9. Peta Glezerson | 22. Norman & Kathy Schachar | 35. Marc Ereshefsky & Ayala Roudstein |
| 10. Susan Light | 23. Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins | 36. Joshua Orzech |
| 11. Jane Paterson | 24. Naomi Johansen | 37. Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman |
| 12. Daniel & Roslyn Oppenheim | 25. Nadine & David Drexler | 38. Monica & Gustavo Adrian Lis |
| 13. Tibor Kaldor & Megan MacFarland | 26. Sid Horovitz | 39. Cathy Basskin |
| 14. Alex A. Osten | 27. Carolyn Devins | 40. Rick Phillips |
| 15. Larry & Tina Stanleigh | 28. Sara Hastings-Simon | 41. Rabbi Rick Kline |



The Plucer family at the Torah scribing: Ron, his son Stephen, daughter in law Becky and grandsons Henry & Andy

From Ron Plucer:

I was repeatedly invited by a very good and close friend to join in attending a Temple Friday evening service. Hesitantly, I came along one Friday, and immediately felt the genuine warmth and comfort. This was a very surprising sensation for me as I used to belong to an orthodox congregation, alongside my family, and never quite felt acceptance there. This lack of comfort was so much so, that I actually ended up taking a 'hiatus' from "shuls" for a number of years.

Maybe because of my Temple experience, I started to seek out a synagogue in my free days during travels. From Warsaw to Beijing and in between, I would hear the familiar chants and melodies. It seemed like a continuum to me.

In that vein, to ensure this continuity for future generations, in an effort to welcome members from other congregations, for our children and for our grandchildren, I've chosen to become part of the Temple Legacy Circle.

A Talk on Environmental Ethics, with Dr. Tanhum Yoreh March 22 at 6:30 pm

This is the inaugural program of Temple's new Environment Committee, presented in conjunction with the Adult Education and Social Action Committees.

Tanhum, an assistant professor at the School of Environment at the University of Toronto, will speak about modern environmentalism and the development of bal tashhit, the prohibition against wastefulness and destruction. Those who attend the talk will be entered in a random draw to win a copy of Tanhum's book, [Waste Not: A Jewish Environmental Ethic](#) (2019), which won the 2020 Canadian Jewish Literary Award for Jewish Thought and Culture.

The zoom link for the talk will be available in future e-blasts and on the Temple website.



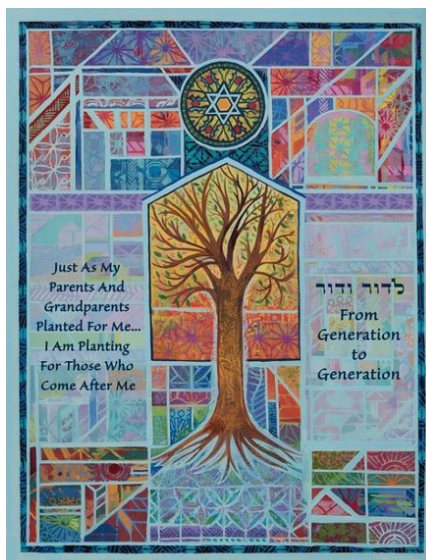
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— Shelley Werner + Caron Glickman + Michele Doctoroff



LORI LOEBELSOHN

**Please join us Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. MST
Virtual and free**

Lori uses Jewish imagery integrated into her decorative elements and regional influences. Anchored by ancient Jewish symbols, she uses experimentation and merging of the local culture with the age-old imagery found in Judaic art from all over the world.

For further information and ticket registration, click [here](#).

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES

Purveyors of Purim Packages in the Time of Covid



From the ovens of the expert Hamantaschen Bakers - Jenny McKenney, Leslie Handy, Tina and Samara Stanleigh, Susan Klassen, Sylva Nathanson, Linda Rotstein, Naomi Lear, Jane Paterson and Roz Oppenheim - twenty dozen Hamantaschen were crafted. (If you've never made Hamantaschen, it is indeed an art). They were then delivered to 40 Temple members by Cathy Basskin, Ken Brown, Tina Stanleigh, Jessica Tannenbaum, Brenda Zugman and Albert Herscovitch, Susan Rubin, Nancy Bernbaum and Danny Oppenheim. Thank you to all!

The Reconciliation-Indigenous Sub-Committee

The Social Action Committee is pleased to announce that we have a new sub-committee. The Reconciliation-Indigenous Sub-Committee (RISC) is co-chaired by Ron Bing and Richard Bronstein. They will participate in a program offered through the Indigenous community. This will help us develop a plan to learn about our Indigenous neighbours and then work towards reconciliation. This is the first step on a journey that we hope will involve more Temple members.

We have several Temple members already sitting on the Reconciliation Committee through the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good and this will take us one step further.

Click [here](#) for a link to a free online university course "Indigenous Canada".

If you would like further information, please contact Ron Bing at mybing@shaw.ca or (403) 238-0135.

B'shert: It was meant to be!

With the Yiddish word 'B'shert', Martin Cohos deemed the journey to find a new home for Temple B'nai Tikvah complete. How did the vision of building a synagogue in Pump Hill become a converted church in Britannia? This is a story that is filled with twists and turns and has to be told.

From its inception, Temple held services in various locations and as membership grew it became apparent that we needed our own home. In 1995 the Board of Trustees approved a project with the objective of establishing a permanent home for Temple B'nai Tikvah. A Building Steering Committee, led by Len Lesser, prepared feasibility studies in 1995 and 1997. The plan included a building of 12,000 to 15,000 square feet on 2 to 2.5 acres with a budget of \$3.6 million. During this period Temple received permission to negotiate the purchase of the Patterson Lands, at the corner of 14th Street and 90th Avenue SW, on behalf of the Calgary Jewish Community Council. A Reform Temple would add to the existing community centre and seniors' residence, together with other facilities, to form a "Jewish Campus" on the site. Temple's fundraising program realized \$1.5 million, then an ambitious design process commenced. The request for proposals from Canadian architectural firms attracted the attention of one of Canada's pre-eminent architects, Jack Diamond of Toronto, who was selected to design the new Temple.

The year 2000 ended with two problems for the building project: a) after displaying Jack Diamond's plans for the congregation during High Holidays the feedback indicated "his plans were not consistent with Temple's needs" and b) Len Lesser was now president of Temple and felt he had to give up his role as chair of the building committee. Sid Horovitz accepted the role as steering committee chair over coffee with Howard Bell and Steve Baylin. At the time, the committee members were: Steve Baylin, Howard Bell, Ron Bing, Morris Bleviss, Martin Cohos, Rick Kline, Donna Riback, Adam Singer and Norm Yanofsky. Very soon Sid learned this was a high performing group and 2001 would be very challenging for the committee.

During the first half of 2001 communications between Jack Diamond and the committee were ongoing. On June 20th Jack Diamond presented revised designs to 80 people at Temple's AGM. However, there remained deficiencies in the designs for the sanctuary, social hall and administration. In addition, the costs of the project were now double the budget. Coincidentally, representatives from the House of Jacob synagogue proposed that Temple join them in purchasing the Glenmore Racquet Club that had fallen on hard times. However, Temple's building committee was still focused on the Jewish Campus.

Our main contact with Jack Diamond, Steve Baylin, once again asked for additional changes in preparation for an open house in early October. In a meeting with the Board of Trustees, Sid discovered there just wasn't support even for the revised designs and relayed this to the building committee on October 10th. "I remember driving to the meeting and wondering how the committee was going to address the design problems this time." After lengthy

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discussions the committee made the bold decision to fire Jack Diamond. This was the same Jack Diamond that had just been awarded the Royal Architectural Institute Gold Medal. The situation still looked promising for building on the Jewish Campus when the city council approved the rezoning application to permit the proposed uses for the Jewish Campus. However, Temple's fortunes turned again when it became apparent that the Calgary Jewish Community Council wanted more control over the phasing of development for the Patterson Lands than originally expected. At this point the building committee decided to take a new direction, namely, look for alternative properties, either developed or undeveloped. Howard Bell and Martin Cohos were authorized to hire a realtor and conduct the property search.



In early 2002, it was reported that several United Churches were selling their properties. Of interest to Temple was that three churches were merging and intending to relocate to a new, but unspecified property. Two of the surplus locations attracted the attention of Temple, Altadore and Britannia. Although the Jewish Campus remained of interest, the building committee discussed the 'church' options with the board, then with the membership at the 2002 AGM. These discussions confirmed that purchasing Riverview United Church in Britannia was the most favourable option. Discussions with Riverview representatives commenced in January, 2003 with Martin Cohos, Howard Bell and Rabbi Howard representing Temple. The plan was to present a proposal at a special meeting of Temple membership in late February to approve the purchase, but there was a twist. The merged congregations, renamed Living Spirit United Church, needed time to locate land and build their new home. To overcome this hurdle, the negotiating committee boldly proposed that we share the Britannia building with the church. This would provide a three-year transitional period for Temple to pay for the purchase of the property and allow time for fundraising and the growth of membership.

On March 3, 2003 a congregational meeting addressed the motion: 'Be it resolved that the congregation of Temple B'nai Tikvah authorize the purchase of the Living Spirit United Church, previously known as Riverview United Church...'. 179 attendees voted 94% in favour of the motion. On September 14th the Living Spirit congregation approved the agreement and it was subsequently approved by the United Church Presbytery. The press release on December 1st stated: "And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." Exodus 25.8

But there was still much to do. For example, Temple had an engineering study conducted to assess the building. It indicated the building was solid, much to our relief, but the church steeple was not. Under the agreement Living Spirit had to demolish the steeple at a cost of \$10,000. Adam Singer negotiated the legal aspects of the final agreement while Rabbi Howard worked out the logistics of sharing the building including the religious requirements for these two very different organizations. There were a number of religious symbols in the building that had to be covered to accommodate Temple but the biggest issue was the massive cross at the front of the sanctuary. We couldn't have a cross displayed during our services. An ingenious solution was proposed. Mona Bell worked with Flagworks of Calgary to develop a large 'Tree of Life' tapestry to cover the cross during Temple services, but it also had to accommodate the needs of the church. Thanks to Gerry Schwartz, an inverted garage door opening mechanism was installed to raise and lower the tapestry. Current members of Temple can view the tapestry as it now adorns the south wall of the Betty Switzer Social Hall.

The final deal closed on January 15, 2004 and Temple's first service in its new home was on February 27th. Rabbi Howard led a group of Temple members who marched from the Jewish Centre to our new home on 47 Avenue. We carried a Torah in triumph!

A major fundraising campaign was required to meet the total budget of \$3 million, including an endowment fund as proposed by Donna Riback. The effort was led by Judith Arato, Rick Kline and Eric Men with many volunteers doing the legwork. Unfortunately, the funds for the final payment due January 15, 2007 were falling short of the needed goal. That's when Martin Cohos brought together a number of Temple supporters from inside and outside Temple to raise the balance of the required funds. Eventually, it was Sam Switzer's donation that put us over the top and leave Temple debt free. And the icing on the cake: Temple's membership rose from 185 in 2001 to 225 in 2003 and it is over 300 families today. There had been many adjustments by both parties to live under the same roof, but one of the very positive outcomes was Temple's ability to share in Living Spirit's 'Inn from the Cold' program, as organized by Betsy Jameson. A few years after Living Spirit moved out of the building a renovation program was initiated by Jeff Faber and Martin Cohos. We now have a place of worship, study and assembly that is admired within the broader Jewish community. The main wall of the foyer reflects all the donors that made this possible.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Josh Hesslein, Temple President

I'm encouraged and hopeful that this month is like the old saying goes: "in like a lion, out like an immunized lion." I'm relieved to hear about people getting vaccinated against COVID-19, and our Temple is looking ahead to days we can gather in person once again. In the short term, we'll keep things online and make sure we don't count our matzoh balls before they're boiled. (That's a saying, right?)

In the meanwhile, things have been absolutely hopping in our online world. There have been social events, adult education classes, social action meetings, book clubs, and religious services (including a great online Purim shpiel) providing all sorts of ways of being part of our community, no matter where you're tuning in from. I'm thankful for all the volunteers, staff and clergy who have committed their time and energy to keeping our congregation vibrant, healthy, and financially sound.

I know this pandemic has been dragging on, and it's tough for some of us (well, really, all of us) to get everything done. If you need a hand, or are in a position to lend a hand, check out our [Yad 'b Yad program](#) and we'll connect people. It's a great way to get the help you need, or to give back to our community.

In the meantime, make sure you take some time for yourself and stay healthy; I look forward to seeing you in person as soon as it's safe.

My best wishes to you,

Josh

We are moving toward a special meeting to ratify our new constitution on April 22, 2021. The proposed constitution came about as the work of several years and many, many volunteer hours, and it updates our existing constitution.

Ahead of the Special Meeting to ratify the new document, we want to make sure you have a chance to ask any questions you may have. Mark your calendars for two Q&A sessions with the Constitution Committee (and me) on April 6 and April 16. Links to the Zoom meetings will come out in our weekly e-blast as we get closer.

Before the Q&A sessions (and certainly before the special meeting), I'm asking that you do two things:

- 1) Have a look at the proposed constitution by visiting <https://members.templebnaitikvah.org/constitution.html>. You'll need to log in.
- 2) Send any questions you have about the new Constitution to me at president@bnaitikvah.ca by April 2. That way the Committee can have some answers ready for you.

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MARCH
SUNDAY, 6 PM **28**

COMMUNITY 2ND NIGHT
ZOOM SEDER

Seder conducted by Rabbi Glickman and Katie Baker

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