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## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI



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*Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch is an organization that provides social, educational, recreational, and religious programming. Chabad is a place where every Jew, affiliated or unaffiliated, observant or non-observant, can come and feel comfortable. We believe that regardless of educational background or affiliation, it is the inalienable right of every Jewish person to learn and participate in our heritage, which belongs to us equally.*



Dear Friends,

We have now concluded with the Passover Seders

and most of us will be getting ready for a change of pace, a more relaxed setting, now that it's spring. On the 14th day of the month of Iyar, corresponding to April 28, 2010, we will celebrate the important, though little known, holiday of Pesach *Sheini*, the "Second Passover."

When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, this day served as a second chance for those individuals who could not bring the Passover Offering on the eve of Passover one month earlier, on the 14th of Nissan. Today we commemorate Pesach *Sheini* by eating matzah.

The sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, explains that the message of the Second Passover is that it is never too late to rectify a past failing. Even if we have failed to fulfill a certain aspect of our mission, we can always make good on the Second Passover.

The Second Passover thus

represents the power of *teshuvah* - the power of return. *Teshuvah*, commonly translated as repentance, is much more than turning a new leaf and achieving forgiveness for past sins: It is the power to go back and redefine the past.

One of the principal differences between the two Passovers is the duration of the holidays. The Passover offering brought on the afternoon of Nissan 14 is followed by a seven-day festival, whereas the Second Passover is but a single day.

Number seven signifies a natural course of action. G-d created the world in seven days and thereby wove a seven-day work and rest cycle into the very fabric of the natural reality. A seven day Passover reflects the gradual, step-by-step accomplishments of the *tzaddik* - the righteous individual - who builds his relationship with G-d and fulfills his mission according to the guidelines set forth in the Torah.

The Talmud relates the story of Elazar ben Durdaya, a man who committed virtually every sin. One day, a harlot said to him, "Elazar ben Durdaya, you can never repent." Realizing how far he

had gone shook him to the very core of his soul. He placed his head between his knees, sobbing until his soul departed his body. Upon hearing the story of this man, Rabbi Judah HaNassi wept and said, "There are those who acquire their world through many years toil, and there are those who acquire their world in a single moment."

Not every *baal teshuvah* (returnee) achieves such an immediate transformation. But the one day duration of the Second Passover expresses the nature of *teshuvah*: not the conventional life of the *tzaddik*, but the *baal teshuvah*'s drastic leaps from extreme to extreme.

Let us take this eternal message of Pesach *Sheini* to heart and realize that it is never too late to grow in our own spiritual journeys. I invite and urge you to take advantage of the many spiritual and educational opportunities offered in this newsletter.

It's never too late to let your Judaism thrive.

Rabbi Mendy Bukiet

## PASSOVER DANCE EXPERIENCE

The Passover Dance Experience was the final segment in a series of four such events which are held throughout the year at Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch's thriving Hebrew School.

These Fun Days provide a medium for students and their families to experience a Judaic cultural adventure. Each Fun Day is geared to another cultural theme.

Rabbi Mendy launched the Passover Dance Experience with a narration of the Jews' exodus from Egypt. He described the Jews' happiness upon crossing the sea, and described how they took out tambourines, already prepared by the women, and danced with

them in a display of joy and gratitude to G-d.

Students at Chabad Hebrew School re-enacted this experience. They decorated tambourines and then with the help of dance instructor, Keren Shani-Lifrak, danced across the makeshift Nile created out of shimmering blue and purple fabrics.

Students at Chabad Hebrew School really experienced the joy of Passover at Chabad Hebrew school this year.

Upcoming events at Hebrew School include a Torah Fair, Aleph Champ Ceremony and Bike-a-thon. Contact Chanie Bukiet for more information at 941-752-3030.

## JWC'S READ & REVIEW

On Sunday, March 14, the ladies of the Jewish Women's Circle gathered at the home of Phyllis Silverman for an intriguing book talk by Barbara Schur.

The book featured was entitled "Turbulent Souls" by acclaimed writer, Stephen J. Dubner. The book narrated Stephen Dubner's journey from a home steeped in Catholicism to his Jewish roots.

Read & Review featured lively discussions about the power of a Jewish soul and the need for understanding of the rituals of our faith.

Pastries, fruits, coffee, and tea were served as well.

The women enjoyed a social and stimulating evening out. Special thanks to Phyllis Silverman for hosting this evening and for Barbara Schur for her fascinating talk.

## KOSHER FEST & CARNIVAL

This year, Chabad of Bradenton will celebrate Lag Ba'omer, the festival of unity, with a Kosher Food Fest and Carnival.

The Kosher Food Fest will feature a wide variety of packaged and homemade Kosher foods. Attendees to the event will be able to purchase ready-to-eat and take-out kugels, chicken soup, deli sandwiches, rugelach, knishes, salads, and many more Kosher foods.

Kosher cooking demonstrations of Challah and other Jewish style foods will take place hourly.

A carnival including a moon bounce, carnival booths, games, prizes, raffles, music, and face painting will be featured as well.

This is a one of a kind event designed to bring kosher awareness and a feeling of unity and friendship to the entire Jewish community.

This festival will take place on Sunday, May 2 from noon to 3 pm in the Chabad Jewish Center parking lot. Admission is free. Fees for carnival tickets and food to apply.

Everyone is invited to experience this exciting Lag Ba'omer!



## ONGOING EVENTS

*All events to take place at the Chabad Jewish Center*

### Talmud Classes

Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm

Explore the Talmud and its laws in its original text. No prior knowledge of the Talmud or Hebrew is necessary. Book fee: \$45.

### Torah Studies

Saturday mornings, 9:00-9:30

Participate in a fascinating class on the Torah portion of the week. Discover the mystical meanings and lessons behind ancient stories. Admission is free.

### Jewish Learning Institute

Six Wednesdays, beginning April 28, 7:30-8:45 pm

*Beyond Never Again* examines the universal themes that the Holocaust forces us to confront. This course will enable participants to articulate their personal responses to the Holocaust, and provides relevant angles on some of life's most difficult questions pertaining to faith and suffering. Course fee: \$75. Couples fee: \$135. The JLI is partially underwritten by the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation.

### Weekly Shabbat Services

Friday night, 7:00, Saturday mornings 9:30

Enjoy warm, family friendly services at the Chabad Jewish Center. Saturday morning services are followed by a delicious buffet Kiddush. First Friday nights of the month also feature youth services and special Kiddush.

### Adult Hebrew School

Sunday, April 18, 9:30-10:30 am

Parents and other adults are invited for a monthly adult version of Hebrew School. Cost is \$15 per class.

### Ladies Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, April 13, noon-1:00 pm

Join Chanie Bukiet for a monthly Lunch & Learn. Feast on a delicious lunch and sample from a variety of exciting Jewish topics. Admission free.

### Friday Night Live

Friday, April 16, 7:45 pm

Teens (13-18) are invited to Rabbi Mendy & Chanie's home for a delicious Shabbat meal in a lively atmosphere. Free. RSVP by January 13.

### Chabad Hebrew School

Sunday mornings, 9:30-noon

Give your child the experience of a lifetime at Chabad Hebrew School featuring an outstanding curriculum, professional and warm teachers, hands-on lessons, an innovative Hebrew reading Aleph Champ program, motivational systems, and more. Learn it. Live it. Love it.

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Thank you and a warm welcome to our newest

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Sidney & Carolyn Starrels

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## ONGOING EVENTS

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### Teen Scene

Sundays, 11:20-2:00 pm

Join Jewish teenagers throughout Manatee County for a program FOR

Teens BY teens. The Teen Scene features trips, hand-on activities, lecturers, optional mentoring training program, weekly brunches, conversational Hebrew, and more.

For more information on any of the above ongoing events, contact Rabbi Mendy at 941-752-3030 or [rabbi@chabadofbradenton.com](mailto:rabbi@chabadofbradenton.com).

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, contact Chabad at 941-752-3030, [rabbi@chabadofbradenton.com](mailto:rabbi@chabadofbradenton.com), or visit [www.chabadofbradenton.com](http://www.chabadofbradenton.com).

### Sunday, April 18: Chabad Hebrew School Bike-A-Thon

Raise funds for Chabad Hebrew School with this bike parade at 9:30-10:30 am at the Chabad Jewish Center. Bring your bike along with your family and friends to cheer you on! The more laps you bike, the more money you earn! Contact Chabad if you would like to sponsor some laps. Refreshments and drinks will be served.

### Sunday, April 18: Movie Night

Join Chabad for a movie night at the Chabad Jewish Center at 7:30 pm. Watch an intriguing movie entitled "AMEN" which examines the link between the Vatican and Nazi Germany during the Holocaust. A question and answer period will follow. This event is open to both men and women. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP.

### Sunday, May 2: Lag Ba' Omer Kosher Fest and Carnival

Bring along your family and friends for a spectacular Lag Ba'omer Kosher Food Fest and Carnival from noon to 3 pm at the Chabad Jewish Center parking lot. The Kosher Fest will feature ready-to-eat and take-out kosher foods such as kugels, deli sandwiches, chicken soup, salads, rugelach and more. Cooking demonstrations of challah, and other Jewish style foods will take place hourly. An exciting carnival will feature a moon bounce, carnival booths, games, prizes, raffles, music, face painting, and more. Admission is free. Fees for foods and carnival tickets do apply. Sponsor: \$ 250. Rain or shine.

### Alternative Arts & Healing with Colleen Shapiro

Expressive Arts & Healing: Tuesday, April 13, 1:00-2:00 pm

Touch Drawing: Wednesday, April 21, 7:00- 8:30 pm

at the Chabad Jewish Center.

Free! Donations Appreciated. Call 748-8522 for more information.



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