



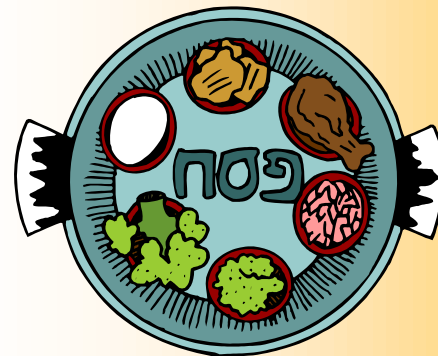
# The Etz Hayim Synagogue Newsletter

April 2012



9 Nisan 5772—8 Iyyar 5772

HAPPY  
PASSOVER!



## RABBI MILKOW'S INSTALLATION

The formal installation of Etz Hayim Rabbi Bryna F. Milkow will take place at Shabbat services on Friday, April 20 at 7:15pm, to be followed by a festive Oneg Shabba hosted by Drs. Al and Sarah Sandler.

The service will be led by Rabbi Bryna Milkow along with Al Sandler, cantorial soloist. Rabbi Darah Lerner, a friend of Rabbi Milkow's from seminary, will perform the installation. All Etz Hayim members are invited.

### FROM THE RABBI EMERITUS...

For the first time in many years I will not lead a seder. We are guests at a friend's home the first night. The second night we join with our Havurah for a seder led by the author of the Santa Cruz Haggadah, Karen Roekard. I am looking forward to learning new tricks in leading seders and new insights on the story.

I recently led a two-session Pre-Passover meditation class. The first focused on Hametz, and how to deal with that which burdens us. The second was on matza. We hold up the matza three times in the seder and each time it is different.

The first time it is *lechen oni*, the bread of affliction. We say, Let all who are hungry come and eat, hold up the matza and proclaim our desire to become free. But we are not yet free to taste this flat loaf.

The second time, just before the meal, matza serves as the bread of freedom. We have just finished reading about the miracles we experienced during the plagues and at the Reed Sea. We sang Psalms of thanksgiving. Now we eat the bread of freedom.

The third time is the *Afikomen*, the dessert which serves as the last taste of the seder. This time we look forward. We open the door for Elijah, harbinger of the Messianic Era, and proclaim the closing words of the seder, Next Year in a Jerusalem Renewed. This is the Bread of Redemption.

If you thought matza was just an oversized, tasteless cracker, or a good platform for butter, lightly salted, think again. The whole transformative story of Passover can be held in your hand, balanced on one sheet of matza.

If you are interested in the booklet I created to accompany my meditation, drop me an email. I may record the meditation, and if that is successful, I am willing to share that as well.

Connie and I wish you a wonderful, transformative Passover filled with blessings.

Rabbi Louis Rieser

### SPONSOR AN ONEG

*Do it in honor of your birthday, anniversary, friendship, your children, parents, or just because! It is easy and fun to do! Bring a challah, a few snacks, and enjoy Shabbat with your community!*

**To host an oneg, check the website to see if your date has already been claimed.**

**Then e-mail [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) to let us know of your date. We will post it on the website**

**NOTE: There is a sign up sheet outside of the office and envelopes for each date. Please sign up and take the envelope for your date.**

### REFULAH SHEMELAH - FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

Cathy Wieder

## Yahrzeit List

The Yahrzeit marks the anniversary of a death. Traditionally one recites the kaddish memorial prayer on the Yahrzeit of seven primary relatives: son, daughter, brother, sister, mother, father and spouse. It is customary to light a Yahrzeit candle the evening before the Yahrzeit date and to recite kaddish at services on the Shabbat close to the memorial date, usually the week ahead. For additions or corrections to this list, please contact Rabbi Milkow. We also provide a Yahrzeit Finder, listed under Resources on our web site, [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org)

Please note that all dates listed are according to the Hebrew date of death, which will vary from year to year.

### April 6<sup>th</sup> (8 Nissan to 15 Nissan)

Nathan Wieder	31-Mar-04	9 Nissan
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### April 13<sup>th</sup> (15 Nissan to 21 Nissan)

James Waldie	9-Apr-04	18 Nissan
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Myrna Kurtzman	13-Apr-09	19 Nissan
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### April 20<sup>th</sup> (21 Nissan to 28 Nissan)

Judith May Lewis	22-Apr-76	22 Nissan
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Jack Saren	30-Apr-70	23 Nissan
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Bob Sudhalter	30-Apr-03	28 Nissan
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Margaret Finne	30-Apr-03	28 Nissan
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### April 27<sup>th</sup> (28 Nissan to 5 Iyyar)

Rose Gitterman	29-Apr-90	4 Iyar
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### May 4 (5 Iyyar to 12 Iyyar)

Ethyl Pelunis	18-Apr-02	6 Iyar
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James McDermott	27-Apr-07	9 Iyar
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## Yahrzeit Plaques

If you wish to purchase a Yahrzeit Plaque for a loved one, please contact Larry Boise at [L.boise@comcast.net](mailto:L.boise@comcast.net) or 603-432-9291. The requested donation is \$250.00. Larry will need the English name, Hebrew name and date of death to have the plaque cast. Our non-Jewish loved ones may also be remembered with a Yahrzeit plaque (the Hebrew name is omitted).

## ELIJAH'S TABLE

A JOINT PROJECT OF  
 THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION  
 AND  
 ETZ HAYIM SYNAGOGUE  
 SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT - VOLUNTEERS INVITED

*On Sunday, April 8 at the Church*

*On Sunday, April 15 at the Synagogue*

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR DINNER.

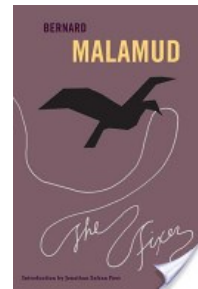
5:00 PM–6:30 PM AT ETZ HAYIM SYNAGOGUE

### Etz Hayim Book Club

Next meeting Sunday April 22 , 2012 10 -11:30 AM  
 At Etz Hayim

**The Fixer** by Bernard Malamud

**Published 1966 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux**



**The Fixer** is a 1966 novel by Bernard Malamud inspired by the true story of Menahem Mendel Beilis, an unjustly imprisoned Jew in Tsarist Russia. The notorious "Beilis trial" of 1913 caused an international uproar that forced Russia to back down in the face of world indignation. The Beilis case is fictionalized along a highly similar story line. The book won the National Book Award for Fiction and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1967.

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# Get Your Passover Recipes Today!

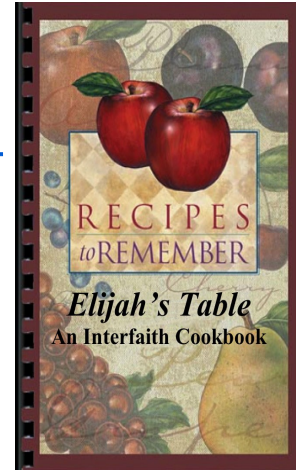
The **Elijah's Table Cookbook** is a joint venture of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration and Etz Hayim Synagogue, Hood Road, Derry, New Hampshire.

It contains a varied and excellent assortment of recipes in all categories totaling 299, ranging from Christmas Pudding to Kosher for Passover Tiramisu. Included are over 50 dishes in both the dessert and main course categories as well as appetizers, beverages, vegetables, breads and, of course, kugels!

Proceeds will help to offset the cost of our free, twice monthly community dinners held at both the Church and the Synagogue.

Thank you for your support

Books can also be ordered on-line at [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org)



<b>Elijah's Table Cookbook</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><i>An Interfaith Project</i></b>		<b>\$18.00</b>	
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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

Please make checks payable to Etz Hayim Synagogue. Books can be picked up at the Synagogue either during office hours (Tuesday and Friday afternoons 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.), or while our Hebrew School programs are in session (Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m., Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.). Please contact the office (432-0004) if alternative arrangements are needed. Do remember that proceeds from cookbook sales help offset the costs of our Elijah's Table program. They also make wonderful gifts.

Mailing Address: Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 ½ Hood Road, Derry, NH 03038

## BIRTHDAYS



April 1 Madeline Riese  
 April 1 Noah Schrank  
 April 2 Michael Cowin  
 April 2 Kimberly Hudson  
 April 4 Tucker Vye  
 April 7 Emma Plater  
 April 8 Westley Richards  
 April 8 Sarah Smolenski  
 April 11 Arlene Agosto  
 April 12 Elaine Quinn  
 April 14 Karen Rosenthal  
 April 16 Jill McAlpine  
 April 20 Justin Chamrin  
 April 21 Mikayla Culleton  
 April 21 Ali Pelunis-Messier  
 April 23 Tobey Kaplan  
 April 23 Rhonda Madnick  
 April 24 Daniel Smolenski

April 25 Joshua Cernigia  
 April 26 Jack McNair  
 April 26 Craig Zuckerwise  
 April 28 Cynthia Kahn  
 April 28 Karen Patterson  
 April 29 Scott Pim  
 April 29 Heather Wolff  
 April 30 Chuck Sommer



## ANNIVERSARIES

Jill and Robert McAlpine	April 1
Connie & Louis Rieser	April 2



**Please Note: If we have omitted a special date for your family, please contact the office so we can update our records**

## ADULT EDUCATION...

**Mondays, April 12, 19 and 26 from 7:30-9:00 PM “Jewish Understandings of G-d”:** There is only one certainty about the Jewish view of God: God is One. Many of us however, wish for a more robust understanding of God. Is there a personal God, or is God transcendent? Does God work miracles today, or only in the time of ancestors? Our questions are numerous and so are the answers. There are many authentic Jewish ways of conceptualizing God and we will try to understand several of them. We will also examine how these views of God resonate with our own, personal understandings of God.

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### IF SOMEONE IS ILL:

The Rabbi is happy to call or visit individuals when they are in the hospital or are ill, but the only way we can know that someone is in need of a visit is for you to inform us. Please let Rabbi know by calling the office at 432-0004. We regularly include prayers for healing (a Mi Sheberach) as a part of our service. Feel free to attend and to offer a prayer for people you know who would appreciate receiving a blessing.

### DONATIONS

*To the Building Fund from...*

*To the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund...*

*To the Building Enhancement Fund... David Riese*

*To the Torah Fund from...*

*To the General Fund from...*

*To the William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund from...*



*To the Building Fund as part of Capital Campaign Pledge...*

Jay & Rhonda Madnick   Stephen Soreff   Mark & Laura Aronson   Doug & Jane Allen

### DID YOU KNOW? WE TAKE PAYPAL!

You can make payments or donations to Etz Hayim via PayPal! Our PayPal name is  
payments@etzhayim.org

## Ecosmith Recycling

Have you noticed the huge tan bin next to the waste bin on the driveway of Etz Hayim? Ecosmith Recyclers of Londonderry has partnered with Etz Hayim to recycle clothes.

### What do we get out of it?

- Payment of 3 cents per pound on the collected items
- A chance to support a local business
- Tikkun Olam – we can be green and get some green at the same time
- Cleaner closets and basements

Acceptable items do not have to be in usable condition so this is a great place to get rid of torn jeans and other soft goods like sheets and towels which are no longer usable.

### Collection Materials

- used clothing
- household linens
- paired footwear
- stuffed animals
- belts
- pocket books



So pack up your old clothes, stuffed animals and shoes and drop them in the bin. You will be helping to support Etz Hayim and a greener planet!



## OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

You may call the synagogue at 603-432-0004 at any time.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS AT ETZ HAYIM

- **SPRING PASSOVER CLEANOUT:** *Wednesday, April 4 from 6-8:00 PM*
- **ETZ HAYIM COMMUNITY SEDER:** *Saturday, April 7 from 5:30-8:00 PM*
- **ELIJAH'S TABLE:** *Sunday April 15 from 5-6:30: PM*
- **INSTALLATION OF RABBI MILKOW:** *Friday, April 20 at 7:15 PM*
- **SUNDAY FAMILY CAMP:** *Sunday, April 22 from 10-12:00 noon*
- **NO CLASSES:** *Tuesday April 24 and Wednesday, April 25*



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