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YOUTH AND FAMILY VIRTUAL SEDER - FACEBOOK LIVE FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH, 5PM

Join Rabbi, April and family as we celebrate Passover for the little ones on our Young Families @ Congregation Mickve Israel page

FIRST NIGHT VIRTUAL SEDER SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH, 6PM

A virtual Zoom Seder for the entire Mickve Israel Congregation!

PASSOVER TO GO FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH

All orders need to be in by Thursday, March 18th

Brisket and Gravy.....\$18/person

with tzimmes, roasted garlic herb potatoes, brussel sprouts, arugula salad with cherry tomatoes and olives, and apple walnut cake

Seder plate......\$8/person with 2 hard boiled eggs, charoset, parsley, and red horseradish

Matzo Ball Soup.....\$8/Quart

During the months of March/April we are continuing all services and events online. We are using the application Zoom as well as our YouTube channel to stream these offerings.

Each service and event will indicate which platform we are using for streaming.

WORSHIPSCHEDULE

FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBATS

Kabbalat Shabbat from our Youtube Channel, 6pm Or Zoom ID: 81106931418 Password: 151619

SATURDAY MORNING SHABBATS

Shabbat Morning Service streamed from our Youtube Channel, 11:00am Youtube.com/mickveisraelsavannah

DRIVE-IN SHABBAT

Saturday, March 13th, 11am at Kingdom of Llfe, 425 Montgomery Cross Rd

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Classes are streamed on Zoom as well as on our CMI YouTube channel. Each week's topics and links are available in our weekly e-news. Sign-up to receive all the information at rsvp@mickveisrael.org. Our YouTube channel is: youtube.com/mickveisraelsavannah

History and Heritage Committee Presents: Get to Know the Museum of Southern Jewish Experience Sunday, March 14, 3pm (registration for this will be in the weekly email)

ONLINE WEEKLY JUDAIC CLASSES

Conversations with Rabbi Haas

Engaging Interviews and Q&A featuring local leaders, entertainers and influencers Every Tuesday at 1:30 pm

Judaism 201 with Tim Slivinski

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

CMI Study Group with Rabbi Haas

A new topic is chosen each week covering Jewish history, culture, entertainment and more! Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Torah Study with Tim Slivinski

Go deeper into each week's Parsha in this interesting class that includes a lively discussion. Fridays at 1:00 pm

OF BLESSED MEMORY

Mark Prefer Brother of Terri (Barry) Parker Sunday, February 21, 2021

Helene Stern Coleman wife of Jack Coleman (z"l) mother of Phil (Robin Fleet) Coleman and Nancy Silverman Saturday, January 30, 2021

> Preston Russell Monday, January 25, 2021

Dorothy Steinheimer, wife of Lawrence Mayer Steinheimer, Jr. (z"l) and mother of Carole (Nicholas) Brand and George (Helen) Steinheimer January 17, 2021

MAZEL TOV



Mazel Tov to Linda and Steve Novack and Fran and Al Frank on their new Grand and Great Grandson, Alexander Rowland Novack born on February 6, 2021 to parents Evan and Lizzie Novack and big brother Gray Novack.

Mazel Tov to Jamie and Steven Richman & big brother Micah on the birth of Blake Asher Richman born on February 18th, 2021.





Michele and Ray Morris are proud to announce the birth of their first Grandson, Jack Dylan Morris, on October 28, 2020 to their son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Hayley Morris.

My Favorite Holiday

My favorite holiday remains Passover.....even during a Pandemic. I love the mix of family tradition and Jewish tradition and culture. I keep the memories of my family and community Passover Seders of years past near and dear to my heart. I remember fondly the six hour Seder at an Orthodox family's home in London and the biggest ever Passover selfie I took in our Mordecai Sheftall Memorial Hall one year with over 150 people. I remember my grandfather, father, then uncle successively leading our Seders until the one year, my uncle asked me to lead. I remember the irony of the pickiest eating kid in our Jewish community, savoring the taste of canned gefilte fish every year. And, yes I am that kid. I love the Passover foods, the Passover Seder, the Passover leftovers from Bryan Graves Mickve Israel Seders every year. That's right! The food you don't eat goes to me, and yes I feel a little guilty. The one thing though I love most about Passover has always been and will always be the "Camaraderie," sharing a table with friends and family as we celebrate the freedom of our ancestors.

For the first time in the 50 plus years of my life, I sat alone at the table last year leading our community Seder via Zoom. At the time, I believed last year's Seder to be a one in a lifetime experience, but as we know, we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Virtual Seder this year. I really didn't have time to reflect on the idea of a Pandemic Seder in 2020, because the pandemic itself was so new to our country, as was the technology. I had only ever attended a Zoom meeting a few times in my life at that time, whereas I often find myself meeting with groups and individuals on Zoom all day long these days.

Upon reflection though, I am looking forward to this Pandemic Seder much more than my first foray into Virtual Judaism. On one hand, Jason Rich will be in charge of the technology. On the second hand, Aryeh, my eighteen-month old son, now has the capability of sitting down at the table for several minutes at a time, as long as we've locked him into his high chair. On the third hand, I believe this year's Pandemic Seder fulfills a need in all of us. When I hosted the Seder last year, I felt it to be more of a curiosity. I now realize that this year's Seder will fulfill a much stronger desire. We want to celebrate together as a community, and so we shall, even if we only see each other on the computer screen. Through our hardships this past year, we've echoed the thoughts of our sages long ago in again and again reiterating the belief that we remain a community even if we may not be coming together in person as a community.

When we eat the bread of affliction this year, we understand that we have been enduring a difficult time in our world together as a community. As we celebrate the freedom of our ancestors, we celebrate the technology that has helped unite us during this time. As we eat of the gefilte fish, we discuss the question of all questions, "Why do so many Jewish picky eater kids love this jelly fish ball?"

I look forward to celebrating Passover with all of you this year, although it will be again from each of our own homes. We will all be better at navigating the technology. We will come together with the seeds of the end of the pandemic already planted. We are going to host a young family Seder the night before, and Bryan Graves will be cooking a Passover To Go meal for anyone who might like to partake in his culinary skills. If you have any questions about our Seder or about hosting your own Seder, please contact me any time. We continue to stand by each other during these stressful times, and it's especially important to stick together during the holidays, when we may lean toward isolation.

We wish you all the best for our Second Annual Pandemic Passover, and unlike the Food Festival, we hope this will be the last one ever.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



JUDAISM 201 RETURNS IN MAY SAVE THE DATES

Judaism 201 will be offered on Tuesdays at 6:30pm on the following dates May 11, 18, 25, and June 8.

We will be offering all new classes. The subjects will be: The History of Reform Judaism, Jews in Spain, The Jewish Hollywood Experience, and The History of the Synagogue

Letter to the Congregation

I am so honored and a little scared to be the next president of Congregation Mickve Israel. I am following in the footsteps of many amazing presidents, most recently Charles Harris who has led us through these extraordinary times with dedication, vision and a calm presence. I am also very honored to be the fourth female president of our congregation. Jane Filer, Margie Levy and Toby Hollenberg served before me. I have the utmost respect for these women and hope that I can lead the congregation with the same level of dedication, professionalism and care that they did.

I know many of you, but it just takes ushering on the High Holidays to realize how many members of our congregation I do not know. I hope to rectify that over the next two year but wanted to introduce myself to those of you I don't know. I have been a member of Congregation Mickve Israel for 27 years but was an unofficial part of the congregation for a few years before that. I like many others joined and became active in Congregational life as my daughter Rachael reached preschool age. I wanted to provide her the same kind of Jewish experiences at home and through synagogue life that my parents had provided my brothers and me.

At that time, I had no extended family in Savannah, although now I have lots as my parents Adele and Sid Camens and aunt and uncle Eve and Laurie Horwitz have all moved to the area over the last few years. Mickve Israel became a synagogue home for us and the people became extended family. Many of you have watched Rachael grow up as she was consecrated, had a Bat Mitzvah, was confirmed and soon will be married in this wonderful house of worship. I have made life long friends here that have shared all of life's ups and downs with me over the years. I have been privileged to work with so many wonderful people during my time serving on our Board of Adjunta, Shalom School Board, Public Worship Committee and Social Action Committee.

Mickve Israel, over the years has met my spiritual needs and my need for community. It will be my goal as President to ensure that we are meeting your needs in both of these areas as well.

Times are challenging and it will take all of us working together to reopen Mickve Israel for in person services, when it is safe to do so and to navigate these changing times in terms of meeting congregants needs both spiritually and for community. We also have challenges ahead as we rethink fundraising in the pandemic age and how to reopen for tours when it is safe to do so.

We need to hear from you. Have you have filled out the survey online or on paper and mailed it in? Contact the Temple office if you need more information. Call us – know that Mickve Israel's staff is hard at work and is ready to help or listen as are the board and Rabbi Haas. Please feel free to call me or email me. I would love to talk with you and hear your thoughts and ideas. I long for the time when you can just stop me at services.

Be sure to read you Contact and emails so you know what is going on. We want everyone to take part in our wonderful classes, services, and events. Remember that the Contact is going virtual and will only be mailed to the people who request it. If you would like to keep receiving a paper copy be sure to call the Temple office.

Please be willing to help in whatever way you can. Yes, donations are vitally important but your time and ideas are also are very important. Please give what ever you can of all three.

This year has been a good reminder that while we have one of the most beautiful and special sanctuaries in the world, Mickve Israel is that and so much more. Our congregation is the people and with everyone's effort we have remained a strong congregation even when we can't get together to worship or socialize.

Thank you to our Rabbi, our staff, our board and to each of you for making Mickve Israel so special. It is my pleasure to serve as your President for the next two years.

Take care and stay safe! Leslie Westmoreland, Parnas



BACKPACK BUDDIES

Norm's BackPack Buddies

An update:

We have temporarily moved our pantry to the social hall, making life so much easier for our program needs. Our intention is to add more packing days and recruit additional volunteers for packing on other days. This has not happened because of the lower census at the schools. Presently, we are meeting program needs on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. We wear masks and limit the number of volunteers working on any given day.

Please contact me at 598-9760 or 604-2779 if you would like more information about BPBs.



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MUSEUM OF THE

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EXPERIENCE

Get to Know the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience

Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3pm EST

Join Executive Director Kenneth Hoffman as we explore the history of MSJE and the new vision of its rebirth in New Orleans.

Kenneth will show details of new artifacts and new exhibits and will share ways for you to get involved in the Museum's mission.

Registration link will be in our weekly email.

Sponsored by CMI's History and Heritage Committee

Miriam's Cup

A modern feminist symbol By Rabbi Tamara Cohen from MyJewishLearning.com

In describing "a new ritual object," this article looks at an innovation that a number of people have added to the seder. Obviously, many traditionalists would not take part in this ritual or other innovations discussed in related articles in this section. For many liberal Jews, these new rituals are of great importance and are even viewed by

some lay leaders as a new development in modern halakhah. Reprinted with permission from www.ritualwell. org.

What is a Miriam's Cup?

A Miriam's Cup is a new ritual object that is placed on the seder table beside the Cup of Elijah. Miriam's Cup is filled with water. It serves as a symbol of Miriam's Well, which was the source of water for the Israelites in the desert. Putting a Miriam's Cup on your table is a way of making your seder more inclusive.

It is also a way of drawing attention to the importance of Miriam and the other women of the Exodus story, women who have sometimes

been overlooked but about whom our tradition says, "If it wasn't for the righteousness of women of that generation we would not have been redeemed from Egypt" (Babylonian Talmud, Sotah 9b).

There are many legends about Miriam's Well. It is said to have been a magical source of water that followed the Israelites for 40 years because of the merit of Miriam. The waters of this well were said to be healing and sustaining. Thus Miriam's Cup is a symbol of all that sustains us through our own journeys, while Elijah's Cup is a symbol of a future Messianic time.

When and How to Use Miriam's Cup

As Miriam's Cup is still a new addition to the seder, its use is not fixed. Some fill Miriam's Cup at the very beginning of the seder. Miriam, after all, appears at the very beginning of the Exodus story (watching over her brother Moses in the Nile). Starting with Miriam's Cup is also a way of letting people know right from the beginning that your seder is going to be a fully inclusive one. Also, since

Elijah's Cup comes at the end of the seder, it is nice to use the two cups as a frame for your seder and begin with Miriam.

Others fill or raise Miriam's cup after the recitation of the Ten Plagues and before the song dayyenu, which carries the story of the Exodus through the crossing of

the Red Sea and into the wilderness, moments during which Miriam played an important role. Others use Miriam's Cup along with Elijah's Cup toward the close of the seder, with Elijah representing the herald of the messiah, and Miriam, a prophet, urging us to do the work to bring about redemption.

Another suggestion is to close the seder by passing around Miriam's Cup for every one to take a drink and to commit to carrying the seder's themes with them beyond the night of the seder. Feel free to use anyone or any combination of these ideas for incorporating Miriam's Cup into your seder.

You can either fill your Miriam's Cup with water from a pitcher, or you can invite everyone at the table to pour

some water from their drinking glasses into Miriam's Cup. Everyone contributing water emphasizes that we each have a role in reviving the stories of women and in sustaining the Jewish people on our journey.

There is no set blessing over Miriam's Cup but you might want to use the following declaration:

"Zot Kos Miryam, kos mayim hayim. Zeikher l'yitziat Mitztrayim.

This is the Cup of Miriam, the cup of living waters. Let us remember the Exodus from Egypt. These are the living waters, God's gift to Miriam, which gave new life to Israel as we struggled with ourselves in the wilderness. Blessed are You God, Who brings us from the narrows into the wilderness, sustains us with endless possibilities, and enables us to reach a new place."

WE REMEMBER THOSE WITH YAHRZEITS

Only those names with Memorial plaques are published. For information on purchasing a plaque or to request that a loved one's name be read during Shabbat services, contact Jennifer Rich at 912-233-1547, ext. 302 or jennifer.rich@mickveisrael.org

MARCH 5 & 6

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Sol Mekler

Milton Leonard Hymes

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Sisterhood of Mickve Israel



Ladies of Mickve Israel,

This has been a most unusual year, both for ourselves and our families as well as our congregational family. Because of the sheltering requests and with an abundance of caution, many of our activities had to be either cancelled or altered in scope. We are looking forward to resuming more normal activities as more of us step out of what has become our current normal to rejoin more social activities and events. Our activities and events will be published in the weekly e-news and hopefully you will feel comfortable to join us in those you' will find interesting. May 2021 bring good health and the ability for increased participation for us all.

We hope that you will be able to join the CMI Sisterhood for 2021, thus supporting much needed funding for our activities and programs. The cost of membership remains unchanged and does include membership in the local, regional, and national Women of Reform Judaism organizations. All you need to do is complete the Dues Statement form below, enclose it with your dues check made out to Mickve Israel Sisterhood for \$36 and return it to the Temple office. We hope you will continue to show your support by participating in our activities and fundraising opportunities throughout the year. They cover many aspects of the general community, the Jewish community, the synagogue family, and our families with children. All are important to us and, hopefully, they are to you as well. Whether you are more comfortable participating in a one-day project or a long-term commitment, our Sisterhood offers many opportunities for involvement. However you choose to become involved, you should be able to select something that fits into your time commitment and lifestyle. Thank you for joining us throughout the year.

Annual Membership Statement Please complete all sections and return		Name	
□I wish to be a 2021 Annual Member	\$36.00	Address	
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Sisterhood of Mickve Israel.

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HONOR DUES AS OF FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Thank you!

The generosity we receive does not go unnoticed. We thank everyone who supports Congregation Mickve Israel through contributions, participation, volunteerism and other means. A special thank you to those listed below who have given Honor Dues. Please consider joining this special group by giving Honor Dues in 2021.

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Essen Essen By Ina Kuller Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dog Treats

Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dog Treats

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup peanut butter, smooth or chunky, but sugarless if best
- 2 2/3 cup oat flour, or make your own in food processor from old fashioned oats
- 3 tbsp. flax seeds
- 1 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1 tsp. Turmeric

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in food processor. Prepare 1/4 sheet pan (12" x 10") by spraying with cooking spray, PAM®, or alike. You may need to dampen hands; press mixture evenly into pan, including corners, and smooth top. Cover and chill for at least an hour. Cut into squares before baking. For a small dog, cutting 10 and 12 rows works well.

Bake in 325° oven on middle rack, for 45 minutes. Allow

to cool, then break up the squares and return to oven at 200° for another hour 1 hr. turn off oven and allow to remain in there to dry out.

P.S. don't forget to remove from oven prior to turning it on again





DINNERS TO GO

MARCH 5 (Order by Wednesday, March 3) SWEET AND SOUR MEATBALLS\$12 with wild rice pilaf, green beans, and cookies
MARCH 12 (Order by Wednesday, March 10) GREEK STYLE STUFFED PEPPERS\$12 stuffed with orzo, feta, spinach and mushrooms, with green salad, steamed broccoli and double chocolate cake
MARCH 19 (Order by Thursday, March 18) BAKED CHICKEN LEG 1/4\$12 with mashed potatoes, green beans, green salad and cookies
MARCH 26 (Orders need to be in by Thursday, March 18) BRISKET AND GRAVY\$18 with tzimmes, roasted garlic herb potatoes, brussel sprouts, arugula salad with cherry tomatoes and olives, and apple/walnut cake
SEDER PLATE\$8 with 2 hard boiled eggs, charoset, parsley, and red horseradish
MATZO BALL SOUP (1 QUART)\$8

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