

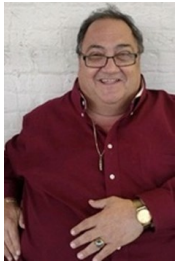


March / April 2021

Adar / Nisan / Iyar 5781

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On January 19, Freddie Mularsky, son of our founding Rabbi, Getzel Mularsky, passed away from Covid.

Our congregation was important to him throughout his entire lifetime, as he was an important part of the life of our congregation. We will all miss seeing his smiling face and hearing his beautiful voice from the place where his family always sat, in the front row of the sanctuary.

Our congregation members are not the only people who will miss Freddie. Teachers and students at Leesburg High School where he taught; patrons of the family business, Getzel's department store, who were always welcomed with his smile; other store owners from downtown Leesburg; and students of Beacon College who got to know him by talking to him when he would sit outside the store on Main St. You can read an interesting article about the closing of the store [here](#).

Freddie's obituary describes him perfectly: "A larger than life personality, he had a smile for everyone and was known by most around Leesburg where he was active in the community."

Lucky for us, Freddie's son Nathan, Nathan's wife Emilie and their son Joshua, and Freddie's daughter Marissa will continue the presence of the Mularsky family in our congregation.

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March 2021 Adar / Nisan 5781

ALL SERVICES AND MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Board Meeting 4 pm	4	5  6:10	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Service 7 pm  6:14	13
14	15	16	17	18 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm Page 3	19  7:19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26  7:22	27
28 Passover Seder 5:30 pm	29	30	31			

If you are a member in good standing (you have made a dues payment this year) and would like to participate in the board meetings, contact President Andrea Kraft or Vice President Linda Kost and they will send you the Zoom invite.

Celebrate Passover with us!



The pandemic cannot stop us from the joy of observing the holiday together!

Rabbi Allen will lead us in a wonderful celebration via Zoom.

We will say the prayers over the special foods and wine, tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt, ask the four questions, and sing the songs that bring the holiday to life. Our session will end when it's time to eat dinner.

April 2021 Nisan / Iyar 5781

ALL SERVICES AND MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  7:26	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting 4 pm	7	8	9 Shabbat Service 7 pm  7:30	10
11	12	13	14	15 Rabbi's Roundtable 1 pm See below	16  7:34	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  7:38	24 Shabbat Service 10 am
25	26	27	28	29	30  7:42	

Rabbi's Roundtable

Thursdays March 18 and April 15 at 1pm

The Rabbi's Roundtable series explores the current arc of Torah portions along with Jewish spiritual traditions and how they affect our personal experiences and aspirations.

The roundtable provides a unique opportunity to talk with Rabbi Allen as she leads an informal and interactive discussion focusing on topics of contemporary Jewish interest.

Rabbi's Message

Rebirth and Redemption, in Heaven and on Earth

The passing from Covid of Freddie Mularsky, the son of our founding Rabbi Getzel Mularsky and a leader both in our beloved Congregation Beth Sholom and in our community, recalls to me a dear friend who years ago became very ill with AIDS.

He was young, a highly decorated and acclaimed athlete and artist, a dancer who thrilled the world with his performances, and whose inexorable wasting decline we watched with despair, helpless to stop or even slow it, just as none of us could stop Freddie's relentless illness from claiming him.

But as terrible as AIDS was before the advent, thank G-d, of the successful treatments we have today, unlike the horrifyingly sudden loss of Freddie, the earlier plague gave loved ones an opportunity to grieve with its victims, to honor them during their lifetime, and to attend to them as their lives were ending.

As we keep Freddie Mularsky in our prayers, along with the loved ones so many of us by now are mourning and missing, let us find condolence in the compassionate Jewish tradition found meaningful by many who, like us, have been left behind and bereft.

We have been given a priceless opportunity to speak to the departed, to say things we did not have the chance to share with them in life, and the traditional understanding that their souls remain with us in the world to come, the Garden of Eden in which we were all created and to which we return, that is not in the skies but right here on earth.

Perhaps even more remarkable than that premise is the associated teaching that we are not required to believe any of it literally, but that we have the option of "acting as if" it were true! The G-d Who has created us as sparks of light and love, so that we can receive love and joy, does not demand from us a belief that, G-d knows, is not always a realistic expectation for many of His human creations.

We can console ourselves with the *possibility* that life beyond this mortal, physical existence can bring us together again with those we have loved and lost. This same spiritual tradition teaches us that when we reach that other side of life, we recover our full strength and vigor, along with all the wisdom we ever could have wanted during our lifetimes. We can give *tzedakah* in the departed's name, and comfort each other as our Sisterhood is doing so importantly in its outreach to our members in need of contact.

As we observe the terrible milestone of a half million passings from Covid in the United States, may all the bereaved find consolation in the intriguing possibility, if not the certainty, that our loved ones are both well and remaining here in spirit with us.

Passover, which begins on Saturday evening, March 27, 2021, commemorates a more earthly rebirth: that of the Jewish people redeemed from slavery. Please join us for our virtual second Seder on Sunday, March 28th, a celebration of freedom and fun that comes at the perfect time for all of us. May this personal experience of our yearly communal journey from slavery to freedom release us from the isolation and limitation in which we have been living for the past year, with love and blessings for a *ziessen Pesach*, a sweet, healthy and liberating holiday – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773

The President's Message

As we start March it is incredible to me that it has been a year since life as we knew it changed. While we can't worship in the shul, we have adapted to the virtual world. Twice a month we meet with Rabbi Allen to share holidays and special services. In addition, she also has been doing her Rabbi's Roundtable which allows an interactive experience to discuss the current torah portion and its implications for modern life. I know this is particularly popular with our members and guests.

I would like to thank all our members who attended our Annual Meeting on January 10th. We reviewed the Highlights of 2020 as well as voted to amend our bylaws so that uncontested elections do not need to be subject to a secret ballot.

Many of our members participated in our Tu B'Shevat seder with readings and sharing their selections of fruits and nuts that symbolize the holiday.

At our Friday night service in February we had our Board Recognition service. Our Officers and Directors were reintroduced to the Congregation. I had the opportunity to share my experiences working with our officers and directors to detail some of the many responsibilities that they handle. As volunteers, we spend a lot of time and energy trying to do what is in the best interests of Congregation Beth Sholom. As with any organization that depends on volunteers, we are blessed to have members who freely share their time and talents to do what needs to be done. We are always looking for members who want to get more involved. If that describes you, please let us know.

By the time many of you read this, we will have celebrated Purim at our Saturday Shabbat service in February with the traditional wearing of hats and costumes. We will have read the Megillah of Esther and used our noisemakers or clapped and shouted to block out the mention of the villain Hamen's name. We will have "shared" our hamantaschen virtually as well. Last year the first service we cancelled was Purim, so it was particularly meaningful that we adapted to share the holiday virtually.

It is wonderful that so many people are finding that Congregation Beth Sholom is indeed the "The Synagogue that Feels like Family", even if we haven't been able to meet in person yet.

Celebrate Passover with us:

We will celebrate Passover with our 2nd night Seder on Sunday March 28th at 5:30 via Zoom. If you would like to participate in the service by reading a portion of the Haggadah please let me know. Unlike in person gatherings when we ask whole tables to read together, it will be helpful to know who would like to read so that readings can be assigned in advance.

Once again, I look forward to the future when we can gather in person at Congregation Beth Sholom, although it won't be anytime soon. Please continue to be safe so that we can all see the end of this pandemic. Hopefully we will all get our vaccines when they are available to us. Of course, we will still need to wear our masks and keep social distancing until we've reached herd immunity.

Shalom,

Andrea

Andrea Kraft, President, 352-513-3517

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood received a Thank you card from Abundance of Love for the donation of knitted and crocheted hats and lap robes. These donations were made possible by the work of the Knitty Gritty Crafters Committee. Thank you: Marjorie Heyman, Yvette Litwack, Judy Albin, and Beverly Meyers for all your hard work.

A special thanks goes out to the those that have helped with our Birthday wishes project. The Birthday greetings have been brought to you by: Henrietta Lubin, Anita Sherman, Marion Solotoroff, Diane Weinbaum, and myself.

Our new project of just reach out and say hi is being handled by Edith Freiwirth. If you know someone that might enjoy getting a phone call please let Edith or myself know.

Sympathy cards were sent from sisterhood to the family of Fred Mularsky, who passed away in January, and to Michael Saks. Michael's wife Sheila was a devoted member of the congregation, and beloved member of Sisterhood.

It has been wonderful to hear that many of our members have already gotten the covid 19 vaccine or have an appointment to receive it. With this good news we hope it is not too very long before we can meet Lisa Moring, our newest sisterhood member, in person.

During these trying times we see how important it is to remember the teaching of Rabbi Dov Ber of Mezritch who taught his students that is far more important to collect things that benefit the soul, rather than collect things that are of this material world.

If you have any questions or suggestions for Sisterhood please give me a call.

Dee Marcus, sisterhood President 352-750-8086

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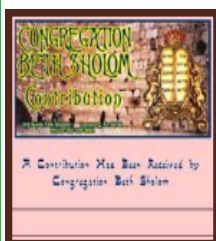
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There are lots of reasons to send cards:

birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, congratulations.

Your donations can benefit the synagogue and let someone know you care!

Mail your donation to the synagogue, along with your message.

For more information contact Dave Englander at 352-504-4402.

Leesburg Food Bank

Director Barry Wright, Barry's wife Cookie and member Francine Rizzotto all volunteer at the food bank. The food bank is located at 503 North 13th Street, just 2 blocks from the shul.

Everything is given to the needy at no cost. Most needed food items are canned fruit, canned pork and beans, and other canned food. They definitely do not need cold cereal.

The food bank is restricting access so collection of clothes has been limited. They will still pick up large items such as furniture and appliances. Their number is 352-326-5463.

If you prefer to donate financially, send us a check made out to the synagogue with a note that it is for the food bank and we will pass it on to them. Thank you for helping us to support this important organization.



CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

March

3/2 Rick Feiertag
 3/4 Mark Simon
 3/4 Beverly Meyers
 3/8 Alexis Scholl
 3/8 Marsha Grabois
 3/14 Judy Mayer
 3/17 Judy Albin
 3/19 Pamela Singer Milkman
 3/28 Bob Roth
 3/29 Diane Weinbaum

April

4/8 Michael Levine
 4/8 Robyn Dowsey
 4/10 David Litwack
 4/10 Hank Hartstein
 4/17 Lene Zalla
 4/24 Bette Croll
 4/27 Sonia Baerga Treibitz
 4/30 Fred Jacobs

Anniversaries

March

3/5 Ceb and Gloria Blankenship
 3/20 Hank and Judy Hartstein
 3/21 Michael and Diane Levine
 3/22 Susan and George Brogan
 3/27 Ben and Marion Solotoroff

April

4/19 Mark and Phyllis Simon

R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to all who have been affected by the Covid-19 crisis and to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:
 Ernie Muller Chet Weinbaum (brother of Diane)

Mi Shebeirach

Our Secretary, Fred Jacobs, maintains a list of our members and their close friends who are in need of healing. The list is presented at services.

To add new names, please send them to Fred at secretary.bethsholom-at-gmail.com. (replace –at– with @) Please remember to let him know when our prayers are no longer needed.

EXPLANATION OF DATES ON YAHRZEIT LIST

We give our members the option to observe yahrzeit on the secular date (the actual date of passing) or the Hebrew date. If there is no Hebrew date next to a name, it is because their family prefers to observe yahrzeit on the secular calendar date.

To add a loved one to the yahrzeit list, contact Linda Kost and provide the names and relationship of the congregant and relative, and the actual date of passing including the year. Please indicate whether you wish to observe yahrzeit on the secular or Jewish date.

Contact Linda at intofrogs-at-gmail.com (replace –at– with @) or 352-315-0309

Thank You

To Rabbi Allen for preparing our services so that we can worship virtually and celebrate our holidays

To our President, Andrea Kraft, for administering our Zoom services and for all the additional work required to make them possible.

To Linda Kost for everything she does regarding the website and our Newsletter (The Shofar)

To Sandra Byrne for preparing and distributing our email notices to members and guests for services and the Rabbi's Round Table

To Anita Sherman for managing the candle lighting volunteers

To Fred Jacobs for administering our r'fuah sh'leima (mishebeirach) and sh'loshim lists

To our members who lit the Shabbat Candles for our Friday night services

Marjorie Heyman & Linda Kost

To our members who have participated in our services with readings:

Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes (our Assistant Gabbai)

Michael Saks for singing the Kiddush

Burt Kraft

Marsha Stemerman (our Gabbai)

Gloria Blankenship

Marion Solotoroff

Helene Bachmann

David Chasin

Francine Rizzotto

Marjorie Heyman

And all the members of our Board of Directors

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Donations

Dorothy Strauss in observance of the Yahrzeit of her husband, Jerome.

Helene Bachmann to commemorate the Yahrzeit of her father, Harry Gripon

In memory of Sheila Saks: Marsha Stemerman & Ernie Muller, Francine & Chip Rizzotto.

In memory of Freddie Mularsky: Michael Levine

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IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED


Condolences to Nathan, Emilie, and Marissa Mularsky on the passing of their father, Freddie Mularsky on January 19th; to Michael Saks on the passing of his beloved wife, Sheila on January 30th; and to Edith Freiwirth on the passing of her friend, Rachel Prinz. May their memory be for a blessing.

The following names will be read on March 12

Gary Englander	Son	of	David and Ellen Englander	1	Nisan	14-Mar
Albert Rodrigues	Nephew	of	Elly Rothbard	3	Nisan	16-Mar
Judith Moskowitz	Cousin	of	Dan Hirschfeld	4	Nisan	17-Mar
Melvin Mularsky	Uncle	of	Nathan Mularsky			17-Mar
and	son	of	founding rabbi of the congregation			
Morris Treibitz	Father	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			21-Mar
Maurice M. Berger M.D.	Husband	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	9	Nisan	22-Mar
Betty Mularsky	Wife	of	founding rabbi of the congregation			24-Mar
April Jacobs	Daughter	of	Fred and Helen Jacobs	13	Nisan	26-Mar
Kathleen Rosenzweig	Sister	of	Hank Hartstein	13	Nisan	26-Mar
Sylvia Bokow	Friend	of	Gloria Blankenship	14	Nisan	27-Mar
Rhoda Treibitz	Sister	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			28-Mar
Donald Bloom	Husband	of	Lynne Bloom			31-Mar
Solomon Siegel	Grandfather	of	Herb Siegel			1-Apr
Nathan Subit	Father	of	Bette Croll	19	Nisan	1-Apr
Seymour Beckman	Husband	of	Marion Beckman			3-Apr
Pauline Fox	Mother	of	Geri Seward			4-Apr
Adela Ide Weinstein	Mother	of	Yvette Litwack	22	Nisan	4-Apr
Coleman Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			7-Apr
Ruth Marx	Mother	of	Ellen Englander	26	Nisan	8-Apr

The following names will be read on April 9

Nettie Altshul	Mother-in-law	of	Stephen Berger			11-Apr
Harry Jacobs	Father	of	Fred Jacobs	30	Nisan	12-Apr
Michele Hartstein	Brother	of	Hank Hartstein	2	Iyar	14-Apr
Dolly Norman	Mother	of	Dee Marcus			16-Apr
Sanford Russell	Husband	of	Joan Russell			16-Apr
Herman Warshaw	Step Father	of	Marsha Stemerman	5	Iyar	17-Apr
Mordecai Malc	Father	of	Helen Jacobs	7	Iyar	19-Apr
Helen Weinberger	Mother	of	Judy Marshall			20-Apr

The following names will be read on April 24

Eugene Weinbaum	Uncle	of	Diane Weinbaum			25-Apr
Ike Leon Glickson	Grandfather	of	David Chasin			26-Apr
Norma Parker	Mother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	16	Iyar	28-Apr
Justin Simon	Father	of	Mark Simon			1-May
Steven Cohan	Son	of	Phyllis Stern			1-May
Josephine Hock	Mother	of	Melinda Hock			1-May
Rita Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	19	Iyar	1-May
Rebecca Stemerman	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stemerman	21	Iyar	3-May
Abraham Weinbaum	Grandfather	of	Diane Weinbaum			4-May
Ann Dubinsky Michaels	Mother	of	Elly Rothbard	23	Iyar	5-May
Barbara Parker	Sister	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	28	Iyar	10-May
Walter Schweitzer	Father	of	Bill Schweitzer	1	Sivan	12-May
Irma R. Katz	Aunt	of	Diane Weinbaum			12-May
Leslie Schwartz	Cousin	of	Judy Marshall			12-May