

Lake Park Synagogue *Ruach*

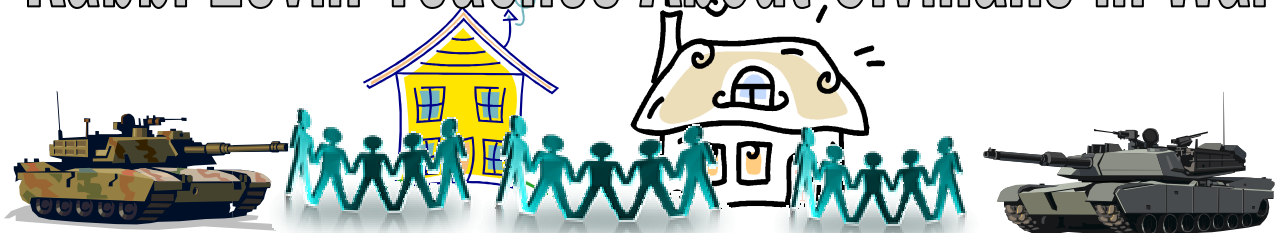


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Rabbi Levin Teaches About Civilians in War



In the Bible, war often results in the destruction of the entire enemy population. Is this the Jewish view on how future wars should be fought as well?

Last Tuesday Rabbi Levin began a three part series on what the Torah says about enemy civilians in war. While clearly there are many sources in the Torah to support a policy of total destruction of our enemies, is this the only way that these sources can be understood? Is this the interpretation our Rabbis have maintained throughout the ages?

The first class dealt with wars in the book of Breisheet.

Next Tuesday, February 24th at 7PM, Rabbi Levin's topic will be Amalek and the seven nations of Cana'an which the Torah commands us to entirely wipe out. What is the application of these commandments today?

March 3rd will be a discussion of Jewish legal writings on this topic and a brief comparison with the Geneva Conventions.

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Audio archives of all the classes are available at the Lake Park Synagogue website.



Susan Ellman at a recent class at LPS on a Tuesday night.



Imagine this conversation between a Rabbi and a new mother calling to tell him about her recent birth and asking to sponsor the kiddush:

Rabbi: How wonderful! Mazal Tov! Was it a boy or a girl?

Mother: Oh, a few of each. Just a moment, let me check the paperwork I got from the hospital.

R: Excuse me?

M: Here. A, B, and C are girls. D and E are boys. F is a girl, G and H are boys. So how many are there of each? I'm sorry, I lost count.

R: What are you talking about? What are all these letters?

M: The babies. The doctors gave the babies letters until I figure out names. I was hoping you could help me with that, too.

R: Now wait a second. How many babies did you have?

M: Eight. Octuplets. Isn't that great? It's a record!

Rabbi: (Gasps) You mean you had eight babies at once?

M: Yes, isn't that terrific! Hooray! I love babies. Babies mean everything to me.

R: But. . .

M: What's a matter, Rabbi? Aren't you happy?

R: Well, of course. Sure, I'm happy.

M: So why didn't you say mazal tov again? Isn't having babies a great mitzvah?

R: Well, yes. But it's just that. . .

M: Just that what? If you say mazal tov when one baby is born, when eight babies are born shouldn't the mazal tov be eight times greater? Doesn't it say something like that in the Talmud?

R: Well. . . OK, fine. Mazal Tov.

M: I can already picture beautiful Chanukahs at my house. Each night a different one of the octuplets will light the menorah while their older siblings make latkes and play dreidel.

R: Older siblings?

M: Of course. My older six.

R: You already have six children?

M: Right. I had six. Then I had a fertility doctor implant eight more.

R: That's 14.

M: I know that. Isn't it wonderful?

R: You already had six kids, and then you got treatment for infertility?

M: Right. I told the doctor I wasn't as fertile as I needed to be.

Rabbi clears throat.

R: Of course.

M: So about the Kiddush. Can I sponsor this week or is this week taken?

R: Well, as of now we don't have a sponsor.

M: Great! So mark me down.

R: Well, I guess. I suppose. I can't think of a reason not to. . .

M: Rabbi, is there a problem?

R: Well, no. Not really. It's just. . .

M: Just what? Rabbi, you don't sound like you are happy. I expected you to consider the birth of eight little babies to be great news.

R: It's just that octuplets sound like a lot to take care of. Let alone with 6 more. I hope your husband is planning to give you a lot of help.

M: Husband? Rabbi, how silly. I'm single.

R: Oh my. You've really got your work cut out for you.

M: Don't worry, it won't be a problem. I can handle it easily. I'm also going back to college to get a degree.

Rabbi thinks for a minute.

R: You know what? You're right. This is great. This Kiddush will be the greatest celebration of birth ever! Let's plan all the details.

M: Terrific! I'm so happy. So I'll see you on Shabbat at the Kiddush.

R: No, wait. We have more planning to do. What about the menu?

M: Oh, the menu. Just give me the cheapest one.

R: The cheapest one? For such a celebration? Eight babies and you want the cheapest menu?

M: Well, money really is tight. I have to pay my fertility clinic, the hospital, and you know how much formula costs. You can't expect me to nurse them all.

R: But for eight babies? Such a simcha deserves a feast! I assume you will at least want to order bagel and cheese platters for the entire congregation.

M: Rabbi, I expect you to be more understanding of my situation. The monthly payments I receive only go so far. You can't expect me to take on an additional expense.

R: Actually, I just realized what we have both overlooked! Each of your new babies is a precious soul, a world unto itself. You should sponsor eight kiddushes on eight consecutive Shabbats. That's what octuplets deserve! I think it even says something like that in the Talmud.

M: That's outrageous. I can't possibly be asked to sponsor eight Kiddushes. If that's what it says in the Talmud that just goes to show how insensitive to women people were in those times.

R: No, I'm quite sure of it. Eight kiddushes are called for. I'll tell the sisterhood president right away, she'll be so happy to have so many sponsorships lined up in a row.

M: Rabbi, please. You aren't being realistic.

R: I want to tell you how happy I am to hear about our congregation's eight youngest members. I am already looking forward to you hosting bar and bat mitzvah celebrations for two whole months!

The recent birth of octuplets raises many troubling moral, societal, and religious questions. What would you think if the above dialogue was real? Please share your thoughts with me.



Alfred Bader Fine Arts
Gallery Tour
and Kosher Wine Tasting



Sunday March 22nd
2:30-4:30PM

On Sunday, March 22nd Alfred Bader will graciously host tours of his gallery at the Astor Hotel, 924 E Juneau Ave. Downer Wine and Spirits will also provide a kosher wine tasting. Lake Park Synagogue will receive a portion of the proceeds from any paintings sold.

From the Ritual Committee

By Ken Kapp

The Lake Park Synagogue ritual committee has met twice. We have identified as our goals to raise the pace, participation, and variety in our Shabbat services.

So far we have approved a number of ideas, which have also been ratified by the executive committee. The first of these to be put into practice was a change in the prayers recited each Shabbat for the governments of the United States and Israel, their respective armed forces, and missing Israeli soldiers.

Based on feedback, our opinion was that these four prayers read one after the other were cumulatively too long. Also, we felt it wrong that nothing was said of the United States' soldiers in combat. Finally, there were some details in the prayer for Israel that we wanted to adjust.

Rabbi Levin compiled a new prayer, which drew on elements of the existing ones. We discussed this extensively and went through several drafts, finally resulting in the text printed on page 6, which has already been inserted in the back of our siddurim. We began substituting this prayer for the ones printed in the prayer books several weeks ago.

If you have any further comments or suggestions about this issue, please contact me or the Rabbi. This version of the prayer is certainly not fixed- it is the suggestion of the ritual committee and can always be changed again based on new feedback. Also, please be in contact about any ideas you would like the ritual committee to discuss.

Passover Schedule

Wednesday, April 8th – Ta'anit Bechorot
7AM- Shacharit followed by a siyum with Rabbi
Sandy Parsons

7:07 Candle lighting
7:10 Mincha followed by Ma'ariv

**First
Seder**

Thursday, April 9th – Passover I
9AM Shacharit with Hallel, Tefillat Tal.
Candle lighting after 8:08PM

**2nd Seder
at LPS**

Friday, April 10th- Passover II
9AM Shacharit

Candle lighting 7:09
Mincha 7:10 followed by Ma'ariv for Shabbat.

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach, April 11th
9AM Shacharit
7:05 Mincha

8:10 Havdallah

Tuesday, April 14th
7:14 Candle Lighting
7:15 Mincha followed by Ma'ariv for Yom Tov

Wednesday April 15th
9AM Shacharit

7:15PM Mincha followed by Ma'ariv for Yom Tov
Candle Lighting after 8:15

Thursday April 16th
9AM Shacharit
10:40 Yizkor

7:15 Mincha
8:16 Havdallah

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From the President

By Jane A. Avner

February 12 marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. But it also was the bicentennial of Charles Darwin's birth. I heard a delightful account on National Public Radio about one of his biographer's first encounters with Darwin's notebooks (music to this archivist's ears), and a second, more poignant story of Darwin's reluctance to publish because of his wife's strong religious beliefs. I then came across a Pew Research Poll which found that among the Jews polled, approximately 77% find no conflict between religion and evolution. That article led me to an elegant article from the Orthodox Union's journal *Jewish Action*, written in 2000 by Rabbi Hillel Goldberg. Rabbi Goldberg suggested that had Darwin known Hebrew, he might not have worried so much about the difference between billions of years of evolution and the six days of creation. (If you are interested, the web site of the article is <http://www.ou.org/publications/ja/5760summer/genesis.pdf>.)

Why bring this up in our *Ruach*?

Every week at Lake Park Synagogue, we have the opportunity to call upon the Tanach and the rabbinical writings to

understand everyday events. When headlines loom large, there is a chance to study, and over the last months, whether it is in the weekly divrei Torah or Rabbi Levin's Tuesday classes, those who attend regularly have been greatly enriched. The elections, the Madoff scandals, issues of warfare, and the economic downturn, to name just a few, have been or will be addressed using traditional sources. I encourage all the readers of the *Ruach* to make an effort to come to Shabbat services and weekly classes to see Modern Orthodoxy in action.

As spring approaches, we look forward to some social programming, including a Purim Seudah on March 10; the Bader Gallery tour and wine tasting on March 22; a second Passover seder, and of course, our annual meeting and dinner. Please volunteer and become involved in idea generation and implementation.

On a final note, LPS longtime members Kathie and Eliot Bernstein will be moving out of walking distance of our shul. Eliot served as president, and Kathie was active on many committees. They also welcomed the Avners into this community. While we know the move was necessary, they will be missed. Thank you for everything you did for Lake Park Synagogue.

Purim



Order Mishloach Manot cards from LPS

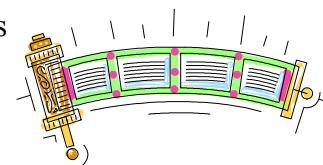


Send these to friends and relatives to exchange Purim greetings

10 cards/ \$20

4 cards/ \$10

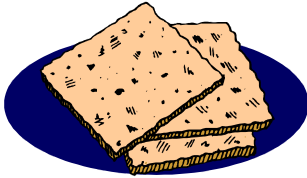
1 card/ \$3



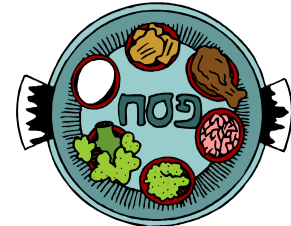
Cards are available from the synagogue office

Second Seder at LPS

Thursday night, April 9th– Second night of Passover



Seder activities begin at 7PM



Come join us to celebrate the holiday with a fun, traditional seder. We will ask the four questions and relive the Exodus from Egypt with stories and activities for adults and children. Enjoy a delicious Kosher for Passover meal.

Rabbi Levin's Magical Signs and Wonders will accompany the ten plagues. . .

Last year the wine in Elijah's cup really did disappear.

A drop of water added to an ancient Egyptian vase really turned to blood. . .

And when poured from a pitcher into a magic funnel it shockingly vanished.



How will this seder be different than all the rest?



Reservations

Please be sure to extend this invitation to people not members of Lake Park Synagogue as well.

Name: _____

Adults @ \$30 _____

Phone: _____

Children @\$15 _____

E-mail: _____

Total \$_____ (Max \$75/ family)

_____ Please call and discuss how our family can participate.

Reservations as far in advance as possible are appreciated.

A word about money - No one should not come because of cost. If this cost is a hardship please feel free to pay what you are able.

Sale of Chametz

I, _____, appoint Rabbi Levin to act on my behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me knowingly and unknowingly as defined by Torah and Rabbinic law. The sale will commence on or before Wednesday, the 14th of Nissan 5769 (April 8, 2009) through 23 Nissan 5769 (April 16, 2009) inclusive. Also included: all sorts of Chametz mixtures, chametz that tends to harden and adhere to the inside surface of pots pans, cooking utensils and tableware, all animals and livestock which consume chametz and chametz mixtures. Also any chametz in transit that would be delivered to me during the above specified period. I also authorize Rabbi Levin to lease all my premises in which chametz owned by me may be found. These premises are:

Home address: _____

Other address where I store chametz: _____

I grant Rabbi Levin authority to delegate any or all of the above powers to any person or persons he shall select to sell my chametz and to lease my property where my chametz is stored. These powers shall conform with all Torah laws and rabbinic laws as well as the laws of Wisconsin.

Date

Signature

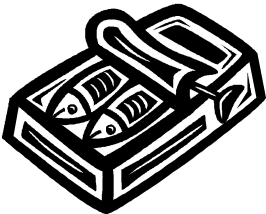
___ I/We are on the premises throughout Pesach

___ A key to the premises is at: _____..

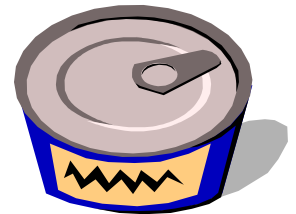
This form should be returned to Rabbi Levin in person at which time a legally binding kinyan will be made. If that is not possible the form may be mailed or faxed to the synagogue office. All chametz must be sold before the morning of April 8th.

Make Hunger Our Haman

Community Purim Mitzvah Project

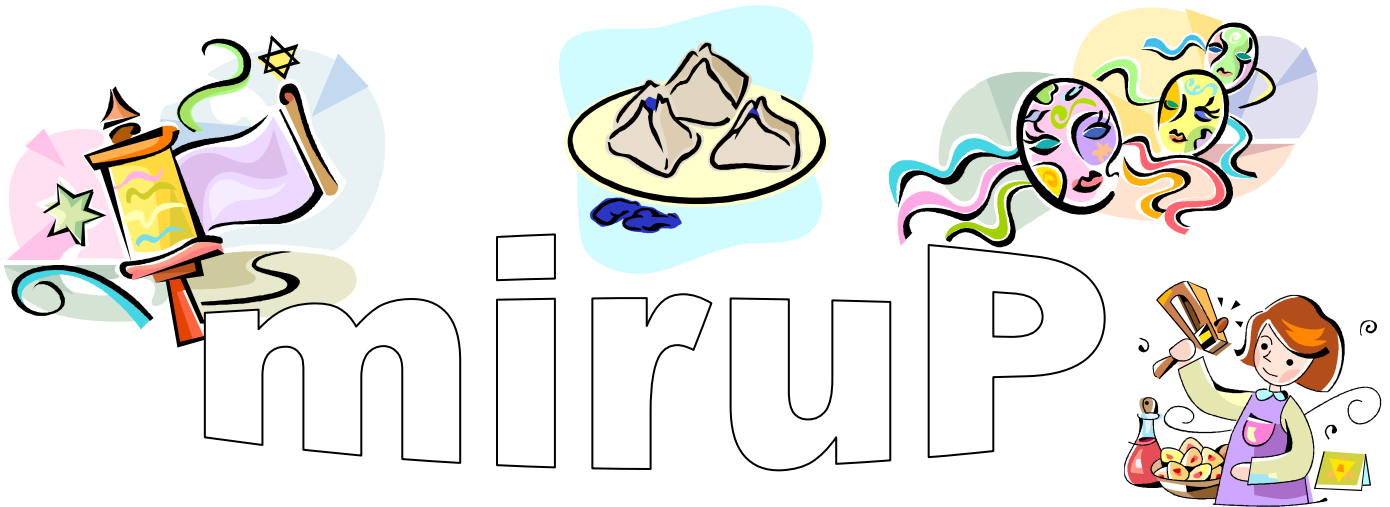


Please bring non-perishable canned and packaged foods to LPS from now until Purim to be donated to the Jewish Food Pantry for distribution to needy Milwaukee residents.



The Jewish Community Pantry has been serving Milwaukee families for over 30 years. It provides the only Jewish representation in the Emergency Pantry Network of the Hunger Task Force.



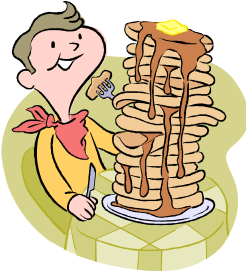


Monday, March 9th– 13 Adar
 Fast of Esther begins at 6:04AM
 Megillah reading at 7:15PM

Tuesday, March 10th– 14 Adar
 Shacharit and megillah reading 7AM
 Last chance Megillah reading at 5PM
 Purim seudah 5:30PM

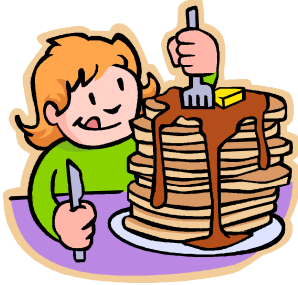
Seudah Sign Up

For this year's Purim Seudah, in the spirit of doing things backwards,
 we are going to have...



Breakfast for Dinner!

Date: Tuesday, March 10th, Purim 5769
Time: 5:30 PM
Cost: \$7/ adults, \$4/ children



Name: _____

Telephone # or E-mail: _____

Reservations as far in advance as possible are greatly appreciated

Upcoming Yahrtszeits

Adar (Feb 25-March 25)

- 8 Ann Adashek-wife of David Adashek (Adar 2)
- 12 Mildred Pevnick-mother of Steven Pevnick (Adar 2)
- 17 Yankel Bayer, Ephraim Yaakov ben Avraham-uncle of Mory Blumenfeld
- 19 Meta Goldschmidt, Mirium bat Abraham-grandmother of Lorraine Hoffmann (Adar 1)
- 21 Josef Joshua ben Mordecai v Sarah-father of Ken Kapp (Adar1)
- 22 HaRav Shmuel Hillel Ben Aryeh Leib HaKohen-grandfather of Shirley Weinstein
- 22 Pinchas ben Yirmiyahu (Grafstein)-father of Charlotte Blumenfeld
- 23 Harold Borkowf, Yisroel Zvi ben Ephraim Moshe-husband of Anne Borkowf
- 27 Leah bat Meier-grandmother of Lorraine Hoffmann (Adar 1)
- 29 Lea Bat Yehuda-mother of Juda Jona
- 29 Shoshana bas Shimon-mother of Rhoda Parsons (Adar 1)

Nisan (March 26-April 24)

- 8 Harold Hirsh-father of Jody Hirsh
- 16 Shimon ben Yankel v' Friedl-father of Rachel Forman
- 17 Yitzchok Ben Shlomo-father of Nita Corre
- 30 Louis Hoffmann, Eliezer ben Tzvi-grandfather of Lorraine Hoffmann

Iyar (April 25-May 23)

- 4 Rifka Bas Yoseph-mother of Edith Kahn
- 5 Inez Ladenson – mother of Robert Ladenson
- 7 Herta Hoffmann, Raisa bat Shlomo-mother of Lorraine Hoffmann
- 15 Chaim Abramowitz, Chaim Yitzcok Ben Kalman- father of Dena Abramowitz
- 17 Yaakov Ben Avrohom- father of Alan Corre
- 19 Yehuda ben Tzvi, J.George Adashko-father of Jane Avner
- 25 Jennie, Shayndel Chana Bas Shmuel Zorach- mother of Morry Blumenfeld

Sivan (May 24-June 22)

- 5 Channa Bat Menachem-sister of Juda Jona
- 6 Zahava bat Moshe v' Osnat-mother of Boaz Avital
- 12 Albert Nankin, Ellyoho Ben Aharon HaKohan-father of Armin Nankin
- 12 Murray Krautheimer-uncle of Irma Fiedler
- 12 father of Morry Blumenfeld
- 14 Leo Pevnick, Yehuda Leib ben Aharon-father of Steve Pevnick
- 14 Yacov Ben Mordechai-father of Leonard Parker
- 17 Malka bat Yaakov v' Hanna-mother of Ken Kapp
- 19 Irving Fiedler, Yitzchok Ben Chayim-father of Howard Fiedler
- 25 Pinhas Kupfer, Pinhas ben Avrohom-father of Gaby and Alex Kupfer
- 29 Hannah bat Natan-mother of Leonard Parker

Thank you

For sponsoring these kiddushes. . .

August 30 Jane and Ellis Avner
Sept 6 Ronna and Larry Pachefsky
Sept 13 Ronna and Larry Pachefsky
Sept 20 Gordon Bassin In honor of his mother's yahrzeit
Oct 9 Yom Kippur break the fast sponsored by the Baders
Oct 22 The Avners sponsored the Simhat Torah Kiddush
Oct 25 Isabel and Alfred Bader
Nov 8 The Pachefskys
Nov 15 Ken Kapp and the Pachefskys in honor of Ken's and David's birthdays
Nov 22 The Levins and Lorraine Hoffmann in honor of Ronna Pachefsky's birthday
Nov 29 Pachefskys in honor of Jordan's birthday
Dec 6 Jordan Pachefsky's Bar Mitzvah
Dec 13 Rubenshteyns in honor of Ya'akov's birthday
Dec 20 Ken Kapp
Dec 27 Isabel and Alfred Bader
Jan 3 Abramowitz-Beder Kiddush in honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah 13 years ago
Jan 10 Jane and Ellis Avner
Jan 17 Levins in honor of Yishai's birthday
Jan 24 Tamar and Jakob Loewenberg in memory of their parents' yahrzeits
Jan 31 Avners and Pachefskys "Pittsburgh Steelers" kiddush
Feb 7 Rabbi Samuels on the occasion of his birthday
Feb 14 Baders in honor of the Ten Commandments
Feb 21 Neil Moss and the Levins in honor of Shayna's and Talya's birthdays

For these donations. . .

Evelyn and Howard Hoffmann
In honor of Lorraine's birthday

Lorraine Hoffmann
In honor of Anne Borkowf
Refua Shlaima to Wendy Wasserman
In honor of Joel Pachefsky's birthday
In honor of David Pachefsky's birthday
In honor of Jane Avner's birthday
In honor of Ronna Pachefsky's birthday
In honor of Jordan Pachefsky's birthday
In honor of Bob and Sandie Kramer's new granddaughters
In honor of Stanley and Lenore Weinstein's new grandson
In honor of Dr. Robert Saichek's birthday
In memory of Yosef Ryaboy's brother
In memory of Erwin Diwald
In memory of David Pecharsky's father Charles Samuel
In honor of Yishai Levin's birthday

Jane and Ellis Avner
In memory of Ellis' mother Cecelia Zaludkowsky
In memory of Jane's mother Joyce Adashko
In honor of the Ladensons' new granddaughter

Irma and Howard Fiedler
In memory of Dr. Leslie Schlesinger's brother
In memory of Julia Shepps-Ruben's mother

Kathie and Eliot Bernstein
Donated a Siddur in honor of Jordan Pachefsky's Bar Mitzvah

In honor of Jordan Pachefsky's Bar Mitzvah
Alla Dobrushkina
Rita Dobrushkin
Mr. and Mrs. Mikhail Becker
Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Satinsky and family

In memory of Harri Hoffmann's yahrzeit
Annelies Gruen
Lorraine Hoffmann

Carol Parkes
In memory of her father, Samuel Gorin

Rachel Forman
In memory of her mother

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Service times, event information, and audio of Rabbi Levin's
Tuesday evening classes.

To receive a weekly Email from Rabbi Levin containing
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Torah, send a note to rabbi@lakeparksynagogue.org