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# Calah Congregation



**March/April 2009 ~ Adar/Nisan/Iyar 5769**

*Services Held at Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia*

**March 6, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat/Purim service. Boys and Girls – Dress up as Queen Esther, Mordechai, or King Ahasuerus. Also come to hear *Guest Speakers from the Jewish Federation of Howard County***

**March 20, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service. March birthdays and anniversaries celebrated. Bring cake if you are celebrating a simchah.**

**April 3, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service. April birthdays and anniversaries celebrated. Bring cake if you are celebrating a simchah.**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> is the Calah Congregation Seder at Kings Contrivance Restaurant**

**April 17, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service.**



Shabbat Candle Lighting Times for March and April in Columbia, MD

Mar 6 – 5:36	Mar 13 – 6:54	Mar 20 – 7:01	Mar 27 – 7:07
Apr 3 – 7:14	Apr 10 – 7:21	Apr 17 – 7:28	Apr 24 – 7:35

**Sunday March 1 - Community Purim Carnival, River Hill High School from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. All Children will receive a really nice Orioles lunchbox!**

**Purim begins March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Passover begins April 8<sup>th</sup>, Candle lighting at 7:18 pm**

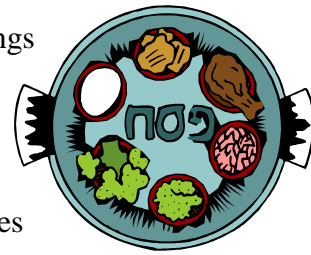


*Calah services will not be held when Howard County Schools are closed due to inclement weather. Check local stations for updates, or visit [www.calahcongregation.com](http://www.calahcongregation.com)*

## Pastoral Thoughts by Rabbi Herbert Kumin

### Pesach

Let us praise God with this symbol of joy and thank Him for the blessings which this feast of Pesach brings to us. Our hearts are stirred by the memories of the deliverance of our forefathers from Egypt. The unleavened bread reminds us of the hardships they endured to remain steadfast to the service of God. May their example teach us fortitude. May we feel that true freedom means to serve God by enabling ourselves and by serving our fellow men. **Chag Sameach (Happy Holiday)**



**Why did God create one Adam?** To demonstrate that one man is an entire universe. That if one kills one human, it is as if he killed the entire world. Similarly, he who saves one human being, is as worthy as if he had saved the whole world. Also, God created one Adam to prevent one from claiming that “my lineage is more distinguished than your Adam”. Lastly, to establish God as the ruler of the world. When a maker of coins uses one mold, and the coins all come out the same, but God created all mankind in the mold of Adam and even so, no man is identical to another. That is a miracle.

**On a light note:** Levine bought a ring for his wife. He showed it to his friend Siegel. “What did you pay for it?” asked Siegel. Answer \$500. “I like it,” said Siegel. “I’ll give you \$700, a profit of \$200.” It was done. But the next day Levine regretted it. It went to Siegel and offered to buy it back for \$800. It was done. Before Levine could give it to his wife, his friend Berman came to visit him and saw the ring. He offered \$1500. It was done. “You idiot” cried Levine; “How could you do such a thing?” “From that ring, we were both making such a nice living.”

~ *Rabbi Kumin*

The congregation sends caring thoughts and prayers of healing  
to all our members who are ill, including Helen Alpert,  
Rebbetzin Berniece Kumin, Rabbi Herbert Kumin, Andrea Paskin, Doug Silverman, Ann  
Markson, Wayne Zimmerman and Phyllis Ferris (mother of Roni Urbont).



## Congregational News

**Dave Jaller** was in Israel at the time this newsletter was being written. Hopefully he had a great trip.

Katherine Lynn and Peter Lesko welcomed new baby **Luna Sage Lesko** on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Luna Sage weighed 11 lbs., 3 oz, and was 23 inches long. Grandma Susan Lynn says mother and baby are doing okay. Congratulations to Katherine, Peter, Isis and Susan.

After 36 years with the Social Security Administration, **Kira Lis** (that’s me) retired from federal service on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. I wonder how I will spend the next 36 years???

## Two Kosher for Passover Recipes from Berniece Kumin

### .Charoset for the Seder Table

½ cup almonds	¼ cup walnuts	1 Tablespoon sugar
1 cup grated apple	¼ cup cinnamon	wine

Chop all ingredients (except wine) together or run through a food chopper. Add enough wine to combine into a paste to satisfy your tastes.

### Matzoh Brei or Fried Matzo

2 eggs	½ cup milk or water	¼ teaspoon salt
Dash of cinnamon	2 matzohs	3 Tablespoons shortening

Beat eggs; add liquid, salt and seasoning. Break (crumble) the matzoh into this mixture. Stir well and pour into melted shortening in a well heated frying pan. Cover. Cook over moderate heat about 10 minutes or until browned on underside. Turn and brown, uncovered for about 3 minutes. Serve hot, plain or with a sprinkling of sugar and cinnamon, applesauce or honey.

## Calah MEMBERSHIPS

It is time to pay your membership for next year. A brochure is enclosed with this newsletter. Every family is important to us and we hope all of our members will renew their memberships. We also would love any non-members who receive this newsletter to think about joining Calah. Note that the dues have increased, but **if you pay by June 30<sup>th</sup>**, you may deduct 10% so a **single membership would only be \$315 instead of \$350; Single-Parent family or couple would only be \$419, and a Two-Parent family would be just \$518.** We need you as a member of our congregation.

We are also requesting that **each member fill out the membership form so we can make sure we update birthdays, anniversaries, and e-mail addresses.** If you don't want to be included in the Calah membership directory, there is a box that you can check on the membership form to opt out of the directory. The directory will include members' name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. The directory may not be used for solicitation among members. It will be shared with the Jewish Federation of Howard County.

## To Everything There Is a Season

Need to send a card to someone to convey sympathy, a get well message or share the joy of a Simchah? Why not purchase a packet of 6 "caring cards" from Calah Congregation? You can see a sample of the cards at services and arrange to purchase them from Lynn Green. Give Lynn a call at 410-792-8029 and she will arrange to get you the cards.

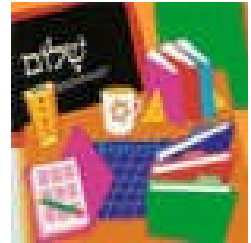


### Schedule of Future Calah Friday Night Services at Owen Brown Interfaith Center

May 1	June 26
May 15	July 17
June 12	August 14

### Sunday School Schedule for 2008–2009 School Year

March 8 and 22	April 5 and 19
May 3 and 17	



### Calah’s New Adult Education Continues in March!!!

Calah Congregation’s new Adult Education Series continues on **March 18<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30** at Bob Sacks’s Office, 7125 Thomas Edison Drive, Suite 105, Columbia Gateway Office Park. The March lecture is entitled “*Prayer*”. The April lecture will likely be on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** and the topic that evening will be “*Deeds of Loving Kindness*”. Sessions are Free and as always, there will be lots of refreshments. For more information, contact Liz at [lizlean@hotmail.com](mailto:lizlean@hotmail.com) or Bob at 410-300-9912 or 410-884-3309 or 410-992-8137.

### Calah’s Passover Seder April 9th at Kings Contrivance Restaurant

We will once again celebrate Passover with our traditional Seder at the Kings Contrivance Restaurant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of Passover. The price is \$42 for each adult. Jordan Alpert is coordinating the Seder and he will be updating us during the Friday night services in March.

### Thank You

We would like to thank **Jonathan Lazar** for assisting with the cantorial duties at one of our services in January. It was fun to have some different tunes to some of our standard prayers and songs. We would also like to thank **Alex Estrin** for his talk about Jewish Philanthropy. Alex’s topics are always interesting and his way of telling us a story is so enjoyable. Thanks also to **Andrea Sacks** for coordinating the Tu B’Shevat seder (including giving each family a gift).



### PURIM CARINVAL VOLUNTEERS

Just a reminder to our volunteers for the Purim Carnival. The carnival is March 1<sup>st</sup> at River Hill High School from 1:00 to 4:00. If you are helping with set up, that begins at 10:00. If you are helping with cleanup, that will start when the carnival closes at 4:00.

## Community Events in March and April

**For Middle-Schoolers** - Middle School Dance – **March 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 7:30-9:30 p.m.** at Temple Isaiah. Tickets are \$5. The Spring Social is open to students in grades 5 through 8. For information call 443-535-9808 or email [deb3kids2001@yahoo.com](mailto:deb3kids2001@yahoo.com)

**The Jewish Film Series** continues at the Meeting House in Oakland Mills sponsored by the Columbia Jewish Congregation. The upcoming films are on **March 21<sup>st</sup>** “My Mexican Shiva” and on **April 18<sup>th</sup>** “Jellyfish”. Doors open at **7:30** and tickets are \$9. For more information call 410-381-4809 or go to [http://www.columbiajewish.org/film\\_series.shtml](http://www.columbiajewish.org/film_series.shtml)

**Painting the Soul Canvas – Jewish Mysticism and creative expression – Woman to Woman**, a group for Jewish women in Howard County, announces their second program with guest speaker Neria Cohen. Absolutely no painting experience is necessary. Join us on **April 26<sup>th</sup>** at **2:00** at the Evergreens at Columbia Town Center. This event is open to the public. Suggested Donation of \$10. For more information, please contact Chanie Baron at 410-530-6229 or e-mail [hcwomantowoman@gmail.com](mailto:hcwomantowoman@gmail.com)

**Care Givers Support Group** -Jewish Community Services in Howard County continues to offers a monthly support group for adults caring for an aging loved one. The group meets from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**, at the Jewish Federation in Howard County, 10630 Little Patuxent Parkway, Century Plaza 1000, Suite 401, in Columbia, Maryland. The next meeting is Monday, **March 9, 2009**. Facilitated by Liz Schoen, LCSW-C, the group provides a place to share concerns and resources with other caregivers. The fee is \$5 per person for each session. For more information and to register, please call Liz Schoen, LCSW-C, at 410-730-4976 ext. 120 or e-mail [lschoen@jcsbaltimore.org](mailto:lschoen@jcsbaltimore.org).

**Cultural Connections**, an active senior adult program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Howard County, meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am** usually at the Bain Center. Check the Federation website for the March and April programs. <http://www.jewishhowardcounty.org/>

**Lunch ‘N Learn**, also sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Howard County, meets on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of each month from **11:30 am to 1:00 pm.** at the Jewish Federation Community Room. The March program is **March 18<sup>th</sup>** featuring Edith Cord, a renowned Columbia author to discuss her book “Becoming Edith: The Education of a Hidden Child”.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the Jewish Federation of Howard County is honoring Jewish Visionaries in Howard County including our own **Bob Sacks**. This event will include a Mediterranean cuisine & dessert reception and concert and will be held in the Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at Howard Community College. More information will be included in our next newsletter or you can visit <http://www.jewishhowardcounty.org/>

Want to know more about the **Jewish Federation of Howard County**? Come to our Friday night service on **March 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Moses Island – A Silly Passover Song** Sung to the tune of Gilligan's Island by Mark Kreditor

Just recline right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of dreadful trip. That started with ten awful plagues brought onto Egypt, brought unto Egypt.

The boss he was a Jewish man raised as a Pharaoh's son. Then God he did come calling and soon the fun begun, soon the fun begun.

More blood, such frogs, and all those bugs, Pharaoh could just barely see. The Jews were really scoring points and soon they would be free. and soon they would be free.

They shlepped and shlepped for forty years across a desert land. He went up to Mt Sinai and a party soon began, a party soon began.

Moses, the Pharaoh too, Aaron and his wife. Marianne the skipper too here on the desert land.

More songs at <http://www.sederfun.com/images/Silly%20Songs.pdf>

**Remember the Tzedakah Box**

Calah's *tzedakah* recipients once again are Camp Sunshine, a camp in Maine for critically ill children and their families, and Magen David Adom, the Israeli emergency medical service. Remember to add your donations when you attend a service. The tzedakah box can be found on the Oneg Shabbat table.

This coupon worth **10% off** your purchases at Great Harvest

Calah Congregation thanks Great Harvest for donating a most delicious Challah for our 'Ha Motzee' portion of our Sabbath services. Please patronize them!



### Next Board Meeting

The next Calah board meeting will be held Sunday, **March 15th, at 10 a.m.** at the home of Richard Armon, 9422 Sunfall Court, Columbia, Md. 21046. . Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Happy Birthday!*  
*Happy Anniversary!*



Calah Congregation members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries in March and April are:

#### March Birthdays

Richard Armon  
Alex Armon  
Octavio Blanco  
Abigail Brazinski  
Sharon Chaiklin  
Elliott Finkelstein  
Maura Markowitz  
Sean Sacks  
Courtney Scala  
Kate Silverberg

#### April Birthdays

Joanne Brazinski  
John Eyring  
Susan Fidel  
Phyllis Lamiano  
Charles Lean  
Isis Lesko  
Linda Rishell  
Jennifer Roby  
Elinor Weisfeld  
Amy Weiss

#### March Anniversaries

Stephen and Beth Bounds  
James and Jacqueline Robertson

#### April Anniversaries

Elliott and Bernadette Finkelstein

Join us at the **March 20<sup>th</sup>** service as we celebrate March birthdays and anniversaries and

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** for April birthdays!

If we inadvertently missed yours, please e-mail Kira at [openflower@verizon.net](mailto:openflower@verizon.net)



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Here is a Passover Word Search puzzle for you to try! How many can you find?



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- CHAMETZ
- CHAROSET
- EGYPT
- EXODUS
- FREEDOM
- HAGGADAH
- KARPAS
- MAROR
- MATZOH
- MIRIAM
- MOSES
- PHARAOH
- PLAGUES
- QUESTIONS
- SEDER
- WANDERING
- WINE

