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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI SOLOMON AGIN, RABBI EMERITUS

Free Thinkers

One of the favorite songs on the all-time Passover hit parade is *Dayenu*. It is a well-known litany that takes us from the exodus from Egypt through many events, ending up with coming to Mount Sinai, accepting the Torah, and then entering the Land of Israel and building a sanctuary. Aside from the popularity of the song, it is important to examine the libretto closely. It progresses from a “freedom from” to a “freedom to.” In other words, it isn’t simply throwing off restraints but rather moving toward acceptance of responsibility which is represented by the supreme expression of accountability – the Torah.

When Moses demanded a Pharaoh in the name of God, the freedom of the Hebrew people, he used the phrase (Exodus 7:26): “Let My people go that they may serve Me.” The purpose was not just freedom but rather freedom to worship. That is why we have a Passover and a Haggadah, because the Exodus must be seen, not merely in terms of politics, but rather as a profound religious event.

We have to understand that there must be a purpose to freedom or freedom becomes meaningless. Freedom has to be used or it will wither. Freedom has to encounter risk or it becomes worthless. Freedom must become dynamic or it will atrophy. The last Justice Felix Frankfurter once said, “A mighty longing for freedom is what characterizes the Jew.”

Dai-dai-yenu, dai-dai-yenu, dai-dai-yenu, dayenu, dayenu! Had God done nothing but save us from the land of Egypt, for that alone we would have been satisfied! Ilu natan natan lanu, natan lanu et haTorah, natan lanu et haTorah, dayenu!

A Bit of Humor From Rabbi Agin

Everyone loves a story. Let me share with you the following story that could be worked into a sermon.

A small town in the old country was interviewing for the position of Rabbi of the town.

The townspeople finally got a candidate that they liked so they called a town meeting to vote approval of the candidate. The vote was by secret ballot, but when they opened the ballots the next day, they discovered that the entire town had voted for the candidate, but there was only one vote against. So, wanting to make it unanimous, they called another town meeting and asked the people to write their names on the ballots.

When the next day the townspeople opened the ballots, they discovered the one individual that had voted against the candidate, and the name on his ballot was "Moshe Fleckle."

So, the leaders of the town thought to visit Moshe Fleckle to try to get him to change his vote.

But when they asked where Moshe Fleckle lived, no one seemed to know him or where he lived. After a week of inquiries, they finally found a shoemaker who said he knew Moshe Fleckle and he lived in the last house at the end of the town.

A delegation was sent to visit Moshe Fleckle to try to convince him to change his vote. They went to the last street and the last house on the street. When they knocked on the door a man came out to greet them. "Are you Moshe Fleckle?"
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"I am," was the reply. Then came a lengthy explanation as to why the town wanted to make the vote unanimous.

They expected resistance but when Moshe Fleckle readily agreed the chairman asked peevishly, "Why did you vote against the Rabbi in the first place?"

After a visible chuckle the reply came, "If I voted for, the first time, would you know who Moshe Fleckle is!"

April 3, 2026

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A DONATION TO THE TEMPLE IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE IS AN HONORED TRADITION.

THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION SENDS OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO JOYCE GELFAND AND HER FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF BARRY.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Susan Stein	April 4 th
Larry Zeides	April 6 th
Naomi Alexander	April 10 th
Shelly Pollack	April 13 th
Esther Waxman	April 13 th
Paul Leight	April 20 th
Jeff Marks	April 22 nd
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SOME PASSOVER HUMOR FROM JUDI MIGDOL, PRESIDENT

Our Passover Things To the tune of "My Favorite Things"

Cleaning and cooking and so many dishes
Out with the chametz, no pasta, no knishes
Fish that's gefillted, horseradish that stings
These are a few of our Passover things.

Matzah and karpas and chopped up charoset
Shankbones and Kiddush and Yiddish neurosis
Tante who kvetches and uncle who sings
These are a few of our Passover things.

When the plagues strike
When the lice bite
When we're feeling sad
We simply remember our Passover things
And then we don't feel so bad.

Motzi and maror and trouble with Pharaohs
Famines and locusts and slaves with wheelbarrows
Matzah balls floating and eggshells that cling
These are a few of our Passover things.

When the plagues strike
When the lice bite
When we're feeling sad
We simply remember our Passover things
And then we don't feel so bad.



You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to Temple as a sign of a “Mitzvah of Concern”, that we have an obligation to help those who are in need in the community.

Do you have any **GOOD IDEAS** for the Temple – functions, fundraisers, and committees? If so, please let us know. Please contact any board member with your thoughts. This is **your** temple, and we want **your** input!!!!

Would you like to sponsor and shop for an Oneg Shabbat? It could be for a life cycle event – birth of a child, birthday, anniversary, or just to do it. Please call Naomi Alexander to schedule it. We really need different members to sponsor and shop for Onegs.

Would you like to advertise in the Shalom (and reach all our congregants) – or do you know someone who would like to advertise? If so, please call Judi Migdol at 516-635-9871 for information.

We have a wonderful library in Temple Shalom. Please let us know what kind of books you would like us to obtain for your reading pleasure.

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Any camera buffs in our congregation? Please take some pictures at our functions and some of our Shabbat Services and forward to Jeff Marks.

The Brotherhood is doing a mitzvah. If anyone needs a mezuzah to be hung in their home, please contact Arnold Kantor. The Brotherhood will supply it and hang it for you.

If you send in a donation to the Temple, please write if you want it acknowledged to the person or family in the mail.

Please check our gift shop for any gifts you might need!

**The Brotherhood of
Temple Shalom**

Invites the entire congregation, friends and family to a

Matzah Brei Breakfast

Sunday, April 12th

10am

\$5.00 per person

Children 12 and under - free

Please send your checks (no later than April 8th),

made payable to Temple Shalom, to:

Glenn Stern

691 W. Tarpon

Port Charlotte,



Blvd., NW

Florida 33952

**Please Join Us
for a
Pot Luck lunch
With Music by
Tom Chute
on
Thursday, April 30th
1:00pm
No Charge**

Please bring a non-meat dish to share (no pork or shell fish).

We will supply drinks.

RSVP to Judi – 516-635-9871



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