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Adar I, Adar II, Nisan, Iyar 5776

Shabbat Services, Saturday at 9:15 AM


*Rabbi Van Lanckton, Cantor Seth Grossman, President Dr. Peter Kurzberg,
Bulletin Editor Judy Karll*



A Sweet Pesach

MARCH, 2016 –Adar I, Adar II 5776

*Candle lighting

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		21 Adar I 1	2	3	4 *5:20 PM	5 Parshat Vayakhel SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA SERVICE & KIDDUSH Rabbi Lanckton
6	7	8	9	10	1 Adar I 11 *5:28 PM	12 Parashat Pekudei
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16 TBS Board Meeting	17	18 *6:37 PM	19 Parashat Vayikra
20 1 st Day of Spring Men's Club Breakfast Vered Hasharon Tours To discuss possible trip offer to Israel	21	22	23 Fast of Esther	24 Purim 	25 Shushan Purim Good Friday *6:44 PM	26 Parashat Tzav
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL, 2016 – Adar II, Nisan 5776




*Shabbat candle lighting



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					22 Adar II 1 *6:52 PM	2 Parashat Shemini Rabbi Lanckton
3	4	5	6	7	8 *7:00 PM	9 Parashat Tazna
10 TEMPLE MITZVAH DAY 10 - NOON Bring Food for Pantry Children Paint Flower Pots	11	12	13 TBS BOARD MEETING	14	15 *7:08 PM	16 Parashat Metzora
17 Men's Club Breakfast Speaker: Rabbi Herman Blumberg	18	19	20	21 SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ	22 PASSOVER FIRST SEDER  *7:16 PM	23 PASSOVER SECOND SEDER 
24 PASSOVER	25 PASSOVER	26 PASSOVER	27 PASSOVER	28 PASSOVER	29 PASSOVER 7 TH DAY *7:24 PM	30 PASSOVER LAST DAY YIZKOR Rabbi Lanckton

MAY, 2016 – NISAN, IYAR 5776

*Shabbat candle lighting

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Holocaust Remembrance Day 	5	6 *7:32 PM	7 Parashat Acharei Rabbi Lanckton
8 MOTHERS DAY	9	10	11 Israel Memorial Day 	12 Israel Independence Day 	13 *7:39 PM	14 Parshat Kedoshim
15 Sisterhood DONOR DINNER	16	17	18 TBS BOARD MEETING	19	20 *7:46 PM	21 Parashat Emor TBS BOARD Installation Kiddush Rabbi Lanckton
22	23	24	25	26 Lag B'Omer 	27 *7:53 PM	28 Parshat Behar
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY 	31				

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Message from Rabbi Van Lanckton

Dear Congregants,

Please Help Fight Anti-Semitism At American Colleges

Our college students need our help. Jewish students at

colleges across America are facing

unprecedented levels of anti-Semitic attacks. We need to prepare them to meet and overcome these attacks before they go off to school, and we need to support them while they are there.

Last year 302 anti-Semitic incidents against Jewish students were recorded at 109 schools in 28 states, the highest ever. The incidents often included Nazi imagery, slurs calling Jews "evil," and call for Jews to be murdered. Anti-Semitism on campus is spreading as a result in part of highly aggressive anti-Israel organizations like Students for Justice in Palestine, which has used Nazi imagery in its campaign to demonize Israel.

At Vassar College, Alice's alma mater and formerly devoted to integrity and rigor in academic scholarship, Jewish students have suffered anti-Semitic slurs and attacks for the last several years. The most recent was a public lecture by Jasbir Puar on February 3 sponsored by eight academic departments including the Jewish Studies Department that included the following attacks on Jews and Israel:

- She exhorted the students to support a boycott of Israel as part of "armed" resistance.
- She claimed that Israel had "mined for organs for scientific research" from dead Palestinians - updating the medieval blood libel against Jews - and accused Israelis of attempting to give Palestinians the "bare minimum for survival" as part of a medical "experiment."
- She spoke of Jews deliberately starving Palestinians, "stunting" and "maiming" a population.
- She agreed with a questioner that Israeli treatment of Palestinians amounted to genocide.

Jewish Studies faculty members remained silent in the audience.

Here is a sample of other horrific acts of college anti-Semitism in 2015:

- At the University of Oregon, a man yelling anti-Semitic slurs threatened to shoot a Jewish student.
- At Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York, an Orthodox Jewish student was punched in the face and told "Leave the school, you Jew."
- One female student-athlete at Delaware Valley College came under scrutiny for tweeting, "Can I kill all the [expletive deleted] Jews in Lakewood pleeeasse?!?!?"

- Thirty members of a group called the Traditionalist Youth Network at Indiana University marched on campus holding anti-Semitic signs and wearing Nazi memorabilia.

- In a similar incident at the University of California at Santa Cruz, members of Students for Justice in Palestine - a group that has been shut down on some campuses for its virulent anti-Semitism - established mock checkpoints around campus and forced Jewish students to "show ID cards."

- At least 15 college campuses - including George Washington University, the University of Maryland, and Tufts University - had incidences of anti-Semitic graffiti, including swastikas and anti-Semitic slurs.

- "Jews - the root of all evil" was written on a wall in the Brooklyn College campus library.

- At Towson University, one vandal repeatedly went across campus writing, "Hitler was right" and "with Jews you lose."

- At the University of California at Berkeley, "Zionists should be sent to the gas chamber" was found etched on school property.

I know of three ways we can help our students combat these terrible attacks on Judaism and on Israel:

1. The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America [CAMERA] offers training and support for college students in a program called CAMERA on Campus.
2. The Anti-Defamation League offers resources for college students. Details can be found [HERE](#).
3. The AMCHA Initiative documents and combats anti-Semitism at American colleges and universities. AMCHA maintains a database of campus anti-Semitic incidents. When selecting a college during college application and acceptance season, it is a good idea to check out the degree to which that college is welcoming or hostile to Jewish students. The database can be accessed [HERE](#).

If anyone in your family or who is close to you is heading to college or already in college and anticipates or experiences anti-Semitism, please provide them with these resources and let them know that we want to help. If you learn of other supportive resources, please let me know so I can tell others. Feel free to be in touch with me about this at any time and encourage students to do the same. Our children need us. We must not fail them.

Rabbi Van Lanckton vlanckton@verizon.net

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Message from the Temple President

So far the winter has not been too bad, considering what last year was like. Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this year, so it looks like spring should be right around the corner. With daylight savings time

beginning at 2:00 A.M. on March 13, we seem to be breezing through the winter. Let's hope!!!

We have a few wonderful things to report. First, a SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who contributed with an end of year donation. We collected a total of \$7,682! Your generosity is truly appreciated and will help to continue to sustain us as a congregation. For those who have not yet had a chance to contribute, it's still not too late.

Upcoming events include **Shabbat Across America** on Saturday, March 5; we will be holding a special Kiddush. On Sunday, March 20 we have re-scheduled our Men's Club Breakfast. We will also be holding a special event on Sunday, April 17. More to come about this. So mark your calendars for all three events. In the meantime, consider attending a Shabbat service. We are so fortunate to have Rabbi Lanckton and Cantor Grossman as our religious leaders. You will be surprised how much you enjoy it.

Finally, thank you, again, to all who volunteer so hard to make events at the temple happen. Your tireless efforts are sincerely appreciated by all. If you have been "sitting on the sidelines" for a while, for whatever reason, consider participating a little more by helping out in any way you can. It is only through active participation and financial support that our temple is being kept alive. We are always looking for help in our kitchen on Saturday mornings. Please consider volunteering, even for an hour or so for set up or clean up. Contact Paula Goldman at paulag@beld.net. Wishing you and your family continued good health and looking forward to seeing you soon at temple. Peter Kurzberg

TBS SAVE THE DATES:

March 5	Shabbat Across America Kiddush
March 20	Men's Club Breakfast
APRIL 10	TBS MITZVAH DAY
April 17	Men's Club Breakfast
May 15	Sisterhood Donor
May 21	TBS Board Installation Kiddush

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Introductory Question




4 Questions

מָה נִשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלַּיְלוֹת ?

Ma nishtana ha-laila ha-zeh mi-kol ha-lilot?
Why is this night different from all other nights?

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First Question



4 Questions

שֶׁבֶּכֶל-הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חֶמֶץ וּמִצָּה, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלוּ מִצָּה ?

She-be-chol ha-lilot anu ochlin chametz u-matza, ha-laila ha-zeh kulo matza?
Why is it that on all other nights during the year we eat either bread or matza, but on this night we eat matza?

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Second Question



4 Questions

שֶׁבֶּכֶל-הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׂאֵר יֵרֻקוֹת, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מְרֹר ?

She-be-chol ha-lilot anu ochlin she-ar yetajit, ha-laila ha-zeh moror?
Why is it that on all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on this night we eat bitter herbs?

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Third Question



4 Questions

שֶׁבֶּכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מְטְבִילִין אֶפְלוּ פְּעַם אַחַת, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פְּעָמִים ?

She-be-chol ha-lilot en anu matbilin afilu pa'am echat, ha-laila ha-zeh shetay fe'amim?
Why is it on all other nights we do not dip even once, but on this night we dip twice?

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Fourth Question



4 Questions

שֶׁבֶּכֶל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלָנוּ מְסֻבִּין ?

She-be-chol ha-lilot anu ochlin bayn yoshvin u-vayn mseubin, ha-laila ha-zeh kelanu mesubin?
Why is it that on all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining, but on this night we eat in a reclining position?

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- MAY the FOURTH be with You
- May You NEVER FORGET
- Holocaust Memorial Day



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YIZKOR

In addition to the anniversary date of one's passing, Yizkor is said an additional four times a year: The 8th day of Passover; the 2nd day of Shavuot; Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret.

Some members are interested in gathering to say the prayers at Temple B'nai Shalom, but a minyan is necessary.

The dates this year we would be looking for a commitment of an hour of less would be: at 9 am on Monday, June 13 and Monday, October 24th, the other two dates this year there are already services.

If you are interested in participating please contact
Judy Karll @ sjkarll@yahoo.com OR call 781-842-1464

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TBS CHAIR YOGA CLASS



Chair Yoga Classes Offered

Join the Chair Yoga Class
At the Temple on Thursdays at
10:00 ARE for one hour.

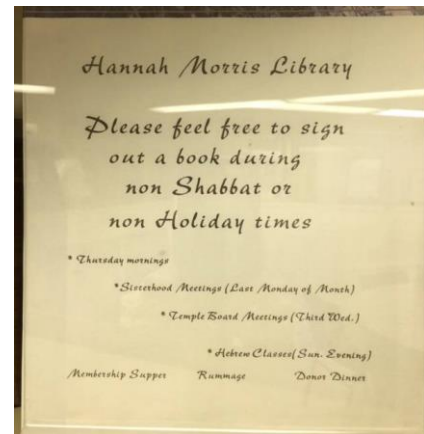
The instructor is Joyce Jordan. Joyce is a certified yoga teacher as well as a certified nutritional & wellness consultant.

Classes are for men and women. The cost is \$10 per week, paid monthly at the beginning of each month. Although the class has been ongoing for a year, there is no problem joining at any time. Come and observe a week to see if it's for you

If you have any questions, contact Marylou at maryloufishman@comcast.net or call 617-921-0368

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BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

RABBI HERMAN BLUMBERG TO SPEAK

RABBI HERMAN BLUMBERG of Hebrew Senior Life Hospice Care will speak about his role as the Rabbinic Director of the Hebrew Senior Life Hospice Care program to raise awareness within the Jewish community and the important issues that we and our loved ones may face, if serious illness occurs. He will discuss the variety of educational programs and choices at the end of life, having "the conversation" about one's wishes for medical treatment and the best living arrangements for the elderly. The presentation is never "dark." The Rabbi's goal is a thoughtful conversation about a serious subject with an emphasis on empowerment and the philosophy of living life well as long as possible, even in the face of difficulty.

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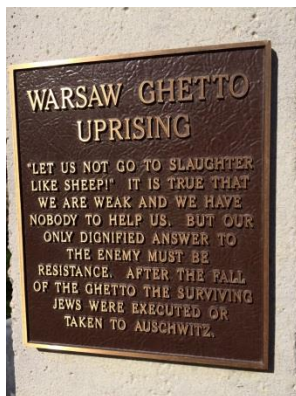
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THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA

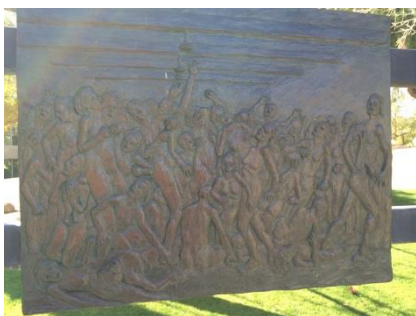
Dear Friends,

While in Palm Springs, California in January, Richard and I traveled to nearby Palm Desert to view the Holocaust Memorial. It is in the Center of a beautiful Park and is a beautiful moving tribute to those brutally murdered in the Holocaust. The Center of the presentation is a group of life size and lifelike figures representing the human element, a rabbi, a mother with her children pleading for mercy, a dying man, a defiant man, and a boy from the ghetto as you will see in the subsequent pictures. There is a sculpture of children, behind barbed wire in the camps and one of General Eisenhower and his speech, moved as he liberated the camp. As I stood in the warm desert sunshine, surrounded by the beautiful park and mesmerized by the expressions on the faces of these figures, I experienced a feeling of overwhelming sadness and yet, a feeling of hope for mankind as I read and spoke the words NEVER AGAIN!

Jo Salloway, Adult Education Chairman



Into the cable cars...



The Children



The Liberation



MITZVAH DAY TEMPLE B'NAI SHALOM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10
10 AM - NOON**

AS YOU WILL BE CLEANING OUT YOUR PANTRY
OF FOOD YOU'LL NOT USE DURING PASSOVER

**PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
TO TEMPLE**

at services, a breakfast, or Mitzvah Day,
Sunday, APRIL 10th from 10 am to Noon
and they will be donated to the
Marge Crispin Center

PRIOR TO HEBREW SCHOOL 10-11 AM

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or Grandparent to decorate and plant
a flower pot that will be presented to
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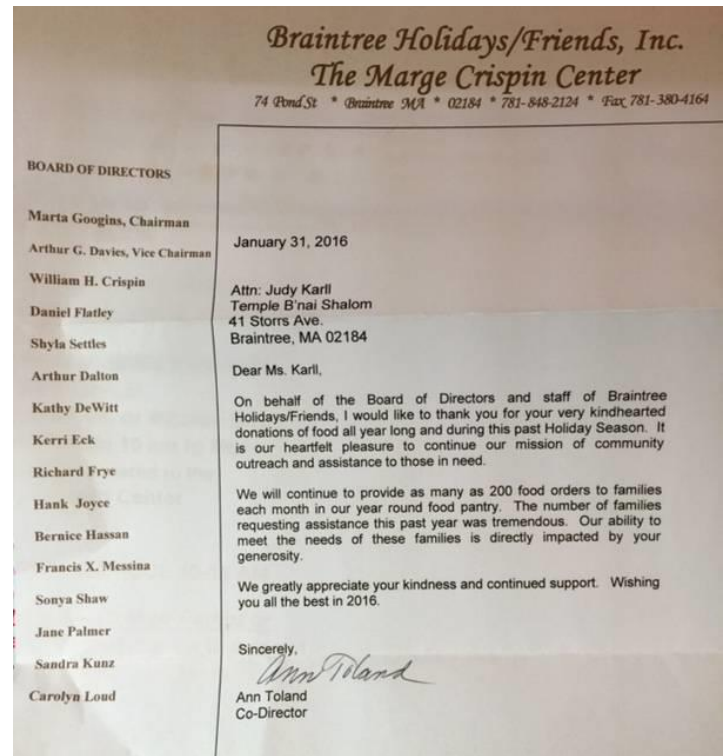
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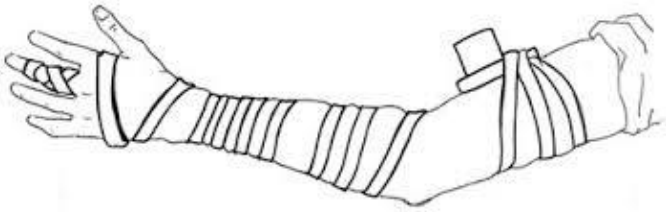
**SAVE THE DATE
FOR A
SPRING FLING**

SUNDAY, MAY 15



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TO THE TEMPLE – EACH TIME YOU COME**





NATIONAL TEFILLIAN WRAP DAY AT
TEMPLE B'NAI SHALOM





The Passover Seder Plate is the centerpiece of the Passover meal and is the heart of the Passover Seder. The foods that are placed on the Seder Plate are integral to the telling of the Passover story. There are six different foods on the Passover Seder plate and each serves the purpose of retelling the story of Exodus. There are no specific rules about how a Seder Plate should look. It can be traditional or contemporary, round or square, flat or architectural. It can be as simple as you wish or ornate and festive. Generally, each of the six sections is decorated with the Hebrew words for what goes in them, often in fanciful writing. Every participant at the Passover Seder is served from the Seder plate, which has been specially arranged by the leader of the ceremony. Below are the symbolic foods that are served during the Passover Seder.

Matzah is one of the most iconic elements of Passover. During the Exodus from Egypt, the Jews fled so quickly that there was no time to waste waiting for bread to rise. Instead, they ate unleavened matzah in their desperate escape from slavery. What was once an act of necessity is now celebrated in triumphant, everlasting joy? Jews choose to eat matzah in honor of their ancestors, and to celebrate their freedom. This special bread is included on the Seder plate, or next to it. Bitter Herbs

Maror and **Chazeret** are bitter herbs, such as romaine lettuce, endives, or horseradish, which are eaten to remind the participants of the bitter and frightening journey of Exodus.

Charoset is a sweet-tasting mixture of apples, cinnamon, wine, and nuts. Charoset is symbolic of the mortar that the Jewish slaves used when being forced to build Egyptian storehouses. The bitter

maror is dipped into the charoset before being consumed. When tasted together, the participants remember the struggle of the Jewish slaves, and pay homage to their hardships. The bitterness of the maror tells the tale of a life of strife, while the sweet-tasting charoset invokes the very building blocks of a slave's daily existence. While it may seem strange that the charoset, which tastes so delightful, should be used to reinforce the building clay of the slaves, it is a reminder that Passover is a time of celebration of the Jewish slaves' freedom.

Karpas is a vegetable, often celery or potatoes, which is dipped into salted water or vinegar. The plain, bitter taste of this food also reinforces the brutal life of the Jewish slaves, which was fought with scarcity and pain. The participants at the Passover Seder meal taste the pain of their ancestors. The vegetable serves a secondary purpose - the promise that spring is on its way. Like many of the elements of the Passover dinner, the dual nature of the dish both reminds us of the past struggles of our ancestors, and celebrates their successful journey to freedom.

Zeroah is the second-to-last dish on the Passover Seder Plate. Zeroah is the only meat included on the dish. Usually, zeroah is a shank bone of meat or poultry. In ancient Jerusalem, the Jews celebrated the first night of Passover by sacrificing a lamb in the Temple, roasting it, and consuming it on the eve of the Exodus. The lamb was known as the "Pesach" offering. After the temple was destroyed, the zeroah became part of the Seder Plate to invoke the offering of Pesach. For vegetarians, the Pesach sacrifice can be represented by a beet. Beit Beitza is an egg which has been roasted to symbolize another ancient Jerusalem sacrifice - the Korban Chagigah. The Chagigah was a meat sacrifice, yet on the Seder Plate it is represented by an egg for two reasons. The egg is symbolic of mourning and represents sadness after the Temple's destruction and in knowing that no sacrifices could be offered there. Another meaning behind the Beitza is that it celebrates Spring, renewal, and rejuvenation. - See more at: <http://www.jewishgiftplace.com/symbols-of-jewish-passover-seder-plate.html#sthash.g3tAKIIR.dpuf>



MATZO BALLS

Ingredients

4 large eggs, beaten
1/4 cup seltzer or water (see note above)
1/4 cup **Schmaltz (rendered chicken fat)** or neutral oil like vegetable or canola oil
1 cup matzo meal
1/8 to 1 teaspoon baking powder (optional; see note above)
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
Freshly ground black pepper
3 quarts **good-quality homemade chicken stock**, divided
Finely diced carrot and celery, for garnish
2 fresh dill sprigs, plus picked fresh dill fronds for garnish

Directions

1 In a large mixing bowl, combine eggs with seltzer, and schmaltz or oil. In a small bowl, stir together matzo meal with baking powder (if using), salt, and pepper. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and stir to combine thoroughly. Refrigerate uncovered for 30 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, divide stock evenly between two pots, season both with salt, and bring to a simmer. Add diced carrots and celery and dill sprigs to one pot and simmer until just tender; discard dill sprigs and keep warm.

3 Using wet hands, and re-wetting hands as necessary, form matzo-ball mixture into 1- to 1 1/2-inch balls, and add to simmering pot of stock that doesn't have the carrots and celery. When all matzo balls are added, cover and simmer until matzo balls are cooked through, 1 hour. Cooked matzo balls can be kept warm in their broth until ready to serve.

4 Using a slotted spoon, transfer matzo balls to serving bowls (you should have at least 3 per bowl); strain matzo-ball-cooking broth and save for another use. Ladle hot clear broth with carrots and celery into each bowl and garnish with dill springs. Serve.

POLIN

The Museum of the History of The Polish Jewish People

Please go to <http://www.polin.pl/en/our-websites>

Warsa, Poland June 6-10 2016



THE WOODEN SYNAGOGUES OF POLAND. . . .

Frank Stella's groundbreaking Polish Village series would probably never have come about if it hadn't been for his encounter with prewar Polish synagogue architecture. How did the American artist discover these sacred Jewish buildings, all of which were destroyed in World War II?

The link was provided by a book by Maria and Kazimierz Piechotka, Polish architects and scholars of architecture. Over the course of many years the Piechotkas conducted research on sacred Jewish architecture, to a large extent based on material gathered before the war as part of a large-scale monument inventory project at the Warsaw Polytechnic Institute of Polish Architecture (ZAP). They unearthed and brought together hundreds of photographs, documents, cross-sections and plans scattered in archives and private collections all over the world.

Their work has resulted in several albums featuring the richness of synagogue architecture, including *Bóznice drewniane* (*Wooden Synagogues*), whose English-language edition Stella came across in the 1970s.

What captivated the American artist? For Jews living in the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth wooden synagogues were a true "house of God and gate of heaven." Their forms, the shapes of *aronei hakodesh* (Torah Arks), painted walls and ceilings were a distinct expression of the religious attitude, imagination and yearning of those who worshipped in them. The buildings stood out by virtue of their forms, impossible to obtain in a material other than wood. Many of them, were they intact today, would doubtless be among the leading European or world monuments. And yet none of these wooden gems has survived to our time.

All the more reason to visit the exhibition *Frank Stella and Synagogues of Historic Poland*, which will be on display at POLIN Museum from February 18 until June 20, 2016. We are also pleased to announce that an expanded edition of Maria and Kazimierz Piechotka's *Heaven's Gates. Wooden Synagogues in the Territories of the Former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth* (Polish title: *Bramy nieba. Bóznice drewniane*) will appear in February 2016. The book comprises two parts. The first, preceded by a historical introduction, discusses the architectonic solutions, construction and design of wooden synagogues in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. The second comprises descriptions of particular synagogues along with drawings and photographs of selected temples.

The publication of the expanded edition, prepared after Kazimierz Piechotka's death, has been made possible thanks to the efforts of Professor Jerzy Malinowski, as well as a grant from the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, and is the product of a joint collaboration between the Institute of Art of the Polish Academy of Sciences and POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews. It inaugurates the multi-volume, bilingual series *Jewish Art in Poland and Central-East Europe* which will be published in the coming years by the Institute of World Art and POLIN Museum.

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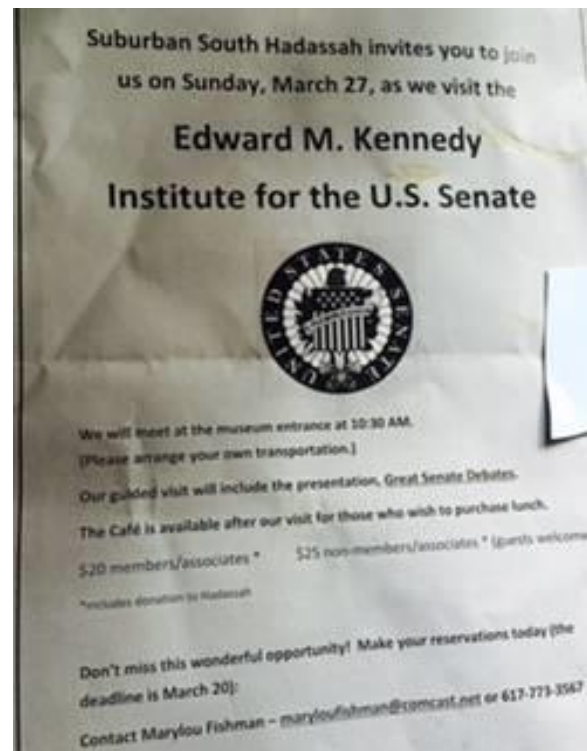
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