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## Passover 5772

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### Community Pesach Meals

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 pm

and

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 pm (after services)

Hearty, home-cooked meat-parve meals for Passover Meals prepared in a Kashered for Passover Kitchen at TBE Special Holiday discussions following the meals will be led by Rabbi Goldsmith and Rabbi Flax

Each meal must be reserved 2 days in advance to ensure a seat at the table.

Meal Cost: \$15 per adult, \$6 per child 13 and under.

Minimum # of Reservations required

Email: [office@templebeth-el.net](mailto:office@templebeth-el.net)



Guess who's having FUN at Purim!

### Preparing for Pesach

#### Bedikat chametz—search for chametz: Thursday, April 5

The search for *chametz* is usually performed the evening before *Pesach*. It is a custom to search for bits of *chametz* with a candle, feather, and wooden spoon. *Chametz* that is found (except that which is specifically set aside for use before *Pesach* is put aside until the morning for burning. The formula for nullification is recited after the search. See the *Haggadah* for both the blessing and the formula.

#### Biur Chametz—burning of Chametz: Friday, April 6

The removal and burning of the *chametz* should be completed by 12:00pm. The house should be *koshered* for *Pesach* and all cooking should be done in *Pesach* pots and only *Pesach* utensils should be used.

#### Siyum B'Chorim: Friday, April 6, 7:00 am

It is customary for all first born males to fast on the eve of Passover. Traditionally, first born males fast on this day as a recognition that the first born of the Israelites was spared at the first Passover. After the regular morning service, *Rabbi Goldsmith* will teach the concluding session of a *rabbinitic* text. Following, there will be a brief "*Seudah Shel Mitzvah*," (*mitzvah* meal) in which all "first born" can break their fast. All are invited to join us for this unique ceremony.

See Pesach Guide inside on page 10

### Late March Social Action Weekend

#### Two Opportunities for Social Action

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Tornado Relief Project (followed by Men's Club Shabbat Dinner)  
Email [majorpromotions@charter.net](mailto:majorpromotions@charter.net) to volunteer to work

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

Social Action Shabbat with Scott Douglas Executive Director of Greater Birmingham Ministries  
Email Bob Greenberg at [bgreenberg@templebeth-el.net](mailto:bgreenberg@templebeth-el.net) to sponsor Kiddush Luncheon and support TBE donation to GBM.

## Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's Grand Champion trophy...

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Enter your team or just come have fun

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## Religious Service Schedule April 2012

<b>April 6</b>	Erev Pesach-Shabbat Candle lighting First Seder Service	5:45 pm 6:54 pm
<b>April 7</b>	Pesach—1st Day <i>Maftir: Morton Stern</i> Shabbat Mincha Candle lighting Second Seder in evening	9:30 am 5:30 pm 6:58 pm
<b>April 8</b>	Pesach—2nd Day <i>Maftir: Julian Brook</i>	9:30 am
<b>April 12</b>	Candle lighting	6:58 pm
<b>April 13</b>	Pesach—7th Day <i>Maftir: Rabbi Ira Flax</i> Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 6:59 pm
<b>April 14</b>	Pesach—8th Day <i>Maftir: Chevra Kadisha Representative</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 5:30 pm
<b>April 20</b>	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 7:04 pm
<b>April 21</b>	Saturday Morning Parshat Shmini <i>B'nai Mitzvah of Gaby &amp; Jake Weissman</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 5:30 pm
<b>April 27</b>	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 7:09 pm
<b>April 28</b>	Saturday morning Parshat Tazria-Metzora <i>Bar Mitzvah of Jack Pake</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 5:30 pm

## Weekday Service Schedule

Daily Morning Minyan	7:00 am
Sundays & Holidays	8:00 am
Daily Afternoon Minyan	5:30 pm
Saturday Afternoon Minyan	5:30 pm

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**Sisterhood:** President: Lorraine Reznik

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## Message From Our Finance Chair

### What Your Dues Do For You...and For Your Community

I'm most well known as a CPA by day, and a Shabbat Ruach Band member by night. I love my work helping people with their finances, and I love my work making music with Cantor Gale to help celebrate Shabbat. I have another role I have undertaken this year as Finance Chair at Temple Beth-El. Instead of strumming the guitar on the Bimah, I am now able to help the Temple manage its income and expenses, to ensure its mission is met and congregants are well served.

In the process of working with Executive Director Bob Greenberg and Bookkeeper Teresa Mason, and alongside a committed Executive Committee led by Vikki Grodner, I have learned quite a bit about what your dues do for you every year. So check this out:

- ✧ This fiscal year TBE will conduct 14 Bar and Bat Mitzvah services, preparing each young person individually as they become an adult.
- ✧ Each week and each month TBE clergy help congregants celebrate Simchas such as a bris, baby-naming, wedding and anniversary. Equally, when someone in the community dies our clergy is at the ready to help console mourners who have lost a loved one.
- ✧ TBE continues to provide morning and evening Minyan services for those who have a yahrzeit...indeed we have the most consistent Minyan service in the state of Alabama.
- ✧ Special programs are planned within our community by Sisterhood, Men's Club, the Birmingham Jewish Federation, Hadassah, and many other organizations. TBE provides both facilities and support services

- to help ensure a welcoming Jewish gathering space is available year-round.
- ✧ Our religious education programs service over 60 young people through Wednesday, Sunday, and Shabbat programs. Special holiday activities (see the Purim revelry described elsewhere in this bulletin for proof) instill a love of Jewish tradition in our youth.
- ✧ The Clergy provide educational programs to inspire a love of learning, the BE Involved organizers provide community service programs to express our care for others, and the Staff is ready 5 days a week to help serve the congregation's needs.
- ✧ The High Holidays are our "big show", and the Temple is always ready for this meaningful time of prayer. This year our entry way welcomed almost 1500 worshippers throughout the period from Selichot to Sukkot. Most of those enjoyed special prayer opportunities allowing a connection to God, to loved ones lost, and to the strong community which we are part of.

So what's the bottom line? Even from a CPA, there is no number value to explain how meaningful all these programs are. To have a Conservative Jewish presence in Birmingham—to be here for you, and to represent the Jewish community—TBE needs your continuing support. We bank on your dues each year to keep our presence strong, and we are grateful to you for your continued support. Now is the time to finish out your dues contribution for 2011-2012, or get started on next year. Temple Beth-El, now 105 years young, is depending on you.

With Ruach,  
Bruce Downs

## Upcoming Shabbatot

**Friday, April 13th: Meditation Service** 5:45—6:15 pm—Join us for our first Meditation Shabbat Service.

**Friday, April 20th: Shabbat Ruach & Oneg**—5:00 pm Oneg; 5:45 pm-Shabbat Ruach Service. Joining Rabbi Goldsmith and Cantor Gale will be guitarist Bruce Downs, drummer Spencer Leffel and violinist Gerald Rosenbaum. In addition, a special presentation of Jewish music will be by trio, "The Three Teachers." The trio includes Marsha Alexander on piano, Jeanne Averhart on recorder and Greg Odrezin on cello. "The Three Teachers" (all who teach or taught at Cherokee Bend School) will perform several pieces of Jewish music with a "dvar negina," or explanation of the pieces by Cantor Gale.



## Message From Our Education Department



In a very short time we are all going to celebrate Pesach, the festival of our freedom. Each year we clean and cook preparing for this great event. The archetype of liberation from oppression is universal. Any people or person, bound to obligations not of their choosing can identify with the themes of Passover. We willingly descended into Egypt seeking food

from famine, and now are subjugated by the place where we sought refuge.

Jewish history is replete with stories of friends turned foe, or benign neglect replaced with murderous vengeance. Wherever we have traveled in history first we are welcomed, then we are ensnared in the machinations of palace intrigue, inquisition or expulsion. One could argue that ours is not a happy history; I would take exception to that. Passover is less concerned about the temerity of overlords than it is about faith in God in the face of mounting crisis.

Like many of you, issues facing the State of Israel, assimilation and diminishing birthrate, all enslave us. We are besieged by enemies real and imagined. Those that want to strip away our identity and those that wish to annihilate us. Celebrate Pesach this year with your family and friends knowing; "that in every generation there have been those who have sought to destroy us, But the Holy one, blessed be He, saved us from their hands." (Hagadah)

**Sunday, April 8th:** No Hebrew School  
**Saturday, April 14th:** Family Shabbat Jr Congregation and Chaverim "Board on Shabbat" Grades 3rd thru 6th

**Sunday, April 15th:** Kadima/ USY "Skate 280" roller skating 2:00pm. RSVP iflax@templebeth-el.net

**April 20-22:** USY Regional Convention Beautiful Orlando, Florida. Contact Jennifer Spiegelman at jspiegelman@templebeth-el.net for details!

**April 22nd:** Yom Ha Atzmaut Celebration with a Kids Carnival and parade at the LJCC starting at 3:00pm followed by an Israeli style picnic dinner at 5:30.

### Adult Education Opportunity

Join Rabbi Flax for Minyan Saturday evenings April 21, April 28, May 12 and May 19 for an examination of Pirkei Avot. A light Seudat Shlishit (3rd meal) will be served immediately following 5:30 Mincha.

### **Rabbi Ira Flax**

*Special thanks to Jerry Spiegelman and Birmingham Vending for making Purim extra special this year!*



Celebrating becoming a B'nai Mitzvah  
**Jake & Gabby Weissman**  
 Son & daughter of Sherri & Jeff Weissman



April 21,  
2012

9:30 am

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Jake & Gabby's grandparents, Roberta & Ed Marblestone and Jackie & Irving Weissman

Celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
**Jack Pake**  
 Son of Michelle and Kevin Pake



April 28, 2012

9:30 am

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Jack's grandparents, Jacky & Sam Goldberg, Betty & Billy Dowling, and Penny & Lee Pake

## Message From Our Foundation

### Your Temple's Budget: What Does Your Foundation Support? Things You See and Don't See

Your Foundation's Mission Statement "to perpetuate TBE by sustaining a strong endowment" are powerful words, but what do they really mean? The following is a list of activities, services, repairs, and materials supported by the Foundation during the Temple's 2011/12 fiscal year. This list is only a summary of what the Foundation supported this year. When you are considering a donation to the Foundation, feel proud that your funds support both current Temple needs and ensure that future congregational needs will be met.

Religious School Teacher Education	Web Site Development
Simchat Torah Celebration	Janitorial Service & Special Maintenance Services
High Holiday Robes and Choir	Break-the-Fast
Saturday Kiddush Luncheons	Scholarship to Ramah
New Windows	Holiday Celebrations
Cemetery Maintenance	Temple Beautification Projects
Torah Repair	Adult Program Enrichment
Mezzuzot for the Renovated Rooms	Temple Operations
New Roof for the Mesch Building	Youth Activities
Computers & Network Maintenance	Heating/cooling Systems
Security Guards	Training for the TBE Board of Directors
Childcare for Holidays, Services & Celebrations	Electronic Security Devices & Monitors
Teachers' & Aides' Salaries	Shabbat Ruach Programs
Debbie Friedman Concert	Staff Professional Development
Religious School Support	Musical Activities & Celebrations
Senior Dues Assistance	Publication of the Monthly bulletin
Annual Confirmation Trip	Moses & the Cantor Concert

Due to the Temple repairs and the funds supplied from the Long Term Deferred Maintenance Fund, the Foundation provided approximately **\$500,000** of financial support to TBE's 2011/12 fiscal year. Your donations to the Centennial Fund and Foundation provided the funds that supported all the activities, services and repairs listed above. Please contact Barbara Gordon at 933.2740 for information about ensuring TBE's future financial health.

**Barbara Gordon**  
Foundation Executive Director

## Cemetery

An email from Bob Greenberg informed me that Temple Beth-El was going to be the recipient of a donation of daffodil bulbs. Would we be interested in having some for Block 40 at Elmwood Cemetery? Our constant goal with regard to the cemetery is to make it as lovely as possible for our loved ones resting there and for the rest of us who visit gravesites and/or attend funerals. Making necessary repairs to the landscape has been the major focus with our undertaking only occasional plantings of shrubbery along the creek bank. Planting flowers has been considered a luxury that would be postponed until everything else was in order.

But who can turn down a gift for a favorite project? So, after consulting with the landscapers who work with the cemetery, thinking that we had been offered a few bulbs, we agreed to accept and plant them. Imagine our surprise, when Samantha St. John, whose husband, Jim, was instrumental in helping us to acquire the bulbs, met us in the parking lot of Temple Beth-El with tray after tray of wonderful big bulbs, of numerous varieties. Igor Kishinevsky, and Tim Coughlin, our landscapers, quickly went to work. The bulbs were planted along the creek bank and around the large trees. We may not see results this year but next spring there should be a stunning display of daffodils at Block 40.

Thank you, Samantha and Jim for thinking of us.

Barbara Bonfield

## Chevra Kadisha

**Chevra Kadisha (Sacred Society)** performs the mitzvah of preparing the dead for burial—a mitzvah that the ancient rabbis called the greatest act of kindness because it can never be repaid. *Members of the TBE Chevra Kadisha are:* Fred Benjamin \* Terry Bernstein \* Max Herzel \* Jack Kalin Henry Lapidus \* Richard Lehr \* Silvio Litovsky \* Glenn Mazer \* J.B. Mazer \* Ben Rosenbaum \* Morton Stern \* Tim Thornton \* Tobie Axel \* Suzanne Bearman \* Robin Benjamin \* Faye Bernstein \* Julie Bernstein \* Lynn Bloomston \* Jeri Davis \* Sandra Gilbert \* Susan Green \* Susan Greene \* Terri Heiman \* Fran Ivker \* Kelley Jefferson \* Mary Kimerling \* Esther Levy \* Nancy Lewis \* Cheryl Palmer \* Cathy Rogoff \* Micky Rubenstein \* Wendy Rutkoff \* Wendy Siegal \* Toby Siegel \* Susan Stein \* Diane Slaughter \* Ellen Sokol \* Melissa Zivitz

## Men's Club

### World Wide Wrap Update

I want to congratulate Jacob Kipp, Bess Rosenthal and Ela Weintraub on receiving their Tefillin during the World Wide Wrap on February 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a very educating event led by Rabbi Flax and it was a joy to watch these three young students put Tefillin on for the first time. It was also a joy to watch the students from the previous year, who are about to be Bar/Bat Mitzvah'd, put their Tefillin on like pros. I would like to thank Steve Altmann, Eric Goldis and Tim Thornton for assisting during the World Wide Wrap and for setting up the food. It was truly an awesome event watching Rabbi Flax teach these young students all about Tefillin and I am looking forward to next year's event.

Jacob Halpern  
Men's Club President



## White Elephant Sale

The TBE annual White Elephant Sale in conjunction with the "When Pigs Fly!" barbecue will be Sunday, May 20th from 9 a.m.—2 pm. Do your spring cleaning early and get your items ready to donate to this community-wide sale. Any gently-used books, toys, DVDs, videos, games, housewares, bric-a-brac, *Judaica*, antiques, furniture, sports equipment, artwork, vintage décor, glassware, barware, kitchen & bath...nearly everything but the kitchen sink.

For more information, contact Judy Cullinan at 205.969.3728 or judyriva@aol.com.

## Passover Bimah Flowers

We'd like to express our appreciation to the following families who are generously donating the follows which will adorn our *bimah* and add to the beauty of our Passover services:

**First two days of Passover:** In loving memory of our beloved family members, from *Lynette and J.B. Mazer, Carole and Michael Mazer and family, and Nancy and Dennis Lutz and family.*

**Last two days of Passover:** In memory of our loved ones, from *an anonymous donor.*



## Sisterhood

### Donations to Sisterhood

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Virginia Heiman**

*From: Marian and Myron Radwin*

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Phyllis and Norman Berk** on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel to Bruce Birns

A Chai donation wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Arlene Shelsky**

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Nellie Palmer**  
*From: Hannah and Colin Helman*

A Chai donation wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Arlene Shelsky**

A Chai donation wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Lora Schwartz**

A Chai donation wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Chita Weintrob**

*From: Pam Ruttenberg*

In honor of **Marian and Myron Radwin** and to honor the memory of their beloved daughter, Jill

*From: Riv and Herb Husid*

## Leagrams

**Jessica & Michael Goldstein:** In loving memory of your mother, Roz

**Janet Reagan & Family:** In loving memory of Ruth Alys Brown

**Sol Shapiro:** Get well wishes

**Banks Family:** In loving memory of Ben Banks, beloved brother and uncle

*From Ann Banks and family*

**Emily Nomberg & family:** Mazal Tov on your Bat Mitzvah

**Dr. Lanny Kline:** Mazal Tov on receiving the Visionary Award.

**Katherine & Steven Bromberg:** Mazal Tov on the birth of your son, William Graham

*From: Esther & Jerry Brown*

**Ruth Lischkoff & family:** In loving memory of your brother

*From: Ed Krys*

Shavuot will soon be here, and that means it's time to place your order \*now\* for delicious blintzes baked by our very own Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

Stock up your freezer so you can have a traditional holiday dish this year, and more on hand for when you get that inevitable "I really need a blintz" feeling later on!

# blintz sale

They'll be available to pick up Sunday, May 6 from 9am - Noon in the downstairs dairy kitchen at Temple Beth-El. Easy!

\$18/dozen

Contact Hannah Helman at 967-9659 or gicolin@aol.com any time for your orders.

Don't be disappointed - buy early!

## Speedy Recovery

Best wishes for a speedy recovery and continued good health to:

**Faye Friedman and Barbara Randman**

## Mazal Tov

Phyllis and Norman Berk on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel to Bruce Birns of New York.

Katherine and Steven Bromberg on the birth of their son, William Graham Bromberg. Proud grandparents are Mary and David Kimerling, and proud great-grandfather is Joe Kimerling.

Sharon and Steve Cook and Sherry and Richard Gotlieb on the engagement of their son, Stewart Gotlieb to Sarah Cohen. Mazal Tov also to grandmothers, Roz Hellman and Mollie Gotlieb.

Arlene Fisher on the birth of her granddaughter, Lanie Ann Libowsky. Lanie is the daughter of Staci and Joel Libowsky.

## Pride & Joy

Avi Goldsmith won Best Overall in the Literary Category in the Mountain Brook Junior High Art Forms. She received a cash prize, a ribbon and her picture in the Birmingham News. Avi is the daughter of Rabbi Michelle and Jeff Goldsmith.

## New Members

We welcome the following new members to our TBE family:

**Cliff Wright** 2055 Belvedere Cove (35242)  
205.637.1792



## Special Birthdays

Mazal Tov to the following on their Special Birthdays for the month of April 2012:

**Bobbye Seligman, Renee Levy, Gayle Rosen, Roz Hellman,  
Gary Weintraub, Edward Krys, Barbara Gordon, Ruth Siegler,  
David Kahn, Sandy Koplun, Lewis Schulman, Marsha Simon**

\*Special Birthdays are published in the bulletin beginning with age 50 and every 5 years thereafter.

## TBE Anniversaries

Susan and Richard Einhorn (17)

Linda and Richard Jaffe (2)

Toby and Joel Mendler (44)

Harriet and Gilbert Routman (42)

Evdiniya and Boris Zinger (37)

Rochelle and Martin Green (17)

Evelyn and Art Padawer (64)

Fira and Josif Charny (59)

Tatyana and Zanel Shitsel (56)

*May you go from strength to strength.*

*If your anniversary or special birthday is not listed above,  
please let us know so that we may update our records.*

*Please contact Susan Biedinger at 933-2740 or [sbiedinger@templebeth-el.net](mailto:sbiedinger@templebeth-el.net)*

*Please join us the 4th Saturday of every month for **Simcha Shabbat** as we recognize everyone who has a simcha in the current month...  
birthday, anniversary, baby, B'nai Mitzvah, etc.*

## Condolences

With sympathy, we wish the following families peace and love during their time of sorrow:

### **Monita Hara**

Wife of Ray Hara

Mother of Emily Hara

Sister of Artie Brown, R.G. Goodfellow, Jr.; Alberta Marable,

Mary Golightly, Fred Goodfellow, Rita Fiduccia,

Theresa Lyr and Pete Goodfellow

### **Sofia Rotenberg**

Wife of Leonid Shilkrot

Mother of Grigory Shilkrot and Rafail Shilkrot

*May the families be comforted among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

## Pesach

# The Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide

## THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY PESACH GUIDE

### עשת"ב

by Rabbi Barry Starr and the Committee  
on Jewish Law & Standards (CJLS)  
Kashrut Subcommittee  
Introduction by Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff,  
Chair, CJLS

Stories play a key role in identifying a religion or nation, especially the ones at the center of a community's history and ritual, the ones taught to members of the community from an early age and repeated often by adults in rituals and prayers. Such master stories express in easily understandable and emotionally compelling terms a community's understanding of its origins, its values, and its goals. If one were to compare the view of life and humanity embedded in the master stories of, for example, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism – and the United States, China, and Israel – one would find deep differences in how these various human communities understand who they are as individuals and as a community, what is important in life, and what they should strive for.

Judaism's master story is the Exodus from Egypt, followed by the trek to Mount Sinai and then to the Promised Land of Israel. We leave Egypt not as individuals but as a nation, and we do so only with the help of God. This is very different from the staunch individualism at the heart of the liberalism that has forged most Western countries. At Mount Sinai we engage in a Covenant with God that establishes the basis of our relationship with God – and the duties of that relationship – for ourselves and all our descendants.

This perception of ourselves, our links to one another and to God, and our mission in life infuses much of our liturgy and many of our holidays, but it is Passover that focuses on this story most graphically. As the Haggadah says, "In every generation we each must see ourselves as if we personally left Egypt." To enable us to identify with that story once again, we reenact the Exodus through story, discussion, and song at the Seder table, and we restrict our diet to remind ourselves of the slavery of Egypt and the need to redeem ourselves and others again and again. The Hebrew word for Egypt, *Mitzrayim*, means "straits," probably because the Nile enters the Mediterranean not as one river but through multiple straits. Jewish interpreters, however, have understood the word metaphorically as well, teaching us that in every generation we must seek to redeem ourselves and others from the straits of life – poverty, ignorance, prejudice, illness, meaninglessness, etc. That is our Jewish mission for life, the charge that God has given us and that the Passover story articulates for us anew each and every year.

This Guide, prepared by Rabbis Paul Plotkin and Barry Starr and approved by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, explains in detail the laws and customs regarding the dietary restrictions of Passover, the rules that remind us each time we eat of Passover's messages for us. Some of these guidelines are, frankly, quite technical and even complicated; that is the result of the special stringency of the Passover rules in Jewish law and the complex, new ways in which foods are processed in our time. We hope that this Guide will enable Jews to understand what they may eat on Passover and

how to prepare their kitchens for the holiday in ways that are clear and understandable. We do not intend this Guide to replace your rabbi's guidance on these matters; on the contrary, any question you have about what is written here or what is missing you should address to your rabbi.

One last, but important, comment. Because Passover involves more dietary strictures than the rest of the year, many Jews become downright compulsive about the rules of the holiday. We should be careful not to use these rules to assert their superior piety over others, and remember that observance of Passover should not come at the expense of the values of honoring our parents and treating everyone with respect. Passover is really important – a central feature of what it means to live a Jewish life. Its very meaning, though, is completely undermined if the dietary rules of Passover lead people to treat each other with disrespect. So as we explain the dietary rules of Passover below, we fervently hope that they will instead function as they are supposed to – namely, to serve as graphic reminders throughout the holiday of the critical lessons of Passover, of the need to free ourselves and the world around us of all the physical, intellectual, emotional, and communal straits that limit us and others in living a life befitting of people created in the image of God. May we all succeed in making this and every Passover the stimulus for us to fix the world in these ways every day of our lives.

### Kashering the Kitchen

It is customary (and easiest) to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, replacing them with either new utensils or utensils used year to

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## Pesach

### The Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide (continued)

year only for Pesach. This is clearly not possible for major appliances and may not even be possible for dishes and utensils. There is a process for kashering many, but not all, kitchen items thus making them kosher for Pesach:

[Informational note: The general principle used in kashering is that the way the utensil absorbs food is the way it can be purged of that food, *Ke-volo kach pol'to*. This principle operates on the basis of the quality or intensity of how the items absorb food. Things used for cold food can be kashered by rinsing since no substance has been absorbed by the dish or glass. Items used on a stove absorb the food and thus need a stronger level of action namely expelling the food into boiling water, called *hag'alah*. The most intense form of usage is directly on a fire or in an oven and these utensils require the most intense method of kashering, namely *libbun*, which burns away absorbed food.]

#### Kashering Specific Appliances and Utensils

##### METALS

To kasher **pots, silverware, and utensils wholly of metal not used for baking**, thoroughly clean the item with soap and water, then, following a strict 24 hour waiting period during which they are not used, immerse the item in water that is at a rolling boil –*hag'alah*. For pots and pans, clean handles thoroughly. If the handle can be removed, do so for an even more thorough cleaning. To effect *hag'alah*, the item must be completely exposed to the boiling water. Pots and pans are either immersed in a larger pot of boiling water (may be done one section at a time) or filled with water brought to a rolling boil and then a heated stone is dropped into the pot such that

the boiling water overflows to cover the sides of the pot. A safer alternative might be let the water boil over the sides of the pot. In the case of silverware every part of each piece must be exposed to the water at a rolling boil. Following this *hag'alah* process, each utensil is rinsed in cold water.

**Metal bakeware used in a fire or in an oven** must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and then must be subjected to direct fire or an oven at its maximum setting. Thus using a blow torch or putting it in an oven during self-cleaning are two ways to accomplish this purging –*libbun*. This is a complicated and a potentially dangerous procedure and may result in discoloration or warping of the metal being purged. Exercise caution when performing *libbun*. Metal baking pans and sheets require *libbun* at very high temperatures which may warp the vessel. This may result in a reluctance to submit the vessel to the required temperature.

**A metal kitchen sink** can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and scrubbing the sink (especially the garbage catch), letting 24 hours pass during which only cold water is used, and then carefully pouring boiling water.

##### GLASS

**Glass dishes** used for eating and serving hot foods are to be treated like any dish used for eating and serving hot food. Kashering is effected by cleaning and immersing in boiling water *hag'alah*.

**Glass cookware** is treated like a metal pot for kashering (see paragraph on metal, above). The issues regarding glass bakeware are complex. Some authorities allow it to be kashered and

others do not. Drinking glasses or glass dishes used only for cold foods may be kashered by a simple rinsing. Some follow the custom of soaking them for three days.

##### PLASTICS

**Heavy duty plastics** including dishes, cutlery or serving items, providing they can withstand very hot water and do not permanently stain, may be kashered by *hag'alah*. If there is some doubt as to whether particular items can be kashered, consult your rabbi.

##### CERAMIC DISHES

**Ceramic dishes** (earthenware, stoneware, china, pottery, etc) cannot be kashered. However fine china that was put away clean and that has not been used for over one Jewish calendar year may be used after thorough detergent and hot water washing. The china is then considered *pareve* and may be designated for meat or dairy use.

##### COOKING APPLIANCES

For **ovens and ranges**, every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly cleaned. This includes the walls and the top and bottom of the oven. Then the oven or range should be heated as hot as possible. The oven should be heated at maximum heat for an hour; the range top until the elements turn red and glow. Then parts of the range top around the elements that can be covered should be covered, (usually with aluminum foil). After a general and careful cleaning, self cleaning ovens are put through the full cleaning cycle while empty. Following this process, the oven should be again cleaned to remove any ash. If the oven was very dirty to start, two cycles may be needed to assure a thorough cleaning.

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**Smooth, glass top electric ranges** require kashering by libbun and iruy – pouring boiling water over the surface of the range top. First, clean the top thoroughly, then turn the coils on maximum heat until they are red hot. Then carefully pour boiling water on the surface area over and around the burners. The range top may now be used for cooking.

**Microwave ovens** that have no convection option should be thoroughly cleaned. Then an 8 ounce cup of water is placed inside and the oven is turned on until the water almost disappears (at least 6 of the 8 ounces is gone). Heating to complete dryness may damage the oven. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

**Convection ovens** are kashered like regular ovens. Make sure that during the cleaning phase you clean thoroughly around the fan.

#### ADDITIONAL KITCHEN APPLIANCES

A **dishwasher** needs to be cleaned as thoroughly as possible including the inside area around the drainage and filters. Then a full cycle with detergent (with racks in) should be run while the dishwasher is empty. After 24 hours of not being used the dishwasher is again run empty (with racks in) and set on the highest heat for the purpose of kashering. If the sides of the dishwasher are made of enamel or porcelain, the dishwasher cannot be kashered for Pesach.

**Other electrical appliances** can be kashered if the parts that come in contact with hametz are metal and are removable, in which case they may be kashered like all other metal cooking

utensils. If the parts are not removable, the appliances cannot be kashered. We recommend whenever possible that small appliances be used that are strictly for Pesach, thus avoiding the difficulty of kashering these appliances.

#### WORK SURFACES

**Tables, closets, and counters** should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesach. The coverings can be contact paper, regular paper, foil or cloth that does not contain hametz (e.g. been starched with hametz starch). Note that the covering material should be made of material that is not easily torn.

Many **counter top surfaces** can be kashered simply by a thorough cleaning, a 24 hour wait and iruy –pouring boiling water over them. To have iruy be effective for kashering, the surface must have no hairline cracks, nicks or scratches that can be seen with the naked eye.

- Plastic laminates, limestone, soapstone, granite, marble, glass, Corian, Staron, Ceasarstone, Swanstone, Surell and Avonite surfaces can be kashered by iruy.
- Wood without scratches is also kashered by iruy.
- Ceramic, cement or porcelain counter tops cannot be kashered by iruy.

The potential effectiveness of iruy depends on the material of which the counter was made. A full list of counter materials that can be kashered (according to their decisors) may be found on the website of the Chicago Rabbinical Council (CRC). Refrigerators and freezers should be thoroughly cleaned with detergent. If there are places where food can be stuck (e.g. cracks or difficult corners to

reach), these areas should be covered.

#### FOODS

The Torah prohibits the ownership of hametz (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt) during Pesach. Ideally we burn or remove all hametz from our premises which may be effected by donations to a local food pantry. In some cases, however, this would cause prohibitive financial loss. In such cases, we arrange for the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew and its repurchase after Pesach:

**Mekhirat Hametz** – the sale of hametz is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually one's rabbi to handle the sale. This must be considered a valid and legal transfer of ownership and thus the items sold must be separated and stored away from all other foods and supplies. This means that non-Passover dishes, pots, utensils and hametz food that have been sold as part of the selling of one's hametz should be separated, covered or locked away to prevent accidental use.

At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges to repurchase the items on behalf of the owner, since the hametz at that time is again permitted. One must wait until one is sure the repurchase has been done. If ownership of the hametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of any such hametz remains prohibited after the holiday hametz she-avar alav ha-Pesach and any such products should be given away to a non-Jewish food pantry.

#### Prohibited foods

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of hametz during Pesach, and since many common foods

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contain some hametz, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach.

Prohibited foods—hametz include the following:

- biscuits
- cakes
- coffees containing cereal derivatives
- crackers
- leavened bread
- pasta

These are foods that are generally made with **wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye** (grains that can become hametz). Any food containing these grains or derivatives of these grains must be certified kosher for Pesach. Flavorings in foodstuffs are often derived from alcohol produced from one of these grains which would render that food hametz. Such products also need Pesach supervision.

#### Kitniyot

Ashkenazi Rabbinical authorities added the following foods – kitniyot to the above list of prohibited foods:

- beans
- corn
- millet
- peas
- rice
- soy

These and some other plant foods (e.g. mustard, buckwheat and sesame seeds) are not permitted for eating on Pesach. They need not be sold or disposed of before Pesach. The processed products, whether liquid or solid, from kitniyot are also forbidden by most Ashkenazic rabbinical authorities. These might include

but not be limited to ascorbic acid (vitamin C), corn oil, corn sweetener, and soy oil.

Most Sephardic authorities permit the use of all the kitniyot foods other than those that might have come in contact with the prohibited grains. Israeli products are often marked “contains kitniyot” and thus Ashkenazi Jews who do not use kitniyot need to be vigilant when purchasing Israeli products for Passover.

Our Movement’s Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has **permitted the use of peanuts and peanut oil** on Pesach provided said items have proper year round kosher certification and do not contain any hametz ingredients.

#### Permitted Foods

An item that is kosher all year round, that is made with no hametz, and is processed on machines used only for that item and nothing else (such as ground coffee) may be used with no special Pesach supervision. As we learn more about the processing of foods and the ingredients they contain, relying on the kashrut of a product for Pesach without a Passover hekhsher may be problematic. Wherever possible, processed foods ought to have a (“kasher l’Pesach”) hekhsher from a reliable source. Since that is not always possible, however, our guidelines reflect some alternatives that are acceptable.

Any food that you purchase with a “kasher l’Pesach” hekhsher must have a label that is integral to the package and it

should have the name of a recognizable, living supervising Rabbi or creditable kosher supervision agency if possible. If the label is not integral to the package or if there are questions regarding the labeling, the item should not be used without consulting a Rabbi.

#### NO PESACH HEKHSHER REQUIRED

Products which may be purchased without a Pesach hekhsher before or during Pesach:

- baking soda
- bicarbonate of soda
- eggs
- fresh fruits and vegetables
- fresh or frozen kosher meat (other than chopped meat)
- Nestea (regular and decaffeinated)
- pure black, green, or white tea leaves
- unflavored tea bags
- unflavored regular coffee
- olive oil (extra-virgin only)
- whole or gutted fresh fish
- whole or half pecans (not pieces)
- whole (unground) spices and nuts

#### NO PESACH HEKHSHER REQUIRED IF PURCHASED BEFORE PESACH

Products which may only be purchased without a Pesach hekhsher before Pesach. If bought during Pesach they require a Pesach hekhsher:

- all pure fruit juices
- filleted fish
- frozen fruit (no additives)
- non-iodized salt
- pure white sugar (no additives)
- quinoa (with nothing mixed in)

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- unsalted Grade A butter
- white milk

**Frozen, uncooked vegetables** may be processed on shared equipment that uses hametz. It is preferable to purchase those with a “kasher l’Pesach” label. One may, however buy bags of frozen non-hekshered vegetables before Pesach provided that one can either absolutely determine that no shared equipment was used or one is careful to inspect the contents before Pesach and discard any pieces of hametz. Even if one did not inspect the vegetables before Pesach, if one can remove pieces of hametz found in the package on Pesach, the vegetables themselves are permissible.

### PESACH HEKHSHER ALWAYS REQUIRED

Products which require reliable kasher l’Pesach certification (regular kosher supervision being not sufficient) whether bought before or during Pesach:

- all baked goods**
- farfel
- matzah
- any product containing matzah
- matzah flour
- matzah meal
- Pesach cakes
- all frozen processed foods**
- candy
- canned tuna
- cheeses
- chocolate milk
- decaf coffee
- decaf tea
- dried fruits
- herbal tea
- ice cream
- liquor
- non Grade A butter
- oils
- soda

- vinegar
- wine
- yogurt

Regarding cheeses and non Grade A butter, an inspection by a rabbi of a local dairy may suffice to resolve potential questions in some cases.

### BABY FOOD

Baby food with a Passover hekhsheer is sometimes available. Of course, home preparation of baby food, using kasher l’Pesach utensils and kitchen items is always possible. Pure vegetable prepared baby food that is kasher the year round is acceptable for Pesach. The use of kitniyot for babies is also acceptable with care taken that this baby food does not mix with food from the rest of the family.

Separate dishes and utensils are recommended. Most infant formulas are made from soy and the use of kitniyot does not apply to infants. Thus infant formula products, kasher the year round, are acceptable for Pesach. Here as in baby foods, the bottles, nipples and formula should be kept away from the general kitchen area and clean up should be done out of the kitchen area (e.g. a bathroom sink).

### MEDICINES

Prescription medicines are permitted. Non-prescription pills and capsules are permitted; for liquids, check with your rabbi.

### PET FOOD

The issue of pets on Pesach is a complicated one. There are several options:

1. The pet is given, for the week of Pesach, to a gentile who can feed it whatever food is available.
2. Since no hametz is allowed in our possession on Pesach, one

could feed the pet either (kasher l’Pesach) pet food, pet foods with no grain, or food off your own table which is already kasher l’Pesach. Incidentally kitniyot would be permissible.

3. Some authorities allow for the pet to be sold along with the hametz and, since the pet does not belong to the Jewish owner, regular pet food would be fed.

Note that the document of sale would have to include the pet as well as hametz. If you have these pet foods in your home be careful to keep them away from the general kitchen area. Washing of pet utensils should be done out of the kitchen area (e.g. a bathroom sink).

### NON FOOD ITEMS

Any detergents, cleaners, etc. which are not a food stuff and which are not eaten, may be used for Pesach with no hekshered supervision. This would include:

- aluminum products
- ammonia
- baby oil
- bleach
- candles
- contact paper
- charcoal
- coffee filters
- fabric softener
- isopropyl alcohol
- laundry and dish detergent
- oven cleaner
- paper bags
- paper plates (with no starch coating)
- plastic cutlery
- plastic wrap
- polish
- powder and ointment
- sanitizers
- scouring pads
- stain remover
- water with no additives
- wax paper

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 \*Walter B. Morse  
 Sadie Pravitz Muldawer  
 Anna Eisenberg Odrezin  
 \*Josephine Regal  
 \*Lillea Reznik  
 Bertha "Fritzi" Rosenberg  
 \*Robert Rosenbluth  
 \*Annie Rotenstreich  
 Rosalind Rothman  
 Ben Royal  
 Esther Rubenstein  
 \*Sam Rubenstein

\*Jennie Rubin  
 Selma Sakoloff  
 Marie Scheuer  
 Frieda Schnier  
 \*Chana Schniper  
 Marjorie Shafferman  
 \*Wilyum A. Sher  
 Jack David Silverman  
 \*Fannye Sokol  
 Paul Steinlauf  
 Harold L. Stern  
 \*Helen Wilder  
 \*Henrietta Wolf  
 Esther Zell  
 \*Philip Ziff

### *Shabbat Pesach April 13-14*

\*Ike Abelson  
 Ida Abroms  
 Warren Axelroth  
 Seymour Barnes  
 Harmon R. Berger  
 Abraham Blatt  
 Steve Browdy  
 Alfred Buchalter  
 Pearl Cohen  
 \*Sam A. Cohen  
 \*Frances Copeland  
 \*Marilyn Crayne  
 \*Etta Dannis  
 \*Grace "Tootsie" Eiman  
 Ann Elder  
 Michael Epstein  
 \*Morris Fisher  
 \*Eric Fuld  
 Sarah Gettinger  
 Albert Goldforb  
 Nakhoma Guberman  
 Lee Harris  
 \*Rose Helman  
 Bessie Kirschner  
 Sam Klotzman  
 Norman Kurman  
 Jack Lande  
 Carl Levy  
 Blanch Lipman  
 \*Folly Marcus  
 Blanche McCrossen  
 Philamae Mendelsohn  
 \*Benjamin Mesch  
 Boris T Mintsin  
 Ruth Mirelman

\*Isadore Newman  
 Andronit Peremitin  
 Abe Pizitz  
 \*Harry Ravitz  
 Sanford Reitman  
 \*Marvin Rich  
 Alex Rittenbaum  
 Edith Robinowich  
 \*Moses Robins  
 \*Maurice H. Schwartz  
 Bette Shapiro  
 Fannie Siegel  
 \*Morris Silverfield  
 Elsie Tuck Siskin  
 Morris O. Staff  
 Cecile Sundock  
 \*Peter Tichansky  
 \*Isaac Torme  
 Bernard Trachtman  
 \*Bobby Tuck  
 \*Harold Weisner  
 \*Minnie Zakuto

### *Shabbat Shemini April 20-21*

\*Abraham Banks  
 \*Sara E. Bearman  
 \*Jennie Berman  
 Barney Bonfield  
 Harold Bruchis  
 Samuel Cohen  
 Jack Cohen  
 Abraham Zechariah Cohen  
 \*Isaac Copeland  
 Meyer Davidson  
 Bea Demovskey  
 Aaron Eidex  
 \*Dina Feldstein  
 Israel Fitterman  
 Frank Friedman  
 \*Gladys Cohen Friedman  
 Lillian Furman  
 \*Sam Geeser  
 Claire Klein Gettinger  
 David Glick  
 Isadore Goldberg  
 Helen Coplon Grusin  
 Helen Jaffe  
 \*Ida Mae Jaffe  
 Rebecca Joseph  
 Anita Kaplan  
 Dorothy Kaplan  
 \*Isidore W. Kulpe

Betty Lean  
 \*Reuben Lipsitz  
 Rosa Litovsky  
 Sam Michelson  
 Alexandra Nelubin-Burman  
 \*Fannie Pearlstein  
 Gerald Permutt  
 Jean Reitman  
 Louis Roth  
 \*Edward Schulman  
 Nathan Schwartz  
 Margaret A Schwartz  
 \*Joseph Senior  
 Isadore Shiland  
 \*Sylvia Shiland  
 \*Jennie Simon  
 \*Rose Sokol  
 Tea Sternklar  
 \*Morris Tenenbaum  
 Asya S Udler  
 Neville Wallace  
 \*William Weber  
 \*Morris Weinstein  
 \*Max Weintraub  
 \*Freddy Weintraub  
 Louis Hayyim Winick  
 \*Rebecca Witt  
 Bennie Witt  
 Paul Ronald Yanuck  
 Sigmund Zion  
 Bertha Zion

### *Shabbat Tazria- Metzora April 27-28*

Leslie Allen  
 Abraham Altman  
 Dyna Asman  
 Gabriel Asman  
 \*Abe Baker  
 Harold L. Bank  
 \*Fred Berman  
 Paul Blatt  
 Lizzie Bloomston  
 Yefim Bubis  
 Ida Bubis Kishinevskaya  
 Benjamin Buchalter  
 Louna Capouya  
 Esther Cohen  
 \*Sarah Copeland  
 Bessie Low Duchan  
 Florence "Tootsie" Epsman  
 \*David Finkelstein

## Yahrzeits

Bertha Fishgal  
 Abraham Fleisher  
 \*Sarah Goldberg Frankel  
 Arthur W. Goldberg  
 \*Mary Goldstein  
 Bessie Halpern  
 Roselle Harris  
 Nadja Idelman  
 Dr. Marvin Kaplan  
 \*Baila S. Karasek  
 \*Harry Kirshner  
 Raya Kishnevskaya  
 \*Israel Landau  
 \*Samuel Lemkin  
 \*Solomon Lepp  
 \*Max Levin  
 Edna Levine  
 \*Mary Lichtenstein  
 \*Bernard Lichter  
 Khaya Lyublinskaya  
 \*Walter Morris  
 Natalie Morrow  
 Richard Nassau  
 Yetta Pizitz  
 \*Jacob Radwin  
 \*Barnet Randman  
 \*Ben Roth  
 Elenor Royce  
 \*Ethel Schoenberg  
 \*Eugene Schwartz  
 \*Edward Isaac Stein  
 Louis Stubblefield  
 Alvin Tenenbaum  
 \*William Torme  
 \*Simon Wolf  
 Muriel Zable  
 Samuel I. Zakuto  
 Itsk Zeltser  
 \*Nathan Zivitz



## Minyanaires Spring Cleaning

Over the years, many sets of tefillin and tallitot have accumulated in the Kimerling Chapel closet. Some are currently in use, and some belong to members who have passed on or moved away.



If you currently use your tefillin/tallit, or store them in the chapel closet, please come to shul and identify them by placing your business card in the bag and by placing them on one of the TOP TWO SHELVES in the chapel. If you use or want a cubby-hole, you may mark that with one of the stickers in the chapel provided for this purpose.



We will clean out the closet on April 1st. Non-kosher tefillin will be placed in our geniza (the old choir loft) for future burial. Kosher tefillin will be identified and saved for use by congregants or visitors.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Cantor Gale at [cantorgale@templebeth-el.net](mailto:cantorgale@templebeth-el.net).

## Community Announcements

**Shag Lessons at the LJCC:** Learn to shag to beach music with instructors Sally & John Harper. Offered 4 consecutive Wednesdays, March 28-April 18, 6:30-7:30 pm in the LJCC Gallery. Members \$30 per person; non-members \$40 per person. To reserve your spot, contact Mindy Cohen at 879.0411 or [mcohen@bhamjcc.org](mailto:mcohen@bhamjcc.org).

**You Belong in Birmingham's "Yoga & Wine"** will be on Sunday, April 8 from 6:00-7:15 pm at Villager Yoga on Overton Road near Magic Muffin. Enjoy an hour long yoga class by Annie Damsky, followed by a brief meditation on how wine affects the five senses, concluding with taste. Free, with donations accepted.

**Auburn University Jewish Student Organization** will host an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 7 pm at the home of Fran & Lee Godchaux, 4916 Spring Rock Road. The meeting is for prospective and incoming Jewish students and parents. For more information or to RSVP, contact Joyce Spielberger at the BJB at 879.0416 or [joyces@bjf.org](mailto:joyces@bjf.org).

**Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) Commemoration**, honoring our Birmingham Holocaust survivors, sponsored by the BJB JCRC and Birmingham Holocaust Education Center on Wednesday, April 18th, 7:00 pm at Birmingham-Southern College in the Norton Campus Center (3rd Floor, Bruno Great Hall). The program is free of charge.

**CJFS Caregivers Support Group:** April 18, 6:00-7:30 pm, Senior Lounge at the LJCC. Topic: "Adjusting to Changing Relationships."

**Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) at the LJCC:** Sunday, April 22, 3:00-5:30 pm activities on the LJCC soccer field for families, beginning with a parade to salute Israel's 64th birthday. At 5:30 pm, refreshments and picnic dinners will be available for purchase from Sababa restaurant followed by a performance from local jazz musician Eric Essix. Sponsored by the BJB Israel Connections Committee and the LJCC.

**LJCC Joy Club:** Join the Joy Club every Tuesday for a delicious kosher lunch and program at 12:15 pm. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen at 879.0411.

**P.E.A.C.E. (People Engaged in a Cultural Exchange) Birmingham:** 9th & 10th graders join in a monthly dialogue among teens from different neighborhoods, cultures and faiths that builds bridges of communication; encourages racial, religious, respect & understanding among group members. For more information, contact Linda Verin at [lindav0327@gmail.com](mailto:lindav0327@gmail.com)

**Volunteer & Study in the Conservative Yeshiva Summer Program in Jerusalem:** Choose from education, environment, caring for the community or organizational development. Session I: July 1-19; Session II: July 22-August 9. For more information, contact <http://www.conservativeyeshiva.org>.

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