

# The BULLETIN of the CHICAGO LOOP SYNAGOGUE



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*"The synagogue bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of Sarah Berlow"*

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

Is the synagogue half empty or half full? These days, that's probably a really good question to ask.

On the "half empty" side, Rabbi Kroll retired in December after nearly 40 years at the helm, and even though the transition was planned for more than a year, finding a replacement will still be a difficult task. We also experienced the recent hate crime against our building, which we are still struggling to understand. If you add these events to the complexity of running a synagogue in a busy urban location, the picture might seem a little bleak.

But as the new president of Chicago Loop Synagogue, that is not the picture I see at all. I see the synagogue as "half full" – more than half full, actually – for many reasons.

First, attendance at our three-times-a-day minyanim has never been higher. We are one of the few Jewish institutions in the country that offers this opportunity for prayer, and we are so proud that people from all over the world join us in worship every day.

Our response to the hate crime, the Interfaith Rally Against Hate, had almost 1,000 attendees. People streamed

into our building during their lunch hour. We had very impressive media coverage, and the general outpouring of support was overwhelming. We posted some of the cards and letters we received on our front windows. Passersby stop to read them and take pictures, and we encourage everyone to stop by and check them out as well.

We are beginning to add new programming to our activities. Our recent Tu b'Shevat dinner was an unqualified success, attracting children as well as adults. The sound of conversation and laughter coming from our social hall was an absolute joy to behold, and we look forward to a special Purim party on March 12. Watch your inbox for details – and if we don't have your email, now is the time to get on our list.

All these accomplishments are certainly gratifying, but the most important accomplishment is yet to come. I look forward to the day when everyone in the Loop neighborhood, whether they work or live in our vicinity, considers Chicago Loop Synagogue their spiritual home. To reach this goal, we will have to work together, share ideas and get involved – and I know it can be done.

I am completely convinced that our synagogue is not half empty, but is at least

half full. With everyone's help, we will be full to overflowing, and when that happens, I look forward to sharing the good news with you as well.

Until then, best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy Purim and Passover season.

*Lee Zoldan*

## In Memoriam

The Chicago Loop Synagogue extends its deepest sympathy to the families of:

**SAM CARL**

*Honorary Board Member*

and

**ALBERT DELIGHTER**

*Honorary Board Member*

Their concern and interest in the problems of others, their loyal devotion to their faith, family and friends will serve as a constant inspiration.

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

**The Following Individuals Have Made Contributions to The Chicago Loop Synagogue  
IN MEMORY AND APPRECIATION**

**TORAH FUND**

The Reinstein Family  
*In Honor of Robert Ferencz's 70th  
Birthday*  
Stanley R. Weinberger  
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*In memory of Her Mother,  
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*In Memory of His Sister, Sally Wolk  
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*In Memory of Their Grandmother,  
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Cynthia Mattia-Goldberg  
*In Memory of Louis M. Goldberg*

**RABBI'S FUND**

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Roger & Eleanor Feldman  
*In Memory of Her Father, Harold Zusel*  
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Steve Andes  
*In Honor of Rabbi Stanley E. Kroll's  
Retirement*  
Jeffrey S. Blumenthal  
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**RITUAL FUND**

Beatrice Crain  
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Stuart Orelove  
*In Honor of Rabbi Stanley & Rochelle  
Kroll and Their Family*  
Stacie Hartman  
*In Appreciation of Rabbi Kroll  
Officiating at Her Mom's Service*

**RITUAL FUND**

Bernard & Darlene Wiczer  
*In Honor of Their Grandson, Jack  
Feinberg's, Bar Mitzvah.*

**PRAYER BOOK FUND**

John & Jacolyn Bucksbaum  
*In Memory of Matthew & Martin  
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Keith Benzuly  
*In Appreciation of Rabbi Gerry &  
Rene Rosenberg*

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FUND**

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Gerald S. Schur  
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David & Lynsey Winner  
Gerald & Lee Zoldan

**SPECIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR PURIM**

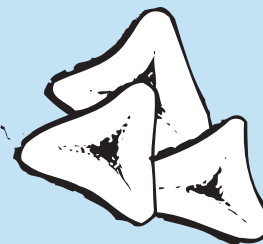
**March 11th and March 12th**

All members of the Synagogue and their families – especially their young children and grandchildren – are cordially invited to attend the reading of the *Megillah* on Purim evening, **Saturday, March 11th at 7:30 P.M.**

"Megillah



... With  
"Hamantaschen"



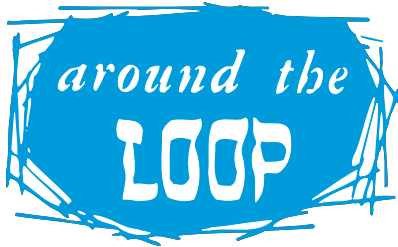
**March 11th**

Mincha ..... 12:45 P.M.  
Maariv ..... 7:15 P.M.  
Megillah ..... 7:30 P.M.

**March 12th**

Shachris ..... 9:30 A.M.  
Megillah ..... 10:05 A.M. \*  
Mincha ..... 4:30 P.M.  
Abridged Maariv ..... 4:45 P.M.

\*Followed by Annual Purim Party



The Chicago Loop Synagogue welcomes into membership the following individuals and their families: **Yeheil M. Kalish.**

On December 15th, **William Posternack** sponsored a breakfast in observance of the yahrzeit of his mother, **Dinah Posternack**, of blessed memory.

On December 17th, **Rabbi Stanley & Shelly Kroll** sponsored a Cholent Kiddush Luncheon in honor of their sons.

On December 29th, **Gary Wigoda, Jerry & Lee Zoldan, David Winner, Larry Miller, Walter March, Michael Miselman, Jim Faier, Ross Weisman, Eugene Goldfarb, Dorrn Katzin, Albert Karoll and Jeffrey Shomer** sponsored a breakfast in honor of the morning minyonaires.

On January 7th, **Jerry & Lee Zoldan** sponsored the Shabbos Kiddush in honor of the new year.

On January 14th, **Harry & Annette Gendler** sponsored a Shabbos Kiddush Luncheon in memory of **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

On January 21st, **Harry & Annette Gendler** sponsored the Shabbos Kiddush in honor of the incoming **Trump Administration.**

On January 26th, **Gary Wigoda, Barbara Gressel and Robert Wigoda** sponsored a breakfast in observance of the yahrzeit of **Gary's** son, **Jacob Wigoda**, of blessed memory.

On February 2nd, **David Newberger and Scott & Wendy Newberger** sponsored the monthly **Lunch & Learn** in memory of their parents, **Arnold & Doris Newberger.**

On February 4th, **Franklin Sabes** sponsored the Shabbos Kiddush in memory of his beloved wife, **Reada.**

On February 25th, **Harry & Annette Gendler** sponsored a Shabbos Kiddush luncheon in memory of **Bill Slavin.**

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ritual Committee requests the cooperation of all synagogue worshippers who are available for Mincha and Maariv Services on Shabbos and Sunday to make a special effort to be at these services, thus helping us to maintain uninterrupted Minyanim for the remainder of the Winter and beginning of the Spring months. The Mincha service begins at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday.

We thank you for your participation in this important Mitzvah.

### DAILY BOX KOSHER LUNCHES AVAILABLE IN THE LOOP

KOSHER LUNCHES ARE  
AVAILABLE AT  
THE CHICAGO LOOP SYNAGOGUE  
16 S. CLARK STREET  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY,  
12:00 NOON - 2:30 P.M.  
DONATION REQUIRED

### Yizkor Service

The Yizkor Memorial Services will be conducted on the last day of Passover, **TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017.** Please note that there will be only one complete service with Yizkor recited two times.

Services	Yizkor
Start at:	Starts at:
9:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.
	12:00 P.M.

*THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS*  
*of*  
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*EXTEND SINCERE WISHES*  
*for*  
**A Joyous Purim**

The Chicago Loop Synagogue  
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[www.chicagoloopsynagogue.org](http://www.chicagoloopsynagogue.org).

Contact us at our e-mail address: [loopadmn@chiloopsyn.org](mailto:loopadmn@chiloopsyn.org).



Hamantaschen...Gragers...Treats... Music  
It could only be...

**The Chicago Loop Synagogue's  
Annual Purim Party**

**Featuring Professional Magician Jay Collen**

**Who Will Present:**

**"The Inflatable Zoo: A History of Balloon  
Animal Sculpting"**

For more information about Jay, visit his website: [www.suchmagic.com](http://www.suchmagic.com)

When: Sunday, March 12th  
Megillah reading at 10:05 A.M.  
(Party to immediately follow)

Where: 16 S. Clark Street,  
between Madison & Monroe Streets,  
directly across from the Chase Bank

Admission: Adults: \$18.00 - Children: Free

Join the fun...Wear a costume!

R.S.V.P to the Synagogue at 312-346-7370  
by Thursday, March 6th

## Passover Particulars

### Siyyum

In commemoration of the deliverance of the Jewish First-born at the time of the Exodus from Egypt, the eve of the festival is observed as the “Fast of the First-born.” First-born male children customarily observe this fast unless they participate in the completion of the study of a volume of the Talmud. This is known as a **siyyum**. At the **siyyum**, the rabbi completes the study of a tractate of the Talmud and invites the first-born to share the celebration with him – thereby exempting them from fasting. The **siyyum** at the Synagogue will be held after the morning services on **Monday, April 10th at 8:35 A.M.**

### Mo’os Chitim

It is traditional for Jews, who have been blessed by the Almighty with His bounty, to make sure that their less fortunate brethren have all that is necessary to celebrate a joyous Passover. Special funds for this purpose known as **Mo’os Chitim** are collected in synagogues throughout the world. The Chicago Loop Synagogue participates in this activity. If you would like to make a contribution to the **Mo’os Chitim** Fund, please mail it directly to the Synagogue or bring it in personally and earmark it accordingly. These funds will be distributed by the Synagogue to the many individuals and institutions whose Passover will be more joyous because of your generosity.

### Passover Guide

Copies of the **Passover Guide**, published by the Chicago Rabbinical Council, are available from the Synagogue without charge. This booklet contains a listing of approved Passover foods, as well as much helpful information concerning proper observance of the holiday.

We will be happy to answer any specific questions you may have about Passover observances or to provide guidance in conducting your own Passover Seder.

### “Mechiras Chometz”

Biblical injunction provides that on Passover “no leaven may be seen **with thee**.” This was interpreted by the Rabbis to mean that the prohibition applies only when **chometz** is legally within **thy** possession. If, however, it passes out of the Jew’s ownership, it ceases to be his responsibility. Particularly in a complicated modern society where it is not possible to physically dispose of all leaven, the practice has arisen of effecting a legal transfer of ownership. This is done by authorizing a rabbi to make such a transfer. If you wish to have this done, please append your signature to the form below and mail it to the Synagogue or arrange to sign the form which will be available in the Synagogue office. This form must be received by the morning of **April 6th**. There is no charge for this service, although it is customary to make a contribution to the **Mo’os Chitim** Fund.

I hereby authorize Rabbi Gerry Rosenberg to act as my agent in effecting the transfer of any leaven or mixtures or derivative of leaven which are in my possession or for which I am legally responsible or which may be in my possession on the 14th day of Nisan of the year 5777, together with the premises on which they are located in accordance with all the requirements of the Jewish religious law.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Mo’os Chitim Fund.

## Lunch & Learn Program

The Lunch & Learn Program affords our community an opportunity to take a break from work, enjoy a lunch, hear a spiritually meaningful D’Var Torah and worship in the time it would normally take just to have lunch.

The program is offered once a month on the first Thursday of the month. Lunch begins at 12:45 P.M.; the D’Var Torah is at 1:15 P.M., followed by Mincha services at 1:30 P.M. Kosher lunch is provided by the Sandwich Club under CRC supervision. Reservations and a \$15.00 donation are required. Please contact the Synagogue office for more information. We encourage you to participate in this excellent program.

### Chicago Loop Synagogue

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**SPECIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR PASSOVER**

**Monday, April 10th  
(Passover Eve)**

Shachris.....7:45 A.M.  
Mincha.....1:30; 4:45 P.M.  
Maariv\*\*.....5:00 P.M.

**Tuesday & Wednesday, April 11th & 12th  
(First & Second Days of Passover)**

Shachris.....9:30 A.M.  
Mincha.....5:00 P.M.  
Maariv\*.....5:30 P.M.

**Thursday & Friday, April 13th & April 14th  
(First & Second Intermediate Days)**

Shachris.....7:45 A.M.  
Mincha.....1:30; 4:45 P.M.  
Maariv\*\*.....5:00 P.M.

**Saturday, April 15th  
(Shabbat Chol Hamoed)**

Shachris.....9:30 A.M.  
Mincha.....12:45 P.M.

**Sunday, April 16th  
(Fourth Intermediate Day of Passover)**

Shachris.....9:30 A.M.  
Mincha.....4:30 P.M.  
Maariv\*\*.....4:45 P.M.

**Monday, April 17th  
(Seventh Day of Passover)**

Shachris.....9:30 A.M.  
Mincha.....4:45 P.M.  
Maariv\*\*.....5:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, April 18th  
(Eighth Day of Passover)**

Shachris.....9:00 A.M.  
Yizkor.....10:45 & 12:00 Noon  
Mincha.....4:45 P.M.  
Maariv\*\*.....5:00 P.M.

**Note:** \* While Maariv Services are conducted at this time, the Sabbath or Holiday does not terminate until 8:12 P.M. on April 12th and 8:16 P.M. on April 15th and 8:20 P.M. on April 18th.

\*\* Abridged Maariv

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