



CONGREGATION
BethShalom

The Scroll

Karpas: The Best Salad Dish Ever

BY RABBI DAVID M. GLICKMAN

Everybody has a favorite part of their seder: the four children, the all night seder, dayeinu, the plagues, chad gadya. For me, it is Karpas.

Karpas is the first thing we do at the seder. At a minimum it is a vegetable which you can say the blessing *Borei P'ri Ha-Adamah* (Blessed are You who created fruit of the earth)

over dipped in salt water or vinegar. Growing up in my family, it was parsley dipped in salt water. Some Ashkenazi families have the tradition of a boiled potato – after all, in Eastern Europe, potatoes were often one of the only fresh vegetables you could get in March or April. For Hasidic families of the same region, they would often have a raw onion – since you can eat it raw, unlike a potato.

It was not until rabbinical school, though, when Annie and I began hosting our own seders that we grew to love Karpas. We were inspired by Noam Zion's original, interactive Haggadah *A Different Night* that encouraged its participants to recreate a Roman symposium – lounging on sofas, dipping vegetables and discussing the stories of our tradition. While we did not go full-out Roman-era Toga party, we would have the first part of our seder on the couches and floor cushions of our small, NYC apartment having all manners of vegetables and dip.



When our children were growing up, a favorite preparation was making “Karpas People” – heads made from cantaloupes with everything on their faces edible for the karpas course.

There is also a very hidden meaning to karpas for those steeped in Biblical and Rabbinic tradition. Rashi describes Joseph's colored coat as coat of fine wool, and the word he uses is “karpas” which is found only in the

Biblical book of Esther. So, for the attuned listener, the word “karpas” – and the act of dipping – recalls Joseph's brothers dipping his coat in blood. This act of brotherly violence is what puts into motion our descent to Egypt and hundreds of years of slavery.

But, in our family's most used Haggadah, the *Elie Wiesel Haggadah*, Karpas is meant to latch onto our inner child. Wiesel writes: “The ritual has only one purpose: to excite our curiosity.”

One could spend the entire year studying the text of the Passover Haggadah. The rabbis in our Haggadah stay up all night, and we could too. The key is to find little gems and nuggets that you can latch onto and go deep with your family. Those will become the stuff of lasting memories.

From my family to all of yours – may this Pesach bring freedom and redemption in all aspects of your lives this year.

Happy
Passover



Where Is Jewish Life Happening? More Places Than One Might Think

BY RABBI TALIA KAPLAN



When I went on USY Poland/Israel Pilgrimage — my first time in Europe — we witnessed sites of destruction and monuments to loss. I came home feeling compelled to return to Israel, but also feeling like I had sufficiently experienced the suffering of Jewish communities in Europe. Bearing witness was important, but I did not know if I could stomach it so intensely again.

The one window into contemporary Jewish life came on Shabbat at an Orthodox shul in Kraków. We young women were on the second floor, peering down through a slotted mehitza at the davening below, witnessing more than participating. In some ways, that's been the posture of American Jews toward Europe — present, but separated from its living pulse. For many of us raised in American Jewish communities, Europe is a place we go to encounter our past.

Fast forward almost a decade. My hevruta from rabbinical school is from Berlin. He came to the States for school and, after ordination, returned home to serve at Hillel Berlin and pursue a Ph.D. in Jewish thought. I've long wanted to experience his home, but I felt a real hesitance about going to the epicenter of the Shoah.

Imagine my delight when the opportunity arose to travel to Berlin to celebrate the unfolding story of the

Jewish people. I was invited to celebrate the installation of my colleague Rabbi Gesa Ederberg as President of the Rabbinical Assembly. The RA, the Conservative/Masorti body of rabbis, brought colleagues from the US and Israel to join our European colleagues— including my hevruta— in Berlin to attend her installation and meet with German government officials. I was on the ground floor watching a woman take the helm of our global

movement. I came as a representative of one thriving Jewish community to support another, invited to encounter the country through its Jewish now.

Especially as we approach Yom HaShoah, let us remember the multivocality of the Jewish story. The Masorti movement — our Conservative Jewish community — has synagogues across Europe, Latin America, and Israel. These aren't outposts or remnants. They are living, growing kehillot full of Jews asking the same questions we ask here in Kansas City: How do we make Jewish life meaningful? How do we hold tradition and change at the same time? How do we keep showing up for each other?

Rabbi Ederberg's term as president is evidence that Jewish future is not located in any single place, and that our obligation as Masorti Jews is not just to the communities most visible, but to a global one.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Notice of Election per our By-Laws.

*The vote will be held at our Torah
Fund Brunch on*

Sunday, April 19, 2026

*The installation be held at our May
program.*

*The Nominating Committee which
is co-chaired by Dini Freed and Jill
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January 2026 to fill the Board of
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Shir Joy

BY HAZZAN TAHL BEN-YEHUDA



It will not surprise you one bit to learn that my home growing up was filled with music. My father, whose nickname among some of his friends was “the electronic Rabbi,” always had the most up-to-date and very sophisticated Hi-Fi system, and music was playing in his study as well as the living room and dining room of our house whenever he was at home and awake. My childhood soundtrack included not only tons of classical music and Hebrew music, but also music of the Beatles, Joani Mitchell, Joan Baez, Judy Collins, John Denver and Neil Diamond, among so many others. Together we watched broadcasts of Rigoletto, Tosca, Die Fledermaus and other operas with my parents – didn’t all kids do this?

But of all the music that filled our home, what moved my whole family to song (other than Shabbat zmirot and Alan Sherman) was musical theater. I remember not only watching The Sound Of Music, Singing In The Rain, Gigi, Guys and Dolls, Man of Lamancha, Camelot and so many other musicals on TV with my parents, but then singing so many of the songs with them or just listening to Mom and Abba sing at the top of their lungs, holding hands, as we drove from Western Pennsylvania to New

Jersey and New York. These are some of the very best memories of my life.

The last concert we produced for our community, Shir Joy, was in the spring of 2019. About a year ago, I decided that not only was it time to have another concert, but that the timing and the theme of the concert would be very special – this concert will be my first non-liturgical concert performance since the death of my father, and it will focus on the musical theater songs that he and

my mother loved the best – the love songs, the uplifting, sometimes silly songs from some of their favorite musicals and mine.

I hope that you will mark your calendar and plan to join me and several of my colleagues, Hazzan Asa Fradkin, Hazzan Jesse Holzer and Cantor David Childs as well as our High Holidays Service Leader, Emma Jacobson for

Shir Joy 2026

Tuesday evening, May 5 at 7:15 pm.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, so please do RSVP!

I can’t wait to see you there to share this special music with you.

SHIR JOY

CANTORIAL CONCERT

TUESDAY, MAY 5

7:15 PM

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM



Are You Free?

BY CIVIA WHITE
PRS DIRECTOR



Picture this. About 30 years ago, Scott, our sons Jacob and Benjamin, and I were seated around our Seder table. At the time, the kids were in preschool here at Beth Shalom. On the table was a collection of adorable kid-made Passover items: an Afikomen bag, a plastic Seder plate, and some paper frogs. To engage our family and guests, Scott would pose a question and then have each person answer it. “Are you free?” he asked. The adults shared some interesting insights as they responded. Scott turned to little Benjamin and asked him, “Benjamin, are you free?” “No Abba! I am not free. I am two!”

Poor Benjamin, who now has a two-year-old of his own, has to hear us tell this story again and again. For us, sharing this charming tale is a family tradition. Passover is a great time to create fond memories and, as you can see, it often doesn't take much planning. If, however, you are a planner and looking for materials to help engage your children in the Seder, I suggest that you narrow your search to the website called That Jewish Moment. Sari Kopitnikoff is the creator of the materials that you will find there. Her word games and puzzles teach Jewish vocabulary as you play and her skits, recipes, short stories, and songs offer something new for

everyone in the family.

I am so excited to announce that Sari Kopitnikoff will be coming to Kansas City to run a workshop for the many Jewish educators in our community. At 12:30 pm on April 19, the Polsky Religious School faculty and staff will join educators from area religious schools for an afternoon lunch-and-learn to be held at Congregation Beth Torah. Sari will give us tips on how to use her materials in our classrooms and will also lead a workshop on clever and effective classroom management strategies.

Sunday school will take place as usual from 9:30 am to 12 pm without Talmid (extra hour) on April 19. Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Kansas City for sponsoring this wonderful professional development opportunity.

Hag Sameach, Happy Passover from my family to yours,
Civia White

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Sunday, April 12, 2026

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Harris Greenberg
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5	Mark Eisemann & Leslie Mark.	39	29	Clarence & Alice Winer	70
5	Bob & Bette Grossman	45			



HAPPY PASSOVER!

APRIL 1-9

Wednesday, April 1

7 am Fast of the First Born
Service Followed by Breakfast
Library Minyan Room

8:30 am Congregation Chametz Burning
Lower Level Circle Drive

10:52 am Last Time to Eat Chametz
Offices Close at noon
12:07 pm Last Time to Burn Chametz

No Evening Minyan

Thursday, April 2

Offices Closed
9 am Yom Tov Services
Sanctuary
No Evening Minyan

Friday, April 3

Offices Closed
9 am Yom Tov Services
Sanctuary
No Evening Minyan

Saturday, April 4

9:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary
No Evening Minyan

Sunday, April 5

8 am Minyan
6 pm Minyan (Zoom only)

Monday, April 6

7 am Minyan
6 pm Minyan (Zoom only)

Tuesday, April 7

7 am Minyan
Offices Close at noon
6 pm Minyan (Zoom Only)

Wednesday, April 8

Offices Closed
9 am Yom Tov Services
Sanctuary
No Evening Minyan

Thursday, April 9

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