



## Third Model Seder Hosted by CAS, a Huge Success.



**T**uesday, the third annual Model Seder was held at Congregation Ahavas Sholom Synagogue, Newark New Jersey. The event, designed to bring together students of diverse backgrounds and foster a much needed understanding and mutual respect among our youth, was the largest to date. More than one hundred ten Sixth grade students from The Robert Treat Academy, Newark NJ, Gottesman RTW Academy, Randolph NJ, and Golda Och Academy, West Orange NJ, spent a wonderful morning; meeting, greeting, talking to, and learning from, one another. The Seder brought together students from various racial religious and economic backgrounds to learn from one another. According to Ilyse Muser Shainbrown, the hope of the Seder event was to enable students to learn from one another; to share commonalities instead of focusing on differences. “The students are supposed to have fun and get to know each other.”

The model Seder included a reading of an abridged Haggadah; that described the Hebrew’s history of being enslaved by the Pharaoh in Egypt and Hashem’s call to Moses (Moshe) to return to Egypt, and lead the Hebrews to freedom; A concept that is understood in both the Christian and Jewish religions, as well as being relevant to the Jewish and African-American students in attendance. The event, hosted by The Jewish Federation of Greater Metro-West, was sponsored, through a generous donation from the Paula and Jerry Gottesman family foundation. Paula and Jerry Gottesman have always supported Jewish causes and education, and continue to do so through the foundation. Jerry Gottesman, who passed in 2017, at the age of 87, was an extremely successful



Ilyse Muser Shainbrown

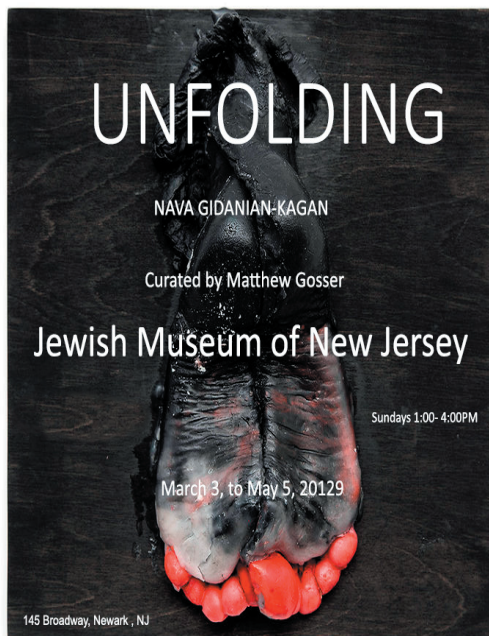






business person

and a leading figure in the New York/ New Jersey real estate industry. In 1956 Jerry, with his brother, Harold, co-founded Edison Properties. The company has interests in real estate, mini storage, parking lots, and shared workspace offices. Jerry Gottesman served as Chairman of the organization until his passing. It has often been said, understanding undermines hate; opening the door to true co-existence. In that vein, events like the model Seder is a major step in the right direction. Once again, the event was held at Congregation Ahavas Sholom. CAS, Executive Director, Eric Freedman, in his commitment to community and the mitzvah of Tikun Olam continues to lead the synagogue to higher ground. Let's hope the Model Seder becomes a tradition that returns for years to come. ✡



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# Women's History Month Art Exhibit Extended




*Paula Borenstein*

The Women's History Month Exhibit at the Elizabeth Public Library has been extended until April 25, 2019. The exhibit, that opened on March 11, 2019, showcases the work of several talented female artists; including Daphnie Manzione, Sharon Curia, Violet La Vey, and two of our favorite female artists, Paula Borenstein and JMNJ board member Joanne Leone. The exhibit is more focused on the artist's work than any particular historic woman or theme. With the exception of Daphnie Manzione's homage to Madame Curie, aka, Marie Skłodowska Curie and Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo, and all of the artists in the exhibit being women. Yet, that was not a weakness, quite the contrary; the show was solid in its own right. Some of the work was very personal for Paula Borenstein as she explored the themes

of loss. Borenstein, who works with fabrics, included two pieces that are part of a larger series entitled 'Unacceptable, Acceptable losses.' Her pieces were dedicated to two lost friends; one lost in childhood, and, the other, lost in young adulthood.

Joanne Leone's offering also explores loss; but in a different way. Leone channeled the highs and lows of teaching art in the Newark public school system to create several pieces. Leone's pride in the talent and creativity of her students is countered by her awareness that poverty, despair, violence, and loss are all too often the inspiration behind their work. According to Leone, "The pride and sense of accomplishment reflected on the student's faces is, unfortunately, juxtaposed with their stories of violence against and all around them." She believes art can be a refuge saying, "Art and a supportive classroom provide students with opportunities to transcend their reality and find hope."

Other artists include Daphnie Manzione, a web designer and graphic artist; Sharon Curia, a photographer whose father gave her a camera at ten, and she's been making fine photographs ever since; Violet La Vey, a tattoo artist, musician, and sculptor 

# Simon Says

*Weekly insights from Rabbi Simon Rosebach*



**D**uring Pesach, we are not to have any Hametz in our houses (and cars, or places of business, etc.). It's impractical and very costly simply to discard our hametz, so the custom evolved to sell our hametz to a non-Jew. The sale is absolute, but to insure that the buyer does not actually walk into our houses and cart our hametz away, the sale is usually conducted in this way: the buyer agrees to pay a large sum, say, \$1,000,000, structured as \$1.00 down and \$999,999 to be paid at the end of the holiday. When the buyer can't fulfill the contract, ownership of the hametz reverts to us.

I have for years worked in tandem with Rabbi Mark Mallach at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael to sell our

hametz. If you want to sell your hametz, mail the proxy below the dotted line to Rabbi Mark Mallach, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, New Jersey 07082, with a check (usually for \$18) to Rabbi Mallach's Discretionary Fund. If you desire to perform a ceremony of ritual kinyan (acquisition) in person, call Rabbi Mallach at 973-376-0539 to arrange an appointment.

Pesach starts this year on Friday evening, April 19, so we must have our hametz sold by 10:00 am on that day. That means we must insure that Rabbi Mallach receives the proxy by 10:00 am on April 19. I have inserted language in the proxy for pets and pet food.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, fully empower and permit Rabbi Mark Mallach to act on my behalf and to sell all hametz, as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, that I possess, whether knowingly or unknowingly. I also fully empower and permit the rabbi to lease all places that I own or possess in which hametz may be found. (Check if applicable: ☐ I also fully empower and permit the rabbi to sell my pets and their food.) This sale and lease transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, from 10:00 am on Nisan 14, 5779 (corresponding to April 19, 2019), through one hour after sundown on Nisan 22, 5779 (corresponding to April 22, 2019).

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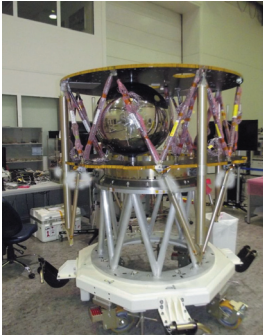
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# Israel's Beresheet Fails to Land on the Moon



*Beresheet*

✠ Israel's attempt to become only the fourth country to land on the moon came up short as Israeli spacecraft Beresheet was lost. The spacecraft constructed by SpaceIL was reported lost when the spacecraft experienced last minute difficulties during its landing attempt. The craft (Beresheet) hitched a ride on a NASA Launched, SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, on February 21, 2019. The craft dislodged successfully, and remained in the earth's orbit for about a month, until it built up enough momentum to project it into the moon's orbit. Everything worked as planned until Beresheet attempted to land. The problems began when Beresheet was only 22 kilometers (approximately 13 miles) above the moon's surface. The craft had trouble with the telemetry, which hampers

a craft's automated communications process. Once the problem was fixed the craft lost its main engine. Beresheet was reset, and the engine reengaged; but shortly thereafter, they lost all communication with the spacecraft. In a statement, NASA's Jim Bridenstine, said, "While NASA regrets the end of the SpaceIL mission without a successful lunar landing of the Beresheet lander, we congratulate SpaceIL, the Israel Aerospace Industries and the state of Israel on the incredible accomplishment of sending the first privately funded mission into lunar orbit. Every attempt to reach new milestones holds opportunities for us to learn, adjust, and progress. I have no doubt that Israel and SpaceIL will continue to explore and I look forward to celebrating their future achievements.

The project was funded by \$100 million in private donations, with a majority coming from Morris Kahn (a South African-born Israeli billionaire entrepreneur,) who contributed \$40million, acted as the project's lightning rod, and served, as SpaceIL's President.



## Help Us Remodel Our Kitchen

It's been estimated it will take \$60,000 to properly renovate our kitchen.

April Modlinger, who has always been a pillar at Congregation Ahavas Sholom, has generously pledged \$10,000 to making this happen.

We have recently received another pledge for \$2,200, bringing the total to 12,200.

With your help Congregation Ahavas Sholom will soon have a kitchen we all deserve.

**Make your pledge today!**

## Kiddush Sponsorship

**L**ast week Kiddush was sponsored by Rasbbi Simon Rosenbach in honor his son's upcoming wedding. Our goal is to have every Kiddush sponsored. To sponsor a Kiddush, email Rabbi Rosenbach or contact Alla Eicheldinger at Alla7815@yahoo.com. You can also help us by shopping, which doesn't cost any money, just a little time. We'll give you a list of items, you shop and we'll reimburse you.

## Shabbat Services

**J**oin us this Saturday for Shabbat services. Strangers, visitors, friends, old and new; our doors are open to you. Looking for a new home? New members are always welcome at Congregation Ahavas Sholom services starts at 9:00AM. Our congregation is open and welcoming, so feel free to pay us a visit.

***The Exodus from Egypt occurs in every human being, in every era, in every year, and in every day."*** --

***Rabbi Nachman of Breslov***

**Art Exhibit**

**Opening  
Reception**

**Monday,  
March 11  
6:30-8pm**

*Celebrate Women's  
History Month!*

**Featuring local artists:**

**Daphnie Manzione  
Sharon Curia  
Joanne Leone  
Violet La Vey  
Paula Borenstein**

*Drop by to meet  
the artists and  
enjoy free  
refreshments.*



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