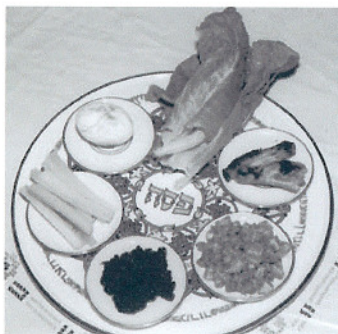


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## CBI Passover Seder April 9

Our congregational Seder takes place at CBI on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 9, at 6 p.m. Last year we “sold out” with over 100 participants, so please make your reservation today by sending in the flyer on page 11 to the address listed on the flyer.



The food, prepared by Scott and Jona Pressman with Fran Halimi, is delicious. The Seder is friendly, fun and participatory. Our Seder is led by Rabbi Danan along with Avraham Danan, Keren Carter and others, with beautiful piano accompaniment by Grant Levin.

The Haggadah states, “let all who are hungry come and eat.” In order to enable family participation, kids under 8 eat free, and ages 8-12 are only \$10. If cost is an issue, please contact Rabbi Danan or the Halimis as soon as possible to request a confidential discount.

### Israeli Dinner Fundraiser for Religious School

Sunday, April 26, 5:30 p.m.  
 \$8 Adults • \$4 Kids 12 & under  
 \$20 Family

## Yom Hashoah April 20, 7:30 p.m.

### Son of Partisan Fighters to Speak Local Holocaust Survivor Honored

The movie *Defiance*, based on the true story of Jewish partisans who fought the Nazis, has created interest in this little-known aspect of Holocaust history. CBI will hold its annual Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) service on Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue with special guest speaker, author Michael Bart, a son of Partisans. We will also introduce and honor Holocaust survivor and rescuer, Bert Schapelhouman, who lives in Magalia.

Michael Bart is the son of Holocaust survivors whose parents escaped the Vilna ghetto and became members of the Partisans of Vilna with Abba Kovner's Avengers group.



They did not share their story with him, and he only began to discover it after the death of his father, a former mainline partisan fighter whose primary mission was the sabotage and destruction of Nazi trains. Michael's father always told him,

“Doing the right thing isn't always easy, but it's always right.”

Michael Bart's book was published by St. Martin's Press. The title comes from part of a speech given in the ghetto by resistance leader

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## Four Frequently Asked Questions for Passover

### 1. What is Passover?

Passover or Pesach is a week-long biblical Festival of Freedom held every spring (8 days in Conservative/Orthodox diaspora practice). It begins with one or two Seders, meals with symbolic foods in which we retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. The Seder text is found in the Haggadah. Many households have a Seder at home the first night (April 8 this year) and participate in the community Seder on the second night.

### 2. Which foods are passed up during Passover?

On Passover, we abstain from eating chametz or leavened foods. Chametz is simply defined as one of five grains: wheat, rye, barley, oats or spelt, once moistened and beginning to ferment. That means no regular bread, cakes, crackers, cereals, pasta, cookies, or even grain-based alcoholic drinks or vinegars during Passover. Traditional cooks came up with many ingenious substitutes to provide plenty of holiday delicacies. Many from Ashkenazic (Northern and Eastern European) background also abstain from rice and legumes during Passover, although these are not expressly forbidden.

### 3. How does one prepare for Passover?

Chametz should be removed from the home during the holiday. A thorough "spring cleaning" is the first step to removing stray crumbs, and traditional Jews "kasher" the kitchen and use special holiday dishes. It is a memorable ritual to search for crumbs of chametz on the eve of the holiday and burn them in the morning (instructions can be found in most haggadahs). It is also an old tradition to symbolically "sell" any remaining chametz for the duration of the festival. Anyone who would like to have their chametz sold through CBI should e-mail Rabbi Danan prior to the holiday.

### 4. Why is Matzah different from all other breads?

Matzah is made of flour mixed with water and cooked at a very high temperature within 18 minutes, before it can become leavened. Make sure that Matzah purchased says, "Kosher for Passover," because some varieties are made for year round use and not for following holiday laws.

For more details, check out: [www.myjewishlearning.com](http://www.myjewishlearning.com)

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Abba Kovner where he said, "We shall not go like sheep to slaughter, we shall fight, *Until Our Last Breath*." The book has recently won the 2008 Christopher Award in the Books for Adults category. This award is given to remind readers, of all ages and faiths, of their worth and power to make a difference and positively influence our world.

Michael has been the chair of the Community Holocaust Commemoration in San Diego for the past four years. Through his community service and book, his goal is to honor the victims of the Holocaust, honor the survivors, and to honor his parents' memory.

Bert Schapelhouman was a teenager in Holland when the Nazis invaded. He and his family and many others from his small farming village were involved from the beginning in resistance and rescue. At great risk, they hid Jews and allied soldiers in their home. One night, Nazis surrounded their home and they were caught. There were two Jews and an allied airman in the house. The men in the family, Bert, his brother, and his father, were arrested. They were beaten, tortured and imprisoned for their activities. Bert was sent to Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. The cruelty he saw and suffered there still brings tears to his eyes. Bert returned home after the camp was liberated but his brother and father lost their lives.

Join us for this most special Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration evening.



There was a time when Sarah's chicken soup was the highlight of every Passover Seder.

This year, Sarah cannot afford the ingredients to make a pot of soup.

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"Let all who are hungry enter and eat."  
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