My teacher, Rabbi Ebn Leader, reminds us that our calendar has a cycle of three redemption holidays starting in the spring: Purim, Passover, and Yom Ha’Atzma’ut (Israel’s Independence Day). Each of these redemption holidays is preceded by a day of introspection. Ta’anit Esther, the Fast of Esther, comes before Purim; Ta’anit Bechorot, the Fast of the Firstborn, comes before Passover; and Yom HaZikaron, the Day of Remembrance, comes before Yom Ha’Atzma’ut.

Rabbi Leader begins with the premise, based on the teachings of Maimonides, that communal fasts, including those related to historical occurrences, are opportunities for reflection and Teshuvah. Teshuvah literally “returning,” but within this context, it has the special meaning of “returning to God,” or “returning to what is right and good.” These days of introspection, he suggests, balance the celebration of redemption by raising awareness about the casualties of the process of redemption. Ta’anit Bechorot raises awareness of the death of the Egyptian firstborn. Ta’anit Esther raises awareness of the thousands of deaths described in Chapter 9 of the Megilah. Yom HaZikaron is dedicated to the memory of the IDF soldiers who were killed fighting for the State of Israel.

The lesson of this liturgical cycle is profound. It teaches us that the celebration of redemption and the sadness over the process do not cancel each other out. Too often we are tempted either to ignore the victims or to denigrate the achievement. Our challenge is to find the proper balance between celebrating redemption, and thinking about its process, and the victims of that process.

Where is this process playing out in our communal and individual lives?

Most of us live in relative luxury that has set us free from the many forms of bondage that poverty involves. This is certainly true when compared to “third world” countries, but even when compared to many people in this country. Who are the victims of the economic system that enable us to live in this luxury? How can we work to improve their situation?

The establishment and continued existence of the State of Israel comes at the price of many casualties. How can we work to improve the situations confronting Israelis?
and Palestinians? Jews and Moslems? What can we do here in Manchester? What can we do for those living in Israel?

Our sages of blessed memory teach that Purim is the earliest holiday in this cycle, as it marks the beginning of Redemption. Jews defeated their enemies and rose to a favored position in the land. Passover marks the next step. At this point, we left a land that was not our own, and began our journey to the Promised Land. Yom Ha’atzmaut marks the third step: this is the moment when Jews finally re-established their autonomy in the land of our ancestors.

It is perhaps this last holiday that seems the most remarkable. Would any of our ancestors, prior to the 20th century, ever have imagined that this moment would actually arrive? And yet, even this moment requires careful retrospection. Redemption, no matter how miraculous, involves casualties. If we are to merit continued redemption, then we must never forget the victims of the process... even those who may have once fought on the side of Pharaoh.

by Aida Koocher

The 3rd and 4th graders learned about the Jewish wedding ceremony. They made miniature Chuppahs and filled out imitation ketubahs. The students love completing crafts that support their Jewish learning at Hebrew School.
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| Adar-II 7 17 Richard Chase | |
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March 5 38 years

Helena & Steve Guttman
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Mar. 5: Christine Gagnon
Mar. 6: Shane Citron
Mar. 9: Ariel Cohen
Mar. 10: Stephen Singer

Happy Birthday!

Mar. 14: Arnold Cohen
Mar. 14: Pam Saulten
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Mar. 19: Adam Sklar
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Office Hours:
10-4: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri
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Early Closing: March 17th, 12:30pm
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Apr 8 John Weber
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Apr 1 – 6:55pm
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Apr 15 – 7:11pm
Apr 22 – 7:19pm
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Apr 27 – 7:26pm
Apr 28 – 7:27pm
Sheila Ann White
September 9, 1932 - January 14, 2016

A respected longtime Manchester resident, Sheila White spent many hours volunteering and helping others. Sheila was a cherished member of Temple Adath Yeshurun for many years, with many friends at Temple Israel as well.

We offer our condolences to Wendy White, and Debbie Mostkoff and husband Ben; and three grandchildren, Noah, Ariella and Naomi Mostkoff.

Temple Israel mourns the passing of Robert Jolton – husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to countless – on Sunday January 17, 2016. Our sincere condolences to Judith, Jeffrey, Steven, Lauren, Isabella and Bailey.

Leland Churchill
March 25, 1931 to January 22, 2016

We offer our condolences to Temple Israel member Carol Cohen on the loss of her father, Leland Churchill.

Leona Charron

Temple Israel notes with sadness the loss of former member Leona Charron on Feb. 20th at the age of 92.

Leona is survived by her daughters Donna Charron Cristen and Maureen Charron-Shea, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Harry, and by her parents, Maurice and Theresa Tevelov.

Mazel Tov

to Samuel Alan Izsak (Yitzhak Dovid) on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah Saturday, March 12, 2016

Congratulations to Jamie Danklefs (Yael Elisheva) On her upcoming Bat Mitzvah March 26, 2016
With great appreciation, we recognize the following people:

The Kiddush Lunch Crew - Renee Brenner, Carol Sternberg, Roberta Silberberg, David Winthrop and Merle Paltrow.

David Winthrop for quietly meeting the building upkeep and event preparation needs throughout the year, and for heading up the Torah Restoration Project.

The Sydney/Singer family for maintaining the grounds and property and providing food pickup service for our special events.

Bernice & Saul Taube for their generous donations to the Braverman Chanukah Fund.

Stephen Singer for coordinating morning services.

Liz & Larry Eckman for supplying kitchen and bathroom supplies.

Aida Koocher & Charlotte Crockett for volunteering at our Hebrew School.

Mazel Tov
To Neil Aaron Guttman
(Nachman Areye-Lev)
on his upcoming
Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, April 9, 2016

In our thoughts and prayers . . . . .

Jordan Singer
Steven Novak
Pearl Davidow
Sandi McCurdy
Arnold Cohen
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A huge, heartfelt Thank You to: Heidi Miller of The Perfect Platter, For her incredible flexibility, generous closing dates, and wonderful meals. You are the best! May the folk be with you . . . .

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