

New Americans Celebrate Passover-Purim Party

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Singing songs of their homeland at the Purim-Passover Festival — at piano is Irina Shubb-Frumes; from left, standing are: Anna Mongayt, Michael Tankhilevich, and Grate Mikskis.

I am editor of the Russian section of *The Journal*. Usually, I try to give information about life in the Jewish community of

the North Shore to people from former USSR. Those people face in America many problems: adaptation, cultural and

language shock. They spend a rather long time to get used to an absolutely different life. Sometimes they don't know Jewish life at all. There is nothing close to the previous lifestyle. However, we Russian-American community members are ready to accept our new life and enjoy full rights of American Jews.

On Sunday, March 28, Russian Jews came to Temple Israel in Swampscott to participate in the celebration of Jewish holidays: Purim and Passover.

This party was made possible by the support of Hittim Appeal and organized by Self Help for New Americans (SANA). Why do we celebrate two different holidays at the same time? SANA Executive Director Maria Weitz said, that it took some time

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