



# PRIDE of ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

# SHABBAT MATTERS

5 Nissan, 5784

April 13, 2024

## SHABBAT TAZRIA

Torah Reading

Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59

Haftarah

2 Kings 4:42 - 5:19

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## CANDLE LIGHTING

April 12 - 7:39 p.m.

April 19 - 7:48 p.m.

## PLEASE NOTE

The office will be closed over Passover as follows:

Tuesday, April 23 -

Wednesday, April 24th

Monday, April 29th

Tuesday, April 30th.

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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

### THE FEAST

By Tuvia Bolton

There were once two beggars who used to go around begging together. One was Jewish and the other a gentile. As the night of Passover approached, the Jewish beggar offered to help his non-Jewish friend get invited to a seder (the festive Passover meal accompanied by many commandments and rituals) and get a good meal. "Just put on some Jewish clothes and come with me to the synagogue. Everyone brings home poor guests for the seder. It's easy, you'll see."

The non-Jewish beggar happily agreed. On the first night of Passover they went to the synagogue, and sure enough, both got invited to different homes for the festive ceremony.

Hours later they met in a predetermined place in the local park. But to the amazement of the Jewish beggar, his friend was blazing mad.

"What did you do to me?" He shouted. "You call that a meal? It was torture!! It was hell! I'll pay you back for this; you'll see..."

"What do you mean? What happened?" the Jew asked.

"What happened? As if you didn't know! You Jews are crazy - that's what happened! First we drank a glass of wine. I like wine, but on an empty stomach... My head started spinning a bit but I figured that any second we would begin the meal. The smell of the food from the kitchen was great. Then we ate a bit of parsley. Then they started talking, and talking, and talking. In Hebrew. All the time I'm smiling and nodding my head as if I understand what they're saying - like you told me to - but my head is really swimming and hurting from the wine and I'm dying of hunger.

"The smell of the food from the kitchen is making me insane, but they don't bring it out. For two hours they don't bring anything out! Just talking, and more talking. Then, just what I needed.... another cup of wine! Then we get up, wash hands, sit back down and eat this big wafer called matzah that tastes like newspaper, leaning to the left (don't ask me why...). I started choking, almost threw up. And then finally they give me this lettuce, I took a big bite and wham! My mouth was on fire. My throat! There was horseradish inside! Nothing to eat but horseradish! You guys are crazy...."

"Well, I just got up and left. Enough is enough!"

"Ah, I should have told you." replied the Jew. "What a shame! After the bitter herbs is a glorious meal. You suffered so long; you should have just held out for a few more minutes...!"

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## THANK YOU

Thank you to Cantor Weinberg for sponsoring an upgraded Kiddush on Shabbat, April 13 in memory of his parents Morris David and Pearl Weinberg<sup>z"l</sup>'s yahrzeit.

Thank you to Michael and Shawna Kamien for sponsoring breakfast on Sunday, April 14th, 2024 to honour the yahrzeits of their mothers, Rachael (Rae) Kamien<sup>z"l</sup> and Audrey Kumer<sup>z"l</sup>.

## SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

Friday, April 12 7:30 a.m.  
and 5:30 p.m. - on Zoom

Shabbat, April 13 - 9:00 a.m.  
In Person Services and  
Maariv 8:50 p.m. on Zoom

## SHACHARIT & MINCHA

Sunday 9:00 a.m. in-person and 6:30 p.m. on Zoom  
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

## TAZRIA IN A NUTSHELL

*Leviticus 12:1-13:59*

The name of the Parshah, "Tazria," means "conceives" and it is found in Leviticus 12:2.

The Parshah of Tazria continues the discussion of the laws of **tumah v'taharah**, ritual impurity and purity.

A woman giving birth should undergo a process of purification, which includes immersing in a *mikvah* (a naturally gathered pool of water) and bringing offerings to the Holy Temple. All male infants are to be circumcised on the eighth day of life.

*Tzaraat* (often mistranslated as leprosy) is a supra-natural plague, which can afflict people as well as garments or homes. If white or pink patches appear on a person's skin (dark red or green in garments), a kohen is summoned. Judging by various signs, such as an increase in size of the afflicted area after a seven-day quarantine, the kohen pronounces it *tamei* (impure) or *tahor* (pure).

A person afflicted with *tzaraat* must dwell alone outside of the camp (or city) until he is healed. The afflicted area in a garment or home must be removed; if the *tzaraat* recurs, the entire garment or home must be destroyed.

## TAZRIA HAFTORAH IN A NUTSHELL

*II Kings 4:42-5:19.*

This week's haftorah describes how a prophet miraculously cured an Aramite general of his *tzara'at* ailment. The bulk of this week's Torah reading discusses this skin disease and its related impurity.

The haftorah begins with a brief mention of one of the prophet Elisha's miraculous feats. He received a paltry gift of twenty loaves of bread and a sack of grain. At Elisha's insistence, this gift was shared amongst his hundred students. The food was enough for all and there was even leftovers.

Naaman, general of the powerful Aramite armies, contracted *tzara'at*. A young captive Israelite maid advised him to seek the assistance of the "prophet in Samaria." Acting on this suggestion, the king of Aram dispatched a message to the king of Israel, "Behold I have sent Naaman my servant to you, and you shall cure him of his *tzara'at*!"

The king of Israel panicked, until Elisha sent him a message: "Why have you rent your garments? Let him come to me now, and let him know that there is a prophet in Israel!"

Elisha advised Naaman to immerse in the Jordan River. Despite his initial reluctance to do so, Naaman carried out the prophet's orders, and was immediately healed.

Elisha refused to accept any gifts from Naaman. The general promised Elisha that he would no longer serve any deity other than the One G-d, and he departed.

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## YAHRTZEITS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13-19

MAY THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES  
REMAIN FOR AN ETERNAL BLESSING

Ilus Black	Mother of Margaret Sherman
Shirley Brown	Mother of Noreen Simons
Norma Brown	Mother-In-Law of Miriam Brown
Samuel Cowan	Father of Lana Edelist
Rose Debora	Mother of Judy Rusak
Morris Friedberg	Father-In-Law of Livia Friedberg
Freda Goodman	Mother-In-Law of Gilda Goodman
Rene Koltun	Sister of Rochelle Hoffman
Dwosha Korman	Mother of Charles Korman
Bina Mantell	Mother of Joseph Mantell
David Rich	Father of Irving Rich
Samuel Risen	Grandfather of Frances Chesney and Martin Risen
William Scheinman	Brother of Lynda Kayfitz
Hilda Warshavsky	Mother of Noreen Burton
Morris Weinberg	Father of Charles Weinberg
Charles Winer	Father-In-Law of Helen Winer

## SELLING OF CHAMETZ

Since it is prohibited to possess chametz on Passover, any chametz left undisposed must be sold to a non-Jew.

All such chametz, as well as all chametz utensils that were not thoroughly cleaned, should be stored away. The storage area should be locked or taped shut for the duration of the holiday.

Since there are many legal intricacies involved in this sale, a rabbi acts as our agent both to sell the chametz to the non-Jew on the morning before Passover, and also to buy it back the evening after Passover ends.

Jewish law requires that your chametz be sold by the specified deadline for the location in which the owner will be on the day before Passover.

One may eat chametz until two seasonal hours before midday on the day before Passover - this year, Monday, April 22, 2024.

Go to the Pride of Israel website to sell your chametz by way of a quick and easy online form.



# Yakking in Yiddish

Practice hearing and speaking Yiddish.  
Learn from each other.

## Monthly Program

For dates and times and to pre-register for the first time, please call 416-226-0111 ext. 201  
Once registered, no need to re-register monthly

## Cost

\$10 for 3 sessions  
or pay as you go \$5 each session  
FREE for Pride of Israel Synagogue members and family

## Admission

Synagogue doors remain locked at all times.  
Must be pre-registered and show photo ID.



# YELLOW CANDLE

I AM REMEMBERING ONE OF THE SIX MILLION

## Yom HaShoah Candle Lighting Service

**Sunday, May 5, 2024,  
at 6:45pm on Zoom**

(following Evening Services)



Yellow bags will be available at the Synagogue immediately following Passover morning services that include Yiskor on, **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, or for pick-up from outside the Lissom Crescent Synagogue entrance on, **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, between **10:00 a.m. and 2:00 pm.**

Please consider calling the office to make a donation,  
(416) 226-0111 ext. 201

Proceeds will be used for future  
Holocaust programming at our Synagogue



# ISRAEL SOLIDARITY EVENING

**Monday April 15, 2024**  
7:30 p.m.  
*(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)*

Bialik Hebrew Schools Choirs • Ivgeni Kriger  
VIP Updates from Israel • Families of Hostages  
Renowned Israeli Singer - Guy Goresch from Los Angeles, US

Tickets: \$50.00 general seating  
\$75.00 preferred seating  
Registration at [www.naamattoronto.com](http://www.naamattoronto.com)

**Proceeds to Na'amat Israel Emergency Fund**

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*(Location address announced April 15 via email)*  
Kashrut observed

# Shabbat TO REMEMBER

## May 4, 2024

We invite you and your family to our moving and meaningful Shabbat to Remember Program commencing at 9:00 am. On this Shabbat, we offer both speaking and non-speaking aliyot to all Holocaust survivors and the children of Holocaust survivors in attendance, both to honour them and as a memorial to friends and family who perished and suffered during this horrific period in human history.

If you would like an aliyah, you are required to reserve your requested honour, by no later than 12 noon on May 1, 2024. Please email [admin@prideofisraelshul.org](mailto:admin@prideofisraelshul.org), or call the office at, (416) 226-0111 ext. 201, to provide your contact information.

Upgraded Kiddush will follow  
Co-sponsorship opportunities are available

