

# Tefilla Notebook

This week's Tefilla Notebook is sponsored by  
**Aaron Rivani** in memory of his father,  
**Mordechai ben Matityahu z"l**,  
whose yahrzeit is on the 7th Nissan.

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April 1-2, 2022

Steven Dorfman, President

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

CANDLELIGHTING 6:55pm  
MINCHA/KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:30pm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

GEMARA SHIUR 8:15AM  
SHACHARIT 9:00AM -NOTE EARLY  
START TIME FOR ROSH CHODESH  
MINCHA 7:05PM  
MAARIV: 7:55PM  
SHABBAT ENDS: 8:00PM

## WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

	Shacharit	Mincha/Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	7:05pm
Mon- Thurs	7:00am	7:05pm
Friday	7:00am	6:30pm



Welcome New Members  
**Solomon & Flora Yamin**

## THANK YOU

**Orly and Eve Sitowitz**  
for sponsoring Friday's  
D'var Torah  
In memory of their mother,  
**Myrtle Sitowitz a"h**,  
whose yahrzeit is on the  
1st of Nissan

Dear Members & Friends,

The modern age is saturated with technological gadgets and devices to alert us when things are not as they should be or if they need our immediate attention. Flashing lights, buzzers, alarms, circuit breakers, or even codes and readouts that give us specific information and point us in the right direction. We download apps on our phones to tell us how many steps we have taken during the day, what our pulse is, how much time we have been sleeping or sedentary – in short, there is no scarcity of information or pointers to sort us out.

In today's world, it almost seems as if there's no need for an expert for an analysis or a diagnosis – because we can do it all ourselves. Even when we go for a blood test, the results come to us via email, and long before we speak to a doctor, we check out all the stats using some random health website that tells us exactly what each number means. And then – we can tell the doctor what they should be doing rather than the other way around!

But what happens when the damage caused is not something material which triggers an alarm, or is measured by an app on your phone? What happens when we have an affliction of the soul? When our faith in God has diminished or our devotion is too low? The Torah describes a curious illness called "tzara'at" which seems to serve the function of alerting us to exactly this problem (Lev. 13:2): אִם בִּי יְהוָה בְּעוֹר בָּשָׂרוֹ שִׁמָּת אוֹ סִפְחָת אוֹ בְּהֶרֶת וְהָיָה בְּעוֹר בָּשָׂרוֹ לִנְגַע צָרַעַת - "Someone who has a swelling, a rash, or a discoloration on the skin of his body, and it develops into a 'tzara'at' blemish."

"Tzara'at" is often mistranslated as "leprosy," an infectious ailment also known as Hansen's disease that causes body deformities and skin discoloration. Others have suggested that "tzara'at" is psoriasis, a skin disease which results in scaly patches of varying sizes across the body, usually on the knees, elbows, trunk and scalp. But neither of these explanations for "tzara'at" is correct, as a closer examination of the Torah description of this malady reveals. In particular, the requirement for a priest rather than a doctor to diagnose the problem and prescribe the solution indicates that even though there were physical symptoms, these indicated a spiritual problem, the cure for which lay in self-improvement rather than medication or a change of diet.

The incidence of actual "tzara'at" in the Hebrew scriptures is very limited. In fact, there are only five recorded occurrences, and curiously, not all of them are related to a spiritual failing. Moses is the first recorded "metzora" in Tanach – he was briefly stricken with "tzara'at" while arguing with God as to whether or not he would lead the Jews out of Egypt. His arm became stricken with "tzara'at", but God enabled him to instantly cure himself so that he could use this unusual skill to prove that he was in Egypt to deliver the Jews from slavery. Even more curiously, not all of those who suffered from "tzara'at" were Jewish. The Aramean general, Naaman, whose "tzara'at" was cured by the prophet Elisha (II Kings 5), never fully converted to Judaism, even after his miraculous recovery.

The realities of a world that includes an affliction alerting us to our spiritual failings are lost in the mists of ancient history. But rather than treating this absence as a welcome relief, we should regard it as a challenge and an opportunity. Imagine this: instead of relying on our smartphones or a handy digital message or a Google search to maintain and elevate our faith health, we need to self-monitor using spiritual antennae that we must develop on our own, so that we are constantly on high alert for faith malfunctions and glitches in our faith system.

A number of commentaries note that the "tzara'at" patches were only "on" the skin and didn't penetrate into the flesh below. The message seems to be that even if we do the wrong thing externally, that's just our body acting out of synch with what is going on internally. Our souls are pure, and as physical beings we are charged with ensuring that our bodies become the vehicle for our internal sincerity and goodness. And rather than challenge the natural desires we all possess, the significance of "tzara'at" on our bodies, our clothes, and our homes, is that all these very material aspects of our existence can be used in the service of God. Our bodily acts and our possessions can either reflect a marked distance from God, or contrarily, they can reflect our devotion to what God wants from us.

The main reason cited as the cause of "tzara'at" is "lashon hara" – idle talk that ends up as slander and disparagement of others. Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan (1838-1933) – most famous for his groundbreaking work on the laws of "lashon hara" – would often tell people that as a youngster he realized that he loved talking, but rather than allowing his fondness for conversation to descend into harmful tittle-tattle, he made a conscious decision to devote his garrulous tendencies to Torah discussions and to conversations which were focused on helping others.

We all have weaknesses in our behavior, and a desire for material things, all of which can undermine our primary purpose – which is to be the best person that we can be even in the face of every challenge life throws at us. And while we may not have a "tzara'at" alarm or app on our phone, truthfully – we don't need one. Instead, we can quite easily teach ourselves to use the same skills and characteristics that might lead us down the wrong path to become a foundation for our growth and success. It's this powerful message which is at the heart of a disease that, in practical terms, has long been extinct.

Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom and a great week ahead, *Rabbi Pini Dunner*



## SAVE THE DATES

### Book Group

**April 26th at 7:30pm**

"People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present" by Dara Horn

### Teen Minyan

**April 9th and May 14th**

### Passover Seder

**April 15th**

### Bar Mitzvah of Micah Sostchen

**April 30th**

### Movie "Upheaval" LA Premiere

**Sunday, April 1st**

### Esther Mor,

**World WIZO President**

**Guest Speaker**

**Shabbat, May 7th**

### YINBH GALA BANQUET

**Tuesday, May 31st**

## Sisterhood Corner

APRIL

Mark your Calendar

YINBH Passover Seder

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Reserve your spot at [www.yinbh.org/seder](http://www.yinbh.org/seder)

Save the date!

Sisterhood's next Book Group will be held

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

We will be reading *People Love Dead Jews* by  
Dara Horn

Winner of the 2021 National Jewish Book Award  
for Contemporary Jewish Life.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cecile & Ruthie

Sisterhood Co-Presidents

## YAHRTZEITS



**Myrtle Sitowitz a"h**

Mother of

**Orly Sitowitz**

**Eve Sitowitz**

Yahrtzeit - 1 Nissan

**Irving Silberspitz**

Yitzchak ben Avraham

Aba z"l

Father of

**Cecile Gromis**

Yahrtzeit - 5 Nissan

**Johanna Klein**

Yona bat Yaakov

Mordechai a"h

Mother of

**Debbie Cohen**

Yahrtzeit - 6 Nissan

**Abraham Kaufler**

Avraham Yosef ben

Chaim z"l

Father of

**Philip Kaufler**

Yahrtzeit - 7 Nissan

**Mordechai ben**

**Matityahu z"l**

Father of

**Aaron Rivani**

Yahrtzeit - 7 Nissan



Avital Szulc

Shira Baram

Stephen Schloss

Jacqueline Sadie Smith

Uriel Sadeghi

Micael Sostchen

## PASSOVER SCHEDULE 2022/5782

YINBH BEVERLY HILLS SYNAGOGUE

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

7:00am Shacharit  
4:00pm Deadline for selling chametz via Rabbi Dunner  
7:00pm Mincha/Maariv  
8:02pm Bedikat Chametz

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

TAANIT BECHORIM / EREV PESACH

7:00am Shacharit  
7:30am Siyum Bechorim  
10:19am Latest time to finish eating chametz  
11:35am Latest time to burn/nullify the chametz  
\*7:06pm Candle Lighting  
7:00pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv  
8:03pm Earliest time to start the Seder  
EAT AFIKOMAN BEFORE 12:53 AM

\*Make sure to light candles before 7:06 pm, as one would on a regular Friday night.  
\*Brachot: "Le'hadlik ner shel Shabbat ve'YomTov" and "Shehecheyanu"  
\*A 24hr candle should also be lit before 7:06pm

### SHABBAT, APRIL 16TH

FIRST DAY OF YOMTOV

9:00am Morning Services  
10:30am Mussaf with Tefillat Tal  
6:40pm Pirkei Avot Shiur with Rabbi Dunner  
7:10pm Mincha/Maariv/Sefirat Ha'omer  
\*8:05pm Candle lighting / Shabbat ends / Second Night Seder begins  
EAT AFIKOMAN BEFORE 12:53 AM

\*Light should be taken from an existing flame.  
\*Brachot on candles: "Le'hadlik ner shel YomTov" and "Shehecheyanu"

Kiddush is sponsored by **Evan & Liz Greenspan** in memory of Evan's father, **Robert Greenspan, Reuven Feivel ben Chaim z"l**, whose yahrtzeit is on 13 Nissan; and in memory of Liz's father, **Nathan Sweetbaum, Natan ben Yitzchok z"l**, whose yahrtzeit is on 14 Nissan

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

SECOND DAY OF YOMTOV

8:15am Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Dunner  
9:00am Shacharit (No Drasha)  
7:10pm Mincha  
7:20pm Shiur by Chazzan Nati Baram  
8:05pm Maariv/Sefirat Ha'omer  
8:10pm Yomtov Ends

### MONDAY, APRIL 18TH

FIRST DAY CHOL HAMOED

ADD YA'ALEH VE'YAVO TO REGULAR AMIDA FOR SHACHRIT/MINCHA/MAARIV  
7:00am Shacharit (includes hallel and mussaf)  
7:10pm Mincha/Maariv/Sefirat Ha'omer

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH

SECOND DAY CHOL HAMOED  
ADD YA'ALEH VE'YAVO TO REGULAR AMIDA FOR SHACHRIT/MINCHA/MAARIV

7:00am Shacharit (includes hallel and mussaf)  
7:10pm Mincha/Maariv/Sefirat Ha'omer

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH

THIRD DAY OF CHOL HAMOED  
ADD YA'ALEH VE'YAVO TO REGULAR AMIDA FOR SHACHRIT/MINCHA/MAARIV

7:00am Shacharit (includes hallel and mussaf)  
7:10pm Mincha/Maariv/Sefirat Ha'omer

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST

LAST DAY OF CHOL HAMOED  
ADD YA'ALEH VE'YAVO TO REGULAR AMIDA FOR SHACHRIT/MINCHA

7:00am Shacharit (includes hallel and mussaf)  
\*11:00am Yizkor on zoom  
6:45pm Mincha/Maariv/Sefirat Ha'omer  
\*7:11pm Candle Lighting

\*Code: 310 276 7650 Password: yinbh  
\*\*Do "Eruv Tavshilin" BEFORE CANDLELIGHTING so that you can eat food on Shabbat prepared on Yomtov  
\*\*24 Hour candle should be lit before  
\*\*Bracha on candles: "Le'hadlik ner shel Yomtov" - NO "SHEHECHAYANU"

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND

SHEVI'Y SHEL PESACH

8:15am Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Dunner  
9:00am Shacharit (no drasha)  
6:45pm Mincha/Maariv  
\*7:12pm Candle Lighting

\*Candles must be lit before 7:12 pm, as one would do on a regular Friday night.  
\*Light should be taken from an existing flame  
\*Bracha: "Le'hadlik ner shel Shabbat ve'Yomtov" - NO "SHEHECHAYANU"

### SHABBAT, APRIL 23RD

ACHARON SHEL PESACH / YIZKOR

8:15am Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Dunner  
9:00am Shacharit  
10:10am Megillat Shir Hashirim  
10:45am (approx.) Yizkor  
6:50pm Pirkei Avot Shiur with Rabbi Dunner  
7:20pm Mincha  
7:40pm Seudah Shlishit/Neilat haChag  
8:10pm Maariv  
8:11pm Shabbat/Yomtov Ends  
8:20pm Chametz sold by Rabbi Dunner is available to use/eat

# SAVE THE DATE

## YINBH GALA BANQUET

### HONORING

## ROBIN & ELLIOTT

### BROIDY

### MAYBOURNE HOTEL

MAY 31ST, 2022 • 6:00PM

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



## Passover 2022/5782 ♦ April 15-April 23, 2022



We have a limited quantity of hand-baked *shmurah matzah* that we have ordered for sale to our members. Unfortunately, the price has increased this year, and we will be selling the matza for **\$38/1lb box**. First come, first served. Please email [mkramer@yinhb.org](mailto:mkramer@yinhb.org) to reserve.



Chametz Sale Form is available to download at [yinhb.org/chametz](http://yinhb.org/chametz). You can also pick up a hard copy of the Chametz Sale Form in the lobby of the Synagogue. Please fill it in, scan it, and email it to [office@yinhb.org](mailto:office@yinhb.org) by **Thursday, April 14th at 4:00pm**. We will also have an online form, available starting next week.



Passover Seder on the First Night of Passover - Friday, April 15th. Gourmet Glatt Kosher, Private Chef. See flyer below for full details. RSVP at [yinhb.org/seder](http://yinhb.org/seder)

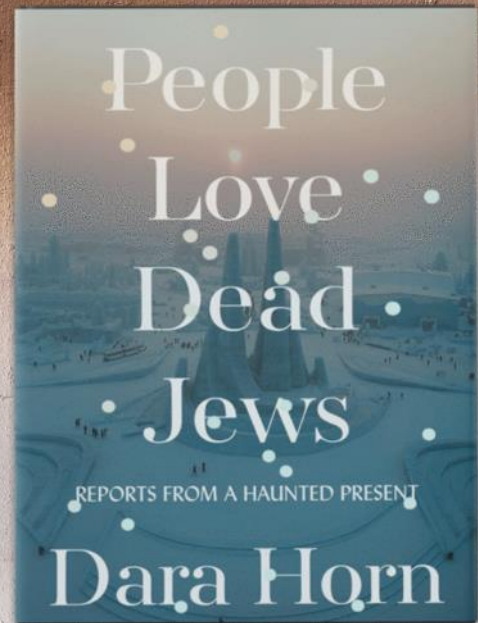


The OU Guides to Passover are available for pickup in the lobby. You can also find the online guide at: [oukosher.org/passover](http://oukosher.org/passover)



Join the Pesach 2022 Whatsapp Group. Rabbi Dunner will be answering questions and posting Pesach related updates. [Click here on your phone to join](#)

## YINBH SISTERHOOD BOOK GROUP



Available at [amazon](https://www.amazon.com)

NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE  
**TUESDAY APRIL 26TH | 7:30PM**

MEETING LOCATION PROVIDED UPON RSVP

EMAIL [OFFICE@YINBH.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@YINBH.ORG) TO REGISTER

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## TEEN MINYAN

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Esther Mor,

World WIZO President will speak about the efforts of WIZO in supporting children from Ukraine arriving to Israel.

**SAVE THE DATE-KIDDUSH-MAY 7TH**

**ESTHER MOR,  
WORLD WIZO PRESIDENT**



Esther Mor is the President of World WIZO. WIZO is the largest social services provider in Israel outside of the Israeli government. WIZO has been working for 102 years to help women, children & seniors in Israel.

ESTHER WILL SPEAK AFTER DAVENING ABOUT WIZO'S WORK TO HELP UKRAINIAN CHILDREN IN ISRAEL WITH THEIR EDUCATION, THERAPY AND BASIC NEEDS, HELPING THEM NOT JUST TO SURVIVE BUT TO THRIVE.



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