

Tefilla Notebook

This week's Tefilla Notebook is sponsored by **Cecile and Ed Gromis** in memory of Cecile's father, **Irving Gromis, Yisrael Tzvi ben Efraim HaLevi z"l**, whose yahrtzeit is on 24 Nissan.

8 Nissan • Parshat Mezorah • Shabbat HaGadol

April 8-9, 2022

Steven Dorfman, President

Rabbi Pini Dunner, Senior Rabbi

Nati Bar-Am, Chazan

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

CANDLELIGHTING 7:01pm
MINCHA/KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

GEMARA SHIUR 8:30AM
SHACHARIT 9:15AM
SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHA - 6:25PM
MINCHA 7:10PM
MAARIV: 8:00PM
SHABBAT ENDS: 8:05PM

WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

	Shacharit	Mincha/Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	7:10pm
Mon- Thurs	7:00am	7:10pm
Friday	7:00am	7:00pm

Welcome to all those joining for the **TEEN MINYAN** this Shabbat at 10:00am in the beit midrash

Teen-led services and participation followed by a teen-only kiddush

SAVE THE DATES

Passover Seder

April 15th

RSVP by this Sunday

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### Book Group

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

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

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Extended Kiddush sponsored by

Irina Schaeffer in honor of

George's Birthday

Shabbat, April 23rd

RSVP by Tuesday to rsvp@yinh.org

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### Bar Mitzvah of Micah Sostchen

**Shabbat, April 30th**

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Movie "Upheaval" LA Premiere

Sunday, May 1st

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**Esther Mor,**

**World WIZO President**

**Guest Speaker**

**Shabbat, May 7th**

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YINBH GALA BANQUET

Tuesday, May 31st

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See Flyers on Separate Page and on at [beverlyhillssynagogue.org](http://beverlyhillssynagogue.org)

Dear Members & Friends,

For as long as there have been historians and archaeologists, ancient Egypt has been an object of fascinated study and research. During the earliest era of human history, Egyptian influence and culture dominated the developed world, with its complex perception of the human experience and its sophisticated approach to every aspect of human existence. And yet, unlike the cultures of subsequent world powers, such as those of the Greeks and the Romans, the impact of ancient Egypt on the world that ensued after its dramatic decline was minimal in real terms, with numerous features of its all-encompassing worldview abandoned entirely, in favor of new ideas that were precursors of many aspects of the world with which we are familiar in the twenty-first century.

The dominant view of historians is that it was an economic decline that precipitated the collapse of the Egyptian Empire. Egypt's earliest pharaohs presided over a wealthy kingdom, and built temples, palaces, and pyramids. But Egypt's prosperity was entirely contingent on the Nile River, which provided bountiful water to a country that is essentially a desert. All it needed was a few years of drought, amplified by military invasions and a range of bitter internal disputes, and the result was widespread ruin and irreversible decline. But even if this explains why Egypt lost its status as a superpower, it does not explain why ancient Egypt's approach to life and death, and to so many other aspects of the human condition, were completely discarded and replaced by the civilizations that followed on after it. From the sixth century B.C. onward Egypt was governed by a succession of foreign powers. But although these rulers left Egyptian culture largely intact, the ideas and ideals that this culture represented lost their grip, and eventually they vanished completely.

One possibility which might explain the ultimate complete collapse of Egyptian ideas and ideals is the determined approach of Judaism to replace the religion and culture of their former masters with a system that was the absolute antithesis of everything that Egypt represented. A remarkable example of this phenomenon is recorded as the very first instruction given to the nascent Jewish nation in anticipation of their impending redemption (Ex. 12:3): **דַּבְּרוּ אֶל כָּל עַדְתִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר בְּעֶשֶׂר לַחֹדֶשׁ** - "Speak to the community of Israel and say that on the tenth of this month each of them shall take a lamb for their father's house, one lamb per household." Rashi cites a Midrash which explains the reason for the Passover lamb and, in particular, why on this first occasion it had to be kept in their homes for four days before it was sacrificed. The ancient Hebrews, says Rashi, had lived in Egypt for centuries and they were completely steeped in idolatry. Consequently, the use of a lamb as a sacrifice to God and as the initiation rite of the Jewish people was no accident - it was a deliberate first step, intended to wean the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob off Egyptian paganism specifically because the sheep was a prominent Egyptian deity.

The deity in question was Khnum, usually depicted in hieroglyphics as a ram with horizontal twisting horns. Khnum was Egypt's most dominant god before the rise of the sun god Ra, considered the god of fertility, also associated with water and the River Nile, and with procreation. Sometimes Khnum was represented as a man with a ram's head, and it was also believed to have created the first human beings from clay, like a potter. It was for exactly this reason that Khnum - embodied by the young sheep - had to be slaughtered if the Jewish people were to emerge from Egypt the country, and Egypt the mindset.

And not only did the Jewish nation need to sacrifice this venerated symbol of Egyptian prosperity, but they were also instructed to set aside their sacrificial lamb four days before the designated date of sacrifice. At first glance, this four-day requirement seems somewhat superfluous. By the time the Jews were instructed to prepare the lamb for sacrifice and for its meat to be consumed at the first-ever Seder night, they had all observed in very close proximity as their Egyptian enslavers had endured nine devastating plagues wrought by God as part of the countdown to salvation. Surely they no longer needed to be weaned off idolatry - God had made Himself amply known via these miracles and wonders. So why the need to vanquish Khnum by preparing the lamb four days in advance?

According to Rabbi Henoch Leibowitz (1918-2008), the specific requirement to prepare the lamb four days before the fourteenth of Nissan was a consequence of the human weakness for bad habits. Of course the Jews believed in God, but they had nonetheless got into the bad habit of idol worship even as they declared their fealty to God. And when something is so deeply ingrained in a person, it is almost impossible to remove it. Despite the evidence of God in front of their eyes, the idea that Khnum was not real or that Khnum could be sacrificed to God was not something the Jews could simply take on board from one moment to the next. Their belief in idols lingered on, and it needed to be worn down over a period of time. It was for this reason that the lamb was taken into their homes a few days before.

Even today, thousands of years after the Egyptian empire has disappeared and is no longer a material or spiritual threat to the Jewish faith, we are still instructed to spend time preparing for Passover, the festival designated as a time to commemorate our rescue from the dangers posed by this anti-God culture. None of us are safe from bad habits, even if we believe in God. Aspects of our lives fly in the face of God-belief. Passover, but in particular the days leading up to Passover, when we get ourselves ready for this annual celebration of our most seminal moment, acts as a reminder that all of us need to be weaned off any bad habit that distracts us from our primary directive: a close and meaningful relationship with God. We all have a Khnum hovering somewhere in the background. Passover offers us the opportunity to embrace the alternative to Khnum's destructive force, so that we can all experience our own personal redemption.

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



# Sisterhood Corner

April

## Mark your Calendar

### YINBH 1<sup>st</sup> Night Passover Seder

Led by Rabbi Pini Dunner & Chazzan  
Nati Baram

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

Come experience the exodus of Egypt  
while enjoying a gourmet and festive  
meal! 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

Praise for *People Love Dead Jews*:

"Dara Horn proposes a disturbingly  
fresh reckoning with an ancient hatred,  
refusing all categories of victimhood  
and sentimentality."

## Reserve Your Seat Now!

### YINBH GALA Banquet

Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm

Maybourne Hotel

Shabbat Shalom,

Cecile & Ruthie

Sisterhood Co-Presidents

**Margarita Socolosky**  
Malka bat Peter a"h  
Mother of  
**Rose Kemps**  
Yahrtzeit - 8 Nissan

**Dora Ross**  
Devorah bat Dovid a"h  
Mother of  
**David Ross**  
Yahrtzeit - 12 Nissan

**Sam Praw**  
Shalom ben Chanoch  
Eliezer z"l  
Father of  
**Ruthie Kellerman**  
Yahrtzeit - 13 Nissan

**Robert Greenspan**  
Reuven Feivel ben  
Chaim z"l  
Father of  
**Evan Greenspan**  
Yahrtzeit - 13 Nissan

**Nathan Sweetbaum**  
Natan ben Yitzchok z"l  
Father of  
**Judith Garshofsky**  
**Liz Greenspan**  
Husband of  
**Shirley Sweetbaum**  
Yahrtzeit - 14 Nissan

**Avraham Silvas z"l**  
Father of  
**David Silvas**  
Yahrtzeit - 14 Nissan



*Netanel Sadeghi*

*Marlene Perl*

*Jacques Wizman*

*Naomi Hakakian*

*Diba Mostadim*

*Sharon Weiner*

*Mark Zucker*

*Gary Dordick*

*Barak Evron*

*Grace Zucker*

*Michelle Singer*

*Philip Kaufler*

*Brigitte Silkin*

*Regina Goldberger*

*Shanna Naim*

*Aiden Huberman*

*Michael Novack*

*Susy Rubinstein*

PLEASE SEE THE **PASSOVER SCHEDULE** ON OUR WEBSITE OR ON THE TABLE IN THE LOBBY WITH ALL THE TIMES FOR TEFILLA AND ZMANIM

## THANK YOU:

Fast of the First Born (Friday, April 15th). **Rabbi Pini & Sabine Dunner** will sponsor a *Siyum Bechorim* at 7:30am in memory of Rabbi Dunner's late grandfather, **Rav Yosef Tzvi Ha-Levi Dunner z"l**, whose yahrtzeit is on Erev Pesach. Pesach cookies and soft drinks will be provided, after **Eli Dunner** has completed the last few lines of Masechet Chagiga.

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Kiddush following services on the first day of Passover (Shabbat Day, April 16th) 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.

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Extended Kiddush on the 8th Day of Passover (Shabbat Day, April 23rd) is sponsored by **Irina Schaeffer** in honor of **George's** birthday. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 12th to [RSVP@yinbh.org](mailto:RSVP@yinbh.org) if you are going to attend.



# HOLIDAY HOPPER - KICK OFF EVENT PASSOVER EVENT - SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD



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## THANK YOU FROM AMERICAN FRIENDS OF YISRAEL HATZAIR 5782/2022 MISHLOACH MANOT CAMPAIGN

Part of the Proceeds from the Sisterhood's Mishloach Manot Project went to donating Mishloach Manot to IDF soldiers.

Thank you

This is very significant and important for us to know and feel that our mission is valued.

We go on missions on behalf of all the people of Israel for the benefit of the State of Israel.

We stood and patrolled and attacked and defended in cold and heat, day and night, the inhabitants of the southern Hebron Mountains, and did all the hard work with dedication and great pride.

May you always be one of the givers.

Benzi

Commander of an auxiliary unit of the 8717 Alon Battalion

Greetings,

Thank you so much for the delightful delivery!

May you be rewarded by Hashem for your kindness.

Regards,

Amichai

A soldier in the Gaza Brigade

About an hour ago, a large, respectable and pampering delivery that you sent us arrived at our base!

It's important for us to express appreciation! Thank you very much!

Happy Purim!

Am Yisrael Chai!





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



Chametz Sale Form is available to download or to fill out online 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.**



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). **RSVP BY SUNDAY**



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](#)



It is customary to make a donation to help families celebrate Passover. We will distribute the funds before Pesach here in Los Angeles. Please visit [yinhb.org/donate](http://yinhb.org/donate) and select "Maot Chitim" from the dropdown.

# LIVE VIRTUAL YIZKOR SERVICE

# יזכור



Thursday  
April 21st, 2022  
11:00am PST via zoom

Zoom Code: 310 276 7650  
Password: yinhb

# SAVE THE DATE

# YINBH GALA BANQUET

# MAYBOURNE HOTEL

MAY 31ST, 2022 ■ 6:00PM

WITH A SPECIAL  
TRIBUTE AWARD FOR  
ROBIN & ELLIOTT  
BROIDY

**BEVERLY HILLS SYNAGOGUE**  
YOUNG ISRAEL OF NORTH BEVERLY HILLS



# SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHA

THE MYSTERIOUS LAPSE OF MEMORY BY B'NEI BETEIRA  
AS EXPLAINED BY RAV YAAKOV EMDEN  
DELIVERED BY RABBI PINI DUNNER

(וְהָיָה בְּשַׁבָּת חַלּוּת שִׁשְׁיָא לְאוֹר הַדְּרוֹס עַד פֶּתַח הַ" (וְעַם שִׁשְׁ לֹא קִדְּמָת מַעֲלֵה וְקִדְּמָת וְחִבֵּי)  
לְחֻלִּיא שְׂקִדְמָה לֵּאמֹר חֲמִשָּׁה אֲחֵיהֶם לְיִשְׂרָאֵל לְכָל כֶּסֶף אֲדָם כְּתֻבָּה הִיא : הַכֹּכָבִים  
רָשׁוּנִים לְכַהֲנֵי הַ" (יֵאָדָה אֲחֵרִין : וְהָיָה חִבֵּי) (אֲשֶׁר שִׁי יִקְרִיבוּ בִּשְׁם הַכֹּל - עַל שְׁחַל חֲזָקִים  
הַגְּדוֹל בְּעֵינֵי הַכֹּחַ : וְכֵן שְׂגֻרֻנִּים בִּשְׁם כָּל שְׂחֻפֵּי אֲחֵרֵי הַכֹּל שְׂחֻפֵּי אֲחֵרֵי הַכֹּל שְׂחֻפֵּי אֲחֵרֵי הַכֹּל : דְּרוֹשׁ  
יִקְרִיבוּ וְכִתּוּב כֹּחַ שֶׁל בְּשׂוֹמֵק שֶׁל הַכֹּחַ יִיבֹד וְנוֹקֵד עַד הַחֲבוּסִים : לֹאֵל בְּמִים אֲדִירִים וְחֻפֵּי  
פְּנִינִים יִקְרִיבוּ אֲחֵרֵי בְּלִיבוֹנֶה שֶׁל הַכֹּחַ וְחֻדְדֵי הַ" הַכֹּל בְּדֶרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים : וְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְנִקְשֶׁר בְּעֵצָהּ חֻפֵּי



Shabbos,  
April 9th, 2022  
6:25PM PST

THE RABBI WILL ALSO RECORD THIS AFTER SHABBOS  
WE WILL SEND OUT THE RECORDING