

Parshat Metzora Shabbat Hagadol

Friday 12th April 2019

Candle Lighting 5.19pm
Maariv 6.30pm

Shabbat 13th April 2019

Shacharit 9.00am
Mincha 4.55pm
Maariv 6.13pm

A word from the Rabbi

"And he that owns the house shall come and tell the priest, 'It seems to me that there is a plague in the house.'" (14:35)

In biblical Israel, when a kind of 'mould' was found on a house, there was a possibility that it was in fact an 'infection' called *Tzara'at*. This could only be determined by the Kohain, who would officially diagnose the situation. Only afterwards could any 'treatment' on the house and the owner be administered.

The verse above alludes to when someone informs the Kohain that his house is showing symptoms of *Tzara'at*. The individual is encouraged to say "it seems to me" rather than "there is a plague".

People often talk in absolutes because it makes them sound confident. Confidence is often mistaken for being right. Say something confidently enough and people will believe you, no matter how wrong you may be.

Dogmatic statements may earn support, but they play on our insecurities. People who are wracked with doubt are drawn to those who don't show any. The same way that a bully's aggression is often misinterpreted as confidence, the ideologue's dogmatic statements are misinterpreted as truth.

A humble man speaks in possibilities - "we can" - whereas the dictator speaks in definites - "we will". The humble man has suggestions, whereas the dictator has solutions. The humble man acknowledges that he may be wrong; the dictator cannot fathom being wrong.

The humble comprehend their intellectual shortcomings and seek to learn from others and to understand. The dictator sees weakness in humility. For him, strength comes from knowledge, and knowledge must come from within.

Truth must be constantly acquired ... it cannot be possessed.

Shabbat shalom

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversary to:

Moses Gordon

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Wedding Anniversary to:

Jefferey and Tami Foxman

Neil and Brenda Milner

We wish long life to the following Members who commemorate Yartzeit this week:

Debitru Alemeneh	for her father	Kess Alemeneh Felekeh
Riva Weil	for her father	Ruben Friedman
Fay Padowich	for her father	Cecil Gawronsky
Jean Levin	for her father	David Joffe
Mark Kady	for his mother	Hillary Kady
Sandra Wald	for her mother	Tzyril Katz
Cynthia Bauer and Martin Krawitz	for their father	Barney Krawitz
Alan Krowitz and Milton Krowitz	for their father	Nossy Krowitz
Ronny Marks	for his father	Barney Marks
Karyn Levy	for her father	David Satz
Belinda Levy	for her grandmother	Rose Sher
Carmel Kenner	for her mother	Zipporah Zavelsky

Pesach Times

Sunday 14th April

Kashering of Keilim 10.30am to 11.30am

Friday 19th April – Erev Pesach - Public Holiday

Shacharit	6.30am
Last time for eating Chametz	10.00am
Sale of Chametz by	10.58am
Candle Lighting	5.10pm
Mincha	5.15pm
Maariv	6.00pm

Shabbat 20th April – 1st Day of Pesach

Shacharit	9.00am
Mincha	4.55pm
There will not be a Seudah this Shabbat	
Maariv	6.00pm

Sunday 21st April – 2nd day of Pesach

Shacharit	9.00am
Mincha	5.10pm
Maariv	6.05pm

Thursday 25th April – Erev Yom Tov

Shacharit	6.15am
Candle Lighting	5.03pm
Maariv	6.00pm

Friday 26th April – 7th Day of Pesach

Shacharit	9.00am
Candle Lighting before	5.02pm
Mincha	5.05pm
Maariv	6.00pm

Shabbat 27th April – 8th Day of Pesach

Shacharit	9.00am
Mincha	4.45pm
Maariv	6.00pm