



# Sharei Chesed Congregation

## שַׁעְרֵי חֶסֶד

**Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים**

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## Metzora - מצורע

### Shabbat HaGadol

**April 16, 2016 – 8 Nisan 5776**

The reading this Shabbat focuses on the person who was afflicted with certain skin diseases called Tzara-at.

The Torah tells us that when a Metzora feels that he or she has healed from his or her Tzara-at, a Kohen needs to be called. The Kohen examines the Tzara-at. If the Kohen agrees, then the process of purification commences. That process involves a sacrifice, immersion in a Mikveh and the sprinkling of special purification water.

The Torah also discusses Tzara-at that can afflict a home—a type of mold—and how to purify that home.

Because today is also Shabbat HaGadol, a special Haftarah is read from the book of Malachi. The people of Malachi's time are despondent and are asking, "Where is God?" Malachi answers by announcing the speedy coming of a great Judgment Day and the reappearance of Elijah the Prophet, whose coming is traditionally associated with Passover and the dawn of the Messianic era.

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## **Did You Know That ...**

**Today is 'Shabbat HaGadol' - 'The Great Shabbat', the Shabbat which precedes Passover. It is called this for several reasons:**

**It was the first Mitzvah given to the Jews while still in Egypt. They were told to get a lamb and keep it in their home until the fourteenth of Nisan. That night they will slaughter it and have a barbecue just before they leave Egypt. The Israelites showed great courage in performing this Mitzvah, since the lamb was sacred in the eyes of the Egyptians.**

**Another reason is that the Haftarah for this Shabbat is taken from the Book of Malachi (3:4-24). The prophet speaks of "the Great Day of God" on which the Mashiach will appear. We hope that just like the Israelites were liberated on Pesah, that the world will see the Messiah come on Pesah.**

**Wishing you and your family a Happy and Kosher Pesah!**

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Cindy Benzaquen
- Tanya Feldberg
- Gabriella Grinberg

## Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay for today's Kiddush luncheon, immediately following services. Today's Kiddush luncheon is co sponsored by:

- Rabbi Avram Etedgui in memory of his father Joseph Etedgui
- Cindy and Momy Benzaquen in honor of Cindy's birthday

## A Song for Shabbat

Being that Parashat Metzora deals with the sin of 'Lashon Hara' (the evil tongue), let's learn the following song:

Mi ha-ish he-hafeitz hayim , מי-האיש החפץ חיים,

Oheiv yamim lir-ot tov. . אהב ימים לראות טוב.

N'tzor l'shon-cha mei-ra , נצר לשונך מרע,

Us-fatecha mi-dabeir mirma. . ושפתוך מדבר מרמה.

Sur mei-rah v'oseh tov, , סור מרע ועשה-טוב,

bakeish shalom v'rodfehu . בקש שלום ורדפהו.

**“Who is the person who desires life, and loves a long life of happiness? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking falsehood. Shun evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.” - Psalm 34:13-15**

**Yahrzeits for week of April 16 - April 22, 2016**

**8 Nisan - 14 Nisan 5776**

**Please help with the daily Minyan**

**Yahrzeit of**

**Remembered by**

**Saturday, April 16th**

Adell Balter  
Rosalee Haskovitz  
Sara Lisitzah  
Abram Tsypis

Grace Richter  
Liya Shapiro

**Sunday, April 17th**

Goldie Eve  
Louis Geller  
Richard Lurie

Irv Smith and Annalee Odessky  
Aaron Geller  
Francelyne Lurie and Jacob Mars

**Monday, April 18th**

Leo Jonas  
Yitzchak Kaplan  
Avraham Khodurskiy  
Anna Miller  
Ethel Plitman  
Isaac Plitman

Fay Kaye  
Alex Zevelev and Luba Zevelev  
Boris Khodursky  
Lewis Miller and Morris Miller  
Lee Reinharz  
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**Tuesday, April 19th**

Fannie Richter  
Bertha Wilensky

Grace Richter  
Norma Wilensky

**Wednesday, April 20th**

Moe Hork  
Shmuel Gitelman  
Gordon David Walensky

Shelly Zien  
Shulim Gitelman

**Thursday, April 21st**

Ed Bukstein

Donald Bukstein

**Friday, April 22nd**

Belle Cohen  
Ruth Lachs

Fay Kaye

**May their memories always be for a blessing.**