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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Tzav - צו

April 8, 2017 – 12 Nisan 5777

Shabbat HaGadol—שבת הגדול

Tzav is the second portion in the Book of Leviticus. Moses is told to teach the Kohanim about the various offerings; i.e., the Olah (animal sacrifice), Mincha (grain offering) and Shlamim (offerings brought by the people to ask for forgiveness, offer thanksgivings, fulfill a vow, or a voluntary gift). The Kohanim are given detailed instructions for each offering and the garments they are to wear.

In this Parasha, we also read of the anointment of the Kohanim and the entire Tabernacle. The Torah reading concludes with seven days of preparation and practice (rehearsal) for the Kohanim, before they begin the service in the Tabernacle.

The Shabbat that precedes Pesah is known as 'Shabbat HaGadol'—the Great Shabbat. Prior to leaving Egypt, the Children of Israel were commanded to get a lamb on the 10th of Nissan and hold on to it until the night of the 15th of Nissan, when they will slaughter it and barbecue it over an open fire. That will be the night of Pesah, when they will leave Egypt. Tradition has it that the 10th of Nissan that year was on a Shabbat.

The Children of Israel showed great courage by bringing a lamb into their home, knowing that the lamb was sacred to the Egyptians. For this reason, we call the Shabbat before Pesah 'Shabbat HaGadol', because that was the beginning of redemption.

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This Day in Jewish History—12 Nisan

The Jewish King Chizkiyahu fell critically ill, as recorded in the second Book of Kings, chapter 20. The prophet Isaiah visited Chizkiyahu and informed him that the sickness was a punishment for Chizkiyahu's refusal to have children. Chizkiyahu explained that he'd prophetically seen that an evil person would descend from him, and that's why he hesitated to have children. Isaiah countered: "You have a mitzvah to have children -- let God worry about the rest." Chizkiyahu prayed for forgiveness and God granted him another 15 years of life. The episode illustrates a foundation of Jewish thought: It is up to us to make the appropriate effort, while the results are in God's hands.

(courtesy of Aish.com—'Day in Jewish History')

"The Witness Theater Project" - April/May 2017

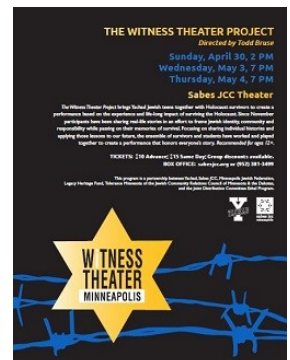
Yachad is excited to present to the community "The Witness Theater Project", a production by the teens of Yachad in the Witness Theater class along with Holocaust survivors. The play will be at the Sabes JCC for only 3 performances: Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM, and Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 P.M.

Directed by Todd Bruse, "The Witness Theater Project" brings Yachad Jewish teens together with Holocaust survivors to create a performance based on the experience and life-long impact of surviving the Holocaust. Since November, participants have been sharing real-life stories in an effort to frame Jewish identity, community and responsibility while passing on their memories of survival. Focusing on sharing individual histories and applying those lessons to our future, the ensemble of survivors and students have worked and played together to create a performance that honors everyone's story. Recommended for ages 12+.

TICKETS: \$10 Advance; \$15 Same Day; Group discounts available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Sabes box office at sabesjcc.org or (952) 381-3499, or go to:

<http://www.sabesjcc.org/whats-happening.php>



Mechirat Hametz—Selling of Hametz

If you have not, yet, arranged to sell the Hametz in your home in time for Passover, you can still do so no later than Monday morning April 10th at the morning Shaharit services. And, if you are a first-born and attend services that day, you are exempt from fasting before the Seder!!



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Martha Cohen
- Marina Kerbel

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

- Maria Sakurets—Saturday April 29th (Parashat Tazria-Metzora)
- Elizabeth Janson-Melnik—Sautrday May 13th (Parashat Emor)
- Liel Cohen—Saturday June 17th (Parashat Shlach)
- Mariam Kravchenko—Saturday September 2nd (Parashat Ki Tetzei)

Passover 5777 at Sharei Chesed

All of us at Sharei Chesed wish you and yours a happy and Kosher Pesah this year. And we hope that you will join us for services:

Monday, April 10 **Fast of First Born – Come to services 7:30 am and participate in Seudat Mitzvah Shaharit (morning service) ** LAST MORNING TO SELL YOUR HAMETZ THRU 'MECHIRAT HAMETZ' ****

Monday Evening, April 10 **First Seder (no service)**

Tuesday April 11 **Yom Tov-1st Day Shaharit** **9:30 am**

Tuesday Evening, April 11 **Second Seder (no service)**

Wednesday April 12 **Yom Tov-2nd Day Shaharit** **9:30 am**

Minha-Maariv **5:45 pm**

Thursday April 13 **Hol Hamoed Shaharit** **7:30 am**

Minha-Maariv **5:45 pm**

Friday April 14 **Hol Hamoed Shaharit** **7:30 am**

Saturday April 15 **Shabbat Hol Hamoed Shaharit** **9:30 am**

Sunday April 16 **Hol Hamoed Shaharit** **8:30 am**

Monday April 17 **Yom Tov-7th Day Shaharit** **9:30 am**

Minha-Maariv **5:45 pm**

Tuesday April 18 **Yom Tov-YIZKOR Shaharit** **9:30 am**

Minha-Maariv **5:45 pm**

Yahrzeits for week of April 8 - April 14, 2017

12 Nisan - 18 Nisan 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, April 8th (12 Nisan)

Moe Hork	Moshe ben Shaye Mayer	Shelly Zien
Shmuel Gitelman	Shmuel ben Gersh	Shulim Gitelman
Gordon David Walensky	Gutman David ben Nachma	

Remembered by

Sunday, April 9th (13 Nisan)

Ed Bukstein	Yitzchak Yakov ben Moshe Chaim	Donald Bukstein
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Monday, April 10th (14 Nisan)

"Bunny" Bearman	Shlomo Nissan ben Avraham	Ron Bearman
Belle Cohen	Baila Zlata bat Moshe v'Riva	
Ruth Lachs	Ruth bat Eliezer	Fay Kaye

Tuesday, April 11th (15 Nisan)

Isadore Aaron	Israel ben Moshe	Sybille and Renee Aaron
Maria Dashevsky		Bella Dashevsky
Shirley Sektor	Sarah bat Moshe	Vicky Sektor

Wednesday, April 12th (16 Nisan)

Harriet Friedman		
Tania Rubin	Tania bat Anatoliy	Klaudia Przetycki
Bella Shuster		Marianna Grichener, Svetlana Shuster

Thursday, April 13th (17 Nisan)

Abraham Axelrod	Abraham ben Jacob v'Sarah	Steve Zien
Morris Muller		Bobbie Muller
Sophia Shapiro	Sophia bat Moshe	Liya Shapiro and Emma Shapiro
Jeanette Zoss		Marilyn Zoss

Friday, April 14th (18 Nisan)

Edith (Ita) Banwell	Ita bat Avigdor	Maddie Banwell
Ida Kamenir		Berta Kipnis
Lillian Vickers	Leah bat David	

May their memories always be for a blessing.