



PARSHAS VAYIKRA

7 Nisan 5785 | April 5, 2025

Parsha Summary

The book of Leviticus begins this week with details of the temple service, spiritual fitness of kohanim for service, and laws of tumah and taharah, ritual purity and impurity. The main types of offerings described in Parshas Vayikra, each indicative of a different mode of reconnecting with G-d are: the Olah, a wholly burnt offering, a Mincha, made of flour, a Shlamim, or peace offering, which includes the Korban Todah or thanksgiving offering; a Chatas or unintentional sin-offering, and an Asham, a penitential offering for certain types of transgressions.

In the times when there is no Temple standing in Yerushalayim, the eternal and undivided capital of Israel; we cannot bring the physical offerings, so we mention them daily in our prayers and reap the spiritual benefits. The underlying idea behind all these topics is Teshuva; returning and reconnecting with G-d.

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Not Shabbat Hagadol



But it will feel like it! The annual pre-Pesach Shabbat Hagadol talk will be this shabbat morning following Musaf. Since next week Shabbat is Erev Pesach, there's not much time to discuss Pesach preparations, so in these instances (stay tuned for the next one in 2045!) we advance the Shabbat Hagadol talk to this week.

Shabbat Hagadol (next week) takes its name from the haftorah read on that day, or because of the great miracles that began on the Shabbos before the Exodus, depending on your sources. Next week we'll read the haftorah from chapter 3 of Malachi which contains the verse "Behold! I send you Elijah the Prophet, before the Great and Awesome day of Hashem." That "Great" may be one source for the name of next shabbat.

Another possibility is that the Jewish people took lambs, which were an Egyptian deity believe it or don't, and kept them in our houses from Shabbat until midweek when the time for the Exodus came. Then we slaughtered them as the first Passover Offering in preparation for leaving Egypt. This negation of false gods was itself a great and noteworthy occasion.

So this week, we'll really start to get ourselves in the headspace of Pesach. If you haven't already arranged to sell your chametz (leavened products which may not be owned over Pesach), please take a moment to do that now with this link. Monday is the last full day to arrange that through KST.

Please review the Nachas bulletin which should have arrived in your mailbox by now, and the Shabbat Hagadol Drasha video when it's posted. There are many special things to put on your to-do list before next Friday night, April 11th, when your entire house must be ready for Pesach by the beginning of Shabbos, so you can begin the seder right away when Shabbat concludes Saturday night. Detailed guidelines are there for you, as well as on the COR and OU Pesach guides.

Don't forget to:

- sell your chametz
- as you shop, make sure products are labeled "Kosher for Passover" as sometimes the wrong products are on the Passover shelves.
- Attend a siyum Thursday morning April 10 if you are a firstborn and don't wish to fast
- search for chametz Thursday night April 10 and burn chametz Friday morning April 11
- Prepare your kitchen, dining room, home, office if needed for Pesach by Friday 4/11
- Feel welcome to get in touch with any questions!
- mark your calendar for early services Shabbat 4/12, 7:30am start time, kiddush after.

As we are cleaning, preparing, shopping, and anticipating the season of freedom, don't

forget to include in your prayers good thoughts for those who are not yet free! And for peace in the land!

Shabbat shalom

A happy and kosher pesach

SHABBAT SHALOM



Earliest Candle Lighting: 6:27pm | Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:45pm
Candle Lighting: 7:30pm

Shacharit: 9:15am | Torah Reader: Yaakov Kanofsky

Chumash: Stone p. 544 | Haftarah: Stone p. 1165

Shabbat Ends: 8:34pm

Shabbat HaGadol Drasha is *this week*, after Musaf

SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Emmy Gershon, Ilan & Jenny, and Eran and Ilana, in honour of the yahrzeit of David Gershon, z"l

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7^{am} Monday-Friday
830^{am} Sunday

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

April 6

Shacharis 8:30am

April 7

Shacharis 7:00am
Women's Essential

April 8

Shacharis 7:00am
Women's Class: Bay

April 9

Shacharis 7:00am

WOMEN'S Essential
Talmud 1:00pm

WOMEN'S Class: Hav
Kook 12:00pm
Sale of Chametz form
submission deadline
10:00am

THU

April 10

Fast of the First Born
Shacharis 7:00am
Siyum following

FRI

April 11

Shacharis 7:00am
Candle Lighting 7:38pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm

SHABBOS

April 12

Shabbat HaGadol
Erev Pesach
Shacharis 7:30am
Kiddush 9:45am
Last time to eat chametz 10:41am
Shabbat Ends and
Pesach Begins 8:43pm



Michael and Alix Gilmore
announce the naming of
their daughter, Romi Adina.

David and Helen Lewis
announce the engagement
of their grandson, Menachem
Lewis to Rachel Dollond.



Since Pesach begins immediately next week, April 12th, with the conclusion of Shabbat on Saturday night; we plan ahead to complete all our preparations for Pesach by Friday afternoon. No preparation for Pesach may be done on Shabbos. Put away/sell/dispose of all chometz; kasher the kitchen and dining room, sweep up, find the haggados, open the boxes of matza, have the silver polished, so that at the conclusion of Shabbat at 8:43pm you can set the table and begin the seder.

Sale of Chametz Online Form

42nd annual NCJWC Passover Food Drive

This year marks the 42nd annual NCJWC (National Council of Jewish Women of Canada) Toronto Passover Food Drive. We urgently need drivers to deliver Passover Food Boxes on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

You can also bring your kids and grandkids so they can participate in doing this big mitzvah.

To register or make a donation please go to



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NEW

This week's upcoming yahrzeits

Yahrzeits

Friday

Jillian Grupp for mother Fay Hummel

Selwyn Postan for sister Phyllis Postan

Saturday

Lynnette Markman for father Max Bledin

Marla Orbach for father Donald Schelew

Rhona Fainsinger-Harris for husband Nathan Harris

Roslyn Hasson for step-father Nathan Harris

Sunday

Neil Kaplan for Mother in law Elsa Menasce

Rebecca Kaplan for Mother Elsa Menasce

Monday

Valerie Rosenberg for husband Edmond Rosenberg

Wednesday

Carole Greenspan for mother Doris Miller

James Greenspan for grandmother Doris Miller