



THIS WEEK AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

January 23 to January 29 27 Tevet to 4 Shevat

Parsha of the Week: Vaera (Ex. 6:2-9:35)

Parsha Highlights: G-d reveals G-dself to Moses by telling him the Four Promises that

G-d will carry out regarding the Israelites: "I will take you out of Egypt, I will save you from Pharaoh, I will free you from slavery, and I will take you to be My people." When Moses expresses a great deal of self-doubt as to his ability to face the mighty king of Egypt and free the slaves, G-d gives him two signs: placing his hand into his coat and removing it, showing it to be leprous, white as snow, and afterwards, restoring it to normal; and changing his shepherd's crook to a snake. Thereafter follow Moses's first confrontation with Pharaoh, who refuses to free the Israelites, and the first six plagues.

Passover in January?

By Rabbi David Mark

As frost blankets our New Hampshire-Maine landscape, we find in this parsha the first stirrings of spring and the coming of Pesach—in the mention of G-d's Four Promises to the enslaved Israelites. The canny reader will have no trouble recognizing that this is the reason that the number four looms so large over the Passover Seder: four cups of wine, four different types of children, four questions.

This is the ultimate form of Jewish optimism: not to be lost in the snowdrifts and slush of winter, but to be always looking forward to the future. Indeed, in the number four is the fulfillment of our Jewish destiny, since it points to the number five—the fifth cup on the Seder table, the "Kos shel Eliyahu"—Elijah's Cup, which is poured but not drunk. It symbolizes the Coming of Messiah (of whom Elijah is harbinger) and the Ingathering of the Exiled Jews into the Land of Israel.

Friday, January 23

Preschool 9:00 am
Service 7:30 pm
Candle Lighting: 4:25 pm

Saturday, January 24

Shabbat Service 9:30 am
Sundown: 4:45 pm
Shabbat Ends: 5:29 pm

Sunday, January 24

Hebrew School Art Grade 4 9:00 am
Community Meeting 9:30 am
Faculty & Madrichim Meeting 12:15 pm
Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh 4:00 pm

Monday, January 26

Preschool 9:00 am
Adult Ed Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 27

6:30 pm Search Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Adult Ed Meeting
7:00 pm Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 28

Hebrew School 3:45 pm
Education Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 29

Weekly Services

Wednesdays at 5:15pm when Hebrew School is in session.

Yahrzeits

We recall with affection those who no longer walk this earth, grateful to G-d for the gift of their lives.

- January 23** Burton Kreisworth, Rachel Promer, John McGowan Sr.
- January 24** Samuel Greenfield, Dora Segal
- January 25** Lena Fluster
- January 26** Arthur Black, Harold Fisher, Albert Levy
- January 27** Alex Paul, Mollie Krasker
- January 28**
- January 29** Rose Fisher

Information

UPCOMING EVENTS: Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh 1/25 at 4:00 pm; Conversation, cake & coffee 2/1 10:00 am; Sunday Morning Cultural Series 2/1 at 11:00 am featuring David Hirsh.