



THIS WEEK AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

April 17 to April 23 23 Nisan to 29 Nisan

Parsha of the Week: Shemini (Lev. 9:1-11:47)

Parsha Highlights: Following their “Seven Days of Indoctrination,” Aaron and his sons begin to act as kohanim, priests. G-d sends forth a divine fire to consume the altar offerings, and the Shechinah (G-d’s feminine side) comes to dwell in the Sanctuary. After they offer “strange fire” in the sanctuary, G-d becomes angry with Aaron’s elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, and kills them on their first day of officiation. Aaron is shocked, but maintains his silence when his sons die. G-d describes the kosher laws. Quadrupeds must have a split hoof and chew their cud; fish must have both fins and scales; only domestic fowl are kosher. There are also kosher insects, but we no longer eat these.

A Trip to Shmulkeh Bernstein’s

By Rabbi David Mark

Reading about the kosher laws reminds me about my family’s long-ago pilgrimages to Bernstein’s-on-Essex-St., the legendary “Shmulk’s,” as we Lower East Siders called it. These trips were a short walk from our apartment on Grand St., but they were reserved for state occasions—Mother’s Day, a special birthday, and the like. We were seated by a Chinese waiter wearing a red silk jacket and black skullcap with red tassel, whose command of Yiddish was as impeccable as his English.

We always had to get the chicken chow mein, egg rolls, and the sweet-and-sour beef ribs—big as brontosaurus bones, and just as hard to chew. We washed it all down with bottles of Dr. Brown’s Cel-Ray Tonic (though my mother was partial to Black Raspberry). It was the only way to dine out, we agreed. Finally, along with the check, came the customary monkey dish of pineapple slices, fresh from the can, and the cellophane-wrapped fortune cookies. “You will enjoy much money,” one read. “You will be attractive to the opposite sex,” said another. And, of course, inevitably, one would proclaim, “Help! I’m a prisoner in a fortune cookie factory!”

Friday, April 17

9:00 am Preschool
6:00 pm Lay Led Dinner
7:30 pm Service (TBD)
7:09 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 18

9:30 am Shabbat Service (Rabbi Krieger)
6th grade to help lead Service
7:30 pm Sundown
8:13 pm Shabbat Ends

Sunday, April 19

9:00 am Hebrew School
9:30 am Yom Ha'Atz Maut

Monday, April 20

NO PRESCHOOL
6:30 pm Adult Ed Class

Tuesday, April 21

Wednesday, April 22

NO SCHOOL (VACATION)
6:00 pm Nominating Meeting
6:30 pm Board Meeting

Thursday, April 23

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.

APRIL 17 Rae Pearl
APRIL 18 Tillie Fein
APRIL 19 Samuel Kline
APRIL 20 Milton Roberts, Ida Silverman, Roberta Berman
APRIL 21 Joseph Cohen, Mollie Wolf
APRIL 22 Max Freedman, Ernie Kessler, Sarah Polimaar
APRIL 23 Danielle Harman, Sol Lesser, Laura Share, Samuel Share, Mildred Friedman

INFORMATION

VISITING RABBIS: Starting April 24th.

BAT MITZVAH OF: May 2nd Wensday Berman

UPCOMING EVENTS: Film Festival May 4, 7, 11, and 14.

Holocaust program May 3, 11:00 am. Seacost UJA film at 12:00 pm.

Annual Meeting May 19 at 6:00 pm.