



# THIS WEEK AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

April 3 to April 10 9 Nisan to 16 Nisan

Parsha of the Week: Tzav (Lev. 6:1-8:36)

Parsha Highlights: G-d tells Moses to command Aaron and his sons, as kohanim (priests), regarding their obligations in making the animal sacrifices and meal offerings in the sanctuary. They must keep the altar-fire burning continually. The kohanim and their families may eat the meat of the Sin and Guilt Offerings and part of the Meal Offering. As for the Korban Shlamim (Peace Offering), the one who brings it may eat it, except for certain portions which go to the kohanim. Those who bring offerings must do so in a state of ritual purity, and only at the sanctuary, within a particularly designated time.

The Great Shabbat

By Rabbi David Mark

This Shabbat, the one preceding Pesach (Passover), is known as *Shabbat HaGadol*, the “Great Shabbat,” for various reasons. In the Old Country, when rabbis were expected more to be deciders of *halacha* (Jewish law) rather than preachers, this was one of the few *Shabbatote* on which they would speak, giving a long discourse regarding the complicated laws of Pesach. (They would also speak at length on Shabbat Shuva, the Sabbath of Repentance which comes between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.) Otherwise, preaching was left to the *maggidim*, itinerant preachers known for their elocutionary skills, and their ability to appeal to the people’s emotions and inspire greater religiousness.

Another reason for calling this the “Great Shabbat” is the conclusion of the haftorah, with its reference to the coming of Elijah, on the “great and terrible Day of the L-rd”—that is, the Day of Judgment. It was commonly assumed that Pesach would be an ideal time for Messiah to arrive, along with the springtime season.

Another messianic reference is found in the Passover Seder meal, with the fifth cup, the Cup of Elijah, which is poured, but not officially drunk (except hurriedly by Great-Uncle Irving, after the children are sent off to open the front door to welcome Elijah). This alludes to G-d’s unfulfilled promise: Messiah has not yet come, the world is still unredeemed, and there is still great injustice. Passover therefore becomes a perfect time for us to re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals of *tikkun olam*—fixing the world, thereby hastening the Messianic Age.

## Friday, April 3

9:00 am Preschool  
11:30 am Preschool Seder  
7:30 pm Service (Rabbi Krieger)  
6:53 pm Candle Lighting

## Saturday, April 4

9:30 am Shabbat Service (David Olken)  
7:13 pm Sundown  
7:55 pm Shabbat Ends

## Sunday, April 5

9:00 am Hebrew School  
10:00 am Coffee Hour  
11:00 am Sunday Morning Cultural Event  
Raymond St. Klezmer Band  
12:15 pm Faculty Meeting  
4:00 pm Gesher

## Monday, April 6

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

## Tuesday, April 7

## Wednesday, April 8

9:00 am Preschool till noon  
9:30 am Service (Rabbi Mars)  
Holy Day of Birkat Hachamah

## Thursday, April 9

9:30 am Service (Rabbi Mars)  
6:00 pm Community Seder (Rabbi Mars)

## Friday, April 10

NO PRESCHOOL  
9:30 am Service (Rabbi Mars)  
7:30 pm Service (Rabbi Krieger)

### 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 3	Barney Freedman, Rose Richman
APRIL 4	Ronald Brass, Max Weisner
APRIL 6	Rose Handler, Morris Silverman
APRIL 8	Miriam Ackerman
APRIL 9	Sylvia Porter
APRIL 10	Esther Shulman

### INFORMATION

**PASSOVER: TURN OUT HAS BEEN LESS THAN USUAL THIS YEAR. IF YOU ARE ON THE FENCE ABOUT JOINING US, PLEASE CONSIDER COMING. RABBI MARS WILL BE LEADING THE SERVICE AND WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM.**