



CANDLE LIGHTING 7:15 PM | 5 NISAN | APRIL 13, 2024 | HAVDALA 8:20 PM

שבת פרשת תזריע
SHABBAT PARSHAT TAZRIA
 Haftorah is Kings II, 4:42-5:19.
 We do not say אב הרחמים or צדקתך צדק.

FRIDAY EVENING
 MINCHA 7:20 PM
 SHKIA 7:34 PM
 TZAIT HAKOCHAVIM 8:14 PM

SHABBAT
 HASHKAMA 8:00 AM
 MAIN 9:00 AM
 LAST KRIAT SHEMA 9:38 AM
 POST-HASHKAMA SHIUR 10:00 AM
 FUNDAMENTALS SHIUR 11:30 AM
 PRE-MINCHA SHIUR 6:30 PM
 MINCHA 7:10 PM
 MAARIV 8:20 PM

SHUL CLOSET CLEAN-OUT
 Pesach clean-up! Reclaim your jackets, hats, books, diaper bags, etc. from the closet/coat room. Unclaimed items will be donated.

KIDDUSH
 Kiddush is sponsored by the Goldbergs in honor of Joan's birthday and Joan & Barry's 35th Anniversary. Mazel tov!

SEUDAH SHLISHIT
 Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by the Garfunkels to commemorate the Yahrzeit of David's mother, Edith Garfunkel ע"ה הלוי, פייגא רבקה בת ר' חיים הלוי.

PLAYDATE IN THE PARK
 3:30 PM, Godwin Park. All ages welcome! We will have snacks.

SHIR HASHIRIM ROUND ROBIN PEREK-BY-PEREK SHIUR
 One week to go!

PRE-PESACH COMMUNITY LUNCHEON/KIDDUSH
 Sign up to sponsor (Tzafun: \$180; Maggid: \$118; Karpas: \$72; or Kadesh: \$54) our pre-Pesach kiddush luncheon on April 20 and/or sign up to make a crockpot dish for the entire community to enjoy! Last chance to eat challah with friends and family before Pesach! Sign up or RSVP here: [Pesach Lunch](#).

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE SURVEY
 The Strategic Planning Committee is seeking input [via this 15-minute survey](#) from all adult members. Please complete the survey by Friday, April 19. Focus group opportunities will follow in May - stay tuned!

MAOT CHITIM
 Donate "wheat monies" for the poor before Pesach here: [Maot Chitim](#).



 ORTHODOX UNION תורה וציונות Enhancing Jewish Life	SUNDAY 4/14	MONDAY 4/15	TUESDAY 4/16	WEDNESDAY 4/17	THURSDAY 4/18	FRIDAY 4/19
WEEKDAY MINYANIM AT AHAVAT ACHIM						
SHACHARIT	8:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM	6:25 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM
MINCHA/MAARIV	7:24 PM	7:25 PM	7:26 PM	7:27 PM	7:28 PM	7:25 PM
ZMANIM						
Earliest Talit	5:21 AM	5:19 AM	5:18 AM	5:16 AM	5:14 AM	5:12 AM
Gedolah	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM
Shkia	7:36 PM	7:37 PM	7:38 PM	7:39 PM	7:40 PM	
Tzait	8:16 PM	8:17 PM	8:18 PM	8:19 PM	8:20 PM	

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14 - Hagolas Kelim/Pesach Kashering, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, at the shul.

April 20 - Pre-Pesach Luncheon

April 20 - Shir Hashirim Round Robin

April 22 - Latest to eat Chometz: 10:39 AM

April 22 - Seraifat (Burning) Chometz, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at Norton residence, 20-11 Hunter Pl. No foil, plastic, paper, cardboard, pasta, sauces or liquids. Bread, cereal, crackers and dry items only.

May 5 - Yom Hashoah Event at 8:15 PM, dedicated in memory of Cary Reichart^{ת"ו} who dedicated so much of herself towards Holocaust Commemoration

May 11 - Prospective Family Shabbaton

May 18 - Mental Health Awareness Discussion at Seudah Shlishit.

May 26 - Lag B'Omer Community Event Doors Open at Noon. BBQ at 12:30 PM, with special activities for youth.

June 8 - Rut Round Robin

IN OUR FUTURE

April 27 - Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by the Sonnenblicks to commemorate the yahrzeit of Marty's father, Moshe Yehuda ben Yosef Dov Halevi^{ת"ו}.

May 25 - Kiddush is sponsored by the Mayers in honor of Sophie's Bat Mitzvah.

CHAMETZ SALES

April 14 - After Shacharit and after Maariv.

April 16 - 1:30 PM and after Maariv.

April 17 - After Maariv.

April 18 - After Maariv.

April 20 - 30 minutes after Shabbat ends.

April 21 - After Shacharit.

KIDDUSH & SEUDAH SHLISHIT

● THIS WEEK'S KIDDUSH IS MEAT.

- To sponsor a Kiddush (prices start at \$318, plus a bottle of scotch) email David at dmgarfunkel@gmail.com to coordinate details and budget.
- To sponsor for \$136 Seudah Shlishit (or in the case of multiple sponsors, \$100 per sponsor), email dmgarfunkel@gmail.com.

SHIURIM



- SAMSON RAFAEL HIRSCH ON THE PARSHA, Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, in person and on zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/7291311899> (PW: 112233).
- TORAH FOR YOUR COMMUTE, via a Whatsapp group, with 3-minute daily halacha insights. To join email Rabbi Shestack at rabbishestack@gmail.com.
- SHABBAT SHIUR, 40 minutes before mincha.
- FUNDAMENTALS OF JEWISH THOUGHT, after Kiddush.
- MESORAH-IN-REVERSE lecture series at Seudah Shlishit.
- Tzurba M'Rabanan on Shabbat, Wednesdays at 7:30 PM (to be adjusted as Maariv time changes), on Zoom with Shalom Brauser.

CONTACTING THE RABBI

The Rabbi is always available for halachic and pastoral issues. For less exigent matters, text, call, or drop by during the Rabbi's office hour, Tuesdays, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, or feel free to reach out to the Rabbi to make other meeting arrangements.



SHALOM BRAUSER



Middle school Chabura takes place every third shabbat: **April 19/20**

FROM THE JOURNAL DINNER COMMITTEE

With all due haste, submit & solicit ads showing gratitude to Shirley & Avi Vann for all that they have done, and continue to do, for our shul and community, and to Kira and Andrew Wigod for all of the work they have done to reinvigorate our shul. To upload an ad blank, click here: [ShirleyAviKiraAndrew](#)

You can also honor our Rabbi, honor your children or grandchildren, memorialize a loved one and submit a memory, or message, to memorialize one of our founders, Norman Greenstein, and our longtime member Cary Reichardt, each of whom passed away this past year.

GITA COOPERWASSER^{ת"ו} YOUTH EVENTS

April 20 - Shabbat HaGadol Pesach Program For Kids, at 4:15 PM. Ages 0- 5 yrs: Kids seder led by Sara Santacruz. Grades 1-4: Seder Dvar Torah Workshop led by Rabbi Shestack. Followed by dinner. \$5/child (\$12 family max). Must RSVP by April 17 to Youth@ahavatachim.org.

GITA COOPERWASSER^{ת"ו} YOUTH PROGRAM



- SHABBAT YOUTH LEADERS, 1ST - 4TH GRADE: LETIZIA & NICOLE; 3 YRS - K: LYLA & ABBY**
- Youth group for children in 1st to 4th Grades starts at 9:00 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on the left upon entering the social hall.
- Youth group for children 3 years old through Kindergarten starts at 9:30 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on the right upon entering the social hall.
- Parent & Me room opens at 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash.
- 5th through 9th graders will meet for Torah and games at 10:00 AM in the David Schwitzer^{ת"ו} Social Hall.
- Rabbi Meet & Greet, every Friday night, kids can come over to the Rabbi after davening to receive a cup of grape juice and a ticket!
- Children's corner at Seudah Shlishit, 1st to 4th graders will get 10 Torah questions in 10 minutes from Rabbi Shestack, with special snacks, tickets and more.
- Children earn tickets for coming to minyan (Friday night and/or Shabbat day), asking the rabbi questions or attending parent-child learning programs! Tickets can be redeemed for prizes.



18-25 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
201.797.0502
<http://www.ahavatachim.org>

Authorization

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Ely Shestack or his designee to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me knowingly or unknowingly, as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, except for chametz designated for burning after the sale, and except for chametz designated for consumption on the upcoming Sabbath meals, and to lease all places in which chametz owned by me may be found, especially at:

(Address) _____

(Auxiliary Address*: work, etc.) _____

The chametz I possess includes the following: (note chametz in aux. location with '*'). If you will be away for **all** of Pesach, write "all of the above", "home", in the first line.

	Type of Chametz (groceries, liquor, medicine, toiletries, etc.)	Where Stored	Approximate Value
1			
2			
3			
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Printed Name: _____ Date _____

Signed _____

*If you or your Chametz will be in **Europe/Israel** for Pesach, please initial here _____ for an earlier sale time.*

*If you or your Chametz will be on the **west coast** for Pesach, please initial here _____ for a later buy-back time.*

*Also complete this part **only** if you will be away for all Pesach:*

I specifically authorize Rabbi Ely Shestack or person designated by him to sell all chametz located anywhere in my home at the above address, and to lease my entire home (except for _____). The keys to my home can be found with:

Name _____ Signed: _____

Residing at (address): _____

Concise Document of Sale

I, the undersigned hereby sell all my chametz via Rabbi Ely Shestack or his designee. I also lease the place where such chametz is found at the above address(es) for a period of 10 days. This sale and rental are to take effect on April, 2024 corresponding to Nissan 5784, before . Further details concerning all of the above are recorded in the above power of attorney form and lengthier document for authorization of sale.

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FRIDAY

Family Hosted Dinners

SHABBAT

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Stay & Play

Questions? membership@ahavatachim.org



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Join us for a PLAYDATE IN THE PARK

Shabbat Afternoon
April 13th at 3:30 PM
Godwin Park

Snacks will be provided



Ahavat Achim Matzah Sale

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Shabbat HaGadol

Pesach program for kids

April 20 - 4:15 pm

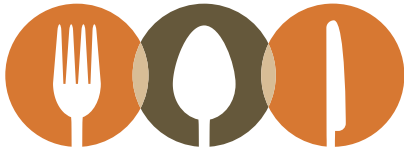
Ages 0- 5 yrs: Kids seder led by Sara Santacruz
Grades 1-4: Seder Dvar Torah Workshop led by Rabbi Shestack

Followed by dinner

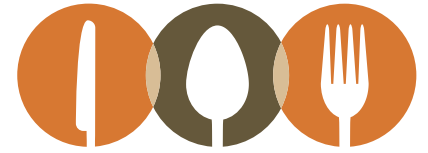
Must RSVP by April 17th
Youth@ahavatachim.org

\$5 per child/ \$12 family

This is not a drop off event



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THE FAMILY SHUL



**CABINETS BARE BEFORE PESACH?
JOIN US FOR ONE LAST KIDDUSH!**

PRE-PESACH COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

**IT'LL BE
CHAMETZ-ING!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR OR VOLUNTEER TO
MAKE A CROCKPOT DISH!

SPONSORSHIPS:

KADESH: \$54

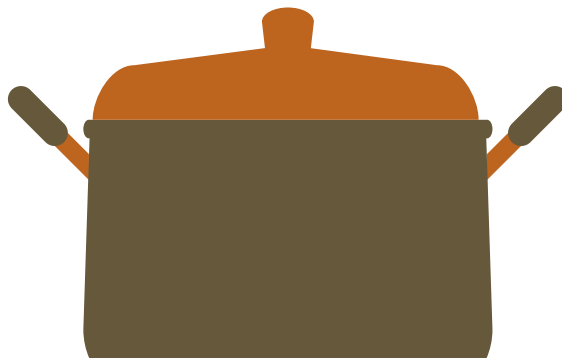
KARPAS: \$72

MAGGID: \$118

TZAFUN: \$180

SIGN UP BY 4/16!

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Ad copy (JPG, PDF, Word, etc...) can be emailed to AhavatAchimDinner@gmail.com
 For hard-copy submissions, please print ad clearly or attach business card (*use a separate ad blank for each ad*)

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Rabbi's page (\$18 per family)

Memorial pages for Cary Reichardt & Norman Greenstein (\$18)- Provide text and images for your listings to be added to the pages.

Memorial Listing (\$10 per name)

Children's Listing (\$10 per child)

Grandchildren's Listing (\$10 per grandchild)

בס"ד



2024 Journal Dinner Honoring

Shirley & Avrom Vann

Youth Award Honoring

Kira & Andrew Wigod

Sunday, May 19, 2024

11 Iyar 5784



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TAZRIA • תזריע

FROM THE TEACHINGS AND WRITINGS OF RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS זצ"ל

With thanks to the Schimmel Family for their generous sponsorship of Covenant & Conversation, dedicated in loving memory of Harry (Chaim) Schimmel.

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An extraordinary couple who have moved me beyond measure by the example of their lives." — Rabbi Sacks

This year's series of essays and videos were originally written and recorded by Rabbi Sacks זצ"ל in 5771 (2010–2011).

These timeless messages are accompanied by a new [Family Edition](#) (2023–2024), created to inspire intergenerational learning on the parsha.

Othello, Wikileaks, and Mildewed Walls

It was the Septuagint, the early Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, that translated *tsara'at*, the condition whose identification and cleansing occupies much of Tazria and Metzora as "lepra", giving rise to a long tradition identifying it with leprosy.

That tradition is now widely acknowledged to be incorrect. First, the condition described in the Torah simply does not fit the symptoms of leprosy. Second, the Torah applies it not only to various skin conditions but also to mildew on clothes and the walls of houses, which certainly rules out any known disease. The Rambam puts it best:

"*Tsara'at* is a comprehensive term covering a number of dissimilar conditions. Thus whiteness in a person's skin is called *tsara'at*. The falling off of some of his hair on the head or the chin is called *tsara'at*. A change of colour in garments or in houses is called *tsara'at*."

Hilchot Tumat Tsara'at 16:10

Seeking to identify the nature of the phenomenon, the Sages sought for clues elsewhere in the Torah

and found them readily available. Miriam was smitten by *tsara'at* for speaking badly about her brother Moses (Num. 12:10). The Torah later gives special emphasis to this event, seeing in it a warning for all generations:

"Be careful with regard to the plague of *tsara'at* . . . Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam along the way after you came out of Egypt."

Deut. 24:8–9

It was, in other words, no normal phenomenon but a specific Divine punishment for *lashon hara*, evil speech. The Rabbis drew attention to the verbal similarity between *metzora*, a person afflicted by the condition, and *motzi shem ra*, someone guilty of slander.

Rambam, on the basis of rabbinic traditions, gives a brilliant account of why *tsara'at* afflicted both inanimate objects like walls and clothes, and human beings:

It [*tsara'at*] was a sign and wonder among the Israelites to warn them against slanderous speaking. For if a man uttered

slander, the walls of his house would suffer a change. If he repented, the house would again become clean. But if he continued in his wickedness until the house was torn down, leather objects in his house on which he sat or lay would suffer a change. If he repented they would again become clean. But if he continued in his wickedness until they were burned, the garments which he wore would suffer a change. If he repented they would again become clean. But if he continued in his wickedness until they were burned, his skin would suffer a change and he would become infected by *tsara'at* and be set apart and alone until he no more engaged in the conversation of the wicked which is scoffing and slander.

Hilchot Tumat Tsara'at 16:10

The most compelling illustration of what the tradition is speaking about when it talks of the gravity of *motsi shem ra*, slander, and *lashon hara*, evil speech, is Shakespeare's tragedy Othello. Iago, a high-ranking soldier, is bitterly resentful of Othello, a Moorish general in the army of Venice. Othello has promoted a younger man, Cassio, over the more experienced Iago, who is determined to take revenge. He does so in a prolonged and vicious campaign, which involves among other things tricking Othello into the suspicion that his wife, Desdemona, is having an adulterous affair with Cassio. Othello asks Iago to kill Cassio, and he himself kills Desdemona, smothering her in her bed. Emilia, Iago's wife and Desdemona's attendant, discovers her mistress dead and as Othello explains why he has killed her, realises the nature of her husband's plot and exposes it. Othello, in guilt and grief, commits suicide, while Iago is arrested and taken to be tortured and possibly executed.

It is a play entirely about the evil of slander and suspicion, and portrays literally what the Sages said figuratively:

“Evil speech kills three people: the one who says it, the one who listens to it, and the one about whom it is said.”

Arachin 15b

Shakespeare's tragedy makes it painfully clear how much evil speech lives in the dark corners of suspicion. Had the others known what Iago was saying to stir up fear and distrust, the facts might have become known and the tragedy averted. As it was, he was able to mislead the various characters, playing on their emotional weaknesses, distrust and envy, getting each to believe the worst about one another. It ends in serial bloodshed and disaster.

Hence the poetic justice Jewish tradition attributes to one of the least poetic of biblical passages, the laws relating to skin diseases and mildew. The slanderer spreads his lies in private, but his evil is exposed in public. First the walls of his house proclaim his sin, then the leather objects on which he sits, then his clothes, and eventually his skin itself. He is condemned to the humiliation of isolation:

'Unclean! Unclean!' he must call out . . .
Since he is unclean, he must remain alone,
and his place shall be outside the camp.

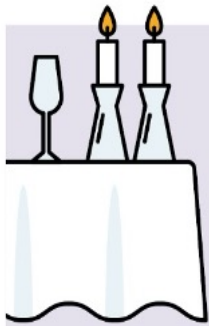
Lev. 13:45-46

Said the Rabbis: Because his words separated husband from wife and brother from brother, his punishment is that he is separated from human contact and made an outcast from society (*Arachin 16b*).

At its highest, WikiLeaks aims at being today's functional equivalent of the law of the *metzora*: an

attempt to make public the discreditable things people do and say in private. The Sages said about evil speech that it was as bad as idolatry, incest, and murder combined, and it was Shakespeare's genius to show us one dramatic way in which it can contaminate human relationships, turning people against one another with tragic consequences.

Never say or do in private what you would be ashamed to read about on the front page of tomorrow's newspapers. That is the basic theme of the law of *tsara'at*, updated to today.



Around the Shabbat Table

1. Is there ever a time when speaking negatively about someone else is acceptable?
2. What do you think the modern-day manifestations of *tsara'at* are (when someone speaks about someone else)?
3. Do you think having a public consequence - like *tsara'at* - is helpful in preventing *lashon hara*?

● These questions come from this week's **Family Edition** to Rabbi Sacks' Covenant & Conversation. For an interactive, multi-generational study, check out the full edition at RabbiSacks.org/covenant-conversation-family-edition/tazria/othello-wikileaks-and-mildewed-walls/