

# Congregation Etz Chaim



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## Parasha Tsav/Shabbos haGadol

10th of Nisan / March 28, 2026

Lik ner 6:46 PM

### Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Latest Shema 9:42 AM

Latest Tefilla 10:44 AM

Mincha 6:45 PM

Shabbos ends 7:47/8:18 PM

### Shabbos Day at YI

Mincha 2:30 & 6:35 PM

Ma'ariv 7:43 PM

Havdalah 7:48 PM

### Mo. & Tu. Young Israel

Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:47 PM

### Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha 6:35 PM

Shabbos ends/Maariv 7:48 PM

Kiddush Levana 8:00 PM

### Sunday at Chabad

#### Mo. & Tu.

Mincha/Maariv 6:50 PM

### TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's class **will resume after Pesach.**

Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

**SHMIRAS HALASHON** class **will resume Monday, April 13, 206 at 9:15 a.m.**

Please contact Janis Monat: [jbmonat@aol.com](mailto:jbmonat@aol.com) for the link.

### DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:00 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 am

Meeting ID: 822 979 966

Password: 727190

### DAF YOMI LIVE SCHEDULE:

Shabbos mornings at shul, 8:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis;

Sunday mornings at shul, 7:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis.

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## RABBI REISMAN

Watch as the **Book of Daniel** is brought to life with Rabbi Yisrael Reisman's famous thought-provoking *Navi class*, takes place every Saturday night at Congregation Etz Chaim at **9:30 p.m.** Please note **new starting time**.

## ETZ CHAIM BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting is **Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m.** Please RSVP to [jbmonat@aol.com](mailto:jbmonat@aol.com) for link if needed. Board members may use the same link as last month's.

## Rabbi Rosenfeld's Parasha class

Rabbi Rosenfeld weekly parasha class on **Sunday evenings is on hold** until after Pesach. **Save your link!**

## Rabbi Barry Hartman and Pesach

Please see the 3 Pesach forms from Rabbi Barry Hartman for the authorization of him to sell your chametz, the Erev Tavshilin law and the laws of Pesach. If you wish to sell your chametz personally to Rabbi Barry please come to Etz Chaim on Sunday for davening at 8 A.M.

[Download all attachments as a zip file](#)

- [POWER of ATTORNEY FORM.rtf](#)

[3.1 kB](#)

- [Passover Laws.rtf](#)

[25.3 kB](#)

## A word from Rabbi Chuni Rappoport

If anyone has any kashering or Pesach related questions feel free to contact Rabbi Chuni Rappoport: [chunir@yahoo.com](mailto:chunir@yahoo.com). He also has a few bottles of his KFP COFFEE LIQUEUR for sale at \$25.00 a bottle. 10% of the proceeds goes back to the shul!

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Our prayers are with the armed forces of the United States and Israel, for their swift victory and for their safe return home in peace. May the people of Israel see a turnaround of events from darkness to light. We pray for the healing of the wounded members of the IDF, those who have been hurt in terrorist attacks, the Israeli survivors from 10/7/23 **and this Iran War**. We pray for the healing of our own congregational: family Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Robert Dell, Chana Reuven ben Leah; Tzila Pass, Tzila Chava bas Rachel; and Marve Rudenstein, Menachem Yitzchak ben Raitza.

## ETZ CHAIM BOOK CLUB

We are reading the magical realism of *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman and will meet on **Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**. Copies are **now available** at the Circulation Desk at the Sharon Public Library. Just ask for the Etz Chaim Book Club Book.

Questions? Book Suggestions? Contact Merilee at [melmaeir@gmail.com](mailto:melmaeir@gmail.com).

### Notes on parasha Tsav on Shabbos Hagadol

By Janis Monat

Why is Tsav always on shabbos hagadol, the shabbos right before Pesach? Aish.com explains that parasha Tzav focuses on "commanding", implying necessary action or spiritual commitment. The word Tzavta means connection to God, and it goes along with the steps needed to prepare for Passover. Just as the priests had to prepare themselves to offer sacrifices, we prepare ourselves for Pesach. Shabbos HaGadol commemorates the miracle when the Israelites used the lamb for the pascal sacrifice on the 10th of Nissan, which was a Shabbat, without fear of the Egyptians. Now we have the "zaroah", a roasted shank bone, on our seder plate and we tell our history with freedom and no fear, Baruch Hashem!

And speaking of thanking Hashem for Divine care, in Tsav we have the **korban of Todah**, the voluntary sacrifice of thanksgiving, ch. 7:12-15. Rabbi Sacks in his book, *Judaism's Life-Changing Ideas*, relates this offering to the name of Jacob and Leah's 4<sup>th</sup> child, Yehuda. The name's root is todah, thank you. Leah was thanking Hashem for this "extra" son. According to Midrash she had a prophetic understanding that Yaacov was destined to have twelve sons- the twelve tribes- and that these sons would be divided equally among his four wives. And now she was giving birth to a fourth!

People would bring this korban todah to show gratitude for surviving dangers like sickness, imprisonment, or unsafe travel. Today, it is the reason for the *Hagomel* blessing (Brachot 54b), which is said after surviving situations like the above. Sometimes when an unseen coming car whizzes past me as I'm entering traffic, I thank HaShem for it not being my time to be in an accident. Baruch Hashem there haven't been too many times when it was, another proclamation of thanks for God's mercy!

Rabbi Sacks makes another fascinating point. In every blessing in the Amidah we say "Amen" during the shaliach tsibur's prayer repetition EXCEPT for the Modim Anachnu Lach, "We give thanks to You". When he says that we simultaneously say Modim Anachnu Lach **d'rabbanan**. Rabbi Elijah Spira shares that no one can say thank you for us. We have to say it directly.

To my Sunday school students I teach the morning "Modeh Ani" prayer of gratitude, of giving thanks to Hashem for this day. They are to believe in Hashem's faith that they will live this day with purpose and appreciation.

Rabbi Sacks ends his chapter with, "Modeh comes from the same root as "Yehudi", meaning Jew. Jewishness is thankfulness....a life enhancing trait!"

Blessings of Shabbos haGadol, the greatest of thanks for our approaching freedom and becoming a nation! Am Yisrael Chai...4,000 years later and still going strong!