

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
March/April 2018

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- 31 Mary Flint
- 31 Sheldon Koven
- 2 Norman Kurtz
- 4 Michael Goldman
- 5 Elliot Kleinman
- 5 Joseph Weintraub

No Anniversaries



Passover or **Pesach** (/ˈpɛsɑːx, ˈpeɪsɑːx/^[4] from Hebrew פֶּסַח *Pesah, Pesakh*), is an important, biblically derived Jewish holiday. Jews celebrate Passover as a commemoration of their liberation by God from slavery in ancient Egypt and their freedom as a nation under the leadership of Moses. It commemorates the story of the Exodus as described in the Hebrew Bible, especially in the Book of Exodus, in which the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. According to standard biblical chronology, this event would have taken place at about 1300 BCE (AM 2450).^[5]

Passover is a spring festival which during the existence of the Temple in Jerusalem was connected to the offering of the "first-fruits of the barley", barley being the first grain to ripen and to be harvested in the Land of Israel.^[6]

Passover commences on the 15th of the Hebrew month of Nisan and lasts for either seven days (in Israel and for Reform Jews and other progressive Jews around the world who adhere to the Biblical commandment) or eight days for Orthodox, Hasidic, and most Conservative Jews (in the diaspora).^{[7][8]} In Judaism, a day commences at dusk and lasts until the following dusk, thus the first day of Passover begins after dusk of the 14th of Nisan and ends at dusk of the 15th day of the month of Nisan. The rituals unique to the Passover celebrations commence with the Passover Seder when the 15th of Nisan has begun. In the Northern Hemisphere Passover takes place in spring as the Torah prescribes it: "in the month of [the] spring" (בְּחֹדֶשׁ הָאֲבִיב) Exodus 23:15. (It is one of the most widely celebrated Jewish holidays.)

In the narrative of the Exodus, the Bible tells that God helped the Children of Israel escape from their slavery in Egypt by inflicting ten plagues upon the ancient Egyptians before the Pharaoh would release his Israelite slaves; the tenth and worst of the plagues was the death of the Egyptian first-born.

The Israelites were instructed to mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a slaughtered spring lamb and, upon seeing this, the spirit of the Lord knew to *pass over* the first-born in these homes, hence the English name of the holiday.^[9]

When the Pharaoh freed the Israelites, it is said that they left in such a hurry that they could not wait for bread dough to rise (leaven). In commemoration, for the duration of Passover no leavened bread is eaten, for which reason Passover was called the feast of unleavened bread in the Torah or Old Testament.^[10] Thus matzo (flat unleavened bread) is eaten during Passover and it is a tradition of the holiday.

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Candle lighting 6:29 p.m.

March 30, 2018

EREV PESACH

Friday Evening Seder

PESACH I

Saturday Morning Services

March 31, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Exodus 12:21-51 pp. 257-260

Numbers 28:16-25 pp. 695-696

Haftarah Isaiah 10:32-12:6 pp. 1023-1026

PESACH 11

Sunday Morning Services

April 1, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Prayer for healing

We pray for a speedy recovery of body and spirit for the following loved ones and members of our community.

Ailene Barkhoff, Jordan Colbert, Peter Enneking, Maya Goldberg, Thomas Hannagian, Katie Iverson, Nelson Magedman, Peggy Markowitz, Michele Moschel, Harry Newman, Cyrene Schochet, Valerie Schonborn, Elaine Schwartz, A. David Silverman, Katie Todora, Charlie Tarnor, Randy Thomas, Marcia Turkiewicz, Richard Wasserman, Susan Weintraub

Mi Shebeirach, by Debbie Friedman

*Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu
M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu
May the source of strength
Who blessed the ones before us,
Help us find the courage
To make our lives a blessing,
And let us say, Amen*

*Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu
M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-votei-nu
Bless those in need of healing
With R'fu-a sh'lei-ma
The renewal of body,
The renewal of spirit
And let us say,
Amen*

We wish "Refuah Shelemah," a speedy recovery to Congregants, family and friends who are ill. We encourage you to call or visit with them and wish them well.

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may also be said on Friday Evening & Saturday morning March 30, 2018 & March 31, 2018.

El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Monday or Thursday preceding the Yahrzeit at the 8:00 am Minyan.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nissan</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Relation-ship</u>	<u>Observant</u>
1	16	Martin Morrison	Husband	Natalie Morrison
4	19	Herbert Mason	Husband	Alice Mason
5	20	Benjamin Sussman	Father	Florence Rothschild



**2nd Annual West Valley Yom HaShoah
Event**

Thursday, April 12th, 2018 - 6:30 P.M.

At Beth Emeth Congregation –

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY