

The Shabbat which precedes Passover is called Shabbat haGadol, the Great Sabbath, for many and varied reasons, as we shall explain below.

There are also many special customs associated with this Shabbat. It was in Egypt that Israel celebrated the very first Shabbat Ha-Gadol on the tenth of Nissan, five days before their redemption. On that day, the Children of Israel were given their first commandment which applied only to that Shabbat, but not to future generations: On the tenth day of this month [Nissan]... each man should take a lamb for the household, a lamb for each home (Exodus 12:3).

This mitzvah of preparing a lamb for the Passover offering four days before it was to be brought, applied only to that first Passover in Egypt, and the Torah does not tell us that we must continue to do so before every future Passover. Nevertheless, the people continued to do this to make sure that their lambs had no blemishes which would preclude their being sacrificed.

Many miracles were performed for the Children of Israel on this first Shabbat haGadol. The Torah commanded them to take their lambs and tie them to the bedpost. When they did so, their Egyptian neighbors saw this and asked:

"What is the lamb for?"

The Children of Israel answered: "It is to be slaughtered as a Passover sacrifice as G-d has commanded us."

The Egyptians, for whom the lamb was a deity, gnashed their teeth in anger but could not utter a sound in protest.



## Rabbi Tracee Rosen

Candle lighting 6:24 p.m. March 23, 2018

## **SHABBAT HA-GADOL**

Friday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday Morning Services March 24, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Leviticus 7:11-38 pp. 432-435

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24, 23 pp. 1005-1008 Robert Summer

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For Someone Very Special

All are welcome

## **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 23, 2018 & March 24, 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>	Deeased	<u>Relation-</u> <u>ship</u>	<u>Observant</u>
17	1	Fannie Cooper	Mother	Eugene Cooper
17	1	Markel Geller	Father	Marvin Geller
19	3	Morris Sheidlower	Father	Adele Sacher
19	3	Bernard Weintraub	Father	Joseph Weintraub
20	4	Pearl Gubin	Mother-in-law	Shirley Gubin
21	5	Edna Koshar	Mother	Louis Koshar
22	6	Beverly Casper	Cousin	Sheldon Koven
23	7	Marilyn Rich	Wife	Gerald Rich