



# Shaare Tefila שערי תפילה

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## Shabbat & Passover Final Days

**April 3, 2021/ 21 Nisan 5781 - April 4, 2021/22 Nisan 5781**

[Zoom Link](#)  
[Livestream](#)

### Shabbat & Seventh Day of Passover

#### Friday, April 2, 2021

**7:15 pm:** Candle Lighting

**6:00 pm:** Shabbat Evening Services on [Zoom](#) and [Livestream](#)

#### Saturday, April 3, 2021

**9:30 am:** Shabbat & Holiday Services on [Zoom](#) & [Livestream](#) includes Hallel & Song of Songs

**8:00 pm:** Holiday Evening Service

**8:16 pm:** Candle Lighting

**Torah:** [Exodus: 13:17 - 15:26](#) - p. 399

**Maftir:** [Numbers 28:19-25](#) - p. 931

Torah Reader: **Joel Friedman**

#### **Haftarah:**

[2 Samuel 22:1-51](#) - p. 1311

Haftarah Reader: **Michael Gross**

*(Click on Torah/ Maftir/ Haftarah link for text.)*

### Eighth Day of Passover

#### Sunday, April 4

**9:30 am:** Holiday service includes Hallel & Yizkor

**Torah:** [Deuteronomy 15:19 - 16:17](#) - p. 1080

**Maftir:** [Numbers 28:19-25](#) - p. 931

Torah Reader: **Naomi Yadin-Mendick**

#### **Haftarah:**

[Isaiah 10:32-12:6](#) - p. 1316

Haftarah Reader: **Stan Kensky**

**8:20 pm** Evening Service & Havdalah on [Zoom](#).



### Yahrzeit Observance For the week of April 3 – April 9

Michael Auerbach, Marjorie Fuhrmann,  
Susan Gershowitz, Sylvia Glaser, Laurence Goldstein,  
Patricia Greene, Arnold Greenland, Donald Helfer,  
Al Kliman, Ira Kolmaister, Gilda Kuritzky, Peggy Slade,  
David Ronis, Betty Rosenthal, Jerry Rosenthal,  
Zelda Rosenthal, Elaine Ross, Sheryl Tilles, Jack Teller,  
Beverly Weinstein

### Refuah Shleyimah - Speedy Recovery To

Shlomo ben Batya, Sippa Hannah bat Golda, Ruth bat Sarah,  
Paul Thomas Hinze, Beverly Cartledge, Nays Gildor ben Shoshana,  
Ruth bat Sarah, Shlomo ben Golda, Tzviya Sara bat Sima Leah,  
Simcha Natan ben Risa Chana, Syma Tzivya bat Zelda,  
Penina bat Chana Leah, Aviyah Sarah bat Tziril Essah,  
Rachel Penina bat Ariella, Tziporah Sheva bat Rayzel, Gavriel bat Batya v'Yonatan, Yehuda ben Leah, Sara Rachel bat Sadie,  
Frumma Dreida bat Zisha, Rachel Fruma bat Ita Rayzel, Rivka bat Taybel Sheyndel, EyLiYaHoo Y'RochMe Ayl ben YaAhKov,  
Devorah Sheshel bat Chaya Rachel, Shoshana bat Rachel, Len-ny Frand, Tzipa Chana bat Golda, Batya Tziril bat Batsheva,  
Rayzel bat Esther, Chaya bat Leah

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## Counting the Omer

The omer refers to the 49-day period between the second night of Passover (Pesach) and the holiday of Shavuot. This period marks the beginning of the barley harvest when, in ancient times, Jews would bring the first sheaves to the Temple as a means of thanking God for the harvest. The word omer literally means “sheaf” and refers to these early offerings.

The Torah itself dictates the counting of the seven weeks following Passover:

“You shall count from the eve of the second day of Pesach, when an omer of grain is to be brought as an offering, seven complete weeks. The day after the seventh week of your counting will make fifty days, and you shall present a new meal offering to God (Leviticus 23:15-16).”

In its biblical context, this counting appears only to connect the first grain offering to the offering made at the peak of the harvest. As the holiday of Shavuot became associated with the giving of the Torah, and not only with a celebration of agricultural bounty, the omer period began to symbolize the thematic link between Passover and Shavuot.

While Passover celebrates the initial liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, Shavuot marks the culmination of the process of liberation, when the Jews became an autonomous community with their own laws and standards. Counting up to Shavuot reminds us of this process of moving from a slave mentality to a more liberated one.

## When to Count the Omer

The counting of the omer begins on the second night of Passover. Jews in the Diaspora generally integrate this counting into the second seder.

The omer is counted each evening after sundown. The counting of the omer is generally appended to the end of Ma'ariv (the evening service), as well.

## For North African Jews, After Passover Comes Mimouna.

Most people are eager for a break from holiday meals when the eight-day Passover holiday concludes. But for the Jews of North Africa, the holiday's end is the perfect time for another feast, [Mimouna](#), marking the beginning of spring. Celebrated after nightfall on the last day of Passover, Mimouna is marked by a large spread of foods and the opening of homes to guests. The celebration is often laden with symbolism, including fish for fertility and golden rings for wealth.



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## Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm;

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