



Shaare Tefila

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Mazel Tov to **Dina Eber**, her parents, **Gabriel & Stephanie** and the entire family as we join them in celebrating Dina becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Friday, April 16, 2021

7:28 pm: Candle Lighting
6:00 pm: Shabbat Evening Services on [Zoom](#) and [Livestream](#)



Saturday, April 17, 2021

9:30 am: Shabbat Services on [Zoom](#) & [Livestream](#)

Havdalah

8:35 pm: Evening Service & Havdalah on [Zoom](#)



Adult Education

Learning with Rabbi Layman on Zoom.

Torah: Friday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Talmud: Sunday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Prayerbook Hebrew: Sun., 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Journey Through the Jewish Year: Mon., 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Torah Study: Wed., 11:00 am - Noon

Hebrew Conversation Group (Chug Ivrit)

with **Ami Frydman**

Sunday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Click here for [Zoom](#) link.

Iyar 8

In 1516, the Jews of Venice were forced to move to an enclosed area, the site of an old metal foundry. The Italian word for foundry is "ghetto," thus giving rise to a byword that would, over the centuries, describe the persecution of Jews. In 1555, for example, Pope Paul IV created the Roman Ghetto, and in the 20th century the Nazis forced Jews into dozens of ghettos -- the Warsaw Ghetto alone held 450,000 people (30% of the entire population of Warsaw), crammed into a tiny area.

Come Join Our Community

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Shabbat Sheet

April 17, 2021/ 5 Iyar 5781
[Zoom Link](#)



Torah & Haftarah Readings



Torah: Tazria-Metzora

(Click on parsha link for text.)
[Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33](#) - p. 649

Torah Reader: **Rabbi Jonah Layman**

Haftarah:

[2 Kings 7:3-20](#) - p. 676

Haftarah Reader: **Dina Eber**

Yahrzeit Observance

For the week of April 17 – April 23

David Appel, Estelle Belson, Stuart Carroll, Rona Eisen, Audrey Frank, Michael Froehlich, Emily Green Blacher, Manny Ginsburg, Audrey Haber, Barry Handloff, Sumner Katz, Lenore Kelner, Bernice Kisliuk, Shirley Liberman, Diane Schneider, Anne Shuman, Barbara Smith

Refuah Shleymah - 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 Tzviya 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, ElyLiYaHoo Y'RochMe Ayl ben YaAhKov, Devorah Sheshel bat Chaya Rachel, Shoshana bat Rachel, Lenny Frand, Tzipa Chana bat Golda, Batya Tziril bat Batsheva, Rayzel bat Esther, Chaya bat Leah

Summary of Parshiot Tazria-Metzora

In the Torah portion Tazria, God instructs Moses about the purification rituals for mothers following childbirth. God then describes to Moses and Aaron the procedures for identifying and responding to those infected with leprosy. In Metzora, God describes the purification ritual for people and homes afflicted with skin diseases; God also instructs Moses and Aaron regarding the laws of the emission of bodily fluids.

The Haftarah This Week

This week's Haftarah is set in the time of a brutal famine in Israel, while Jehoram son of Ahab was king of Israel. The scene opens with four lepers sitting outside the city limits, discussing their sad, hungry prospects.

The four lepers realize that they will soon starve to death if they take no action. They decide to defect from the Israelite camp and go to the camp of the Arameans, who had laid siege over the area. They explain that they have nothing to lose: "If they [the Arameans] let us live, we shall live; and if they put us to death, we shall but die" (7:4).

At twilight, they head for the Aramean camp. Much to their surprise, they discover that the camp was totally abandoned. God had created a miracle, causing the Arameans to hear sounds of chariots and horses, and flee their own camp in fear of attack.

The four lepers help themselves to all the Arameans had left behind: food, drink, silver, and gold. Then they realize they should share the wealth: "This is a day of good news, and we are keeping silent! Come, let us go and inform the king's palace" (7:9).

The lepers return to the city and tell the gatekeepers about their discovery. The gatekeepers pass the news along and soon King Jehoram, receives the message. Yet he is skeptical, believing that the Arameans had left the camp as a trap, and would be waiting nearby, ready to ambush, as soon as the hungry Israelites entered the Aramean camp to look for food.

But one of the king's courtiers—perhaps out of desperation in famine—encourages the king to investigate the situation further. The courtier proposes sending some horses ahead to see if the Arameans are really laying in ambush. The messengers on these horses discover that the lepers were in fact correct. The camp was fully deserted, and the road, all the way to the Jordan, was strewn with clothing and gear that the Arameans had thrown out in haste.

The people of Israel plundered the Aramean camp. The Israelite economy experienced an upturn, actualizing the prophecy which Elisha had delivered on the previous day: "This time tomorrow, a seah [a biblical measurement] of choice flour shall sell for a shekel at the gate of Samaria, and two seahs of barley for a shekel" (7:1, 7:18).

When Elisha had delivered this prophecy, the king's aide had expressed disbelief, and even mocked Elisha: "Even if the Lord made windows in the sky, could this come to pass?" Elisha had responded harshly: "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it" (7:2, 7:19).

Sure enough, the king appointed this aide to stand at the gate of the Aramean camp while the Israelites helped themselves to the loot. In their massive excitement, the crowd descended on the camp and trampled this aide to death.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; **Friday** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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