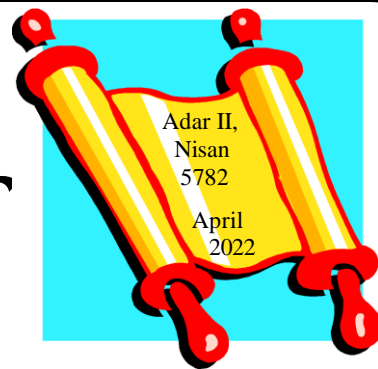




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**Candle Lighting Times**

**April**

April 1 – 7:03 p.m.

April 8 – 7:10 p.m.

April 15 – 7:18 p.m.

April 22 – 7:25 p.m.

April 29 – 7:32 p.m.



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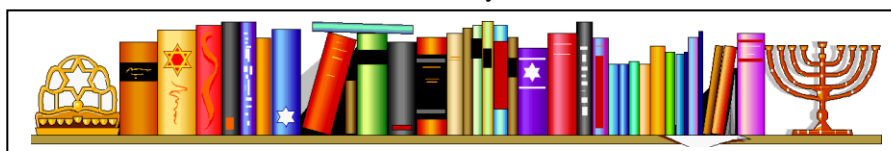
**May**

May 6 – 7:40 p.m.

May 13 – 7:47 p.m.

May 20 – 7:53 p.m.

May 27 – 7:59 p.m.



**April**

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**Let's Study Talmud**

As part of your preparation for Passover, join Rabbi Arsers to see what the Talmud says about the Seder. We will be reading and discussing a selection from Tractate Pesachim which describes the rituals of the Seder.

You'll find that the Four Questions are not exactly the same questions we ask at our Seders.

So join us on ZOOM on Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 and bring your questions with you.

**Calendar of Events**

**Saturday, April 2**

9:30 a.m. – Service

Parsha: Tazria

**Saturday, April 9**

9:30 a.m. – Service

Parsha: Metzora

**Sunday, April 10**

10 a.m. – Talmud Study via Zoom

Zoom link will be sent via email

**Saturday, April 16**

9:30 a.m. – Passover Service

**Sunday, April 17**

9:30 a.m. – Passover Service

**Friday, April 22**

9:30 a.m. – Passover Service

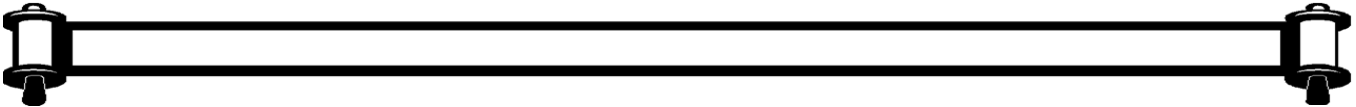
**Saturday, April 23**

9:30 a.m. – Passover Service

**Saturday, April 30**

9:30 a.m. – Service with Rabbi Arsers

Parsha: Achrei Mot



***From our Rabbi, Michael Arsers***

This is a prayer composed by Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, the founder of the Breslov Hasidic movement. He was born in 1772 in Ukraine. He was a great-grandson of the Baal Shem Tov.

Rabbi Nachman's Prayer for Peace

May it be Your will,  
Holy One, our God, our ancestors' God,  
that you erase war and bloodshed from the world  
and in its place draw down  
a great and glorious peace  
so that nation shall not lift up sword against  
nation  
neither shall they learn war any more.

Rather, may all the inhabitants of the earth  
recognize and deeply know  
this great truth:  
that we have not come into this world  
for strife and division  
nor for hatred and rage,  
nor provocation and bloodshed.

We have come here only  
to encounter You,  
eternally blessed One.

And so,  
we ask your compassion upon us;  
raise up, by us, what is written:

*I shall place peace upon the earth  
and you shall lie down safe and undisturbed  
and I shall banish evil beasts from the earth  
and the sword shall not pass through your land.  
but let justice come in waves like water  
and righteousness flow like a river,  
for the earth shall be full  
of the knowledge of the Holy One  
as the waters cover the sea.*

So may it be.  
And we say:  
Amen.

***Misheberach List***

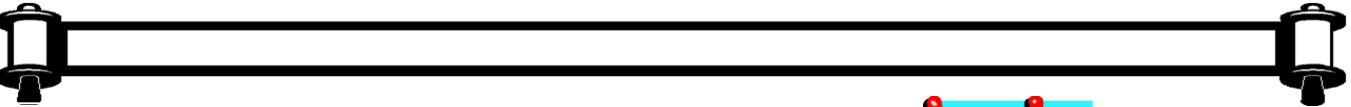
When we have a morning minyan, as well as at holiday morning services, we offer a blessing for the sick. Usually, this is reserved for our members, relatives and friends who have been hospitalized, are seriously ill or bed-ridden, or who have a chronic or debilitating condition. For 30 years, I have had the privilege of reciting this prayer, listing individually all whom the office or our gabbaim are made aware. Hebrew names, if known and applicable, are encouraged. This Misheberach list now rivals in number our membership rolls. However, for many reasons, some names *should* be removed—improved health, circumstances have changed or unfortunately, death. Some names, in fact, cannot be identified. While I personally, given the opportunity, will continue this tradition of asking good health for all, please advise the office or myself of any additions, deletions or corrections. We would like this to be current on a monthly basis...In advance, Thank you!

Harry Morgenstern

***Peoria Hebrew Day School News***

PHDS students are so excited that the weather is changing, and we get to spend our recesses outside. The younger students had a blast at the Purim Carnival that the older students helped put together for them. I think all the students enjoyed eating the Hamentashen and dressing up.

This month at the Peoria Hebrew Day School, we are excited to announce that we will be accepting enrollment for new students for the 2022-2023 school year! We are working diligently to hire a marketing professional, to demonstrate to the community at large the ways that PHDS is such a special and incredible choice for families in this community! We are looking forward to our annual spring raffle coming up, and on May 15th we will be celebrating our 50th Golden Anniversary Gala. Save the date! We will be creating a Memory Book so you can share words of encouragement or stories, make sure to participate and leave a legacy.



***Kiddush Fund Donations***

*Honor of Susan and Sheldon Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Lydia Anne Sams. Congratulations to the parents, Rachel and Martin Sams*

Debbie and Harry Morgenstern

*In appreciation of Agudas Achim*

5 X CHAI+ – Charlene and Charles Steinberg

*In appreciation of Larry Gornish for his enjoyable Megillah reading*

Paul and Annette Small

*In appreciation of Agudas Achim for the delicious Purim meals and the Mishoach Manot*

Paul and Annette Small

*Memory of Dan Steinberg*

CHAI – Marilyn Propp

5 X CHAI – Jumna and Norman Nathan

2 X CHAI – Donna and Leonard Kaufman

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3 X CHAI – Betty Congress

2 X CHAI – Diane and Ed Kach

2 X CHAI – Stella and Larry Griminger

3 X CHAI – Barry and Miri Fredman

CHAI+ – Marie and Bruce Schindles

5 X CHAI – Kathy Lefco

2 X CHAI – Marsha and Thomas Everetts

*Memory of Sandra Moskowitz*

2 X CHAI – Jumna and Norman Nathan

*Memory of the yahrzeit of my dear, beloved father, Earl Axelrod*

CHAI+ – Gary Axelrod

*Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved friend, Susie Favus*

CHAI+ – The Freed girls and families



***Torah Fund Donations***

*Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved father, Edward Feldman*

CHAI – Bari and Steve Blumhof

*Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved uncle, Maurice Block*

CHAI+ – Michael and Inette Gross



***Freyda Fredman Hospitality Fund***

*Memory of Dan Steinberg*

Doris Shasha

Cindy and Eric Goldberg

CHAI – Larry and Wanda Brunell

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***Charity Fund Donations***

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Joan and Tom Halperin

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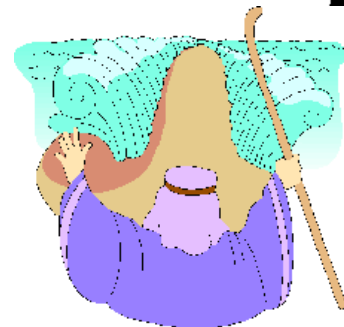


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## PESACH

The festival of Passover occurs this year on **Saturday, April 16**, and continues through **Sunday, April 23**.

First and second Seders are held in the home on Friday, and Saturday night, April 15 and 16.



### THE SEDER

The very first SEDER eaten by our ancestors the night of their departure from Egypt was a family feast. So for hundreds of years on the first and second Passover nights, after the men return from the synagogue services, families gather around the large and inviting table to rejoice together in Israel's redemption. Particularly we should encourage the youngsters to stay up for the SEDER, despite the late hour so that they not only witness, but also fully participate in the ritual.

SEDER means order. The festival gathering, therefore, although unrestrained in joy and thanksgiving, follows a set procedure. Everything centers around the HAGGADAH, the story, the dramatic tale of the miraculous deliverance of Israel. Because of the hardships which the children of Israel were forced to undergo in Egypt, and the exodus from Egypt culminating in the miracle of the Red Sea, we recite the tale and link it with the ceremonies of the SEDER.

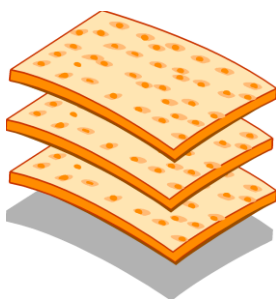
### FAST OF THE FIRST BORN

Because the first born of the Israelites were spared when the Egyptians were smitten with the tenth plague, all first born Jewish males fast on Erev Pesach until the SEDER. This is called "Ta'anit B'Chorim." If, however, one attends a "Seudat Mitzvah," (a feast that accompanies the performance of a religious duty), one is not required to fast.

### MECHIRAT CHAMETZ

The ritual for searching for Chametz in the home should be conducted on **Thursday evening, April 14<sup>th</sup> after dinner**

**THE LATEST TIME FOR EATING CHAMETZ IS 10:30 AM, ON FRIDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> AND BURN IT SHORTLY AFTER**



### MATZAH FUND (MAOT HITTIM)

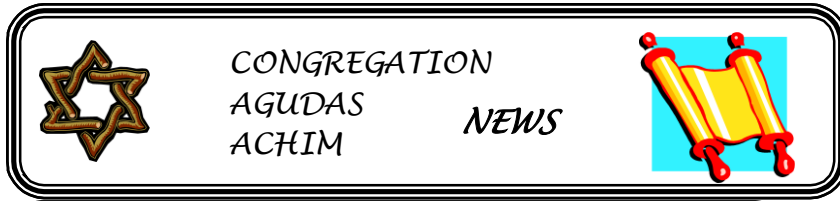
Donations to the Matzah fund are being accepted at the synagogue office. Please make your check payable to the **Agudas Achim Charity Fund**.

Thank you for your support!



# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Candles @ 7:03	2 9:30 am – Service Parsha: Tazria Rosh Chodesh
3	4	5	6	7	8 Candles @ 7:10	9 9:30 am – Service Parsha: Metzora
10 10 am – Talmud Study	11	12	13	14 Search for Chametz	15 Candles @ 7:18	16 9:30 am – Service Passover
16 9:30 am – Service Passover	18	19	20	21	22 9:30 am – Service Passover Candles @ 7:25	23 9:30 am – Service Passover
24	25	26	27	28	29 Candles @ 7: 32	30 9:30 am – Service Parsha: Tazria Rosh Chodesh



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