

**Welcome to Congregation Ner Tamid!**

Be a part of our Family!

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or to be put on our Mailing List.

**✧ PERSONAL EVENTS IN OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY ✧**

**Yom Huledet Same'akh! ~ Happy Birthday Wishes to:**

Yael Wartens (03/16); Herbert Kurlan (03/18); Leon Rajninger (03/21)  
Toby Sherwood (03/23); Belia Wartens (03/25); Warren Hirsch (03/27)  
Rena Chaya Simon (03/27); Frances Kurlan (04/01); Barbara Lewis (04/04)  
Jeanne Sonnenblick (04/04); Pearl Baltor (04/06)

**A Prayer for Healing: Traditional liturgy  
with English lyrics by Debbie Friedman and Drorah Setel**

*Mi shebeirach avoteinu m'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu*  
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 shebeirach imoteinu, m'kor hab'racha la'avoteinu*  
Bless those in need of healing, with *Refuah Shlemah*  
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit; And let us say, Amen

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**REFUAH SHELEMA ~ We wish a recovery to:**

Regina Blum; Ilse Lewy; Warren Hirsch; Tom Lagerquist  
Yaffe bat Margit; Lila Kluger; Malka Mina bat Miriam

Please inform us of any illness or life cycle event of which you are aware.  
Rabbi Shana would like to know so that she can call or visit.

**~ URGENT! Do You Have Re-Sellable Clothes or Items to Donate? ~**

Ner Tamid DEPENDS on your donations to the **Community Thrift Store** to be able to retain our space there. PLEASE make a donation of clean, unwanted goods immediately. If you need help with pick-up or drop off of items, please let Rabbi Shana or Adele know.

**We may lose our space there if we do not have fresh donations.**

And it's a great way to begin cleaning for Passover!

Use Ner Tamid's "charity code" (#207) and the resale proceeds of your tax-deductible donation will be given to the synagogue! Contact Community Thrift at (415) 861-4910 or [www.communitythriftsf.org](http://www.communitythriftsf.org), or call Adele in the Ner Tamid office.

Todah Rabbah to **Oscar & Pearl Baltor**, for sponsoring this month's Discover Shabbat Dinner!



**... EVENTS THIS MONTH ...**

**Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 PM: Board of Directors' Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 28, 3 PM: Last chance to sell chametz.** Call the office.

**Thursday, March 29: NO Torah Study Breakfast Group.**

**Friday, March 30: No Shabbat Services.** Enjoy 1<sup>st</sup> Seder at home.

**Shabbat, March 31, 9:30 AM: Shabbat & Pesach 1<sup>st</sup> Day Festival Services**

**Saturday, March 31, 6 PM: 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Passover Seder** in Ner Tamid Social Hall by reservation.

**Sunday, April 1, 9:30 AM: Pesach 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Festival Services.** B'nai Emunah joins us at Ner Tamid.

**Thursday, April 5: NO Torah Study & Breakfast.**

**Friday, April 6, 9:30 AM: 7<sup>th</sup> day Festival Minyan and Torah Study**

**Friday, April 6, 6 PM: Shabbat evening Services**

**Shabbat, April 7, 9:30 AM: Shabbat & 8<sup>th</sup> Day Passover Services & Yizkor**

**Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 PM: Remembrance of the Holocaust and Acts of Courage** with guest speaker, **Leon Rajninger** at Peninsula Temple Sholom.

**Thursday April 12, 9:30 AM: Torah Study Breakfast and Yom HaShoah Commemoration**

**Thursday, April 12, 6:30 PM: C3's Jewish Film Night** showing of "Menashe". Dessert \$6/person with RSVPs by noon on Tuesday, April 10; \$9/person at the door.

**Friday, April 13, 6 PM: C3's Joy of Shabbat Services**



**📖 MAY THEIR MEMORY BE A BLESSING 📖**

**Yahrzeits This Week**

**Stan Spiezer; Susan Melony Fox; Betty Schlocker; Dr. Eli Hassid  
Ruth Karliner; Sarah Goldberg Brosin; Nathan Levenson  
Jennie Drucker; Sarah Edelson; Monty Zielin; Esther E. Vederoff  
Herman Svirsky; Rueben Shweid; Alan Abe Rosenbaum  
Col. Henry L. Sommer; Maurice Tauber; Fanny Taube Schoenfeld  
Max Feibusch; Harry Graubart; Charles Rosen; Irving Green  
Joseph H. Plotnick; Rachel La Schell; Peter Zauss**

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## Summary of Parashat *Tzav* (Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36)

Torah Reading: p. 617

Haftarah: p. 1295

This parashah elaborates upon the various sacrificial offerings introduced in last week's section, and which were available to the grateful and to the penitent in the ancient Israelite worship system. We begin to hear the formula "zot torat...", "this is the Torah of..." as we learn of the specific rituals associated with each offering. Note that the word "Torah" likely derives from the Hebrew root meaning "to aim" or "to instruct," although ironically, the definition of "Torah" has never been entirely clear!

The burnt offerings are supplemented with instructions for caring for the fire on the altar; we learn that the minchah/meal and purgation offerings are to be eaten only by the male, priestly order and always within the precincts of the sanctuary, while the sacrifices of "well-being" (the *sh'lamim*) could be consumed by men and women, priests and laypeople, anywhere within the camp. In Tzav we have the first references in Leviticus to the penalty of "karet," of being "cut off from one's kin," although the Torah never defines this punishment specifically – we can only imagine what this separation might have entailed.

Tzav includes a description of the elaborate and mysterious ordination of Aaron and his sons to the priesthood, emphasizing the grandeur and centrality of the cult and its sacred caretakers. The ceremonies last for days and continue into the next parashah.

שבת פסח!



Pre-Pesach Protests

Please remember, Passover is the "Festival of Freedom," and though it is the best and prescribed time for cleaning out the chametz in our lives, the commandment is only to not eat, benefit from, own, or see chametz in your home during the holiday.

**"May your Passover preparations be light, joyful, rewarding and delicious!"**



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### Shabbat Hagadol

Tsav: Week of 8 Nisan 5778 - March 23 - 29, 2018



Parshat Tzav refers to the bringing of the sacrifice of well-being known as the "Todah" or thanksgiving offering. The Babylonian Talmud (Berachot 54b) elaborates that a person was to bring a Todah when they had safely completed a dangerous journey, recovered from illness, been released from confinement, or survived other perils. The custom continues today in the "Gomel" blessing offered in synagogue during the Torah reading when a person has avoided or survived misfortune. The Talmud states explicitly that people need to bring this offering, rather than being required to bring it, suggesting that the grateful individual brings the Todah to fulfill a psychological need, rather than to meet a religious obligation (Etz Chayim Chumash).

