

Annette Newman Day School



Week of April 2-6

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Weekly Highlights

Pesach

In the traditional Haggadah the story of the Exodus is told four times:

- We were slaves to Pharaoh and God freed us.
- We worshiped idols and now we serve God.
- We interpret a section of Biblical text that tells the story.
- We talk about the meaning behind 3 of the items on the table.

Why do this? Why all the repetition? Perhaps it is because each conveys a different message about bondage and freedom. Perhaps it is because the writers of the Haggadah recognized that there are different learning styles. And perhaps it is to say to us that we can tell this story in a way that works for us and our seder participants. The seder is rich with "props" and "prompts" for doing that. How might you use them to tell the story at the seder this year? What points should be emphasized? What bondages have been overcome and what freedoms won? What additional devices can help participants to connect to the story?

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

It was FUN! We were pleased to partner with St. Paul JCC this year. Thanks to all the teams, spectators, Alan Milavetz, Drew Greenberg, Hector Sztainer, Ann Johnson and Carol Carlson for their hardwork. Special thanks to our sponsors: Maslon, Edelman, Borman & Brand, LLP; Anchor Bank, N.A.; Apogee Enterprises, Inc.; Champps

Parashat Hashavuah

Haftarah Portion
Malachi 3:4 - 3:24

This is the reading from the prophets that is read each year on the Shabbat prior to Pesach. In large measure, the *haftarah* deals with the Israelites' estrangement from the right order of things. Toward the end of the chapter it says "Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of the Lord. He shall reconcile the parents with children and children with their parents, so that, when I come, I do not strike the whole land with utter destruction." (3:23-24)

The Hebrew phrase "*haysheev lev*," translated here as reconcile, can also have the sense of restore the hearts or return. The more curious word in the verse is the preposition "*al*". Some commentators say it has the sense of "with" as in "parent and children will be reconciled to one another". Some say it means "along with" as in "both will be restored to the right path". A third idea is that it has the sense of "by means of" as in "children will help restore parents and parents will help restore children to the right path." In this last explanation, it is intergenerational communication that helps to bring the redemption.

It works well that this is the *haftarah* read the Shabbat prior to Pesach. The seder is centered around dialogue, around questions and answers between parents and children. These conversations are the medium by which we talk about our past

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redemption and look to our future. Speech is the vehicle; engagement with the other is the method. We ask questions and tell stories, bringing the generations together, and through that a reconciliation and restoration to the right path.

TTSP ANNUAL PLANT SALE IS ON!

Day School and Afternoon School students have received packets with information and order forms. The plants that we get are from Gerten's (very high quality!) and will enhance any garden or patio! Order forms and money are due in to the school on Monday, April 16. This is one of those win-win fundraisers – folks get great spring plants and the school raises money. Please help us move into spring and support the school. You can purchase plants from students or [online](#).

Get Well Sam A-K!

Sam A-K is back at home healing from his recent fall. Cards, emails and other good wishes are always welcome! Contact the [office](#) if you need the family's contact information.

Middah of the Week

This is the second of two weeks during which we will focus on the *Middah* of honesty.

"In the end, falsehood has no base on which to stand. And if the liar should later speak truthfully, no one believes him any longer." (*Rabbi Menachem Mendel Leffin*)

Looking Ahead

Friday, May 18, 1:30 PM – Volunteer Appreciation and Talent Show

Thursday, May 24, 7:00 PM – Celebration of Learning Open House

Thursday, June 7, 7:00 PM – Fifth Grade Graduation

Reminders

Pesach Seder Hospitality

If you need a place for one or both of the seders, or if you can make extra space at your seder table, please let [Sara Lynn](#) know.

Tuition Contracts

Please return your contract. If you have any questions about the form or the process, be in touch with [Linda Friedman](#). If you have questions about tuition assistance, be in touch with [Barry Glaser](#).

[April Greeter Schedule](#)

Greeters

Monday, April 2 – TTSP Staff

Tuesday, April 3 – Fink

Wednesday, April 4 – Friedman
Thursday, April 5 – Galyan
Friday, April 6 – No School

Mark your Calendar

Friday, April 6-13 Pesach Break
Monday, April 16 - School Resumes; Plant Orders Due
Thursday, April 19- Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration at
Beth Jacob, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 24- Community Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial
Day) Commemoration, 7:00 at Temple of Aaron
Sunday, April 29- Twin Cities Yom Haatzmaut (Israel Independence
Day)

Community Events

[Families Forward Mini-Conference for Parents at the St. Paul JCC](#)

[Magical Muscial Mystery Benefit at Hillel](#)

[PJ Library](#)

[Camp Chi Exclusive for New Campers](#)