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Schedule for Parshat Tazria/Hachodesh Shabbat Mevarchim

Friday, April 4

Shacharit **6:50 am**
 Mincha **6:55 pm**
 Candle Lighting **6:56 pm**

Saturday, April 5

Shacharit at Salem Towers **7:45 am**
 Shacharit **8:45 am**
 Latest Time for Kriat Shema **9:33 am**

Kiddush Following Services

 Talmud Class **6:10 pm**
 Mincha **6:40 pm**

Se'udah Shlishit Following Mincha

Ma'ariv **7:55 pm**
 Shabbat Ends **8:05 pm**

Schedule for the week of April 6 - 11

	Shacharit	Mincha	Ma'ariv
Sunday	8:00 am	7:00 pm	7:30 pm <i>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</i>
Monday	6:40 am	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
Tuesday	6:50 am	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
Wednesday	6:50 am	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
Thursday	6:40 am	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
Friday	6:50 am	7:00 pm	<i>after Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</i>

Pesach Shopping

www.SpecialtyProvisions.com - A wide selection of glatt kosher meat (see website for kashrut details) at the lowest prices around. *Congregation Beth Israel of Malden members get a 5% discount off their orders*, with regular convenient pick-ups at the Beth Israel. *For delivery to other communities, please see the website.*


www.SavMorSpirits.com - Offers a fine selection of kosher wines at excellent prices. Located on Rte. 28, minutes from Malden

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Please note that the maftir of this week is a special reading for Parshat HaChodesh, from the book of Exodus 12:1-20. The haftarah is also for Parshat HaChodesh, from the book of Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18.

Upcoming Events

 **Torah Ethics Class** Monday, 04-07-08, 9:30 am at Salem Towers

 **Weekly Parsha Class** Thursday, 04-10-08 after Ma'ariv

The Rabbi's class is available on our website, <http://www.BethIsraelMalden.org>

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Breakfast	\$5
Newsletter Greeting	\$10
Se'udah Shlishit	\$36
Kiddush.	\$50
Sefer.	\$50
Luncheon.	\$100

Contact the office to find out how you can help.

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The Divine Message of Tza'ra'at

Insights into Parshat Tazria from the Ramban, by Rav Reuven Ungar of Sha'alvim.

Leprosy (tza'ra'at) that afflicts clothes or homes is an unnatural phenomenon. When the Jewish People properly serve Hashem, He protects us and ensures that our bodies, clothes and homes maintain a positive appearance. As a consequence of sin, tza'ra'at appears - in the body, clothes or home - to indicate that Hashem has (temporarily) abandoned this person.

The Torah indicates that tza'ra'at of homes transpires exclusively in The Land of Israel (Leviticus 14:34). True to its' nature as a Divine Punishment, tza'ra'at of homes will occur only in The Land, in which He dwells. The Sages of the Talmud (Torat Kohanim, Metzora 5:3) state that even in the land, tza'ra'at of homes became operative subsequent to the conquering and settlement of The Land; each person was required to recognize his portion in The Land. Prior to this state, the requisite peace of mind (yishuv hada'at) that facilitates a deep and profound relationship with Hashem resulting in the dwelling of His Presence (Shechinah) was absent. Therefore tza'ra'at of homes, which indicates the removal of The Presence of Hashem, is contingent upon dwelling in The Land with the blessed conditions that facilitate an exalted spiritual state.

The same applies to tza'ra'at of clothes. The Torah was not required to exclude such cases outside of The Land of Israel, because it simply did not transpire outside of The Land. Likewise, colored clothes are not susceptible to tza'ra'at of clothes. Perhaps the colors naturally generated the stains; it is not necessarily a Divine Punishment.

Tza'ra'at is harsh medicine. Yet, it displays the special and intimate relationship between Hashem and His People, that is best exemplified in The Land.