

## **ANSHE EMETH'S E-NEWS FOR APRIL 2025**

**Temple Shabbat Service – Saturday, April 19 - In-person or Zoom!** This will be the last day of Passover. In lieu of a challah, we will have a matza tasting during the oneg. Bring a sheet or so or your matza to share.

### **Yahrzeit's for April... of Blessed memory:**

**Harry Max Asher, Lil Feinstein, Florence Kastner, Lillian Katz, Rusty Litchfield, Hortense Louis, Joseph Shuchat.**

### **Mark your Calendars:**

Saturday, May 3, Shabbat Service,

Saturday, May 3, Carry-in dairy luncheon following services.

Saturday, May 3, "Judaism 101" Class, History of Judaism, taught by Rabbi Jonathan, in-person or zoom. Please let [ansheemeth@gmail.com](mailto:ansheemeth@gmail.com) know if you plan to participate.

*Please share the attached flyer.*

### **MisheBerach – Prayers for Healing:**

**Joey Ferrell, Neal Schmidt, Mitzi Saeman**

### **Letter from Rabbinic Jonathan:**

#### ***Pesach Today: A Call for Justice and a Renewed Sense of Purpose***

While Pesach has deep roots in ancient Jewish religious history, its relevance resonates more powerfully than ever. The core themes of freedom, justice, and the fight against oppression are as vital in our modern world as they were in ancient times. As we sit at the Seder table, we are reminded that the fight for freedom is ongoing, both in our own communities and around the globe. Pesach encourages us to reflect on our personal journeys of liberation. What modern-day "slaveries" do we face? How can we free ourselves from unhealthy patterns, toxic relationships, or unexamined prejudices? The holiday challenges us to think about how we can contribute to a more just and compassionate world—just as our ancestors did when they left Egypt. Beyond the story of Exodus, Pesach invites us to embark on our own personal journey of renewal. It's a time to refresh our commitment to the values that define us—justice, freedom, compassion, and the belief in the potential for transformation. Just as the Israelites were freed from the physical chains of slavery, we, too, have the opportunity to liberate ourselves from whatever holds us back from fully living out these ideals. Moreover, the Seder is an opportunity to strengthen our community ties. It is a celebration of shared values, of collective responsibility, and of the joy that comes from supporting one another. This holiday reminds us that freedom is not just an individual right—it is a collective pursuit. By coming together, we renew our shared commitment to making the world a better place for all — Tikkūn! As we gather around the table this year, may the lessons of Pesach—freedom, renewal, redemption, and justice—guide us in our own lives. Let us reflect on the journey of our ancestors and apply its lessons to the challenges we face today. May this Pesach inspire us to seek freedom in all its forms and to work toward a world of greater

peace, dignity, and opportunity for all. Chag Sameach! May your Pesach be filled with joy, reflection, and meaningful connections.

**With Grateful Thanks**

**Holly & Eric Stephenson**

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**To Join Zoom**

**Service:**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7643723318?pwd=STJIR1drNXFoL29XRGw0L1AzMThxQT09>

**Or go to your Zoom App and put in this information:**

**Meeting ID: 764 372 3318 Passcode: 0092**

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