



March 7-8, 2025

ח אדר תשפ"ה

Candle Lighting 5:42 PM

Shabbat Zachor שבת זכור

Parashat Tetzaveh תצוה Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

Stone - p 464

Hertz - p 339

Etz Hayim - p 503

Special Maftir - Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Stone - p 1066

Hertz - p 856

Etz Hayim - p 1135

Haftarah - I Samuel 15:2-34

Stone - p 1214

Hertz - p 995

Etz Hayim - p 1281

Kiddush following services is sponsored by the congregation

Shabbat ends 6:43 PM

PURIM CELEBRATION! - Thursday, March 13



Fast of Esther begins at 6:44 AM (daybreak) or 7:16 AM (sunrise)

Minchah 6:45 PM

Fast ends 7:06 PM

Arvit 7:15 PM

Festive music by Mark

Reading of the **Megillah** 7:30 PM

Friday, March 14: **Shacharit** 7:00 AM + Megillah Reading

TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION

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WEEKDAY AND SHABBAT SERVICES

Sunday - 8:30 AM

Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Shabbat - 9:30 AM

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We welcome new members!

If you or someone you know would like to receive membership information,
please contact our office at 314-576-5230
or traditionalcong@gmail.com

On This Week's Torah Portion - Tetzaveh

In this week's D'var Torah, the Chief Rabbi explains, "Legacy has nothing to do with your name and everything to do with your impact."

The most important name is missing from the book of names.

This week, in Parashat Tetzaveh, Moshe Rabbeinu is the central figure of the building and the furnishing of the Mishkan – the sanctuary in the wilderness. Yet remarkably, his name does not appear in the entire parasha. Usually, paragraphs begin, "**Vayedaber Hashem el Moshe lemor**" – "the Lord spoke to Moses saying" etc... But in this week's parasha, passages commence, "**Ve'ata**" – and you – "**ve'ata Tetzaveh**" – you must command – and so on. Clearly Hashem goes out of his way to omit the name of Moshe. Parashat Tetzaveh is always read close to the yartzheit, the anniversary of the death of Moshe, on the 7th of Adar, which took place just a few days ago. So at the time when we mourn the loss of Moshe, his name is absent.

I believe that there is a profound message for us relating to the centrality of names. You see when it comes to legacy, there are some who presume that all depends on the preservation of their name on the lips of others. For as long as people are mentioning and quoting that name, then the legacy remains alive. But that is a mistake. Legacy has nothing to do with names. It has everything to do with impact. Through the seeds that we sow during our lifetime, the harvest can be reaped for all time. That is true legacy and we learn it from another biblical character – Noach.

You know, if one were to ask, who is the father of all mankind? People would say, well that's an easy question to answer – it was Adam. But actually I believe there's a better answer – it was Noach.

After the flood, when life on earth started again, in a far more productive and responsible manner, it was Noach who set the tone for the generations to come. Yet Noach's name is not readily on our lips.

The reason is evident at the beginning of parashat Noach. There, the Torah declares, "**Eileh Toldot Noach**" – these are the generations of Noach. "**Noach Ish Tzaddik Tamim Hayah Bedorotav et HaElokim Hit'haleich Noach**" – Noach was a righteous person, he was perfect in his generations. Noach walked with God.

Where are his generations? Only his good deeds are mentioned. Rashi explains, "**Lelamedcha she'ikar toldotem shel tzadikim ma'asim tovim**" – to teach you that the primary descendants of good people are their deeds. Those good deeds of Noach sustained the world and are with us to inspire us to this day.

We may not mention Noach by name but that's not what matters – it is the impact upon our lives that is with us.

And that is exactly the case with regard to Moshe Rabbeinu and this week's parasha of Tetzaveh. The name of Moshe may be absent but the Torah that he taught, the values that he imparted, they are with us to this day and that is the essence of legacy. Let us all therefore guarantee that our legacy will remain in this world forever – by living a life of good deeds and setting a fine example to one and all.

**Shabbat shalom,
Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis**

*Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis has been Chief Rabbi of
the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth since 2013*



Traditional Congregation Adult Education Committee presents:



IT AIN'T CHOPPED LIVER!!

Join us on **Sunday, March 9 at 10:00 AM** for bagels, cream cheese, etc., followed by a presentation regarding state of the art knowledge of Liver Diseases with **Dr. Mauricio Lisker**, Director of Hepatology at John Cochran VA Medical Center.



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Fatty Liver Disease: Conundrum between body weight and alcohol abuse

Impact of End-Stage Liver disease

Growing out of Control: Liver Cancer

Liver Transplantation: a realistic option

**No charge;
share-the-fare donations appreciated**

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Shabbat Dinner

with JFed's YPD

Young Professionals Division

Fri, March 21, 2025 | *Shabbat services*
6:00 PM sharp | *followed by dinner*

at Traditional Congregation

\$25.00/person

\$15/child age 9 and under

Vegetarian option available



Register at <https://bit.ly/43emQeH>

or scan the QR code by 3/13/25

*Bring your family and friends and
help us show the young pros
what Traditional is all about!*





2025 Florence Gaponoff Mother's Day Gift Bag Project

The greatest need is monetary donations
to purchase items.

- To donate, send check to Traditional Congregation
or go to:

<https://www.traditional-congregation.org/donate>

- Donate travel-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion,
soap/body wash, deodorant,
toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss.
- Women's necklaces and bracelets in good, wearable
condition. *NO earrings, rings, watches, tarnished or
broken jewelry, please.*
- To donate the above items, bring to Traditional and
place in the wicker bin near the office door.
 - Assembly date will be provided soon.

- *THANK YOU!*



PRAYER (*Shabbat Zachor*)

Yesterday will never return; weigh, count and consider what you did then.

Yesterday, by virtue of being yesterday, undermines foundations of today.

Yesterday did not vanish, but lives.

*Yesterday is the memory, which will ever bear witness
to the violence and murder inflicted upon us.*

Yesterday is the only witness of our expulsions from land to land.

*Yesterday absorbed the wails of our kinsmen; the laments of generations;
the poison and bitterness of our history.*

Yesterday is the language whose precious jewels are
our undried, uncongealed tears. And so I ask myself,
“Shall we forget yesterday?”

*And an inner voice answers,
“There is no tomorrow in the sphere of civilization
if yesterday is forgotten.”*

Morrie Matlof

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

A man's real possession is his memory. In nothing else is he rich, in nothing else is he poor.

Alexander Smith