

This shabbat before Passover is *Shabbat ha-Gadol*, “the Great Shabbat.” One of the reasons for this name is that the *haftarah* for this shabbat from the prophet Malachi 3:4-24 speaks of the “great day” on which the Messiah will appear. Typically, on this shabbat, rabbis give their longest sermon, reviewing the rules of Passover observance. The *parasha* we read is *Metzora* (“The Lord spoke to Moses saying, ‘this shall be the ritual for a leper at the time that he is to be purified.’”) The service begins at 7:00 PM. In the spirit of this special shabbat, the rabbi will talk at length about matzah.

On Saturday morning our service begins at 9:45 AM. The Torah will be read by Rabbi Peggy.

Sunday morning at 9:30 AM we have morning minyan. Following the service the Moses class will continue at 10:30 AM. We will look at the *Maggid* section of the Haggadah from which Moses is absent. We will take up the question of why the Haggadah doesn’t just tell the story straight, following the Book of Exodus. What is the reason for its form? What does the format tell us? Please bring a haggadah for this class. I will be using the one published by the Rabbinical Assembly. You might want to read in advance Exodus 12:1-20 and Mishna 10 in *Pesachim* available on the website Sefaria.org.

https://www.sefaria.org/Mishnah_Pesachim.10.9?lang=bi. All Sunday activities will be on the Rabbi’s Zoom.