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## Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom one and all!

Well the first month of 2012 is gone by and we are hurtling toward Passover!

With that in mind, be sure to go to our website at the following link - <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/Feb2012/feb2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.elshaddaiministries.us> and get your ticket if you can attend our Passover Seder Thursday night April 5th at the Tacoma Dome. Actually on the website we have posted a map of where it will be held and links to hotels of all different prices that are close by. Some are suites with a kitchenette for as little as \$50. If you can also stay for our Shabbat service

that would be awesome.

We are expecting 1,000 people this year. For people who cannot afford a hotel we are seeing how many members here might be able to house individuals for the night or weekend so we can meet all of our internet friends! The Seder dinner includes a full course meal. The tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids 9 and under. 2 and under are free. The tickets may be purchased by credit card but only over the telephone. The reason for this is we have to make sure we get the names of the individuals coming so if a ticket gets lost we can verify it was bought. While the price may seem high to some, believe me it doesn't even cover our costs. With these economic times some people with many kids just can't afford to come. With that said if you would like to help sponsor a child to come to the Seder I know it would be greatly appreciated! For that you can just make a paypal donation or call the office and we will make sure a child gets the ticket. You can make a donation by clicking or copy and paste the following link:

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Wouldn't it be exciting if this was the year Elijah came to the Seder and drank from his cup!

I would like to give some advice that you can keep or disregard however you like. While we are told be watching and waiting, (as well as working!) we are not to be engaged in the endless hype from people who are constantly saying every month they heard from the Lord and He's coming on a specific date. These people need realize they are hurting the body of Messiah and ruining credibility. If you are getting emails from people who are always saying they heard from the Lord and setting dates as to when He is coming back just block or delete them. Don't get caught up in the hype. I say this because of all the emails I get. I get thousands of emails and just can't keep up. I'm only saying this because of the emails I get and I'm concerned for the new believers. Look, Messiah is coming back and we need to get the work done He has asked each of us to do. We don't need to be date setters or clock watchers but as the Scriptures say:

Da 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

I hope many of you are watching our series on the Hebrew letters. The letter Vav is truly my favorite! Watch here and see why:

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Find out where the letter is made exceptionally large or broken or missing or added to names! These are not in our English Bibles yet they hold great significance! Aside from that I want to thank all of our internet congregation who have enabled us to go over 2,300,000 hits just for the month of January! That is awesome – keep spreading the Word.



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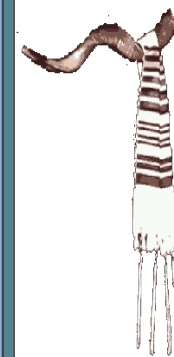
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For those that are not aware we held a 15 hour live video conference in Hyderabad, India right from our office! We were able to see them live and they could see us as well as the powerpoints right there in India and were able to ask questions and we could answer them live. We are hoping to expand this around the United States and the world. We are now able to drop in at a home fellowship remotely and say hi to everyone in your group if you would like.

Also I encourage any of you who can come on our trip to Israel this November to be sure and go to our homepage and sign up at the link to Unseensites.com here is the link: <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/Feb2012/feb2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.unseensites.com%2F>

## Hebrew language

Here is another exciting insight to the Hebrew language:

You remember Caleb one of the two good spies who had spied out the land? Well it just so happens the word for Caleb in Hebrew **כלב** depending on the vowel points can mean bold or dog. We also know dogs are very bold and those of you who are dog lovers know that dogs are also all heart.



When we look at the actual word **כלב** the first two letters spell Kol **כל**

Which means "all" and if you take the last two letters **לב** it spells lev **לב** which means heart! If we want to be an overcomer in this last generation we need to be Calebs and whatever we do for the Lord we need to do it with all of our heart!.

Pr 3:5,6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

## Star of David

I also want to take a moment and address the Star of David. Many people are afraid of it or think it is some pagan symbol. It is not. Calm your fears! It will not come and get you! For heaven sake god created the stars, prophesied that a Star would come out of Jacob to rule and reign, a star heralded the Messiah at His first coming, etc. I'm telling you any design of a star that Jewish people use in many anti-Semites minds would become pagan. As a matter of fact if you go to any website bashing the star of David you will find they are generally white supremacists, conspiracy minded, etc. Now I am not saying everyone against the star of David is a white supremacist or conspiracy minded I am just saying they are ill informed. I do not plan on answering any emails from the star of David bashers or those who are convinced it is pagan. Here are some thoughts to consider:

Through the Jewish people's long and often difficult history, we have come to the realization that our only hope is to place our trust in God. The six points of the Star of David symbolize God's rule over the universe in all six directions: north, south, east, west, up and down.

Originally, the Hebrew name *Magen David* — literally "Shield of David" — poetically referred to God.

Ps 115:9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

The word for shield here in Hebrew is Magen.

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Ps 89:18 For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

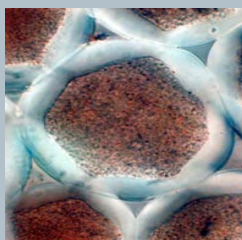
Here the same word Magen is translated as Defence. The Magen David or shield of David known as the Star of David is meant to show Israel trust is in God. You can see why so many are against it!

It acknowledges that our military hero, King David, did not win by his own might, but by the support of the Almighty. This is also alluded to in the third blessing after the Haftorah reading on Shabbat: "Blessed are you God, Shield of David."

It is a design found in nature as you will see in this article about a native flower in Israel called the Persian Buttercup:



It's known as the ultimate survivor. It grows wild in Israel, thriving in the harsh dry conditions that would kill many other plants. It turns out that the cell walls of the storage roots of this particular plant serve as a shield. In winter, when the first rain comes, the cell walls block the sudden influx of water which could cause the cells to burst. At the same time, they protect the cells from dehydration by absorbing water. "We have never before seen a structure like this in the cell walls of plants," she says. "This is a very rare structure - maybe even unique." And what do the cells of this hardy survivor - a native Israeli Persian buttercup - look like under a microscope?



This is God's design so don't call it pagan. In the ancient Hebrew alphabet the letter Dalet was a triangle meaning door and we know Yeshua is the door> Here is the ancient picture:



King David's name was made up of two letter Dalets! **אָא** He was known as a man of war. Here is a link where a doctor in linguistics shows how the "star" in Acts does not refer to the Star of David: <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/Feb2012/feb2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fichthys.com%2Fmail-star%2520of%2520David.htm>

And here is a link that shows you all the Hebrew letters the language of God is hidden in the star of David:

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Mt 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

The star of David is Messiah's Star!

Re 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Satan is a copycat and everyone knows his star is the pentagram. He hates the star of David and is the one leading the charge against it!

Be Blessed!

**Pastor Mark**

## WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT?

By Pastor Art Palecek

Years ago those of us Baby-Boomers who needed to do research on a topic in school would have to visit the library and endure searching through the Dewey Decimal system (what's that? \*) to find the topic we needed to do our school paper. Or if we were fortunate enough to have Word Book Encyclopedia or Encyclopedia Britannica in our home we could struggle through the thousands of pages to gather the information we needed. But at least we put some effort (elbow grease) into it, and learned something along the way.

But TODAY!, who would have thought you could press a few keys on a keyboard and come up with scores of information on any topic from countless sources? (By the way, who are these countless sources?) The internet has opened numerous doors to knowledge we never had before, and in just milliseconds you can access anything. But do you believe everything you see and hear?

This generation grew up on television and media that fed our visual and auditory (hearing) senses with all sorts of fanciful imaginations. And of course as kids, we believed all those commercials about the great toys we wanted. And then we dragged our parents to the store to try to convince them to put those toys in the shopping cart because we were sure they would perform like we saw it on TV. Yet when we got it home, it didn't seem to perform like it did on the tube.

How many of us handle the Word of God as such when we access information on the internet relative to spiritual things? Do we just believe everything we "Google" and expect it's true? You could do a search on a biblical topic and come up with all kinds of explanations, but who are these folks that give these interpretations? What are their backgrounds that define biblical topics according to their paradigms?

The last I looked, the whole Bible, possibly with the exception of Luke (who may have been a proselyte) was written by the Jewish people, with God as the author.

Remember II Peter 1:21:

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Rabbi Shaul (or Apostle Paul) had his own issues with individuals who tainted the pure word of God with information from the sources of the day.

1 Timothy 1:3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, 4 nor to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies which promote speculations rather than the divine training that is in faith;

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

How many of us entertain myths and occupy ourselves in searches on the internet, or the endless speculations of armchair Biblical research generals on Facebook (fortified with a Strong's Concordance) who have the last word on a vital spiritual topic and are absolutely sure they have the answer?

Ephesians 4:14 ...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

This doesn't mean that every resource we may search on the internet is a "cleverly devised myth" or a "wind of doctrine" devised by "the trickery of men". But do we readily speak and draw conclusions before we search it out from the word?

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Yeshua (Jesus) made it very simple in his explanation to those who persecuted him:

John 5:39 You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me;

When God gave to Moses the commandment of unleavened bread right before they were leaving Egypt, he made a statement most of us are familiar with.

Exodus 13:9 And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.

When a Jewish man wraps the Tefillin, or phylacteries ( in Greek: to guard or protect) on his arm and head, this signifies the "sign upon the hand" and "memorial between your eyes" so as to guard or protect that "that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth"

The Tefillin consists of 2 small leather boxes attached to leather straps. The 2 small boxes each contain four sections of the Torah inscribed on parchment.

These 4 sections in the small leather boxes are as such:

1. The **Shema** (Deut. 6:4-9) – which attests to the Unity of The One God.
2. **Vehayah** (Deut. 11:13-21) – which expresses God's assurance to us of reward that will follow our observance of the Torah's precepts.
3. **Kadesh** (Ex. 13:1-10) - the duty of the Jewish people to always remember the redemption from Egyptian bondage.
4. **Vehayah** (Ex. 13:11-16) - the obligation of every Jew to inform his children on these matters.






When a Tefillin is wrapped, it is always placed on the arm first, which symbolizes the deed to be done, and then on the head, which represents thought ("memorial between your eyes")

The head piece is never left on by itself. Why? At Mt Sinai when the Children of Israel accepted the commandments they responded as such:

Exodus 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. (Hear & Obey)

They didn't spend too much time thinking about it, they just did it. In other words, in the Hebrew mindset, do it first and understand later. The Greco Roman mindset says: "I need to understand it first before I do it"

The priority of action is the deed.. In Exodus 13:16 "upon thine hand" in the Hebrew is:

יָדָךְ־ Which is pronounced yud-cha. In Paleo-Hebrew, the Yud (y) is a "hand"  representing a "deed" to be done. A Dalet (  ) represents a doorway:  or a "pathway to enter"

The commandments then are a "pathway to the deeds to be done."

How often have we read II Timothy 2:15 regarding the study of the Word of God?

2Timothy 2:15 Study (Show diligence) to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Remember...the Tefillin are divided into 4 compartments- to attest to the Unity of one God, to observe God's precepts & commandments, remember the redemption from bondage, and inform our children on these matters.

WHAT A THOUGHT it would be to rightly divide our searches on the internet to "deeds to be done" rather than being entertained by conspiracy theories, "cleverly devised myths", and "winds of doctrine"

Maybe we need to put some "elbow grease" in as "workman" to search out spiritual matters before we speak and believe everything we see on the internet and hear on TV.

If we want to see a difference in our lives, then we need to do something different.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT we could see a difference with God in our lives by "doing" rather than being "Talking Heads"?

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Some thoughts by:

Art Palecek

*By the way...\*Dewey Decimal System: This highly organized system categorizes books on library shelves in an efficient, specific and repeatable order that makes it easy to find any book and return it to its proper place on the library shelves.*



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## RECIPES

Submitted by Tina Fallstead



### Hamantaschen

It's that joyous, boisterous time of year again, and with it comes some very nice eateries. The traditional cookies for Purim are called "Hamantaschen", or "Oznei Haman" in Hebrew -- Haman's ears. It is shaped triangular to remind us of the triangular shape of Haman's hat.

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- pinch salt
- 5 1/2 cups flour

Mix all ingredients together except for the flour. Add the flour gradually until it is all mixed in and the batter resembles a smooth dough. If the dough sticks to your palm, then add a bit more flour until it is workable. The key to nice looking hamantaschen is to cut out circles with a cookie cutter for each one. This makes your edges symmetrical and perfect looking so that each cookie comes out smooth and uniform in appearance. However, even if you don't have a cutter, they still come out nicely by just pulling off pieces of dough, rolling them into balls, and flattening them down on your working surface before filling them.

Preheat the oven to 350°F / 180°C.

Now comes the fun part. Traditionally, hamantaschen are filled with poppy seeds...however, ideas abound that can be both fun and colorful. There is strawberry jam, apricot jam, blueberry pie filling, pareve caramel filling, a mixture of white and black chocolate chips...just to name a few! Fill them with the fillings of your choice and simply pinch them together on one side, and then the other. Let the kids join in as well; even children as young as three can do this easily when shown how.

Place them on lined cookie sheets, spaced only slightly apart as they don't rise that much. Bake for 10-12 minutes, until they are slightly golden on top and done on the bottom. Remove from cookie trays and leave on a piece of baking paper on the counter. After they have cooled down for 5 minutes, sprinkle them well with confectionary sugar. Enjoy!

These freeze well, but will have to be sprinkled with the confectionary sugar again after they have defrosted.

This recipe is so delicious..... and talk about comfort food! I hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

### Irish Chicken & Dumplings



- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of chicken soup
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 onions, quartered
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 5 carrots, sliced
- 4 potatoes, quartered
- 3 cups baking mix
- 1 1/3 cups milk

1. In large, heavy pot, combine soup, water, chicken, celery, onion, salt, poultry seasoning, and pepper. Cover and cook over low heat about 1 1/2 hours.

2. Add potatoes and carrots; cover and cook another 30 minutes.

3. Remove chicken from pot, shred it, and return to pot. Add peas and cook only 5 minutes longer.

4. Add dumplings. To make dumplings: Mix baking mix and milk until a soft dough forms. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto BOILING stew. Simmer covered for 10 minutes, then uncover and simmer an additional 10 minutes.

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## THIS DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

### [Jews of Colmar Expelled \(1510\)](#)

Three years after the request by the Council of Colmar, Emperor Maximilian I granted permission to expel the Jews of Colmar, Germany. The community exerted every effort to secure the repeal of the decree of banishment. With the help of Rabbi Joselman of Rosheim, the leader of the Alsatian Jews, the enforcement of the decree was postponed until St. George's Day of 1512.

### [Warsaw Ghetto Insurgency Begins \(1943\)](#)

On January 18, 1943, the Germans began their second deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto, which led to the first instance of armed resistance. The deportation was halted within a few days; only 5,000 Jews were removed instead of 8,000 as planned. The Nazis retreated, only to return three months later, at which time the Warsaw uprising started in earnest.

### [Auschwitz Liberated \(1945\)](#)

On January 27, 1945, the Russian army arrived in Auschwitz, the most infamous of the Nazi death camps, and liberated some 7,000 survivors—those left behind as unfit to join the evacuation "Death March."

### [New Year for Trees](#)

Today is *Tu B'Shevat* ("the 15th of Shevat") which marks the beginning of a "New Year for Trees." This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. Legally, the "New Year for Trees" relates to the various tithes that must be separated from produce grown in the Holy Land. We mark the day by eating fruit, particularly from the "Seven Kinds" that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates). On this day we remember that "Man is a tree of the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19) and reflect on the lessons we can derive from our botanical analogue.

### [Purim Saragossa \(1421\)](#)

A noxious plot was brewing against the Jewish community of Saragossa, but they were completely unaware of the looming danger. They were spared, however, thanks to a handful of synagogues beadles who acted on a dream they all had. The resulting salvation on the 17th of Shevat was celebrated by Saragossan Jews, and dubbed "Purim Saragossa." A Hebrew *Megillah* (scroll) was penned, describing the details of the miraculous story. To this day, this scroll is read in certain communities on Purim Saragossa.

### [Twelve Jews Burnt at Auto De Fe in Peru \(1639\)](#)

With the inquisition having arrived on American shores, twelve Jews were burnt in an *auto de fe* in Lima, Peru, on the 18th of Shevat 5399 (1639). Of the sixty-three Jews who were condemned at the time to various punishments, eleven were burnt alive at the stake, along with the body of a twelfth, who had committed suicide during the trial. Amongst those burnt was Manuel Bautista Perez, reported to have been the richest man in Peru at the time, as well as Francisco Maldonado de Silva, a surgeon, poet, and philosopher who was seized in Chile in 1627, and remained in the dungeons of the Inquisition for nearly twelve years. His devotion to his faith never wavered; while in prison he even converted two Catholics to Judaism!

### [Jews of Basel Burned Alive \(1349\)](#)

With the Black Death raging throughout Switzerland, poison was reported to have been found in the wells at Zofingen. Some Jews were put to the "Dümeln" (thumbscrews) test, whereupon they "admitted" their guilt of the charges brought against them. This discovery was then communicated to the people of Basel, Zurich, Freiburg-im-Breisgau, and even Cologne. The Jews of Basel were burned on an island in the Rhine on January 9, 1349, in wooden huts that were especially built for the occasion. Their children, who were spared, were taken and forcibly baptized.

### [Asher born \(1562 BCE\)](#)

Asher, the son of Jacob, was born on the 20th of Shevat of the year 2199 from creation (1562 BCE). According to some accounts, this is also the date of his passing.

### [First Jew Granted Residence in England \(1657\)](#)

On February 4, 1657, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector

of England, issued the first residence permit to a Jew, Luis Carvajal, since the expulsion of all Jews from England by King Edward I in the year 1290. The edict of expulsion had been officially overturned in the previous year, 1656. The re-admittance of Jews into England was partially due to the efforts of the great scholar Rabbi Menasseh Ben Israel.

#### [War on Benjamin \(1188 BCE\)](#)

Armies of the Tribes of Israel converged upon the tribe of Benjamin in the aftermath of the "Concubine at Givah" incident, in a war which nearly brought about the extinction of the Benjaminites (as related in the Book of Judges, chapters 19-21).

#### [Zachariah's Prophecy \(351 BCE\)](#)

"On the 24th day of the 11th month, which is the month of Shevat, in the second year of the reign of Darius, the word of G-d came to Zachariah the son of Berechiah the son of Ido the prophet, saying: '...I will return to Jerusalem in mercy, my house will be built within her...and the Lord shall yet console Zion and shall yet choose Jerusalem.'" (Zechariah 1:7-17) This was two years before the completion of the 2nd Temple on the 3rd of Adar, 3412 (349 BCE).

#### [Parshat Shekalim](#)

When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, each Jew contributed an annual half-shekel to the Temple. The 1st of Adar marked the beginning of the collection of the shekalim. In commemoration, the Torah reading of the Shabbat that falls on or before Adar 1 is supplemented with the verses (Exodus 30:11-16) that relate G-d's commandment to Moses regarding the first giving of the half-shekel. "Parshat Shekalim" is the first of four special readings added during or immediately before the month of Adar (the other three being "Zachor", "Parah" and "Hachodesh")

#### [Hashmonean Holiday \(2nd century BCE\)](#)

On Shevat 28 (134 BCE?), Antiochus V abandoned his siege of Jerusalem and his plans for the city's destruction. This day was observed as a holiday in Hashmonean times. (Megilat Taanit)

#### [Plague of Darkness \(1313 BCE\)](#)

The 9th plague to strike the Egyptians for their refusal to release the Children of Israel from slavery -- a thick darkness that blanketed the land so that "no man saw his fellow, and no man could move from his place" (Exodus 10:23) -- commenced on the 1st of Adar, six weeks before the Exodus.

#### [Passing of Ibn Ezra \(1164\)](#)

The highly regarded Biblical commentator, Rabbi Avraham ben Meir Ibn Ezra (1089?-1164), passed away on Adar 1.

#### [Second Temple Completed \(349 BCE\)](#)

The joyous dedication of the second Holy Temple (*Beit HaMikdash*) on the site of the 1st Temple in Jerusalem, was celebrated on the 3rd of Adar of the year 3412 from creation (349 BCE), after four years of work. The First Temple, built by King Solomon in 833 BCE, was destroyed by the Babylonians in 423 BCE. At that time, the prophet Jeremiah prophesied: "Thus says the L-rd: After seventy years for Babylon will I visit you... and return you to this place." In 371 the Persian emperor Cyrus permitted the Jews to return to Judah and rebuild the Temple, but the construction was halted the next year when the Samaritans persuaded Cyrus to withdraw permission. Achashverosh II (of Purim fame) upheld the moratorium. Only in 353 -- exactly 70 years after the destruction -- did the building of the Temple resume under Darius II.

#### [Roman Ghetto Abolished \(1798\)](#)

In 1555, Pope Paul IV segregated the Jews of Rome in a walled quarter surrounded by gates that were locked at night. The ghettoed Jews were then subjected to various forms of degradation as well as restrictions on their personal freedoms. During the French Revolution, Italy was conquered by Napoleon Bonaparte. On the 4th of Adar (Tuesday, February 20, 1798) the Ghetto was legally abolished. It was reinstated, however, as soon as the Papacy regained control.

#### [Moses' Last Day of Leadership \(1273 BCE\)](#)

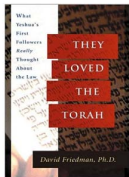
Moses passed away on the 7th of Adar. Following G-d's instruction that Joshua should succeed him and lead the Jewish nation into the Land of Israel, Moses transferred leadership duties to Joshua on the day before he passed away. Thus the fifth day of Adar was the last day of Moses' leadership.

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Moses completed the book of Deuteronomy, concluding his review of the Torah which he began several weeks earlier, on the 1st of Shevat. He then wrote down the completed Five Books of Moses, word for word, as dictated to him by G-d. This scroll of the Torah was put into the Holy Ark, next to the Tablets of Testimony.

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