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Pesach as explained by the Rabbi

"In every generation each man is obligated to see himself as if he personally went out of Egypt." This famous line of the Haggadah taken from the Mishna Pesachim expresses all that we seek to accomplish on the Seder night. Pesach, with its intricate laws, seeks to bring us back to the point of origin of our people. We are enabled to touch the beginning of Jewish history, we can begin to recover the meaning of Jewish destiny and rebuild our private lives according to a collective Jewish ideal.



May we succeed in that quest and become stronger and more committed Jews. May you all enjoy a happy and Kosher Pesach and a fulfilling and joyous year.

Birkat HaChama

This year we will have the privilege of fulfilling a Mitzvah that can be performed only once every 28 year – the Birkat HaChama – or the blessing upon seeing - החמה בתקופתה - the sun at the beginning of its cycle.

According to the literal rendering of the first chapter of the Torah, the sun and the other heavenly bodies were placed in the heavens on the Wednesday of the first week of Creation.

Now there is a well known Talmudic dispute according to which Rabbi Eliezer claims that man was created Tishrei. This view is accepted in the Rosh Hashana liturgy and is more broadly taken for granted. However, Rabbi Yehoshua holds that the world was created in Nisan and this is the view that is assumed in the Mitzvah of Birkat HaChama. This means that for Rabbi Yehoshua, the first Wednesday and the initial suspending of the heavenly bodies occurred in the month of Nisan.

It must be emphasized that a misplaced literalism here will undercut both science and Torah and the beauty of this Mitzvah will be lost. This Mitzvah puts us in touch with the poetry of the Biblical narrative.

There are two systems in Jewish tradition for calculating the solstices and equinoxes of the Jewish calendar. The more accurate system of Rav Ada is used in the context of intercalating



the lunar and solar calendars of the Jewish year. For the purpose of this Mitzvah we employ the system of the Talmudic sage Samuel according to which the solar year is 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days and the period between equinox and solstice is always 91 days and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Every 28 years, the Tekufat Nisan or spring equinox of this system recurs on the eve of a Wednesday in Nisan, returning the sun to its original space and time at the moment of its Creation.

On this occasion, the Talmud enjoins us to rise early Wednesday morning, celebrate the Creation of the heavenly bodies and recite the Blessing - ברוך...עושה מעשה בראשית - Blessed ... who creates the work of Creation.

We will do this right after the Siyum B'chorim, Erev Pesach, Wednesday, April 8th.

Mechirat Chametz



A Jew is forbidden to possess any substance that is Chametz or may contain Chametz. The Rabbi is available to serve as the agent of any member of the congregation wishing to sell their Chametz to a non-Jew. You may contact the Rabbi at the synagogue any time before Pesach for this purpose. The Rabbi will be available each night during Nisan after Mincha-Ma'ariv, or by appointment.

Siyum B'Chorim

There was a custom for the first born to fast on Erev Pesach, but fasting Erev Pesach is onerous. As a consequence it became common to celebrate a Siyum on Erev Pesach which creates the occasion for a Seudat Mitzvah and overrides any need to fast. This Siyum will take place after Davening on Wednesday, April 8th at 6:40 a.m. Birkat HaChama will follow.

Bedikat Chametz & Bi'ur Chametz

On the night before Erev Pesach, we are obligated to make a thorough check of our residences for Chametz. This is customarily done with a candle which concentrates light. A regular flashlight can also be used. One begins with the recitation of the requisite B'racha at nightfall which can be found in all standard Haggadot. When this is concluded, we recite the nullification of the Chametz, also found in the Haggadot.

This year the Bedikat Chametz is to be done on Tuesday evening, April 7th after night fall.

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On Erev Pesach itself we are permitted to eat Chametz until the end of the fourth hour of the day. In this context the “hours” we are talking about are variable. We take daylight time and divide it into 12 equal units.

This year the last time for eating Chametz is 11:15 A.M. We are then allowed one more variable hour to dispose of the Chametz by either selling it or giving it away to a non-Jew. Whatever remains is then burned before the sixth variable hour and the final nullification found in the Haggadah is pronounced. The last time for disposing of the Chametz is 12:30 P.M.

Eruv Tavshilin

This year, Shabbat follows Yom Tov without a break. When this happens we are not permitted to cook for Shabbat on the second day of Yom Tov without preparing a symbolic meal for Shabbat on Erev Pesach. This is called Eruv Tavshilin – hard to translate but it unites our meal preparations for Shabbat and Yom Tov together. The common practice is to place a Matzah and a hard boiled egg (or alternatively cooked meat) on a plate and recite the mandated Nusach. The appropriate blessing and formula can be found in any comprehensive Siddur and is recited and the food is stored away for Shabbat. We can now cook on Friday for Shabbat.



Vessels Used in Food Preparation

כשר



It is important to carefully scour and Kasher ovens and stoves and all surfaces upon which food will be prepared and served for Pesach. The surface of the stove must be covered and the burners must be on the highest heat for at least one half hour. In general, metal pots, dishes and cutlery can be Kashed – china and pottery can not. Glasses can be Kashed by total immersion in cold water for three consecutive days, changing the water each 24 hours. When Kashering an oven, please note the following distinction: a self-cleaning oven can be Kashed by using the self-cleaning mechanism; whereas, a non self-cleaning oven must be thoroughly cleaned with an agent such as Easy-Off, left unused for 24 hours and

then heated at the highest setting for at least one hour before it is kosher.

When Kashering cutlery and pots, they too must be totally cleaned and left for 24 hours. They should then either be immersed totally in boiling water, or filled with water and brought to a boil, then a heated metal object or stone should be dropped in to displace enough water to cause an overflow of boiling water over the rim.

The Rabbi will be glad to assist in answering any questions regarding Kashering. You can reach him at the Synagogue or at his home: 216-371-1736.

Sephirat Ha'Omer

We begin to count the Sephirat Ha'Omer from the second night of Pesach until Shavout, thus binding the celebration of freedom with the celebration of receiving the Torah at Sinai



Maot Chitim

One of the ways in which Pesach is more than symbolic is that it unites the entire Jewish people. One of our methods for expressing this notion is through Maot Chitim, literally 'money for wheat.' This money is given to our fellow Jews who need financial assistance in order to celebrate Pesach with not only physical items like Matzah, but with dignity.

To that end, we will be collecting money for Maot Chitim to be distributed before Pesach. You can send in donations payable to Green Road Synagogue, but please note on the memo line of your check that the money is for Maot Chitim.

Pesach Products

Great care should be used in examining all Hechsherim for Pesach. Hechsherim require the name of the supervising rabbi or agency. A plain statement of Kosher L'Pesach means nothing. The OU Pesach is reliable even without the name of a supervising rabbi. Raw fruits and vegetables do not require supervision. Rice and bean products can not be used for Pesach. The Rabbi is available to guide you on reliable Hechsherim.

With increased use of additives in orange juice, all non-frozen orange juice needs a Hechsher. Frozen vegetables also require a Hechsher since frozen vegetables are frequently blanched with flour. Regular milk can be purchased in advance of Pesach for Pesach use. According to many authorities, raw eggs require no Hechsher.



MONTHLY CALENDAR - NISAN

Thursday, March 26

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

Parshat VaYikra

Friday, March 27

Candle Lighting 7:28 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat **7:15 p.m.

** We will begin Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:15 pm throughout the summer.

Saturday, March 28

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi's Talmud Class 6:15 p.m.

Mincha 7:15 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 8:27 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

Weekday Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text

At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Parshat Tzav - Shabbat HaGadol

Friday, April 3

Candle Lighting 7:35 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi's Shabbat HaGadol Drasha 6:00 p.m.

Mincha 7:20 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 8:34 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

Weekday Evening Services 7:40 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text

At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

PESACH

Bedikat Chametz

Tuesday, April 7 After Nightfall

Erev Pesach

Wednesday, April 8

Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

*Siyum Bichorim following Shacharit

Birkat Hachama following the Siyum

Last time to eat Chametz 11:15 a.m.

Last time to dispose of Chametz 12:30 p.m.

First Days

Wednesday, April 8

Remember Eruv Tavshilin!!!

Candle Lighting 7:41 p.m.

Evening Services 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 9

Morning Service *9:30 a.m.

Evening Services 7:45 p.m.

Candle Lighting - not earlier than 8:42 p.m.

Friday, April 10

Morning Service *9:30 a.m.

Candle Lighting 7:43 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Mincha 7:45 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 8:42 p.m.

Chol Hamoed

Sunday, April 12

Sunday Morning Services *7:50 a.m.

Evening Services 7:55 p.m.

Monday, April 13

Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

Evening Services 7:55 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

Last Days

Tuesday, April 14

Candle Lighting 7:47 p.m.

Evening Services 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Evening Services 7:50 p.m.

Candle Lighting - not earlier than 8:47 p.m.

Thursday, April 16

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

YIZKOR 10:45 a.m.

Mincha 8:00 p.m.

Motsaei Yom Tov 8:49 p.m.

Parshat Shemini

Friday, April 17

Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

Candle Lighting 7:52 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi's Talmud Class 6:45 p.m.

Mincha 7:45 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 8:51 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

Weekday Evening Services 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text

At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Friday, April 24

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

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FMS JUNIOR HIGH PRE-PESACH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, April 2nd
Contact Rabbi Kislowicz at
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BURN YOUR CHAMETZ WITH THE GRS Boy Scouts Troop 95

Making a fire in your back yard to burn your Chametz is *dangerous* and *illegal*...

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Pesach, Courage & Inner Freedom

By Rabbi Melvin Granatstein



In his commentary to the Haggadah, Rabbi Don Yitzchak Abravanel notes that the symbols of the Seder night come in clusters of two and four. We have two “Tavshilin,” we eat two mandatory vegetables, we dip twice and so forth. At the same time, there are four cups, four questions and four sons.

The first Mishnah of Chapter 10 in Tractate Pesachim mandates that even a recipient of public charity be given the means to have four cups of wine at the Seder. The Mishnah then organizes the entire Seder around the mandatory four cups.

Now there existed a common superstition among the Jews of Eretz Yisrael in Talmudic times that maintained that “Zugot” or doubles were unlucky and caused danger. The Halachah does not usually challenge the deeply held fears of the common Jew. Yet here the Halachah seems to go to great lengths to insist that we do almost everything in dreaded doubles. The Talmud itself raises the



question, “Why did the Rabbis institute decrees that conjure up danger?” (Pesachim 109b). Three answers are given for the obligation to drink four cups of wine.

Rav Nachman maintains that since the Torah refers to the Seder night as ליל שימורים – a night of vigilance, this is enough to assure the Jew that on this night we are protected from destructive forces.



Rava argues that the very structure of the Seder eliminates superstitious fear. The third cup of the night is כוס של ברכה – “a cup of blessing” used for the grace after meals. Since, as the name indicates, this cup only brings blessing, it can only add blessing and can never form part of a unit that can cause harm. You are left



then with three cups and the “doubles” are defeated.



Ravina maintains that since each cup is designated as a separate Mitzvah celebrating freedom, each cup enjoys a distinct integrity and can not be assimilated to any larger unit. There are no doubles – there are four separate Mitzvot and four separate foci on freedom.



What unites these three explanations? In each of these explanations, the masters of the Halachah insist on an overriding obligation that takes precedence over fear. Whatever may be true generally, on the Seder night, the Jew must face his fears with equanimity and act with spiritual courage. The night of Pesach is a fence against destructive fear. A cup of blessing defeats a superstitious organization of the mandatory cups. Each cup has its own integrity. It celebrates freedom, and freedom is the flip side of courage. The “festival of our freedom” defeats inward fear and invests us with dignity and courage. A Jew who takes the Halachah seriously will laugh at superstition and place his faith in God alone.

LOCAL JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

There is a grassroots group in the community that is doing what it can to help those of us who are looking for employment, with our search and our skills - interviewing, resume writing, networking, and other skills. Their efforts are meant to compliment those already being put forth by the Federation and the JFSA.

Anyone who is looking for employment or who knows of a job opportunity should contact Karen Baker at the Federation at 216-566-9200. After that, he or she should reach out to Ari Jaffe or Herzl Ginsburg (440-449-6800 x7230) to connect with the local group.





MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi Aaron & Micol Bayer on the birth of a girl.

To Miriam Katz & Ze'ev Rabinowitz on the birth of a grandson born to David & Devorah Katz in Israel. Mazel Tov also to David on passing his Smicha exams!

To Boris & Dr. Alla Mikhli and Dr. Larry & Anne Jacobs on the birth of a granddaughter, Tsofiyah, born to Dr. Yanky & Michelle Mikhli of Cedarhurst, NY.

To Philip Baskin on his engagement to Pessy Sloan of West Hempstead, New York. Mazel Tov to his parents, Dr. Yehuda & Barbara Baskin.

To Mike & Raisa Malek on the engagement of their son Jeff to Mandy Chesner, daughter of Bezalel & Lia Chesner of Beachwood.

To Rabbi Yehudah & Channah Appel on the engagement of their son Avraham Yeshaya (aka Shaya) to Shevy Grossman of Flatbush, NY.

To Gary & Cari Gross on the engagement of their daughter Emily to Andrew Fuchs, son of Anna & Tibor Fuchs of Brooklyn, NY.

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February 21: By Shelly & Debbie Senders in memory of Shelly's mother Peppi Senders on the occasion of her Yahrzeit.

March 7: Co-sponsored by the Seltzer family in memory of David's father, Josh Seltzer, and by Joe & Nan Hecht in memory of Nan's parents, Joe & Gussie Kleinman, on the occasion of their Yahrzeits.

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