D’VAR TORAH: PESACH 5782

It has been a long and cold and rainy winter here in Jerusalem. Because it is a leap year, spring in the Jewish calendar has been delayed almost until the beginning of April. Nevertheless, it has arrived with its seasonal warmth and flowering greenery. The holidays of the Jewish calendar were undoubtedly meant to be celebrated here in Israel, where the climate matches the mood of each individual holiday. Here in the Holy Land no snow falls on the Succah, no freezing temperatures accompany the Pesach Seder.

On account of this confluence of calendar and nature, the holidays here in Israel take on a different perspective, an additional layer, so to speak, when compared with their mode of celebration in the Diaspora. As we recite the words of rapture found in Solomon’s Song of Songs, we here in Israel are struck by the detailed and exquisite description of the nature of the land that we see before our eyes. The Exodus from Egypt was not just our redemption from a land of slavery and oppression: we were also guaranteed to arrive at a particular destination – a land of beauty, sustenance, and inspiration. In His first message to our teacher Moshe, the Lord God had already informed him of the destination and mission that was entrusted both to him and to later generations of Jews. It was not sufficient merely to be redeemed from slavery but to remain in Egypt, even as free citizens treated with equality and fairness. That would still be regarded as exile, since Egypt was not our country or our land, and never would be. The goal was rather to arrive in the land of Israel, to settle it and to create there, in a Jewish national state, a Holy Temple in order to establish a civilization that would serve to be an example for others to emulate, a light unto the nations.

I think therefore that the natural weather patterns to which our planet is subject, year in and year out, are meant to reinforce this idea that the Jewish national dream can only be fulfilled in the land of Israel. Only there can the natural, almost predictable, cycle of the weather be found to coincide with the great moral values and teachings of the Jewish holidays. The coming of spring, of sunlight and warmth, also attests to the coming of freedom and a purposeful national existence. The Jewish people, so to speak, are born again every Pesach. It is not only that nature is renewed in the Holy Land. It is also that the holy people annually find new spurts of energy, to reflect a glimmer of the great future that yet awaits us and all of humankind. Jews have observed Pesach meticulously in every climate and geographical location on this planet. But, as our sages pointed out in many of their commentaries to the Torah, the observance of the holidays, and even of the other commandments outside of the land of Israel, were only meant to remind us of them so that we would be able to observe them correctly once we were eventually restored to our homeland and to our existence as a nation. The holiday of Pesach restores this fundamental value in Jewish life and propels us towards a great future that we are yet to experience.

Chag Kasher veSame’ach

Rabbi Berel Wein
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Mazal tov to Judy and Michael Cohen on the marriage of their grandchildren, Elisheva Klemper to Omer Genkin.

Mazal Tov to Tema Harrisburg on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Nechama and Gershon Twersky in Brooklyn, New York.

Mazal Tov to Rachel Heller Bernstein on the birth of a grandson, born to Hagi and Tamar (nee Ben David).

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Mazal Tov to Tema Harrishburg on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Hagi and Tamar (nee Ben David).

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

In order to help members plan their schedules as they relate to the rabbinic search, the rabbinic candidates will be visiting the shul on the following Shabbatot:

- Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st
- Friday, May 6th through Sunday, May 8th
- Friday, April 20th through Sunday, May 22nd

REFUAH SHELEIMA

Bat sheva Israel is recovering in the hospital from a fall. Her full Hebrew name is Bat sheva bat Sara Shoshana Roza.

Refuah sheleima to Malka Schwartz, Malka bat Rivka.

THIS WEEK’S AND NEXT WEEK’S YAHREITZS

Mrs. Sara Harris ………………….. Father ………… Saturday 4/16/2022
Craig Weiss ……………………… Father …………. Saturday 4/16/2022
Mrs. Ann Arbesfeld………………… Mother …….. Saturday 4/16/2022
Mrs. Sara Harris ………………….. Brother ………… Saturday 4/16/2022
Mrs. Sandy Chesir ………………… Sister ………….. Saturday 4/16/2022
Mrs. Anna Silbermintz …………. Husband ………. Sunday 4/17/2022
Martin Klein ……………………… Son ……………… Monday 4/18/2022
Prof Amikam Nachmani …………. Father …………. Monday 4/18/2022
Mr. Eli Friedwald ………………….. Mother …………. Monday 4/18/2022
Mr. William Preiss ………………….. Mother …………. Tuesday 4/19/2022
Mrs. Anna Silbermintz …………. Father …………. Friday 4/22/2022
Dr. Allan Sass ……………………… Father …………. Friday 4/22/2022
Mrs. Dinah Wohlfarth …………. Mother …………. Saturday 4/23/2022
Mrs. Myrna Hirschhorn …………. Father …………. Saturday 4/23/2022
Steve Brown ……………………… Father …………. Saturday 4/23/2022
Judy Goldberg …………………… Mother …………. Sunday 4/24/2022
Mrs. Sandy Lerner …………………. Father …………. Sunday 4/24/2022
Esther Kemitale-Rothschild ……. Father …………. Monday 4/25/2022
Dr. Mel Shay ……………………… Mother …………. Monday 4/25/2022
Mr. Gershon Berezin ……………….. Father …………. Monday 4/25/2022
Sylvia Lakeland …………………… Mother …………. Monday 4/25/2022
Marcia Klein …………………… Father …………. Monday 4/25/2022
Dr. Howard Rosman ………………. Father …………. Monday 4/25/2022
Rabbi Stanley Steinhart …………. Father …………. Tuesday 4/26/2022
Mrs. Esther Schiller ………………. Mother …………. Wednesday 4/27/2022
Mrs. Kathryn Wallach ……………. Husband ……….. Wednesday 4/27/2022
Mrs. Shifra Paikin …………………. Father …………. Thursday 4/28/2022
Dr. David Hammer …………………. Mother …………. Thursday 4/28/2022
Mrs. Marcia Schlacht …………….. Husband ……….. Thursday 4/28/2022
Mrs. Gitta Koppel …………………. Father …………. Thursday 4/28/2022
Mrs. Evelyn Sass …………………. Father …………. Friday 4/29/2022
Dr. Bennett Salamon ………………. Father …………. Friday 4/29/2022
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At Beit Knesset Hanassi on Chag Pesach

Kabbalat Shabbat  
Friday night, April 15, 2022  
Mincha at 6:55 p.m.

Leining and Mussaf  
Shabbat morning, April 16, 2022  
Shacharit at 8:30 a.m.

Shevi’i Shel Pesach  
Thursday night, April 21, 2022  
Mincha at 7:00 p.m.

Leining and Mussaf  
Friday, April 22, 2022  
Shacharis at 8:30 a.m.

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Pesach Schedule 2022

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April 6th to April 15
Sale of Chametz daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 6:35 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 14th
Search for Chametz after Ma'ariv

Friday, April 15th • Erev Pesach
Shacharit and siyum after tefillah: Rabbi Weinberg 7:15 AM
End of eating chametz 9:58 AM
End of burning chametz 11:19 AM

Candle lighting 6:29 PM

Mincha 6:55 PM
Ma'ariv and Hallel 7:30 PM

End eating Afikoman 12:39 AM

Shabbat, April 16th
Shacharit, Musaf (Shir Hashirim, Prayer for Dew)
Main minyan 8:30 AM
Downstairs minyan 8:45 AM
Mincha 6:50 PM
Maariv - Sefirat HaOmer 7:35 PM
Chag and Shabbat end 7:45 PM

Sunday to Wednesday, April 17th - 20th • Chol Hamoed
Shacharit 7:00 AM
Mincha 7:00 PM
Ma'ariv 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 21st • Erev 7th Day
Shacharit 7:00 AM
Eruv Tavshilin 6:34 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM
Ma'ariv 7:30 PM

Friday, April 22nd
Shacharit Main Minyan 8:30 AM
Yizkor, Mussaf 9:45 AM
Shacharit Downstairs Minyan 8:45 AM
Yizkor, Mussaf 9:45 AM

Candle lighting 6:35 PM

Mincha 6:55 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:35 PM

Shabbat April 23rd • Parshat Acharei Mot
Main minyan 8:30 AM
Downstairs minyan 8:45 AM
Mincha 6:55 PM
Ma'ariv 7:40 PM
End of Shabbat 7:51 PM

Sunday to Thursday April 24th to 28th
Shacharit 7:15 AM
Mincha 7:05 PM
Ma'ariv 7:35 PM

Wednesday, April 27th Yom Hasho'ah V'Hagvurah Memorial after Maariv
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wishes you and your family a

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