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Tefilla Notebook

10-17 Nissan • Parshat Tzav • Shabbat HaGadol • Pesach First Days

April 3-11, 2020

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

6:58pm CANDLELIGHTING

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

7:56pm SHABBAT ENDS

Guidelines for Praying at home:

When davening at home, it is best to daven at the same time that you would have davened when in shul. Although you cannot *hear* the krias Hatorah, one should still read the torah and haftarah to themselves.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



During this time of mandated social distancing, we are still keeping our community connection.

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MAZAL TOV

Sarah and Avi Matanky on the birth of a baby boy! Mazal Tov to grandparents **Hillel & Ruthie Kellerman and Leonard & Margaret Matanky.** Mazal Tov to great-grandparents **Vicky Praw and Sylvia Kellerman**



Dearest Members and Friends,

One of the issues that has been coming up again and again in the past week during phone calls I have been having with my community, and with others from further afield, is the fact that people will be on their own for the Seder this year, or their Seder will be drastically reduced in numbers, with children or parents elsewhere, all isolated in the midst of the current coronavirus social-distancing self-quarantine situation which is so important to prevent the spread of the disease.

Some people will literally be by themselves, solitary, with no one to do the Seder with at all.

"How can we do Seder by ourselves?" they ask me. "Doesn't the Pesach Seder need to be done with family and guests?"

I have thought about this a lot, and would like to address everyone's concerns by sharing an extraordinary conversation with you that I had about eighteen months ago.

I just happened to be in New York at the time, and a friend of mine messaged me that his daughter had become engaged. I texted him back that I was around and would be able to attend the engagement party, and that night I drove to Monsey to celebrate the simcha.

While I was at the party, I bumped into a friend of mine, Rabbi YY Jacobson, a well-known inspirational speaker on the East Coast. I knew that Rabbi Jacobson grew up on Montgomery Street in Crown Heights, in the heart of the Chabad community, just a few blocks away from the home of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe.

There is an aspect of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe's life that I feel is often overlooked, and we got to talking about it. The Lubavitcher Rebbe was incredibly down-to-earth, and, together with his late wife Rebbetzen Chaya Mushka, the Rebbe led a very simple life. Indeed, as hard as it may be to believe, their life together was very private.

Rabbi Jacobson often tells stories about the Rebbe when he speaks to audiences, so I asked him if he ever focuses on this particular aspect of the Rebbe's greatness. Namely that the Lubavitcher Rebbe had no airs and graces at all, nor was he interested in the pomp and ceremony that is often the hallmark of other Hasidic leaders and 'courts'.

"For example," I asked Rabbi Jacobson, "do you ever tell audiences that in their sixty years of marriage, the Rebbe and his wife ate every Shabbes meal together on their own? No guests, no attendants, no public spectacle... just a married couple eating together – bringing the food in, eating, clearing the table, doing the washing up. A man who had literally tens of thousands of people at his beck-and-call! What a powerful lesson!"

Rabbi Jacobson paused for a moment, and then he smiled. "I've got one better for you," he said. "A few weeks ago, I led a workshop for single mothers, and at the end of the session, I took questions from the women and encouraged them to ask any question that was on their mind. One of the ladies put her hand up, and this is what she asked me... it's a crazy story."

"A few months ago," she said, "it was Pesach. The thing is, my ex-husband and I went through a very difficult breakup. After years in court over our kids, we finally settled on a shared custody arrangement, which means that we alternate Jewish holidays. This past Pesach it was my turn – my children were coming to me for Seder and I was so excited. I changed over my home for Pesach and prepared everything beautifully; it was going to be just me and the kids."

"I was so happy about them being with me, that I told everyone: my family, my friends, my neighbors. Then, one hour before yomtov, I got a phone call from my ex – for some reason, the kids were not going to be coming. I almost fainted from shock and heartache. I was also so ashamed. I guess I could have called my parents, or I could have called my neighbors – and gone to them for the Seder. But how could I actually do that? I had told everyone my kids were coming! Truth is, I did not have the energy to even be with anyone. I felt completely and totally numb – dry and lifeless."

"So I did the Seder by myself. On my own. It was the worst and most bitter Seder I have ever had. I just sat there crying the whole way through. Weeping. It wasn't Pesach. It was Tisha B'Av. I did not have to eat Maror. I—my entire life!—was Maror. Yes, I went through the Haggadah and ate the Matzah; but the entire Seder took me 25 minutes."

"Rabbi Jacobson, did I do the right thing? Did I fulfil my Seder obligation? Was it even called a Seder? Because it did not feel like a proper Pesach."

Rabbi Jacobson told me – and believe me, as a public speaker, I know exactly what he means – sometimes your most inspirational moments in a speech are not prepared. They are a gift from God. You can prepare for hours. And then inspiration drops into your lap. Right then and there, Rabbi YY Jacobson had such a moment.

"Lady," he said, "in 1988 the Lubavitcher Rebbe's wife died, and he was left on his own, as they sadly had no children. She passed away in February, and two months later was Pesach. Every year the Rebbe and his Rebbetzen had Seder together, but this year he was on his own, totally by himself. Who would the Rebbe conduct the Passover Seder with?"



"I recall that a young boy, Ari Halberstam – who was later tragically gunned down on Brooklyn Bridge, in 1994 – approached the Rebbe after Maariv on the first night of Pesach and, on behalf of his mother, invited the Rebbe to his home for Seder. Ari's family lived at 706 Eastern Parkway, just one block away from '770'. The Rebbe smiled at Ari, and shook his head. He thanked him profusely, but told Ari he would be having the Seder in his private office in '770'."

"I was a yeshiva student at the time," continued Rabbi Jacobson, "so I am a first-hand witness to this story. In fact, the Rebbe's longstanding assistant Rabbi Leibel Groner offered to stay with the Rebbe, but the Rebbe sent him home to have Seder with his wife and children."

"And so, the great Lubavitcher Rebbe – the man who inspired countless people around the world for their Seders, who personally undertook to provide a meaningful Pesach Seder for Israeli Army personnel who were on duty on the first night of Pesach via his shluchim in Eretz Yisrael – had the Seder on his own. Not one other person was present. As the Talmud says: if you are on your own, you ask yourself the 'Ma Nishtana' questions, and then you answer them to yourself."

"A few of us yeshiva boys did not go home that night; we waited outside in the street – and after a couple of hours, the Rebbe opened the door to welcome Eliyahu Hanavi and recite Shefoch Chamatcha. He walked outside holding a candle and his Haggadah, said the prayer, gave us a wave, and then went back inside to finish the Seder – by himself."

"My dear lady," said Rabbi Jacobson, "if it was good enough for the Lubavitcher Rebbe to have the Seder on his own, trust me, your Seder was perfect!"

"He could have had his Seder with 100 people, 1000 people, or 10,000 people. He personally arranged for all the army Seders in Israel to be sponsored. He was responsible for hundreds of thousands of people celebrating Pesach on Seder night, from Kathmandu to Alaska, from San Francisco to New Zealand. But at the end of the day, he went and did the Seder on his own. He didn't need anyone else to be close to God. He didn't need adulation. He didn't need validation. He sat alone and relived the Exodus from Egypt."

"I was only 15 at the time," concluded Rabbi Jacobson, "but despite my youth, I felt sad that the Rebbe had nobody to be with for the Seder. Why did he not invite even one person to be with him? But today, after hearing your story, I may have discovered the answer—and it is just a personal feeling. As a true Jewish leader, the Rebbe wished to empower all those souls who would ever need to do their Seder alone. He wanted them to know that their solitary Passover Seder was powerful, meaningful, and real. Jewish history and the Divine presence would dwell at their Seder just as it does at a Seder that has many people there."

Over the past couple of weeks, as the coronavirus crisis has unfolded across the world, and the reality of our isolated situations has become ever more evident – this incredible and very moving story about the Lubavitcher Rebbe has been at the forefront of my mind.

This year, so many people – probably more people than at any other time in Jewish history – will be having the Seder on their own or without their families. All of our Seders will be diminished, and anxiety will be hovering in the air. And all of us will be thinking to ourselves – 'is this really a proper Seder?'

I think Rabbi Jacobson's story about the Lubavitcher Rebbe in 1988 answers that question, and it eases any doubts we may have about our impending 'depleted' experience. After all, "if it was good enough for the Lubavitcher Rebbe to have the Seder on his own, trust me, your Seder is going to be just perfect!"

Praying for your safety and health, and for only good news, with God's help. Shabbat Shalom and Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

Pini Dunner



Birthdays are listed through April 14th

Shira Baram

Jacqueline Sadie Smith

Stephen Schloss

Uriel Sadeghi

Micah Sostchen

Marlene Perl

Netanel Sadeghi

Diba Mostadim

Jacob Wizman

Shari Weiner

Barak Evrom

Mark Zucker

Grace Zucker

Gary Dordick

Rachel Gindi

Philip Kaufler

Brigitte Silkin

Shanna Naim



Nathan Sweetbaum
Natan ben Yitzchak z"l
Husband of
Shirley Sweetbaum
Father of
Judith Garshofsky
Liz Greenspan
Yahrtzeit— 13 Nissan

Sam Praw
Shalom ben Chanoch Eliezer
z"l
Father of
Ruthie Kellerman
Yahrtzeit— 13 Nissan

Robert Greenspan
Reuven Feivel ben Chaim z"l
Father of
Evan Greenspan
Yahrtzeit— 13 Nissan

Tzan Steinert
Shoulamit bat Azriel a"m
Mother of
Michal Rambod
Yahrtzeit— 16 Nissan

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AIR DATE	TITLE	LINK	CATEGORY
Wed March 18 2020	What's the Hurry?	https://youtu.be/07-hWohDezY	PESACH
Wed March 18 2020	Treasures from the Rabbi's Library - Episode 1	https://youtu.be/lqKU8gJH9Kk	HISTORY
Wed March 25 2020	Pesach Shiur & Q&A -- Part 1	https://youtu.be/nmmp6302TY	PESACH
Wed March 25 2020	Treasures from the Rabbi's Library - Episode 2	https://youtu.be/yZ2vx-ek7eI	HISTORY
Sun March 29 2020	Pesach Shiur & Q&A -- Part 2	https://youtu.be/wc4VhZMDQ6Y	PESACH
Sun March 29 2020	Pikuach Nefesh	https://youtu.be/lukiQGGIfV0	HALACHA
Wed April 1 2020	The Rise and Fall of the Volozhin Yeshivah	https://youtu.be/MLkbXPUzy-A	HISTORY



LIVE YIZKOR SERVICE

Tuesday, April 14th
6th day of Pesach

11:00am
via ZOOM

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PESACH SHIUR & Q&A

Part 4

WITH RABBI PINI DUNNER

Sunday, April 5th at 11am

ZOOM Meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3102767650Meeting>

ID: 310-276-7650

PASSOVER SCHEDULE

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TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

7:57pm Bedikat Chametz

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

8:00am Siyum by ZOOM for ta'anit bechorim

LINK TO JOIN: <https://zoom.us/j/754159666>

10:22am Latest time for eating chometz

11:38 am Latest time to nullify the Chometz

An Eruv Tavshilin Must be made BEFORE CANDLE LIGHTING in order to eat food on Shabbat

To learn how to do an eruv tavshilin, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/rj9f7vz>

7:01 pm Candle Lighting "Le'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov" and "Shehecheyanu"

7:59pm Earliest time to start Seder
EAT AFIKOMAN BEFORE 12:54 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH - FIRST DAY OF YOMTOV

7:59 pm Candle lighting / Sefirat Ha'omer/Second Night Seder begins "L'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov" and "Shehecheyanu"
EAT AFIKOMAN BEFORE 12:54 AM

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH - SECOND DAY OF YOMTOV

When davening maariv, regular Shabbat Amida, just add Ya'aleh v'yavo

7:03pm candle lighting "L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat"

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH - SHABBAT/ FIRST DAY CHOL HAMOED

When davening shacharit and mincha, regular Shabbat Amida, just add ya'aleh v' yavo.

8:07pm Shabbat Ends

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH - SECOND DAY CHOL HAMOED

For all days of Chol Hamoed, say the regular Amida, just add ya'aleh v'yavo, and in barech aleynu, change to v'ten beracha. Also, add hallel to Shacharit, followed by Musaf for Pesach.

MONDAY, APRIL 13TH – THIRD DAY OF CHOL HAMOED PESACH

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH – LAST DAY OF CHOL HAMOED PESACH

11:00am Virtual Yizkor Service via ZOOM

7:06 pm Candle Lighting - "Le'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov" - NO "SHEHECHEYANU"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH – SHEVT'I SHEL PESACH

8:10pm Candle Lighting

Bracha: "Le'hadlik ner shel YOM Tov" - NO "SHEHECHEYANU"

24 Hour YIZKOR Candles should also be lit before

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH– ACHARON SHEL PESACH / YIZKOR

8:11pm Yom Tov ends

8:30pm - Chametz sold by Rabbi Dunner will be available to eat

Sisterhood Corner

Join us for a Ladies Night In on
Monday Evening, April 13th at
8pm.

Connect with your friends during
this tumultuous time

This is a challenging and isolating
time

we hope that you are staying safe
and connected.

If you need any additional
resources

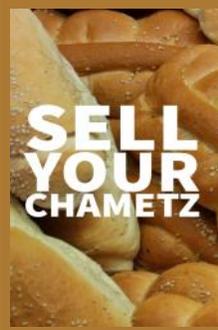
Please don't hesitate to reach out.

We wish you calm, health, and
safety.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Kasher
V'Sameach,

Cecile & Ruthie

Sisterhood Co- Presidents



CHAMETZ SALE FORM

The online Chametz Sale form can be
found at beverlyhillssynagogue.org/Passover
All forms must be submitted by
Tuesday, April 7th at 10:00am

Siyum Bechorim

Siyum on Masechet Brachot by Eli Dunner

Erev Pesach - Wednesday, April 8th 8:00am

JOIN: <https://zoom.us/j/754159666>
Meeting ID: 754-159-666

The custom on Erev Pesach is for the first-born sons, or fathers of Pre-Bar Mitzvah first-born sons to fast as a way of commemorating the life saving exclusion of Jewish first-borns as the 10th plague in Egypt. However, it is the custom to make a 'siyum' so that one does not need to fast. The Siyum this year will be done via ZOOM meeting

CLICK HERE TO JOIN: <https://zoom.us/j/754159666> Meeting ID: 754-159-666

YINBH SISTERHOOD PRESENTS...

Ladies Night In

Monday, April 13th at 8pm

Chol Hamoed Pesach

COME AS YOU ARE
POUR A GLASS OF WINE
LIGHT A CANDLE
RELAX
CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS

JOIN CODE: 443-781-987

[ZOOM.US/MEETING/443781987](https://zoom.us/j/443781987)



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Mincha/Maariv

Praying Together
Weekdays at 7pm
via Zoom

This does not count as a minyan

Meeting ID
226-829-899