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אדר ב-ניסן תשפ"ד



Rabbi Shaya Katz

For how long does one "increase joy as you enter into *Adar*"? The word "enter" would seem to imply up until the halfway point. As the old adage goes - a dog can only run halfway into the woods, the other half, he's running out. Some opinions do, in fact, rule that the "increased joy" only applies until the 14th/15th of *Adar*, ie, until *Purim*. Others, however, take a different approach.

When we look at that *Gemara* (*Taanit* 29a) inside we find an interesting explanation from *Rashi*. On the words "When one enters *Adar*", *Rashi* comments: "Those were days of miracles for the Jewish people - *Purim* and *Pesach*". As opposed to how many of us understand this catchy phrase-turned - song, *Rashi* teaches us that the reason we increase our joy is not simply because of the upcoming holiday of *Purim*, but rather for the multiple upcoming holiday season, of *Purim* and *Pesach*.

On its face, it sounds nice. But when we think about our experience during this time, we often associate it feelings of stress or struggle. The house cleaning, travel arrangements, food preparations all seem daunting at this time, not celebratory. In truth, it's a matter of perspective... and knowledge. There is no obligation to fan out your books or to scrub the floor-boards. If you like to do so, it may fulfill a *mitzvah*, but negligible crumbs, especially in places which are not used with food, do not need to be cleaned unless there are legitimately sized pieces of *chametz* in those spots.

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But in terms of perspective, it may also be worthwhile to remember the words of the *Netziv*, who explains the Jewish people's rejection of *Moshe* at the beginning of *Va'era*: "they did not listen to *Moshe* from their shortness of breath and the difficulty of their work" (*Shemot* 6:9). The *Netziv* explains (on *Shemot* 13:9) that the "difficult work" did not refer to their slavery in Egypt, but instead to the prospect of serving and being judged by *Hashem* for the life of *mitzvot* *Moshe* and *Hashem* were promising them.

Yes, the work is demanding, but to whatever extent possible, know the difference between what you have to do and what you want to do, but also strive to see these preparations as labors of love. It won't feel joyful, but it can be meaningful. In that way, it may be laborious, but it will be a little less "difficult". As opposed to being compelled to serve Egyptians, we're choosing - for ourselves - to serve *Hashem*. So, while the "increased joy" that continues from *Purim* to *Pesach* is not the same kind, perhaps it's just as meaningful - we transition from the ecstasy of celebration to the satisfaction of service; from the rejoice of survival in exile (*Purim*) to the pursuit of meaningful practice (*Pesach*).

Rabbi Katz

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To Our New Member: June Klein



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- To **Rina Sabes** on the loss of her grandmother, Laya Hennes.
- To **Julie Edgar** on the loss of her father, Richard Edgar.



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To **Chanan & Ruth Kroll** on the birth of their grandson to Rabbi Moish & Lebee Kroll & to great-grandmother, **Raiselle Snow**.  
To **Learners of Daf Yomi** who finished *Masechet Bav Kamma*.  
To **R' Aaron & Leora Leib** on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Dovi.  
To **David & Adina Barth** on the engagement of their daughter, Rivka to Jonathan Cottrell.  
To **Leonard & Shoshana Pollack** on the birth of their granddaughter, Shayna Fayga, to Elie & Esty Pollack, of Cleveland.  
To **Raiselle Snow** on the engagement of her granddaughter, Atara, daughter of David & Chani Snow to Dovy Spero.  
To **Rick & Bruryia Schwarcz** on the birth of their grandson to Josh & Yardana Dan of Manhattan.  
To **Gil & Chani Stebbins** on the upcoming marriage of their son, Jordan to Yaffa Shekhter.

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To **Rose & Ephraim Zinberg** for donating 2 *Seforim* in memory of Sara York & Richard Segelbaum.  
To **Our Purim Seudah Volunteers**: Adina & David Barth, Sharon Cohen, David Faust, Mayer & Sarita Fox, Margery Klausner, Milt Neuman & Mikey Stebbins & **Yasher Koach to our chairperson: Gil Stebbins**.  
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In this section, I hope to highlight some reading material people may find insightful or meaningful. Each month will feature a *sefer* I use/have used and a book I'm reading/have read.

### On the Rabbi's...

#### ...Shtender

**The Sefer Hachinuch** was written during the Golden Rabbinic Age of the *rishonim* in Spain. There is much debate over who the author is, but it lists, explains, and suggests the meaning behind every one of the 613 *mitzvot*, in order of the *parshiyot*. Especially during *Sefer Vayikra*, which describes many of the technical aspects of the *korbanot* and *mishkan*, it is worthwhile to understand the themes and lessons that may motivate those details. Thereby, despite not having the *Mikdash*, we can still be inspired by it.

#### ...Nightstand

**Digital Minimalism & Slow Productivity** are two books that I've listened to recently, both by Cal Newport. They each focus on the importance of unplugging from or being more thought about technology in our lives. Especially when we work and pursue our goals, the quality of our efforts requires greater focus and time than what a life of technology allows. With strategies and analyses, Newport suggests ways which are, at times, somewhat extreme, but are nonetheless informative and insightful.

#### ...Podcast App

**Headlines with R' Dovid Lichtenstein on 3/9** discussed "The *Haredi* Dilemma in Military Conscription" and touched on many salient points from both sides of the issue. He compiled interviews from a few different *rabbonim* and allowed for the arguments to be thoroughly examined, to at least understand where each side is coming from. I recommend it for anyone who'd like to understand the current controversy, regardless of your initial impressions on the matter.

# PESACH SCHEDULE

## Shabbos, April 20th שבת הגדול

Minchah Friday	6:40pm
Candle lighting after Plag	6:54pm
Candle lighting by Shkiyah	8:01pm
Repeat Shema after	9:06pm
Early Minyan	8:15am
Shacharis	9:00am
Lunch immediately following <i>davening</i>	
Daf Yomi Shiur	6:00pm
Shabbos Hagadol Drashah*	
Minchah	6:45pm
Shabbos Ends	9:06pm

## Sunday, April 21st

Early Minyan	6:40am
Shacharit	8:00am
Minchah	6:40pm
Bedikat Chametz after	9:07pm

## Monday, April 22nd ערב פסח

Early Minyan followed by <i>Siyum Bechorim</i>	6:05am
Shacharis followed by <i>Siyum Bechorim</i>	7:00am
Eat chametz until	11:14am
Burning of Chametz until	12:22pm
Chatzot	1:31pm
Minchah, Learning & Maariv	8:05pm
Candle Lighting	8:05pm
Start seder after	9:09pm

## Tuesday, April 23rd א' פסח

Shacharis-Musaf-Tal	9:30am
Daf Yomi	7:15pm
Minchah, Learning & Maariv	8:10pm
Light candles, Start seder & Repeat Shema after	9:10pm

## Wednesday, April 24th ב פסח

Shacharis	9:30am
Daf Yomi	7:15pm
Minchah	8:10pm
Yom Tov ends	9:11pm

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# PESACH SCHEDULE

## Thursday, April 25th חול המועד

Early Minyan	6:00am
Shacharis	7:00am
Minchah	6:40pm

## Friday, April 26th חול המועד

Early Minyan	6:00am
Shacharis	7:00am
Minchah	6:45pm
Candle Lighting after Plag	7:00pm
Candle Lighting before Shkiyah	8:09pm

## Shabbos, April 27th חול המועד

Early Minyan	8:15am
Shacharis	9:00am
Daf Yomi	6:35pm
Shiur	7:20pm
Minchah	8:05pm
Shabbos Ends	9:15pm

## Sunday, April 28th חול המועד

Early Minyan	6:30am
Shacharis	8:00am
Daf Yomi	8:45am
Minchah	6:40pm
Candle lighting after Plag	7:03pm
Candle lighting by Shkiyah	8:11pm
Repeat Shema after	9:16pm

## Monday, April 29th ז פסח

Shacharis	9:00am
Daf Yomi	7:30pm
Minchah, Learning & Maariv	8:15pm
Light Candles & Repeat Shema after	9:18pm

## Tuesday, April 30th ח פסח

Shacharis	9:00am
Yizkor not before	10:30am
Daf Yomi	7:30pm
Minchah & Neilat HaChag	8:15pm
Yom Tov Ends	9:18pm
Chametz to be bought back by	10:15pm



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