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A Family Synagogue Emphasizing

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PESACH ADDENDUM

MAZAL TOV TO:

- Marcia Zionce, Mordechai & Charna Ruby on the recent marriage of their grandson, Yossi to Chani Kempler and to proud parents Rabbi Moshe & Penina Zionce and Berel and Malka Kempler - grandson to Sidney Zionce z"l.
- ◆ Chaya & Noteh Glogauer, on the birth of their grandson, a son to Esti & Chaim Hayes and brother to Avromie in New York. A Grandson to Syma Hayes, Great Grandson to Avraham & Leah Glogauer, Menachem (z"l) Brodsky & Ilana (z"l) Brodsky.

NEILAS HACHAG:

Neilas HaChag will be held in the Turk Family Bais Medrash and is sponsored by:

- ◆ Archie & Tobey Crandell, on the Yahrzeit of Archie's father, Yisroel Yitzchak ben Avraham Yeshaya z"l.
- Shloimie & Annie Romberg, to commemorate the 31st Yahrzeit of Shloimie's father, Leibush (Leo) Romberg (Yehuda Leibush ben Volf Eliezer) z"l.

Shloimie Romberg will speak at Neilas HaChag

הקמת מצבה

-Unveiling For-

Dr. Peter Salmon z"l זאב ישראל בן אברהם

ל' בְנִיסָן תשפ"ב Sunday May 1st, 2022 11:00AM

Pardes Shalom Cemetery BAYT Section 10953 Dufferin St. Vaughan, Ontario

KEILIM MIKVEH UPDATE

Drop in for members (MUST HAVE FOB)

Sunday- Tuesday: 7 AM -5:00 PM Wednesday: 10:15 AM -5:00 PM

Non-Members, Affiliate Members & Members Without Fobs

 $\label{eq:Wednesday: 7AM } Wednesday: 7AM - 10:00 \ AM \\ Full Members can contact Melanie at melanie@bayt.ca to purchase a fob.$

Appointments can be booked online at: https://www.bayt.ca/-kelimmikveh

Appointment slots are updated weekly.

YOM HASHOAH V'HAGVURAH

Orchestrated by UJA Toronto
- Neuberger Holocaust
Education Centre, will be
both live, at Earl Bales Park,
and via livestream, on



Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 pm. To register, click <u>HERE</u>. The Rav will be the keynote speaker at the event.

CORRECTIONS TO SHIUR TIMES

- There <u>will</u> be a Chassidus shiur on April 28 at 8 pm
- The Women's Shabbos Afternoon Shiur time is changed to 6 pm (starting April 30).
- Rabbi Witty's Megillas Ruth shiur begins Monday May 2 at 8 pm

Reminder!

Make an Eruv Tavshilin on Thursday, April 21.

Click HERE to review the halacha & bracha.



Mara D'Asra Rabbi Daniel Korobkin

Assistant Rabbi Rabbi Shmuel Lesher

Rabbi Emeritus Rabbi Baruch Taub

President Jeffrey Brown

Youth Directors Rabbi Josh & Laura Stein

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Apologies for dropping the ball with no message for the Pesach bulletin. April 18 was a big deadline for US tax practitioners. And it only gets more challenging, as our American members can attest.

Perhaps more than a few of you are counting down the days to our Annual General meeting in June and the end of my term as your president. Perhaps the biggest managerial challenge of my career, I too look forward to retirement; no matter how fulfilling, two full time jobs can be exhausting.

Even before the pandemic, this Executive Committee inherited a budget deficit in excess of \$1,000,000 for 2019. We were bleeding cash flow negative. Several factors, including your response to our Crisis Campaign, allowed your BAYT to significantly shrink the deficit for 2020; we were cash flow positive notwithstanding COVID.

Our 2021 audit is just getting underway. Expectations are for the trend of fiscal austerity to continue. We have a competent budget for 2022 and finalized a favourable re-financing package that provides breathing room and eases our recurring cash flow challenges. Increased catering commissions, growth in membership numbers and giving and Binyan HaBayit square off the cornerstones of a BAYT stronger today than yesteryear.

When Annette and I dined with Rabbi and Rebbetzin Taub in February, I proudly told him your renewed spirit, energy and commitment had stabilized the good ship BAYT and set us on a path for a future stronger than ever. The key to our success, I told Rabbi Taub, had been a level of member engagement that I for one had never experienced before in my 20 years at BAYT, let alone at any other shul.

Two years ago, your BAYT came precariously close to being a sandcastle washed away by high tide. You would have none of that. While some disappointments over the past two years were, frankly, predictable, the extent of your kindness and generosity were an unknown matter of faith that exceeded our wildest expectations. A sandcastle we are not.

The job at hand will never end. Transition conversations have been taking place with those expected to serve or continue serving on the Executive Committee and Board. You will soon see the Nominations Committee is finishing up an impressive slate for the next year to continue this mission. Our members deserve nothing less.

Presidents come. President go. This President proudly looks forward to rejoining your ranks. Our members are the ones truly deserving of accolades for the successes of the past two years. You should be the proud ones.

Chag Sameach and Shabbat Shalom.

Jeffrey Brown, President

D'VAR TORAH: THE ULTIMATE PESACH EXPERIENCE BY RABBI CHAIM METZGER

Every year during Maggid we retell the story of our leaving Egypt. The Festivities for modern-day Pesach only truly begin after dark with everyone around the table and the beginning of the Seder. But this was not always the case. Please allow me to take you back to what the Korban Pesach was like in the times of the Second Beit Hamikdash, the Second Temple, and how awe-inspiring it truly was.

The celebration didn't begin at night, rather it began on the 14th of Nissan with the slaughtering of the Korban Pesach in the afternoon.

First, the quantity of people: Josephus, a Jewish historian from the first century CE, explains in War of the Jews 6:9.3 that the Jews offered 256,500 Korban Pesachs, paschal lambs. Having between 10 and 20 people per Korban, that means there were 2.5-5 million people in attendance. The Gemara Pesachim 64b explains that one year was particularly crowded and 1.2 million Korbanot were offered, each with at least ten people registered, meaning at least 12 million Jews were in attendance.

How did they all fit in Jerusalem?

The sages temporarily expanded the borders of Jerusalem on Pesach in order to accommodate the influx of people (for more see Mishnah Shavuot Chapter 2:2). Nonetheless, the city would still be very crowded.

What did the process in the Beit HaMikdash look like?

The Mishna and Gemara (Pesachim 64a-b) describe three shifts in the Beit Hamikdash. The ceremony would begin with shofar blowing. The Cohanim stood in rows, alternating holding silver and gold bowls. The bowls would be used to carry the blood of the sacrifices to the altar for sprinkling, before the bowls flowed back in the other direction for the next Korban. The movements were so smooth as the bowls went back and forth in the rows that they appeared as lines of silver and gold. Simultaneously, the people were all singing Hallel repetedly until everyone's Korban Pesach had been slaughtered and its blood poured on the altar.

They would then flay the offerings with iron hooks that were secured in the walls and pillars. In the process they would remove the sacrificial parts that were to be burned on the altar and place them in a large basin for the Cohanim to put on the altar.

Then the people left the Azararah, courtyard, to go roast their paschal lambs. This turned into what nowadays we would call "the largest communal barbecue ever," with everyone being involved in slowly roasting their korban over the next several hours.

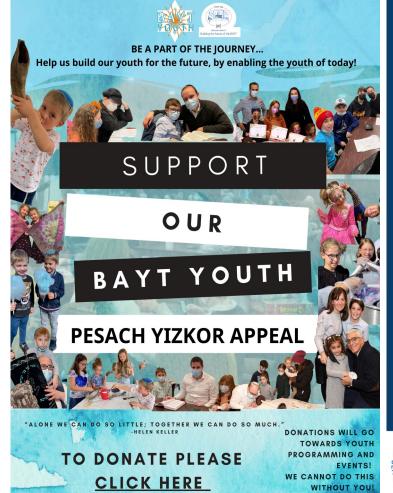
When it finally came time to eat the Korban Pesach it had to be eaten indoors (Yerushalmi Pesachim 7:13). Due to the large number of people there was not enough room in the houses for all of the Jews. As a result, after eating the Korban and doing most of the Seder, people would head up to the rooftops to sing Hallel and free up space in their house for the next group. The sound of the Hallel was so loud that it would shake the roofs in Jerusalem.

As we all partake in our seders this year may we have roof shaking singing and may we merit next year to see Pesach in all of its glory in the rebuilt Yerushalayim.

Rabbi Chaim Metzger, cmetzger@torontotorah.com







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> > Sign up to learn here: tiny.cc/yomhazikaron

Beit Midrash Zichron Dov will assist during the learning Copies of the text will be available Light refreshments served















