



CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

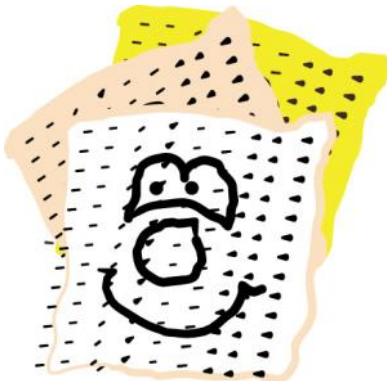
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Passover 15 - 28 Nissan, 5779 April 20 - May 3, 2019

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**Your Pesach
DOUBLE ISSUE**



After 39½ years of wandering in the desert, Mrs. Moses secretly asks for directions.

PASSOVER NEWSLETTER

NOTICE: This week's edition of the Newsletter covers two weeks. However, there will be an update to the Newsletter for new items published on April 25th. Please submit update items before 12 noon, Wednesday, April 24th.

KIDDUSH and **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** are not held during Pesach. Rabbi Haim Jachter, of Congregation Shaare Orah - The Sephardic Congregation of Teaneck, and a Dayan with the Beit Din of Elizabeth will be the guest speaker during the Pesach Holiday talking about the differences between Ashkenazi and Sephardic practices.

To sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or Seudah Sh'lshit at the Shul, please contact Anna Chosak at office@congregationohrtorah.org.

MISHNA B'RURA CLASS with Rabbi Grosberg will not be held during Pesach.

RABBI SPIVAK'S WEEKLY CLASS will not meet during Pesach.

מזל טוב Mazel Tov to Mark and Tamara Sofair-Fisch on the birth of a grandson, to parents Ari and Teri Sofair-Fisch, brothers Abie and Emet, grandparents Fred and Debbie Cohen, and all of the Sofair-Fisch and Cohen siblings.



CAR MAINTENANCE for the Ladies: The Ohr Torah Sisterhood is giving a class in the Shul parking lot, on Sunday, May 5th, at 10am enabling women to take charge of their cars from tire pressure to changing wiper blades, to checking and adding fluids. The instructor is Meira Bukiet who grew up in West Orange, NJ. When she was 20, and needed her car fixed, she decided to learn how to do it herself and enrolled in Lincoln Tech graduating as an automotive technician. She has been working as a technician for the past 10 years. Automotive Service Excellence Certified, as well as a licensed NJ emissions inspector, Meira had extensive training in 4 wheel alignment and tires, and has worked on most car makes and models throughout her career. For the past 5 years, she has specialized primarily in European vehicles at her work at Shade Tree Garage in Morristown, NJ. The cost of the class is only \$10 and women of all ages, even teenagers, can sign up online at congregationohrtorah.org/autoclass by Thursday, May 2nd. See the ad on page 3.



ICE SKATING: Save the date - Sunday, noon, May 19th, for the Second Annual Ohr Torah Ice Skating Event. Last year's event was extremely popular. This event is likely to sell out early, so make your reservations now. See the ad on page 4.

Sisterhood Events and Donations

PIRKEI AVOT CLASSES for women will begin after Pesach on May 4th. For more information to lead a class on a perek or to host the group meeting on Shabbat, please contact Deborah Druce.

Sisterhood Tribute Fund:

Please consider making a donation to honor or in memory of someone in any of the following categories. Tributes—\$5; Sefer Fund—\$10; Youth Fund—\$18; Siddur or Machzor—\$40; Chumash—\$60. For more information, please contact Debbie Druce deborahdruce@gmail.com

Yahrzeits April 20 - May 3

- 15 NISSAN:** Jack Rosen for his Family lost in the Warsaw Uprising, on Shabbat, April 20.
- 16 NISSAN:** Moshe Yehuda ben Nemnal, Morris Weisberger, on Sunday, April 21.
- 19 NISSAN:** Avraham Yitchak ben Moshe, Abraham Kryshka, on Wednesday, April 24.
- 19 NISSAN:** Richard Perl for his Father, Herschel Shaul ben Moshe, Harold Perl, on Wednesday, April 24.
- 22 NISSAN:** Bob Eagle for his Great-Grandmother, Shprintza bat Avrohom, Sophie Wodopian, on Shabbat, April 27.
- 22 NISSAN:** Esther Schwartz for her Father, Avraham ben Yosef, Alberto Zebede, on Shabbat, April 27.
- 23 NISSAN:** Jeff Rogers for his Mother, Rachel bat Hirsch, on Sunday, April 28.
- 23 NISSAN:** Jonathan Weber for his Father, Yaakov Mordechai ben Shmuel Hanoach, Jack M. Weber, on Sunday, April 28.
- 24 NISSAN:** Michelle Degen for her Grandfather, Michael Noach ben Mordechai, Michoel Berezin, on Monday, April 29.
- 24 NISSAN:** Annie Goldfischer for her Father, Eliyahu ben Shmuel Kalman, Alex Schwartzstein, on Monday, April 29.
- 24 NISSAN:** Robert Grosberg for Cindy's Mother, Rachel bat HaRav Nachum, Rochelle Turkeltaub, on Monday, April 29.
- 24 NISSAN:** Rena Schlanger for her Mother, Rivka bat Moshe, Becky Mezistrano, on Monday, April 29.
- 24 NISSAN:** Jeff Stiel for his Grandfather, Yosef Mordechai ben Yitzhak, Martin Wieder, on Monday, April 29.
- 25 NISSAN:** Beverly Barton for her Father, Alter Yosef ben Ha Rav Menachem Mendel, Al Feigen, on Tuesday, April 30.
- 25 NISSAN:** Esty Fersel for her Father, Zvi Yehuda ben Yisroel, Hershy Frankel, on Tuesday, April 30.
- 26 NISSAN:** Mark & Tamara Sofair-Fisch for their Grandson, Yehezkel Ephraim Chaim ben Ari Shalom, Yehezkel Ephraim Chaim Sofair-Fisch, on Wednesday, May 1.
- 26 NISSAN:** Susan Teichman for her Father, Yitzhak Ze'ev ben Tzvi, Joseph Klepner, on Wednesday, May 1.
- 26 NISSAN:** Adley Mandel for his Mother, Sarah bat Aviezri, Shirley Mandel, on Wednesday, May 1.

For changes/corrections to this list, please contact Elia Weixelbaum or send an e-mail to : ShabbatNewsletter@congregationohrtrah.org

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to all the contributors to the Ohr Torah Newsletter, and particularly to Elia Weixelbaum, whose dedication to proof-reading these issues every week is invaluable!

HELP US MAKE A MINYAN by joining a WhatsApp group for alerts when the shul needs help making a minyan. This group has been very successful in its mission, but we can always use more help. If you would like to be added to the group, please go to the following site <http://congregationohrtrah.org/minyanwhatsapp> on your mobile phone with WhatsApp already installed and tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, you can email either Bruce Schlanger, Bruce.Schlanger@gmail.com, or David Goldstein davesmail@golddave.com with the phone number you use with WhatsApp and they will add you to the group.

DID YOU CHECK?

Places to look for missed Chametz

Vacuum Cleaner Bags, Pockets,
Books used while eating, Tallit
Bags, School Bags, Strollers & Car-
riages, Car Trunks and Glove Com-
partments, Toy Chests, Briefcases,
Pocketbooks, Medicine Chests,
Suit Cases

**ERUV TAVSHILIN IS NECESSARY
ONLY FOR THE SECOND PART OF
THE HOLIDAY.**

חג כשר ושמח

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Items for the Newsletter must be submitted before 4:00pm on the Wednesday before publication. Anything submitted after that time will be considered for the following issue.

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COMPLETE PESACH SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

Earliest Bedichat Chametz (Search for Chametz) 8:23pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, EREV SHABBAT / YOM TOV

Shacharit / Siyum Bechorim 6:00am
Latest Time to eat Chametz 10:41am
Latest Time to burn Chametz 11:49am
Candle-Lighting 7:22pm
Mincha / Maariv 7:25pm
Earliest Time to Start the Seder 8:24pm
Chazot (Halachic Midnight) Eat Afikoman before 12:56am

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, SHABBAT, DAY 1 YOM TOV

Shacharit 9:00am
Latest Shema 9:33am
Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm
Candle-Lighting (from existing flame) after 8:25pm
Begin 2nd Seder Preparations after 8:25pm
Chazot (Halachic Midnight) Eat Afikoman before 12:56pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, DAY 2 YOM TOV

Shacharit 9:00am
Latest Shema 9:32am
Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm
Havdallah 8:26pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND - 24TH

Shacharit 5:45am
Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

Shacharit 5:45am
Candle-Lighting 7:28pm
Mincha/Maariv 7:35pm
Shkia 7:46pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH EREV SHABBAT, DAY 7 PESACH

Shacharit 9:00am
Latest Shema 9:28am

SAY SHEMA AT HOME BEFORE COMING TO SHUL

Candle-Lighting 7:29pm

FROM EXISTING FLAME

Mincha/Maariv 7:35pm
Shkia 7:47pm

APRIL 27TH, SHABBAT, PESACH DAY 8

Shacharit 9:00am
Latest Shema 9:28am

SAY SHEMA AT HOME BEFORE COMING TO SHUL

Yizkor approximately 10:30am
Mincha 7:20pm
Maariv 8:27pm
Havdallah 8:34pm

We Can Do It! Ladies, it's time to learn **Auto-Reliance**. Rely on **YOURSELF** to take care of routine car maintenance!

It's time women learned to take charge of their cars.

Empower yourself by taking this class! Work on your own car or someone else's.

The class costs only \$10 and will cover:

- tire pressure basics
- looking under the hood
- checking fluids and adding fluids
- changing wiper blades
- how to read dashboard indicator lights
- anything else YOU would like to know

Sunday, May 5 • 10am
Ohr Torah Parking Lot

Open to female drivers of all ages.
Whether you've had your license for a month or for years, come learn these crucial skills.

Offered by the Sisterhood of Congregation Ohr Torah

Class size is limited. Sign up at congregationohrtorah.org/autoclass by Thursday 5/2/19.

Questions? Email rshtarret@hotmail.com



IMPORTANT: Before the preparations are made for the **second seder** and the Yom Tov candles are lit (from an existing

flame), if one has not davened Maariv and recited Atah Chonantanu, they should recite, "**Baruch Hamavdil ben Kodesh Le'Kodesh.**" Blessed is the One who separates between the holiness (of Shabbat) and the holiness (of the festival).

PASSOVER MESSAGE FROM OUR OHR TORAH PRESIDENT



It's been nearly a year since I was given the honor of serving as president of Ohr Torah and it's been a great year. We have the blessing of an eclectic membership, people of various ages and upbringings with different thoughts and ideas, and it's been a pleasure working with every one of you. Ohr Torah clearly plays an important role in your lives.

For me, one of the most gratifying developments in the last year has been the new custom of bringing our children into the shul to sing Adon Olom at the end of davening every Shabbat. Perek Aleph of Pirkei Avot begins by relaying the mesora. "Moshe received the Torah from Sinai and transmitted it to Yehoshua, and Yehoshua to the Elders, and the Elders to the Prophets, and the Prophets transmitted it to the Men of the Great Assembly." Our new Adon Olom custom is another link in the chain of mesora.

Mesora has always been an important aspect of Judaism and it plays a large role in Pesach. As it says in Parshat Bo וְהַגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בְּיוֹם הַהוּא "And you shall tell your son on that day". This is the basis for the Hagaddah.

As I sit at the seder each year I am overcome with memories of the sedarim of my youth with my father and grandfather and the joy they took in teaching us kids, hearing the divrei torah we'd bring home from school and answering any questions we'd have about the chag. As a father, I try to emulate this approach with my own children thus continuing the cycle of the mesora.

This Pesach, may we all have the bracha of continuing to pass the mesora to our children and grandchildren.

David Goldstein

CELEBRATE a Birthday or an Anniversary at one of our monthly Shabbot Mevarchim. If you, or a family member, or a friend are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during a particular month, for contributing just \$36 per birthday or anniversary, you can co-sponsor a kiddush in their honor. Contact Anna, at

office@congregationohrtorah.org,

or call the office, 973-669-7320 ext. 1. Sign up for sponsorship by the Tuesday night preceding the Shabbat Mevarchim Kiddush so we can list the sponsors in the Weekly Newsletter. The next Mevarchim Kiddush is May 4th for the month of IYAR - you must sign up by April 30th.

AMAZON SMILE: Your Amazon purchases can help Ohr Torah with the AmazonSmile program. To set up your account go to

<https://congregationohrtorah.org/amazon>

and follow the instructions. Once your account is set, Amazon will donate a small percentage of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Ohr Torah with no additional charge to you. To start making purchases to benefit Ohr Torah go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and shop. If an item is already in your Shopping Cart or Wish List you can still go to AmazonSmile to complete your purchase and support our shul.

WhatsApp Ohr Torah General Announcements:

To join this new announcement group, go to <http://congregationohrtorah.org/whatsapp> on your mobile phone (install WhatsApp first), tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, email Anna at (office@congregationohrtorah.org) or David Goldstein (davesmail@golddave.com) with the phone number you use with WhatsApp and they will add you to the group.

CONGREGATION OHR TORAH ICE SKATING SUNDAY MAY 19TH 2019

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\$10 PER ADULT, \$5 PER CHILD
NON-MEMBERS
\$12 PER ADULT, \$10 PER CHILD

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12:00PM- 1:45PM

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WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Rsvp at Youth@congregationohrtorah.org



Rabbi Marc Spivak

PASSOVER THOUGHT:

A ZISEN PESACH

Every year, NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio extends his greetings to Jewish residents celebrating Pesach. A few years ago, the Mayor told the audience of Zev Brenner's Saturday night radio program, "I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone, on behalf of myself, Chirlane and the entire City of New York, a Happy Passover holiday, or as we say in Italian: 'A Zisen Pesach'".

What really jumps out of his graceful greeting is both his humorous etymology – attributing the word zisen to Italian -- and the fact that zisen is not a word a Yiddish-speaker would normally associate with the holiday of Pesach. Most Jews of Eastern European descent would certainly recognize the term as Yiddish. Needless to say, it is not the "Hebrew" side of Yiddish that it derives from. It is actually German, and means "sweet" or "cute." Growing up my grandparents used to call me zis and every year on Rosh Hashana would wish me a zis yor.

More importantly, Pesach, despite being considered the other "start to the year" in the Torah, was never associated with the word "zisen" in Europe. The proper greeting is a koshern Pesach – literally have a kosher Pesach -- not a zisen Pesach. But, Mayor de Blasio isn't wrong. The phrase has really been adopted in recent years.

That zisen is not linked with Pesach is not an original thought. Philologos, a pseudonymous language columnist for The Forward, wrote a 2008 article titled "A Sweet Passover for All," where he examined three different hypotheses as to why zisen and Pesach were linked. The first hypothesis, brought by a questioner, argued that linking the two phrases may have come from Passover food providers, such as Manischewitz. According to this theory, the advertising campaign proved so effective that the expression became a common parlance. The big problem with this idea is that there is no proof that such a campaign occurred. However, it is not the craziest thought. A look at Chanukah shows an example of a marketing campaign creating a new cultural/quasi-religious association with a product. In his landmark work, "The Encyclopedia of Jewish Foods," Gil Mark's notes in the late 1920s, the Histadrut, the Israeli labor federation, decided to champion the jelly doughnut as a Chanukah treat rather than latkes. Latkes were cheap, relatively easy to cook and most importantly, frequently homemade. On the other hand, Sufganiyot (spongy dough, taken from the Talmud, sphog, meaning sponge) were difficult and fre-

quently store bought. If Sufganiyot became a "Chanukah treat," Histadrut members would be the beneficiaries. A successful advertising effort created a lasting association for jelly doughnuts and Chanukah.

Philologos went on to interview Ruth Wisse, professor of Jewish and Yiddish literature at Harvard, who suggested that the greeting is part of a merging of holiday greeting. Since zisen is frequently used for Rosh Hashanah, people just grabbed on to the word for Pesach as well. A similar transfer has happened with the word "freylakhn" (Happy) which is the traditional Yiddish greeting for Purim "freylakhn Purim." While the article doesn't mention it, both of the new greetings -- zisen and freylakhn -- are more joyful and upbeat, which people may prefer for a holiday.

Finally, Philologos suggests a third approach. Many Yiddish speaking Jews were no longer concerned with keeping Pesach in a Halachic context. According to this theory, the no-longer-observant Jews may have felt that it hypocritical to wish friends the traditional "a Kosher Passover" greeting, when they many not be interested in keeping the Halachic obligations. As a result, these people developed a more generic greeting for the holiday.

Any and all of these reasons could be correct. My own personal experience holds a simpler explanation. Every year after Purim, Jews around the world start preparing for Pesach. Homes are cleaned and food is prepared while children are taught songs (such as Mah Nishtanah), stories and interpretations they will discuss at the seder. As the marker of our freedom and arguably the single most effective way for Jews to recognize and remember the trials and tribulations of our ancestors, the seder has always been one of the yearly cornerstone events in Judaism. In America, it has penetrated popular culture to the degree that the White House now hosts a seder each year.

For most of us, the seder means that families gather together and share in an intense experience. Religious and family customs are discussed and celebrated. The practices of relatives long gone are frequently lovingly remembered and reenacted. What the seder really manages to do – in a way that is looked on with envy by other cultures – is bring together different generations at one table, and link them to the original seders that took place the night before the Jews left Mitzrayim. Stories, songs and tradition are handed down and lifetime memories are created. Could there be a better definition of zisen?

Rabbi Marc Spivak, Congregation Ohr Torah

SMILE TIME:

There's No Seder Like Our Seder

(Sung to the tune of "There's No Business Like Show Business")



There's no seder like our seder,
There's no seder I know.
Everything about it is halachic
Nothing that the Torah won't allow.
Listen how we read the whole Haggadah
It's all in Hebrew
'Cause we know how.
There's no Seder like our seder,
We tell a tale that is swell:
Moses took the people out into heat
They baked the matzah
While on their feet
Now isn't that a story
That just can't be beat?
Let's go on with the show!

Don't Sit on the Afikomen

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

(Sung to the Tune of Glory, Glory, Hallelukah)

My Dad at every seder breaks a matzah
piece in two
And hides the Afikomen half-A game for me
and you
Find it, hold it, ransom for the seder isn't
through
'till the Afikomen's gone.

CHORUS:

Don't sit on the Afikomen
Don't sit on the Afikomen
Don't sit on the Afikomen
Or the meal will last all night

One year, Daddy hid it 'neath a pillow on the
chair
But just as I rushed over, my Aunt Sophie sat
down there
She threw herself upon it
Awful crunching filled the air
And crumbs flew all around

CHORUS

There were matzah crumbs all over
Oh, it was a messy sight
We swept away all the pieces though it took
us half a night
So if you want your seder ending sooner
than dawn's light
Don't sit on the Afi-ko-men

CHORUS

Is Pesach in Australia called Pass-under or
Downunder Passover?

We are commanded on Pesach to remember
that Charlton Heston led us out of
Egypt.

Why did the Israelites wander in the desert
for so long? "They lost their Waze."

Today the rabbi knocked at my door asking
for a small donation towards the local mik-
veh so I gave him a glass of water.

How did Passover get its name? Since the
Seder table is usually much larger, people
can't reach for the items on the table and
invariably ask others, "Could you please
Pass Over the matzah!"



WE CAN'T SIT BY SILENTLY.

ANTI-SEMITISM in america is increasing at an alarming rate.
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EIRUV TAVSHILIN

TO BE SAID ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

It is not permitted to cook for Shabbat when a Yom Tov occurs on either Thursday or Friday unless an Eiruv Tavshilin is made prior to the Yom Tov. Take a piece of Matzah, together with a boiled egg or cooked fish or meat that will be eaten on Shabbat. Hold them and say:

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי א-לקינו מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל מִצְוַת עֲרוּב.
בְּהִדִּין עֲרוּבָא יְהִי שְׂרָא לָנָא לְאַפּוּי וּלְבִשּׁוּלֵי וּלְאַטְמוּנֵי וּלְאַדְלוּקֵי שְׂרָגָא וּלְתַקְנָא וּלְמַעֲבֹד כָּל צְרָכָנָא, מִיּוֹמָא
טָבָא לְשַׁבְתָּא] לָנוּ וּלְכָל יִשְׂרָאֵל הַדְּרִים בְּעִיר הַזֹּאת] .**

Blessed are you, L_r d our G_d, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us about the Mitzvah of Eiruv.

By this eiruv, may we be permitted to bake, cook, insulate food, light a flame, and to do all that is necessary on Yom Tov for the sake of Shabbat (for us and for all Jews living in this city).

בְּדִיקַת חֶמֶץ

SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ

THURSDAY EVENING AFTER 8PM

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי א-לקינו מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל בְּעוּר חֶמֶץ.**

Blessed are you, L_r d our G_d, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us about the disposal of Chametz.

AFTER THE SEARCH

**כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָה דְּאַכָּא בְּרִשּׁוּתֵי דְלָא חֲמִתָּהּ וְדְלָא בְּעִרְתָּהּ
וְדְלָא יִדְעָנָא לָהּ לְבָטֵל וְלִהְיוּ הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.**

All leaven and leavened products that are in my possession, which I did not observe, did not dispose of, or do not know about, are hereby nullified and ownerless like the dust of the Earth.

בְּעוּר חֶמֶץ

NULLIFYING CHAMETZ

AFTER THE CHAMETZ IS PUT ON THE FIRE ON FRIDAY MORNING

**כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָה דְּאַכָּא בְּרִשּׁוּתֵי דְחִזְתָּהּ וְדְלָא חֲזַתָּהּ,
דְּחִמְתָּהּ וְדְלָא חֲמִתָּהּ, דְּבְעִרְתָּהּ וְדְלָא בְּעִרְתָּהּ, לְבָטֵל וְלִהְיוּ
הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.**

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BLESSING ON SEEING TREES BLOSSOMING FOR THE FIRST TIME

During the month of Nissan, it is a mitzvah to recite a blessing on seeing a fruit tree blooming for the first time. The blessing is said just once a year.

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי א-לקינו מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁלֹּא חָסַר בְּעוֹלָמּוֹ
כָּלוּם וּבָרָא בּוֹ בְּרִיּוֹת טוֹבוֹת וְאֵילָנוֹת טוֹבִים לְהַנּוֹת בָּהֶם בְּנֵי
אָדָם.**

Blessed are You, L_r d our G_d, King of the universe, who has made nothing lacking in His world, and created in it goodly creatures and goodly trees to give mankind pleasure.

PASSOVER GUIDES:

RABBI MARC SPIVAK'S PASSOVER GUIDE for 2019:

<https://images.shulcloud.com/1508/uploads/PDFs/Guides/Pesach2019guide.docx.pdf>

ORTHODOX UNION PASSOVER GUIDE:

<https://oukosh.org/passover/download-passover-guide-signup/>

2019 JSOR SEPHARDIC PASSOVER DIRECTORY:

http://jsor.org/index.htm_files/PASSOVER%20PRODUCT%20LIST%202019.pdf .

STAR-K ABRIDGED PASSOVER GUIDE for COSMETICS AND MEDICINE:

<https://www.star-k.org/images/passoverdirectory2019.pdf>

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PASSOVER FUN PAGE

BIBLE QUIZ

1. Why did Noah do very little fishing from the Ark?
2. What time of the day was Adam created?
3. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?
4. Where is Baseball mentioned in the Torah?
5. What kind of cheese do we eat on Pesach?
6. Who was the straightest man in the Bible?
7. Why did the Egyptians comb the desert?
8. What excuse did Adam give his children as to why they no longer lived in the Garden of Eden?

ANSWERS ON THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.

CAN YOU MATCH THE NAME OF THE ANIMAL WITH ITS HEBREW NAME?

1. SHEEP



A. עֵזְבָּר

2. COW



B. כֶּבֶשׂ

3. BIRD



C. כָּלֵב

4. BUTTERFLY



D. פָּרָה

5. FISH



E. צִפּוֹר

6. MOUSE



F. חֲתוּל

7. DOG

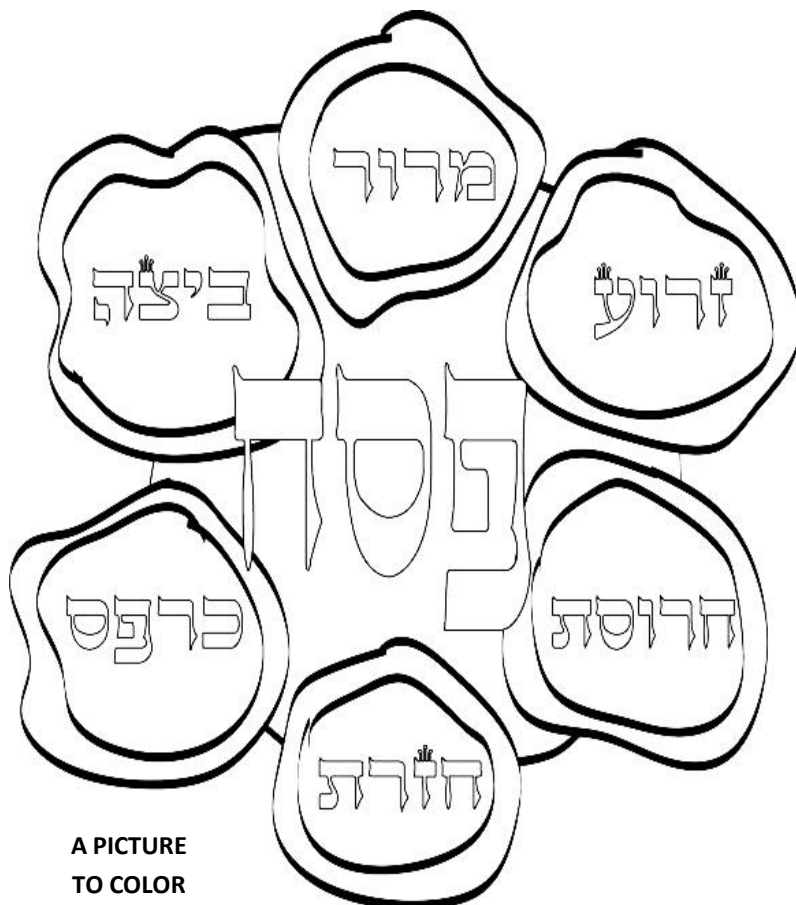


G. דָּג

8. CAT



H. פֶּרֶר



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HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE LETTERS IN THE WORD CHAMETZ?

You may use each letter only once in each word and words must be at four letters in length.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZ: 1. Because he only had two worms. 2. A little before Eve. 3. Ruth-less. 4. In the Big-Inning (Beginning). 5. Matzah-rella. 6. Joseph—Pharaoh made him into a 'ruler'. 7. They had lice. 8. Your mother ate us out of house and garden. MATCHING: 1-B, 2-D, 3-E, 4-H, 5-G, 6-A, 7-C, 8-F.

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PASSOVER RECIPES

EASY CHEESE PANCAKES

THANKS TO LESLIE GLEANER

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. cottage cheese
6 eggs
1 cup matzah meal
1/2 cup Sugar
Salt and pepper to taste



Mix the cottage cheese, eggs, and matzah meal, along with the sugar into a batter. Salt and pepper to taste. Then just drop tablespoons of batter into hot oil in a skillet and fry until golden brown. Then, just dab with a paper towel while cooling to remove the excess oil. Serve with jam, maple syrup, or powdered sugar or even some strawberries on top.

PASSOVER BANANA CAKE

INGREDIENTS

5 large ripe bananas
1/3 cup of kosher for Passover Oil
1/2 stick of unsalted margarine
3/4 cup of honey
3/4 cup of sugar
8 eggs
9 oz. of ground almonds
1/4 cup of orange juice
2 teaspoons of baking soda

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Mix the oil, margarine, honey and sugar in a bowl, then add in the eggs one at a time, and whisk lightly with a fork. Mash the bananas and add them into the mix along with the ground almonds and baking soda. Slowly pour in the orange juice and mix well. Pour the mixture into two small loaf pans greased with margarine. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour.