



CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

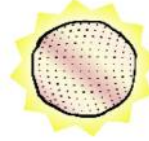
270 Pleasant Valley Way ☐ PO Box 6169 ☐ West Orange, NJ 07052

Pesach 10 - 23 Nissan, 5780 April 4 - 17, 2020

Rabbi Marc Spivak, President David Goldstein, Rabbinic Intern Matt Lubin

SHABBAT KIDDUSH and SE'UDAH SH'LISHIT - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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



Due to the Corona Virus, the Ohr Torah Board has decided to close the Shul down. This includes all minyanim on Shabbat and during the week. If you have not picked up your t'fillin, taleitim or other personal items, please reach out to Rabbi Spivak or David Goldstein to arrange a pick-up time. Information from the Shul in regard to the Corona Virus Crisis can be found at: <https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/corona>

VIRTUAL OHR TORAH

During the Corona Virus Emergency, Ohr Torah will continue to function on-line, offering daily virtual Shacharit, Mincha/Maariv, and Shi'urim. There will be no Kaddish, Kaddusha, or Torah Layning. However, Rabbi Spivak will include brief Shi'urim and commentary for Shacharit and Mincha / Maariv. Here are links to the various functions offered via the Zoom App, available for your PC, Android, or iPhone:

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat Lite: 6:40pm, Fri. 4/03 <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/663709194>

Shacharit: 8:15am, Sunday 4/05, 4/12: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/130259963>

Shacharit: 7:30am, Mon.- Wed. 4/06 - 4/08: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/130259963>

The **Siyum Bechorim** will take place after the 7:30 AM Zoom davening on Erev Pesach, Wednesday, April 8.

Shacharit: 7:30am, Mon.-Tue. 4/13 - 4/14, Fri. 4/17: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/130259963>

Mincha/Maariv: 7:15pm, Sun.-Tue. 4/05 - 4/07: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/663709194>

Mincha/Maariv: 7:20pm, Sun.-Mon. 4/12 - 4/13: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/663709194>

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat Lite: 6:40pm, Fri. 4/17 <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/663709194>

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 13th. Please submit update items before 4pm, Sunday, April 11th.

Eruv Hotline: (973) 736-1407 x6

Thank You

THANK YOU: The family of Mark Grebenau [wife Ruth, son Maury, and daughter Julie] are deeply grateful for all the care and support of countless members of the entire West Orange Jewish community during Mark's illness, before and after the Shiva, and beyond. May the whole world experience peace and safety and health and may we all know no more sorrows.

Sisterhood Events and Donations

PIRKEI AVOT: The Ohr Torah Sisterhood will once again sponsor the annual women's Pirkei Avot Learning dedicated in memory of Cindy Turkeltaub Grosberg. Through the Zoom App, we can set up six weekly shiurim in sync with the six Shabbatot we would have normally studied together in the afternoon at the Ohr Torah Beit Midrash. The suggested date and time is Sundays @ 7:30-8:30 beginning April 19 through May 24. If you want to participate in this learning or want to lead a shiur, please contact DeborahDruce@gmail.com

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 04 - April 17

- 10 NISSAN:** Stephen & Rosalyn Flatow for their Daughter, Chana Michal bat Shmuel Mordechai, Alisa Flatow, on Shabbat, April 4.
- 10 NISSAN:** Joel & Fredda Katcoff for their Daughter, Rivka bat Yoel, Rebecca Katcoff, on Shabbat, April 4.
- 11 NISSAN:** Bob Eagle for Nata ben Eliezer, Nat Resch, on Sunday, April 5.
- 11 NISSAN:** Judith Schanzer for her First Husband, Avraham Nechemia ben Zelig Mendel, Arthur Osband, on Sunday, April 5.
- 13 NISSAN:** Joel Katcoff for his Mother, Yehudit bat Moshe, Edith L. Katcoff, on Tuesday, April 7.
- 14 NISSAN:** David Michaelis for his Mother, Yehudit Chana bat Tzvi Dov, Judy Michaelis, on Wednesday, April 8.
- 14 NISSAN:** Gary Lillianthal for his Mother, Beilah bat Yosef, Belle Lillianthal, on Wednesday, April 8.
- 15 NISSAN:** Jack Rosen for his Family lost in the Warsaw Uprising, on Thursday, April 9.
- 16 NISSAN:** Moshe Yehuda ben Nemnal, Morris Weisberger, on Friday, April 10.
- 19 NISSAN:** Avraham Yitchak ben Moshe, Abraham Kryshka, on Monday, April 13.
- 19 NISSAN:** Richard Perl for his Father, Herschel Shaul ben Moshe, Harold Perl, on Monday, April 13.
- 22 NISSAN:** Bob Eagle for his Great-Grandmother, Shprintza bat Avrohom, Sophie Wodopian, on Thursday, April 16.
- 22 NISSAN:** Esther Schwartz for her Father, Avraham ben Yosef, Alberto Zebede, on Thursday, April 16.
- 23 NISSAN:** Esty Fersel for her Mother, Royza bat Yaakov, Yoli Frankel, on Friday, April 17.
- 23 NISSAN:** Jeff Rogers for his Mother, Rachel bat Hirsch, on Friday, April 17.
- 23 NISSAN:** Jonathan Weber for his Father, Yaakov Mordechai ben Shmuel Hanoach, Jack M. Weber, on Friday, April 17.

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

TIPS FROM THE CDC

- Avoid **close contact** with people who are sick, and **avoid shaking hands** with others.
- When you are sick, **keep your distance** from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- **Washing your hands** often will help protect you from germs.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- **Contact your health provider** immediately if you think you've been exposed to COVID-19.
- **Stay at home** if you believe you might be sick.

Practice other **good health habits**. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

WHATS APP GROUPS: General Announcements: To join the Ohr Torah General Announcements group, go to <http://congregationohratorah.org/whatsapp>. on your mobile phone (be sure WhatsApp is installed first) and tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, email Tami (office@congregationohratorah.org) or David Goldstein (davesmail@golddave.com) with the phone number you use with WhatsApp and they will add you to the group.

MINYAN HELP: Help us make a minyan by joining the WhatsApp group for alerts when the shul needs help. To join this group, please go to:

<http://congregationohratorah.org/minyanwhatsapp>

(be sure WhatsApp is installed first) and tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, you can email Bruce Schlanger (Bruce.Schlanger@gmail.com) or email David Goldstein (davesmail@golddave.com) with the phone number you use with WhatsApp and they will add you to the group.

SENDING IN A CHECK FOR A PAYMENT TO OHR TORAH?

Assist us in our record keeping by writing on the memo line or include a note about the reason for the check. Also, remember that mail should always be sent to PO Box 6169, West Orange, NJ 07052, and not to 270 Pleasant Valley Way. Thank you!

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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Rabbi Berel Wein

TORAH THOUGHT:

Tzav: The Great Shabbat

Berel Wein (born March 25, 1934) is an American-born Orthodox rabbi, lecturer and writer. He authored several books concerning Jewish history and popularized the subject through more than 1,000 audio tapes, newspaper articles and international lectures.

The Parsha of Tzav more often than not coincides with the Shabbat preceding Pesach – Shabbat Hagadol, the “Great Shabbat.” At first glance there does not seem to be any inherent connection between the parsha of Tzav and Shabbat Hagadol and Pesach. However, since Judaism little recognizes randomness or happenstance regarding Jewish life, and certainly regarding Torah itself, a further analysis of the parsha may reveal to us an underlying connection between Tzav and Pesach.

I feel that this underlying theme lies in the description that the Parsha contains regarding the consecration of Aharon and his sons as the priests and servants of God and Israel. Judaism teaches us that freedom equals responsibility. Freedom without limits or purpose is destructive anarchy. The entire narrative of the Torah regarding the construction of the Mishkan and the institution of public worship/sacrifices came to emphasize to the freed slaves from Egypt their newfound responsibilities.

The rabbis cogently and correctly defined freedom in terms of obligations and study of Torah, as opposed to the alleged freedom of hedonism. The consecration of Aharon and his sons coinciding with the consecration and dedication of the Mishkan itself brought home to the Jewish people the requirement of community service and national unity.

Look at the freedom movements that have arisen in the Middle East over the past few years and the chaos and deaths of tens of thousands of people that followed in their wake. The inability to create unity, to develop a moral and tangible national goal mocks all pretenses of positive freedom. Without Aharon and the Mishkan the promise of the freedom of Pesach would have remained permanently unfulfilled.

Part of the lesson of the Great Shabbat is that without Shabbat, Jewish freedom is only an illusion. Shabbat is truly the epitome of freedom. The ab-

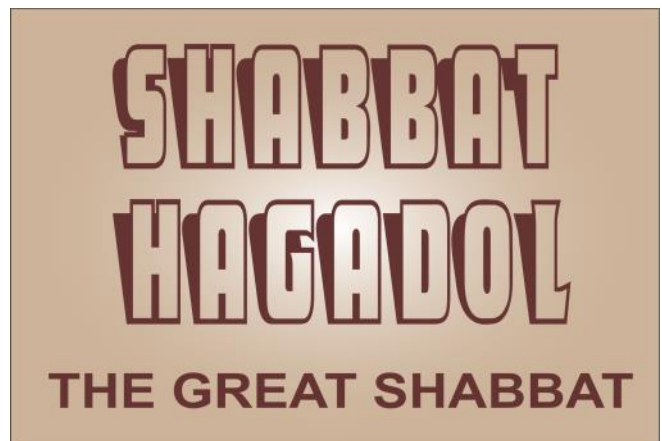
sence of workday activities, the sense of family and friends, and of the contentment that Shabbat engenders all combine to create a vision of true freedom that is attainable and real.

The Great Shabbat that precedes Pesach gives it its true meaning and places the anniversary of our freedom from Egyptian bondage into holy perspective. Freedom to toil 24/7 is only a different form of slavery. When Saturday looks like Tuesday but only more so since school is out and the burdens of car pooling and “having a good time” are even greater, then that cannot even remotely be related to true freedom.

In reality every Shabbat is the Great Shabbat and the Shabbat preceding Pesach is even more so. Shabbat Hagadol represents the miracle that blessed our forefathers in Egypt when they took the Paschal lamb and the Egyptians did not object. But the true and ultimate miracle of Shabbat Hagadol is Shabbat itself. It has preserved the Jewish people throughout the ages in the face of opposing innumerable odds and challenges. It is in the realization of our freedom that we are able to properly appreciate and give tribute to Shabbat – Shabbat Hagadol, the Great Shabbat that we now commemorate so joyfully and gratefully.

Shabbat shalom Pesach kasher v’sameach

Rabbi Berel Wein



עֲרוּב תַבְשִׁילִין EIRUV TAVSHILIN

TO BE SAID ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH, AFTER BURNING AND NULLIFYING THE CHAMETZ (See below)

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- לְקִינוּ מַלְךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוּנוּ עַל מִצְוֹת עֲרוּב.
בְּהֵדִין עֲרוּבָא יְהִי שָׂרָא לְנָא לְאַפּוּי וּלְבִשּׁוּלִי וּלְאַטְמוּנִי וּלְאַדְלוּקִי שְׂרָגָא וּלְתַקְנָא וּלְמַעֲבַד כָּל צְרָכְנָא, מִיּוֹמָא
טָבָא לְשַׁבְתָּא [לְנוּ וּלְכָל יִשְׂרָאֵל הַדְרִים בְּעִיר הַזֹּאת].

Blessed are you, L-rd 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

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 7TH AFTER 8:11PM

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי-א- לְקִינוּ מַלְךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוּנוּ עַל בְּעוּר חֶמֶץ.

Blessed are you, L-rd 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 דְּאִכָּא בְּרִשׁוּתֵי דְּלָא חֲמַתָּה וְדְלָא בְּעֲרַתָּה
וְדְלָא יִדְעָנָא לֵה לְבָטֵל וְלִהוּי הַפְּקוּר כְּעַפְרָא דְּאַרְעָא.

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 WEDNESDAY MORNING

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָה דְּאִכָּא בְּרִשׁוּתֵי דְּחֲזַתָּה וְדְלָא חֲזַתָּה,
דְּחֲמַתָּה וְדְלָא חֲמַתָּה, דְּבְעֲרַתָּה וְדְלָא בְּעֲרַתָּה, לְבָטֵל וְלִהוּי
הַפְּקוּר כְּעַפְרָא דְּאַרְעָא.

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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- לְהַקִּינוּ מַלְךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁלָא חֲסוּר בְּעוֹלָמוּ
כְּלוּם וּבְרָא בּוֹ בְרִיּוֹת טוֹבוֹת וְאִילָנוֹת טוֹבִים לְהַנּוֹת בְּהֵם בְּנֵי
אָדָם.

Blessed are You, L-rd 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:

ORTHODOX UNION PASSOVER GUIDE:

<https://oukosh.org/content/uploads/sites/2/2020/03/Whole-guide-2020-low2.pdf>

2020 JSOR SEPHARDIC PASSOVER DIRECTORY:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5defbc79bfb36614dff44c44/t/5e7bd0048573d414a573fdaf/1585172500277/JSOR+2020+Passover+Guide+for+Print+final.pdf>

STAR-K ABRIDGED PASSOVER GUIDE for COSMETICS AND MEDICINE:

<https://www.star-k.org/images/passoverdirectory2020.pdf>

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COMPLETE PESACH SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, EREV SHABBAT

Candle-lighting 7:06pm
Shkia 7:24pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, SHABBAT TZAV

Latest Shema 9:47am
Havdalah 8:08pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

Earliest Bedichat Chametz (Search for Chametz) 8:11pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH, EREV YOM TOV

Latest Time to eat Chametz 10:48am
Latest Time to burn Chametz 11:53am

Make Eruv Tavshilin

Candle-Lighting 7:12pm
Shkia 7:30pm
Earliest Time to Start the Seder 8:12pm
Chazot (Halachic Midnight) Eat Afikoman before 12:59am

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH, DAY 1 YOM TOV

Latest Shema 9:42am
Candle-Lighting (from existing flame) after 8:13pm
Begin 2nd Seder Preparations after 8:14pm
Chazot (Halachic Midnight) Eat Afikoman before 12:58am

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, DAY 2 YOM TOV , EREV SHABBAT

Latest Shema 9:41am
Candle-Lighting (from existing flame) 7:14pm
Shkia 7:32pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, SHABBAT, CHOL MOED DAY 1

Latest Shema 9:40am
Havdallah 8:16pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, EREV PESACH DAY 7

Candle-Lighting 7:18pm
Shkia 7:36pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH, PESACH DAY 7

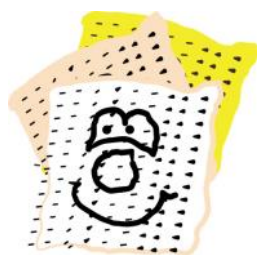
Latest Shema 9:37am
Candle-Lighting (from existing flame) after 8:20pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH, PESACH DAY 8

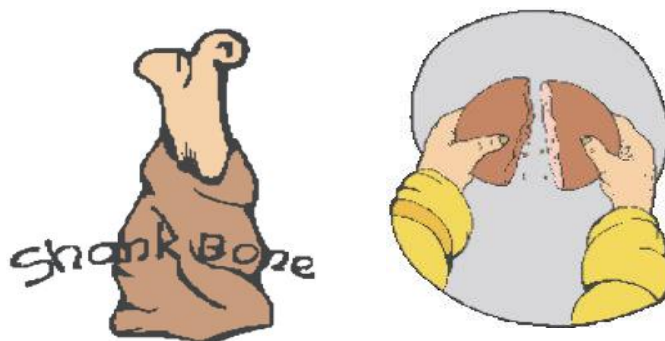
Latest Shema 9:36am
Yizkor
Havdallah 8:22pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH, EREV SHABBAT

Candle-lighting - early 7:10pm
Candle-lighting - regular 7:21pm
Shkia 7:39pm



OHR TORAH
VIRTUAL PESACH BINGO
Sunday
April 5th 2020
10:00-10:45am
HOSTED BY: DANIELLE SHAPIRO
Live Zoom:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/560765439>
Zoom Meeting ID:
560-765-439
- Print Pesach Bingo Boards in Advance: Attached Below
- Cut up paper squares to cover the pictures on board
FUN FOR ALL!
Print the Pesach Bingo Boards:
<https://dochub.com/rivkybalsler/agnypb4/passover-bingo-dragged-pdf>



IMPORTANT LINKS

PESACH GUIDE: Thank you AABJ&D for sharing your annual Pesach Guide. It can be found here at: <https://images.shulcloud.com/416/uploads/Pesach/PesachGuide2020-5780-updated.pdf>

SELL YOUR CHAMETZ: This year, it is done only online for all MetroWest Shuls at: <http://tiny.cc/chometzsalesshortform>

W.O. MIKVA UPDATE

- ◆ According to the psak of Rabbi Herschel Schachter shlit" a and due to the curfew imposed on New Jersey residents, women should try and make appointments with Sheina, our Mikva attendant, for the time of z'man until 8PM. As the curfew is suggested and not mandated, they may make an appointment with Sheina for later that evening. If they feel more comfortable, Sheina is available for daytime appointments. This means women should go during the day of the eighth day of their count. This ruling only applies during this period due to extenuating circumstances. Please phone Sheina's cell phone number at 718-404-4438 to schedule an appointment.
- ◆ The Mikva water will be filtered for additional hours on a daily basis. The Mikva water will be emptied, cleaned and refilled multiple times per month. We are also increasing the number of times that each Mikva room will be deep cleaned by a professional. In addition, Sheina will be disinfecting each room after each user.
- ◆ Sheina, our Mikva attendant, will maintain social distancing protocols while attending to users.
- ◆ All users are asked to take their temperature at home before coming to the Mikva. We ask users to exercise good judgement and not visit the Mikva if the feeling even remotely sick.

Previous Mikva Protocol changes still in effect:

- ◆ Men will no longer be permitted to use the Mikva for any purpose.
- ◆ Women are required to do ALL preparation at home. No baths or showers will be taken in the Mikva. Women are requested to enter, wash hands promptly, and immerse.

All of the above was instituted with Rabbinic guidance. There is no known indication that the Covid-19 virus spreads through water. We continue to clean, chlorinate and filter as advised. Please email Rivka Hindin with questions rivka.hindin@gmail.com.

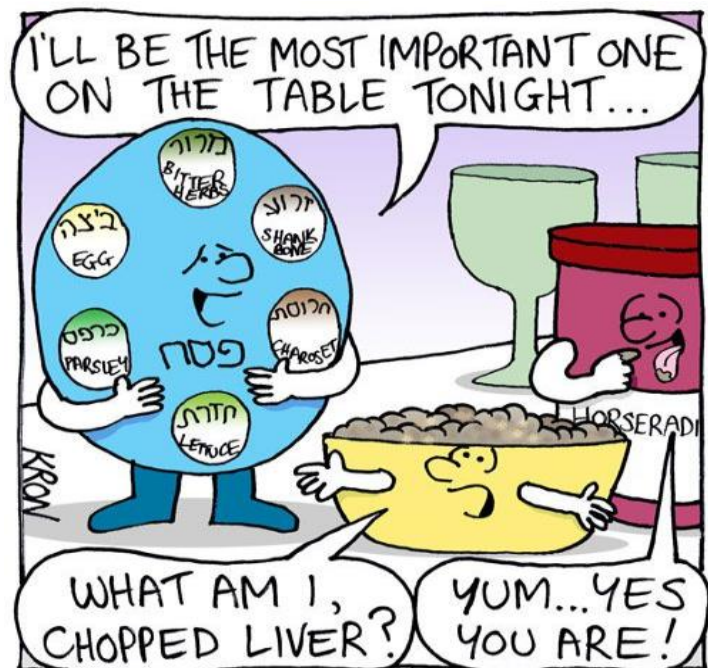
HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE LETTERS IN THE WORDS **SEDER PLATE?**

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



SMILE TIME: Contrary to rumors on the Internet, if you cannot find Matzah for this Pesach, you cannot cut up an Amazon box into squares and use it as a substitute. The glue is Chametz. (Just Kidding Folks!)

חג כשר ושמה



The CARTOON KRONICLES