

Passover Times

See all Passover information, and in-depth guidelines from the Rabbi, at Dortikvah.org/pesach2020.

Wednesday, April 8th (Erev Pesach)

8:30am - Siyum for Taanit Bechorot

(Fast of the First Born) via [Zoom](#), Meeting ID: 878 037 304

11:14am - Latest time to eat Chametz

12:18pm - Latest time to own Chametz

Be sure to make an Eruv Tavshilin before Yom Tov

7:25pm - Mincha

7:27pm - Candle Lighting

7:45pm - Maariv

8:23pm - Earliest time to begin Seder

(See Pre-Pesach Zoom Seder Options)

1:21am - should be finished with Matzah and four cups of wine

Thursday, April 9th (Pesach I)

9:30am - Shacharit

10:09am - Latest preferable time to say Shema
(say Morid HaTal in Mussaf)

7:25pm - Mincha

8:00pm - Maariv

8:24pm - no preparations for 2nd Seder or candle lighting for 2nd day should happen before this time

1:21am - should be finished with Matzah and four cups of wine

Friday, April 10 (Pesach II, 1st Day of Omer)

9:30am - Shacharit

10:08am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

6:15pm - Mincha/ (abridged) Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv

6:27pm - Earliest Candle Lighting

7:28pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat Chol HaMoed

Saturday, April 11 (2nd Day of Omer)

9:30am - Shacharit

10:07am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

7:00pm - Mincha

8:26pm - Maariv/Havdallah

8:45pm - Virtual Havdallah & Schmooze via [Zoom](#)

Password: 085081

Sunday, April 12 (3rd Day of Omer)

5:00pm - Yizkor Service via Zoom, Meeting ID: 874 642 214

[View/Download Yizkor Booklet](#)

Weekday Services

Mincha/Maariv

7:25pm - Monday

7:35pm - Wednesday

Rabbi Davies will be sending learning material through the Minyan What's App Group. bit.ly/DTMinyan

Classes

• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon
Sunday-Thursday 8:30pm, **Phone conference**.
Off April 15th & 16th

• Torah Study: "The Avraham Stories" with Rabbi Davies
Sunday 7:30pm, **Off this week**.

• "Ketuvim with Kenny"

Monday 7:45pm, **Facebook Live & Zoom**

• "Lunchtime Talmud" with Rabbi Davies
Thursday 12pm, **Off this week**.

• "Cholent and Learn" with Kenny Abitbol
Thursday 8pm, **Off this week**.

Community Events

Virtual Yom HaShoah Commemoration – Apr. 19th, 4pm
Yom HaShoah gathering to recognize Holocaust Remembrance Day.
Join through [Zoom](#). More info at jewishcharleston.org.

Celebration for Israel's 72nd Birthday – Apr. 29th, 2pm
This Yom Ha'atzmaut, the *Jewish Federations of North America* hosts a global, virtual celebration. Join on [Facebook](#).

Refuah Shelema

Esther bat Alitza
Yisrael ben Chaya
Yisrael Haynu ben Shimon Avraham
Chaiah Leah bat Shier
Noach Yoseph ben Shira Shaina
Elijah Myer ben Malkah
Rivka bat Batya (Robyn Dudley)
Yisroel Mordechai ben Fradel
Yocheved Chava bat Leah Rivka
(Janet Fox)
Yehudit bat Sarah
Tova bat Sarah (Katie Bielsky)
Yesuskah Levy ben Shosha Hannah
Eliezer Yitzchak ben Shifra
Yonatan Reuven ben Hulda

Simcha ben Etlle
Hodel bat Raozel
Miriam bat Mazal
Talia bat Shoshana
Bloomat bat Chaya Sara
(Bertha Hoffman)
Refael Aharon ben Devorah
Yocheved bat Sarah
Isabella Beaudoin
Yoseph ben Sara
Aharon ben Yitta
Zachary Yarus
David ben Malkah
Louis Waring
Jack Spitz

Life Cycle

Yahrzeit

- > Harriet Manaker, Mother of Wade Manaker (4/11)
- > Joan Frisch, Mother of Ellen Mintz (4/13)
- > Otto Kramer, Father of Edward Kramer (4/14)
- > Jacque Kerbel, friend of Nathan Kirshstein (4/15)

Birthday

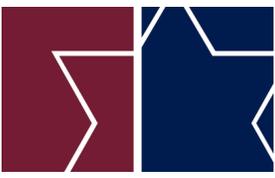
- > Peter Rosenthal (4/11)
- > Ben-Zion Bronshtein (4/14)
- > Dina Schager (4/15)

Announcements

> Go to Dortikvah.org/covid19 for details and updates on how we are handling concerns over the **Coronavirus** pandemic.

> To **volunteer** to assist those who need help with grocery pickup and other errands, contact Ora at oradavies@gmail.com.

> **Our facilities are currently closed**. You can still contact the Administrative Assistant at info@dortikvah.org.



Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach

Essential vs. Non-Essential: Dayeinu During the Pandemic

by Rabbi Efrem Goldberg

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Most people around the world are under home lockdown, following “Stay Home, Stay Safe” emergency orders to combat the coronavirus. Individuals are allowed to leave their homes for certain “essential activities,” which includes grocery shopping, medical needs, going to the gas station or bank. In Boca Raton where I live, the order emphasizes that only “essential retail and commercial activities” are permitted and only “essential” business can stay open.

The dictionary definition of “essential” is “absolutely necessary; extremely important.” Synonyms are “crucial, necessary, key, and vital.” Non-essential means “not completely necessary.” Synonyms include “dispensable, gratuitous, inessential, needless, and unnecessary.” Reading the recent order got me thinking about what we consider essential. Each of us is the executive of our own lives; we give the orders and we define what is essential, crucial, and vital versus what is non-essential, what is dispensable and gratuitous, and what we can live without. Obviously, none of us can live without our health or without the well-being of our loved ones. For those who are suffering or have experienced a loss, there are no words or platitudes, only our heartfelt empathy and love. And to those financially devastated by this pandemic, in addition to our commitment to help, provide and support, know that we care deeply and we are thinking about you. For those fortunate to have their health and financial stability, the consequences and impact of this pandemic are still extremely challenging. So many aspects of this new normal can’t help but frustrate, disappoint, aggravate and worry even the most even-tempered, confident, competent, and capable person.

Even if we are blessed not to be grieving loved ones, we are all grieving the loss of innocence, of certain assumptions and realities we took for granted and came to expect. Honor that feeling, lean into that pain, express that frustration in a healthy way, and then let it go and work to feel a sense of *dayeinu*. *Dayeinu*’s message is straightforward – we need to know how to say “enough,” not in a caustic tone, but in an appreciative one. On this evening of the journey from slavery to liberty, we achieve our very freedom. By saying *dayeinu*, we focus on what we have, not what we don’t: we have enough, we are satisfied enough. *Dayeinu* means it is enough to enjoy this moment, to be present in this experience, to savor this gift and to cherish this opportunity without having to already look forward or crave the next one. Of course, each stage and each stanza of this song is incomplete, each is imperfect, but nevertheless, *dayeinu*; each is still enough. Enough to prompt us to say thank you and even enough to make us happy. Like the stanzas of *Dayeinu*, our lives are often incomplete, they are imperfect. For most of us, this Passover is different from all others. There is so much missing, so many people absent from our table or people feeling our absence from theirs. Yet, if we focus on what is missing, what we don’t yet have or may never have, we become debilitated, deprived of happiness. On the other hand, if we find the capacity to sing *Dayeinu*, to focus on what is, to enjoy what we have, we set ourselves free to find happiness.

This pandemic has forced us to redefine “essential” and “non-essential.” Our Sages teach that he who has one hundred desires two hundred. An insatiable appetite for more, a voracious need for the latest, being unsatisfied without the newest, the best, the most, robs us of serenity, denies us happiness, and often distracts us from what matters the most. We live with unprecedented freedoms: freedom to practice our religion, freedom of speech, freedom to pursue happiness. And yet, with all those freedoms, our generation remains enslaved. We are slaves to needing “more.” We are dominated by needs. Our need for more money, more time, more things, the latest things, a better seat, a better room, more power, more friends, the need to have the last word, even our need to be needed. Our needs, wants, and lack of contentment become our taskmasters. They occupy space in our head and in our hearts, they hijack our thoughts, they dictate to us how to feel and they command us to say things and do things that are self-destructive. This pandemic has forced us to redefine “essential” and “non-essential.” With the proper frame of mind, many of us can be empowered in unprecedented ways to sincerely and genuinely sing *Dayeinu* from the essence of our being.

If my children have dedicated teachers and inspired Torah to learn, even if they are missing their campus and its amenities, *dayeinu*. If we have each other, feel connected and part of a community working together, even if we can’t get our haircuts, manicures or upgrade our wardrobes, *dayeinu*. If we have simchas to celebrate, babies born and couples entering a sacred bond, even if they can’t be marked with the usual pomp and circumstance, *dayeinu*. If we can observe Passover, the holiday of Emunah, Faith, remembering that G-d runs the world and brings redemption, even if it isn’t at a hotel or where we normally go or with the people we are normally with, *dayeinu*. Above all, if we can breathe easily, if we and those we love have our health, even if we can’t enjoy our full lifestyles, *dayeinu*.

On Passover we set ourselves free by singing *Dayeinu*. We are happy to pause to reflect on what we have and say thank you. Living with limits, finding happiness within what we have, maintaining the capacity to say “enough” is liberating, empowering, and enriching. When we always want more, we never pause to enjoy what we have, and we forfeit what is in the pursuit of what is next. During this Passover, take a few moments to reflect. Look around your table, take stock of your life and don’t notice what is missing, what you wish was there. Instead, sing *Dayeinu*, “enough”, and hold tighter onto that which is there. This is a critical theme of Passover. It’s the key to setting yourself free.