

## Zmanim & Services

SHABBAT HAGADOL  
PARASHAT METZORA  
APRIL 13, 2019

### Friday Night

Shir Hashirim	6:50 pm
Candle Lighting	7:14 pm
Minha	7:00 pm

*followed by Kabbalat Shabbat /  
Arvit*

### Shabbat Morning

Shaharit	8:45 am
Latest Shema	9:39 am
Pre Pre Minha Shiur	5:00 pm
Pre Minha Shiur	6:20 pm
Minha	7:00 pm
Arvit	8:00 pm
Havdala	8:10 pm

### Weekly Schedule

#### Shaharit

Sunday	8:00 am
Mon/Thu	6:20 am
Tue/Wed/Fri	6:30 am

#### Minha/Arvit

Sunday	7:10 pm
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## Rabbi Haim Jachter

### Hallel in Synagogue the First Night of Pesah - The Case where Ashkenazim have Adopted the Sephardic Practice!

**Here** is a rarity. The Rama records a widespread Ashkenazic Minhag and yet many if most Ashkenazic Batei Keneset no longer follow this practice but instead follow the Sephardic practice. This is indeed a rare occurrence, but it has happened and is happening regarding the recital of Hallel in the synagogue on the night of the first night of Pesah (and second night for those who do not have the privilege to live in Eretz Yisrael). We will try to explain the reason for this change by tracing the Minhag to its source until current developments.

**Background for the Dispute between the Shulhan Aruch and the Rama:** Maran Rav Yosef Karo (Shulhan Aruch Orah Haim 587:4) records the practice to recite Hallel “B’Tzibbur” (with the community in synagogue) with a Bracha on the first (and for some the second as well) night of Pesah. Universal Sephardic practice is to recite this Hallel with a Bracha, as noted by Hacham Ovadia Yosef (Teshuvot Yehave Da’at 5:34). The Rama, however, insists that the Ashkenazic practice is not to say Hallel in the synagogue “at all”.

**The** recital of Hallel in synagogue on the first night of Pesah has an impressive pedigree. Its sources are the Talmud Yerushalmi (Sukkah 4:5), Tosefta (Sukkah 3:2) and Masechet Soferim (20:9). Why then does the Rama object to this practice? The answer is that the Talmud Bavli, the most authoritative Talmudic source, makes no mention of this practice! The Rambam, as well, makes no mention of this practice! Thus, although there is a strong basis for reciting Hallel on the first night of Pesah, there is also a strong basis for not reciting it at that time.

**The Reason for the Change in Ashkenazic Practice:** The first major chink in the armor of the Ashkenazic custom is the practice of Hassidim who pray Nusah Sefard to follow the ruling of Maran to recite this Hallel (as noted by the Mishnah Berurah 487:16). Nusah Sefard is hugely impacted by the Ari z”l, who enthusiastically endorsed the recital of Hallel on the first night of Pesah in great measure due to its great significance according to the Kaballah (as cited in the Ba’er Heitev 487:9).

**The** second major blow was struck by the Vilna Ga’on who endorsed the ruling of Maran (Bi’ur HaGra to Orah Haim 671:7) to recite this Bracha on the Halle recited in the Beit Keneset on the first night of Pesah. This was followed by Rav Haim Soloveitchik who followed in the footsteps of the Vilna Gaon (as was his wont) and endorsed the recital of Hallel in the Beit Keneset on this occasion, as reported by his grandson Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik (Shi’urim L’Zecher Abba Mari Z”l 1:3). Rav Haim noted that the Pasuk in Yishayahu (30:29 with Rashi) “HaShir Yihyeh Lachem K’Leil Hitkadeish Hag”, clearly demonstrates that Hallel is recited on the first night of Pesah.

**Rav** Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, in turn, instructed (as reported by Rav Hershel Schachter in Nefesh HaRav pp.183-184 in the 5754 edition) his numerous rabbinical students at Yeshiva University to introduce the recital of Hallel on the first night of Pesah in the synagogue, if it were possible for them to do so. Often, Rav Soloveitchik’s students were able to follow through on their Rav’s recommendation. For example, Rav Yosef Adler has guided Congregation Rinat Yisrael in Teaneck to follow this practice. This has impacted dozens of congregations throughout North America to change their practice to recite this Hallel. Similarly, Yalkut Yosef (Orah Haim 487:6) writes “even

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those communities who have not yet adopted the practice to recite Hallel at Arvit on the first night of Pesah it is worthy and proper to adopt this precious practice”.

**In** Eretz Yisrael it has become accepted for almost all congregations to recite Hallel on the first night of Pesah in the Beit Keneset. As we have noted elsewhere whenever the practice of Sephardic Jews, Hassidic Jews and the Vilna Ga'on converges, this has emerged as the almost universally accepted practice in Israel. The reason for this is simple. At the time when the Jewish community in Eretz Yisrael began growing in the early nineteenth century, the three major groups of Jews were Sepharadim, Hassidim and followers of the Vilna Ga'on. These three groups were in the right place at the right time to set the Halachic tone for the large influx of Jews to arrive in the next two centuries.

**Conclusion:** It is the universal Sephardic practice to recite Hallel in Beit Keneset on the first night of Pesah. Although the Rama objected to this practice, most Ashkenazic Jews today have adopted the Sephardic practice due to the influence of the Ari z"l, the Vilna Ga'on, Rav Haim Soloveitchik, Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik and the Minhag of Eretz Yisrael. With Israel emerging as the place of residence of the majorities of world's Jews it seems that its Halachic practices will continue to impact Jews worldwide, leaving those who do not recite Hallel in the synagogue on the first night of Pesah as a distinct minority. How interesting is this case, where the Ashkenazic community has in time gradually adopted the Sephardic custom!

## Announcements

❖ **Mazal** Tov to Chaim and Fay Kranzler on the birth of twins to their children, Hoovie Kranzler and Yehuda Lerea.

❖ **Kiddush** is sponsored this Shabbat by the kiddush fund. To donate towards the kiddush fund please go to: <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/kiddush-fund-donation.html>

❖ **Seudah** Shelisheet is sponsored this Shabbat by Sheryl and Aaron Liberman for a Refuah Shleima for Shimon Simcha ben Penina Yehudis, Rabbi Yudin's grandson.

❖ **Thank** you to Susan Mussaffi, Jonathan Cutler, Ori, Ilan, Sivan and Liad Mussaffi for sponsoring Seudah Shelisheet last week.

❖ **Our** first youth minyan starts **THIS** Shabbat at **9:15AM!!** The minyan will be held in the Rabbi's study on the second floor. We will start with donuts before tefilla at 9:00AM and end with a private kiddush at **10:45AM**, both in the social hall. To make this work, we need as much participation as possible, so please send your boys and girls ages 8 and up. If you have any questions, please contact the office at **201-833-0800** or [office@sephardicteaneck.org](mailto:office@sephardicteaneck.org).

❖ **At 5:00PM**, Shabbat afternoon, Rabbi Jachter will speak about the **Hagada** (providing plenty of material to discuss at the Seder) and at **6:20PM** Rabbi Jachter will give his **Shabbat HaGadol drasha** on the "Difference Between the Sephardic and Ashkenazic Ways of Concluding Hallel at the Seder."

❖ **The** topic of this week's audio shiur is "Women Reciting Hallel the Night of Pesah." Sponsorships in the amount of \$54 are available for Rabbi Jachter's weekly teshuva audio shiur to benefit the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. [Click HERE to sponsor](#) [Click HERE for Rabbi Jachter's Five minute Shiur in ENGLISH](#) [Click HERE for Rabbi Jachter's Five minute Shiur in HEBREW](#). The shiurim can also be found on YUTorah's website and at [sephardicteaneck.org](http://sephardicteaneck.org) under the "Our Rabbi" section.

❖ **Mechirat Hametz** times - Motzaei Shabbat **after Havdala, after Shacharit and Arvit Sunday, April 14, 2019. Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:45 PM** (before Rabbi Jachter's Halacha Shiur), If these times do not work for you, then please contact Rabbi Jachter.

❖ **Happy Birthday** to Max Hornblass (Apr 13) and Nicole Attar (Apr 18).

❖ **Come and participate in our wonderful classes. See details on the back page of the newsletter.**

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## Shorashai Orah

**Chesed Opportunity:** A young widow living in Teaneck, whose husband was a Talmid of Rabbi Jachter, is in need of babysitting coverage on **Sunday mornings** from **9:45-11:15** each week and as needed, when she has to work, from **11:15AM to 1:30PM/2:00PM**. Looking for our babysitting-age girls to volunteer for this important chesed on a rotating basis. The individual has two daughters (ages 6 and 2) and lives in Terrace Circle. **Please respond to Erica Ohayon - [shorashai.orah@gmail.com](mailto:shorashai.orah@gmail.com).**

### A Story – Of Looking at the Mirror

**One** day all the employees of a certain company reached the office and saw a big sign on the door on which it was written: “**Yesterday the person who has been hindering your growth in this company passed away. We invite you to join the funeral in the room that has been prepared in the gym**”. In the beginning, they all got sad for the death of one of their colleagues, but after a while, they started getting curious to know who that man was who hindered the growth of his colleagues and the company itself.

**The** excitement in the gym was such that security agents were ordered to control the crowd within the room. The more people reached the coffin, the more the excitement heated up. Everyone thought: “Who is this guy who was hindering my progress? Well, at least he died!” One by one the thrilled employees got closer to the coffin, and when they looked inside, they suddenly became speechless. They stood nearby the coffin, shocked and in silence, as if someone had touched the deepest part of their soul. There was a mirror inside the coffin: everyone who looked inside it could see himself.

**There** was also a sign next to the mirror that said: “There is only one person who is capable of setting limits to your growth: it is **YOU**.” You are the only person who can revolutionize your life. You are the only person who can influence your happiness, your realization, and your success. You are the only person who can help yourself. Your life does not change when your boss changes, when your friends change, when your partner changes when your company changes. Your life changes when **YOU** change, when you go beyond your limiting beliefs when you realize that you are the only one responsible for your life. “The most important relationship you can have is the one you have with yourself”.

**Moral:** The world is like a mirror: it gives back to anyone the reflection of the thoughts in which one has strongly believed. The world and your reality are like mirrors lying in a coffin, which show to any individual the death of his divine capability to imagine and create his happiness and his success. It’s the way you face Life that makes the difference.

### Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states:

**"This shall be the law of the one stricken with tzora'as on the day of his purification, and he shall be brought to the Cohen"** (Leviticus 14:2).

**Why** does the Torah tell us that he will be brought to the *Cohen*?

**Won't** he come of his own accord? Rabbi Ibn Ezra, a 12th century commentator, explains that after the *tzora'as* clears up he will not want to bring the offerings that he is responsible to bring.

**When** a person has *tzora'as*, he will definitely claim that of course he will bring the necessary offerings when the *tzora'as* clears up. Once he is cured, he can easily forget his obligations. Now that nothing is pressing him, he will focus on other things and not on meeting his obligations. (It's kind of like not paying pledges after the person gets well...)

**Some** people find it difficult to meet their responsibilities. When they need favors from someone or want to impress someone, they might make many promises. When the time comes to keep their obligations, they do all they can to avoid meeting them. A person with integrity will derive pleasure from meeting his responsibilities and will not need others to coerce him to keep them. The more pleasure you feel when meeting your obligations, the more motivated you will be to meet them.

Source – Aish.com

### Wisdom of The Week by Ezra Ghazal

*A dream written down with a date becomes a **goal**. A goal broken down into steps becomes a **plan**. A plan backed up by **action** becomes **reality**.*

#### Weekly Riddle

**What** is the mistake in the the following **question**?

**Answer** is located on the back sheet, guess before you look!!!

#### Time to Smile

**My** memory has gotten so bad it has actually caused me to lose my job. I'm still employed. **I just can't remember where.**



## ALLERGY NOTICE

**Shaarei Orah** is a "nut aware" facility. All food for both public and private events, including our Shabbat youth groups, may not contain nuts or nut products of any kind (this includes products that "may contain" nuts or that were "processed in a facility" that also processes nuts). For more details please contact [office@sephardicteaneck.org](mailto:office@sephardicteaneck.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MORE...

**Ben Porat Yosef** invites the entire community to a ceremony commemorating Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror. **Tuesday, May 7th 8:00 p.m.** at BPY East 243 Frisch Court, Paramus, NJ 07652. "The Path of the Heroes of Am Yisrael" Featured speaker, Joey Rubinstein, originally from Silver Spring, MD serves as a machine gunner in the Explosives and Engineering unit of the Nahal brigade in the IDF. Let us come together to show our support for those who protect and defend Israel. The program will be both in English and Hebrew. For more information contact [drhadar@benporatyosef.org](mailto:drhadar@benporatyosef.org)

**Tomchei** Shabbos of Bergen County is once again collecting your free 5-pound packages of matzo at 421 Churchill Rd., Teaneck (side room by the driveway.)

**Toiletry** Collection Drive - Ongoing collection of full-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and dental floss that is distributed on a regular basis to community members in need. This is a year-round collection and very much needed. Drop off at the Stone residence - 578 Grenville Avenue, Teaneck - purple collection box located at the right-side door. Questions? Please contact Gila - [gr5thkid@msn.com](mailto:gr5thkid@msn.com).

**MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SYMPOSIUM: ELIMINATING STIGMA.** Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Yeshivat He'Atid, 1500 Queen Anne Rd, Teaneck, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The symposium will open with a keynote address delivered by Dr. Norman Blumenthal and Lisa Twerski, LCSW, on stigma, its impact on the community, and ways to combat it. This is an opportunity for you to participate in several sessions led by professionals on numerous topics including sexual abuse, suicide, vaping, marijuana, mood disorders, peer support, and ways to approach loved ones with concerns. This event is co-sponsored by Communities Confronting Substance Abuse and Refa'enu. For more information: email [time2talkaddiction@gmail.com](mailto:time2talkaddiction@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.time2talkaddiction.org](http://www.time2talkaddiction.org) Just a reminder that both CCSA and Refa'enu offer free support groups. Contact [dena@refaenu.org](mailto:dena@refaenu.org) regarding its groups for people with mood disorders as well as for their loved ones. Contact CCSA at [time2talkaddiction@gmail.com](mailto:time2talkaddiction@gmail.com) regarding its group for those who have loved ones affected by addiction or substance abuse.

**\*\*\* Answer to the Weekly Riddle – The word "the" is repeated... \*\*\***

## WEEKLY SHIURIM @ SHAAREI ORAH

- ❖ **Rabbi Jachter:** - Shabbat morning Pre-Sha'harit Shiur at **8:30am** on the weekly Parasha – Shabbat afternoon **Pre-pre Minha** Shiur **80 minutes** before Minha - **Pre-Minha** Shiur **40 minutes** before Minha - **Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM** at Shaarei Orah on Kashrut Straight from the Shulhan Aruch, **Men and women are invited.** Weekly e-mail 5-minute Sephardic Shiur of the week - **Hebrew version and English version.**
- ❖ **Shlomo Levy** - Wednesday nights, chavruta style learning on Hilchot Shabbat - **9:00 - 10:00 pm** in the Beit Midrash upstairs.
- ❖ **Rabbi Michael Chernlck:** Beginner's Talmud, Tuesday nights, **8:30-9:30 pm.**

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