

Zmanim & Services

SHABBAT PESAH
NISAN 15
APRIL 20, 2019

Friday Night

Candle Lighting 7:22 pm
Minha 7:00 pm

*followed by Kabbalat Shabbat /
Arvit*

Shabbat Morning

Shaharit 9:00 am
Latest Shema 9:32 am
Tikun HaTal 10:45 am
Minha 7:15 pm
Arvit 8:08 pm
Havdala 8:18 pm

Sunday Morning

1st Day Omeg

Shaharit 9:00 am
Latest Shema 9:31 am
Minha 7:20 pm
Arvit 8:09 pm
Havdala 8:19 pm

Schedule for Remainder
of Chag Can Be Found
Below



Rabbi Haim Jachter

Haftara of the Second day of Pesach

Most Jews, even otherwise learned Jews, have at best a vague understanding of how the Haftara of a particular Shabbat or Yom Tov adds to the Torah reading or to the Yom Tov. The Haftara of the second day of Pesach is a good example of this phenomenon. Most see a story of how Yoshiyahu HaMelech as part of his massive Teshuva movement organized a magnificent celebration of Pesach and the Korban Pesach (Melachim II Perek 23), and that this is why we read this story on Pesach. However, if one delves more deeply, he can perceive a far more profound lesson being communicated by Chazal instituting this Haftara reading for the second day of Pesach (Megillah 31a).

Farewell to Avoda Zara: Why was the massive celebration of Pesach and the Korban Pesach a cornerstone of Yoshiyahu HaMelech's efforts to rid Eretz Yisrael of Avoda Zara? The answer seems fairly obvious based on the focus of the original Korban Pesach in Mitzrayim. Slaughtering a lamb, an Egyptian god, was an expression of our rejection of Avoda Zara. Yoshiyahu HaMelech taps into this message and uses the massive Korban Pesach observance he organized as a reenactment of this rejection of Avoda Zara.

Thus, we can say that this Haftara teaches us that in every generation we can tap into the idea of the Korban Pesach as a rejection of Avoda Zara, or any ideology or belief system that is antithetical and incompatible with Torah. Yoshiyahu's teshuva from foreign ideology, so encapsulated by his great Korban Pesach observance, serves as a model for all Jews to use Pesach as an opportunity to reaffirm our complete and uncompromised commitment to Torah practice and Torah ideology.

The Second Day of Yom Tov: We suggest that the reason why this Haftara is especially appropriate for the second day of Yom Tov is that it is celebrated only outside of Eretz Yisrael. Outside the friendly confines of our land is where we our most vulnerable and susceptible to foreign influence, as we were in Mitzrayim. Outside of Eretz Yisrael is where we especially need to stress this message of Pesach as an opportunity to express our full allegiance to Hashem and His Torah and to rid ourselves of foreign influence.

Reunification of Am Yisrael: TABC Talmid Alex Ostirn notes that another theme is that Yoshiyahu's special Korban Pesach observance celebrates the reunification of the Jews of the north and the south of Israel. After the death of the last powerful Assyrian emperor Ashurbanipal in 627 BCE, the Assyrian empire began to crumble. As far as Eretz Yisrael is concerned, this meant the freeing of Northern Israel from Assyrian control. Yoshiyahu HaMelech, as is clear from our Perek, steps in and retakes control of Northern Israel, as Rashi notes to Pasuk 22. This is apparent from his ridding Eretz Yisrael of Avoda Zara and Bamot in Beit El and the Shomron areas, previously controlled by Malchut Yisrael and then by the Assyrians.

The Korban Pesach in Mitzrayim also represents our solidification as a nation as we prepare to enter Eretz Yisrael. The Korban Pesach of Yoshiyahu similarly celebrated the reunification of Bnei Yisrael of the south with the remnants of Bnei Yisrael in the north. Our reading of this story as the Haftara on the second Jews can serve to bind Jews outside of Israel who are not naturally bound together as they are in Eretz Yisrael by a

common land and state.

A Unique Korban Pesach: Our Haftara records that a Korban Pesach like this was not celebrated since the time of the Shofetim. Rashi explains that it refers to the time since Malchut Yehuda and Malchut Yisrael split into two and Yoshiyahu HaMelech has fused them together. Thus, the days of the Shofetim does not refer specifically to the Shofetim but to the time even of Shlomo HaMelech.

According to our approach, we can suggest that this refers to the Korban Pesach not having this function of an expression of rejection of Avoda Zara and the reunification of Am Yisrael. This type of a theme in regard to the Korban Pesach was unnecessary during the days of Shlomo HaMelech. However, during the cycles of spiritual deterioration and disunity in Sefer Shofetim, it was most appropriate for a Korban Pesach to be an affirmation of our rejection of Avoda Zara and expression of unification of our people. The Korban Pesach of Yoshiyahu HaMelech had, for the first time since the Shofetim, this type of theme.

Conclusion: We hope to have demonstrated that profound messages are broadcasted by the Haftara for each Shabbat and Yom Tov. Most of us, however, have not properly delved into the Haftarah's deeper meaning and we thus miss the vital messages we are supposed to learn. May Hashem grant us all the wisdom to properly focus on the Haftara and to glean the vital lessons imparted during these precious readings

Announcements

- ❖ **Welcome** to our new affiliate members, Rebecca and Erez Gilad and their children Eli, Ari, Ilana and Eitan.
- ❖ **Kiddush** will not take place over Pesah. To donate towards the kiddush fund please go to: <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/kiddush-fund-donation.html>
- ❖ **Seudah Shelisheet** will not take place on the first days of Pesah (Shabbat April 20th). Seudah Shelisheet on the second days of Pesah is sponsored by Morris Abboudi for a refuah shelaima for Yehonatan ben Sarah. To sponsor Seudah Shelisheet please go to: <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/seudah>.
- ❖ **Youth Groups on Pesah:** There are no youth groups on the first days of Pesah. Youth groups will be running on the last days of Pesah - **Friday, April 26th** and **Shabbat April 27th**.
- ❖ **Thank you** to Sheryl and Aaron Liberman for sponsoring Seudah Shelisheet last week.
- ❖ **The topic** of this week's audio shiur is "Bracha Ahat Mei'ein Sheva this Friday Night." 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 under the "Our Rabbi" section.
- ❖ **There** are two locations for **Birkat Hallanot**: Joyce and Carmi Mizrahi **570 Maitland**. Beautiful blossoming fruit trees are located in the backyard. Sheryl and Aaron Liberman are located at **565 South Forest Drive**, at the corner of Berwick. The entrance to the back yard is on the left of the house. The pink flowering fruit trees are straight ahead as you enter.
- ❖ **Everyone** is invited to a Mimouna Celebration after Pesah on Motzaei Shabbat at the home of Stephanie and Assaf Amos: **286 Edgewood Road** in Teaneck starting at **10:30 PM**.
- ❖ **Happy Birthday** to Naor Levy (Apr 22), Moshe Anapolle (Apr 23), Alon Stein (Apr 23) Netanel Gozland (May 1), Judah Bellin (May 2) and Itai David Cnaan (May 2).

Pesah 2019/5779 Schedule

Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin before Yom Tov candle lighting. The instructions and the text of the Beracha are available on our website at www.sephardicteaneck.org/linksand-resources.html or in any Mahzor.

Friday April 19th Erev Pesah - Taanit Bechorot

6:30AM Shaharit
7:10AM Siyum Bechorot
Eat Hametz till 10:41AM
Burn Hametz till 11:48AM
7:00PM Minha/Arvit
7:22PM Candle Lighting

Shabbat April 20th Pesah I

9:00AM Shaharit
10:45AM Tikun HaTal
7:10PM Minha
8:08PM Arvit
8:18PM Candle Lighting

Sunday April 21st Pesah II - 1st Day Omer

9:00AM Shaharit
7:20PM Minha
8:09PM Arvit
8:19PM Havdala

Monday April 22nd - Thursday April 25th Hol HaMoed Pesah

6:20AM Shaharit
7:25PM Minha/Arvit
Thursday April 25th
6:20AM Shaharit
7:00PM Minha
7:28PM Candle Lighting

Friday April 26th - Pesah VII

9:00AM Shaharit
7:00PM Minha
7:29PM Candle Lighting

Shabbat April 27th - Pesah VIII

Yizkor
8:45AM Pre-Shaharit shiur by R'Jachter
9:00AM Shaharit
10:30AM Communal Hashkava
5:55PM Pre-Pre Minha Shiur by R'Jachter
6:35PM Pre-Mincha Shiur by R'Jachter
7:15PM Minha
8:15PM Arvit
8:25PM Havdala

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.**

A Story – Of an Old Man and His Son

An old man lived alone in Minnesota. He wanted to spade his potato garden, but it was very hard work. His only son, who would have helped him, was in prison and he couldn't afford an attorney to get him out. The old man wrote a letter to his son and mentioned his situation:

Dear Son,

I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I hate to miss doing the garden because your mother always loved planting time. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me, if you weren't in prison.
Love, Dad

Shortly, the old man received this telegram: 'For Heaven's sake, Dad, don't dig up the garden!! That's where I buried the GUNS!!'

At 4 a.m. the next morning, a dozen FBI agents and local police officers showed up and dug up the entire garden without finding any guns. Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what had happened and asked him what to do next.

His son's reply was: 'Go ahead and plant your potatoes, Dad. It's the best I could do for you, from here.'

Moral: No Matter where you are in the World, If you have decided to do something deep from your heart, you can do it. It is the thought that matters, not where you are or where the person is.

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf

During the Passover Seder we ask the Four Questions. So, why IS this night different? Because on this night we experienced our freedom. Because only on this holiday do all of the special observances, *mitzvot*, apply only at night. On Rosh Hashanah we blow the shofar only during the day. On Sukkot we sit in a Sukkah during the day or night. Only on Passover do so many *mitzvot* apply only at night. Why is this the only night of the year so brimming with *mitzvot*? Because on the night of Passover we not only commemorate the moment of our birth, but we express the very meaning of our existence as a people.

Our sages tell us, "For the *mitzvah* is like a candle and the Torah a light." The purpose of Jewish existence is to be a source of light where otherwise darkness would hold sway. No matter how dark the world around us seems to grow, no matter how dim humankind's future may seem -- the Jewish nation never gives up. Deep inside we all know that things can be different. Deep inside we feel the call to cast a light on a darkened life, or to illuminate a clouded corner of the globe.

As dark as our lives may seem, we still believe in the power of light -- the Torah -- to illuminate our lives and our potential and to be a radiant force for all mankind. This is our message and our goal. We will not rest until the dark night again shines like the day.

What does it mean to be free? "Free" means not having outside control over your actions, thoughts, behavior. There are different levels of freedom: 1) the freedom over physical actions -- where you go, what you do. 2) the freedom over what you think about 3) the freedom to make moral decisions. Deciding whether you are going to have chocolate or vanilla ice cream is not on the same level as deciding whether or not to return a lost wallet.

Moral decisions are a lot more difficult to make than physical ones. With physical decisions where one is enslaved, there is no choice because of physical restraint. With moral decisions it is the conflict between your free will and your body's desire.

Pirke Avot, Ethics of Our Fathers (6 chapters of succinct wisdom found in the back of most *siddurim*, (prayer books) asks, "Who is the mighty person?" and answers, "He who conquers his passions." The free-est person is the one who controls his passions and his desires in order to make moral decisions.

Source – Aish.com

Wisdom of The Week by Ezra Ghazal

Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity – Herbert Hoover

Weekly Riddle

What stays where it is when it goes off?

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

Time to Smile

At our Seder, we had whole wheat and bran matzo, fortified with Metamucil. The brand name, of course, is "**Let My People Go**"



Congregation Shaarei Orach is an inclusive kehillah, all are welcome regardless of edah or level of observance.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & MORE...

The Holocaust Commemoration Committee of The Jewish Community Council of Greater Teaneck, Yom Hashoa Program, will take place **May 1, 2019** at **7:30PM** at Teaneck High School. This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the start of the Shoah. A pre-event reception for survivors and their families in our community will be held at 6PM in the multi-media room at Teaneck High School. To RSVP, contact Annette Prager at **201-385-1612**. The guest speaker is Toby Levy, an orthodox woman from Chodorow, Poland in 1933. Toby and her family were saved by righteous gentiles who hid them during the Nazi occupation. They were among the few survivors of the thousands of Jews who lived in this area. This event is handicap accessible. For more information, please visit www.teaneckyomhashoa.org

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

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.

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 or go to our website www.time2talkaddiction.org Just a reminder that both CCSA and Refa'enu offer free support groups. Contact dena@refaenu.org regarding its groups for people with mood disorders as well as for their loved ones. Contact CCSA at time2talkaddiction@gmail.com regarding its group for those who have loved ones affected by addiction or substance abuse.

***** Answer to the Weekly Riddle – An alarm clock... *****

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.**

Shaarei Orah Contact Information

Thank YOU for joining Tefilot @ Shaarei Orah. Please mail all donations & payments to: Shaarei Orah – 1425 Essex Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666 or online at www.sephardicteaneck.org

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