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Parshat Tzav
Shabbat HaGadol

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Rabbi Yehuda Halpert

Shabbat Times



Friday, April 7	
Candle Lighting:	7:09 PM
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Shabbat, April 8	
Shacharit:	8:45 AM
Kriyat Shema:	9:43 AM
Mincha (No Shul SS)	6:55 PM
Shkiya:	7:28 PM
Maariv:	8:05 PM
Shabbat Ends:	8:10 PM
Next Friday, April 14	
Candle Lighting:	7:16 PM
TABC CLOSED	

- **Mazal Tov** to Erica and Tzvi Solomon on the birth of a baby boy!
- **After-Musaf Shabbos HaGadol Drasha** - Taking place in the auxiliary lunchroom, five minutes after davenning. Light refreshments to follow and guaranteed to be done by 11:30 AM.
Title: "Put your hands in the air like you just don't care" – Is that the Song Bnai Yisrael Sang as they left Egypt?"
- **Shabbos HaGadol Drasha** - Following Mincha
Title: "The Bird's Head Haggadah and the Struggle to Define Jewish Identity"
- There will not be Shalosh Seudot at Ahavat Shalom this Shabbos. If you plan on attending the Drasha, make sure to have SS before Mincha.

Weather Report

Friday night: Partly Cloudy, 47°

Shabbos day: Mostly Sunny, 56°/40°

NOTICE Ahavat Shalom (TABC) will be CLOSED for all of Pesach so don't show up.

Celebration Kiddush Another month, another gezunta celebration kiddush. Our next Celebration Kiddush will be on April 29th! If you want to sponsor (even a bissel), please reach out to the Board!

Membership Directory - We are putting together an Ahavat Shalom Membership Directory (no one is getting deported). Similar to other shul directories, our directory will include each member's name, address, email address and phone number - and will be distributed to shul members only (no external clients or NSA). If you would like to exclude certain information, please go to our website and submit an Membership Directory Opt-Out form **before April 8th**.

Newsletter Advertising Space - Congregation Ahavat Shalom will once again be auctioning off the advertising space in our weekly newsletter, the Achdus Newsletter for the 12 month period from May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018. Additional information was provided via email on Thursday. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Board.

First Time Home Buyers Seminar- Save the Date (Sunday, May 7, 2017) Please mark your calendars for this very important and informative event!!! We will hear from the following presenters:

Donna Shahrabani, Esq., Real Estate Attorney, Buckalew Frizzell & Crevina LLP

David Joyandeh, Esq., Real Estate Attorney, Buckalew Frizzell & Crevina LLP

Stuart Greenbaum, Mortgage Banker, Chase Bank

Ruth Miron-Schleider, Broker/Owner, Miron Properties

Rabbi Halpert's Availability

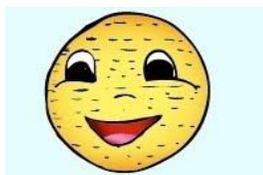
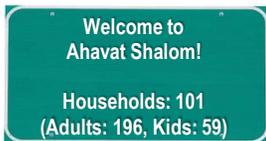
Rabbi Yehuda Halpert will be here for Shabbos on: 4/8, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13. He can be reached via email at rabbihalpert@verizon.net, or phone in the evenings at 201-836-3828. In the event of an emergency, Rabbi Halpert can also be reached at 212-909-6951.

Yeshivat Noam Youth Groups

There will NOT be any youth groups this Shabbos.

Welcoming Committee

If you or anyone you know has moved in recently, let us know! Check out ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin for more information.



Chag Sameach from the Ahavat Shalom Family!

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We welcome your input! Please send your newsletter announcements by Wednesday.

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FAQ Regarding Bedikat and Biur Chametz:

1. I will be away for all of Pesach what should I do regarding cleaning my apartment and bedikah?

Bedikat Chametz is a significant mitzvah and a long standing tradition and therefore a person should not attempt to exempt himself or herself from its performance. Accordingly, if one will be away for all of Pesach, ideally one should take all chametz and move it into the kitchen/dining/pantry ect., close off those rooms or areas (a simple string or piece of tape will suffice) and then sell those areas and their contents during "mechirat chametz". The rooms that remain unsold should then be cleaned (such cleaning likely can be accomplished in a very manageable period of time) and on the night of the 14th of Nissan, this year Sunday night, you perform a standard bedikat chametz with a beracha in those unsold areas. **An added advantage of this approach is that if you wish to return to your apartment during Pesach to sleep or simply to get clothing or other items there is no issue or concerns as you have performed a bedika on your apartment.**

2. I will be away for all of Pesach, and I am leaving prior to Sunday night the 14th of Nissan, what should I do regarding cleaning my apartment and bedikah?

See answer one above, however, the night before you are leaving your apartment (e.g., if you are going away for Pesach and will be leaving Sunday morning, or earlier, and will not be back in your apartment before Pesach begins) you perform a standard bedikat chametz **without a beracha. Following bedika you say "kol chamira ect" replacing the words "de'ika bershuti" "in my possession" with the words "de'ika be'beti" "in my house."** You can then burn the chametz which was found the evening that you did bedikah or instead burn it Friday morning with your other chametz (you do not need to pack your chametz with you and burn it on Friday morning in your place of lodging for Pesach). Monday morning you should still recite kol chamira as well.

3. I will be away for all of Pesach and I need to sell my entire apartment?

As mentioned above this is not the ideal approach. However, if you must take this approach, you should make it clear on your mechirat chametz form that you will be selling your entire apartment. If you have sold your entire apartment you are not required to perform bedikat chametz (and you **should not** perform bedikat chametz with a beracha).



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