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Nissan 8

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## Shabbat Times



Friday, March 23	
Candle Lighting:	6:53 PM
Mincha/Maariv:	6:55 PM
Shabbat, March 24	
Shacharit:	9:00 AM
Kriyat Shema:	9:58 AM
Mincha / Shalosh	
Seudot:	6:40 PM
Shkiya:	7:12 PM
Maariv:	7:48 PM
Shabbat Ends:	7:53 PM
Next Friday, March 30	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:00 PM
Candle Lighting:	7:01 PM

**Weather Report:** Friday night: 30°, Cold and cloudy

Shabbat day: 45°, Partly cloudy

**Mazel Tov** - To Yael and Bin Weiss on the birth of a baby girl!

**Mazel Tov** - To Lili, Elie and Zachary Gold on the birth of a baby boy! Shalom Zachar will take place on Friday night at the Gold home, 1473 East Terrace Circle, Apt. 3 at 9:00 PM!

**Thank you** - to everyone who helped out with the Cholent Competition over the last few months, including the chefs, the hosts and the servers. Special shout-out to Sam Locke and Melissa Kirshenbaum for the hours dedicated to the competition!

**Shabbat Ha'Gadol Drasha** - Please welcome Rabbi Mark Gottlieb who will be giving the Shabbat Ha'Gadol Drasha this week. The title of the Drasha is: *The "Erev Pesach Jew" in an Age of Radical Distracted: Reflections on Rav Soloveitchik's 25th Yahrzeit.*

**Ahavat Shalom Shabbat Gemara Chabura** - Ahavat Shalom's men's Gemara Chabura will continue on Shabbat morning at 8:30 AM in the shul. Special guest leader this week: Rabbi Jared Anstandig! There is no required level of Gemara knowledge. For more information, please contact Ariel Kirshenbaum at [akirshenbaum3@gmail.com](mailto:akirshenbaum3@gmail.com).

**Parent & Me** - kids 0-2 (too young for groups). The program will take place in Room 6 from 10:00 A.M. until the end of davening. Come sing songs, play with toys and schmooze with other parents. Please provide your own snacks and be sensitive to nut allergies. Hope to see you there! (Moms and Dads welcome!)

**Pesach is Coming!** As you may have heard, Pesach is this week! For those of you that were unable to sell your chametz yet, please reach out to Ben Wine at [president@teaneckapartments.com](mailto:president@teaneckapartments.com) for information on where you can do so around the community. For all other questions, you may email Rabbi Halpert directly at [rabbivyehudahalpert@gmail.com](mailto:rabbivyehudahalpert@gmail.com) right up until chag. Additionally, shul will not be in session throughout Pesach, so this will be the last Shabbat here until Shabbat, April 13-14.

**Chesed Committee** - The Chesed Committee is working on a new project to reach out and benefit our community. If there are any professionals in the community who are willing to donate some time and/or professional resources, please reach out to [chesed@teaneckapartments.com](mailto:chesed@teaneckapartments.com). Reaching out is the first step towards doing a huge mitzvah!

**Ahavat Shalom Sisterhood** - is actively recruiting members to join their ranks! Please reach out to the Board if you are interested in volunteering for the Sisterhood, or any of our other committees - Fundraising, Chesed or Religious!

**Save the Date:** TEACH NJS Annual Legislative Breakfast - Sunday, April 15, 2018 at the Teaneck Marriott at Glenpointe from 9:00am-11:00 a.m. Teach NJS is honored to host dedicated members of the community including representatives of our schools and synagogues along with top state government officials to advocate together for safer, stronger, and more sustainable schools. Kindly RSVP at <https://teachadvocacy.org/newjersey/breakfast/> or please contact Renee Klyman at [KlymanR@ou.org](mailto:KlymanR@ou.org) or 201-836-3943 or Josh Caplan at [caplanj@ou.org](mailto:caplanj@ou.org).

**Yom Ha'atzma'ut** - There will be a Community Wide Yom Haatzmaut celebration at The Jewish Center on April 18, 2018 at 7:15pm. It will feature a Shuk Yisraeli in the Jewish Center's Social Hall, comprising of food, booths and shira betzibur. The program will be suitable for adults as well as childreddfdffdfdfn Middle School and up. Younger children are invited to join with their parents in a program at Rinat Yisrael on Sunday, April 15, 2018 featuring a game program devoted to Eretz Yisrael.

**Suburban Torah Shabbaton** - You drank our wine, now it's time to drink the Kool-Aid! Experience Livingston for Shabbat at our Discover Suburban Torah Shabbaton! April 27-28, 2018. Sign up at [www.suburbantorah.org/shabbaton](http://www.suburbantorah.org/shabbaton).

## Chag Kasher v'Sameach!

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

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### Rabbi Halpert's Availability

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert will not be here this week.  
He can be reached via email at [RabbiYehudaHalpert@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiYehudaHalpert@gmail.com), 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

Groups for children ages 2-4 will be located in Room 3 from 9:45am - 11:00am. Morah Shira and Morah Melissa, two Yeshivat Noam teachers, will supervise. Toys and books will be provided by Yeshivat Noam. We ask parents to please send your child with a snack. Signup is on the website.

### Chesed Committee

If you or anyone you know has moved in recently or knows somebody moving in, let Yosef Chai Klein or Yael Wine know! Check out [ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin](http://ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin) for more information.



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**Yetzias Mitzrayim - Pesach and Beyond**

In the *kerias haTorah* for the last day of Pesach, we are commanded to remember the events of *Yetzias Mitzrayim* all the days of our lives. What is the relationship between this daily obligation and the annual *mitzvah* of telling the story of *Yetzias Mitzrayim* on the night of the *Seder*? From a halachic vantage point, there are real differences between these two *mitzvos*. According to the Rambam, one must mention the *mitzvos* of *pesach*, *matza* and *maror* in order to fulfill one's obligation of telling the story on Pesach night. Other *Rishonim* are of the opinion that the mentioning of these three *mitzvos* is not an integral part of the story but rather enhances these *mitzvos* themselves. Even according to the Rambam there is no need to speak about these *mitzvos* on a daily basis. Rav Chaim Soloveitchik noted that unlike the daily obligation, the story at the *Seder* must be told in a question-answer format. Additionally, the Pesach story is related by contrasting the negative state of slavery and paganism that were replaced with freedom and worship of Hashem. Every day, however, we simply make a quick reference to the basic event of *Yetzias Mitzrayim* but do not elaborate upon it as we do at the *Seder*.

Although these daily and annual obligations are different, there is an important connection between them. Rashi comments on the *mitzvah* of remembering *Yetzias Mitzrayim* daily that this is accomplished by eating *matza* at the *Seder*. How does the once a year *matza* enable us to remember *Yetzias Mitzrayim* daily?

The Rambam describes the feelings one should have at the *Seder*, and considers viewing oneself as if he/she is leaving *Mitzrayim* to be the essence of the *Seder* night experience. The Rambam cites as the source the *passuk* concerning Shabbos that we should view ourselves as slave who have been freed. How can a *passuk* concerning Shabbos be the source for how to observe the Pesach *Seder*?

By linking the unique night of the *Seder* to the daily and weekly remembrances of *Yetzias Mitzrayim*, the Torah is instructing us how to draw inspiration throughout the year. Every day and every night when we make a quick reference to *Yetzias Mitzrayim*, we should think back to how inspired we were at the *Seder*. Similarly, when we recite *Kiddush* on a weekly basis and declare Shabbos is a remembrance to *Yetzias Mitzrayim*, we should conjure up memories of the *Kiddush* we recited at the *Seder*.

The relationship between annual *mitzvos* and daily ones is not unique to remembering *Yetzias Mitzrayim*. The *mitzvos* of the *Yomim Noraim* are similarly once a year obligations whose themes reverberate throughout the year. *Tekias shofar* for Rosh Hashannah is a dramatic once a year way that we declare that Hashem is the King of the world. As we make a similar declaration twice daily by reciting Shema, we should draw on the Rosh Hashanna experience. Similarly, although Yom Kippur provides the greatest opportunity for *teshuva*, *teshuva* is not limited to the dramatic day of Yom Kippur. Every day when we ask Hashem for forgiveness in our *tefillah*, we should try to remember the state of *teshuva* that had been reached during the *tefillah* of Yom Kippur. The *yomim tovim* of Succos and Shavuot also have intense experiences of rejoicing in Hashem's presence and appreciating the great gift of Torah. Yet, every day we should experience joy in the service of Hashem and appreciation for His Torah. Once again, we can attain these feelings by drawing on the great moments of these *yomim tovim*.

Since the *yomim tovim* set the tone for the entire year, it behooves us to take maximum advantage of these special days. How we commemorate Pesach will impact on every Shabbos of the year, as well as every day and night. The experience of eating *matza* on Pesach can last the entire year. As we approach Pesach, let prepare to make the most of every moment of the *yom tov*. The memories have to inspire us for the entire year.

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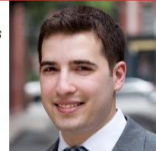
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