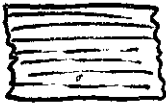




PESACH WITHOUT MOTHER



Mother

by Ephraim Buchwald

For over 30 years, I celebrated Pesach with my parents. Even after my marriage, 15 years ago, I always tried to have at least one Seder with my parents and one with my in-laws.

About 7-8 years ago, I began to sin. For years I had been ranting and raving about the evils of going away to a hotel for Pesach. We started going away -- I served as educational coordinator and scholar-in-residence. I gave lectures, Torah classes and coordinated symposia and forums, hoping to add some meaningfulness to the guests' Passover experience.

We started going away for Pesach, because our family had grown too large to be accommodated by our parents. Although she never said a word, I couldn't bear to think of my wife, Aidel, having to prepare for Pesach, after the "slavery" she is subjected to throughout the year.

So I conveniently suppressed my value system and drove off to the Catskills. Eventually, my in-laws started joining us for part of the holiday -- which made it very special. I must admit that for me, the preparation and the lecturing, in fact just the thought of being "on" again, was not easy. But my discomfort was quickly dissipated when I beheld Aidel and the children sitting calmly in the hotel dining room being served.

A hotel is after all, a hotel, and I missed Pesach with my parents. Pesach was always my father's holiday. He would prepare for it year-round, shopping for the most attractive tableware, arranging for the elaborate cleaning "happenings," polishing the silver, and lining the kitchen. My mother also worked hard, but my father threw everything he had into it. He always says that if he ever moved to Israel he would want to have two seders, because he's always so knocked out for the first one!

My mother came from a non-observant home, and even though my parents had been married for 59 years, mother always played the role of the Beginner, and followed closely my father's instructions for Pesach. Besides, he worked so hard, she didn't want to risk losing a good thing by taking issue with her husband! We'd sing a lot at the seder -- our whole family had good voices and

would sing with great enthusiasm. My father would brighten things up by telling the same jokes and anecdotes every year -- and each year we'd smile and laugh as hard as in the years past. Like the rest of us, my mother would volunteer to read several paragraphs of the Haggadah. Her Hebrew was weak. When we were small, my sister and I would giggle at her mispronunciations. When she read, she always volunteered to read the part of the Rasha -- the wicked son. I would grow impatient at how long it was taking, delaying the meal and the Afikoman.

My mother was not a woman who was into elegant cuisine. Although she was a born Yankee, she cooked heimische food. I used to help her prepare the Charoseth for the Seder, mixing the apples, nuts and wine together, and contributed as well to the preparation of the horseradish -- the *chrein*, as we'd call it. Only on Pesach would my mother prepare fresh, natural horseradish. I remember her standing at the kitchen window crying as she ground the fresh horseradish against the grater. As soon as I relieved her, the tears were rolling down my cheeks. It was some ordeal. The horseradish didn't technically qualify for Maror -- the bitter herbs of the Seder, but it made me think that the rule book needs revision. Mother added sugar, spices and apple vinegar to the ground horseradish. Together with her homemade gefilte fish, it was the hit of the holiday. How we ever lasted a whole year without those delicacies is beyond belief. If the masses ever got a taste of this fish -- we'd have a world wide revolution on our hands.

I always wanted to get the recipes for the fish and the horseradish -- but never did. My sister in Israel claims to make fish using "grandma's" recipe (it was really my grandmother's formula) but they use different fish in Israel. It's good, but no cigar!

And now mother's gone, she passed away in January at age 85 -- no mother, no recipes! Pesach will never be the same. The recipes were a part of my mother's legacy -- her Torah, and I wasn't smart enough to grasp it while it was there.

I have to speak to Aidel, maybe we can recover the formula by experimenting together. I'll let the kids do the grinding.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, March 22nd	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	5:52 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:00 p.m.
Shabbat, March 23rd	
Shabbat morning services.....	8:45 p.m.
Mincha followed by Shabbat Haggadol Discourse.....	5:20 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....	6:05 p.m.
Thursday March 28	
Search For Chametz.....	6:50 p.m.
Friday March 29th	
morning services.....	6:45 & 7:45 p.m.
The first born are invited to complete a Talmudic tractate after each service so that they may be able to eat on what would normally be a fast day for them.	
The latest time to eat Chametz.....	9:32 a.m.
The latest time to burn Chametz.....	10:46 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov candles.....	5:59 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....	6:10 p.m.
Followed by the First Community Seder.....	7:00 p.m.
Shabbat, March 30th	
Yom Tov Morning Services.....	8:45 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....	5:15 p.m.
Mincha.....	6:00 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov candles after.....	7:00 p.m.
Followed by the Second Community Seder.....	7:30 p.m.
Sunday March 31	
Yom Tov Morning Services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	5:25 p.m.
Mincha.....	6:10 p.m.
Please remember to turn your clocks ahead Sunday evening.	
Monday -Thursday	
Chol Hamoad Morning Services.....	7:00 & 7:40 a.m.
Mincha.....	7:15 p.m.
Thursday April 4th	
Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin	
Kindle Yom Tov candles.....	7:06 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....	7:15 p.m.
Friday, April 5	
Friday Morning services.....	6:20 p.m.
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	7:07 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:20 p.m.
Shabbat, April 6th	
Shabbat Morning services.....	8:45 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....	5:45 p.m.
Mincha.....	6:45 p.m.
followed by Seudah Shleesheet Heilat HaChag.	
Thursday, April 11th Yom HaShoah	
Friday April 12th	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	7:24 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:25 p.m.
Shabbat, April 13th (SHEMINI)	
Shabbat morning services.....	8:45 p.m.
Daf Yomi at 5:45 p.m. followed by Talmud class at.....	6:30 p.m.
Bible Class.....	6:15 p.m.
Mincha.....	7:15 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....	7:25 p.m.

Sunday April 14th Rosh Chodesh Iyar	
Morning Services.....	7:00 & 8:30 a.m.
Monday April 15 Rosh Chodesh Iyar	
Morning services.....	7:00 & 7:40 a.m.
Wednesday April 17th Yom Zikaron	
Thursday, April 18th Yom Haatzmaut	
Morning services.....	7:00 & 7:50 a.m.
Friday, April 19th	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	7:21 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:30 p.m.
Shabbat April 20th (TAARJA/NETZORA)	
Hashkoma Minyan.....	7:45 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi at 5:50 p.m. followed by a Talmud class at.....	6:35 p.m.
Bible Class.....	6:20 p.m.
Mincha.....	7:20 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....	6:35 p.m.
Friday April 26	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	7:29 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:40 p.m.
Shabbat April 27 (ANARE/Kedoshim)	
Hashkoma.....	7:45 a.m.
Shabbat morning services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Talmud class at.....	6:45 p.m.
Bible Class.....	6:30 p.m.
Mincha.....	7:30 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....	7:40 p.m.
Thursday, May 2 Lag B'Omer	
Friday, May 3rd	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	7:36 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:45 p.m.
Shabbat May 4 (EMOR)	
Shabbat morning services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi at 6:05 followed by the Talmud class at.....	6:50 p.m.
Bible Class.....	6:35 p.m.
Mincha.....	7:35 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....	7:50 p.m.
Friday, May 10th	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	7:43 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:50 p.m.
Shabbat, May 11th (BEHAR/Bachukotai)	
Hashkoma minyan.....	7:45 a.m.
Shabbat morning services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi at 6:15 followed by the Talmud Class at.....	7:00 p.m.
Bible Class.....	6:45 p.m.
Mincha.....	7:45 p.m.
Daily Mincha & Maariv.....	7:55 p.m.
Sunday, May 12th Yom Yerushalyim	
Tuesday, May 14th	
Rosh Chodesh Sivan	
Morning Services.....	7 & 7:40 a.m.
Friday, May 17th	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	7:50 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:30 & 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat, May 18th (Bamidbar)	
Shabbat morning services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi at 6:20 followed by the Talmud class at.....	7:05 p.m.
Bible class.....	6:50 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov Candles.....	6:50 p.m.
Mincha.....	7:50 p.m.
Midnight Bible Classes.....	11:30 p.m.
Sunday May 19th	
Hashkoma Minyan.....	8:45 p.m.
Main Minyan.....	7:00 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....	6:45 p.m.
Kindle Yom Tov candles not before.....	8:51 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....	8:00 p.m.
Monday, May 20th	
Yom Tov morning services including yizkor.....	8:00 & 8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	6:45 p.m.
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishheet	
Heilat HaChag.....	7:45 p.m.
Friday, May 24th	
Kindle Shabbat candles.....	7:56 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:35 & 8:05 p.m.
Shabbat May 25th (NASO)	
Shabbat Morning services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi at 6:25 followed by the Talmud class at.....	7:20 p.m.
Talmud and Bible Classes.....	6:55 p.m.
Mincha.....	7:55 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....	8:10 p.m.
Monday, May 27th Memorial day	
Daily morning services.....	7:10 & 8:30 a.m.
Friday, May 31st	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	8:02 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:40 & 8:10 p.m.
Shabbat, June 1st (BEHALOTZCHA)	
Shabbat Morning services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi at 6:30 followed by the Talmud class at.....	7:15 p.m.
Bible Class.....	7:00 p.m.
Mincha.....	8:00 p.m.
Daily Mincha and Maariv.....	8:15 p.m.
Friday, June 7th	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	8:07 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:45 & 8:20 p.m.
Shabbat, June 8th (SHELACH LECHA)	
Shabbat Morning services.....	8:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi at 6:35 followed by the Talmud class at.....	7:20 p.m.
Bible Class.....	7:05 p.m.
Mincha.....	8:05 p.m.
Daily Mincha Maariv.....	8:20 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	
June 12 & 13	
Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	
Morning Services.....	7 & 7:40
Friday, June 14th	
Kindle Shabbat Candles.....	8:10 p.m.
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:45 & 8:20 p.m.
Shabbat June 15th Korach	
Shabbat Morning Services.....	8:45 a.m.