**Rabbi Willig**

***Conference Call #38***

1. What is the source for wrapping ones hands in a plastic bag or napkin instead of washing before eating bread? Is there any basis for this and if so under what circumstances may it be done? Does one make any Bracha before eating and does one bentch afterwards?
2. What are the proper shiurim for arba koses and kizayis for matzah and maror? How should one measure these measurements, does one need to actually measure or can one estimate?
3. I Daven at a Mincha minyan that does not say tachanun. Should I say it after my private Shemoneh Esrei or after chazoras hashatz or not say it at all? Additionally, if I Daven for the amud should I say tachanun; the "minhag" is not to say it but it is not clear why.
4. At a recent shabbos seudah, the party planner added a nice touch before shabbos, adding (attaching), lit tea lights to the tables flower arrangements for an added decoration, not shabbos licht. The lights are now out, the seudah is now over and they need to clean up and set up the tables for the shabbos morning seudah, can you move the flower arrangements?
5. Could Rebbe discuss using social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to advertise a shuls schedule and program? Is it hypocritical to warn my congregants, especially our teens regarding using these devices and yet allow the shul to use them?
6. Can someone sleep in a room on shabbos if the lights in that room were turned off b’mazid by a “teen at risk”?
7. Our shul is embarking on building a new *bais k’nesses* and is planning a ground breaking event, is there any special brachos or tefillos that should be said on this occasion?
8. In recent years hand matzo bakeries offer whole wheat as well as regular flour matzos. I recently was told that Rav Moshe Feinstein said not to use whole wheat matzos for the Seder, can rebbe discuss the issue?
9. A congregant whose daughter recently married a Syrian boy would like to host them over Pesach; he would like to keep his minhagim, eating rice and thick matzos. How do I advise this Ashkenazi family, can they make rice for him, can he eat these items at their table?
10. Shabbos sheva brachos at shalosh seudos should the Chasan and Kallah drink from the sheva brachos wine or wait until after Havdalah?
11. If a shiva house only has women in aveilus, is there an inyan to set up minyanim in the house? What about a male aveil, who is not shomer shabbos but agrees to sit shiva for seven days, should the tzibbur set up minyanim?
12. Our Shul is trying to monetize the building. The only room that is rentable is the sanctuary. It's a large space that can be used for all sorts of activities. Does utilizing the Shul as a multi-purpose room require תנאים ? Can we rent it out to be used for classes? Some examples of classes would be dance classes (separate and mixed). Or even academic classes (that may teach כפירה)?
13. What is the earliest time we can daven Maariv on the Seder nights? Is there any reason not to take the Chag in early on the seventh of Pesach?
14. Our Shul schedules Havdalah for 47 minutes after Shkia (it is usually a few minutes later). Prior to becoming Rav of this Shul, I kept 72 minutes for Motzei Shabbos. Should I maintain that? I make Havdalah, but the Shamash lights the candle and gives it to a child to hold. Sometimes the Shamash isn’t there, or there isn’t somebody to put out the candle after Havdalah, or somebody wants me to write down a phone # etc. Or, after Shabbos, on a cold night, or once a month after Kiddush Levana, a congregant offers me a ride home. These are some situations where I am conscientious of saying Shabbos is over for the congregation and yet not doing melacha. Is it best to change my minhag to what the shul holds? If yes, should I be matir neder? If not, what should I do?
15. Can one sweep carpet, with a broom not a carpet sweeper, on Shabbos?
16. Can one say Tehillim at night? Does it make a difference if it is a man or a woman?
17. Someone runs a pre-Purim pop up business, selling a popular Purim item cheaper than in the stores and the product is fresher than if bought in the store (they receive it directly from the factory). Customers that call, ask what does a specific supermarket sell it for? Is this person allowed to say? If not, are they just allowed to say ‘I know our price is less’? Or do they have to tell the customer ‘I only know our price (even though they know the supermarket price) do the research yourself’?
18. Mincha following a shabbos sheva brachos lunch, is *Tzidkoscha* said? Does it make a difference if the Chasan is in the room when they end *chazoras hashatz* or if he stepped out?
19. Is there any reason not to make early Shabbos this year going from S*hvii shel Pesach* into achron/Friday night? What about into *Shvii shel Pesach* from Chol HaMoed?
20. I have a copy of Rabbi Willig’s shtar mechirah for 2014, in it you refer to an "individual inventory sheet," Can you send a copy of the inventory sheet to NCYI so they can send it to the rabbanim with the 2015 shtar mechirah form? Thank you.