This month shall be unto you the beginning of the months (of the year) – Sh’mos 12:2

The Talmud interprets the word לכם (unto you) as meaning that the Sanhedrin (Great Rabbinical Court) has the authority to establish and regulate the calendar, to vary the length of the months or declare an extra month to make a leap year as it sees fit. Some commentators interpret “unto you” to mean that this mitzvah gives man mastery over time. This concept has never been as relevant as in our era: Man’s technological genius has had interesting consequences. On the one hand, we have more time-saving devices than ever before, such as jet aircraft, instant foods, microwave cooking, email, instant messaging and smart phones, etc. But rather than man becoming master over time, he has actually become its slave. The ability to get things done fast has resulted in the expectation that everything should have been done yesterday, and the pressure to get things done fast has greatly increased. Many people fall into the category of “type A personality” which describes the person who is dominated by time, deadlines and exacting schedules. This enslavement by time may well be the single greatest factor in the increase of heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke. There is, obviously, great significance in the fact that the very first mitzvah given to the people...
Jewish people at the time of their emancipation was to be masters over time. There are many things that we do in the interest of time rather than truly in our own best interest. We may take risks in traffic to save seconds which are really not that important, we may stress ourselves in running to catch elevators or buses, and we may push ourselves more than our bodies can tolerate. A person, if not careful, may be guilty of selling himself into slavery by the ring of every email. While some constraints of time are unavoidable, we often allow ourselves to be unnecessarily dominated by time. Therefore, the mitzvah of establishing a calendar or regulating your time should be לא כמ, for your own best interest.

(Sefer - Living each week)

Wishing you a Chag Sameach!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

### Pesach Schedule

Pesach schedule is available at the Shul and on our website. To view, click on the link below

Dear Friends,
I am sure we are all aware of the measles outbreak in New York and New Jersey and many other states and foreign countries. It goes without saying that according to the law of our land, all children are to be vaccinated for measles and all other diseases mandated by the Pediatric Medical Association. This is the law, and this is also the halacha, as stated unequivocally by the leading rabbinical authorities of our time. Those who fail to do so place themselves and others at great risk. As we approach zman cheruseinu, let us allow everyone to feel safe and comfortable in our Shul and community as we celebrate the beautiful Yom Tov of Pesach together.

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
Yahrzeits April 20 – May 3, 2019

15 NISAN  Roberta Geula for her mother, Bella Kono, on Shabbos, Apr. 20
16 NISAN  Stanley Reiter for his father, Daniel I Reiter, on Sunday, Apr. 21
16 NISAN  Bonnie Spira for her father, Moshe, on Sunday, Apr. 21
16 NISAN  Ellen Adelsberg for her mother, on Sunday, Apr. 21
17 NISAN  Howard Langer for his mother, Chaya Dina, on Monday, Apr. 22
17 NISAN  Paul Bermanski for his mother, Sarah Bermanski, on Monday, Apr. 22
17 NISAN  Shabtai Plutno for his father, Herman Plutno, on Monday, Apr. 22
18 NISAN  Morris Kaplan for his father, Nachman Kaplan, on Tuesday, Apr. 23
19 NISAN  Nochum Aber for his mother, Teme bat Nachum, on Wednesday, Apr. 24
19 NISAN  Martin Kessler for his father, Louis J. Kessler, on Wednesday, Apr. 24
20 NISAN  Lois Rosengarten for her husband, Harold Rosengarten, on Thursday, Apr. 25
22 NISAN  Ricardo Berner for his grandfather, Nisel ben Mordechai, on Shabbos, Apr. 27
23 NISAN  Mitchell Kirschner for his father, Menachem, on Sunday, Apr. 28
24 NISAN  Jerry Gontownik for his brother, Shalom Gontownik, on Monday, Apr. 29
26 NISAN  Heshy Freundlich for his mother, Irene Freundlich, Liba Feiga bas Yekusiel Tzvi, on Wednesday, May 1
26 NISAN  Martin Packer, Allen Packer, Phyllis Franklin for their mother, Esther Rose Packer, on Wednesday, May 1
27 NISAN  Haim Marcovici for his father, Dovid Zvi Marcovici, on Thursday, May 2
27 NISAN  Rose Leventhal for her mother, Chaya Frieda, on Thursday, May 2

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