



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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PESACH, April 8 - April 16, 2020

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**PLEASE STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.
CHAG KASHER V'SAMEACH!**

Happy Passover !!!



In a few days we will be sitting down to our Seder, which will admittedly be the most unusual Seder since the exodus from Egypt. However, this is the will of G-d and we will do the best we can to accept His decree. The message I would like to share with you today has very much to do with this word “Seder.” Seder means an order – that this is the way it has to be done and if you don’t follow this particular order then you have not fulfilled your obligations. Isn’t it strange that on the night of cheirus (freedom) we must follow a specific order and can’t just do it the way we want? Isn’t the fact that I must do it this way and only this way a form of slavery? Where is my freedom? This may sound like a strange question, but I am trying to dramatically make the point that we must redefine our definition of freedom.

Erev Pesach

Schacharis,
followed by Siyum 8:00 AM
by Zoom

Eat Chametz until 10:52 AM

Burn Chametz* by 12:07 PM

Candle Lighting 7:23 PM
Eruv Tavshilin

***12:07 Instead of burning
Chametz, either flush the Chametz
down the toilet or put bleach on the
bread and throw it away.**

Candle lighting 8:26PM
Thurs- not before

Candle lighting 7:24PM
Friday

Mincha By 7:30 PM

Havdalah 8:27 PM
Motzei Shabbos

Chol Hamoed Mincha

Sun and Mon By 7:25 PM



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Most people would interpret freedom as the ability to do what I want, how I want, when I want – I am in control. In actuality, nothing could be further from the truth. Because when people do whatever they want, it is because they cannot help but do what they are doing. They are slaves to their desires and passions, and they don't have the strength to say no. Think of a person who suffers from ulcers who says, "hey, I'm free, I will eat whatever I want." When he does, though, he suffers all night in agony. That was never freedom. Rather, it was the ultimate definition of slavery. He could not say no. In the blessed United States of America, the land of the free, we have a segment of society who are slaves. They do whatever they want, enjoy the so called "good life," addicted to sports, food, entertainment, sexual desires, or whatever pushes their buttons. They think this is freedom, but in reality, it is the ultimate slavery. The Jewish People, on the other hand, serve G-d 24/7, following a myriad of laws which govern our every movement from the time we wake up to the time we go to sleep. Laws which direct every aspect of our lives from the kitchen to the living room, the bedroom, and the bathroom. You call that freedom? The answer is yes. Because the ability to be in control and to live lives of purpose and meaning, lives which have goals to sanctify our physical existence, to develop ourselves into caring, sensitive, and selfless people – that is the height of cheirus. Many times, our sages compare a life without Torah to a fish without water. They do this because when you initially take a fish out of water, it flops back and forth and jumps up and down vigorously. Someone who knows nothing about fish and doesn't realize that their life source is water would say, "Wow, that fish is living the life. What vim and vigor." However, we who know better understand that the fish is in the throes of death. This is also true when you look out into the world, and you see so-called free people enjoying life as they please, without any restrictions. It looks like they are so alive, having a grand time, when in actuality, they are in the throes of a spiritual death because this is the pursuit of pleasure without meaning, without purpose, and without substance. Whereas we, who sit down to a Seder and can only do it this way and no other way, are the freest people in the world.

Wishing you a chag kasher v'sameach, a zman cheiruseinu, and a zissen Pesach!

With much blessing and love,

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

PESACH YIZKOR

This Pesach will be the first Yom Tov ever that we are not davening together, and therefore not saying Yizkor jointly in our Young Israel. Instead, we are planning for a "virtual" Yizkor appeal, which would allow members and friends to donate in memory of loved ones who have passed away. Interested families should send an email to yakira@yicbh.org to provide the office with a list of family members who have departed, together with their donations in their memory. The compiled list would then be sent out to everyone before the second days of Yom Tov. In this way, when we say Yizkor alone in our homes, we can take comfort that tzedakah has been given in memory of loved ones that have passed away.

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Pesach Information

The Siyum Bechorim will take place Wednesday morning, right after our 8:00 Zoom minyan, at approximately 8:30 am. For those of you who are bechorim, have some food prepared beforehand – mezonos, if possible, and a drink of liquid – to celebrate the Siyum. If, for whatever reason, you could not attend the Siyum, do not fast. But rather, give tzedakah and through that you can redeem yourself from the fast.

Rav Dovid Feinstein's halachic opinion is that no one should burn their chametz this erev Pesach. The way to destroy chametz this year is to flush it down the toilet. If that is not possible, then pour bleach on it and place it in the garbage.

Erev Pesach is unlike any other erev yom tov. The reason is that during the time of the Beis Hamikdash, the korban Pesach was slaughtered beginning at noon on erev Pesach. The general law was that on the day a person brought his own korban, it was his own personal yom tov, and he was not permitted to do melacha. Therefore, since erev Pesach was once a time when the entire Jewish nation offered their korban Pesach, certain forms of work were prohibited. So today, too, we keep this erev yom tov very special, as in years gone by. Therefore, starting at midday (1:22 pm) on Wednesday, erev Pesach, one is prohibited from doing any type of work one would not do on a chol hamoed. One should make sure to take a haircut, shave, and cut nails before chatzos (1:22 pm).

Tefillas Tal is recited on the first day of Pesach after you finish your Musaf Shemoneh Esrei. You still say Mashiv Haruach U'morid Hageshem at Musaf. After that, Ashkenazim stop saying it at Minchah of that day and Sefardim begin saying Morid Ha'tal at Musaf.

Yizkor is recited in the home on the last day of Pesach. One does not need a shul or minyan to say it.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Allan Krieger and Allen Packer



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Yahrzeits April 11 – April 17, 2020

17 NISSAN	Paul Bermanski for his mother, Sarah Bermanski, on Shabbos, Apr. 11
17 NISSAN	Shabtai Plutno for his father, Tzvi ben Shabtai, on Shabbos, Apr. 11
18 NISSAN	Morris Kaplan for his father, Nachman Kaplan, on Sunday, Apr. 12
19 NISSAN	Nochum Aber for his mother, Teme bat Nachum, on Monday, Apr. 13
19 NISSAN	Martin Kessler for his father, Louis J. Kessler, on Monday, Apr. 13
20 NISSAN	Lois Rosengarten for her husband, Harold Rosengarten, on Tuesday, Apr. 14
22 NISSAN	Ricardo Berner for his grandfather, Nisel ben Mordechai, on Thursday, Apr. 16
23 NISSAN	Mitchell Kirschner for his father, Menachem, on Friday, Apr. 17

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Eruv Bal Harbour: While the Eruv in Surfside includes both walking paths, in Bal Harbour the Eruv only includes the inner (western) walking path. The pier at Haulover Cut is not included. We would like to emphasize that every Erev Shabbos, individuals should call the Eruv Hotline to make sure that the Eruv is operational prior to carrying on Shabbos. The number is 305-866-ERUV (3788). The Eruv message is recorded approximately two hours prior to Candle Lighting. Miami Beach Eruv web page: www.miamibeacheruv.com

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