

PESACH DAVENING SCHEDULE**Sunday, April 13**

Bedikas Chametz: after nightfall

Erev Pesach — Monday, April 14

Shacharis with Siyum: 6:30 am

Last Time to Eat Chometz: 10:21 am

Last Time to Destroy Chometz: 11:35 am

Chatzos — Mid-Day: 1:07 pm

Candles for Yom Tov: 7:25 pm

Yom Tov Rishon Shel Pesach — 1st Day

Mincha/Maariv with Hallel: 7:25 pm

Chatzos — Mid-Night: 1:07 am

Shacharis, Musaf, Tefilas Tal: 9:00 am

Mincha: 7:25 pm

Yom Tov Shani Shel Pesach — 2nd Day

Maariv with Hallel: 8:45 pm

Candles for Yom Tov: 8:57 pm

Begin Sefiras HaOmer

Chatzos — Mid-Night: 1:07 am

Shacharis, Musaf: 9:00 am

Mincha: 7:25 pm

Maariv: 8:45 pm

Chol Hamoed Pesach

Shacharis — Thursday-Friday: 7:30 am

Shacharis — Sunday: 8:00 am

Mincha/Maariv — Thursday: 7:30 pm

Shabbos Chol Hamoed Pesach

Candle Lighting: 7:29 pm

Mincha/Maariv: 7:30 pm

Shacharis/Shir HaShirim/Musaf: 8:30 am

Mincha: 7:30 pm

Maariv: 8:50 pm

Shivi'i Shel Pesach — 7th Day — April 20

Candles for Yom Tov — Sunday: 7:31 pm

Mincha/Maariv: 7:35 pm

Shiras HaYam at Cross Country and

W. Strathmore: Midnight

Shacharis: 8:30 am

Mincha: 7:30 pm

Acharon Shel Pesach — 8th Day

Maariv: 8:45 pm

Candles for Yom Tov: 9:03 pm

Shacharis: 8:30 am

Yizkor: 10:30 am

Mincha followed by Baal Shem

Tov's Seudah: 7:00 pm

Maariv: 8:50 pm

Baal Shem Tov's Seudah

The Baal Shem Tov started the custom of eating a special third meal on the last day of Pesach late in the afternoon, after Mincha, complete with matzoh and wine.

This meal is also known as Moshiach's Seudah, because on this day the radiance of Moshiach is openly revealed. The Baal Shem Tov said that on this day one can actually feel the approach of Moshiach.

This meal occurs on the eighth day of Pesach, as the number eight is connected to the Redemption (being one more than seven

— symbolic of the natural order) and the Haftorah read on the eighth day of Pesach contains many Messianic prophecies.

The Baal Shem Tov's Seudah at Tiferes Yisroel is similar to a shalosh seudos. Everyone brings their leftover matzoh, nuts, wine, juice, cereal, cake and other Pesachdik leftovers to share. Rabbi Goldberger tells Chassidic stories and leads us in heartfelt niggunim.

A perfect way to end Pesach, with achdus, joy and spiritual yearning as we move forward toward Shavuot and Kabbolas HaTorah.

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2nd Annual Chometz Giveaway Food Drive/Chometz Burning

On Monday, April 14, between 6:30 and 11:30 am at the Pimlico Race Course, Clubhouse Parking Lot, you can burn your chometz as usual. And you can also give away what you don't burn.

Donate your unopened, new chometz or bring new canned goods to help a local food pantry for area families.

Wrap and burn your chometz in paper only. Please don't throw plastic or styrofoam in the fire.

For more information, contact CHAI's neighborhood organizer, Kris Burnett or call 410-500-5305.

Schlissel Challah

There are many ways to observe schlissel challah, or hiding a key in the challah.

Some actually hide a key in the challah.

Some bake challah in the shape of a key.

Some place sesame seeds on top of the challah in the shape of a key.

The minhag at Tiferes Yisroel is to bake the challah with the key on top of the challah.

This custom is to be observed the first Shabbos after Pesach.

Some of the reasons behind this custom are:

We are asking Hashem to open up the gates of sustenance and parnassah with our key.

During the counting of the omer, we progress from gate to gate and each gate has a key.

The Ohev Yisrael explains that by making such a challah we are hinting at the concept that Hashem asks the nation of Yisrael, "Open for Me an aperture, even if only as large as the eye of a needle, and I in turn will grant you access to Me as wide as the entranceway to the vestibule of the Beis Hamikdash."

This means that Hashem promises that as long as we try, even a little bit, to attach ourselves to Him, He will open for us the gates of plenty in both the spiritual and physical areas of life.

During Pesach, all the gates of Heaven are

open for us even without our asking; but immediately after Pesach, we have to put forth our own effort to keep them open. The schlissel challah symbolizes our need to make these efforts at this time.

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Yizkor

by Rabbi Zalman Abraham

(from askmoses.com)

In Yizkor, the souls of the departed are remembered in prayer to G-d and in monetary pledges to charity. It is founded upon the principle that a mitzvah of the living affects the souls of the deceased when performed in their memory.

The Midrash (Sifri: Shoftim) states that even departed souls require redemption. Redemption is brought about by means of charity as in the verse (Isaiah 1:27) "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and those who return to her with tzedakah."

In Temple times, the souls of the righteous that were gathered in the spiritual Temple in heaven (which is not bound by material confines) would descend to the earthly Temple, blessing it with infinite properties. Nowadays, when we no longer have a physical Temple to visit, we remember souls of the departed so that their merit should bless us too and stand us in good stead (Ta'amei Haminhagim, p. 245).



We say yizkor four times a year, one of them being the eighth day of Pesach. This year it falls on April 21, and we will be saying yizkor at 10:30 am.

Part of the prayer includes pledging to charity. By giving to Tiferes Yisroel, you can take care of this pledge.

And may the souls of your loved ones be bound in the bond of life, together with the souls of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov; Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah; and together with the other righteous men and women in Gan Eden.

Maos Chittim

As we do each year, we are raising money for Maos Chitim. This is tzedaka collected from the community to help provide for Pesach for families who are in need. It is a communal obligation to give tzedaka for Maos Chitim. Checks can be made out to Tiferes Yisroel RDF (Rabbi's Discretionary Fund), or you can give cash or go through PayPal. Make sure to mark your contribution as Maos Chitim or Pesach. Checks can be given to Rabbi Goldberger or to our Gabbai Tzedakah, Nathan Franco.

Change in Davening

On Chol Hamoed Pesach we change from v'sein tal umatar to v'sein bracha. At Musaf on the first day of Yom Tov, we begin to say Moreed Ha'tal. Tefillas Tal is said at Musaf on the first day of Pesach.

Need Matzoh?

Lucky you, there's still some left. Contact the Taffels at 443-739-6827.

Also, there are 2 pounds of hand shmura matzoh meal. These are being sold for \$17 per lb.

Community Utensil Kashering

Do you have year-round dishes that you want to make Kosher for Passover? You can kasher them on Sunday, April 13, from 9 am to 1 pm, at Shearith Israel (Glen Avenue Shul).

Tiferes Yisroel Pesach Minhagim

MATZA AND GEBRACHTZ

- Matza
 - It is our minhag to eat only hand shmura matza throughout Pesach.
 - Children may eat machine shmura matza.
- Gebrachtz
 - It is also a chasidic minhag not to eat Gebrachtz (matza mixed with any liquid or cooked in any liquid) until Acharon shel Pesach (the last day of Pesach). On Acharon shel Pesach, it is important to make a point of eating gebrachtz, in order to have achdus with klal Yisroel.

PESACH NIGHT

- Hallel
 - Full Hallel is said in shul each of the first two nights of Pesach.
- Seder Plate
 - The Seder Plate is arranged according to the minhag of the Arizal, as follows, with the Maror in the center:

Egg	Shankbone
	Maror
Karpas	Charoses
	Chazeres

 (Romaine lettuce stalks)
 - Each family at the table should have its own seder plate
 - Maror — freshly cut chunks, or freshly grated, horseradish
 - Chazeres — romaine lettuce stalks, as opposed to leaves. It's easier to check for bugs this way.
 - Karpas — peeled radish, celery, or peeled cucumber. Many people only use peeled vegetables due to various coatings that may be used on vegetables by producers, distributors and stores.

AFIKOMEN

- Rabbi Goldberger often doesn't get to eat the afikomen by chatzos.

SEDER

- The Four Questions are asked individually by all the children present. Then all the adults say it out loud together.
- Maggid — At the Rabbi's table, everyone reads a few paragraphs together, and then there is a pause for discussion.
- Ten Plagues — wine is spilled from the cup, rather than using one's finger.
- Shulchan Aruch — No red meat, or dry roasted meat, is eaten at the seder.
- Counting the Omer — the Omer is counted beginning on the second night of Pesach, after the seder has been completed.

SHEVI'İ SHEL PESACH

- Shiras HaYam
 - After the evening seudah, it is a minhag to go to a body of water and say Shiras HaYam (we customarily meet the Rabbi at the corner of Cross Country and Strathmore and say Shiras HaYam together with him).

ACHARON SHEL PESACH

- Eat Gebrachtz!
 - It is important to make a point of eating gebrachtz on this day, in order to have achdus with klal Yisroel.

BAAL SHEM TOV SEUDAH

- It is the custom of many Chasidim to make a seudah as Pesach is ending. Our seuda is held in the simcha hall each year, one hour before Maariv. The Rabbi leads us in song and nigunim.

What is the Spiritual Significance of Counting the Omer?

by Rabbi Yossi Marcus
(from askmoses.com)

Let's go back to the time of the Exodus from Egypt. We were at a very low spiritual state. We had been so influenced by the immoral society of Egypt that G-d had to literally pull us out. As we say in the Haggadah, if G-d would not have taken us out at that moment we would still be in Egypt. This means that even if we would have later left Egypt in a physical sense we would still be there in a spiritual sense. So for the next 49 days after leaving Egypt we were preparing ourselves for the giving of the Torah, each day rising to a new level and getting closer and closer to our true selves.

The same thing happens today. On Passover we become free, liberated from

subjugation to our animalistic side. During the next 49 days, we methodically redo our inner selves to be vessels for the reception of Torah. We do this for seven weeks, each week devoted to one of the basic human emotions: Love, Restraint, Empathy, Ambition, Humility, Bonding and Regality.

Cleaning for Pesach — Condensed Version

by Chaya Kurtz

Here are Auntie Chaya's guidelines for a sane Pesach cleaning:

- Drink as much alcohol as you want to drink while cleaning.
- Lysol spray renders chametz inedible, and it is your best friend.
- If there is chametz in your bathroom, then someone is eating in the bathroom, and that should only happen in middle schools.

Now let's all have a Pesach cleaning party. Pour yourself a bottle of wine, get out the oven cleaner, and have at it. But please, please, we are not in a race for who can be the most bittul. So this year, let's just tape it up, cover it in garbage bags, sell it, and douse the place in chemicals. It's gonna be awesome.

Shir Shel Yam

It was on the seventh day of Pesach that we crossed the Yam Suf, and so the Shir Shel Yam takes place on the seventh night of Pesach.

Join us, along with the Rabbi and Rebbetzin, as we gather at midnight along the stream at the bridge on West Strathmore and Cross Country to recite the Shir Shel Yam.

In honor of the anniversary of the day in which the waters parted for our ancestors, the men dance and sing a beautiful niggun of Rabbi Twerski's that is in ¾ time, waltz-time.

Sederless?

You're already having twenty people for the seder? What's one more? Or two? Or six?

Maybe it's just the family. You had meant to invite guests but now you think it's too late.

Or ... You thought you had a place to go for seder and it fell through. Or maybe you just don't want to bother. What can you do?

Share a seder.

Need a seder? Have room at your table? Email the Lev. We'll make the match. It's not too late.