



TODAY'S FOCUS: THE MUSAF AMIDAH

Passover marks the end of the rainy season in Israel. As the summer draws near, we begin to thank God for the blessing of dew, shifting to the phrase "Morid HaTal" "Causing Dew to fall."

Tal is the prayer we add to the Musaf Amidah today that asks God to provide enough dew in Israel to ensure that it is a year of plenty and prosperity. There is a midrash that says it was on the first day of Passover that Isaac blessed Jacob asking God to grant him "the dew of Heaven."

Tal also reminds us that even the smallest of things, a substance which is temporary like the morning dew, has the ability to sustain us in a time of need, and we are grateful to see it as a blessing.

The Musaf Amidah begins on page 217 followed by Tal on 219. We then turn to page 166 for "Mechakel Chaim" and then continue on pages 170-178

You can find a beautiful version of Tal [here](#)

1st Day Yom Tov

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- Ahavah Rabbah- page 111
don't forget to gather your tzitzit if you are wearing a tallit!
- Shema-pages 112-113
remember to add the three words: El Melech Ne'eman before the Shema.
- Amidah-Shacharit for Pesach- 123-128
when davening alone we do not say the Kedushah on page 124.
- Oh-seh shalom- page 128
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HALLEL

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All paragraphs
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2nd Day Yom Tov

PESACH/חַסַּף

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TODAY'S FOCUS: HALLEL

In the volume of Talmud that discusses Passover there is a point where the conversation digresses and begins to explore the themes of Hallel, a unit of prayer made up of psalms 113-118. The Talmud tells us that there are five major themes to Hallel: the Exodus from Egypt, the splitting of the Sea, the giving of the Torah, revival of the dead and the challenges before the Messianic Age. The themes of Hallel then cover the entire history of the Jewish people, and when we recite it we are expressing both our gratitude for the past and our hope for the future.

This year Hallel adds a poignant reminder to our observance of Passover, recognizing that in the span of Jewish history we have experienced the greatest highs and the challenging lows, yet throughout it all we have pulled on our history, our traditions and our community for strength, joy, comfort and most of all hope for the future.

Hallel is on pages 133-137. A recording of Hallel can be found [here](#).

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3rd Day

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

שבת חל המועד

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TODAY'S FOCUS:

SHIR HASHIRIM

*WITH WORDS FROM RABBIS ADAM GREENWALD AND KERRY OLITZKY

Shir HaShirim, The Song of Songs, is one of the five Megillot, or Scrolls, that are part of the TaNaKh, the Bible. It is a timeless allegory of the relationship between God and the People of Israel, expressed in terms of the love between two people. It is recited on Pesach because this is the Festival of Spring, a Holiday that marks the return of life, of creativity, to the world. Its theme is love, the blossoming of which is also symbolized by Spring.

Shir HaShirim is an apologetically sensuous, and at times erotic, praise of love. Throughout its chapters, an unnamed young couple pursue one another through verdant fields and valleys lush with flowers.

Like the love that is described in it, and the love that so many of us are blessed to know, the Song of Songs is not a static work. It is a dynamic text, as is our relationship with it, and with God. Each time we enter its pages, we become the lovers described in it and are embedded in their relationship. We become part of their love and share in it. When we take leave of the text, a bit of it is left in us and we leave a bit of ourselves in the text. As a result, we are changed and so is our connection to the Song of Songs, one another and God.

A recording of the 8 chapters of Shir HaShirim can be found [here](#).

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remember to add "Morid HaTal"
- Oh-seh shalom- page 128
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HALLEL

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We leave out the top paragraphs on pages 134 & 135
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A PRAYER FOR HEALING

BY RABBI NAOMI LEVY



We are frightened, God,
Worried for our loved ones,
Worried for our world.
Helpless and confused,
We turn to You
Seeking comfort, faith and hope.

Teach us God, to turn our panic into
patience,
And our fear into acts of kindness
and support.
Our strong must watch out for our
weak,
Our young must take care of our old.
Help each one of us to do our part to
halt the spread of this virus

Send strength and courage to the
doctors and nurses
In the front lines of this battle,
Fortify them with the full force of their
healing powers.

Send wisdom and insight to the
scientists
Working day and night across the
world to discover healing treatments.
Bless their efforts, God.

Fill our leaders with the wisdom and
the courage
To choose wisely and act quickly.
Help us, God, to see that we are one
world,
One people
Who will rise above this pandemic
together.

Send us
health God,
Watch over us,
Grace us with Your love,
Bless us with Your healing light.
Hear us God,
Heal us God,
Amen.

Pesach Ideas For The Young (and Young-At-Heart)

SETTING THE SEDER TABLE

Setting the table is a great job for kids, but they can do more than just putting out plates and forks! Check out [this online page](#) filled with ideas that kids can use to create a table that invites conversation and adds to the experience of the seder. Sharing the seder at more than one table this year? You can send this link to the folks who are joining you virtually or in thought to create matching or complementary tablescapes or to play BINGO at everyone's table!

TASTE THE WORLD THROUGH YOUR CHAROSET

We may not be able to travel this year but we can explore the Jewish world through our charoSET. The beauty of [all these recipes](#) is that they are kid-friendly, both in the making AND in the eating!

MAGGID PAPER BAG DRAMATICS

Hand over the reins to your kids and charge them with staging the maggid (the story of the Exodus). The beauty of paper bag dramatics is that you fill a bag with [props found around the house](#), so no need to hit the store. Then it's time for the performance. We've got a great [script](#) you can use or your kids can write their own. Be sure to encourage them to cast actors of all ages, including those who can't read yet (they can act things out while someone else narrates).

THE PJ LIBRARY HAGGADAH

The haggadah invites us to read along together, tell our story, and get us all thinking and talking about Pesach. This haggadah was published last year by PJ Library and it's excellent--with beautiful illustration, thoughtful questions, and ideas to engage everyone around the table. And right now [PJ Library is offering it as a free download!](#)

CHOCOLATE ICEBOX CAKE

This is the [ultimate kid-friendly recipe](#) and a great one to enjoy later in the week when you've still got mountains of matzah and everyone is looking for something new to enjoy at the table. An adult or older sibling will need to handle the melting but otherwise kids can take on the rest of the process.

Havdallah

MOTZEI SHABBAT/מוצא שבת
CHOL HAMOED/חל המועד

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech
ha'olam bo'ray pe'ree ha'gafen

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules
the universe, creating the fruit of the vine.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
בוֹרֵא מִיַּי בְּשָׁמִים

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech
ha'olam bo'ray me'nay bi'sameem

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules
the universe, creating fragrant spices.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
בוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech
ha'olam bo'ray me'o'ray ha'eish

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules
the universe, creating the lights of fire.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמְבַדִּיל
בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל בֵּין אוֹר לְחֹשֶׁךְ בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים
בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֶׁשֶׁת יַמֵּי הַמַּעֲשֶׂה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי
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Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech
haOlam ha'mavdeel bein kodesh li'chol
bein or li'choshech bein Yisrael la'amim
bein yom ha'shvi'ei li'sheshet yi'mei
ha'ma'aseh. Baruch Ata Adonai
ha'mavdeel being kodesh li'chol

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the
universe, endowing all creation with distinctive
qualities, distinguishing between the sacred
and the secular, between light and darkness,
between the people Israel and others, between
the seventh day and the six working days of
the week. Praised are you Adonai, who
differentiates the sacred from the secular.

TODAY'S FOCUS: HAVDALLAH

This evening, once Shabbat ends, we will gather together here to recite havdallah together. While normally this ritual separates between Shabbat and the rest of the week, we recognize that this Havdallah leads us into Chol HaMoed, the intermediate days of the holiday. At the end of Passover we will again say havdallah, though at that time we recite only the first (wine) and last (separation) blessings. For this ritual you will need:

- A multi-wicked candle
- Fragrant spices
- A cup of wine or grape juice

We begin with the paragraph:

הִנֵּה אֵל יְשׁוּעָתִי, אֲבֹטָח וְלֹא אֶפְחָד, כִּי עֲזִי
וְזַמְרַת יְהוָה יי, וְיִהְיֶה לִי לִישׁוּעָה. וְשִׂאֲבַתֶּם מַיִם
בְּשִׂשׁוֹן, מִמַּעַיְנֵי הַיְשׁוּעָה. לִי הַיְשׁוּעָה, עַל עַמְךָ
בְּרַכְתֶּךָ סֵלָה. יי צְבָאוֹת עִמּוֹ, מִשְׁגֵּב לָנוּ אֱלֹהֵי
יַעֲקֹב סֵלָה. יי צְבָאוֹת, אֲשֶׁר־י אָדָם בָּטַח בְּךָ. יי
הַיְשׁוּעָה, הַמֶּלֶךְ יַעֲנֵנוּ בְיוֹם קְרָאֵנוּ.

All recite together, then the leader repeats:

לְיְהוּדִים הִיְתֵה אוֹרָה וְשִׂמְחָה וְשִׂשׁוֹן וְיִקְרַ. כֵּן
תְּהִיָּה לָנוּ.

כּוֹס יְשׁוּעוֹת אֲשָׁא, וּבְשֵׁם יי אֶקְרָא.

Behold, God is my deliverance; I am confident and unafraid. Adonai is my strength, my might, my deliverance. With joy shall you draw water from the wells of deliverance. Deliverance is Adonai's; may You bless Your people. Adonai Tz'va-ot is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Adonai Tz'va-ot, blessed the one who trusts in You. Help us Adonai; answer us, O Sovereign, when we call.

All recite together, then the leader repeats:

La-y'hudim hay'tah orah v'simchah v'sason vicar. Ken tih'yeh lanu.

Grant us the blessings of light, gladness, joy and honor, which the miracle of deliverance brought to our ancestors.

Lift the cup of deliverance and call upon Adonai.