



## TODAY'S FOCUS: THE OTHER END OF PESACH

One of the many ways in which Passover is unique among all Jewish holidays is that it both begins and ends with Festival days, that is there is Yom Tov the first two days and the last two. Of course, of the holidays that are longer than two days, Chanukah has no days of Yom Tov, and Sukkot, which has two at the start ends without any days- Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are separate holidays from Sukkot even though they begin as Sukkot ends.

These last two days give us one more chance to think about and experience freedom from our regular lives. Just like Shmini Atzeret is compared to God wanting to spend one more moment with us before the end of the holiday season, Pesach too, calls to us one more moment, reminding us of what it means to be free from our daily cares, worries and responsibilities for just one more moment before it all rises up again.

So why 8 days? See tomorrow's focus.

# 7th Day-Yom Tov

## PESACH/פסח

SIDDUR SIM SHALOM FOR SHABBAT AND FESTIVALS CAN BE FOUND HERE

**CANDLE LIGHTING IS AT 7:28PM**

### SHACHARIT

- Birkot HaShachar- page 65
- Baruch She'Amar- page 83
- Shirat HaYam- pages 102-103  
audio file
- Yotzer Or- page 107  
Blessing after Barchu- the 3rd paragraph
- 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.  
remember to say Morid HaTal
- Oh-seh shalom- page 128  
video file

### HALLEL

- pages 133-137  
Short Hallel, leave out top paragraphs on pages 134 and 135  
audio file

### MUSAF

- Prayer for congregation/community/ Israel- pages 148-149
- A Prayer of Hope During this Pandemic  
by Rabbi Naomi Levy, see page 4 of this packet
- Mishebeirach for healing  
video file
- Amidah for Musaf- page 166, 170-178  
remember to add Morid HaTal
- Aleinu- page 183
- El Maleh Rachamim - page 196  
for mourners  
last paragraph  
audio file
- Adon Olam- page 187

# 8th Day-Yom Tov

## PESACH/חַסַּף

SIDDUR SIM SHALOM FOR SHABBAT AND FESTIVALS CAN BE FOUND HERE

**CANDLE LIGHTING IS AT 8:29PM**

### SHACHARIT

- Birkot HaShachar- page 65
- Baruch She'Amar- page 83
- Shirat HaYam- pages 102-103  
[audio file](#)
- Yotzer Or- page 107  
Blessing after Barchu- the 3rd paragraph
- 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.  
remember to add "Morid HaTal"
- Oh-seh shalom- page 128  
[video file](#)

### HALLEL

- pages 133-137  
Short Hallel, leave out top paragraphs on pages 134 and 135  
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- Prayer for congregation/community/ Israel- pages 148-149
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- Mishebeirach for healing  
[video file](#)
- Amidah for Musaf- pages 166, 170-178  
remember to add "Morid HaTal" before the second paragraph.
- Aleinu- page 183
- El Maleh Rachamim - page 196  
for mourners  
last paragraph  
[audio file](#)
- Adon Olam- page 187

## TODAY'S FOCUS: 2ND DAY YOM TOV

Today is the 8th day of Passover, a day celebrated and observed only by those Jewish communities outside the Land of Israel.

In ancient Israel, the beginning of the new month was determined by two witnesses coming to the Temple and stating they had seen the new moon.

Rosh Chodesh, the new month was then declared and the message was sent out, by signal fires and messengers. As the Jewish community spread beyond Israel it took longer and longer for those messages to reach the diaspora communities, and a concern arose that those communities would inadvertently miss the celebration of the holiday on the proper day. The extra day was added to make sure the holiday was observed on the right day.

In later generations, and once the calendar was based on mathematical calculations, the 2nd day of Yom Tov remained. While the concern for the timing of the holiday is not as great, the extra days remind us that, in this modern time, life outside the Land of Israel still feels different than living in it.

In Israel Judaism can be felt in every aspect of life, from the rhythms of the seasons to Judaism, not just Hebrew, being the common language. It is what it means to be the majority and not the minority in a society. Adding a day of celebration also emphasizes the idea that living outside of Israel our lives crave a little extra holiness, a little more spiritual elevation.



# 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.

# Havdallah

MOTZEI CHAG/מוצא חג

[Click here for the Zoom service](#)

at 8:30pm on Thursday

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

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.

If using something other than wine:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהַכֹּל נִהְיָה בְּדַבְּרוֹ

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam  
she'ha'kol ni'hyeh bi'd'varo

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe,  
at whose word all things come into being.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמְבַדֵּיל  
בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לַחֹל בֵּין אֹר לַחֹשֶׁךְ בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים בֵּין יוֹם  
הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֶׁשֶׁת יְמֵי הַמַּעֲשֶׂה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי הַמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין  
קֹדֶשׁ לַחֹל

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'Olam  
ha'mavdeel bein kodesh li'chol bein or li'choshech  
bein Yisrael la'amim bein yom ha'shvi'ei li'sheshet  
y'i'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.

I am ready to fulfill the mitzvah of counting the Omer, as it is  
ordained in the Torah "You shall count from the eve of the second  
day of Pesach, when an omer of grain is to be brought as an  
offering, seven complete week. The day after the seventh week  
of your counting will make fifty days."

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעֹמֶר.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech  
ha'olam she'ha'kol ni'hyeh bi'd'varo

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe,  
instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to  
count the Omer

הַיּוֹם שְׁמוֹנֶה יָמִים שָׁהֵם שְׁבוּעַ אֶחָד וַיּוֹם אֶחָד לְעֹמֶר.

Ha'yom shmona yamim, she'hem  
shavuah echad v'yom echad la'Omer

Today is the eighth day, which is one week and one day of the  
Omer

## TODAY'S FOCUS: HAVDALLAH

This evening, once Yom Tov ends, we will gather together [here](#), at 8:30pm, to recite havdallah together. While normally this ritual separates between Shabbat and the rest of the week, we recognize that this Havdallah leads us from a Festival back to our regular lives. Because of this, Havdallah looks a bit different, we recite only the first (wine) and last (separation) blessings. For this ritual you will need:

A cup of wine or grape juice  
(or scotch/beer/bourbon)

Normally, we use wine for havdallah, but this one is special. For the end of Passover the Rabbis encouraged the use of beer or another chametz alcohol instead. Why? over Passover the primary form of alcohol is wine, until recently no other kosher for Passover spirits existed. Having had 8 days of wine and matza, what we really crave is chametz, and so by using beer or scotch/bourbon, we are adding to the joy of Havdallah! As such it is the custom of many to specifically use beer or liquor for this havdallah.

CHAMETZ IS YOURS AGAIN AT  
8:30PM!!

