



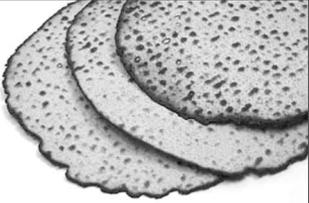
22-24 APRIL 2016 / 15-16 NISAN 5776
 ALL YOM TOV & CHOL HAMOED TIMES ON BACK
On behalf of the
Ohr Somayach Rabbonim & Staff
we wish you a Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach

LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 9: 16AM
 EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 6: 12PM



A PESACH MESSAGE FROM RABBI Y AUERBACH SHLITA

The Seder opens with the declaration **הא לחמא עניא די אכלו אבהתנא בארעא דמצרים. כל דכפיו ייתי וניכל, כל דצריך ייתי ויפסח. השתא הכא, לשנה הבאה בארעא דמצרים.** **כל דכפיו ייתי וניכל, כל דצריך ייתי ויפסח.** "This is the bread of affliction eaten by our ancestors in the land of Egypt. **Whoever is hungry, let him come and eat.** Whoever is needy, let him come and join in the observance of Passover. This year we are here. Next year, may we be in Eretz Yisrael. Now we are slaves. **Next year, may we be free men**". Chazal say that Matza is called **לחם עוני** because it is **לחם עוני** "Bread that we respond on it with many words". The Belzer Rebbe, Rav Shalom m'Belz, gives another approach to the statement of Chazal by stating the posuk **"ביום צרה, יענה ה', ביום צרה"** (Tehillim 20:2) "Hashem will ANSWER YOU". He explains that on this night the Ribono Shel Olam is ready to immediately answer the requests and prayers that we request from him. Certainly if we open our homes and hearts to all those around us with kindness and compassion Hashem will heed our prayers. In these times, when we are faced by so many enemies, it is incumbent upon us to reach out with compassion, not only to our close friends, but also to those that come from far as well. In the merit of tzedoka we will be redeemed as the posuk says **"ציון צדקה, במשפט תפדה וצדיקה בצדקה"** (Yeshayahu 1:27) "Tzion will be redeemed with justice and her repentant ones with tzedoka", and therefore we can say with confidence **"לשנה הבאה בני חורין"** **"Next year, may we be free men"**. Wishing the whole Kehilla and the whole of Klal Yisroel a Chag Kasher v'Sameach. - *Rabbi Y Auerbach*



WE ARE WHAT WE DO *Rabbi Frand - www.torah.org*

In the Hagaddah narrative the Wise Son asks his father "What are the testimonies, decrees, and ordinances that Hashem our G-d has commanded you?"

The Wise Son is asking a very fundamental question. We all realize how basic and fundamental the Exodus story is to our religion and to our historical experience. Still, the Wise Son is asking – why do we need this abundance of mitzvos that have to do with the Exodus? Would it not suffice with just one or two symbolic commandments to recall the event? Why so many mitzvos? The truth of the matter is that the question the Wise Son asks is really the question the Sefer HaChinuch addresses to his son. He writes (to his son), "Do not think the number of commandments relating to the Exodus is excessive and that one or two rituals would suffice for our children and grandchildren to not forget the historical events of the Exodus from Egypt. Such an idea (which is basically the question of the Wise son) is mistaken. My dear son, listen to this and it will give you a basic understanding into the reason for much of Torah and many of the mitzvos: **MAN IS INFLUENCED BY HIS ACTIONS** (Adam nifal k'fi peulosov.)"

The Chinuch says, "You are what you do" and "The way you act is the way you become."
 The Chinuch gives a famous parable about a person who was a righteous individual – kind, compassionate, and kind-hearted. For whatever reason, he ended up in a profession where he needed to be cruel. In contemporary terms, we can picture someone who got in trouble with the mafia. They drafted him into their service and they told him that he was going to be their enforcer. "You are going to start breaking people's knees or we will break your knees!"

This person started out as a wonderful compassionate individual. But, as fate would have it, for years and years and years he needed to make his living by being an enforcer for the mafia, using all kinds of violent techniques to collect funds for his employers. The Chinuch writes that such a person will inevitably eventually develop a nature that is cruel and hard-hearted. You become what you practice. You are what you do.

On the other hand, he writes, a person who is mean and cruel but is forced into a profession in which he must be kind and giving will eventually become a compassionate person. This, he says, is what mitzvos are all about. It is not merely enough for us to do one or two things. The more you do the more you become. The fundamental idea of doing mitzvos is to change us for the better! The Torah wants there to be a lasting impression on our souls. By the performance of mitzvos we should CHANGE. There should be an impression. This lasting impression on our souls comes about by doing Divinely mandated actions over and over again. Therefore, if we drink the wine, lean, emulate free wealthy men, do not break the bones and act the part, we will become like wealthy people, kings and princes. This is why we do not eat dessert after the Afikoman. We want the taste (of the Matza/Paschal offering) to remain in our mouths. We want to create a lasting impression to the mitzvos we do. This is what we tell the Wise Son. The desire to have a lasting impression is symbolic of

PESACH SCHEDULE 5776

Friday 22nd April – Erev Pesach

Candle Lighting: 5.27 pm
Mincha: 1.05 pm, 5.30 pm

1st Day Yom Tov – Shabbos 23rd April

Shacharis: Neitz (6.27am) 5.35 am
Main Minyan 8.15 am
Shiur 4.45 pm
Mincha: 5.25 pm
Candle Lighting from existing flame after 6.16 pm
Eat a light Shalosh Seudos before coming to the shul for Mincha

2nd Day Yom Tov – Sunday 24th April

Shacharis: Neitz (6.28am) 5.45 am
Main Minyan 8.15 am
Shiur: 4.45 pm
Mincha: 5.25 pm
Yom Tov ends: 6.15 pm

Chol Hamoad

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 25, 26, 28 April

Shacharis: Neitz (6.28am / 6.30 am) Neitz 6.00 am,
5.45 am,
7am (top shul),
8 am

Wednesday 27 April – Public Holiday

Shacharis: Neitz 6.00 am,
6.15 am, 7am, 8 am

Mincha - Chol Hamoad: 1.05, 5.25 pm
(On Tuesday 26 April, due to Simchas Hachag – Late Mincha will start at 5.15pm)

Ma'ariv - Chol Hamoad: 6.40 pm,
8.00 pm,
9.30 pm

Erev Yom Tov – Thursday 28th April

REMEMBER TO MAKE AN EIRUV TAVSHILIN

Candle Lighting: 5.22 pm
Mincha: 5.25 pm

7th Day Yom Tov – Friday 29th April

Shacharis: Neitz (6.30am) 5.50 am
Main Minyan 8.00 am
Ohr Chodosh 8.30 am
Shiur: 4.45 pm
Mincha: 5.20 pm
Candle Lighting from an existing flame not later than 5.21 pm

8th Day Yom Tov – Shabbos 30th April

Shacharis: Neitz (6.31am) 5.50 am
Main Minyan 8.00 am
Ohr Chodosh 8.30 am
Yizkor: approx. 9.45 am
Mincha: 4.50 pm
Simchas Hachag Shalosh Seudos please bring your own Matzoth, drinks, etc. Plates and cups will be provided.
Followed by Ma'ariv
Havdallah on wine only: 6.10 pm

what mitzvos are about in general. The goal of mitzvos is that we should become different, better, people. We achieve that goal by doing. The more we do, the better we become. This is the reason for the testimonies, decrees, and ordinances which Hashem our G-d has commanded.

BABY GIRL



Mazel tov to **Adam & Tali Shapiro** on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel tov proud grandparents **David & Caron Shapiro** and **Brian & Rosy Shapiro**

Mazel tov to **Shimon & Mandy Perez** on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel tov proud grandparents **Robbie & Renette Perez** and **Lesley & Ira Singer**

SIMCHAS HACHAG PESACH 5776

SPEAKER

RABBI TUVIA ROSEN

ALSO DIVREI TORAH FROM OUR BOCHURIM

Tuesday 26th April

Mincha: 1.05, 5.15 pm

Ma'ariv: 6.40, 8.00, 9.30 pm

CHILDREN'S SERVICE AFTER PESACH

Please note that there will be **no children's services over Pesach** and will recommence after Pesach. Thanks to all the madrichim and madrichot for all their amazing efforts. Chag Kasher V'Sameach

YORTZEITS THIS WEEK

- **Zvi Ofer** for his late father
- **Stanley Wolberg** for his late father

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Shlomo Yoel Newman *Happy Birthday!*

ALEI SHUR ONLINE

This project is now complete. Both volumes of **Alei Shur** have been recorded and translated by **R' Yoram Bogacz**. The high-quality MP3 files are available at **TorahDownloads.com** (click on the sifrei kodesh tab and select Alei Shur)

SECURITY TIP: During the high risk Pesach period, please ensure that you report anyone unfamiliar wanting to enter your shul to the security head immediately. Please also inform your head of security if you are expecting visitors over Yom Tov.

