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**Shabbat - Vayakhel-Pikudei - P. Parah,**

**Sat. 9 - 10 Mar. 2018 - 23th of Adar, 5778 -**

**שבת - פ' פרה פ' ויקהל-פקודי**

**כג אדר תשע"ח**

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**Mevarchin Hahodesh**

**Rosh Hodesh Nisan next Shabbat.**

**מברכין החודש**

**ראש חודש ניסן ביום שבת הבא.**

Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit. 17:30

Shabbat Candles. 17:41

Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 8:42). 08:30

Mincha Shabbat Followed by Seuda Shlishit. \* (Sunset - 17:56). 17:15

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. \*

Arbit Motzei Shabbat followed by Havdalah. 18:46

Shahrit Weekday - (Mon. & Thu. - 06:40) (Sunday & B/H - 07:30). 06:45

Mincha & Arbit 17:30

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. 18:10

Next Friday: Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit. 17:45

Next Friday: Candles. **Shabbat. Vayikra - Hahodesh** 17:52

**Vayakhel** (Exodus 35:1-38:20)

Vayakhel-Pekudei 5778

**GOOD MORNING!** Our Sages instruct us to start preparing for a holiday 30 days beforehand. Pesach (Passover) begins Friday evening, March 30th.

**Many Jewish** holidays have been humorously described as: "They wanted to kill us. We won. Let's eat." If you'd like to have your Pesach Seder to be more than "Can we skip this part of the Hagaddah ... and Let's eat!", then this week's edition will be of help. Your Seder can be an even more enjoyable, memorable and warm family experience --if you put the time into preparing!

**How does** one get his/her children to feel positively about being Jewish? You cannot transfer your feelings, but you can create the atmosphere and the experience which will engender positive feelings. Many people who love being Jewish, fondly reminisced about their *Zaideh* (grandfather) presiding over the Shabbat table or their *Bubbie* (grandmother) lighting Shabbat candles ... and their Seder! You are a link in that chain!

**Q & A: How Do I Make My Seder Enjoyable, Creative and Meaningful?**

**Remember** that the Seder is for the kids, to transmit our history and understanding of life. You've got to

make it interesting and intrigue them to ask questions. If a person asks a question, he'll be inclined to hear the answer! The only way to transmit your love and feeling for Judaism is through shared, positive experiences. You need to be excited about the Seder! Some ideas from Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf:

**1. Invest** time before the Seder. Trade in your Maxwell House Hagaddah for one with commentary. Then read it! Visit a Jewish book store and see what intrigues you. Look at a commentary to get interesting insights to share with your family and guests. A few suggestions: [Judaism in a Nutshell: Passover](#), [Artscroll Haggadahs](#) and [The Exodus You Almost Passed Over](#) by Rabbi David Fohrman. Also, excellent materials including an audio guide "How to Conduct the Passover Seder" are available at [ChadishMedia.com!](#)

**2. Get Passover** story books for the kids now! Read to them the stories before Pesach. Have them or help them make a little play to present at the Seder. Buy them [Artscroll Children's Hagaddah!](#)

**3. Have quizzes** and prizes. Ask questions and give 20 points for a right answer. 100 points and they get a prize! Start with the youngest and work up through the ages. If a child answers a question that's not his, he loses 20 points! Name: the plagues, the 4 sons, the number of years in slavery -- make your list of questions before the Seder. (You can even prep the kids before the Seder with the answers!)

**4. Plan out** the Seder with little surprises and props. During the section on the plagues throw into the air plastic

animals when you get to the Wild Beasts; use ping pong balls for the plague of Hail. Be creative. Give each child a brown paper bag filled with his props. Have fun! (you can also order the "Bag of Plagues" props available at your local Jewish bookstore -- or [Amazon.com](#) or assemble your own!)

**5. Delegate.** Give your kids or guests a small part of the Haggadah to prepare. They can look at a Haggadah with commentary -- or go to [Aish.com](#) and search. It involves them and makes them a part of the Seder rather than being an observer.

**6. Have questions** for discussion at the table! Passover marks the birth of the Jewish people. It's a time to reflect on the meaning, value and implications of being Jewish. Here are some questions to discuss:

- A. On a scale of 1-10, how important is being Jewish to you? Please explain.
- B. If your son, daughter, brother, sister, or best friend told you that they planned to raise their children without any Jewish education or identity, how would you react?
- C. If you thought the existence of Israel was in danger, would you risk your life to help save it?
- D. What do you like about being Jewish? What don't you like?
- E. Is it important to you or for your children to have mostly Jewish friends? Why?

**7. Spend time** at [Aish.com/pesach](#) and [AishAudio.com!](#) Be sure to see the Aish videos "[Passover Rhapsody](#)" and

... "[The Google Exodus](#)" --What would the Exodus have looked like if Moses had the internet?



## TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

### Vayak'hel-Pekudey, Exodus 35:1 - 40:38

**Moshe** relays the Almighty's commands to refrain from building the *Mishkan* (the Tabernacle or Portable Sanctuary) on the Shabbat, to contribute items needed to build the *Mishkan*, to construct the components of the *Mishkan* and the appurtenances of the Cohanim. The craftsmen are selected, the work begins. The craftsmen report that there are too many donations, and *for the first and probably the only time in fundraising history*, the Jewish people are told to refrain from bringing additional contributions!

**Pekudey** includes an accounting of all the materials that went into the making of the *Mishkan* and details of the construction of the clothing of the Cohanim. The Tabernacle is completed, Moses examines all of the components and gives his approval to the quality and exactness of construction, the Almighty commands to erect the Tabernacle, it's erected and the various vessels are placed in their proper place.

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## Dvar Torah

*based on [Growth Through Torah](#) by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

**After being** told to anoint his brother Aharon (Aaron), Moshe was told in reference to Aharon's sons:

"And you shall anoint them as you anointed their father" (Exodus 40:15).

**Why did** the Almighty give Moses this special instruction?

**Rabbi Meir Simcha HaCohen** explains in his commentary *Meshech Hachmah* that when Moses was told to anoint his brother Aaron, he was able to do it with a complete heart. Moses, the younger brother, was the leader of the Israelites and was happy that his brother was the High Priest. However, in reference to Aaron's sons, the situation was different. Moses' own sons were not going to succeed him as leaders. So, when it came to anointing Aaron's sons, Moses might have felt envy. Therefore, the Almighty told Moses to anoint Aaron's sons with the same whole heartedness and joy with which he anointed their father.

**Our lesson:** If even a person as great as Moses needs to internalize attitudes to avoid envy, all the more so do we! Also, it IS possible to feel joy and enthusiasm for another person's success even if he has something that you do not.



Shabbat Shalom,  
*Kalman*  
Rabbi Kalman  
Packouz

**Mazel Tov to:** Jojo & Chantal Gubbay and family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yehuda Mordechai Gubbay. Our Mazal Tov is extended to his grandparents - Mrs Mozelle Gubbay and Mr & Mrs Georges Dreyfuss.

**Hot Kiddush:** presented by the children of the late **Violette** Levy ע"ה, Meir, Raphael, Avraham, Shulamit and Gilda הי"ו.

**Birkat Hailanot:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nissan 5778/ 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 we will recite Birkat Hailanot in front of the Synagouge after Shahrit, at about 08.45.

**Mechirat Hametz:** you can download the [form](#) of Mechirat Hametz (selling Hametz) from the synagogue website.

**Dear all:** Pesach arriving soon, please start cleaning your lockers from all Hametz as our Shamash will clean all the lockers by Wednesday 28/3/2018.

**The accounts:** will be ready by next week Monday, we are calling AGM to take place on Wednesday the 28/3/2018 - 12 Nissan 5778 at 20.30 at the synagogue. Please call Ghassan Cohen to register your attending to the meeting.

**Kolel every Sunday:** We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

### ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to all who are visiting our Kehilla this Shabbat if you would like to enjoy a Shabbat meal at home of one of our members, please approach the honorary officers and they will be pleased to arrange this for you.

01 Adar Mr Yaakov Georgy	22 Adar Mr David Gigi
02 Adar Mr Asher Moses	22 Adar Mr Charles F. Silas
04 Adar Mr William Yadid	23 Adar Mr Benny Benaiah
08 Adar Mr Fouad Yadgar	24 Adar Mr Albert Ibrahim
13 Adar Mr Elie Menahem	24 Adar Mr Aziz Ibrahim
16 Adar Miss Florence Ruth David	26 Adar Mr David Gigi
18 Adar Mr Solomon Judah	27 Adar Mr Ghassan Cohen
19 Adar Mrs Rosalind Broomer	29 Adar Mr Sabah Rashty
19 Adar Mr Mayer Levy	29 Adar Mr Peres Rashty
19 Adar Mrs Gilda Aslan	29 Adar Mr Morris Rashty
19 Adar Mrs Shulamit Rachamim	

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TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

Quote of the Week

**Success is when - preparation meets opportunity!**