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ברכת הלבנה.

Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.	17:55
Shabbat Candles.	18:03
Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 8:24).	08:30
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	*
Mincha Shabbat Followed by Seuda Shlishit. * (Sunset - 18:20).	17:40
Arbit Motzei Shabbat followed by Havdalah.	19:11
Shahrit Weekday - (Mon. & Thu. - 06:40) (Sunday & B/H - 07:30).	06:45
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	17:15
Mincha & Arbit	18:00
Next Friday: Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.	19:05
Next Friday: Candles. Shabbat. 1st Day Pesach	19:15

Tzav (Leviticus 6-8)

Tzav 5778

GOOD MORNING! Have you seen the one-minute movie "[Google Exodus -- What if Moses had the Internet?](#)" See it ... as well as read great articles about the Seder and Pesach at [Aish.com/Pesach!](#)

Now is the time to buy your wine and matzos -- and to prepare the insights you wish to share at the Seder! Robert Heinlein once said, "A generation which ignores history has no past and no future." Learn, share and help create a future! The Seders are Friday night, March 30th and Saturday night, March 31st.

Q & A: WHAT IS PESACH (PASSOVER) AND HOW IS IT CELEBRATED?

There are five *mitzvot* (commandments) for the Passover Seder, two from the Torah and three from our Sages. The two *mitzvot* from the Torah are to eat matza ("In the evening you shall eat unleavened bread" -- Exodus 12:18) and to tell the story of our exodus from Egypt ("And you shall relate to your child [the story of the Exodus] on this day" -- Exodus 13:9). The rabbis added the *mitzvot* of drinking the four cups of wine, eating *marror* (bitter herbs) and reciting Hallel (Psalms of praise for the Almighty). During the times of the Temple in Jerusalem, there were 16

additional *mitzvot* associated with the Pesach offering.

All of these commandments are to help us re-experience the Exodus and to feel and strengthen our sense of freedom. The *mitzvot* are to experience either the affliction or the redemption.

The matza is called "*lechem ani*" -- the bread of the poor man ... and "*lechem oni*" -- the bread of affliction. It has the dual symbolism of representing our affliction (we ate it while slaves) and our redemption (we hastily made matza to eat when we left Egypt).

The four cups of wine represent the four different terms for our redemption in the Torah (Exodus 6:6-7). Wine is the drink of free men! Bitter herbs is affliction (just look at the faces of those eating horseradish!) And Hallel is our thanks to the Almighty for our redemption and freedom.

Passover is the "Holiday of Freedom" -- spiritual freedom. The Almighty brought us out of Egypt to serve Him and to be free. Isn't this a contradiction? What is the essence of freedom?

Is freedom the ability to do what one desires unhampered and without consequence? That is license, not freedom. James Bond had a "license to kill," not the freedom to kill. Freedom means having the ability to use your free will to grow and to develop.

Our leaving Egypt led us to Mt. Sinai and the acceptance upon ourselves the yoke of Torah. This is the centerpiece of our freedom. It sets the boundaries of right and wrong, it sets forth the means to perfect ourselves and the world we

live in, it defines ultimate meaning and satisfaction in life. Only with boundaries does one have the ability to grow and develop. Otherwise, with unlimited license, life is out of control.

People think they are free when they throw off the yoke of the Torah. However, unless one has the revealed wisdom of the Torah, he is at risk at becoming a "slave" to the fads and fashion of his society. Slavery is non-thinking action, rote behavior, following the impulse desires of the body. Our job on Pesach is to come out of slavery into true freedom and to develop a closer relationship with the Almighty!

During all eight days of Pesach we are forbidden to own or eat *chametz* (leavened bread - i.e. virtually any flour product not especially produced for Pesach) or have it in our possession (Exodus 13:7). Why the emphasis on being *chametz*-free? *Chametz* represents arrogance ("puffing up"). The only thing that stands between you and God ... is you. To come close to the Almighty, which is the ultimate pleasure in life and the opportunity of every *mitzvah* and holiday, one must remove his own personal barriers. The external act brings the internal appreciation -- we remove *chametz* from our homes and likewise work on the character trait of humility.

To understand more about Passover and to have fascinating ideas to share at the Seder, go to: Aish.com/Pesach. Check out: "[All in the Seder](#)"; "[It Ain't Over 'til it's Passover](#)"; "[The ABC's of Passover](#)"; "[Google Exodus](#)"; "[Passover](#)

Rhapsody" and ... "The Passover Primer"(a collection of essential articles).

THE TWO ANNUAL PESACH JOKES

1) A Jewish man was waiting in line to be knighted by the Queen of England. He was supposed to kneel and recite a sentence in Latin. Comes his turn, he kneels, the Queen taps him on the shoulders with the sword ... and in the panic of excitement he forgets the Latin line. Thinking quickly, he recites the only other line he knows in a foreign language which he remembers from the Passover Seder: "Mah nishtana ha-lailah ha-zeh mi-kol ha-leilot." The puzzled Queen turns to her adviser and asks, "Why is this knight different from all other knights?"

2) The supply of *ch'rain* (horseradish used by many for bitter herbs at the Pesach Seder) being off-loaded at the Madrid airport was stopped by a freight handlers strike. It seems that the *ch'rain* in Spain stayed mainly on the plane...



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

This week's Torah portion includes the laws of: the Burnt Offering, Meal Offering, High Priest's Offering, Sin Offerings, Guilt Offerings and Peace Offerings. It concludes with the portions of the Peace Offerings which are allotted to the Priests and the installation ceremony of the Priest for serving in the Sanctuary.

Dvar Torah

based on Growth Through Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states regarding the offering of a specific sacrifice:

"If for thanksgiving he offers it, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and fine flour soaked and made into cakes mingled with oil" (Leviticus 7:12).

What possible lesson can we learn from the bread brought with the sacrifice?

When a person's life is in danger and he is saved, it is incumbent upon him to bring a *korban todah*, a thanksgiving offering. Together with the offering he also brought forty loaves of bread in four different forms. One of each kind was given to the Kohen. The remaining thirty-six were his to eat -- however, there was a time limit. He had the remainder of the day and the following night to consume them.

The Sforno, the great 16th century Italian commentator, comments that the purpose of this extremely short time period was to ensure that he would share the bread with others. This would ultimately publicize the fortunate event. The lesson for us: Publicize your joy and gratitude to the multitudes for the Almighty's kindnesses, but seek one sympathetic and understanding listener for the problems. Share joy with others and your life will be more joyous.



Shabbat Shalom,

Kalman
Rabbi Kalman
Packouz

The Kiddush: presented by Mr and Mrs Asher Abraham on the occasion of their son's Moshe David Shabbat Chatan, mazal tov to Abi the daughter of our Rabbi, Rabbi Asher Sebbag and Rebbitzen Chava Sebbag. All are welcome.

fast of the first born: Simon Jacob will be presenting the breakfast for breaking the fast of the first born on 30/3/2018 at the Synagogue after Shahrit.

Birkat Hailanot: Sunday 9th Nissan 5778/ 25th March 2018 we will recite Birkat Hailanot in front of the Synagogue 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 attendance 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.

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE"
TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

02 Nissan Mr Norman Ezekiel	12 Nissan Mrs Berta Lawy
03 Nissan Mr Solly Yona	13 Nissan Mrs Suzette Lagnado
04 Nissan Mr Benjamin Sadka	14 Nissan Mr Joseph Laniado
07 Nissan Mr Abraham Cohen	15 Nissan Mr Richard Reuban Hannuna
07 Nissan Mr Dhia Cohen	19 Nissan Ms Angelique Burman
07 Nissan Mr Farid Cohen	20 Nissan Mr Simon Jacob
07 Nissan Mr Nabeel Cohen	22 Nissan Mr Meir David Lanyado
09 Nissan Mr Reuben Ezekiel	25 Nissan Mr Robbie Rahimian
09 Nissan Mrs Marcelle Benjamin	25 Nissan Mrs Homa Sarah Rahimian
10 Nissan Mrs Judith Silas	28 Nissan Mr Moses Jacob
10 Nissan Mrs Esther Silas	29 Nissan Mr Benny Benaiah

“ Quote of the Week ”

**Freedom consists not in doing what we like,
but in having the right to do what we ought**