



Beis Medrash Ahavas Shalom
HaRav Avrohom Baruch Zachariash, Sh'lita, Rav
April 3/4 2020 – פ' ניסן התש"פ

Purposeful Preparation

This Shabbos known as “Shabbos Hagadol” parallels the special day from many years ago when Hashem commanded the Jews to take a *seh* and tie it to their beds. The *Shem M'Shmuel* points out that this mitzvah is highly unusual, for this is a mitzvah of preparation. The main mitzvah is to bring the *Korbon Pesach*. Therefore he asks, what is the significance of the commandment to **prepare** the offering?



I would like to add that it seems to me that of all the holidays, the one that carries with it the greatest amount of effort, foresight and preparation, is the holiday of Pesach. In fact, it seems that Pesach needs so much more preparation than other holidays that the preparation becomes almost as essential as the seder night itself.

This year everyone is concerned about “keeping his distance”. Years ago, the Rebbe from *Psishche* commented that there is only one mitzvah in the Torah where we are commanded to distance ourselves, and that mitzvah is to distance oneself from *sheker*. The classical *sheker* in the world is *avoda zora* – false gods. The opposite of social distance is peer pressure. I once heard it said, “we buy what we don’t need, with money we don’t have, to please people that we don’t like”. None of this is happening today.

The commandment of bringing the *korbon Pesach* is to take the god of the Egyptians and roast it on a spit over a fire, which parallels the commandment to de-

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Connect with the Rav—ONLINE

During this *matzav*, you can connect with the Rav via email. The Rav will respond by CALLING you on the PHONE when he has an answer and/or is available.

Please send your questions to rav@ahavasshalom.org

Be sure to include a **phone number** that the Rav will use to call you back.

Erev Pesach Times

| | Eating Chometz אכילת חמץ | Burning Chometz ביעור חמץ | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| Magen Avraham | 10:04 | 11:23 | מג"א |
| The Gra | 10:35 | 11:38 | גר"א |

From the President



What a week—like one we have never had before. Our beloved Beis Medrash was off limits due to government order.

But learning and davening continued. Baruch Hashem I have been davening in my garden, joining with my neighbors in their respective gardens and terraces to form an ad-hoc minyon.

And the online learning has never been busier,

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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Tzav

לוח שבת צו

| Erev Shabbos | | ערב שבת |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Mincha 1 | 13:30 | מנחה א' |
| "Early Mincha" | 17:23 | מנחה "מוקדמת" |
| Plag Hamincha | 17:43 | פלג המנחה |
| Candle Lighting | 18:24/18:44 | הדלקת נרות |
| Mincha 2 | 19:46 | מנחה ב' |
| Sunset | 19:02 | שקיעה |
| Shabbos Day | | יום השבת |
| Brachos | 08:15 | ברכות |
| Shochein Ad | 08:45 | שוכן עד |
| Latest Shema – M. A. | 08:48 | סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א |
| Latest Shema – Gra | 09:34 | סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א |
| Mincha 1 | 13:30 | מנחה א' |
| Mincha 2 | 16:00 | מנחה ב' |
| Mincha 3 | 18:20 | מנחה ג' |
| Sunset | 19:04 | שקיעה |
| Ma'ariv 1 | 19:41 | מעריב א' |
| Ma'ariv 2 | 20:04 | מעריב ב' |



עקב נגיף הקורונה

יבוטל אבות ובנים בשבת הזאת

Due to the Corona Virus
Avos u'Banim is cancelled again this week.
With Hashem's help we will return soon.

Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim

Due to the restrictions placed on the population by the Ministry of Health, it is not feasible to have Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim at this time..



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with ZOOM meetings with the Rav and Tehillim with the Rebbetzin. The learning continues next week, with Mishnayos, halacha (tentative), and hopefully a pre-Pesach chizuk shiur.

Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen has worked with the Rav to devise a way for each first-born member to finish a mesechta and have a siyum in the safety of their own home. See ahavasshalom.org/make-your-own-siyum—there is still time to easily complete the entire mesechta!

With Hashem's help, we will all soon meet again back in our Beis Medrash. Until then, let us continue to meet virtually and stay connected with each other.

Wishing you all a good Shabbos and a Pesach Kasher v'Somayach!

Lev Seltzer, Chairman

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להתמודד עם חיים וכל מיני נושאים אחרים, אני חושב שרבים מאיתנו מתחילים להבין מה באמת חשוב בחיינו. במובן מסוים אנו שורפים את אלילינו ומבינים שרק תשובה, תפילה וצדקה יעבירו את רוע הגזירה.

כיום, כאשר אנו מבינים שעלינו להיזהר יותר ביחסינו בין אדם למקום ובין אדם לחברו, אכן התחלנו את תהליך ביעור החמץ שבתוכנו - גאוותנו האישית (אשר נמשלת לחמץ, על ידי הקבלה). כולנו מבינים שאין דרך אמיתית להגן על עצמנו מפני נגיף הרגע הזה אלא בחסדי ה'. אנו יודעים שחמץ נמשל גם ל"יצר הרע" בכך שאפילו במשהו הופך את הכל ללא כשר לפסח. מקווים שהחיים שלנו במרחק אחד מהשני יהיה הכנה טובה.

כשאנחנו מתכוונים לעבוד את ה' בשמחה בחג זה, אנו מבינים שעבודת ה' היא המטרה האמיתית שלנו בחיים. אני בטוח שהשמחה שנוכל להשיג באמצעות בהירות מטרה זו יכולה להביא להחלמה מלאה וניזכה לגאולה שלמה.

Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

As we are not holding services on Shabbos, the Gab-bai will not be reading the names of the *cholim*. Please consider adding these names to just one of your prayers either immediately before or after Shabbos.

גבריאלה בת מלכה ברכה, דוד בן שרה, דוד יוסף בן חנה שושנה, זהרה בת אליה, חיה טובה בת בתיה, חיה נועה בת שרונה, חנה בת סימה לאה, חנה בת שושנה, יוכבד יהודית בת ביילה אַתל, יוספה הנדל בת גיטל לאה, יחיאל מיכל בן מהשה לאה, לאה אביבה בת עיתה רחל, מאיר משה בן חנה קרינדל, מורדכי פנחס בן הנה, מוריס בן אמליה, מלכה מרים בת איטה, משה יצחק בן טויבי רויזה, נחום בן שרה, קלאוד אסתר רחל בת מרסל, רחל בת גבריאלה, רחל בת נעומי, רחל פראל בת פשה פייגה, שיפרה רבקה בת שרה יינטה, שיראל בת שולה, שרה בת עיתה.

Sale of Chometz

Have the Rav act as your agent to sell your cho-metz! Visit ahavasshalom.org/?p=21579, fill out the form and send it to the Rav. The Rav will call you back to finalize the sale.

There are also ways to give the Rav a gift digitally. See the end of the above webpage for details.



Pesach is THIS week. Are you ready? Test yourself with these *Hilchos Pesach* questions to see, and then come to the Rav's FINAL Pesach shiur via ZOOM **MONDAY** at 20:15 April 6!

Mishneh Berurah Q&A

Questions and answers culled from the Keter Hatorah Semicha Program in Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim with the Mishneh Berurah. For details on this program see www.RBSsemicha.com. Questions written by Lev Seltzer and used with permission.

Q Andy's non-religious mother, Sandy, really enjoyed her first "real" Pesach seder, and was looking forward to the second seder later in the evening. Andy's wife, Michelle, was exhausted after the previous night, and went to lie down. When she woke about an hour before candle lighting, she found her mother-in-law in the kitchen boiling up something on the stovetop. "I missed noodles in my soup last night, so I ran to the store and bought some. But, not to worry. Kosher. See: 'O-U'," said Sandy, as she pointed to the symbol on the bag of NOT kosher-for-Pesach egg noodles. Michelle let her husband explain the *kashrus* to his mother, while she flushed the noodles down the toilet.

- 1) What must Michelle do with the pot right now before the second seder?
- 2) If Michelle wants to use this pot after Pesach to cook food, does she need to *kasher* it first?

A 1) Right now, Michelle needs to simply clean the pot, removing any traces of *chometz*, and then put the pot away for the duration of Pesach. 2) No. While the pot was not kosher for Pesach usage, the *chometz-dik* flavors that were absorbed into the walls are 100% permitted after Pesach, so Michelle may use the pot without *kahering* it. However, if she wants to use it for **next** Pesach, she will have to *kasher* it. *Source: 447:1 M.B. 4*

Q On erev Pesach, Mrs. Brochstein and Juanita were cooking as fast as possible to have all the food ready for the seder that evening. As Mrs. Brochstein went to taste the chicken soup, she did a double-take. "JUANITA! Where did you get this pot?!" she yelled. "Oh, señora Brochstein. This is the pot we used last week for chicken soup." Mrs. Brochstein put in a quick call to Rabbi Goodman to find out the status of her *pesach-dik* soup that was cooked in a *chometz-dik* pot. "No, the pot wasn't used since last Shabbos — almost a week ago," said Mrs. Brochstein to the Rabbi. "Yes, I cleaned the pot for Pesach before putting it away." Will Rabbi Goodman permit her to use the soup at the Pesach seder?

A Yes, It is permitted to eat the soup on Pesach. This is because the pot was clean before it was used for *pesach-dik* soup, the soup was cooked **before** Pesach, and more than 24 hours passed since the pot was used with *chometz-dik* ingredients. (When a pot is used to cook a product, the tastes of the food product are absorbed into the walls. However, after 24 hours, this taste becomes sour/undesirable, and the concept of "*notein tam lefgam*" kicks in, permitting the use of the pot regardless of the food product that was previously used). However, if kosher-for-Pesach soup was cooked in a *chometz-dik* pot **ON** Pesach itself, then it would be forbidden to eat the soup on Pesach. *Source: 442 M.B. 15*

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stroy all idols through fire. I recall once, being at *kaparos* on erev Yom Kippur and asking a small child "What is the significance of this ritual?" - I got a blank stare back from this child. I realized that many people were doing *kaparos* without understanding the meaning behind it. We are supposed to understand that the bird being slaughtered is in our stead, and that we should in fact be offering ourselves in service to Hashem. So too, the preparations that *Bnei Yisrael* undertook in Egypt (and the ones we are making now) signified our distancing ourselves from the "other gods", the meaningless pursuits that others pursue. When we come to preparing for Pesach, do we really understand the meaning behind all of our work?

In our lives in the 21st century, many of us have our own private "*avoda zoras*" besides those which are common to others. When I speak about *avoda zora*, I am referring to things that we worship. We give these things too much significance, out of the proportion that they deserve. In these times, when we are locked up with ourselves and our loved ones, and forced to face life and issues, I think that many of us have come to realize what is really important in our lives. In a sense we are burning our *avoda zoras* and realizing that it is only *teshuva*, *tefilla*, and *tzedakah* that can avert an evil decree.

At this time when we realize that we must become more particular in our *bein adam l'makom* and *bein adam l'chaveiro*, we have indeed started the process of cleansing ourselves from the *chometz* that is within: Our personal ego (this is likened to *chometz* by the *Kabbalah*). We all understand that there is no real way to protect ourselves from this minute germ except with the grace of Hashem. We know that *chometz* is compared to the Yetzer hora, where even a small drop makes the entire mixture unkosher. Our living at a distance hopefully is a good preparation.

As we prepare to serve Hashem with simcha on this holiday, we understand that to be in His service is our true purpose in life. I am sure that the *simcha* that we can have through this clarity of purpose can bring about a full recovery and bring the final redemption.

Matzah Baking

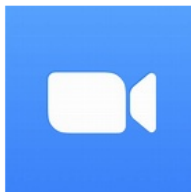
Thanks to the Rav and R' Yosi Benjamin who represented the Shul at the Matza baking, and to R' Naftali Kaplan and R' Shmuel Kovacs who picked up the Matza and delivered it to those who needed it.

Thank you again to **R' Peretz Dissen**, who has been organizing this sale for many years

Regarding the Matzos, the Rav has this to say: *The matzos were made with an exceedingly high level of hygiene. Everyone who entered the production area had to be tested to ensure they did not have a fever and all workers wore gloves.*



ZOOM with the Rav



Avrohom Baruch Zachariash

New shiurim and *divrei chizuk* with the Rav and the Rebbezin via ZOOM from their home in Jerusalem. Here is the current schedule:

- **Divrei Chizuk From Rav Zachariash**
Friday afternoon (16:00)
<https://zoom.us/j/575844871>
- **Tehillim and divrei chizuk with Rebbetzin Zachariash.**
Sunday and Monday
For women and girls.
16:30-17:00
<https://zoom.us/j/592298786>
- **Mishnayos shiur**
Sunday
21:15 to 22:00
<https://zoom.us/j/542842895>
- **Hilchos Pesach shiur**
Monday Night
20:15 to 21:00
<https://zoom.us/j/426697105>

You can also dial in to hear the meetings:

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Then use the 9-digit meeting ID from above.

View past meetings!

The Rav's meetings are recorded and uploaded to YouTube. They are all available from the shul homepage www.ahavasshalom.org.

משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

הכנות חכמות

שבת זו המכונה "שבת הגדול", תואמת את היום המיוחד מלפני שנים רבות, כשהשם ציווה לבני ישראל לקחת שה לכל בית ולקשור אותו למיטותיהם. השם משמואל מציין כי מצווה זו יוצאת דופן ביותר, מכיוון שזו מצווה להכנה למצווה העיקרית שהיא להביא את קרבן הפסח. לכן הוא שואל, מה המשמעות של המצווה לבצע את ההכנות?

אני רוצה להוסיף, שנראה לי כי מכל החגים, חג הפסח דורש את המאמץ, התכנון, וההכנות הגדולים ביותר. למעשה, נראה כי פסח זקוק להכנות כה רבות יותר מחגים אחרים, עד שההכנות חשובות כמעט כמו ליל הסדר עצמו.

השנה כולם זהירים מ"שמירת מרחק". לפני שנים הרבה מפשיסחה העיר שיש רק מצווה אחת בתורה שבה התורה מצווה עלינו לשמור מרחק, והמצווה היא "מדבר שקר תרחק". הדוגמה המושלמת של שקר היא עבודת זרה. ההפך ממרחק חברתי הוא לחץ חברתי. שמעתי פעם את האמירה הזו, "אנחנו קונים מה שלא צריכים, בכסף שאין לנו, כדי לרצות אנשים שאנחנו לא אוהבים". כל זה לא קורה היום.

המצווה להביא את קרבן הפסח היא לקחת את אליל המצרים ולצלוח אותו על שיפוד על אש, שזה מקביל למצווה להשמיד את כל האלילים בשריפה. אני זוכר פעם שהייתי בכפרות בערב יום כיפור ושאלתי ילד צעיר, "מה המשמעות של מנהג זה?" קיבלתי מבט ריק מהילד. הבנתי שהרבה אנשים עושים כפרות מבלי להבין את המשמעות שמאחוריה.

אנו אמורים להבין שהעוף נשחט במקומו, שהיה עלינו להקריב את עצמנו לעבודת ה'. כך גם ההכנות שעשו בני ישראל במצרים ואלה שאנחנו עושים היום) סימנו את התרחקותנו מעבודה זרה, הכוללת את המעשים חסרי המשמעות שבהם אחרים עסוקים. כאשר אנו מתכוונים לפסח, האם אנו באמת מבינים את המשמעות העומדת מאחורי כל העבודה שלנו?

בחינו במאה ה-21, לרבים מאיתנו יש "עבודה זרה" פרטית משלנו, מלבד אלה הרגילים הכלליים. כשאני מדבר על עבודה זרה, אני מתכוון לדברים שאנחנו מעריצים. אנו נותנים לדברים האלה משמעות רבה מדי, מחוץ ליחס המתאים להם. בזמנים אלה, כאשר אנו כלואים עם עצמנו ועם משפחותינו, ונאלצים

המשך בעמוד 2

| Weekday times until Chol Hamoed Pesach | 'ו(Fri) | 'ה(Thu) | 'ד(Wed) | 'ג(Tue) | 'ב(Mon) | 'א(Sun) | יום שחרית | זמנים לימי חול עד חוה"מ פסח |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| | 06:20, 07:15*, 08:15, 09:00* | 08:30 | 06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00* | 06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00* | 06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00* | 06:20, 07:15, 08:05, 09:00* | | |
| | 13:30, 17:26, 18:50 | 13:30, 18:25 | 13:30, 18:50 | 13:15, 15:15 | 13:15, 15:15 | 13:15, 15:15 | מנחה | |
| | אולם * Hall | 19:45, 20:08 | 19:27 | 20:15*, 21:00 | 20:15*, 21:00 | 20:15*, 21:00 | מעריב | |

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