

## Preparation with Purpose

“...If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days...” (Vayikra 12:2)

RASHI: IF A WOMAN HAVE CONCEIVED SEED — R. Simlai said: Even as the formation of man took place after that of every cattle, beast and fowl when the world was created, so, too, the law regarding him is set forth after the law regarding cattle, beast and fowl (contained in the previous chapter) (Leviticus Rabbah 14:1).



Rashi tells us that the reason that the laws of a person's *tahara* and *kedusha* are found after *Parshas Shemini* is to tell us that just as the creation of the animals was before man, so too the laws of the animals (*toras habeheima*) are written before those of man. Reb Leibel Eiger (1816–1888) asks, “There are no laws for animals – those are laws ABOUT animals for MAN. So, what does Chazal mean when they say, ‘*Toras Habeheima*’?”

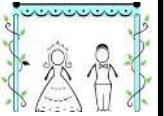
When I saw his question, it struck a chord in my memory regarding a piece I wrote a couple of weeks ago. In *Parshas Tzav* we discussed the *toras ha'olah*. In that context I was not sure exactly how to translate the word “*toras*” and felt that “the laws” was inadequate, and to my chagrin that was how Artscroll translated this word almost every time. However, I found one time that they translated it as “the teachings”, which I believe is closer to its true meaning. In this vein Reb Leibel Eiger explains that there are lessons to be learned from the dietary laws of that which is permissible to be eaten and that which is forbidden to be eaten (see the *Rishonim* who discuss this idea at length).

Reb Leibel goes on to explain that Jews have three distinguishing characteristics that very much define who we are: We have *bris milah* on our body (representing our control of our desires), *tzitzis* on our clothing, and a *mezuzah* on our door. These three aspects generally characterize who we are in all of the things that we do, making it clear that our dedication to Hashem is foremost in our mind. Our physical pleasures, our comfort from the clothing that we wear, and the protection of our home, all have to be in sync with our service of Hashem.

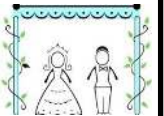
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## Lifecycles

Mazal Tov to Peretz and Debbie Dissen on the engagement of their son Yitzzy to Nechami Yavetz of RBS-A. Also to the grandfather Mr. William Preiss.



Mazel Tov to R' Peretz and Sheina Benveniste on the engagement of their granddaughter Esther Benveniste to Zvi Treblow (both of Manchester UK)!



Mazel Tov to the Kehat family on the birth of a granddaughter.



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## Shabbos Schedule Parshas Tazria לוח שבת פרשת תזריע

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
“Early Mincha”	17:27	מנחה “מוקדמת”
Plag Hamincha	17:47	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:30/18:50	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	18:52	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:10	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שובן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:40	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:27	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz	17:50	פלא יועץ
Zemiros Shiur	18:05	שיעור
Mincha 2	18:25	מנחה ב'
Sunset	19:10	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	19:47	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:10	מעריב ב'

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As we are before Pesach and think about *Klal Yisrael* on the night of the plague of the firstborn, it is fascinating to note that they ate the Paschal offering while girded to travel, and with blood on the doorpost, thus incorporating these three essentials into our character. The idea of the Exodus from Egypt was not to just free us of physical bondage, but to remove ourselves from a decadent culture in order to serve Hashem. Similarly, in the desert we had special food, the Clouds of Glory around us, and our clothing was also taken care of by Hashem. That special generation created the eternal character of *Klal Yisrael*. (We might come back another time to discuss why some of this generation did not perform *bris milah*.)

As we prepare for Pesach by getting rid of the *chometz* in our home, we should remember that the *sefarim hakedoshim* say that *chometz* refers to the *yetzer hara*. We should understand that cleaning for Pesach, which is the precursor to being particular



about that which we eat on Pesach, is the beginning of our ascension to the higher levels of holiness needed to reacquire the Torah, in about two months' time.

May we merit that this year we are able to eat the actual Paschal Offering, and by doing so, raise the level of our fulfillment of our purpose in this world.

## Matzah Baking

Apr 16 (Nissan 8) at about 17:30.

Get updates on baking:

[ahavasshalom.org/matzachat](http://ahavasshalom.org/matzachat)

Questions? Contact Peretz Dis-  
sen Voice/WhatsApp: 054-566-  
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- Everyone is invited to come and watch.
- Children under bar mitzvah can help clean the tools and box the matzah.
- Older boys and men can take part in the kneading and rolling of the dough.
- Fathers with sons who have recently had their bar mitzvah should speak to the Rav for further guidance.

## אבות ובנים



17:25-18:25  
SHABBOS AFTERNOON!

17:55-18:25 Junior  
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## Mechiras Chometz

The Rav will be available to help you  
sell your chometz on these dates:



Date	Members	Everyone
Motza'ei Shabbos Apr 13	21:00-21:15	21:15-21:45
Tues Apr 16	19:45-20:10 21:15-21:25	21:25-21:45
Motza'ei Shabbos Apr 20	21:00-21:15	21:15-21:45

Contact the Rav 052-763-5938 to make other arrangements.

Forms (in Hebrew and English, and for both the regular sale on the 14th and the special sale on the 13th) will be available at the above dates and times, but if you want to fill them out online and in the comfort of your own home, download them from:

[ahavasshalom.org/chometz](http://ahavasshalom.org/chometz)

The authorization **MUST** be completed (Date & Signature)  
with and in the presence of the Rav Shlit"a

**It is an accepted, long-standing *Minhag* to compensate the Rav for his time and effort in selling your Chametz. Some have written that there is a Halachic basis for this, and it is a good thing to do. (From the *Sefer Piskei Teshuvos*)**

*Ahavas Shalom Vaad*

Note that due to legal and financial concerns, the Vaad cannot accept donations and then transfer cash to the Rav. If you want to take part in this long-standing minhag, either give cash/check directly to the Rav or contact Aryeh Beer to transfer funds directly to the Rav's bank account.



Ready for Pesach? Come to the Rav's Halacha shiur on Tuesday nights so that you'll be able to answer questions like these!

Question from the Q&A book from **RBSsemicha.com**

### Q&A: The Left Room

**Q** Shlomo Kagan's father invited his entire family to spend Pesach with him at the Boca Gateway Hotel for his 80th birthday. Shlomo planned to leave Israel with his family 4 days before Pesach, and to avoid having to clean his entire home, he went to Rabbi Rubin and drew up a contract to rent his home and sell its contents to a gentile. Why is it important that Shlomo leave one room of his home out of the rental contract and have it remain in his possession?

**A** This is proper so that Shlomo may fulfill the mitzvah of *bedikas chometz* on his property by inspecting this one room on the night before his departure. While Shlomo will **not** say the *brocho* on *bedikas chometz*, he should still use a candle and will get credit for performing the mitzvah. Note that, when selecting a room, it is advisable to leave over a small room so that the *bedika* will not be too difficult! OC 436 Pischei Teshuvos 2

### Q&A: The Left Lego

**Q** Over the years, Uncle Richard gave his nephews lots of Legos — probably more than a million pieces! The thought of removing *chometz* from all those pieces for Pesach was way too overwhelming for everyone in the Kagan home. May Sruly Kagan (the current "owner") clean just a hundred or so select pieces to play with over Pesach, and then put the remaining pieces in a closet which he will sell to a gentile for Pesach, so that he may avoid cleaning the bulk of the pieces?

**A** Yes. Sruly may place all the dirty Legos into a closet, sell the contents of the closet to a gentile, and avoid cleaning the Legos for Pesach. However, the children will not be able to play with the dirty Legos for all of Pesach. The Legos will have to remain in the closet that was sold to the gentile.

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## Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 1 shiur this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*. On hiatus until May 5, '24.

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos* **PESACH!**

(Last shiur on Pesach this season. Class resumes May 7)

Both shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:  
[cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom](https://cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom)

Past shiurim are archived at [ahavasshalom.org/yt-videos](https://ahavasshalom.org/yt-videos)

## COMMUNITY CARE

Do you know someone in our Kehilla who is unwell?

Please let us know so that we can arrange home/hospital visits and meals.



Contact: Alan Rubenstein 054-398-8570

You can also inform the Ahavas Shalom

Vaad: [vaad@ahavasshalom.org](mailto:vaad@ahavasshalom.org)

## Sefer Clean Up

All private sefarim were moved to the bottom shelves.

**Do you still have a sefer here?**

Please either take it home or if you still use it, put it on one of the top shelves.

Any sefarim still here on April 16th will be deemed **hefker** and the librarians will do with them as they see fit.



## Netziv Hayom

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## Shabbos Afternoon Learning:

Shiurim in the Hall:

17:50-18:05 *Pele Yoetz Shiur*

from the Rav on **חמץ**.

18:05-18:25 *Shabbos Zemiros*  
*Shiur from Avishai Hill.*

Or

17:50-18:25 Individual learning in the  
*Beis Medrash*



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

## הכנות עם תכלית

"...אשה כי תזריע וילדה זכר וטמאה שבעת ימים..." (ויקרא יב:ב)

אמר רבי שמלאי: כשם שיצירתו של אדם אחר כל בהמה תיה ופוף במעשה בראשית, כך תורתו נתפרשה אחר תורת בהמה תיה ופוף (ויק"ר יד,א) (רש"י שם)

רבי לייבל'ה איגר שואל, "אין חוקים לבעלי חיים - אלה חוקים לגבי בעלי חיים שעל האדם לקיים. אז למה מתכוונים חז"ל כשאומרים 'תורת הבהמה'?"

השאלה הזו הזכירה לי מאמר שכתבתי לפני שבועיים. בפרשת צו כתוב "תורת העולה". בהקשר הזה לא הייתי בטוח בדיוק איך לפרש את המילה "תורת" והרגשתי שהמילה "חוקים" אינה מספקת. מצאתי במקום אחד שפרשו את המילה כ"הוראות", שלדעתי קרובה יותר למשמעות האמיתית שלו. כך מסביר הרבי לייבל איגר שיש מה ללמוד מהלכות של מה מותר באכילה ומה אסור באכילה (ועיין בראשונים הדנים במושג זה באריכות).

רבי לייבל ממשיך להסביר שיש לנו שלושה מצוות שמאוד מגדירות מי אנחנו: ברית מילה על הגוף שלנו (המייצגת את השליטה על התאוות שלנו), ציצית, ומזוזה. שלוש התכונות הללו מאפיינות בדרך כלל את מי שאנחנו בכל הדברים שאנו עושים, ומבהירות שהמסירות שלנו לה' היא בראש ובראשונה במוחנו. ההנאות הפיזיות שלנו, הנוחות שלנו מהבגדים שאנו לובשים, וההגנה מהבית שלנו, כולם צריכים להיות תואמים לעבודת ה' שלנו.

לקראת פסח, כשאנחנו חושבים על כלל ישראל בליל מכת בכורות, מעניין לציין שבאותו לילה אכלו את קרבן הפסח, היו חגורים לנסיעה, ושמו דם על מזוזת הדלת, ובכך שולבו שלושת אלו הדברים לתוך האופי שלנו. הרעיון של יציאת מצרים לא היה רק לשחרר אותנו משעבוד פיזי, אלא להוציאנו מהתרבות המושחתת של מצרים כדי לעבוד את ה'. באופן דומה, במדבר היה לנו גם אוכל מיוחד - המן, ענני הכבוד סביבנו, וגם הלבוש שלנו טופל על ידי ה'. אותו דור מיוחד יצר את דמותו הנצחית של כלל ישראל. (אולי בפעם אחרת נדון מדוע חלק מהדור הזה לא ביצעו ברית מילה).

כאשר אנו מתכוונים לפסח על ידי סילוק החמץ בביתנו, נזכור שבספרי הקדושים החמץ מתייחס ליצר הרע. עלינו להבין שהניקיון לפסח, הוא הקדמה להקפדתנו על מה שאנו אוכלים בפסח, שהוא תחילת ההתעלות שלנו לרמות הגבוהות של קדושה הדרושות לקבלת התורה, בעוד כחודשיים.

יהי רצון שנזכה לאכול השנה מקרבן הפסח בפועל, ועל ידי כך להעלות את רמת הגשמת תכליתנו בעולם הזה.

Weekday times until Parshas Metzora	ו' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית מנחה מערב	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת מצורע
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