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*Parashat **Tzav** (Shabbat Hagadol)*

Maqam Nawa

*Haftarat **Ko Amar***

10th Nissan 5783

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April 1st 2023

*Candle Lighting 7:01pm * Shekiah 7:19pm * Shir Hashirim 7:00pm followed by Minha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 6:40pm * Shabbat Ends 8:02pm & Rabbenu Tam 8:32pm
Time for Talit 5:26am * Seasonal Hour 74:00 * Alot Hashahar 5:11am * Netz Hachama 6:40am
Weekday Minha 7:10pm * Earliest Time for Arbit 6:25pm * Tzet Hacoachavim 7:57pm * Chatzot 12:59
Latest Time for Morning Keriat Shema 8:53am * Latest Time for Morning Amidah 10:07am*

Derush Shabbat Hagadol 6:10pm

*Wednesday April 5th Erev Pesah * Shaharit 5:40am * Kiddush Bechorot Siyum Masechet 6:30am
Latest Time to Eat Chametz 10:07am * Make sure to perform Eruv Tavshilin*

*April 5th First Night Pesah Candle Lighting 7:06pm * Shekiah 7:24pm * Minha 7:00pm
April 6th First Day Shaharit 8:15am * Minha 7:00pm * Second Night Pesah Candle Lighting 8:02pm
Friday April 7th Second Day Erev Shabbat Shaharit 8:15am * Minha 7:05pm
Friday April 7th Erev Shabbat Chol Hamo'ed Candle Lighting 7:08pm * Shekiah 7:26pm
April 8th Shabbat Chol Hamo'ed Shaharit 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 6:50pm
Shabbat Ends 8:09pm & Rabbenu Tam 8:39pm * Minha Chol Hamo'ed 7:15pm*

*Tuesday April 11th Erev 7th Night Pesah Candle Lighting 7:12pm * Shekiah 7:30pm * Minha 7:10pm
Tikun Reading 7th Day Pesah Wednesday Morning April 12th 5:30am
Wednesday April 12th 7th Day Pesah Shaharit 8:15am * Minha 7:10pm
Wednesday April 12th 8th Night Pesah Candle Lighting 8:08pm
Thursday April 13th 8th Day Pesah Shaharit 8:15am * Minha 7:15pm
Thursday April 13th Pesah Ends 8:14pm & Rabbenu Tam 8:44pm
Thursday April 13th Motzei Pesah One is allowed to once again eat Chametz after 9:00pm*

Wishing Everyone a Kosher and Joyous Pesah, with our Entire Nation, Amen!

*Parashat **Shemini***

Maqam Husseni

*Haftarat **Vayosef Od***

24th Nissan 5783

Shabbat Mevarchim

April 15th 2023

*Candle Lighting 7:15pm * Shekiah 7:33pm * Shir Hashirim 7:00pm followed by Minha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 7:00pm * Shabbat Ends 8:16pm & Rabbenu Tam 8:46pm
Time for Talit 5:01am * Seasonal Hour 77:00 * Alot Hashahar 4:46am * Netz Hachama 6:18am
Weekday Minha 7:20pm * Earliest Time for Arbit 6:34pm * Tzet Hacoachavim 8:11pm * Chatzot 12:55
Latest Time for Morning Keriat Shema 8:37am * Latest Time for Morning Amidah 9:54am*

Friday and Shabbat will be Rosh Chodesh Iyar

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The Midrash says *I mention my songs at night*. The Knesset Yisrael said to Hashem, Master of the world! We mention the miracles and wonders that You performed for us on that night when we were redeemed from Egypt, when we were slaves to Pharaoh, and You saved us and made us Your slaves instead, so that we can serve You, as it says *the servants of Hashem praise*, not the servants of Pharaoh. All that we recite during Pesah in the Haggadah, in our holy songs, and in Hallel, are all to praise Hashem and thank Hashem for making us His servants, as we accept the yoke of heaven anew, we accept Hashem's sovereignty, as we heard at Har Sinai that we are Hashem's servants. The Matzah we eat renews and rejuvenates our faith and belief in Hashem, and it heals and energizes our souls for the rest of the year. The night of the Seder is Lel Shimurim, it safeguards us, we look forward to it all year long, in order to praise and thank Hashem, to tell over stories of glory and greatness, how we became the great nation that serves Hashem. Why is the first night of Pesach referred to as the night of the 'Seder'? To teach us that everything that occurs to Bnei Yisrael, from the time of our redemption from Egypt until this very day, happens for a calculated reason through the guidance of Hashem, without chance or coincidence. There is always a *Seder*, an *order*, to our ongoing history, regardless of our understanding. The Exodus was the foundation of our holy nation's history, the beginning, and our nation witnessed firsthand how Hashem is personally protecting us and leading us forward. We have the custom to open the door when we recite Shefoch Chamatecha, specifically between the third and fourth cup of wine. Between any other cup we are allowed to drink additional cups of wine, however we are not allowed to drink between the third and fourth cup of wine. Why? Because the four cups correspond to our four Matriarchs: Sarah, Rivka, Rachel, and Leah. Sarah and Rivka each had their own husband, no connection between the two, but Rachel and Leah shared a husband, Yaakov. Therefore, there is no interruption between the third cup for Rachel and the fourth cup for Leah as they are not independent, but connected. We open the door between the cup of Rachel and the cup of Leah because Rachel opened the door for Leah to join and be wed to Yaakov, and in that merit of tremendous self-sacrifice, to share her husband and save her sister from shame, Hashem promises that her children, Bnei Yisrael, will one day be redeemed from exile, returned to our holy land, with the coming of our righteous Mashiah. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Pesah Customs

1 – During the Seder we have three Matzot upon the table to commemorate when Avraham told Sarah, *Hurry! Three Seah's of meal, fine flour*. We break the second Matzah and not the first, since we must recite Hamotzi on the first and cannot use a broken one. Also, we cannot pass by the first for Hamotzi if it is broken and use the second since we do not pass by Mitzvot.

2 – We break the second Matzah to commemorate the splitting of the sea. Also, we have many Mitzvot with the number four: Four Parashiot in Tefillin, four corners of Tzitzit, four species on Sukkot, four cups of wine. The Matzot, however, are only three. We therefore break one and make it add up to four.

3 – We raise the Kearah (Seder plate) when reciting Ha Lahma Anya, *This is the poor man's bread*, since we were poor and the pasuk says, *From lowness Hashem raises the poor*.

The Japanese Convert

Gilad Keinan continues: He purchased many books that discussed and described Jewish laws and customs, and studied at length for eighteen months. He then came upon a quote from the Talmud that stated *if a non-Jew wished to convert to Judaism, then he should be discouraged from doing so, on the other hand if a Jew wished to leave Judaism for a different religion or deity then that was impossible and no matter what he did he would always be Jewish until the end of his days*. He told himself that this must be the truth! All other religions try their hardest to recruit new members, no matter their origins, while the Jews were not interested in just growing their numbers.

Health and Recovery

The recommended amount of daily drinking water for a healthy person on average is between thirty and forty grams of water per day, per kilogram of body weight. For example, one who weighs 60 kilos should drink between 1800 ml and 2400 ml of water per day, which is about twelve glasses of water. More than that do not drink without first consulting medical advice, unless you increase physical activity or you are experiencing hot weather, during which you must consume more water. You have to know that the feeling of thirst usually arises only when the body is already missing several glasses of water, and the sense of saturation comes after drinking some of what is missing. Therefore, drinking should be done even when there is no sense of thirst. If a person does not commit himself to drinking water before first calculating his needs based on his body weight, it is like buying a suit without regarding his size. In older people, the thirst for water is weakened, and it may take many hours without feeling thirst before they understand that they need to drink water, and thus by a constant lack of drinking, they may become chronically constipated, which is very dangerous in itself. Moreover, as a result of a lack of drinking, the blood becomes thicker, and it cannot circulate to all the thin blood vessels throughout the body, especially those in the brain, which by then, heaven forbid there may be a higher risk of a stroke. It is therefore common that adults usually need to take drugs for blood thinning, such as aspirin, etc. which causes the blood particles not to stick together. However, if you do not drink enough, the blood in general is thick, and that is dangerous.

Mussar: A Woman Speaks

Each morning I recite the blessing '*Hashem has created me according to His will*'. This fact is beneficial to me, the same as it has been for my mother, grandmother, and all my previous female ancestors. I am proud to be a woman! I do not lack anything. I am happy and satisfied. One thing is clear to me: I am not jealous of men, I do not envy them, and I do not try to act like them. I work on developing myself into the finest woman I can be. Even though men recite every morning a blessing to Hashem that they were not created as a female, this does not bother me. This does not make me feel less important or insignificant in the least bit. I know that many men believe that they are greater and more distinguishable than women, but their thoughts do not faze me. I do not feel the need to dress like a man, act like a man, or try to blend in and mingle amongst men. Women are to be more refined - more reserved - and cannot adopt the same characteristics as men. Dress code, conduct, speech, and many more actions must be presented with greater care by a woman. The essence of a woman is privacy and modesty. Such peaceful quietness attracts Hashem's holy presence. Shechinah is written in female form, is it not? I build the household, discipline the children, and bring order to the family.

Laws: Pesah

- 1 – Tea and Coffee purchased from a reliable Jew who prepared them properly may be consumed on Pesah.
- 2 – Medicine (pills and tablets) taken for the temporary relief of headaches and toothaches are permitted on Pesah because their taste is terrible and they are just swallowed. However, chewable pills with a pleasant taste, and flavored medicines, are forbidden unless one is certain there is no Chametz in them.
- 3 – Matzah may be dipped in water and consumed on Pesah, as well as cakes made with fruit juice and Matzah, according to Sephardim.
- 4 – Concerning the metal squares or circles on top of the stove that we place pots on top of, one must clean them and then do Hagaalah (pour boiling hot water on top of them). Pouring hot water from a 'Keli Rishon' is good enough for Hagaalah. The same applies to gas ovens and the metal piece where the flame actually comes from on the stove.
- 5 – Electric hotplates should be cleaned well and then hot water from even a Keli Rishon is poured upon it.
- 6 – One should rinse the vessel with cold water after Hagaalah.
- 7 – The fridge and freezer only need to be cleaned well.
- 8 – The sink is cleaned with boiling hot water.
- 9 – A utensil of stone, wood, bone, plastic, or aluminum may be koshered with Hagaalah.

10 – Glass doesn't absorb at all and doesn't need to be cleaned with Hagaalah. Pyrex and Durlex that were used to cook over the fire only need to be washed clean.

11 – Rice is checked three times with concentration to make sure that there are no Chametz grains mixed in, and then used for Pesah.

12 – Do not mix citric acid (lemon) into products for Pesah.

13 – Do not buy roasted nuts without a rabbinical kosher certification.

14 – One may not touch Chametz found in the public domain.

15 – After breakfast on the 14th of Nissan, you should brush, floss, and rinse your teeth very thoroughly by 10:07am. Dentures should be cleaned well in warm water.

16 – In the day, after burning the Chametz, one recites the Kal Chamira paragraph that includes his proclamation that any Chametz, whether he saw it or not and whether he burnt it or not, should be considered insignificant to him like the dirt of the earth. The night before however, he only proclaimed insignificant what he did not see or burn.

17 – One who wishes to leave his house for the entire Pesah holiday and sell it through the Rabbanim is still obligated to perform Bedikat Chametz on the night of the 14th of Nissan since the Rabbanim do not sell the Chametz until the day of the 14th of Nissan. What should he do? He should speak to his Rabbi about selling it on the 13th of Nissan, in which case he would not own it to be obligated to perform Bedikat Chametz.

18 – Tables may be cleaned and used with a tablecloth. For use without a tablecloth, one must pour boiling hot water after cleaning it well.

19 – Meat and milk utensils that were not used within twenty-four hours may be cleaned together during the Hagaalah.

20 – Imported polished rice that is unclear how it was processed should be cleaned very well in water until the color fades.

21 – The Ta'anit Bechorot begins at Alot Hashachar. One obligated in the Ta'anit Bechorot, an eldest child of a father or mother, boy or girl, must physically attend a Siyum or Seudat Mitzvah, and cannot just be given a piece of cake or wine from the Seudat Siyum. However, a woman who cannot physically attend may just be given a piece of cake or wine from the Seudat Siyum.

22 – In order to be counted as one who has participated in a Seudat Mitzvah (i.e. Siyum) and is therefore no longer obligated to fast the Ta'anit Bechorot, one must have a Kezayit of Mezonot and recite Al Hamichya afterwards. One may also eat a Kezayit of fruit, Ha'etz, and recite Al Ha'etz Ve'al Peri Ha'etz afterwards, or

drink a Revi'it of wine or grape juice. If a Kezayit is not consumed, then he is not absolved from the fast.

23 – During Pesah the blessing on Matzah is Hamotzi. During the Seder 'Al Achilat Matzah' is added.

24 – Women must also lean left to drink the four cups, eat Matzah, Korech, and Afikoman.

25 – One who is harmed from the wine must still drink the four cups, unless he will be bedridden.

26 – The cups should be washed out before each of the four cups are filled and drank. According to Kabbalah, three drops of water should be added to the cup of wine each time.

27 – A Revi'it of wine should be consumed without an interruption for each of the four cups.

28 – If the one reciting Kiddush does not know how to recite the words properly or have others in mind, recite the words along with him and don't answer Amen to his if you are reciting your own Kiddush. If the leader of the family is not fluent in the laws of blessings, then each should recite their own blessings during the Seder.

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