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Parashat Tahor Metzora *Maqam Bayat Husseni* *Haftarat VeArbaah Anashim*
12th Nissan 5784 Issue #1071 April 20th 2024

*Candle Lighting 7:21pm * Shekiah 7:39pm * Shir Hashirim 7:00pm followed by Minha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 7:05pm * Shabbat Ends 8:22pm & Rabbenu Tam 8:52pm
Time for Talit 4:51am * Seasonal Hour 79 * Alot Hashahar 4:35am * Netz Hachama 6:10am
Weekday Minha 7:00pm * Earliest Time for Arbit 6:39pm * Tzet Hacoachavim 8:17pm * Chatzot 12:54
Latest Time for Morning Keriat Shema 8:31am * Latest Time for Morning Amidah 9:50am
Derush Shabbat Hagadol in Beth Yosef 6:30pm*

*Monday April 22nd Erev Pesah * Bechorot Fast Begins 4:32am * Siyum Bechorot (Beth Yosef) 6:45am
A Bechor cannot eat after 4:32am until after participating in a Siyum, Milah, or Pidyon.
Shaharit 6:00am * Latest Time to Eat Chametz 9:48am * Latest Time to Burn Chametz 11:07am*

*Monday April 22nd First Night Pesah Candle Lighting 7:25pm * Shekiah 7:43pm * Minha 7:00pm
Tuesday April 23rd First Day Shaharit 8:15am * Minha 7:00pm
Tuesday April 23rd Second Night Pesah Candle Lighting Before Kiddush 8:21pm
Wednesday April 24th Second Day Shaharit 8:15am * Minha 7:30pm * Havdalah 8:27pm*

*April 26th Erev Shabbat Chol Hamoed Candle Lighting 7:29pm * Shekiah 7:47pm * Minha 7:00pm
April 27th Shabbat Chol Hamoed Shaharit 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 7:15pm * Shabbat Ends 8:30pm*

*Sunday April 28th Erev 7th Night Pesah Candle Lighting 7:31pm * Shekiah 7:49pm * Minha 7:00pm
Tikun Reading 7th Day Pesah Monday Morning April 29th 5:30am
Monday April 29th 7th Day Pesah Shaharit 8:15am * Minha 7:00pm
Monday April 29th 8th Night Pesah Candle Lighting Before Kiddush 8:27pm
Tuesday April 30th 8th Day Pesah Shaharit 8:15am * Minha 7:30pm
Tuesday April 30th Pesah Ends 8:33pm * One is allowed to once again eat Chametz after 9:00pm*

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

Parashat Ahare Mot *Maqam Hijaz* *Haftarat Vayhi Devar Hatishpot*
26th Nissan 5784 *Shabbat Mevarchim* May 4th 2024

*Candle Lighting 7:36pm * Shekiah 7:54pm * Shir Hashirim 7:00pm followed by Minha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Minha Shabbat 7:20pm * Shabbat Ends 8:37pm & Rabbenu Tam 9:07pm
Time for Talit 4:29am * Seasonal Hour 82:00 * Alot Hashahar 4:13am * Netz Hachama 5:51am
Weekday Minha 7:00pm * Earliest Time for Arbit 6:53pm * Tzet Hacoachavim 8:32pm * Chatzot 12:52
Latest Time for Morning Keriat Shema 8:18am * Latest Time for Morning Amidah 9:40am*

Wednesday and Thursday will be Rosh Chodesh Iyar

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The Pasuk first calls the person 'pure', but then says that the Cohen declares and makes him 'pure'. If he is pure, why is it necessary for the Cohen to check and declare? This was the question of Hillel HaZaken, who did not know how to answer it, so he went up from Babel to Eretz Yisrael to learn an answer from Shamaaya and Abtalyon. The answer was as follows: if the Metzora or one of his relatives was an expert in the laws and declared that he was in fact pure, this would not help, and he would still need to go to the Cohen to be inspected and declared pure. Also, if he was in fact not pure, and yet the Cohen declared him to be pure, it would not help and he would still be not pure, unless he was in fact pure according to Halacha. Both components would be necessary, that he is in fact pure, and that the Cohen declared him pure, one without the other would not be enough. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Pesah

Twice the Pasuk calls the night of Pesah "*Leil Shimurim*". Once referring to the fact that this night was reserved from the six days of creation as the night when Bnei Yisrael would be redeemed, and there would need to be an exception made in nature by splitting the Yam Suf on their behalf, against the normal rules of creation. The second reference is as follows: when Yitzchak wished to bless his son, Esav, it was Erev Pesah. He explained that the angels are praising Hashem, and the storehouses of blessings for this world are opened during the night of the Seder. Yitzchak therefore wanted his children to reserve this night to perform Mitzvot during the Seder for all generations. We fulfill six biblical commandments and nine rabbinical commandments during the night of the Seder, totaling fifteen, like the 15th of Nissan. The six biblical commandments are as follows: 1- Reciting Shema. 2- Remembering Yetziyat Mitzraim. 3- Kiddush Yom Tov. 4- Reading the Haggadah, which fulfills the commandment of telling over the story of Yetziyat Mitzraim to your children, when Matzah and Maror are before you. Women likewise are obligated to read the Haggadah, but if they are busy with the children, with the household, or aren't able to read the Haggadah, then they can fulfill the commandment by saying the three words: *Pesah, Matzah, and Maror*. 5- Eating

Matzah. 6- Reciting Birkat Hamazon. These are the six biblical commandments of the night. The nine rabbinical commandments of the night are as follows: 1- Praying Arbit. 2- Reciting Hallel. 3- Washing our hands for dipping something in one of the seven liquids (wine, honey, oil, milk, dew, blood, or water) as we wash without a blessing in order to dip the Carpas in the saltwater. 4- Drinking four cups of wine during the Seder, hinted in the Torah when Yosef used the word *Kos* four time when speaking to Pharaoh's royal cupbearer. 5- Washing Netilat Yadayim for Matzah and the Seudah. 6- Leaning when eating the Matzah and leaning when drinking the four cups of wine. We lean as a sign of freedom and royalty. 7- Eating Maror nowadays is a rabbinical commandment. In the times of the Mikdash, it was a biblical commandment to eat the Maror, when we are also eating the Korban Pesah. The biblical commandment to eat Matzah however does not depend on the Korban Pesah. 8- Dipping into the Charoset, remembering the cement and construction when we were forced in slavery in Mitzraim. 9- Reciting the blessing in the Amidah of Arbit: *Mekadesh Yisrael VeHaZemanim*. Without *VeHaZemanim* he has not fulfilled his obligation.

Health and Recovery

The foot of a diabetic is a dangerous area of the body from which trouble begins. A diabetic must guard his feet most, because the nerves that communicate sensations to the brain are impaired, so they no longer feel pain or impact like a healthy person. As a result, if they experience sores or cuts on their feet or legs, by the time they realize the damage and potential harm the situation will have already deteriorated to a point that is very difficult. That is why it is important to examine each foot daily. Pay attention to any soreness, redness, or abnormalities, and not walk around barefoot. Maintain good hygiene and cleanliness of your feet and wipe them well after washing. It is advisable to wear cotton socks, as well as wearing properly fitted shoes that will not cause pressure or scraping to the feet. It is important to trim your toenails carefully. Sometimes, neglect can be the difference between healing and amputation. It is imperative for patients with diabetes to be cautious of everything that we have discussed. As well, much care is required to maintain proper gum

health, as neglect in gum treatment can result in the development of heart disease, kidney failure, stroke, and osteoporosis. This is because the gums are saturated with blood vessels, so when there is inflammation, the problem comes into direct contact with the blood.

Mussar: Sefer HaMidot

1- One who does not accept rebuke will eventually incur suffering. 2- One who spends time preparing for prayer, even if he doesn't end up concentrating during the prayer, will be saved from suffering. 3- Haughtiness causes one to lose Hashem's kindness. 4- Saying Tikun Hatzot saves one from judgment. 5- Staying awake all night saves one from terrible judgments. 6- Visiting a Tzaddik sweetens one's judgment. 7- Giving money to Tzedaka also sweetens one's judgment. 8- Laziness causes bad things to eventually befall a person. 9- Learning Torah causes one's prosecutors to turn away. 10- Falling may sometimes be a kindness, and could even be instead of an actual death decree. 11- Sometimes the Gadol Hador's Mitzvot that are done in public erase the bad judgments against the people. 12- Upon hearing troubles and problems, one should say "Lo Alenu" – not upon us. 13- Toiling in Torah study at night allows Hashem to bestow kindness throughout the day and shields us from sickness. 14- One who doesn't pray for the generation will eventually be punished gravely. 15- If one is sick in the house, ask a Hacham to pray for him and bless him. 16- The gates of livelihood are opened for those who do not speak during Chazarah, Kaddish, and Torah. May Hashem bless us, Amen.

Laws

1 – The custom is not to get a haircut during Sefirat Ha'omer until the morning of the 34th day. There are those who are careful not to shave either.
2 – One who experiences discomfort from not shaving may shave every Friday in honor of Shabbat.
3 – If a Brit Milah is celebrated during the Omer, the father, Sandak, and Mohel may shave and get a haircut, even the day before, close to the evening.
4 – We are careful not to wear new garments that require the recitation of Shehechyanu. However, when need be, one may wear and recite during Shabbat, during a Brit, or during a Bar Mitzvah

5 – One may recite Shehechyanu on a new fruit even during the weekday.

6 – Some do not even have new garments tailored or made during the Omer. However, for a bride and groom one may be lenient.

7 – One may move into a new residence during the Omer and may even plaster and paint wherever necessary. Shehechyanu may be recited as well with a new garment or new fruit. However, one may not listen to music, even via the radio, until the 34th day.

8 – Women do not count the Omer, even without a blessing.

9 – One may train a youngster to count the Omer each day even with a blessing and may continue with a blessing even if the youngster missed a day.

10 – If one becomes 13 years old and a day during the Omer, even if he recited every day with a blessing properly until that point, he mustn't continue with a blessing and should count each day from then on after hearing someone else recite the blessing.

11 – In New York one may count after Tzet Hacoachavim (37 minutes after Shekiah). However, in Shul after Arbit they may count immediately after Shekiah. A blessing may not be said before Shekiah.

12 – One who forgot to count at night with a blessing but counts in the day without a blessing may continue with a blessing the following night.

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