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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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5th Day of Pesah

4th Day of Counting the Omer—ד' לעומר

April 15, 2017 – 19 Nisan 5777

Pesah, the story of the Exodus, is one of the most, if not the most, important Festivals on the Jewish calendar. After four hundred years of waiting for the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, each generation of the Children of Israel must have given up hope that it would happen in their own time. But then, Moses appears from nowhere. He revives their hope and with five Hebrew words sums up the tremendous hope given to the slaves—that their liberation is here, not in some future generation, but today:

'היום אתם יוצאים בחדש האביב' - "Today, you are getting out of Egypt in the month of Aviv" (Exodus 13:4)

'Aviv' - 'Spring' in Hebrew—is the opposite of despair. Aviv is a new beginning. Everything is possible with Aviv when there is a strong will for a new leaf, a new beginning.

The desire to break the yoke of slavery has the people run towards this new beginning. How about some provisions for the road? Shouldn't we prepare some sandwiches? What are the kids going to eat? Where are we going? (cont.)

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5th Day of Pesah (cont.)

The Children of Israel's souls have been revived. They are willing to jump in. It's a leap of faith that things will be better. That is the reason for Hametz being forbidden when it comes time to start something new. Time is what allows the dough to rise. When liberation came to our ancestors, they did not tarry and consider all the options. Time was of the essence. Because God said:

‘היום אתם יוצאים בחודש האביב’ - “Today, you are getting out of Egypt in the month of Aviv” (Exodus 13:4)

May we, during this Festival of Pesah, see the final liberation of our people, both in Israel and wherever they may live.

Hag Kasher v'Sameah!!

This Day in Jewish History—19 Nisan

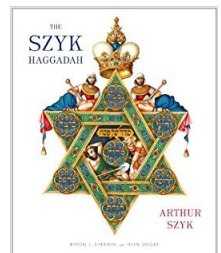


Yahrtzeit of Rabbi Menacham Zemba (1883-1943), spiritual leader of the Warsaw Ghetto during the uprising against the Nazis. Though Rabbi Zemba could have been rescued, he elected to remain in the ghetto to help give other Jews spiritual and emotional support. Rabbi Zemba was educated in the Ger chassidic method and gained renown as a great talmudic scholar who wrote more than 10,000 pages of Torah novella. (These manuscripts were torched in the Warsaw Ghetto.) He was offered the position of Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, but declined, saying that he wanted to go to Jerusalem only as a "simple Jew." In the darkest days of the ghetto, he strove to bring a note of optimism by setting up secret places for Torah study -- in cellars, attics and bomb shelters. In the ghetto, he wrote an entire work on the laws pertaining to the sanctification of God's Name (*Kiddush Hashem*). During the uprising, while trying to escape a burning building, Rabbi Zemba was gunned down, while holding his 5-year-old grandson. His grave was later re-interred to Jerusalem.

(courtesy of Aish.com—'Day in Jewish History')

The Szyk Haggadah

There are many Haggadot in print today, but one of the most beautiful is the Szyk Haggadah, illustrated by the Polish-Jewish artist Arthur Szyk in Poland between 1934 and 1936, and officially released in London in 1940. It was cited by The Times of London as "worthy to be placed among the most beautiful of books that the hand of man has produced". The Haggadah was dedicated to King George VI of England, who received one of the first copies.



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Cindy Benzaquen
- Tanya Feldberg
- Esther Geller
- Gabriella Grinberg

Happy Anniversary to:

- Galina and Edward Mazelev

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

- Maria Sakurets—Saturday April 29th (Parashat Tazria-Metzora)
- Elizabeth Janson-Melnik—Saturday May 13th (Parashat Emor)
- Liel Cohen—Saturday June 17th (Parashat Shlach)
- Mariam Kravchenko—Saturday September 2nd (Parashat Ki Tetzei)

Counting of the Omer

Saturday night is the fifth night of the counting of the Omer. Each year, the Omer is counted every evening after nightfall, from the second night of Passover till the night before Shavuot. The blessing we recite is:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעוֹמֵר:

“Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the counting of the Omer.”

הַיּוֹם חֲמִשָּׁה יָמִים לַעֲמֵר.

“Today is the fifth day of the Omer.”

Passover 5777 at Sharei Chesed

All of us at Sharei Chesed hope you and yours are enjoying a happy and Kosher Pesah. Our services schedule for the remainder of the festival are as follows:

Sunday April 16	Hol Hamoed Shaharit	8:30 am
Monday April 17	Yom Tov-7th Day Shaharit	9:30 am
	Minha-Maariv	5:45 pm
Tuesday April 18	Yom Tov-YIZKOR Shaharit	9:30 am
	Minha-Maariv	5:45 pm

Yahrzeits for week of April 15 - April 21, 2017

19 Nisan - 25 Nisan 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, April 15th (19 Nisan)

Miron Rorer
Shlomo Zilberman Shlomo ben Meir

Remembered by

Liya Shapiro
Rakhil Zilberman, Simona Kudishevich

Sunday, April 16th (20 Nisan)

Joel Cohen Gedalia haCohen
Ida Judith Levens Chaya Yehudit bat Avraham
Joseph Weiss

Martha Cohen
Mark Wasserman

Monday, April 17th (21 Nisan)

Joseph Kupfer Yosef ben Avraham

Sol Awend

Tuesday, April 18th (22 Nisan)

Minnie Berkowitz Mindel bat Lazar v'Rifka
Izabella Gurevich Isabella bat Yosef v'Khaya
Etel Kogan Etel bat Moshe
Avram Starik Avram ben Yabe
Reva Starik Reva bat Avraham
Ruchel Starik Ruchel bat Moyshe

Jerry Berkowitz
Alla Bartlova
Alla Furman
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Wednesday, April 19th (23 Nisan)

Jacob Dulgas Yakov Moshe ben Myer
Esther Grater Esther Gitel bat Alter v'Bluma
Mendel Rubin

Sylvia Burnstein
Klaudia Przeteycki

Thursday, April 20th (24 Nisan)

Edith Krinsky Ita bat Mindel
Jack Polikoff Yakov ben Eliyahu Mendel haLevi
Bernard J. Rubenstein

Maddie Banwell
Steven Tillinger
Regina Rubenstein

Friday, April 21st (25 Nisan)

Susan Herstein
Gerda Kampf Gitel bat Tzve haCohen
Eugene Schwartz
Bernadine Silbert Bracha Chaya bat Myer
Lawrence Stern Israel Lev ben Moshe

Jeff Herstein
Cynthia Schwartz, Marilyn Renstrom
Regina Rubenstein

May their memories always be for a blessing.

Condolences

Sharei Chesed extends its condolences to the family of Leonid Zabezhinsky—his wife Natalie, his brother Vladimir, his son and daughter-in-law Michael and Caitlin, and his daughter Rebecca. May the memory of Leonid Zabezhinsky always be for a blessing.