



פסח

Bulletin
Congregation B'nai Torah
בית כנסת בני תורה



April 19 – May 3, 2024

פסח - Shabbat Pareshat Metzora – Shabbat HaGadol

11-25 Nisan 5784

חג כשר ושמה

Pareshat Metzora

Vayikra 14:1- 15:33

THE EXIT STRATEGY

Immediately after the four famous questions themed on how the Seder night differs from all other nights, known as the “Mah Nishtana”, are posed, we find the answer – Avadim HaYinu, “we were slaves in Egypt.” In that answer, we read that had G-d not taken our forefathers out Egypt, our children, our great grandchildren and we would still be enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt. Furthermore, even if we were all sages, wise, elders, learned in the entire Torah, there is still a positive commandment upon us to discuss the departure from Egypt – and those who increase their telling over of this momentous event are praiseworthy.

The Hagada follows up this answer with a story. Five great sages were sitting together in the city of B'nai Brak, and they were telling about the departure from Egypt the entire night. They did so until their students came to them and told them that the time had come to recite the morning “Shema” prayer.

Rav Avrohom Yitzchok Kook notes that the focus of the dictate to discuss set forth in Avadim HaYinu, and the topic of conversation of the 5 great sages, was the “departure” from Egypt. It is not the “redemption” from Egypt, or the “birth of our nation,” nor the “liberation from bondage” that we are to discuss, and discuss at length: it is the departure.

G-d could very well have left the nation of Israel in Egypt. The nation of Israel, perhaps through political machinations, perhaps through other turns of event, could have risen to prominence, ending their servitude and domination by the Egyptians. If that had happened, those who witnessed the hand of G-d, whether through plagues or any other manifestation that would have been evident, would have been able to overcome the impurity of Egypt. The negative influence of the Egyptians on the people could be negated by the positive spiritual experiences to which they were subject and witness. However, come the next generation, problems would emerge. People who had not witnessed the hand of G-d, people who had only heard stories about such events, would make up the population. These people would not be armed with the spiritual ammunition needed to combat the sinful, negative and immoral influence of the Egyptian populace. No matter how wise, how knowledgeable, how intellectually astute this generation would be, they still would have their spiritual essences overcome by Egyptian culture.

The aspect of the exodus experience that we are told to discuss on the Seder night is not the miraculous nature of the exodus. It is not the redemption or ensuing freedom that we are told to discuss in length (continued on page 2)

Z'manei Tefillah

Friday, April 19, 2024

Candlelighting (not earlier than 6:41) 7:48 p.m.
Mincha, Plag 6:25 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, 2024, Pareshat Metzora, Shabbat HaGadol

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Latest Shema 9:51 a.m.
Mincha 7:50 p.m.
Shkiya 8:07 p.m.
Motzaei Shabbat 8:54 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Earliest Talit & Tefillin, April 21-26 5:24-5:16 a.m.
Shacharit 8:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Plag 6:35 p.m.
Bedikat Chametz **not earlier than 8:57 p.m.**

Monday, April 22, 2024, Erev Pesach, Taanit Bechorim

Shacharit, **Siyum** 6:45 a.m.
Latest time for Eating Chometz 10:34 a.m.
Latest time for Burning Chometz 11:55 p.m.
Candlelighting 7:51 p.m.
Mincha/ Maariv 8:00 p.m.
Earliest Seder / Kiddush **not earlier than 8:56 p.m.**
Chatzot HaLailah (Midnight) 1:15 a.m.

Tuesday, April 23 2024, Pesach I

Shacharit, Tal 9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv 8:00 p.m.
Candlelighting / Kiddush **not earlier than 8:57 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Pesach II 1st Day of the Omer

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Mincha/ Maariv 8:00 p.m.
Motzaei Yom Tov 8:58 p.m.

Chol HaMoed

Thursday, April 25, 2024, Chol HaMoed I Omer 2

Shacharit 7:00 a.m.
Mincha, Plag 6:35 p.m.

Friday, April 26, 2024, Chol HaMoed II Omer 3

Shacharit 7:00 a.m.
Candlelighting (not earlier than 6:48) 7:57 p.m.
Mincha, Plag 6:35 p.m.

Saturday, April 27, 2024, Shabbat Chol HaMoed Omer 4

Shacharit, Shir HaShirim 9:00 a.m.
Latest Shema 9:45 a.m.
Mincha 7:55 p.m.
Shkiya 8:16 p.m.
Motzaei Shabbat 9:02 p.m.

Office Closed

The office will be closed for Pesach from **Friday, April 19 until Wednesday, May 3, 2024**. All calls and emails will be returned when the office reopens. For Chevre Kadisha, please call **Eli Honig, 416-221-9899**. In case of emergency, call **Alan Zuck: 647-632-4320**.

Lifecycle

Refuah Sheleimah:

Refuah Sheleimah to all the cholim and all those who were wounded or kidnapped and who are suffering at this time. Tefillot and Tehillim said on behalf of the cholim are much appreciated.

We Thank Our Sponsors

The foyer Kiddush on **Shabbat, April 20**, is sponsored by:

- **Meir and Rita Weinberger** to commemorate the yahrzeits of Meir's father, Yonathan Ben Yosef Menachem, z"l, and of Rita's father, Shimon ben Shmuel, z"l.

Rabbi Rosenberg's Drasha on **Shabbat, April 6**, was sponsored by **Tommy and Susan Jutovich**, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Susan's mother, Devorah Esther bat HaRav Alter Chaim HaCohen, z"l, on Nisan 3.

Rabbi Rosenberg's Drasha on the last day of Pesach, **Tuesday, April 30**, is sponsored by:

- **Morty and Pat Gelber**, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Morty's father, Yitzchak ben Mordechai, z"l.

Rabbi Rosenberg's D'var Torah between Mincha and Maariv on Wednesday, May 1, 23 Nisan, is sponsored by:

- **Tsila Kahana**, to commemorate the yahrzeit of her father, Natan HaKohen ben Yisroel Yitzchok Rachmiel HaKohen, z"l.

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- Sponsored by **Andrea Stern and Isaac Singer** in honour of their son Jonathan, who served in the IDF as a "Chayal Boded" and more recently, as a reservist, and in honour of all the other reservists and chayalim.
- **The Korman family**.

Passover Notes

Mechirat Chametz:

Anyone who wishes to sell their Chametz through Rabbi Rosenberg must get their form in by Sunday. Rabbi Rosenberg will be available on Sunday between Mincha and Maariv to arrange the sale of Chametz. The form can also be emailed to meirtrosenberg@gmail.com.

Siyum Bechorim:

The Siyum Bechorim will take place on **Monday, April 22**, after Shacharit.

Biur Chametz:

The annual Burning of Chametz will take place on **Monday, April 22, 2024**, from **8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the B'nai Torah parking lot. An honorarium of \$5 to Rabbi Mark Breslow, is appreciated. **Please place chametz ONLY in a paper bag. No plastic bags and no other garbage will be accepted for burning. Please do not leave garbage in the shul parking lot, or in the shul garbage bin, on Erev Pesach.**

Passover Waste Depot:

The City of Vaughan is providing a special Passover waste and recycling depot at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre. This service is open to all residents. It will be available **from Monday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m. until Monday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m.** in the community centre parking lot. Residents may dispose of their waste **from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.** each day during this period.

Chametz - Free Zone:

The Shul is being cleaned for Pesach. Please do **NOT** bring Chametz into the Shul after Shabbat.

Z'manei Tefillah *continued*

Sunday, April 28, 2024, *Chol HaMoed, Erev Yom Tov Omer 5*

Earliest Talit & Tefillin April 28-May 3 5:13-5:06 a.m.
Shacharit 8:00 a.m.
Candlelighting, (not earlier than 6:50) 7:59 p.m.
Mincha/ Maariv 8:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29, 2024, *Shevii Shel Pesach Omer 6*

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Mincha 6:40 p.m.
Shkiya 8:18 p.m.
Candlelighting, Kiddush (not earlier than 6:51) 9:04 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 2024, *Acharon Shel Pesach, Yizkor Omer 7*

Shacharit, **Yizkor** 8:45 a.m.
Yizkor approximately 10:00 a.m.
Mincha 8:00 p.m.
Motzaei Yom Tov 9:06 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday, May 1-3, 2024 *Omer 8-10*

Shacharit, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 a.m.
Shacharit, Thursday 6:45 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Wednesday-Thursday, Plag 6:45 p.m.

Friday, May 3, 2024

Candlelighting, (not earlier than 6:54) 8:05 p.m.
Mincha, Plag 6:45 p.m.

Chametz sold to the Rav may be eaten after 10:00 PM

Drasha continued.

It is the "departure," the physical exiting of the populace of the nation of Israel from the spiritual dungeon of Egypt that must be the subject of our conversation the Seder night. And lest the wise and knowledgeable individuals think that they would not have met the fate of their brethren had they stayed in the land of Egypt, the Hagada states in no uncertain terms that everyone has to discuss the departure. Everyone would have suffered spiritual decimation. Everyone would have been affected. Therefore, everyone has to discuss, in an amount that indicates true appreciation, the departure from Egypt, "Yetzias Mitzrayim." The five sages in B'nai Brak knew this. It is from their actions that we are to learn. It is their actions that set the template for our own conduct at the Seder. It is their actions that provide us with a lesson about what we must appreciate daily when we recall the exodus.

By Rabbi Yehudah Prero

<https://torah.org/learning/yomtov-pesach-vol13no1/>

B'nai Torah Annual Pesach Yizkor Appeal

Yizkor is recited on the last day of Pesach. It is customary to give Tzedakah at this time, in memory of our departed loved ones. Members are encouraged to make their Pesach Yizkor contribution to B'nai Torah. Contributions can be made by cheque, credit card or E-transfer. May the Neshamot have an Aliyah.

Shabbat HaGadol Drasha

A recording of Rabbi Rosenberg's Zoom Shabbat HaGadol Drasha, "The Haggadah - A 15 step lesson in building resilience" has been uploaded to the shul website. To access it, go to the shul website: www.bnaitorah.ca and click on the Media button to find it.

Synagogue Notes**Mezuza Mamas:**

The women's event for the rebuilding of Kibbutz Be'eri, at The Temmy Latner Forest Hill Jewish Centre scheduled for May 8 at 7:00 PM is sold out. There will be a second opportunity on May 22. Original flyer is on page 4.

Israel News can be found at:

<https://images.shulcloud.com/148/uploads/News041924.pdf>

Halacha Corner:

On Erev Pesach we do not eat Matzah. However, this practice only applies to a Matzah that can be used for the Seder Night. Thus, a cooked Matzah, or a Matzah ball (a.k.a Knaydel) can be eaten on Erev Pesach.

Daf Yomi

Apr. 20 2024	Shabbat	12 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 52
Apr. 21, 2024	Sunday	13 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 53
Apr. 22, 2024	Monday	14 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 54
Apr. 23, 2024	Tuesday	15 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 55
Apr. 24, 2024	Wednesday	16 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 56
Apr. 25, 2024	Thursday	17 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 57
Apr. 26, 2024	Friday	18 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 58

Daf Yomi

Apr. 27 2024	Shabbat	19 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 59
Apr. 28, 2024	Sunday	20 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 60
Apr. 29, 2024	Monday	21 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 61
Apr. 30, 2024	Tuesday	22 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 62
May. 1, 2024	Wednesday	23 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 63
May 2, 2024	Thursday	24 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 64
May3, 2024	Friday	25 Nisan 5784	Bava Metzia 65

Yahrzeits for the Week of April 21–27, 2024

<u>Deceased Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Member or Affiliate Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Hebrew Date</u>
Helen Langer	mother	Howard Langer	Sunday	Nisan 13
Jonas Weinberger	Father	Meir Weinberger	Wednesday	Nisan 16
Emil Grosz	Father	John Grosz	Friday	Nisan 18
Isabel Schwartz	mother	Mindy Klein	Friday	Nisan 18
Jakob Korman	brother husband	Avraham Korman Naomi Korman	Shabbat	Nisan 19
Please consider making a donation to B'nai Torah in memory of your loved one.				

Yahrzeits for the Week of April 28–May 3, 2024

<u>Deceased Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Member or Affiliate Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Hebrew Date</u>
Eliezer Hochman	father	Louis Hochman	Sunday	Nisan 20
Z'ave Gordon	father	Josh Gordon	Monday	Nisan 21
Henry Moussadji	brother	Haim Moussadji	Monday	Nisan 21
Isaac Gelber	father	Morty Gelber	Tuesday	Nisan 22
Imre Somogyi	father	George Somogyi	Tuesday	Nisan 22
Natan Kahane	father	Tsila Kahane	Wednesday	Nisan 23
David Weitzner	brother	Mordechai Weitzner	Shabbat	Nisan 26
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In Support of Kibbutz Be'eri

MAY 8, 2024 / 7:00 PM

*Kibbutz Be'eri was amongst the hardest-hit Kibbutzim during the massacre of October 7th. They are building 270 new homes so people displaced after October 7th can return. While no words, or actions can provide proper relief to those affected by the massacre and the destruction, our objective is to send a package of 270 Mezuzot along with a financial gift to support them as they rebuild. **Our goal is to raise \$36,000 for the 6 new kindergartens that need books and toys.***



COST / \$120

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For more information, or if you are interested in organizing an embroidery evening, contact Belinda Schneeweiss at belindaschneeweiss@yahoo.ca

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ORA SOMOGYI AT ORA.SOMOGYI@GMAIL.COM**

We hope you can join us at the Forest Hill Jewish Centre to embroider a Mezuzah and help us collect much needed funds towards Kibbutz Be'eri's rebuilding. The Mezuzot will serve as a reminder of the bonds that unite us, and the prayers we send to our brothers and sisters in Israel. The money collected will buy books and toys for the new kindergartens. If you cannot attend, you can still be part of this amazing initiative by either organizing your own embroidery circle* (with our support and guidance), or by sponsoring a Mezuzah to be embroidered by us.

THE MEZUZA MAMAS

Felicia Gopin / Ora Somogyi / Belinda Schneeweiss / Stacey Urbach