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Mechiras Chometz - Selling of Chometz

Rabbi Gettinger will be available at the Young Israel (210 West 91st Street) from Tuesday March 31 through Tuesday April 7, 8AM- 10AM and 8PM-10PM.

Ta'anis/Siyum B'chorim - Fast of the First Born

Erev Pesach, Wednesday April 8th.
A Siyum Massechta will be held at the Young Isarel Wednesday morning, following Shacharis at 6:45AM.

B'dikas Chometz - Search for Chometz in your home

Tuesday evening, April 7th at nightfall.
At the conclusion of the search, the first Rejection of Chometz should be recited.

Pesach News

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Annual Shabbos Hagadol D'Rashah by Rabbi Emanuel Gettinger

One Week Earlier - Shabbos Hagadol - Saturday April 4

Parshas Tzav:

Shacharis - 9:00AM

Mincha - 6:30PM

D'rasha - 7:00PM

"A Time For All Things" by Rabbi Emanuel Gettinger



There is a time for all things under the sun.
A time to kill and a time to heal.
A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.
(Koheles)

There may be a time for all things but no
thing is meant to persist for all the time.

There is a time to kill but it is limited and then it is time to heal.
There is a time to hate but it must not endure forever.
War must be engaged but it must be transient.
Peace may be elusive but it must be pursued until it is achieved.
Love has its time but it is not for all the time.

No Eating of Chometz

Chometz may NOT be eaten after **10:20AM (DST)** on Wednesday, April 8th.

Burning of Chometz

The burning of chometz should be done on Wednesday, April 8 by 11:20 AM (DST).
The second rejection of Chometz is said at this time.

Second Rejection (Bitul) of Chometz

After the final disposal of all chometz, at 11:20AM or earlier, the second rejection of All Chometz (which is slightly different from the first) should be said. The formulae for the rejection of Chometz as well as the proper b'rachah for B'dikas Chometz can be found in a siddur.

2009 - Passover Schedule - 5769

Saturday, April 4 - Shabbos Hagadol

Shacharis 9:00AM
Rabbi Cohen's Drasha
Mincha 6:30PM
Rabbi Gettinger's Drasha 7:00PM
Maariv 8:30PM

Thursday, Friday April 9-10 - First Days of Yom Tov

Shacharis 9:00AM
Mincha 7:15PM
Thursday Maariv 8:30PM
Friday Maariv 7:40PM

Saturday, April 11 - Shabbos Chol Hamoed

Shacharis 9:00AM
Mincha 7:20PM
Maariv 8:35PM

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday - April 12, 13, 14 - Chol Hamoed

Sunday Shacharis 9:00AM
Monday & Tuesday Shacharis 6:30AM

Wednesday, Thursday (Yizkor) - April 15, 16 - Last Days of Yom Tov

Shacharis 9:00AM
Yizkor (Thursday) no earlier than 10:15am
Mincha 7:20PM
Maariv 8:40PM

Candlelighting NYC

But then, there are some things for all the time.

Our freedom is for all times and forever.

"Z'man Cheruseinu" in our prayers refers to the time of our liberation. The freedom which it brought about, our "Cherus Olam", endures, is a constancy and is eternal.

Rabbi Emanuel Gettinger

Eruv Tavshilin

To allow for the preparation of food for Shabbos on a Friday which coincides with Yom Tov, an Eruv Tavshilin must be prepared on Erev Yom Tov.

Accordingly, an Eruv Tavshilin should be prepared on EREV PESACH, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.

The proper procedure, B'racha and Formula for the Eruv Tavshilin can be found in a Siddur or a Machzor.

(NOTE: An ERUV TAVSHILIN will be necessary for SHAVUOS as well since it will occur this year on Friday. The ERUV should be made therefore on EREV SHAVUOS, Thursday, May 28.)

"Being Part of the Crowd" by Rabbi Dovid Cohen



This year I have been fortunate to benefit in my Pesach preparations from a wonderful new Hagadah, "The Seder Night-An Exalted Evening", based on the teachings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (the "Rav"). Throughout his commentary, the Rav communicates ideas about the significance of the inclusion of all members of our nation in the seder experience. All are equal-righteous or wicked, affluent or poor, smart or simple.

The Rav highlights the fact that G-d is referred to as "HaMakom", that after our humble origins as idol worshippers, "HaMakom" brought us close to his service. Invoking such a name, the authors of the Hagadah intend to communicate that G-d is the epi-center of the universe and that He encompasses and envelopes all of creation. No matter the stature or status of the individual, that person is under the rubric and influence of his creator. Hashem includes all of his people, regardless of moral standing or commitment to precepts and commandments.

The Rav also points out that Moshe's name is barely mentioned in the Hagadah. In fact, the Rambam excludes all reference to Moshe in his version of the Hagadah text. This again accents that on this night, G-d confronts the entire community as one. Nobody is given preferential treatment as we were all redeemed from Egypt. This is why at Har Sinai, the culmination of the exodus, the Jewish people stood "Kish Echad Blev Echad."

Ruchi and I wish the entire community a "Freiliche Pesach" (you need to attend my classes to get the joke! :))

Maos Chitim

Dear Friend,

Our annual Maos Chitim Appeal is now in progress.

**April 8 - First Night of Pesach
(Eruv Tavshilin)**

Candlelighting - 7:04PM

April 9 - Second Night of Pesach

Candlelighting - 8:41PM

**April 10 - Erev Shabbos
2nd Day of Pesach**

Candlelighting - 7:06PM

**April 14 - Erev Yom Tov
6th Day of Pesach**

Candlelighting - 7:10PM

April 15 - Seventh Day of Pesach

Candlelighting 8:47PM

**Thursday April 16th - Last Day
Pesach**

Yizkor no earlier than 10:15AM

Friday April 17

Candlelighting - 7:13PM

Friday April 24 - Rosh Chodesh

Candlelighting - 7:20PM

Friday May 1

Candlelighting - 7:28PM

Friday May 8

Candlelighting - 7:35PM

Friday May 15

Candlelighting - 7:42PM

Friday May 22

Candlelighting - 7:48PM

**Thursday May 28 - Erev Shavous
(Eruv Tavshilin)**

Candlelighting - 7:54PM

**Friday May 29 - First Day of
Shavout**

Candlelighting - 7:54PM

Friday June 5

Candlelighting - 7:59PM

With Passover approaching, our first thoughts in preparation for the holiday should be of those in need.

A major beneficiary of our Maos Chitim, as always, will be [Ezras Torah](#). Its tzedakah reaches out to tens of thousands in the Holy Land.

We will also take care of needy Jews in our community including those struggling with job loss and underemployment. We ensure that they have a place at a Seder table and Passover food for the week.

Won't you please send in your contribution now? Your check should be made payable to "Young Israel of the West Side" or donated online by clicking on [maos chitim](#). Please clearly earmark the donation for Maos Chitim.

Today's economic crisis - particularly in Israel - especially affects the poor. Our giving should reflect these increased needs. The Almighty will surely reward your generosity.

With all good wishes for a Happy and Kosher Passover.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Emanuel Gettinger, Rabbi Dovid Cohen & Sheldon Fine

Coconut Pyramids



Ingredients:

Vegetable oil
1 cup of shredded coconut
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs

1. Heat the oven before starting to a temperature of 375°F
2. Mix all the coconut, sugar and eggs together in a bowl until the mixture is of an even consistency.
3. Make small, four-sided pyramid shapes (about 2 inches by 2 inches square)
4. Place the pyramids onto a baking tray which has been previously greased with the vegetable oil
5. Put in the oven and bake until just golden brown. This should take about 15 minutes.

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