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A GUIDE FOR PESACH 5779

DURING THE MONTH OF *NISSAN* (IN GENERAL):

- ***Tachanun:*** *Tachanun* is not recited throughout the entire month.
- ***Nossi:*** From *Rosh Chodesh* until *Yud Gimmel Nissan* the נשיא is said.
- ***Brocho* on Trees:** During *Chodesh Nissan* there is a special *Brocho* to be said on trees that blossom.
- ***Taanis Bechorim (Fast of the first born):*** If the household has a *Bechor*, he [or his father] should not forget to finish his *Masechta* by *Erev Pesach.* (In case he wasn't able to, he can listen to one from the *Rov*).
- ***Matzo:*** We don't eat *Matzo Shmuro* until the *Seder*.
- ***Mivtza Matzo Shmuro* to acquaintances:** One of the ***first*** *Mivtzoim* of the *Rebbe* was that we should distribute *Matzo Shmuro* to friends, neighbors, doctors, etc. that we come in contact with. ***For your convenience, Tzac"h has made a service available – giftmatzah@gmail.com - and they will ship the Matzo to whoever you wish.***
- ***Ma'os Chittim:*** Give money to help others with *Pesach* needs. Mothers, especially, should give, to educate their children.
- **Learning the *Halochois*:** It is customary that fathers set aside time to learn the *Halochois* of *Pesach* with their children. (They can start with the "reminders"....)
- **Four Questions:** Review with the children the פיר קושיות.
- **Selling the *Chometz*:** Any time after *Rosh Chodesh*, the head of the household goes to the *Rov* to appoint him to sell the *Chometz* of the home, office, summer home, etc. It is advisable/educational to take along the children. Those that are traveling eastward

for *Pesach* [e.g., to *Eretz Yisroel*, or further east] should sell the *Chometz* at their destination or discuss this with your *Rov* who will assist you. Those living in Europe and are traveling to the USA should sell it in Europe. In any case, discuss it with the Rov.

- **Not home for *Pesach:*** Those who are going away for *Pesach,* and sell their entire home through the *Rov* (and no one will enter their home during *Pesach*), do not need to do *Bedikas chometz* in their home [They will do *Bedikas Chometz* at their destination]. It is advisable to discuss the details with the *Rov*.
- ***Koshering* the Kitchen:** If help is needed for *Koshering* the kitchen, you may contact R' Shaltiel Lebovic (1888gokosher).
- **Medicines and special gluten free diets:** Those who take medicines on a regular basis should consult with their doctor if it is necessary to do so during *Pesach*. If yes, contact the *Rov* **but please don't wait for the last minute a**s many times it may take a few days for research. The same applies to gluten free diets.
- **Bais** (second day in) **Nissan, Yorzeit of the Rebbe Rashab:** See *Sefer Haminhogim* page 86 regarding the customs of a *Yom Hahilula* of a *Rebbe*.
- ***Yud Alef Nissan*:** Make all the relevant preparations for **the *Rebbe*'s 117th birthday.**
- **Haircuts:** Remind the men and boys to get haircuts before *Yom Tov*, and not wait until *Erev Yom Tov*, for there are many *Shailos*... From *Erev Pesach* after *Chatzos* (midday) until *Erev Shavuos* it is our custom not to cut one's hair.
- ***Bedikas Chometz* in the office:** If the office will be used on *Pesach,* and it is distant from the house, and it will be difficult to go there on Thursday night prior to *Pesach*, ask the *Rov* for the procedures of an "early" *Bedikas Chometz*.

THINGS TO BUY IN ADVANCE:

- ***Bedikas Chometz* set:** consisting of a paper bag, a candle, a feather, a wooden spoon, string and a paper to wrap all of the above.
- ***Matzos*:** Buy enough *Matzo* for the *Sedorim*, all 8 days of *Pesach*, guests, etc. Don't wait for the last minute.
- **Wine:** Buy enough wine for the *Sedorim*, all 8 days of Pesach, the 4 cups for *Acharon Shel Pesach*, as well as for guests, etc. *Suggestion*: if you have a אינו-יהודי/ה working in the house, or are making a public *seder* etc. buy only יין מבושל (unless you can have special arrangements).
- ***Haggadas*:** Buy enough *Haggadas* for the parents and adults, as well as for the children ***with pictures** – per the Rebbe's instruction,* (if they don't have yet, or they haven't received one from school, etc.)
- ***Siddurim* and *Benchers*:** We try not to use the same *siddurim* on *Pesach* that have been around the house during the rest of the yea, so it is suggested to purchase new ones.
- **Scale:** There are those who buy a small kitchen scale (portion control) to measure the correct amounts for the *Matzo* and *Moror*.
- **Candles and candle-holders:** Those that use glass holders that need to be cleaned after each use, should ensure that they have enough for two days of Yom Tov, as on Yom Tov there is a *shailo* regarding the removal of the washer that is stuck to the wax.
- **Long-lasting candles** (like a *Yartzeit Licht*): At least two long-lasting candles for those who do not have a gas flame lit over *Yom Tov*. However, those who have household help should light one even if there is a gas flame lit, for sometimes the maid turns off the flame.
- **Clothes and Jewelry:** One should buy clothes and jewelry for his wife and children according to his means.

- **Carbon monoxide detector:** Those who have the gas on for a prolonged time should ensure that they have proper ventilation and that they have a proper carbon monoxide alarm system in place. Make sure to test it a couple of days before YomTov.
- **Vacuum cleaner bag:** To be replaced on Erev Pesach.

ALSO TO PLAN THE PURCHASES OF THOSE THINGS THAT WILL BE BOUGHT CLOSER TO *YOM TOV*, SUCH AS:

- Fish.
- Chicken.
- *Zeroa* for the *Ke'oro* (the neck of the chicken).
- Eggs.
- Lettuce.
- *Maror*.
- Potatoes.
- Onions.
- Nuts.
- Fruits for *Charoses*: **apples, pears, nuts,** etc. If one is using fruits from *Eretz Yisroel*, ensure they have a proper *Hechsher* so that *Terumos* and *Ma'aseros* have been taken.

SHABBOS HAGODOL, 8 NISSAN

- After *Mincha* we read the *Haggadah* from "עבדים היינו" until "לכפר על כל עונותינו" (at the end of the paragraph "על אחת כמה וכמה"). The *Rebbe* would say it with the *Minyan*, while sitting at his place.

MOTZO'EI SHABBOS HAGODOL

- In *Ma'ariv* we say "ויהי נועם" and "ואתה קדוש".
- **Kidush Levono:** If one did not yet say *Kiddush Levana* and there is a visible moon, then it should be recited tonight.
- **Havdolo:** Right after *Havdolo* don't forget to put away the *Bsomim* in the *Chometz (*as our custom is not to use *Bsomim* on *Pesach*).

TUESDAY, YUD ALEF NISSAN יום הבהיר - י"א ניסן, THE REBBE'S 117TH BIRTHDAY.

- After Davening we begin to say the Rebbe's new Kapittel, 118, in Tehillim.
- This is a day for reflection and taking on Hachlotos Toivos, and it is appropriate to read additional details in Sefer Haminhogim p. 85.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

- If one has braces, retainers, fillings or false teeth he should refrain from eating hot (or sharp) *Chometz* from now on, and at least to ensure that cold chometz does not get stuck, and to clean these well. (See further concerning what must be done tomorrow night.)

THURSDAY, 13 NISSAN, י"ג ניסן, יום ההילולא של הצמח צדק. 150THYORZEIT שנת הק"ן OF THE TZEMACH TZEDEK

- See Sefer Haminhogim page 86 regarding the customs of a Yom Hahilula of a Rebbe.
- Today, instead of the נשיא, we say from "זאת חנוכה המזבח" until "כן עשה את המנורה" and we do not say the Yehi Rotzon.

THURSDAY EVENING:

- ***Bedikas Chometz after see calendar page 12.***

- **Ensure before *Bedikas Chometz* that the *Chometz* was sold!! Do not begin *Bedikas Chometz* until this has been done!**
- We search for the *Chometz* after *Ma'ariv*.
- *Chometz* that is left to be eaten tomorrow morning should be put away so that the children do not get to it. The areas that are to be sold to the *goy* **should be closed off and marked.**
- All the areas where chometz is stored should be locked and marked at this time.
- We prepare: 1. A **bag** to place the *Chometz* which is found during the *Bedika*, 2. A **wooden spoon**, 3. A **feather,** 4. A **paper** to wrap around all of the above, 5. **String** to tie the paper, 6. **Ten pieces of *Chometz*** as follows:
- a. We take ten pieces of *Chometz*, preferably something that does not make crumbs.
- b. Each piece should be less than a *kezayis.*
- c. We wrap each one in paper or napkin, not foil, so that it should burn well.
- d. We put them out in several different places in the house.
- e. It is better to put them in the corners of the rooms rather than in the middle of the rooms.
- Someone should write down where each piece was placed.
- There are those who have the custom to wash נטילת ידים before beginning the search.
- The father should gather the members of the household next to him when he makes the *Brocho*.
- After the *Brocho*, one should not speak until completing the *Bedika*. The search should be performed slowly and meticulously, and should begin in the room closest to where he is when reciting the *Brocho*.
- The places that will be sold to the *goy* and are sealed for the duration of *Yom Tov* do not have to be searched.
- The *Chometz* that is found is placed in the paper bag.
- If one of the ten pieces is lost or misplaced, call the *Rav* after the *Bedika*.
- After the *Bedika* say the first "*Kol Chamiro*" and then wrap the paper around the bag, the candle, the feather and the spoon, making sure that the handle of the spoon is visible and then tie it. Ensure that there is at least a *Kezayis* of *Chometz* to burn.
- **Thank you!!!** The father should give a heartfelt "Thank you" to the mother and the children for having done such a superb job in preparing the house so nice and clean for *Pesach*.
- If the father has not yet done *bedikas Chometz* in the office (and it will not be sold in the *chometz*), he should do that at this point.
- **Car:** Don't forget to make a Bedika in the car (if it will be used on Pesach). It can be done with a flashlight.
- **Vacuum cleaner bag:** Remember to empty and discard the vacuum cleaner bag.
- **Retainers, fillings and braces:** Whoever has fillings or braces should rinse their mouth with hot or warm water (hot or warm as they would usually use when having a tea or coffee). Whoever has retainers for their teeth, should also pour hot water on them (not boiling water that may ruin them).
- **Be very careful with any *Chometz* left over for the next day. It should be put out of reach of the children.**

FRIDAY MORNING, EREV PESACH, BIRTHDAY OF THE RAMBAM

UNTIL AFTER BIUR CHOMETZ, IN BRIEF:

- ***Mikva*.**
- ***Shacharis* (**we don't say מזמור לתודה**).**
- ***Siyum* for the *Bechorim*.**
- **End of the time for eating *Chometz:*** See local calendar for times. (In New York: before 10:40 am.)
- **End of the time for burning *Chometz:*** see calendar page 12.

FRIDAY, EREV SHABBOS, EREV PESACH יום הפסח ערב חג ניסן, י"ד - הולדתו של הרמב"ם - RAMBAM'S BIRTHDAY

IN THE MORNING UNTIL AFTER *BIUR* (BURNING OF THE) *CHOMETZ*:

- Mikva.
- ***Shacharis* (**we don't say מזמור לתודה**).**
- ***Siyum* for the *Bechorim*:** All Bechorim (first-born) fast on Erev Pesach unless they participate in a Seudas Mitzva or Siyum. If the father is a B'chor, or he has a son younger than Bar-Mitzva that is the first-born to his mother or father, the father should participate in a Siyum that is usually held after Shacharis in Shul, and bring the child along as well.
- ***Mechiras Chometz*:** If it has not yet been done, **run** to the Rov and take care of it.
- **Nails:** It is best to cut your nails before Chatzos (midday).
- **Haircut:** Must be done before Chatzos. If one forgot, it may be done after Chatzos through a Goy.
- **Eating Chometz:** Stop eating chometz before see calendar page 12.
- **Garbage:** Remove all garbage from the house.

BURNING THE *CHOMETZ*:

- **Checking the pockets:** Prior to burning the *Chometz,* check the pockets of clothing, especially of the children, in their coat pockets, etc. for any *chometz.*
- ***Ten pieces:*** Burning of the *Chometz* must also be with ten pieces, therefore, if any pieces were lost during the *Bdika*, be sure to add the correct amount of pieces missing.
- **End of the time for burning *Chometz*:** (see calendar page 12) after which one says the second "כל חמירא" and the "יהי רצון". Gas should not be used, just a regular fire.

FRIDAY, ערב חג הפסח—FROM BIUR CHOMETZ UNTIL THE EVENING:

- **What we do/don't eat:** We do not drink wine nor eat *Matzo*. We also don't eat any of the foods that are used in the *Keoro* for *Charoses* (apples, pears and nuts) and *Maror* until after "*Korech*" of the second Seder. Eggs and potatoes may be eaten. This applies to children as well.
- **Sleeping:** If possible, children should nap during the day so they will be able to be awake for the *Seder.*
- ***Rambam*'s birthday:** we study something in honor of the *Rambam*'s birthday.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE *SEDARIM* AND THE MEALS:

- **Important: As this year the first *Seder* night is on Friday night, everything for the *Seder* must be prepared on Friday during the day.**
- **Roasting:** On both nights of the Sedarim we do not eat meat or chicken that was roasted.

- **Checking Lettuce:** Check the lettuce leaves for bugs and wash and dry them.
- ***Maror* (*Chrein*):** Grind the Maror and some store it in a tightly sealed container so it should not lose its sharpness.
- ***Charoses:*** Prepare the Charoses, which consists of apples, pears and nuts. The Rebbe brings down a nice "siman" from the Ariza"l for these ingredients: It says in the posuk "אבן". חרושת אבן Is the acronym for אֵיפֶל בַּארִין נִיסָן. (eppel-apple, baren-pears, nissn-nuts) This year, because of Shabbos, we add the wine to the Charoses on Friday rather than on shabbos during the seder.
- **Eggs:** Cook the eggs for the Sedarim until they are hard-boiled.
- ***Zeroa*:** Roast the Zeroa to put on the Ke'ara.
- **Salt-water**: Prepare the salt-water. (If one forgot, he may prepare on Shabbos only the amount which is needed for the dipping).
- ***Matzos*:** Open the packages and boxes of Matzo and make sure there are enough whole Matzos to use for the Seder.
- **Wine:** Open the bottles of wine. (Those who drink white wine but they mix a little red wine into it in honor of the Seder, it is preferable to mix them on Friday).

PREPARATIONS FOR YOM TOV:

- **Nails:** It is best to cut your nails before *Chatzos* (mid-day). If one forgot, they may be cut after *Chatzos*.
- ***Shabbos* Clock:** Ensure that the *Shabbos* clock is set for both *Sedarim*.
- ***Eiruv Chatzeiros*** (in apartment buildings, two-family houses, neighbors etc.)**:** For those who need—don't forget to make an *Eiruv Chatzeiros* to be used the entire year.

MINCHA AND SEDER KORBAN PESACH

- ***Mincha*:** We daven earlier than usual for time is needed to say "Seder Korban Pesach" before Sh'kia.
- Before Mincha we say "Hodu" and "Posach Eliyohu".
- ***Seder Korban Pesach*:** After Mincha and before Sh'kia one says the "Seder Korban Pesach". One should read it in the proper time so the reading should be in place of the sacrifice, and one should entreat Hashem to rebuild the Beis Hamikdash speedily in our days and we should be able to bring the Korban Pesach, Amen. (See לקוטי שיחות חלק ל"ב ע' 36).

RIGHT BEFORE YOM TOV:

- **Long-lasting candles** (like a *Yartzeit Licht*): **Light the long-lasting** candles for those who do not have a gas flame lit over *Yom Tov*. [Those who have household help should light one even if there is a gas flame lit, for sometimes the maid turns off the flame].
- **Candles and candle-holders:** Those that use glass holders that need to be cleaned after each use should ensure that they have enough for two days of Yom Tov, as on Yom Tov there is a *shailo* regarding the removal of the washer that is stuck to the wax.

HADLOKAS HANEIROS – CANDLE LIGHTING

- Candle lighting time is 18 (23) minutes before *Shkiah.* (In NY: 7:21 pm).
- **<u>Those that are eating elsewhere - do not forget to light candles at the right time!</u>** If one missed lighting candles tonight, a *Rov* should be contacted after *Yom Tov* to determine what should be done for the future.
- ***Tzedaka:*** Give *Tzedaka* equivalent to two days for *Shabbos* and *Yom Tov*.

- ***Berochois*/blessings:** The two *Brachos* said are: להדליק נר של שבת ושל יום טוב, and שהחיינו.

IN THE EVENING:

- **Preparing the Table:** While the father is in Shul davening Ma'ariv, those at home should set the table with all the necessary items and utensils needed for the Seder. The Ke'ara should not be set up, for the father will put it together as soon as he returns from Shul.
- ***Ma'ariv*:**
- 1. Tefillah for Friday night starts from "מזמור לדוד".
    - 2. At the end of "Lecha Dodi" we say "Gam Besimcha Uvetzoholo".
    - 3. The Amidah is that of Sholosh Regolim.
    - 4. After the Amida we say Vayechulu and the entire Hallel is recited ("Brocho meain sheva" is not recited.).
    - 5. Mizmor Ledovid, Aleinu leshabeach.
- The Father should see to it that he comes home from Shul **immediately** after Maariv so the seder can start in a timely manner before the children get tired.

THE FIRST SEDER:

- ***Minhag Beis HaRav* – the custom in the *Rebbe*'s house:** Throughout the generations, the custom was to begin the first *Seder* immediately after *Ma'ariv*, and to eat the *Afikoman* before *Chatzos* (see calendar page 12).
- Before beginning the *Seder* one should give the children nuts so they see a "change". This will cause them to ask "*Ma Nishtano*... why is this night different?"....
- **<u>If one forgot to prepare the:</u>**
    - ***Zeroa:*** you may place instead a piece of boiled meat (or any boiled item).
    - ***Beitza*:** you may place instead a boiled item.
    - ***Chrein*:** cut some pieces but do not grate.
    - ***Charoses*:** cut the fruits into pieces and then you add a little wine with a *shinui* (i.e. first put wine and then add the pieces etc.)
    - **Salt water:** it is prepared with a *shinui* (i.e. first put in the salt then the water) and make a minimal amount with just a little salt.
- [The details concerning the *Seder* are in a different document]
- It is best to eat the *Afikoman* before *Chatzos*, (see calendar page 12).
- By *Mayim Achronim*, until the end of *Shvi'i Shel Pesach* we do not pass our fingers over our lips.
- By "*Shfoch Chamoscho*" we go to the door **without** the candles.
- ***Krias Shema:*** In *Krias Shema* before going to sleep, recite only the first paragraph of *Shema* (until ובשעריך) and the *Bracha* of המפיל.

SHABBOS, 15 NISSAN, THE FIRST DAY OF YOM TOV

- ***Sof Zman*** (latest time for) ***Krias Sh'ma:*** In NY: see calendar page 12.
- ***Birchas Kohanim*:** Prepare the children to attend *Shul* to hear *Birchas Kohanim* which is done at the end of *Musaf*.
- ***Hallel*:** After the *Amida* for *Shalosh Regolim* the entire *Hallel* is recited.
- מוריד הטל:
    - In *Musaf*, after the *Gabbai*'s announcement, we begin to say "מוריד הטל".
    - If one forgot and said משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם: if one remembered before saying "ברוך אתה

״ה׳ מחי׳ המתים״, return to ״אתה גבור״. However, if one remembered after saying the *Bracha*, return to the beginning of the *Amida*.

- One who is *davening* at home should estimate what time *Musaf* is said in *Shul*, and should then daven *Musaf* and say מוריד הטל.
- After *Musaf* we recite "*Velokachto Soles*" and "*Shesh Zchiros*".

- **Kiddush:** *Kiddush* at the start of the meal is that of Shabbos and *Shalosh Regalim*. *"Mizmor ledovid"* until "*vayekadshehu*" are said quietly and then recite out loud: ״אלה מועדי״.

BIRCHAS HAMAZON:

- ***(Retzei and) Yaale Veyovo:*** We add (רצה and) ״יעלה ויבא״ in *Birchas Hamazon*. If one forgot and remembered after beginning the following *Bracha* (even if he only said "ברוך") must begin *bentching* again. However, if he remembered before beginning the next *Bracha*, he should say the text printed in the *Siddur*: ״ברוך.. אשר נתן..״.
- הרחמן**:** At the end of *Birchas Hamazon* we add *Horachamon* of *Shabbos* and ״הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב״.
- **During the day:** One is not allowed to prepare on *Shabbos* for the next day, therefore one may not prepare anything for the *Seder* of tonight.
- In Mincha we do not say "*Tzidkoscho*".

MOTZOEI SHABBOS, THE SECOND NIGHT OF _YOM TOV_—FIRST NIGHT OF _SEFIRAS HA'OMER_

- All preparations for the Seder and the Seuda may begin after Tzeis Hakochovim (nightfall) see calendar page 12.
- In order to start doing any preparations for the Seder, the women must first say (after Tzeis Hakochovim) "Boruch Hamavdil bein Koidesh Lekoidesh", and only then may they commence the preparations for the seder (even before Maariv).

***MA'ARIV*:**

- *Tefillah* for *Shalosh Regolim*, beginning from "שיר המעלות".
- In the *Amida* of *Sholosh Regolim* we add *"Vatodieinu"*. If one forgot, then after the *Amidah* he says "*Boruch Hamavdil bein Koidesh Lekoidesh*".
- After the *Amidah* the entire *Hallel* is recited.
- ***Sefiras Ha'Omer*:** Tonight we start counting *Sefiras Ha'omer* (יום אחד לעומר)**.**

THE SECOND SEDER:

- Candle Lighting:
  - Candles should be lit after nightfall (In NY: after ? pm.) or close to the start of the *Seder* **from an existing flame.**
- The *Brachos* recited are ״להדליק נר של יו״ט״ and ״שהחיינו״.
  - If it is necessary to bring a candle from a neighbor, cover it before walking outside so the wind should not extinguish the flame.

BEFORE THE SEDER BEGINS:

- ***Sefiras Ha'omer*:** Remind everyone to count Sefiras Ha'Omer.
- **<u>Ensure that all the women have lit candles. If there are not enough candles, do not rely on lighting after the Seder, rather borrow candles from a neighbor so that all the women can light candles before beginning the *Seder.*</u>**
- ***<u>Minhag Bais Harav</u>,*** throughout the generations, was to spend more time on the second night at the Seder, and the Rebbe would elaborate on the explanations of the

Haggada, Divrei Torah and His'orerus and were not particular to eat the Afikoman before Chatzos.

- **Zeroa:** If one forgot to roast it on *Erev Yom Tov*, they may roast only what is needed for the *Seder*, and be sure to eat it the next day, as roasted meat may not be eaten at night and we may not prepare from *Yom Tov* for after *Yom Tov*.
- ***Beitza:*** If one forgot to prepare the boiled eggs, they may be cooked at night. However, since one is not allowed to prepare on *Yom Tov* for after *Yom Tov*, cook only what is needed for the *Seder*, and be sure to eat them at the beginning of the meal or the next day.

AFTER THE SECOND SEDER

- Until 5731 the *Rebbe* would come to the *Shul* downstairs, after the Seder (about 1:30 am) and say several *Sichos* on the *Hagadda* and sometimes also a *Maamor.* May we merit this year to hear more *Maamorim* and *Sichos*!
- ***Krias Shema****:* Before going to sleep, *Krias Shma* is said like by any other *Yom Tov*.

SUNDAY, 16 *NISSAN* – SECOND DAY OF *YOM TOV*

- ***Sof Zman Krias Shma:*** see calendar page 12.
- ***Davening:***
  - ***Birchas Kohanim***: Prepare the children to attend *Shul* to attend *Birchas Kohanim* which is done at the end of *Musaf*.
  - ***Hallel*:** After the *Amida* of *Shacharis* for *Shalosh Regolim* the entire *Hallel* is recited.

MEAL:

- ***Kiddush:*** *Kiddush* is that for *Shalosh Regolim* and we begin from "אתקינו וכו' אלה מועדי וגו'".
- ***Esther's* Feast:** It is customary to mention/ do something during the meal of the day to remember Esther's feast which was on this day.
- ***Birchas Hamazon*:**
  - יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot to say it and remembered after he already began the next *bracha* (even if he only said ברוך) he must begin *bentching* again. But if he remembered before he said ברוך he should say what it says in the *siddur* "..ברוך..אשר נתן.."
  - הרחמן: We add "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".
- מסכת סוטה**:** We start learning מסכת סוטה – one page per day. Today we learn the שער בלאט as is explained at length in the *sicha* of ערב חג השבועות תשמ"ה.

MOTZOEI YOM-TOV – BEGINNING OF CHOL HAMOED

- In *Ma'ariv* (see calendar page 12) we add four things:
- מוריד הטל: If one said משיב הרוח and remembered before he said "ברוך אתה ה' מחי' המתים" he goes back to אתה גבור. If, however, he remembered after that - he starts the *Amidah* again. (This applies for the next thirty days).
- אתה חוננתנו: If one forgot to say it and remembers after he said "ה" of חונן הדעת he doesn't go back and just says ברוך המבדיל בין קודש לחול after he finishes davening.
- ותן ברכה: **We say** ותן ברכה **for the first time.**
- If one mistakenly said ותן טל ומטר לברכה - then:
  - If he remembered before he finished the *bracha*, he starts the *bracha* again.
  - If he reminded himself before he finished the *Amidah* he goes back to ברכת השנים.
  - However, if he finished the *Amidah* – he has to repeat it from the beginning.

- יעלה ויבא: We add *Ya'ale Veyovo* in the *Shmone Esrei*.
  - If one mistakenly forgot to say it, then:
  - If he remembers before he says "ה" of "המחזיר שכינתו לציון" he says יעלה ויבא there and then continues.
  - If he already said 'ה and remembers before he begins מודים he says it there.
  - If he remembers before he says the second יהיו לרצון, he goes back to רצה.
  - If he remembers after the second יהיו לרצון he must repeat the *Amidah* again from the beginning.
- ***Sefiras Haomer***: Tonight we count two days to the *Omer*.

HAVDALA:

- We say the regular Havdala but we do not use the *Besomim* nor the candle.
- We don't say ויתן לך.

MONDAY, FIRST DAY OF CHOL HAMOED – 17 NISSAN

IN SHACHARIS:

- We don't say מזמור לתודה.
- We add in the *Amidah*:
  - מוריד הטל: If one said משיב הרוח and remembered **before** he said ברוך אתה ה' מחי' המתים he starts again from אתה גבור. If, however, he remembered after that - he begins the *Amida* from the beginning. (This applies for thirty days).
  - ותן ברכה: If one mistakenly said ותן טל ומטר לברכה- then:
  - If he remembered before he finished the bracha, he starts the bracha again.
  - If he reminded himself before he finished the *Amidah* he goes back to ברכת השנים.
  - However, if he finished the *Amidah* – he has to repeat it from the beginning.
  - יעלה ויבא: We add *Yaale Vayovo* in *Shmone Esrei*.
  - If one mistakenly forgot to say it, then:
  - If he remembers before he says "ה" of "המחזיר שכינתו לציון" he says יעלה ויבא there and then continues.
  - If he already said 'ה and remembers before he begins מודים he says it there.
  - If he remembers before he says the second יהיו לרצון, he goes back to רצה.
  - If he remembers after the second יהיו לרצון he must repeat the *Amidah* again from the beginning.
  - Half הלל.
  - *Mussaf* for שלש רגלים.
- **Cup of wine**: Every day of חול המועד it is customary to drink one cup of wine with one of the meals.
- **Bentching**: יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot and remembered only after he began ברוך אתה... even if he only said ברוך, he continues *bentching*. If, however, he remembered after saying בונה ברחמיו וכו' but before he said ברוך of ברוך.. הא-ל אבינו, he should say what it says in the *siddur* "ברוך אשר נתן...".
- **During the day**: We learn מסכתא סוטה דף ב'.
- **In Maariv:** *Sefiras Haomer* - Day number Three.

TUESDAY, SECOND DAY OF CHOL HAMOED – 18 NISSAN, ח"י ניסן BIRTHDAY OF R' LEVI YITZCHOK SCHNEERSON – THE REBBE'S FATHER, AND THE DAY OF THE REBBE'S BRIS.

- **Shacharis**:
  - like yesterday

- **Cup of wine:** Every day of חול המועד, it is customary to drink one cup of wine with one of the meals.
- ***Bentching***: יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot – see above on first day of Chol Hamoed.
- **During the day:** Learn מסכתא סוטה דף ג׳.
- **In *Maariv*:** Sefiras Haomer - Day Number four.

WEDNESDAY, THIRD DAY OF CHOL HAMOED

- ***Shacharis***:
  - Like yesterday
- **Cup of wine:** Every day of חול המועד, it is customary to drink one cup of wine with one of the meals.
- ***Bentching***: יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot – see above on first day of *Chol Hamoed*.
- **During the day:** Learn מסכתא סוטה דף ד׳.
- **In *Maariv:*** *Sefiras Haomer* - Day Number five.

THURSDAY, FOURTH DAY OF CHOL HAMOED, EREV YOM TOV

- ***Shacharis****:*
  - Like yesterday.
- **Cup of wine:** Every day of חול המועד, it is customary to drink one cup of wine with one of the meals.
- ***Bentching***: יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot – see above on first day of *Chol Hamoed*.
- **During the day:** Learn מסכתא סוטה דף ה׳

EIRUV TAVSHILIN

- **DON'T FORGET TO MAKE AN *EIRUV TAVSHILIN* ON *EREV YOM TOV*!!**
- Take a whole *Matza*, and a *kezayis* of a cooked item, like fish or meat. Hand this to someone (older than *Bar Mitzva*) who is NOT a member of the household, and do the procedure and say the *Nusach* that is written in the *Siddur*.
- Put the *Eiruv* aside until *Shabbos (Acharon Shel Pesach)* when it should be eaten (see below).
- **Reminder:** The *Eiruv Tavshilin* is not only for cooking from *Yom Tov* to *Shabbos*, but also for lighting candles on Friday evening. Therefore, those who will not be eating at home on *Shabbos*, should light where they will be eating or should at least put up some water to cook for *Shabbos* to enable them to make an *Eruv Tavshilin*. If they are not putting up anything to cook but they are lighting candles at home (from a pre-existing flame), they should make an *Eruv Tavshilin* without a *Brocho.*
- ***Mincha:*** Korbonois, Ashrei, Amidah (Morid Hatol, V'sain Brocho, Yaale Veyovoi), Aleinu.

BEFORE *YOM TOV* STARTS:

- ***Long lasting candle:*** If one does not have a gas fire lit for the duration of *Yom Tov*, he should light a long lasting candle (like *yorzeit licht*) that will last for a minimum of 26 hours, in order to be able to light candles the second night of *Yom Tov* (Friday night). Those who plan to have a gas fire lit and have hired help should light a *Licht* as a precaution because sometimes the helper turns off the gas flame.
- **Candles:** Those that use glass holders for their candles (that must be cleaned before each use) should make sure to have enough clean holders to last for both nights of *Yom Tov*.
- ***Shabbos Clock*:** Ascertain that the *Shabbos clocks* are set for both days and evenings of *Yom Tov.*

CANDLE LIGHTING:

- ***Tzedaka:*** Give *tzedaka* for two days of *Yom Tov*.
- Candles should be lit 18 minutes before sunset (see calendar page 12), just like every *Erev Shabbos*. However, if one missed the correct time they may light later from a pre-existing flame (preferably right before the meal).
- **Those who are going to eat elsewhere (not at home) should not forget to light candles.**
- Say the *Bracha* להדליק נר של יום טוב and **DO NOT** say שהחיינו.
- **The *Simcha* of *Shvii* and *Acharon Shel Pesach* is greater than the Simcha of the other days of *Pesach***
  (Sefer Haminhogim)
- ***Maariv:*** Begin from שיר המעלות; the *Amida* is of שלש רגלים, and then count *Sefira.*
- ***Sefira*** - Day Number Six.

THE MEAL:

- Before you start the meal - ensure that all the women, especially the guests, have lit candles.
- ***Kiddush*:** of *Sholosh Regolim*, Begin from סברי מרנן and **do not** say שהחיינו.
- ספר השיחות ת״ש: At an opportune time, it is proper to read the story of the *Rebbetzin* in her youth from ספר השיחות ת"ש, pages 71-72 סעיפים ב, ג, ד. Additionally, there is a fascinating explanation of the *Rebbe* about this in לקו״ש חלק ל״ז page 14 and onward.

BENTCHING

- יעלה ויבא: is added in *bentching*. If one forgot to say it and remembered after he already began the next *bracha* (even if he only said ברוך) he must begin *bentching* again, but if he remembered before he said ברוך he should say what it says in the *siddur* ״ברוך..אשר נתן.
- הרחמן: We add הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב .
- ***Shvi'i Shel Pesach* At Night: I**t is a Lubavitch custom to stay awake all night and learn.

• FRIDAY, EREV SHABBOS, SHVI'I SHEL PESACH, 21 NISSAN

- ***Birchas Kohanim***: Prepare children for *Birchas Kohanim* at the end of *Mussaf*.
- ***Hallel***: After the *Amida,* half *Hallel* is recited.
- שירת הים**:** During *Krias Hatorah* when שירת הים is read it is customary to stand.
- **The *Seudah* (meal)**
- ***Kiddush***: *Kiddush* is that of *Shalosh Regalim* and we begin from אלה מועדי....אתקינו.
- ***Bentching***:
  - יעלה ויבא: is added in *bentching*. If one forgot to say it and remembered after he already began the next *bracha* (even if he only said ברוך) he must begin *bentching* again. But if he remembered before he said ברוך he should say what it says in the *siddur* ״ברוך..אשר נתן.
  - הרחמן: We add הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב.

DURING THE DAY:

- Learn מסכתא סוטה דף ו׳
- תהלוכה: Lubavitch custom is to go on *Tahalucha* on *Shvi'i shel Pesach*.

PREPARATIONS FOR *SHABBOS:*

- Anyone who made an *Eruv Tavshilin* should prepare any cooking that needs to be done for *Shabbos* early on in the day so that there is enough time before *Shabbos* for the food to be fully cooked and ready to eat (including the *cholent*.)
- ***Kneidlach* for *Acharon Shel Pesach:*** There are several *Minhogim* regarding this (whether to prepare them today or not). Each person should follow their family *Minhog*. The

authors opinion is that Kneidlach may be made with the following three conditions: 1. That they are prepared on Friday afternoon. 2. That the utensils used for the preparations will be put away and not be used for anything else this Pesach. 3. This applies **only to someone who made an *Eiruv Tavshilin*!**

- In *Mincha*, הודו is not said but פתח אליהו and ידיד נפש are.
- Those who are celebrating *Seudas Moshiach* in a public place (*Shul, Bais Chabad* etc.) should remember to bring the *Matzos* and the wine **before *Shabbos*.**

BEFORE *SHABBOS*

- **Candle Lighting:** Candle lighting is 18 minutes before sunset. (see calendar page 12). If someone missed the time, they may **not** light later.
- **Those that are not eating at home should not forget to light candles at home before, at the proper time, or should go to their hosts and light there 18 minutes before *Shkiah*.**
- You may light only from a pre-existing flame.
- Say the *Bracha* להדליק נר של שבת ושל יום טוב and **we do not say** *Shehecheyonu*.

MAARIV

- We begin from מזמור לדוד.
- In לכה דודי we say גם_בשמחה ובצהלה .
- *Amida* is that of *Yom Tov* (with the additions of *Shabbos*)
- ***Sefiras Haomer*** – Day Number Seven, one week.

KIDDUSH AND THE MEAL:

- It is a *minhag* to use the *Matza* of the *Eiruv Tavshilin* as לחם משנה but not to eat it (until tomorrow).
- Say quietly: שלום עליכם, אשת חיל, מזמור לדוד and דא היא סעודתא.
- ***Kiddush*:** of *Sholosh Regolim*. Begin from יום השישי and **do not** say שהחיינו.
- ***Gebrokts*:** We stress the concept of eating שרוי' – געבראקטס with every part of the meal.
- מים אחרונים**:** We once again put water over the lips.

BENTCHING:

- *Retzei* and *yaale veyovo* are added in *bentching*. If one forgot to say *yaale veyovo* and remembered after he already began the next *bracha* (even if he only said ברוך) he must begin *bentching* again. But if he remembered before he said ברוך he should say what it says in the *siddur* "ברוך . . אשר נתן
- הרחמן: We add the *Horachamon* for *Shabbos* and הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב .

SHABBOS, ACHARON SHEL PESACH, 22 NISSAN

- ***Birchas Kohanim***: Prepare children for *Birchas Kohanim* at the end of *Mussaf*.
- ***Hallel***: After the *Amida*, half *Hallel* is recited.
- ***Yizkor***: Before *Musaf* we add ***Yizkor***. Those who have to say *Yizkor* and cannot attend *Shul* may say it at home.
- ***Mussaf*** for שלש רגלים .
- ולקחת סולת: After *Musaf* we say *Velokachto Soles* etc.

KIDDUSH AND THE MEAL:

- It is a *minhag* to use the *Matza* of the *Eiruv Tavshilin* as לחם משנה (Some eat it at *Seuda Shlishis,* however this year it may be an issue if *Seudas Moshiach* is in another location, so it is eaten now).

- ***Kiddush*:** Everything before *Kiddush* is said like a regular *Shabbos* until ויקדשהו, but **quietly**. Then we say אלה מועדי out loud.
- ***Gebrokts*:** We stress the concept of eating שרוי' – געבראקטס with every part of the meal.
- מים אחרונים: We once again put water over the lips.

BENTCHING

- *Retzei* and *yaale veyovo* are added in *bentching*. If one forgot to say *yaale veyovo* and remembered after he already began the next *bracha* (even if he only said ברוך) he must begin *bentching* again. But if he remembered before he said ברוך he should say what it says in the *siddur* "ברוך . . אשר נתן"
- הרחמן: We add the *Horachamon* of *Shabbos* and הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב .
- **During the day:** learn מסכתא סוטה דף ז׳.

MINCHA

- We daven *Mincha* (we don't say Tz*idkoscho*) and then we prepare for *Seudas Moshiach*.

SEUDAS MOSHIACH

- We wash our hands like for any other meal (**before** *shkiah*, and eat at least a כזית before *shkiah*).
- Some have the custom to eat the *Matza* of the *Eiruv Tavshilin (if the Seuda is in their home or where there is an Eiruv)*.
- **Drink 4 cups of wine** – "with the intention that this is for *Geulah*. If one is unsure if he had this in mind, he should surely drink again, being that through drinking this he hastens *Moshiach*'s arrival, and therefore it must be done properly". [quote from the Rebbe's Maamor on Acharon shel Pesach 5749].
- It is customary to sing *Niggunim* from all the *Rabbeim* and then האפ קאזאק.
- ***Moshiach*'s Dance:** There are two explanations for this: The first is, that it is a dance welcoming *Moshiach*, and the second is, a dance in which *Moshiach* partakes; we explain it the way it is worth it for us - the second... (From a *Sicha* of the *Rebbe*).
- Bentching
- *Retzei* and *yaale veyovo* are added in *bentching*. If one forgot to say *yaale veyovo* and remembered after he already began the next *bracha* (even if he only said ברוך) he must begin *bentching* again. But if he remembered before he said ברוך he should say what it says in the *siddur* "ברוך . . אשר נתן"
- הרחמן: We add the *Horachamon* of *Shabbos* and הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב .

THE END OF *YOM TOV*

- ***Maariv*** (or saying ברוך המבדיל בין קודש לחול): see calendar page 12.
- אתה חוננתנו is said. If one forgot to say it and remembers after he said "ה" of חונן הדעת he doesn't go back, rather, after he finishes the *Amida*, says ברוך המבדיל בין קודש לחול.
- ויהי נועם and ואתה קדוש are recited.
- ***Sefiras Haomer*** – Day Number Eight- One week and one day.
- The custom is to wait some time after Maariv (or after המבדיל בין קודש לחול) before opening the *Chometz* places etc. (till after the *Rov* and the *Orev Kablon* arrange the purchase etc.) Some have the custom to wait about an hour after the end of *Yom Tov*.
- **Havdala:** Regular, with בשמים and אש, and ויתן לך is said.
- On מוצאי יום טוב it is customary to wish
- א געזונטן זומער און א פריילִיכען תמיד !

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SEARCH FOR CHOMETZ	Thursday, April 18	8:08 pm	יום חמישי בלילה ליל י"ד	בדיקת חמץ
LATEST TIME FOR EATING CHOMETZ	Friday, April 19	**BEFORE** 10:39 am	יום ששי י"ד ניסן	סוף זמן אכילת חמץ
BURNING OF CHOMETZ AND THE SAYING OF KOL CHAMIRO	Friday, April 19	**BEFORE** 11:46 am	יום ששי י"ד ניסן	ווף זמן הביעור (שרי־פת החמץ) ואמירת כל חמירא
CANDLE LIGHTING	Friday, April 19	7:21 pm	יום ששי י"ד ניסן	הדלקת נרות יו"ט
NIGHT FALL FIRST NIGHT OF PESACH	Friday, April 19	8:08 pm	יום ששי בלילה ליל ט"ו ניסן	צאת הכוכבים בכניסת ליל פסח
MID DAY & NIGHT	April 19- April 20	12:44 am & pm	ט"ו - ט"ז ניסן	חצות היום והלילה
LATEST TIME FOR SHMA FIRST AND SECOND DAYS OF PESACH	April 20 -April 21	9:32 am	ט"ו - ט"ז ניסן	סוף זמן קריאת שמע יום א' ב' דפסח
CANDLE LIGHTING AFTER NIGHT-FALL SECOND NIGHT OF PESACH	April 20	8:23 pm	מוצאי שבת קדש ליל ט"ז	הדלקת נרות בליל ב ' דפסח
MOTZEI YOM TOV	Sunday, April 21	8:24 pm	יום ראשון בלילה ליל י"ז	מוצאי יו"ט
EIRUV TAVSHILIN	Thursday, April 25		יום חמישי ערב שביעי של פסח	עירוב תבשילין
CANDLE LIGHTING (SHVI'I SHEL PESACH)	Thursday, April 25	7:28 pm	יום חמישי כ' ניסן	הדלקת נרות ערב שביעי של פסח
LATEST TIME FOR SHEMA 7TH DAY	Friday, April 26	9:27 am	כ"א ניסן	סוף זמן קריאת שמע
CANDLE LIGHTING (ACHARON SHEL PESACH)	Friday, April 26	7:29 pm	יום ששי כ"א ניסן	הדלקת נרות ליל אחרון של פסח
PESACH IS OVER	Motzei Yom Tov, April 27	8:32 pm	מוצאי שבת כ"ב ניסן	מוצאי יו"ט אחרון של פסח

KAZAYIS MATZO (MIDEORAYSO)	**1 oz.**	**1 אונס**	**כזית מצה (מדאורייתא)**
MATZO FOR KORECH (MIDERABONON)	**2/3 oz.**	**2 שליש אונס**	**מצה בשביל כורך (מדרבנן)**
MATZO FOR AFIKOMEN	**1⅓ oz.**	**1 ושליש אונס**	**מצה בשביל אפיקומן**
THOSE WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT	**2/3 oz.**	**2 שליש אונס**	**לאפיקומן אם קשה מאוד**
KAZAYIS MOROR	**2/3 oz.**	**2 שליש אונס**	**כזית מרור**
REVI'IS OF WINE	**2.9 fl. oz.**	**2.9 אונס**	**שיעור רביעית יין עבור ד' כוסות**
THOSE WHO WANT TO BE MEHADER	**4.2 fl. oz.**	**4.2 אונס**	**יש מקום להדר להשתמש**
K'TEI ACHILAS PRAS	**6 min.**	**6 דקות**	**שיעור כדי אכילת פרס**
THOSE WHO WANT TO BE MEHADER	**4 min.**	**4 דקות**	**יש מקום להדר להשתמש**

Whoever has difficulties with the above measurements should consult his Rov.

זמני מכירת חמץ

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הרב אזדאבא

יום ראשון, ט ניסן - משעה 2:00 אחה"צ עד 7:30 בערב.

יום שני י ניסן - רביעי יב ניסן משעה 4:00 עד שעה 7:30 .

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הרב העלער

ביום חמישי י"ג ניסן החל מ - 11:00 בבוקר עד 7:30 בערב, בביתו - 600 עמפייר בולברד.

עד יב סיון בערב (חוץ מעש"ק, וליל י"א ניסן) מהשעה 1:00 אחה"צ עד 11:00 בלילה, ובי"ג ניסן אחרי 10:00 בלילה עד 1:00 אחרי חצות, יכולים לגשת (בשליחותו) אצל הרב ל.י. גרליק 1468 יוניאן סט. (בין קינגסטאן לאלבאני).

הרב סגל

כל יום מיום ראשון ט' עד יג' ניסן החל מהשעה תשע בבוקר.

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