



PARSHAS VAYIKRA

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April 4 2025/6th Nissan, 5785

דָּבַר אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם אָדָם כִּי־קָרִיב מִכֶּם קָרְבַּן לַיהוָה
מִן־הַבְּהֵמָה מִן־הַבְּקָר וּמִן־הַצֹּאן מִקָּרִיבֹי אֹתִי קָרְבַּנְכֶם

WHEN A PERSON OF YOU BRINGS AN OFFERING TO HASHEM
(Vayikra 1:2)



Rabbi Hirsch commented on this verse: It is most regrettable that we have no word which really reproduces the idea which lies behind the expression karbon. The word sacrifice implies losing something of value for the benefit of another. The idea of a karbon is used exclusively with reference to man's relation to the Almighty, and its meaning can only be understood from its root karov, which means to approach and to come into close relationship with somebody.

One bringing a karbon desires a close relationship with Hashem. The purpose of this relationship is the attainment of a higher sphere of life as closeness to Hashem is the highest and purest form of "good." Consequently, true happiness is dependent on closeness to Hashem and one's happiness rises and falls according to his/her relationship with Hashem. When one feels close to Hashem one feels that everything in life is tailor made for success and development. With this attitude, even difficulties become easier to accept because there is a reason and goal behind them. We all willingly experience difficulties and hardship to achieve a desired goal; whether it be investing time at work or going to the gym and walking out shaking from the workout. When a person lives with the knowledge that Hashem is right beside him/her, hardships become workouts.

This week, let us take one minute every day to stop, and articulate a specific good in our lives and thank Hashem for all He does for us. This will lead to a greater closeness and happiness in our everyday lives!

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday, April 4th

Shacharis: 7:00 a.m.

Mincha: 6:10 p.m.

Candle Lighting: 6:25–6:35 p.m.

Regular Candle Lighting: 7:27 p.m.

Shabbos, April 5th – Parshas Vayikra

Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.

Shabbos HaGadol Drasha: 6:35pm

Mincha: Following the Drasha

Shabbos Ends: 8:37 p.m.

Sunday, April 6th

Shacharis: 8:30 a.m.

Mincha: 7:35 p.m.

Monday, April 7th –

Thurs, April 10th

Shacharis: 7:00 a.m.

Mincha/Maariv: 7:35 p.m.


There will be a siyum bechoros after 7am shachris Thursday

COMMUNITY NEWS

Shabbos Hagadol Drasha

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6:35 PM
MINCHA TO FOLLOW




KI is pleased to announce that we are in the process of searching for an Outreach Director to expand our kiruv opportunities and enhance our impact outside the eiruv.

As part of this process, we are delighted to welcome Rabbi Yaakov Yosef and Mrs. Miriam Feigenbaum from Columbus, Ohio, who are visiting this week as candidates for the position.

Please join us in giving them a warm welcome and helping them feel at home in our Kehillah.



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PESACH 5785

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Mazel tov to Yehuda and Orli Polter on the bris of their son Nesanel Bunim!
May they be zoche to raise him LeTorah, Chuppah and Maasim tovim!



KIDDUSH



Kiddush this week is sponsored by Yitzy & Rena Hochstadt to thank Hashem for the birth of their daughter Yakira Malka

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by the Livshutz family in honor of the yahrzeit of Victoria Livshutz's father and Alina Wick's, Moshe Livshits' and Ari Livshutz' grandfather, Yosef ben Moshe.

HALACHA

Who Drinks the Kiddush Wine?

Preferably, the person who recites Kiddush should drink the entire melo lugmav (a cheekful of wine) himself. If this is not possible, then he ideally should not be the one to recite Kiddush.

However, if he did recite Kiddush but did not drink the full melo lugmav, the Kiddush is still valid if a listener, who fulfilled their obligation (yotzei) by hearing the borei pri hagafen and the Kiddush, drinks the full melo lugmav.

If even that is not possible, and instead a few listeners together drink a combined melo lugmav, the Kiddush is still valid. This is only true, however, if the wine was consumed within the time frame known as k'dei achilas pras (the time it takes to eat a small meal, roughly 3-9 minutes).

While it is preferable for the one reciting Kiddush to drink the full amount, an exception is made when the head of the household is unable to do so. In that case, he may still recite the Kiddush, and a listener who is yotzei should drink the wine instead. If possible, the head of the house should take at least a small sip.

In such a case, it is best that one listener drinks the full melo lugmav, rather than having it divided among multiple people.

Pesach 5785 

Question 1: When do we search for Chometz?

This year, we search for Chometz on Thursday night, April 10th, after 8:43 pm. Before searching, we recite the Beracha of "Al Bir Chometz". Following the search, we say the paragraph of "Kol Chamira". Both of these may be found in the standard Artscroll Siddur on pg. 654-5. The Beracha marks the beginning of our destruction of Chometz; the "Kol Chamira" paragraph (the first of the two printed in the Siddur) annuls our ownership of any Chometz which has escaped our notice. Every home (assuming you have Chometz in your bin) should arrange a special garbage pickup for Friday morning by calling Buckingham Company in advance at 952 926 6457. In addition, after the Friday pickup, your bins should be left out for the Monday pickup, as they are Muktzah and should not be moved to the curb on Sunday night.

Question 2: When do we burn our Chometz?

So as not to create any confusion, we burn our Chometz on Friday, April 11th, at the normal time that we would on a regular Erev Pesach -- before 11:55 AM. We do not recite Kol Chamira.

Question 3: When do we recite "Kol Chamira" annulling our ownership of Chometz?

We do not recite the second "Kol Chamira" when burning our Chometz on Friday. We recite the first "Kol Chamira" when we search for Chometz on Thursday night. We recite the second "Kol Chamira" on Shabbos morning, before 11:55 am.

Question 4: When do the first-born sons fast?

This year, the fast is observed on Thursday, March 25th. Attending a Siyum (for some other Mitzvah celebrations) exempts one from fasting. Shacharis at Ki Thursday morning will be at 7 AM and a siyum will follow.

Question 5: What food items should be served at the Shabbos meals this year?

In order to avoid any possible problems, all Chometz products and utensils should be put away by the time the Chometz is burned on Friday. There should be absolutely no Chometz served at any of the Shabbos meals. These meals should be 100% kosher for Pesach and prepared using Pesach utensils. Although the meals are kosher for Pesach, since this Shabbos is also Erev Pesach, no Matzah products should be served at the Shabbos meals. (Note: Many recommend using disposable tablecloths and utensils -- since as we will see below -- non-Pesach Hamotzi items will need to be part of our Shabbos meals.)

Question 6: If one cannot serve Chometz or Matzah at the Shabbos meals, what should be used for Hamotzi?

Option A: Use small fresh soft Challah rolls or Pitas (to produce as few crumbs as possible), that can be consumed without leaving anything left-over. Eat the rolls or pitas carefully over tissues / napkins, so that any remaining crumbs can be wrapped in the tissues and flushed, or shaken out of the napkins and flushed. Care should be taken that no Pesach utensils be brought to the table until after the Challah has been consumed, and the crumbs have been discarded. Once the Challah has been eaten, and the crumbs have been discarded, the meal can continue.

Option B: Challah can be substituted with Pesach certified egg Matzah. According to most Poskim, if one establishes a complete meal utilizing egg Matzahs, one can recite the Beracha of Hamotzi on them. This avoids the concern of real Chometz crumbs.

(Note: Normally, we are not allowed to eat Matzah on Erev Pesach, but that only applies to Matzah which can be used to fulfill our obligations at the Seder. Since egg Matzah cannot be used for the Seder, it can therefore be used on Friday night and Shabbos morning for Hamotzi. Please remember, according to Ashkenazic practice, except for the sick, elderly, or small children, egg Matzah should not be eaten at all during Pesach. Therefore, even one who does use it for the Shalosh Seudos on this Erev Pesach must finish eating (during the daytime Seudah) by the Zman Achila and discard the crumbs with the rest of the Chometz.)

Important: In both options A and B above, on Shabbos morning, the Hamotzi items (Challah or egg Matzah) can only be eaten until the time that Chometz may be eaten (10:36 am). We will need to nullify our Chometz by reciting the second "Kol Chamira" on Shabbos morning, before 11:55 pm. Davening at Ki on Shabbos morning will be at 6:45 AM to make sure everyone has enough time to eat their Hamotzi for lunch.



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Question 7: How do we eat Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos?

Option A: The morning meal can be split into two parts. Make Hamotzi with challah rolls, pita or egg matzah and then after the first part, say Birkas Hamazon and take a break (go for a short walk, learn, etc.). Then return, wash for Hamotzi, and eat another meal with Challah rolls or egg Matzah, before 10:36 am. According to some, this fulfills one's "third-meal" obligation. (Note: One will really have to keep an eye on the clock to pull this all off before 10:36 am.)

Option B: Just eat one lunch meal (consuming the required Hamotzi segment before 10:36 am). Later in the afternoon, one should eat some meat, fish, fruits, etc. (and no Hamotzi) for Shalosh Seudos. If one chooses this option, one should eat only moderately at Shalosh Seudos -- in order to eat the Matzah at the Seder with a hearty appetite.

Question 8: May we make any preparations on Shabbos for the Seder?

One may not prepare on Shabbos for events occurring after Shabbos. After Shabbos is over (8:48 pm), one may start preparing for the Seder. Before beginning the preparations, one who did not recite Maariv should say this abbreviated version of Havdalah, in Hebrew or English: "Baruch HaKadosh Bein Kodesh ImKodesh". The full Havdalah is recited during Kiddush at the Seder (see Question 10). Likewise, one may not prepare for the second Seder on Sunday night until after 8:47 pm.)

Question 9: How does one light candles for Pesach night?

Please prepare by lighting a candle on Friday afternoon that can remain safely lit for longer than two days (as this candle will be needed to light Yom Tov candles on Motzei Shabbos and again on Sunday night). We wait until after Shabbos has ended (8:46 pm) to light Yom Tov candles (from an existing flame) for the first night of Pesach. We also light candles (from an existing flame) on the second night of Yom Tov (Sunday night), after the first day of Pesach has ended (8:47 pm).

Question 10: How does one recite Havdalah on the first night of Pesach?

This special Havdalah is printed in most Haggadahs, and is recited as part of Kiddush at the Seder -- before the Beracha of "Shehechyanu". The Yom Tov candles double as the Havdalah candle. (The two candles do not need to be held together.)

Question 11: How much Matzah do I need to eat?

Shmiras Matzah must be used for both Sedorim. Everyone is obligated in this Mitzvah in the following amounts:
Matz Matzah is approximately 3/4 of machine matzah, or 2/3 of a hand matza.
Korech: Approximately 1/2 of machine matza, or 1/4 of a hand matzah, for the afikoman; same as Motzi Matza.

Question 12: How much Maror do I need to eat?

Do not completely coat the Maror in Charoses, as it is supposed to taste bitter. If you use Romaine lettuce leaves is the amount to cover an 8 by 10 inch area. If you use stalks, either 2 large stalks or four small stalks would be sufficient.



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