



## SHABBOS HAGADOL PARSHAS TZAV

### ZMANIM

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky  
April 11 2025|13th Nissan, 5785



#### Friday Erev Shabbos Hagadol Parshas Tzav, April 11

Shacharis 7 AM

Chometz should be burned by 11:55 AM

Early Mincha 6:10 PM Candle Lighting 6:27-6:35 PM Reg Candle Lighting 7:36 PM

#### Shabbos Hagadol Parshas Tzav April 12th

Shachris 6:45 AM

Last time to eat chametz 10:36 AM

Kol Chamira needs to be said before 11:55AM

Mincha 7:30 PM

Speech between Mincha Maariv by the Rav

Maariv 8:30 PM No preparations before 8:46 PM and Candle lighting 8:46 PM

People at home should say Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh lekodesh

First seder

Chatzos 1:14 AM

#### Sunday First day Of Pesach April 13th

Shachris 9 AM

Mincha 7:40 PM

Speech between Mincha & Maariv by Rabbi Sholom Rothstein

No preparations before 8:47PM and

Candle lighting 8:47pm

Second Seder: Chatzos 1:13 AM

#### Monday Second day of Pesach April 14th

Shachris 9 AM

Mincha 7:40 PM

Speech between Mincha & Maariv by Rabbi Yosef Aryeah Schachter

Maariv 8:48 PM Start saying Ve'sein Beracha in shemoneh esrei

#### Tuesday- Thursday April 15th-17th

Shachris 8:15 AM

Mincha/Maariv 7:45 PM

#### Friday April 18th

Shachris 8:15 AM

Early Mincha 6:20PM CL 6:37-6:45

Reg CL 7:45PM

#### Shevei Shel Pesach Shabbos April 19th

Shachris 8:45 AM

Mincha 7:40 PM

Speech between Mincha & Maariv by Rabbi Zev Skler

Maariv 8:40 PM

#### Sunday Achraon Shel Pesach

Shachris 8:45 AM Yizkor not before 10 AM

Mincha 7:50 PM

Neilas Hachag and speech by Rabbi Moshe Spiro

Maariv 8:56 PM

1. When dipping the Karpas into salt water: Has anything ever happened to you which seemed bitter at the time but later turned out to be sweet?
2. When breaking the middle matzah and hiding it for later: What is a “hidden” aspiration that you have, i.e. something that you have postponed for later in life but you plan/aspire to one day get to?
3. When speaking about God’s promise to Abraham: Why did Abraham merit to be the father of the Jewish people? What does it mean to be the child of Avraham? Are we living up to it?
4. What contributions have the Jewish people made to humanity over history?
5. When speaking about how the Jewish people were sent down to Egypt: How have the hardships in our life helped us become better people?
6. During Vehi She’Amdah: Why has there always been so much anti-Semitism in the world? Do you think anti-Semitism is on the rise today?
7. When speaking about the beginnings of Jewish life in Egypt: How does the Jewish people’s assimilation into Egyptian culture resemble Jewish assimilation throughout history?
8. When speaking about Jewish identity in Egypt: What does Jewish identity mean in Exile?
9. When speaking about the harsh slavery: In our day-to-day lives, do we really love what we do or are we more like slaves to our work?
10. The word Mitzrayim (Egypt) resembles the Hebrew word for constriction. What is your personal Mitzrayim? What is holding you back the most?
11. When speaking about the plagues: Are there signs in our life pushing us to change that we are just refusing to see?
12. Are there signs around us that God exists? What are they?
13. Pharaoh Vs. Moses: What are the ingredients to be a great leader?
14. When speaking about the various miracles: Does the existence of the Jewish people defy the natural order of the world? Are we a miracle?
15. If you knew for certain that God would help you succeed, even through miracles, what new endeavor would you take on?
16. When speaking about jumping in the Red Sea: What have you done recently to step out of your comfort zone?
17. When singing Dayneu: What are the gifts in our life that make it all worth it?
18. What Mitzvot/Jewish gifts are you most appreciative of? Israel? Shabbat? Torah? Something else?
19. When reciting Hallel: If you could fully express gratitude to someone in your past who really made a difference in your life, who would it be?
20. When eating matzah: If you could eradicate laziness from your life and live with complete discipline, what could you accomplish?

**Kadesh** – Uniqueness, 1<sup>st</sup> step to freedom is to know my inherent greatness, I am special and valuable. I matter! There are 2 cities called פיסום רמסס that always fell down. There was no feeling of achievement, meaning or fulfillment. People confuse activity with progress and busyness with accomplishing. Kadesh means I know my value and everything I do takes on value and I should take that greatness and actualize it in my community, family and self. *Q How can I realize my value?*

**Urchatz**- Wash our hands which means bringing everything into the world of action. Rambam says knowledge is integration. *Q How can I make my Judaism more tangible.*

**Karpas**- The Gemara says we have Karpas in order to keep the children awake. If there are no children you still read the Haggadah because we all have a child inside. That means the Gemara is saying if you want to keep the child awake inside yourself it is accomplished by the Karpas. Karpas is the only food we make a Beracha on beside the Matzah. The message is that youth and staying awake comes from gratitude and appreciation. A person who has gratitude will stay awake to all the beauty of life that surrounds him and will stay young. *Q How can I become a more appreciative person?*

**Yachatz**- We break the middle matzah into two pieces; one for afikomen and one for myself. The Navi Micha says the house of idol worship is next door to the house of the people. Rav Hirsch explains that was religion and everyday life are separate from each other. They are next door but not together. Yachatz says a yid walks hand in hand with Hashem. We have a partnership in every step of life. *Q How can I strengthen and make my relationship with Hashem more tangible?*

**Maggid**- we tell over the story of leaving Egypt. Pesach is peh sach the mouth that talks. Paroh is peh rah the mouth that speaks evil. Putting people down, sarcasm, cynicism, negativity. Tonight we use our speech to build for the good. *Q How can I use my speech to build up the people around me?*

**Rachtza**- We wash our hands with a beracha. We are bombarded with talk radio, billboards, music, movies, we are exposed to so much. A healthy person eats discriminately. So too a healthy person spiritually needs to be discriminate about his consumption. To prepare for freedom a person needs to say I also choose not to. That too is freedom. Rachtza says I wash my hands from the dirt that is on me. *Q What can I remove from my consumption that I know is not healthy for me spiritually?*

**Motzei Matzah**- There seems to be a contradiction in regard to the matzah, on the one hand it is the bread of freedom and yet it is also the bread of the poor man. How do we reconcile these two things? kabbalists say true freedom is when a person is not tied down to anything except for the essence of being himself. There is no other focus except the development of my inner self and inner core. *Q If you could only have one choice would you choose to be wealthy or present?*

**Maror**- Maror is on the seder plate is under the character trait of tiferes which is splendor. Why would bitterness be under splendor? Through difficulties and hardships a person brings out the true splendor of who he is. Many people who have gone through sickness and difficulties of business and have worked it through would not go back to the way they were before. The difficulties brought out and actualized them to such a tremendous level. *Q How do I look at my difficulties; are they setbacks, hurdles or opportunities for growth?*

**Koreich**- what is the great breakthrough that Hillel came up with the idea of making a sandwich of Matzah and Maror? matzah represents freedom and מרור represents hardships. By the time we reach koreich we see clearly how Hashem is behind everything and all that happens is for the best to the point that we can take matzah and מרור and eat them together as a sandwich because everything is from Hashem and is for the best.

**Shulchan Orech**- This is uniquely Jewish. We have to have gold, silver, stemware, fine food and wine at our seder if possible. Yidishkeit teaches us that Kedusha is not running away from life, it is sanctifying life. Take the world and enjoy it but for the right reasons and purpose. Channel it as a means to a goal.

**Tzafun**- Afikomen. By this point we are pretty full. We eat it because it is a mitzvah not just because it tastes good. צפון teaches us that there is a higher power and an objective right that we need to follow.

**Bareich**- This allows us to take pleasure in all I have accomplished without becoming self-centered. I can thank Hashem for all He has done for me for allowing me to accomplish all my achievements.

**Halell**- We reach the clarity to sing to Hashem for all the goodness He has bestowed on us.

**Nirtzah** – we say next year in Yerushalayim. Yerushalayim is made up of the words Yirah and Shaleim. Having shalom. Finding peace in the world, community, city, family and most importantly in ourselves. We say next year when we take the lessons of the Seder to heart, when we come back next year we will be in Yerushalayim within ourselves with peace, harmony and tranquility. *Q What lesson can I take with me as a resolution for the next year?*

## SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM PESACH 5785

**April 12th Shabbos Between Mincha & Maariv: The Rav**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday First day Yom Tov between Mincha & Maariv: Rabbi Shlomo Rothstein**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> Monday 2nd Day Yom Tov- Between Mincha & Maariv: Rabbi Yosef Aryeah Schachter**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> Shviei Shel Pesach between Mincha & Maariv: Rav Zev Skler**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> Nei'las Hachag Rabbo Moshe Spiro**



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