



Green Road Synagogue

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TAM: Torah, Ahavat Yisroel & Medinat Yisrael.”

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החודש ניסן תשס"ח

The Courage to be Free



By Rabbi Melvin Granatstein

Pesach celebrates the great miracles that God performed for Israel in Egypt that led to their freedom. But we should not imagine that those miracles and that freedom were bestowed upon an utterly passive people.

In advance of the first Pesach, our ancestors were ordered to take the first affirmative step toward their freedom. On the tenth of the month of Nisan, B'nei Yisrael were commanded to select a lamb for the Pesach offering which was to be slaughtered and consumed in each household. If the numbers in a household could not justify the slaughter of a whole lamb, that household would join with a neighboring household, and in the Torah's words "איש לפי אכלו תכסו על השדה" – "each person who was to eat of the lamb had to be counted into the slaughter of the lamb." As Rashi explains, following the rendition of the Talmud and Midrash, only those who were "counted in" on the slaughter of the Korban Pesach were permitted to eat the flesh.

The Midrash Sh'mot Rabbah explains that the lamb was a sacred fetish of the Egyptians. Slaughtering the lamb was, therefore, an audacious act of defiance. In effect the B'nei Yisrael were slaughtering the gods of their masters thus declaring their rejection of the myths underlying the Egyptian power-structure. The slaughter of the lambs was an act of throwing down the gauntlet before the Egyptian master. But you had to "count yourself in" on the slaughter of the lamb before you were entitled to eat its meat and this made every Jew a conspirator in rebellion. Counting yourself into that conspiracy was the price each Jew had to pay to be worthy of redemption.

The blood of the Korban Pesach had to be smeared upon the doorposts and lintels of each home so that no doubt could exist that the household shared in the collective defiance of Egyptian mastery. The Hizkuni commentary goes so far as to suggest that the blood was placed on the outside of the doors so that no Egyptian could doubt that this household was in rebellion. Rashi, on the other hand, thinks the blood was placed on the inside so that the B'nei Yisrael inside could not forget the decisive character of the choice just made. There could now be no turning back.

Pre-Pesach Shabbat Dinner



Friday, April 18th

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Adults:	Adult \$17	Adult \$21
Ages (4-10)	Child \$8	Child \$12

Reservation Deadline:
Monday April 14
NO EXCEPTIONS!

For Reservations call Jane: 216-381-4757 or email Jane@GreenRoadSynagogue.org

By Pre-Payment Only

Name: _____

Seating Requests: Complete table of 10
or 12 appreciated.

DINNER: ADULT: _____ CHILDREN (4-10): _____ CHILDREN UNDER 4: _____



MONTHLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 6 - **Rosh Chodesh Nisan**

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 11

Candle Lighting 7:44 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

** When you Daven at an early Kabbalat Shabbat, you should light candles at that time.

Saturday, April 12

Parshat Metsorah

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

D'rasha for Shabbat HaGadol 6:20 p.m.

First Grade Parsha Club 7:05 p.m.

Mincha 7:35 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 8:43 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

Weekday Evening Services 7:55 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text

At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

PESACH

Thursday, April 17—Siyum B'chorim

Following Shacharit 6:40 a.m.

Bedikat Chametz after dark

Friday, April 18

Z'man Biur (Burning) Chametz 12:15 p.m.

Candle Lighting 7:52 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat **7:00 p.m.**

** When you Daven at an early Kabbalat Shabbat, you should light candles at that time.

Saturday, April 19 - PLEASE NOTE TIMES

Parshat Acharei-Mot - HaGadol

Morning Service **7:45 a.m.**

Last time for eating Chametz 11:11 a.m.

Last time for Bitul Chametz 12:15 p.m.

Mincha 7:50 p.m.

First Night of Pesach—Saturday, April 19

Candle Lighting - not earlier than 8:53 p.m.

Ma'ariv 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 20 - First Day

Morning Service **9:30 a.m.**

Evening Services 8:05 p.m.

Candle Lighting - not earlier than 8:54 p.m.

Monday, April 21—Second Day

Morning Service **9:30 a.m.**

Evening Services 8:00 p.m.

Motsaei Yom Tov 8:55 p.m.

Tues. April 22 - Fri. April 25 - Chol HaMoed

Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

Evening Services 8:05 p.m.

Friday, April 25

Candle Lighting 7:59

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, April 26 - Seventh Day

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Evening Services 8:00 p.m.

Candle Lighting - not earlier than 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 27 - Eighth Day - Yizkor

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Evening Services 8:10 p.m.

Motsaei Yom Tov 9:01 p.m.

Friday, May 2

Candle Lighting 8:06 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

** When you Daven at an early Kabbalat Shabbat, you should light candles at that time.

Saturday, May 3

Parshat Kedoshim - Mevarchim

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:05 p.m.

First Grade Parsha Club 7:35 p.m.

Mincha 8:05 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 9:05 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

Weekday Evening Services 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 4

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text

At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Monday, May 5 - Tuesday, May 6—**Rosh Chodesh Iyar**

Morning Service 6:30 a.m.

MAZEL TOV

To David & Dorit Seed on the naming of their daughter, Penina.

To Talia Laserson, on her Bat Mitzvah and to parents Sandy & Steve Laserson, and grandparents Nettie & Merle Laserson, Elena Myers, and Chuck Schwartz.

To Gila Katz on her Bat Mitzvah and to parents Ben & Michele Katz.

To Andrew Hartstein on his Bar Mitzvah and to parents Steven & Debbie Hartstein.

To Sidi Albert on the engagement of her grandson Brian Goldfarb to Elanor Fleishman. Brian is also the grandson of the late Arye Albert.

IN SYMPATHY

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציין וירושלים.

THE CONGREGATION WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND ITS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

TO THE FAMILY OF EDITH MEYER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 11TH.

TO ELA AMSTERDAM AND FAMILY, ON THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND NORBERT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 31ST.

Sponsor a Kiddush for the entire congregation starting at \$400, or with Cholent at \$1000? Team up with friends who have birthdays or Yahrzeits around the same time and sponsor together. Every family event is enhanced when shared with the Shul. To schedule a Kiddush, call the office at 216-381-4757 or email Jane@GreenRoadSynagogue.org

BOY SCOUTS ARE COMING!

Green Road Synagogue will soon be hosting a Boy Scouts troop led by our member, Andy Stone. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact David (also a Boy Scout) in the office for more details. This troop will be open to anyone in our Jewish community, so bring a friend!





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KIDDUSH:

March 1: By David & Dorit Seed in honor of their new daughter, Penina.

March 8: By Nettie & Merle Laserson, Elena & Ron Myers, and Shari & Eric Schwartz in honor of Talia Laserson becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

March 15 : By Ben & Michele Katz in honor of their daughter Gila's Bat Mitzvah.

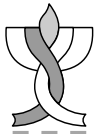
March 22: By Steven & Debbie Hartstein in honor of their son Andrew's Bar Mitzvah.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT:

March 15: By the Kudroff and Steinerman families in honor of Murray Kudroff's 65th Birthday.

March 22: By Igor & Tatyana Spira in memory of Tatyana's brother Michael Gelman, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit.

March 29: By the Weiss Family as part of the Irving & Beatrice Stone Memorial Shabbaton.



Pesach as explained by the Rabbi

“In every generation each man is obligated to see himself as if he personally went out of Egypt.” This famous line of the Haggadah taken from the Mishna Pesachim expresses all that we seek to accomplish on the Seder night. Pesach, with its intricate laws, seeks to bring us back to the point of origin of our people. We are enabled to touch the beginning of Jewish history, we can begin to recover the meaning of Jewish destiny and rebuild our private lives according to a collective Jewish ideal.

May we succeed in that quest and become stronger and more committed Jews. May you all enjoy a happy and Kosher Pesach and a fulfilling and joyous year.



Mechirat Chametz

The Jew is forbidden to possess any substance that is Chametz or may contain Chametz. The Rabbi is available to serve as the agent of any member of the congregation wishing to sell their Chametz to a non-Jew. You may contact the Rabbi at the synagogue any time before Pesach for this purpose. The Rabbi will be available each night during Nisan after Mincha-Ma'ariv, or by appointment.

Siyum B'Chorim

Since Erev Pesach occurs on Shabbat, the Fast of the First Born is set back to Thursday to avoid any juxtaposition of fasting with Shabbat. In fact, we customarily make a “Siyum” - a joyous culmination of learning a tractate of Talmud, to set aside the fasting altogether. This “Siyum” will take place on Thursday, April 17th after the morning services at 6:40 A.M.

Bedikat Chametz & Bi'ur Chametz

On the night before Erev Pesach, we are obligated to make a through check of our residences for Chametz. This is customarily done with a candle which concentrates light. A regular flashlight can also be used. One begins with the recitation of the requisite B'racha at nightfall which can be found in all standard Haggadot. When this is concluded, we recite the nullification of the Chametz, also found in the Haggadot.

Since Erev Pesach occurs on Shabbat, the search for Chametz is done after dark on Thursday, April 17th. The Chametz is then burned on Friday, April 18th before 12:15 P.M. Since Chametz continues to be permissible until the next day, if necessary, the burning of the Chametz can be delayed until a short time before candle lighting.

When Erev Pesach Occurs on Shabbat

We are not permitted to eat Matzah on the day of Erev Pesach in order to enhance the meaning and experience of the Mitzvah of eating Matzah at the Seder.

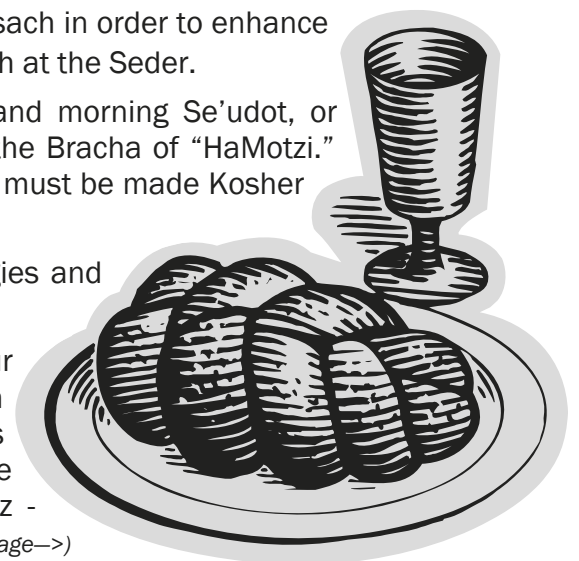
However, to fulfill the obligation of the Shabbat night and morning Se'udot, or festive meals, we have to serve a loaf of bread requiring the Bracha of “HaMotzi.” At the same time, to avoid Shabbat desecration, the house must be made Kosher for Pesach before Shabbat.

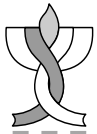
We can resolve this conundrum through different strategies and we shall present two of them.

One: - Prepare a “Chametzdik” table area away from your Pesach provisions. Serve Pesach - prepared food on disposable table cloths, dishes and cutlery and serve this with Challah. Dispose of the contents of the table before “Sha'at Issur” - the time you can no longer eat Chametz -

11:11 A.M.

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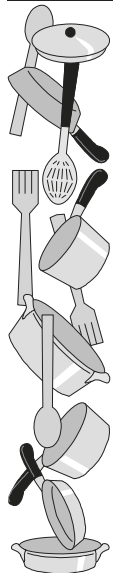
Two: - Instead of using Challah, use egg Matzahs (Kosher for Pesach) at both meals. Ashkenazic custom does not permit the use of egg Matzahs once Chametz can not be eaten except for the infirm, very young children and the elderly, but before this time Matzahs can be used on regular Pesach dishes. This seems to be the easier strategy.

Since even egg Matzah can only be eaten before "Sha'at Issur," it becomes necessary to Daven early on Shabbat morning. We will Daven at 7:45 A.M.

To make all of this easier, a Friday night dinner with Challah will be served at the Shul for those who register. Friday night Davening will be at 7:00 P.M.

On Shabbat—the final nullification of Chametz found in the Haggadot must be recited before **12:15 P.M.**

כְּשֵׁר Vessels Used in Food Preparation



It is important to carefully scour and Kasher ovens and stoves and all surfaces upon which food will be prepared and served for Pesach. The surface of the stove must be covered and the burners must be on the highest heat for at least one half hour. In general, metal pots, dishes and cutlery can be Kasherred — china and pottery can not. Glasses can be Kasherred by total immersion in cold water for three consecutive days, changing the water each 24 hours. When Kashering an oven, please note the following distinction: a self-cleaning oven can be Kasherred by using the self-cleaning mechanism; whereas, a non self-cleaning oven must be thoroughly cleaned with an agent such as Easy-Off, left unused for 24 hours and then heated at the highest setting for at least one hour before it is kosher.

When Kashering cutlery and pots, they too must be totally cleaned and left for 24 hours. They should then either be immersed totally in boiling water, or filled with water and brought to a boil, then a heated metal object or stone should be dropped in to displace enough water to cause an overflow of boiling water over the rim.

The Rabbi will be glad to assist in answering any questions regarding Kashering. You can reach him at the Synagogue or at his home: 216-371-1736.

Sephirat Ha'Omer

We begin to count the Sefirat Ha'Omer from the second night of Pesach until Shavout, thus binding the celebration of freedom with the celebration of receiving the Torah at Sinai

Maot Chitim

One of the ways in which Pesach is more than symbolic is that it unites the entire Jewish people. One of our methods for expressing this notion is through Maot Chitim, literally 'money for wheat.' This money is given to our fellow Jews who need financial assistance in order to celebrate Pesach with not only physical items like Matzah, but with dignity.

To that end, we will once again be collecting money for Maot Chitim to be distributed before Pesach. You can send in donations payable to Green Road Synagogue, but please note either on the memo line of your check or on a separate piece of paper that the money is for Maot Chitim.

