

# PASSOVER - 5769

## A GUIDE FOR YOUR CELEBRATION

### *AT YOUR SEDER: TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION*

The Passover Seder experience is far too valuable to "pass over" without exploring its lessons for life and its sense of celebration. Below are some thoughts to consider and suggestions for enhancing your Seder and making it both personal and meaningful:

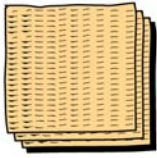
1. **SEDER MEANS "ORDER"** - Every Traditional Hagada begins with a listing of the 15 major sections of the Seder "in order." Follow the list, even if you only do one small part from each section. Don't be afraid to be creative -- adding your own thoughts and ideas to each part.

2. **MA NISHTANA, Why is this Night Different?** - Passover is meant to be a holiday of distinction and separation. Let your home be different for Pesah as well. Since Passover marks the beginning of Spring, feel free to beautify your home with flowers and fruits or objects of ritual art. Ask the children coming to your Seder to bring with them a Passover or Spring drawing. For those with family living in other cities, ask the children or grandchildren to mail you some art or poetry so that they will be "represented" at your Seder.

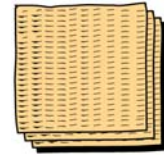
3. **BE CREATIVE** - The Seder was originally designed as a symposium, not a reading or lecture. Don't be afraid to be creative and avoid reading every page. Since we refrain from writing or drawing on "yom tov," give your guests modeling clay to create their own "midrash" (interpretation) of the events of the Pesah story. Perhaps have a box of props or costumes ready to use for acting out the story of Passover. If you are serving as the leader of the Seder, plan to involve others by asking them ahead of time to prepare a section of the Seder, to tell a part of the Passover story, or to come up with a creative interpretation of a food or aspect of the Seder experience. Playing "charades" is also a fun way for everyone to be involved in the Seder!

4. **HORS D'OEUVRES** - Some people complain that the guests are too hungry to enjoy the text and discussions. The Karpas (greens dipped into salt water) were intended as a way to stave off hunger. Although matza should **not** be eaten until after reciting ha-Motzi to begin the meal, it is certainly permissible to have extra celery, carrot, or other vegetables for people to "munch on."

5. **QUESTIONS** - Asking questions is a sign of freedom, and thus, the Seder text is filled with opportunities for questioning. The traditional "4 Questions" are just a way to get us started. Anything you can do during the course of the evening that will evoke questions is a benefit, including assigning questions/topics for discussion or taking time to brainstorm questions that we find ourselves asking in our society today. Don't worry about questions for which you don't know (or there simply aren't) answers. In Judaism, the questions are key!



**SALE OF HAMAYTZ  
And  
MA'OT HITTIN: THE MATZA FUND**



It is an ancient custom to make a special contribution of funds before Passover to help those in need and to assure that on this holiday of Freedom, no one should go hungry. We continue this custom today by contributing money that will enable others to celebrate Passover in a manner befitting one who is no longer a slave. This mitzva is most often done in conjunction with "selling" one's Hamaytz in preparation for the holiday.

Dear Rabbi Cohen,

\_\_\_ I / We enclose my/our contribution to the Matza Fund.

\_\_\_ I/We hereby authorize you, as the agent of Ohavay Zion Synagogue, to use the enclosed contributions to symbolically "sell" all leaven (knowingly and unknowingly) in my/our possession. The remainder of the contribution is to be set aside for the mitzva of Ma'ot Hittin, which will be distributed by Ohavay Zion Synagogue to those in need.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☆ Return this signed form to the OZS Office by April 7th



**SIYUM B'KHORIM  
Wednesday - April 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:30am  
Dahven, Study, and EAT!**



It is an ancient custom for the firstborn to fast on the day before Passover as a statement of thanksgiving that the Angel of Death "passed" over the homes of the Israelites during the 10<sup>th</sup> Plague in Egypt. Although there are different customs associated with this fast, sources teach that every firstborn of either a father or mother - male and female - must fast on this day. If there is no firstborn, then the oldest in the household must fast.

This fast is treated with leniency so that if there is a meal associated with a mitzva (such as a Siyum which completes a section of Talmud) the firstborn may eat the meal. Once the fast has been broken for this mitzva, the firstborn may then eat during the rest of the day.

Our Siyum B'khorim will take place on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30am. We will begin with the brief morning service, followed by a short study session and, of course, a delicious (hamaytz!) nosh. Even if you are not the firstborn or the oldest in your household, the Siyum B'khorim is a meaningful way to begin Passover and a wonderful occasion for learning and prayer. Plan to join us before work or school as we study and celebrate together.



## PASSOVER SCHEDULE AT OZS - 5769/2009







**\*\*Please note a change in the Yom Tov service schedule from past years. This Passover, we will be following the Israeli calendar. As such, we will hold the Festival Morning Service on only the **First** and **Seventh** days of the holiday. There will **NO** service on the Second and Eighth days, however the office will remain closed for the holiday. **Yizkor will be recited during the Festival Morning Service at OZS on the Seventh Day of Passover.** See below for dates and times:**

4/8	Wednesday (1st Seder Night)	7:30am 10:00am 8:08pm	Shaharit and Siyum for the First Born Closing of closets, burning or disposing of <u>hamaytz</u> <b>No Scheduled Afternoon/Evening Minyan</b> Sunset/Yom Tov begins
4/9	Thursday (2nd Seder Night)	9:45am 6:30pm 8:09pm	Festival Morning Service <b>No Scheduled Afternoon/Evening Minyan</b> Second Night Congregational Seder at OZS Sunset
4/10	Friday		<b>No Scheduled Festival Morning Service</b> <b>No Scheduled Friday Evening Shabbat Service (2<sup>nd</sup> Shabbat of the month)</b> Please celebrate Shabbat and Passover with family and friends 8:09pm      Sunset
4/11	Saturday	9:45am 8:10pm	Shabbat/ <u>H</u> ol ha-Mo'ed Pesah Morning Service Sunset
4/12	Sunday	9:00am	Hebrew and Religious School (as usual)
4/14	Tuesday	4:45pm 5:00pm 5:45pm 8:13pm	Hebrew School (as usual) d'Vine Minyan (Passover style!) Afternoon Minyan (Min <u>h</u> a only) Sunset/Yom Tov Begins
4/15	Wednesday	9:45am	Festival Morning Service ( <b>Yizkor recited</b> ) <b>No Scheduled Afternoon/Evening Minyan</b>
4/16	Thursday	11:30am 4:45pm 5:45pm 8:15pm	<b>No Scheduled Festival Morning Service</b> Yom Tov Lunchtime Learning with Rabbi (please, no food) B'nai Mitzva Class (as usual, Yom Tov rules) Festival Afternoon Minyan (Min <u>h</u> a only) Sunset (Conclusion of Passover)

# April 2009

## 7 Nissan 5769 - 6 Iyar 5769

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>11 Nissan</p>  <p>No Sunday School</p>	<p>12 Nissan</p> 	<p>13 Nissan</p>  <p>No Hebrew School</p> <p>D'Vine Minyan 5:00 PM</p> <p>Minyan 5:45 PM</p>	<p>14 Nissan</p>  <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Seder Night</b> 117:52PM Shaharit &amp; Siyum for First Born 7:30 AM</p> <p>Closing of Closets 10:00 AM</p> <p>No Scheduled Miinyan</p>	<p>15 Nissan</p> <p>No B'nai Mitzva Minyan 5:45 PM</p> <p>Lunch &amp; Learn 11:30-12:30</p>	<p>16 Nissan</p> <p>Friday Evening Service 5:45 PM</p>	<p>17 Nissan</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM</p>
<p>18 Nissan/3 L'Omer</p> <p>Passover IV Exo. 13.1-16; Num. 28.19-25.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 AM</p>	<p>19 Nissan/4 L'Omer</p> <p>Passover V Exo. 22.24-23.19; Num. 28.19-25.</p>	<p>20 Nissan/5 L'Omer</p> <p>Passover VI Num. 9.1-14; 28.19-25.</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:45 PM</p> <p>D'Vine Minyan 5:00 PM</p> <p>(Passover style) Minyan 5:45 PM (Minha only)</p>	<p>21 Nissan/6 L'Omer</p> <p>Passover VII Exo. 13.17-16.26; Num. 28.19-25. II Samuel 22.1-51.</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p><b>Festival Morning Service 9:45 AM</b></p> <p><b>Yizkor recited</b></p> <p>No Scheduled Minyan</p>	<p>22 Nissan/7 L'Omer</p> <p>Passover VIII Deut. 16.19-16.17; Num. 28.19-25. Isaiah 10.32-12.6.</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p><b>NO Yom Tov AM Service</b> Yom Tov Lunchtime Learning-11:30-12:30 B'nai Mitzva 4:45 PM Minyan 5:45 PM</p>	<p>23 Nissan/8 L'Omer</p> <p>Friday Evening Service 5:45 PM</p>	<p>24 Nissan/9 L'Omer</p> <p>Shemini: Levit. 9.1-11.47. II Samuel 6.1-7.17 (Sapharai ritual: II Samuel 6.1-19).</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM</p> <p>Jr. Congregation 10:45 AM</p>
<p>25 Nissan/10 L'Omer</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 AM</p>	<p>26 Nissan/11 L'Omer</p> <p>Yom Hashoah Hebrew School 4:45 PM</p> <p>D'Vine Minyan 5:00 PM</p> <p>Minyan 5:45 PM</p>	<p>27 Nissan/12 L'Omer</p> <p>Yom Hazikaron Hebrew School 4:45 PM</p> <p>D'Vine Minyan 5:00 PM</p> <p>Minyan 5:45 PM</p>	<p>28 Nissan/13 L'Omer</p> <p>Yom Ha'Alzmaut Deut. 7.12-8.18. Isaiah 10.32-12.6.</p> <p>Senior Chai 6:30 PM</p>	<p>29 Nissan/14 L'Omer</p> <p>B'nai Mitzva 4:45 PM Minyan 5:45 PM</p>	<p>30 Nissan/15 L'Omer</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh Num. 28.1-15.</p> <p>Family &amp; Friends Shabbat at Home No Evening Service</p>	<p>31 Nissan/16 L'Omer</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh Tazria: Levit. 12.1-13.59. Metzora: Levit. 14.1-15.33. Num. 28.9-15. Isaiah 66.1-24.</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM</p>
<p>2 Iyar/17 L'Omer</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 AM</p>	<p>3 Iyar/18 L'Omer</p>	<p>4 Iyar/19 L'Omer</p>	<p>5 Iyar/20 L'Omer</p>	<p>6 Iyar/21 L'Omer</p>	<p>7 Iyar/22 L'Omer</p>	<p>8 Iyar/23 L'Omer</p>

