



Anshei Lubavitch Congregation

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Rabbi Levi Neubort

Associate Rabbi Avrohom Bergstein

Shabbos Torah Portion: Tzav (Leviticus 6:1–8:36)
Friday/Saturday, Mar 23–24, 2018 / Nisan 7-8, 5778
Candle Lighting is at 6:54 pm • Shabbos ends Sat. 7:54 pm

Zmanim for Shabbos, March 24
Daylight Saving Time

Earliest Tallis5:57 AM*
Latest Morning Shema..... 9:56 AM
Earliest Mincha (Gedola) 1:35 PM
Plag Hamincha..... 5:59 PM
Earliest Evening Shema..... 7:41 PM
* Zmanei Halocho L'Ma'aseh

Shabbos Torah Reading "Tzav"

G-d instructs Moses to command Aaron and his sons regarding their duties and rights as kohanim ("priests") who offer the korbanot (animal and meal offerings) in the Sanctuary.

The fire on the altar must be kept burning at all times. In it are burned the wholly consumed ascending offering; veins of fat from the peace, sin and guilt offerings; and the "handful" separated from the meal offering.

The kohanim eat the meat of the sin and guilt offerings, and the remainder of the meal offering. The peace offering is eaten by the one who brought it, except for specified portions given to the kohen. The holy meat of the offerings must be eaten by ritually pure persons, in their designated holy place and within their specified time.

Aaron and his sons remain within the Sanctuary compound for seven days, during which Moses initiates them into the priesthood. ❖

Shabbos Schedule

Erev Shabbos – Mar 16

Mincha 6:55 pm

Shabbos – Mar 17

Shacharis 9:30 am*

Torah Reading 10:35 am

Rabbi's Drasha 11:10 am

Musaf 11:25 am

Kiddush 12:10 pm

Gemara (2-31 Summit) 5:55 pm

Mincha 6:55 pm

Rabbi's Drasha 7:20 pm

Maariv 7:54 pm

**Latest morning Shema is now 9:56 AM. Be sure to recite the Shema at or before that time (even if at home).*

General Weekday Schedule

Chassidus Class 5:55 am

Shacharis

Monday-Friday..... 6:15 am

Sunday & Legal Holidays.. 9:00 am

Mincha..... 1:45 pm

Maariv..... 9:15 pm

On some legal holidays, Shacharis will start at 6:15 AM. Be sure to check with the Rabbi for the latest schedule.

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This week's Kiddush
is sponsored by the
Shul.

Join us each
weekday morning
Mon-Fri
as we delve into
the mysteries of
Chassidic concepts.
5:55 am
followed immediately
by Shacharis.

Kiddush

Please join us for "Shabbos Kiddush" and be sure to bring the children.

Appreciation

Thank you to Rephael Hirsch, Nachum Nachum, and Yossi Lebovic for their beautiful Torah readings.

Thank you to all who helped set up the Shabbos Kiddush.

Shhhhh

Talking during the prayer service and during the Torah reading is inappropriate and disturbing to fellow congregants. If you must talk, PLEASE go outside.

You can sponsor the
Weekly Bulletin.
Contact the Rabbi.

Pizza & Parsha

Wednesday, Mar 26 7:00-8:00 pm

CONSUMER CULTURE:
Balancing Mind and Matter

(Please join us for Maariv at 9:15 pm)

What is Shabbat Hagadol

By Eliyahu Kitov

The Shabbat which precedes Passover is called Shabbat haGadol, the Great Sabbath, for many and varied reasons, as we shall explain below.

There are also many special customs associated with this Shabbat. It was in Egypt that Israel celebrated the very first Shabbat Ha-Gadol on the tenth of Nissan, five days before their redemption. On that day, the Children of Israel were given their first commandment which applied only to that Shabbat, but not to future generations: On the tenth day of this month [Nissan]... each man should take a lamb for the household, a lamb for each home (Exodus 12:3).

This mitzvah of preparing a lamb for the Passover offering four days before it was to be brought, applied only to that first Passover in Egypt, and the Torah does not tell us that we must continue to do so before every future Passover. Nevertheless, the people continued to do this to make sure that their lambs had no blemishes which would preclude their being sacrificed.

Many miracles were performed for the Children of Israel on this first Shabbat haGadol. The Torah commanded them to take their lambs and tie them to the bedpost. When they did so, their Egyptian neighbors saw this and asked: "What is the lamb for?"

The Children of Israel answered: "It is to be slaughtered as a Passover sacrifice as G-d has commanded us." The Egyptians, for whom the lamb was a deity, gnashed their teeth in anger but could not utter a sound in protest.

Many other miracles as well were performed in connection with the Passover offering, we therefore refer to this day as Shabbat haGadol.

Why We Celebrate Shabbat Hagadol instead of the 10th of Nissan

Why do we commemorate the miracle on the Shabbat before Passover rather than on the tenth of Nissan, the date on which it actually took place? We see that the Torah itself mentions only the date rather than the day of the week.

It is because the miracle is closely connected to Shabbat. The Egyptians were aware that the Children of Israel observed Shabbat and did not busy themselves tending animals on that day, so when the Egyptians saw them taking lambs and binding them to their bedposts on Shabbat, they were surprised and decided to investigate what was happening.

The Children of Israel were in great danger when they were confronted and were saved only by virtue of a miracle. We therefore commemorate this miracle on Shabbat rather than on the tenth of the month of Nissan.

Moreover, had it not been Shabbat, the Children of Israel would not have needed a miracle to save them. They would have been able to deceive the Egyptians by diverting their attention or making up some kind of explanation. On Shabbat, however, they would not do so, for, as our Sages said, "Even an ignorant man will not tell lies on Shabbat." Thus, we see that they were endangered because of their observance of Shabbat, and they needed a miracle to save them.

Tzav Haftorah in a Nutshell

Jeremiah 7:21-28; 9:22-23

This week's *haftorah* touches on the subject of sacrifices, the main topic of the week's Torah portion.

G-d tells the prophet Jeremiah to rebuke the Jewish people, saying that His primary intention in taking their forefathers out of Egypt wasn't the sacrificial offerings, rather in order that they observe the commandments. But despite the fact that G-d repeatedly dispatched prophets to admonish the people, "They did not obey nor did they incline their ear, but walked according to [their] own counsels and in the view of their evil heart, and they went backwards and not forwards." G-d further informs Jeremiah that the people will also not hearken to these words that he will speak to them now.

The *haftorah* concludes with G-d's admonition: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man boast of his strength, nor the rich man boast of his riches. But let him that boasts exult in this, that he understands and knows me, for I am G-d Who practices kindness, justice and righteousness on the earth; for in these things I delight, says G-d." ❖

A further reason why we recall the miracle on Shabbat rather than on the tenth of the month is that, forty years later, Miriam died on that day and the well which accompanied the Children of Israel and provided them with water in the wilderness, disappeared. When the anniversary of Miriam's death falls on a weekday, some observe it as a fast for the righteous.

Customs of Shabbat Hagadol

- Many communities recite special hymns during the morning services on Shabbat haGadol. The main theme of these hymns is the laws of Passover, which are presented in verse form in order to make it easy for people to become acquainted with the laws of the Festival.
- On the Shabbat preceding Shabbat haGadol, Psalm 104 and Psalms 120-134 [the fifteen psalms that begin with Shir haMa'alot, which are recited every Shabbat throughout the winter] are said for the last time of the year.
- We read part of the Passover Haggadah on Shabbat haGadol, beginning from the paragraph that begins with the words "Avadim hayinu" ("We were slaves") until the words, "lechaper al kol avonotaynu" ("to atone for all of our sins"). One reason for this is that the redemption began on Shabbat haGadol. Another reason is to familiarize the children with the contents of the Haggadah, in fulfillment of the mitzvah of You shall tell your children on that day. Yet another reason is that the reading from the Haggadah on Shabbat haGadol is like a rehearsal for the Seder night, and helps us to become more familiar with the text.
- In some Sephardic communities, it is customary, when greeting one another on this Shabbat, to add the title of the day: Shabbat haGadol mevorach, a blessed Shabbat haGadol.
- From as long ago as the days of the Tanna'im and Amora'im, it has been customary in Jewish communities throughout the world for the outstanding Torah scholar of the congregation to address all the people on this Shabbat. The purpose of this address is to teach the people the ways of G-d and instruct them in the laws of Passover. The rabbi explains how utensils must be prepared for use on Passover, how to remove the chametz, and the laws concerning the baking of matzot. His purpose is to ensure that the people not err in the slightest degree in their observance of the Festival. It is also customary for the rabbi to add other material that speaks to the heart, as well as subjects of topical interest.
- When Shabbat haGadol falls on the day before Passover [and all of the preparations have already been made], it is customary to move this special sermon to the previous Shabbat, so that the congregation can learn all of the applicable laws in time to prepare for the Festival
- It is an ancient custom in some communities, on the day before Shabbat haGadol, to bake a small quantity of bread from the flour which has been reserved for making the matzot. This bread is referred to as the "challah of the poor" or the "synagogue challah," and is distributed to the poor in the community. Each person would fulfill this custom in accordance with his means. The wealthy would prepare a large quantity of this special challah, and those less well off would prepare a smaller quantity. ❖

Good Shabbos to all!



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מאמר: מי כמוכה באלים ה'

TRUE EXISTENCE

by Rabbi Shmuel Schneersohn

Monday-Friday 5:55-6:10 AM

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Halacha • שיעורי הלכה

Hilchos Shabbos.....1:40-1:45 PM
 Monday-Thursday

Our **Shabbos Afternoon Shalosh Seudos** and **lecture series** is set to begin immediately after Pesach

Sponsor a Shalosh Seudos in memory of a loved one or in honor of a Simcha

Please speak to Sassy Yehudiel to secure a week



MONDAY EVENING PIZZA & PARSHA

7:00-8:00 PM • Maariv at 9:15

Monday, March 12, 2018
WHERE DO I FIT IN?

The Synthesis between Community and Individual

What makes you most proud? Your individual accomplishments, or your contribution to the community? Are those perhaps the same thing? What if they clash? And which one is more important? Sacrificial goats, the tablets at Sinai, and the breastplate of the High Priest are the surprising authors of insightful commentary on these very questions.

Monday, March 19, 2018

STEALING FREEDOM

When Jailbreaking Is the Only Option

“You don’t have what it takes.” “Stop faking it.” “Who do you think you are?” Ever heard those before? Yeah, we all have. You want to turn things around, be a better you . . . despite all the naysayers. What to do? Take a cue from the Passover story and “snatch your afikomen”—steal your way to a brighter future.

Monday, March 26, 2018

CONSUMER CULTURE

Balancing Mind and Matter

Many great sages sufficed with bread and water, shunning the caviar and the Rolls Royce. But is having a few extras really so bad? Discover how, when, and why we ought to make use of the finer things in life in a way that complements, rather than contradicts, our spiritual selves.



What Is?

RETHINK EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR UNIVERSE

Beginning Sunday, April 22nd, 7:30-9:00 PM

IMAGINE

that you were able to rethink everything you knew about the universe, the laws of nature, your own consciousness, and the very idea of existence and reality. Imagine the new insights you would gain, the fresh perspective with which you would embark on the journey of life each morning.

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Is the world real? What is time? Where does our sense of self come from? Why does evil exist? If G-d already knows what we will do tomorrow, is our “freedom of choice” nothing more than an illusion? Does the word “G-d” actually mean something, or is it just our way of referring to whatever it is that we cannot explain?

THINK DEEPLY. LIVE DEEPLY.

JOIN US TODAY for our upcoming course, **WHAT IS?** by calling 201.362.2712. or email: RabbiBergstein@FLChabad.com



To sell your Chometz through Rabbi Neubort, fill out the form below and mail it to: 10-10 Plaza Rd. Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. All forms must be received by March 27, 2018.



CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CHOMETZ
 (Note: we do not assume the responsibility of selling Chometz where owner is in a location that needs to sell before local time of Fair Lawn, NJ)

Date _____

I (we) _____
 hereby authorize Rabbi Levi Neubort to dispose of all the Chometz that may be in my (our) possession wherever it may be; at home, at my (our) place of business, or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law as incorporated in the special contract for the sale of chometz.

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 Tel. # _____

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Signature _____ Spouse's Signature _____

A minimum donation of \$18 is required; please make checks payable to Anshei Lubavitch Congregation

Do you need to *Kosher* pots or utensils for Passover?
 Join us for pot *Koshering* *
 On Sunday, March 25th
 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Hershkowitz
 37-14 Jasper Rd.

*Anyone interested in *Koshering* metal utensils or pots shall thoroughly clean them and set them aside for at least 24 hours in advance.



**Burning of Chometz will take place at the
 Hershkowitz residence, 37-14 Jasper Rd.
 Friday, March 30th, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

CELEBRATE THE EXODUS IN FAIR LAWN

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO AN ELEGANT PASSEOVER SEDER

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018 • 7:45PM

LED BY RABBI AVROHOM AND RIVKY BERGSTEIN

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018 • 8:30PM

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