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"Reminders" for Pesach 5778 (part 2)

From Erev Yom Tov until the first day of Chol Hamoed.

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May we celebrate this *Pesach* in the *Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi!*

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Friday, Erev Shabbos, Erev Pesach - י"ד ניסן, ערב חג הפסח יום הולדתו של הרמב"ם
Rambam's birthday

In the morning until after *Biur* (burning of the) *Chometz*:

1. **Mikva.**
2. **Shacharis** (we don't say מזמור לתודה).
3. **Siyum for the Bechorim:** All *Bechorim* (first-born) fast on *Erev Pesach* unless they participate in a *Seudas Mitzva* or *Siyum*. If the father is a *B'chor*, or he has a son younger than *Bar-Mitzva* that is the first-born to his mother or father, the father should participate in a *Siyum* that is usually held after *Shacharis* in *Shul*, and bring the child along as well.
4. **Mechiras Chometz:** If it has not yet been done, **run** to the *Rov* and take care of it.
5. **Nails:** It is best to cut nails before *Chatzos* (midday).
6. **Haircut:** Must be done before *Chatzos* (*In NY: 1:00 pm*). If one forgot, it may be done after *Chatzos* through a *Goy*.
7. **Eating Chometz:** Stop eating *chometz* before: **In NY: 10:50 am.**
8. **Garbage:** Remove all garbage from the house: **In NY: before 11:48 am.**

Burning the *Chometz*:

1. **Checking the pockets:** Prior to burning the *Chometz*, check the pockets of clothing, especially of the children, in their coat pockets, etc. for any *chometz*.

2. **Ten pieces:** Burning of the *Chometz* must also be with ten pieces, therefore, if any pieces were lost during the *Bdika*, be sure to add the correct amount of pieces missing.
3. **End of the time for burning *Chometz*:** In NY: before 11:48 am after which one says the second “*Kol Chamiro*” and the “יהי רצון”. Gas should not be used, just a regular fire.

Friday, ערב חג הפסח—from *Biur Chometz* until the evening:

- * **What we do/don't eat:** We do not drink wine nor eat *Matzo*. We also don't eat any of the foods that are used in the *Keoro* for *Charoses* (apples, pears and nuts) and *Maror* until after “*Korech*” of the second Seder. Eggs and potatoes may be eaten. This applies to children as well.
- * **Sleeping:** If possible, children should nap during the day so they will be able to be awake for the *Seder*.
- * **Rambam's birthday:** we study something in honor of the *Rambam's* birthday.

Preparations for the *Sedarim* and the meals:

Important: As this year the first *Seder* night is on Friday night, everything for the *Seder* must be prepared on Friday during the day.

1. **Roasting:** On both nights of the *Sedarim* we do not eat meat or chicken that was roasted.
2. **Checking Lettuce:** Check the lettuce leaves for bugs and wash and dry them.
3. **Maror (*Chrein*):** Grind the *Maror*. Some store it in a tightly sealed container so it should not lose its sharpness.
4. **Charoses:** Prepare the *Charoses*, which consists of apples, pears and nuts. The *Rebbe* brings down a nice “*Siman*” from the *Ariza*! for these ingredients: It says in the *Posuk* “חרושת אבן”. **אבן** Is the acronym for **א**יפל **ב**ארין **נ**יסן (*eppel-apple, baren-pears, nissn-nuts*). This year, because of *Shabbos*, we add the wine to the *Charoses* on Friday rather than on *Shabbos* during the *Seder*.
5. **Eggs:** Cook the eggs for the *Sedarim* until they are hard-boiled.
6. **Zeroa:** Roast the *Zeroa* to put on the *Ke'ara*.
7. **Salt-water:** Prepare the salt-water.
8. **Matzos:** Open the packages and boxes of *Matzo* and make sure there are enough whole *Matzos* to use for the *Seder*.
9. **Wine:** Open the bottles of wine. Those who drink white wine but they mix a little red wine into it in honor of the *Seder*, it is preferable to mix them on Friday.

Preparations for *Yom Tov*:

1. **Nails:** It is best to cut your nails before *Chatzos* (mid-day – in NY 1:00 pm). If one forgot, they may be cut after *Chatzos*.
2. **Shabbos Clock:** Ensure that the *Shabbos* clock is set for both *Sedarim*.
3. **Eiruv Chatzeiros** (in apartment buildings, two-family houses, neighbors etc.): For those who need—don't forget to make an *Eiruv Chatzeiros* to be used the entire year.

Mincha and *Seder Korban Pesach*

- * **Mincha:** We daven earlier than usual for time is needed to say “*Seder Korban Pesach*” before *Sh'kia*.
- * Before *Mincha* we say “*Hodu*” and “*Posach Eliyohu*”.

* **Seder Korban Pesach:** After *Mincha* and before *Sh'kia* one says the “*Seder Korban Pesach*”. One should read it in the proper time so the reading should be in place of the sacrifice, and one should entreat *Hashem* to rebuild the *Beis Hamikdash* speedily in our days and we should be able to bring the *Korban Pesach*, Amen. (See לקוטי שיחות חלק 36 ל"ב ע').

Right before *Yom Tov*:

* **Long-lasting candles** (like a *Yartzeit Licht*): **Light the long-lasting** candles for those who do not have a gas flame lit over *Yom Tov*. [Those who have household help should light one even if there is a gas flame lit, for sometimes the maid turns off the flame].

* **Candles and candle-holders:** Those that use glass holders that need to be cleaned after each use should ensure that they have enough for two days of *Yom Tov*, as on *Yom Tov* there is a *shailo* regarding the removal of the washer that is stuck to the wax.

Hadlokas Haneiros – candle lighting

1. Candle lighting time is 18 (23) minutes before *Shkiah*. (In NY: 7:00 pm).
2. **Those that are eating elsewhere - do not forget to light candles at the right time!** If one missed lighting candles tonight, a *Rov* should be contacted after *Yom Tov* to determine what should be done for the future.
3. ***Tzedaka*:** Give *Tzedaka* equivalent to two days for *Shabbos* and *Yom Tov*.
4. ***Berochois/* blessings:** The two *Brachos* said are: , שהחיינו and להדליק נר של שבת ושל יום טוב, .

In the evening:

* **Preparing the Table:** While the father is in *Shul* davening *Ma'ariv*, those at home should set the table with all the necessary items and utensils needed for the *Seder*. The *Ke'ara* should not be set up, for the father will put it together as soon as he returns from *Shul*.

* *Ma'ariv*:

1. *Tefillah* for Friday night starts from "מזמור לדוד".
2. At the end of “*Lecha Dodi*” we say “*Gam Besimcha Uvetzoholo*”.
3. The *Amidah* is that of *Sholosh Regolim*.
4. After the *Amida* we say *Vayechulu* and the entire *Hallel* is recited (“*Brocho meain sheva*” is not recited.).
5. *Mizmor Ledovid, Aleinu Ieshabeach*.

* The Father should see to it that he comes home from *Shul* **immediately** after *Maariv* so the *seder* can start in a timely manner before the children get tired.

The First *Seder*:

* ***Minhag Beis HaRav* – the custom in the *Rebbe's* house:** Throughout the generations, the custom was to begin the first *Seder* immediately after *Ma'ariv*, and to eat the *Afikoman* before *Chatzos* (In NY: 1:00 am).

* Before beginning the *Seder* one should give the children nuts so they see a “change”. This will cause them to ask “*Ma Nishtano...why is this night different?*”

* **If one forgot to prepare the:**

***Zeroa*:** you may place instead a piece of boiled meat (or any boiled item).

***Beitza*:** you may place instead a boiled item.

Chrein: cut some pieces but do not grate.

Charoses: cut the fruits into pieces and then you add a little wine with a *Shinui* (a change - i.e. first put wine and then add the pieces etc.)

Salt water: it is prepared with a *Shinui* (i.e. first put in the salt then the water) and make a minimal amount with just a little salt.

* [The details concerning the *Seder* are in a different document]

* It is best to eat the *Afikoman* before *Chatzos*, (In NY: 1:00 am).

* By *Mayim Achronim*, until the end of *Shvi'i Shel Pesach* we do not pass our fingers over our lips.

* By "*Shfoch Chamoscho*" we go to the door **without** the candles.

* **Krias Shema:** The first night of *Pesach*, In *Krias Shema* before going to sleep, we recite only the first paragraph of *Shema* (until ובשערך) and the *Bracha* of המפיל.

Shabbos, 15 Nissan, the first day of Yom Tov

* **Sof Zman** (latest time for) *Krias Sh'ma*: In NY: 9:48 am.

* **Birchas Kohanim:** Prepare the children to attend *Shul* to hear *Birchas Kohanim* which is done at the end of *Musaf*.

* **Hallel:** After the *Amida* for *Shalosh Regalim* the entire *Hallel* is recited.

* מוריד הטל:

- In *Musaf*, after the *Gabai's* announcement, we begin to say "מוריד הטל".
- If one forgot and said משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם: if one remembered before saying "מחיל המתים" return to "אתה גבור". However, if one remembered after saying the *Bracha*, return to the beginning of the *Amida*.
- One who is *davening* at home should estimate what time *Musaf* is said in *Shul*, and should then daven *Musaf* and say מוריד הטל.

* After *Musaf* we recite "*Velokachto Soles*" and "*Shesh Zchiros*".

* **Kiddush:** *Kiddush* at the start of the meal is that of *Shabbos* and *Shalosh Regalim*. "*Mizmor ledovid*" until "*Vayekadshehu*" are said quietly and then recite out loud: "אלה מועדי".

* **Birchas Hamazon:**

- **(Retzei and) Yaale Veyovo:** We add (רצה and) "יעלה ויבא" in *Birchas Hamazon*. If one forgot and remembered after beginning the following *Bracha* (even if he only said "ברוך") must begin *Bentching* again. However, if he remembered before beginning the next *Bracha*, he should say the text printed in the *Siddur*: "ברוך... אשר נתן...".
- **הרהמן:** At the end of *Birchas Hamazon* we add *Horachamon* of *Shabbos* and "הרהמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

* **During the first day of Yomtov (Shabbos):** One is not allowed to prepare on *Shabbos* for the next day. Therefore, one may not prepare anything for the *Seder* of tonight.

* In *Mincha* we do not say "*Tzidkoscho*".

Motzoei Shabbos, The second night of Yom Tov—First night of Sefiras Ha'Omer

* All preparations for the *Seder* and the *Seuda* may begin after *Tzeis Hakochovim* (nightfall): in NY: after 8:00 pm.

* In order to start doing any preparations for the *Seder*, the women must first say (after *Tzeis Hakochovim*) "*Boruch Hamavdil bein Koidesh Lekoidesh*", and only then may they commence the preparations for the *Seder* (even before *Maariv*).

Ma'ariv:

1. *Tefillah* for *Shalosh Regolim*, beginning from "שיר המעלות".
2. In the *Amida* of *Sholosh Regolim* we add "*Vatodieinu*". If one forgot, then after the *Amidah* he says "*Boruch Hamavdil bein Koidesh Lekoidesh*".
3. After the *Amidah* the entire *Hallel* is recited.
4. ***Sefiras Ha'Omer***: Tonight we start counting *Sefiras Ha'omer* (יום אחד לעומר).

The second *Seder*:

- **Candle Lighting:**
 - a. Candles should be lit after nightfall (In NY: after 8:00 pm.) or close to the start of the *Seder* **from an existing flame**.
 - b. Two *Brachos* are recited: "שהחיינו" and "להדליק נר של יו"ט".
 - c. If it is necessary to bring a candle from a neighbor, cover it before walking outside so the wind should not extinguish the flame.

Before the second *Seder* begins:

- ***Sefiras Ha'omer***: Remind everyone to count *Sefiras Ha'omer*.
- **Ensure that all the women have lit candles. If there are not enough candles, do not rely on lighting after the *Seder*, rather borrow candles from a neighbor so that all the women can light candles before beginning the *Seder*.**
- ***Minhag Bais Harav***, throughout the generations, was to spend more time on the second night at the *Seder*, and the *Rebbe* would elaborate on the explanations of the *Haggada*, *Divrei Torah* and *His'orerus* and were not particular to eat the *Afikoman* before *Chatzos*.

If one forgot to prepare:

Zeroa: If one forgot to roast it on *Erev Yom Tov*, they may roast only what is needed for the *Seder*, and be sure to eat it the next day, as roasted meat may not be eaten at night and we may not prepare from *Yom Tov* for after *Yom Tov*.

Beitza: If one forgot to prepare the boiled eggs, they may be cooked at night. However, since one is not allowed to prepare on *Yom Tov* for after *Yom Tov*, cook only what is needed for the *Seder*, and be sure to eat them at the beginning of the meal or the next day.

After the second *Seder*

- Until 5731 the *Rebbe* would come to the *Shul* downstairs, after the second *Seder* (about 1:30 am) and say several *Sichos* on the *Hagadda* and sometimes also a *Maamor*. May we merit to hear more *Maamorim* and *Sichos* this year!

- **Krias Shma:** Before going to sleep, *Krias Shma* is said like any other *Yom Tov*.

Sunday, 16 Nissan – Second day of *Yom Tov*

* **Sof Zman Krias Shma:** in NY: 9:48 am.

* **Davening:**

- **Birchas Kohanim:** Prepare the children to attend *Shul* to attend *Birchas Kohanim* which is done at the end of *Musaf*.
- **Hallel:** After the *Amida* of *Shacharis* for *Shalosh Regolim* the entire *Hallel* is recited.

* **Meal:**

- **Kiddush:** *Kiddush* is that for *Shalosh Regolim* and we begin from "אלה מועדי וגו'".
- **Esther's Feast:** It is customary to mention/do something during the meal of the day to remember Esther's feast which was on this day.

* **Birchas Hamazon:**

- **יעלה ויבא** is added. If one forgot to say it and remembered after he already began the next *bracha* (even if he only said *ברוך*) he must begin *bentching* again. But if he remembered before he said *ברוך* he should say what it says in the *siddur*. "ברוך..אשר נתן..".
- **הרחמן**: We add "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

* **מסכת סוטה**: We start learning *מסכת סוטה* – one page per day. Today we learn the *שער בלאט* as is explained at length in the *sicha* of תשמ"ה *הג השבועות תשמ"ה*.

Motzoei Yom-Tov – Beginning of Chol Hamoed

In *Ma'ariv* (In NY after 8:03 pm) we add four things:

1. **מוריד הטל**: If one said *משיב הרוח* and remembered before he said *ה' מחי המתים* he goes back to *גבור*. If, however, he remembered after that - he starts the *Amidah* again. (This applies for the next thirty days).
2. **אתה חוננתנו**: If one forgot to say it and remembers after he said "ה'" of *חונן הדעת* he doesn't go back and just says *ברוך המבדיל בין קודש לחול* after he finishes davening.
3. **ותן ברכה**: **We say ותן ברכה for the first time.**
If one mistakenly said *לברכה* - then:
 - a. If he remembered before he finished the *Bracha*, he starts the *Bracha* again.
 - b. If he reminded himself before he finished the *Amidah* he goes back to *ברכת השנים*.
 - c. However, if he finished the *Amidah* – he has to repeat it from the beginning.
4. **יעלה ויבא**: We add *Ya'ale Veyovo* in the *Shmone Esrei*.
If one mistakenly forgot to say it, then:
 - a. If he remembers before he says "ה'" of *המחזיר שכינתו לציון* he says *יעלה ויבא* there and then continues.

- b. If he already said 'ה and remembers before he begins מודים he says it there.
- c. If he remembers before he says the second יהיו לרצון, he goes back to רצה.
- d. If he remembers after the second יהיו לרצון he must repeat the *Amidah* again from the beginning.

* **Sefiras Haomer:** Tonight we count two days to the *Omer*.

* **Havdala:**

- We say the regular Havdala but we do not use the *Besomim* nor the candle.
- We don't say ויתן לך.

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