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“Reminders” for Pesach 5781 (part 2)

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

Experience has shown that it is best if both husband and wife (and children...) review these reminders each day thoroughly so that miscommunications and last-minute panics can be avoided, and Yom Tov can be truly celebrated joyfully.

Important note: It has been stressed many times, these are “reminders” to see things “at a glance” and **not** a compilation of *Halocho*. Since this year *Erev Pesach* occurs on Shabbos, and there are many *Halochois* connected to this, the format of “Reminders” has been kept and any area that requires elaboration has been included at the end of this document: a. Addendum #1, b. Addendum #2 and c. “laws and customs”.

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

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Monday- *Bais Nissan*, בי' ניסן, The *Rebbe Rashab's Yohrzeit*.

See *Sefer Haminhogim* page 86 regarding the customs of a *Yom Hahilula* of a *Rebbe*.

Shabbos Parshas Vayikra – 7 Nissan

After Davening the *Rov* says the *Shabbos Hagadol Drosho*.

On *Motzoei Shabbos* in *Maariv* we say ואתה קדוש ויהי נועם

After *Havdolo*, put away the *B'somim* in the *Chometz* (as our custom is not to use *B'somim* on *Pesach*). This year it will not be used at *Havdolo* on *Motzoei Shabbos* of *Pesach*.

Wednesday, *Yud Alef Nissan*, י"א ניסן – יום הבהיר, The *Rebbe's* 119th birthday.

*After Davening we begin to say the *Rebbe's* new *Kapitel*, 120, in *Tehillim*.

*This is a day for reflection and taking on *Hachlotos Toivos*, and it is appropriate to read additional details in *Sefer Haminhogim* p. 85.

Wednesday evening:

*If one has braces, retainers, fillings or false teeth he should refrain from eating hot (or sharp) *Chometz* from now on, and ensure that cold *Chometz* does not get stuck. These items should be cleaned well. (See further concerning what must be done tomorrow night.)

Thursday Morning, 12 Nissan

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.

During the day, purchase the *Bulkelach* that you will need for the Friday night and *Shabbos* morning meals and wrap them in tissues (see the details in the addendum #1 and #2 and in *Laws and Customs* printed at the end of this document).

Thursday Evening, 12 Nissan

Bedikas Chometz (Check local calendar):

Before *Bedikas Chometz* ensure that the *Chometz* was sold!! If it was not, go now and take care of it!

1. We search for the *Chometz* after *Maariv*.
2. *Chometz* that is left to be eaten tomorrow morning (and Friday night and *Shabbos* morning) should be put away so that the children do not get to it. The areas that are to be sold to the *goy* **should be closed off and marked.**
3. All the areas where *Chometz* is stored should be locked and marked at this time (besides what will need to be closed on *Shabbos* morning).
4. We prepare:
 - a. A **bag** in which to place the *Chometz* which is found during the *Bedika*.
 - b. A **candle**.
 - c. A **wooden spoon**.
 - d. A **feather**.
 - e. A **paper** to wrap around all of the above.
 - f. **String** to tie the paper.
 - g. **10 pieces of *Chometz*** as follows:
 1. We take ten pieces of *Chometz*, preferably something that does not make crumbs.
 2. Each piece should be less than a *kezayis* (all together they should be at least a *Kazayis*).
 3. We wrap each one in paper or napkin, not foil, so that it should burn well.
 4. We put them out in several different places in the house.
 5. It is better to put them in the corners of the rooms rather than in the middle of the rooms.
 6. Someone should write down where each piece was placed.
5. There are those who have the custom to wash *נטילת ידים* before beginning the search.
6. The father should gather the members of the household next to him when he makes the *Brocho*.
7. After the *Brocho*, one should not speak until completing the *Bedika*. The search should be performed slowly and meticulously, and should begin in the room closest to where he is when reciting the *Brocho*.
8. The places that will be sold to the *goy* and are sealed for the duration of *Yom Tov* should not be searched.
9. The *Chometz* that is found is placed in the paper bag.
10. If one of the ten pieces is lost or misplaced, call the *Rav* after the *Bedika*.

11. After the *Bedika* say the first "*Kol Chamiro*" and then wrap the paper around the bag, the candle, the feather and the spoon, ensuring that the handle of the spoon is visible. Tie the bag shut. Ensure that there is at least a *Kezayis* of *Chometz* to burn.
12. **Thank you!!!** The father should give a heartfelt "Thank you" to the mother and the children for having done such a superb job in preparing the house to be nice and clean for *Pesach*.
13. If the father has not yet done *Bedikas Chometz* in the office (and it will not be sold in the *Chometz*), he should do that at this point.
14. **Car:** Don't forget to do *Bedikas Chometz* in the car (if it will be used on *Pesach*). It can be done with a flashlight.

* **Vacuum cleaner bag:** Remember to empty and discard the vacuum cleaner bag.

* **Retainers, fillings and braces:** Whoever has fillings or braces should rinse their mouth with hot or warm water (hot or warm as they would usually use when having a tea or coffee). Whoever has retainers for their teeth, should also pour hot water on them (not boiling water that may ruin them).

* **Be very careful with any *Chometz* left over for the next day in the morning and the *Challah* for Friday night and *Shabbos* morning. It should be put out of reach of the children.**

Friday, Erev Shabbos Hagadol, 13 Nissan, יום ההילולא של הצמח צדק, Yorzeit of the Tzemach Tzedek

* See *Sefer Haminhogim* page 86 regarding the customs of a *Yom Hahilula* of a *Rebbe*.

Important note: The Alter Rebbe writes that although we may halachically burn the *Chometz* right before *Shabbos* (because we are permitted to eat it until *Shabbos* morning), it is nevertheless proper to burn the *Chometz* before midday (today on Friday) so as not to cause confusions for other years. Therefore, we burn the *Chometz* in the morning like in all other years.

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

1. **Mikva.**
2. **Shacharis:** we **do** recite מזמור לתודה as it is not *Erev Pesach*.
3. Today, instead of the נשיא, we say from "זאת חנוכת המזבח" until "כן עשה את המנורה" and we do not say the *Yehi Rotzon*.
4. **Mechiras Chometz:** If it has not yet been done, **run** and take care of it.
5. **Garbage:** Remove all garbage from the house **before the time of *Biur***. (*Check local calendar- For NY see last page*).

Burning the *Chometz*:

1. **Check the pockets:** Prior to burning the *Chometz*, check the pockets of clothing and coats, especially of the children, for any *chometz*.
2. **Ten pieces:** Burning of the *Chometz* must also be with ten pieces. Therefore, if any pieces were lost during the *Bedika*, be sure to add the correct amount of pieces missing (all together there should be at least a *Kazayis*).
3. **End of the time for burning *Chometz*:** Before (*Check local calendar- For NY see last page*). After which we do **NOT** recite the second "*Kol Chamiro*" (it is recited *Shabbos* morning -see below) but we **do** recite the "יהי רצון".
4. **Eating *Chometz*:** From this point we refrain from eating *Chometz* in the house as it is all *Pesachdik*.

During the day:

1. **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 for the entire year.

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2. **Haircuts:** This year (because *Erev Pesach* occurs on *Shabbos*) haircuts may be taken a whole day Friday (not only until *Chatzos* as in other years). Don't wait until the last minute. From *Pesach* until *Erev Shavuos* it is our custom not to cut one's hair.
3. **Nail cutting:** This year, nails may be cut all day on *Erev Shabbos*.

Preparations for the *Sedarim* and the meals:

Since the first Seder is on *Motzoei Shabbos*, all the preparations for the *Sedorim* should be done today, Friday.

[If one forgot to do any of these preparations - see page 6 of Laws and Customs printed at the end of this document.]

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 thoroughly.
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"l* for these ingredients: It says in the *Posuk* "חרושת אבן". **אבן** is the acronym for **אפּל באריץ ניסן**. (*epel*-apple, *baren*-pears, *nissn*-nuts). [At the *Seder*, some wine is added before the *Maror* is dipped in the *Charoses*.]
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. **Saltwater:** Prepare the saltwater.
8. **Matzos:** Open the packages and boxes of *Matzo* and make sure there are enough whole *Matzos* to use for the Seder and that they are שלמות (whole and not broken).
9. **Wine:** Open the bottles of wine.

Before *Shabbos*:

1. **Shabbos Clock:** Ensure that the *Shabbos* clock is set for *Shabbos* and both *Sedarim*.
2. **Shnaim Mikra Veechod Targum:** We are *Maavir Sedra Pashas Tzav*.
3. **Long-lasting candles** (like a 48-hour or 72-hour *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 it is inadvertently turned off].
4. **Candles and candle-holders:** Those who use glass holders that need to be cleaned after each use should ensure that they have enough for *Shabbos* and 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 of Friday night

1. Candles should be lit 18 minutes before sunset (*Check local calendar- For NY see last page*), just like every *Erev Shabbos*.
2. **Those who are going to eat elsewhere (not at home) should not forget to light candles at the right time!**
3. **Tzedaka:** Give *Tzedaka* equivalent to three days: *Shabbos* and two days of *Yom Tov*.
4. **The Brocho is:** להדליק נר של שבת קודש.

The Friday night meal:

See addendum #1 and #2 and Laws and Customs page 4 (at the end of this document) as to how the *Seuda* should be conducted.

Shabbos Hagodol in the morning

Shacharis:

1. *Shacharis* on *Shabbos Erev Pesach* is done **early**. It should be arranged to be able to recite *Kiddush*, wash for *Challah*, and finish eating the *Challah* by (see local calendar) and flush by (see local calendar). See addendum #1 and #2 and Laws and Customs page 4 (at the end of this document) as to how the *Seuda* should be conducted.
2. The *Parsha* read is *Parsha Tzav*.
3. The *Haftoro* is *Veorvo*.

The Shabbos/day meal

* See addendums #1 and #2 (and Laws and Customs page 4) at the end of this document regarding:

1. How the *Seuda* should be conducted.
2. The times until when the *Challah* may be eaten.
3. The time by when (and how) to clean off the *chometz*, flush the napkins, clean teeth etc.
4. Recitation of the second *Kol Chamiro*.
5. Continuation of the meal.

Throughout the day of Shabbos Hagodol

Rambam's birthday: We study something in honor of the *Rambam's* birthday.

* **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 *Charoses* (apples, pears and nuts) and *Maror* until after "*Korech*" of the second Seder. Eggs, chicken and potatoes may be eaten. This applies to children as well.

* **Sleeping:** Parents should ensure that their children nap during the day so that they are awake and alert for the *Seder*.

[It is best not to verbalize that the nap is for after *Shabbos*.]

Mincha, Haggadah and Seder Korban Pesach

* **Mincha:** We *Daven Mincha* earlier than usual for time is needed to say the "*Haggadah*" (see below) and the "*Seder Korban Pesach*", all three before *Sh'kia*.

* We read *Parshas Shmini*.

* **The Haggadah:** * After *Mincha* we read the *Haggadah* from "עבדים היינו" until "לכפר על כל עונותינו" (at the end of the paragraph "על אחת כמה וכמה"). The *Rebbe* would say it with the *Minyan* while sitting at his holy place. There is a wonderful *shiur* on [sichosacademy.org](http://theonlinerabbi.com/sichosonline/parshas-bo/) based on *Likutei Sichos* where the *Rebbe* explains beautifully why it is called *Shabbos Hagodol* and why we say the *Haggadah*. <http://theonlinerabbi.com/sichosonline/parshas-bo/>

* **Seder Korban Pesach:** After *Mincha* and before the *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 36 ע"ב ל"ב ע"א). (לקוטי שיעור הלק ל"ב ע"א 36).

Motzoei Shabbos the first evening of Yom Tov

* All preparations for the *Seder* and the *Seuda* may begin only after *Tzeis Hakochovim* (nightfall): (Check local calendar- For NY see last page).

* In order to begin any preparations for the *Seder*, the women must first *Daven Maariv* (or at least say "*Boruch Hamavdil bein Koidesh Lekoidesh*"), and only then may they commence the preparations for the *seuder* (even before *Maariv*).

* **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*.

* **Hadlokas Haneiros:** some have the custom to light the *Yom Tov* candles at this point. Some have the custom to light them right before the starting of the *seuder*.

* The candles are lit **only from a pre-existing flame!**

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Berochois/ blessings: The two *Brachos* said are: שהחיינו and להדליק נר של יום טוב .

Ma'ariv of Motzoei Shabbos:

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, followed by *Kadish Tiskabel* and *Oleinu Leshabeach*.

* 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* (see local calendar).

* 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 any of the things to go on the Ke'arah (Zeroa, Beitza etc.) on Erev Shabbos** - see Laws and Customs (page 6) printed at the end of this document.]

* [The details concerning the *Seder* are in a different document. Some are also found below in "laws and customs" pages 6-7].

* It is best to eat the *Afikoman* before *Chatzos*. (See local calendar)

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

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

Sunday, 15 Nissan, the first day of Yom Tov

* **Sof Zman** (latest time for) **Krias Shema:** (see local calendar)

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

* **Hallel:** After the *Amida* for *Shalosh Regolim* 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 "ה' מחי המתים", he returns to "ברוך אתה", he returns to the beginning of the *Amida*. However, if one remembered after saying the "ה' מחי המתים", he returns 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 "*Shesh Zchiros*".

* **Kiddush:** *Kiddush* at the start of the meal is that of *Shalosh Regolim*. "אלה מועדי".

* **Birchas Hamazon:**

- **Yaale Veyovo:** We add "יעלה ויבא" in *Birchas Hamazon*. If one forgot and remembered after beginning the following *Bracha* (even if he only said "ברוך") he 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...".
- **הרחמן:** At the end of *Birchas Hamazon* we add *Horachamon* of "הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב".

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* **During the first day of Yom Tov:** One is not allowed to prepare from the first day of Yom Tov for the next day. Therefore, one may not prepare anything for the *Seder* of tonight.

Mincha: Korbonois, Ashrei, Uvo Letzion, Amidah of Sholosh Regolim. Oleinu.

Sunday night, the second night of Yom Tov—First night of Sefiras Ha'Omer

* All preparations for the *Seder* and the *Seuda* may begin only after *Tzeis Hakochovim* (nightfall): (see local calendar).

Ma'ariv:

1. *Tefillah* for *Shalosh Regolim*, beginning from "שיר המעלות".
2. After the *Amidah* the entire *Hallel* is recited.
3. **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 (see local calendar) or close to the start of the *Seder* **from an existing flame**.
- b. Two *Brachos* are recited: "להדליק נר של יו"ט" and "שהחינו".
- 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:

1. **Sefiras Ha'Omer:** Remind everyone to count *Sefiras Ha'Omer*.
2. **Ensure that all the women and girls lit the 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.**
3. *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*. They were not particular to eat the *Afikoman* before *Chatzos*.

[* **If one forgot on Erev Shabbos to prepare any of the things that go on the Ke'arah (Zeroa, Beitza etc.)** – See Laws and Customs page 6].

* [The details concerning the *Seder* are in a different document. Some are also found below in "laws and customs" pages 6-7].

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 *Maamorim* and *Sichos* this year!
- **Krias Shma:** Before going to sleep, *Krias Shma* is said like any other *Yom Tov*.

Monday, 16 Nissan – Second day of Yom Tov

* **Sof Zman Krias Shma:** (see local calendar).

Davening:

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

The Yom Tov Seudah/Meal:

- **Kiddush:** Kiddush is that for *Shalosh Regolim* and we begin from "אתקינו וכו' 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 הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב": הרחמן: We add

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

Mincha of the second day Yom Tov

Korbonios, Ashrei, Uvo letzion, Amidah of Sholosh Regolim and Oleinu Leshabeach.

Motzoei Yom-Tov – Beginning of Chol Hamoed

In *Ma'ariv* (see local calendar) in the *Amidah* we add **four** things:

1. **מוריד הטל:** If one said משיב הרוח and remembered before he said "ברוך אתה) ה' מחי המתים" he goes back to אתה גבור. If, however, he remembered after that - he starts the *Amidah* again. (This applies for the next 30 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 of the *Omer*.

Havdalah:

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

Part 3 of the reminders (for the rest of Pesach) will be available next week *bez"h*

בברכת בניסן נגאלו ובניסן עתידין להגאל

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