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"Reminders" for Pesach 5782 (part 3)

From the first day of Chol Hamoed until the end of Pesach.

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- * Experience has shown that it is best if both husband and wife (and children...) review this each day thoroughly so that miscommunications and last-minute panics can be avoided, and *Yom Tov* can truly be celebrated joyfully.
- * All the sources are in the Hebrew section of the Reminders.
- * Important note: It has been stressed many times that these are "Reminders" to be able to see things "at a glance" and they are not a compilation of *Halocho*.
- * Since there are several *Halochois* that require elaboration, the format of the "Reminders" has been kept, and the additional details are included at the end of this document, in the "Laws and Customs" by Rabbi Lesches, with his permission (they are all also available on the website below). They include: *Chol Hamoed Erev Shvii shel Pesach Shvii shel Pesach* by night *Shvii Shel Pesach* by day *Acharon Shel Pesach* night *Acharon Shel Pesach* day *Isru Chag Eiruv Tavshilin* and *Sefiras Haomer*.
- *Additionally, on our website, Sichosacademy.org there is a wealth of information regarding *Pesach*. I urge you to visit it before you look for the Rov to ask a *Shailah*.

Please post this on the refrigerator or another central location.

Wishing you a true Simchas Yom Tov, which we will celebrate in the Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi.

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May we celebrate this *Pesach* in the *Bais Hamikdosh Hashlishi!* Rabbi Levi Y. Garelik

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Monday, First day of Chol Hamoed – 17 Nissan

In Shacharis:

- 1. We don't say מזמור לתודה.
- 2. We add in the Amidah:
 - 1. מוריד הטל: If one said משיב הרוח and remembered **before** he said (מחי' המתים) he starts again from אתה גבור ווא. If, however, he remembered after that he begins the *Amida* from the beginning. (This applies for 30 days).
 - 2. ותן ברבה: If one mistakenly said ותן ברבה: then:
 - a. If he remembered before he finished the *Bracha*, he starts again from ברך עלינו.
 - b. If he reminded himself before he finished the *Amidah* he goes back to ברך עלינו
 - c. However, if he finished the *Amidah* he has to repeat it from the beginning.
 - 3. יעלה ויבא : We add Yaale Veyovo in Shmone Esrei.

If one mistakenly forgot to say Yaale Veyovo, then:

- a. If he remembers before he says "המחזיר שבינתו 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, he goes back to רצה.
- d. If he remembers after the second יהיו לרצון he must repeat the Amidah again from the beginning.
- 3. Half הלל. [Krias Hatorah].
- 4. Mussaf for שלש רגלים with the additions of Chol Hamoed.

During the day:

*Cup of wine: Every day of חול המועד it is customary to drink one cup of wine with one of the meals.

*Bentching: יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot and remembered only after he began יעלה ויבא ברוך אתה... הא-ל אבינו even if he only said ברוך, he continues Bentching. If, however, he remembered after saying ברוך but before he said בונה ברחמיו וכו' but before he said ברוך.. הא-ל אבינו and then continue Bentching.

*Sota: We learn 'ם מסבתא סוטה דף ב.

*In Maariv: Sefiras Haomer - Day number Three.

Tuesday, Second day of *Chol Hamoed –* 18 *Nissan, ח"י ביסן"ח*Birthday of R' Levi Yitzchok Schneerson – the Rebbe's father, and the day of the Rebbe's Bris.

Shacharis: Like yesterday.

*Cup of wine: Like yesterday.

*Bentching: יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot – see above on first day of Chol Hamoed.

*During the day: Learn 'מסכתא סוטה דף ג'.

*In Maariv: Sefiras Haomer - Day number Four.

Wednesday, Third day of Chol Hamoed

Shacharis: Like yesterday.

*Cup of wine: Like yesterday.

- * **Bentching**: יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot see above on first day of *Chol Hamoed*.
- * During the day: Learn 'מסכתא סוטה דף ד'.
- * In Maariv: Sefiras Haomer Day Number five.

Thursday, Fourth day of Chol Hamoed, Erev Yom Tov

Shacharis: Like yesterday.

- * Cup of wine: Like yesterday.
- * Bentching: יעלה ויבא is added. If one forgot see above on first day of Chol Hamoed.
- * During the day: Learn 'מסבתא סוטה דף ה.

Eiruv Tavshilin!

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE AN EIRUV TAVSHILIN ON EREV YOM TOV!!

Kindly follow the instructions as outlined in the "Laws and Customs" below on page 11.

Eiruv Tavshilin in Brief: The Eiruv Tavshilin allows one to cook and light candles on Yomtov (Friday) for Shabbos. As follows:

Take a whole *Matza* and a *kezayis* of a cooked item, like fish or meat (if you don't have, you may use a hard-boiled egg). Hand this to someone (older than *Bar Mitzva*) who is NOT a member of the household, and do the procedure and say the *Nusach* that is written in the *Siddur*. Put the *Eiruv* aside until *Shabbos* (*Acharon Shel Pesach*) when it should be eaten (see below).

Reminder: The *Eiruv Tavshilin* is not only for cooking from *Yom Tov* to *Shabbos*, but also for lighting candles on Friday evening. Therefore, those who will not be eating at home on *Shabbos*, should light where they will be eating or should at least put up some water to cook for *Shabbos* to enable them to make an *Eruv Tavshilin*. If they are not putting up anything to cook but they would like to light candles at home (from a pre-existing flame), they should consult the Rov.

Contact the Rov in case of any question.

* Mincha: Korbonois, Ashrei, Amidah (Morid Hatol, V'sain Brocho, Yaale Veyovoi), Aleinu.

Before Yom Tov starts:

- 1. Long lasting candle: If one does not have a gas fire lit for the duration of Yom Tov, he should light a long lasting candle (like Yorzeit Licht) that will last for a minimum of 26 hours, in order to be able to light the candles the second night of Yom Tov (Friday night). Those who plan to have a gas fire lit and have hired help should light a Licht as a precaution because sometimes the gas flame is inadvertently turned off.
- 2. **Candles and candle-holders:** Those who 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.
- 3. Shabbos-Clocks: Ascertain that the Shabbos-clocks are set for both days and evenings of Yom Tov and Shabbos.

Candle Lighting:

- Tzedaka: Give Tzedaka for two days of Yom Tov.
- Candles should be lit 18 minutes before sunset (Check local calendar), just like every Erev Shabbos. However, if one missed the correct time they may light later from a pre-existing flame (preferably right before the meal).
- Those who are going to eat elsewhere (not at home) should not forget to light candles.
- Say the *Bracha* להדליק נר של יום טוב and we **do not** say שהחיינו.

The Simcha of Shvii and Acharon Shel Pesach is greater than the Simcha of the other days of Pesach.

(Sefer Haminhogim)

- * *Maariv:* Begins from שיר המעלות; the *Amida* is of שלש רגלים, and then count *Sefira*.
- * Sefiras Haomer Day number Six.

The Meal:

- * Before one starts the meal he should ensure that all the women, especially the guests, have lit candles.
 - * Kiddush: of Sholosh Regolim, begin from סברי מרנן and do not say שהחיינו.
 - * ספר השיחות ת"ש: At an opportune time, it is proper to read the story of the *Rebbetzin* in her youth from ספר השיחות ת"ש, pages 71-72 סעיפים ב,ג,ד. A beautiful translation in English of this *Sicha* is found below in pages 17-18. Additionally, there is a fascinating explanation of the *Rebbe* about this in לקו"ש חלק ל"ז page 14 and onward.

Bentching

- יעלה ויבא: is added in *Bentching*. 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... and then continues the *Bentching*.
- הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב We add הרחמן.

Shvi'i Shel Pesach at Night:

It is a Lubavitch custom to stay awake all night and learn. Alos Hashachar is at: (Check local calendar)

Friday, Erev Shabbos, Shvi'i Shel Pesach, 21 Nissan

- * Latest Krias Shma: (Check local calendar)
- * Birchas Kohanim: Prepare children for Birchas Kohanim at the end of Mussaf.
- * **Hallel**: After the *Amida*, half *Hallel* is recited. [The *Rabbeim*, although they would *Daven Baarichus*, they would arrange to be with the *Tzibur* at *Hallel*].
- * Shiras Hayam: During Krias Hatorah, when שירת הים is read, it is customary to stand.

The Seudah (meal)

Kiddush: Kiddush is that of Shalosh Regalim and we begin from אתקינו....אלה מועדי.

Bentching:

- * יעלה ויבא: is added in *Bentching*. 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...
- * **הרחמ**ן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב: We add הרחמן.

During the day:

- * Learn 'מסכתא סוטה דף ו.
- * תהלובה: Lubavitch custom is to go on Tahalucha on Shvi'i shel Pesach.

Preparations for Shabbos:

- * Anyone who made an *Eruv Tavshilin* should prepare any cooking that needs to be done for *Shabbos* early on in the day so that there is enough time before *Shabbos* for the food to be fully cooked and ready to eat (including the *Cholent*.)
- * Kneidlach for Acharon Shel Pesach: There are several Minhogim regarding this (whether to prepare them today or not). Each person should follow their family Minhog. If you don't have a specific Minhog, the author's opinion is that Kneidlach may be made with the following three conditions:
 - 1. That they are prepared on Friday afternoon and not tasted until *Shabbos*.
 - 2. That the utensils used for the preparations will be put away and not be used for **anything else** this *Pesach*.
 - 3. This applies only to someone who made an Eiruv Tavshilin!

Mincha

- והודו is not recited but פתח אליהו and ידיד נפש are recited.
- Those who are celebrating tomorrow's *Seudas Moshiach* in a public place (*Shul, Bais Chabad* etc.) should remember to bring the *Matzos* and the wine **before** *Shabbos*.

Before Shabbos

- * Candle Lighting: Candle lighting is 18 minutes before sunset (Check local calendar). If someone missed the time, they may **not** light later.
- * Those who are not eating at home should not forget to light candles at home before, at the proper time, or should go to their hosts and light there 18 minutes before *Shkiah*.
- * You may light only from a pre-existing flame.
- * Say the Bracha להדליק נר של שבת ושל יום טוב and we do not say Shehecheyonu.

Maariv

- We begin from מזמור לדוד.
- In לכה דודי we say גם בשמחה ובצהלה.
- *Amidah* is that of *Yom Tov* (with the additions of *Shabbos*). After the *Amidah* we recite ויבולו etc. like every Friday night.
- Sefiras Haomer Day Number Seven, one week.

Kiddush and the Meal:

- It is a Minhag to use the Matza of the Eiruv Tavshilin as לחם משנה but not to eat it (until tomorrow).
- Say quietly: דא היא סעודתא and שלום עליכם, אשת חיל, מזמור לדוד.
- *Kiddush*: of *Sholosh Regolim*. Begin from יום השישי and do not say שהחיינו.
- Gebrokts: We stress the concept of eating שרוי' געבראקטס with every part of the meal.
- מים אחרונים: We once again put water over the lips.

* Birchas Hamazon:

- We add four things in the Birchas Hamazon: Retzei, Yaale Veyovo, Horachamon of Shabbos and Horachamon of Yom Tov:
- **a.** If one forgot *Retzei, Ya'ale Veyovo* or both, but he <u>did not yet start</u> the next *Brocho ("Hatov Vehametiv")* which means that <u>he did not</u> yet say the word "Boruch", then:
 - 1. If one forgot only "Retzei", he says the text printed in the Siddur: "....שנתן שבתות... "ברוך... שנתן שבתות...
 - 2. If one forgot only Ya'ale Veyovo he says the text printed in the Siddur: "... אשר נתן ימים טובים טובים טובים ""
 - 3. If one forgot Retzei <u>and</u> Yaale Veyovo he says the text printed in the Siddur: ברוך...שנתן שבתות למנוחה...וימים"
- **b.** However, If one forgot *Retzei* or *Ya'ale Veyovo* or both, and he <u>already started</u> the next *Brocho (Hatov Vehametiv"* which means even if he <u>he only</u> said the word "Boruch", then he goes back to the beginning of *Birchas Hamazon* and says both.
 - ארחמן בהרחמן בחילנו ליום שכולו טוב" At the end of Birchas Hamazon we add Horachamon of Shabbos and "הרחמן.".

Shabbos, Acharon Shel Pesach, 22 Nissan

- * Latest Krias Shma: (Check local calendar)
- * Birchas Kohanim: Prepare children to attend Birchas Kohanim which is done at the end of Mussaf.
- * Hallel: After the Amida, half Hallel is recited.

HAFTARAH OF ACHARON SHEL PESACH:

This is a very fundamental *Haftarah* that discusses *Moshiach* in detail. It is mentioned in numerous *Sichos* of the *Rebbe*. I suggest that you sit down with the whole family and read it (also) in English.

- * Yizkor: Is said before Musaf after Yekum Purkan etc.
 - 1. It is **not** *Minhag Chabad* to light a *Yorzait licht* for *Yizkor*.
 - 2. Those who are unable to go to Shul for Yizkor can recite it at home.
 - 3. Mourners in their first year stay inside the Shul for Yizkor but they do not recite it.
 - 4. Even those that did not say Yizkor may say אב הרחמים before Musaf.
- * **Musaf** for שלש רגלים with the additions of Shabbos. Birchas Kohanim.
- * ולקחת סולת: After Musaf we say Velokachto Soles etc.

Kiddush and the Meal:

- It is a *Minhag* to use the *Matza* of the *Eiruv Tavshilin* as לחם משנה. Some eat it at *Seuda Shlishis,* however this year it may be an issue if *Seudas Moshiach* is in another location (and the *Eiruv* was not brought there yesterday), so it is eaten now.
- *Kiddush*: Everything before *Kiddush* is said like a regular *Shabbos* until ויקדשהו, but **quietly**. Then we say אלה out loud.
- * Gebrokts: We stress the concept of eating שרוי' געבראקטס with every part of the meal.
- * מים אחרונים: We once again put water over the lips.

* Bentching

- Retzei and Yaale Veyovo are added in Bentching. If one forgot to say either Retzei or Yaale Veyovo or both see last night.
- הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב We add the *Horachamon* of *Shabbos* and הרחמן.

Mincha

- * We daven Mincha earlier because we have to wash for Seudas Moshiach before the Shkiya (see local calendar).
- * The order is: Korbonois, Ashrei, Uvo Letzion, Vaani Sefilosi, Krias Hatorah (Acharei), Amidah of Sholosh Regolim with the additions of Shabbos, (no Tzidkoscho), Oleinu and then we prepare for Seudas Moshiach.

Seudas Moshiach — See the Hayom Yom of today

- 1. We wash our hands like for any other meal **before** the *Shkiah*, (and we eat *Matzah*, at least a כביצה).
- 2. Some have the custom to eat the *Matza* of the *Eiruv Tavshilin* (if it wasn't yet eaten or if the *Seuda* is in their home or where there is an *Eiruv*).
- 3. **We Drink 4 cups of wine** (we recite the *Brocho* only on the first cup) "with the intention that this is for *Geulah*. If one is unsure if he had this in mind, he should surely drink again, being that through drinking this he hastens *Moshiach's* arrival, and therefore it must be done properly". This is a quote from the Rebbe's *Maamor* on *Acharon shel Pesach* 5749 see a copy printed below on page 8.
- 4. If possible, have one of the staff of *Yeshivas Tomchei Tmimim* raise the bottles of wine so it becomes wine from *Tomchei Tmimim*.
- 5. **Maamor:** It is customary to say/review a *Maamor* at *Seudas Moshiach*. There is one included below at the end of the "Reminders" on pages 14-16. (Perhaps special emphasis should be placed on the last *Se'if*).

^{*}During the day: learn 'ז מסבתא סוטה דף.

- 6. *Kinus Torah:* The Rebbe would say a special *Sicha* as a participation in the *Kinus Torah* that takes place in 770 the day after *Yom Tov*.
- 7. **Niggunim:** It is customary to sing *Niggunim*:
 - From all the Rabbeim and Reb Levi Yitzchok,
 - b. The Rebbe's 10 Nigunim and then
 - c. האפ קאזאק.

Here is a list of **The Rebbe's Niggunim**: 1. צמאה לך נפשי 2. (The one that we sing on Yom Kippur in Davening). 5. אתה בחרתנו 8. אנעים זמירות 9. אנעים זמירות 9. אתה בחרתנו 8. האדרת והאמונה 13. במאה לך נפשי. (The slow one). 13. האדרת והאמונה 13. האדרת והאמונה 13. במאה לך נפשי.

- 8. **Moshiach's Dance:** There are two explanations for this: The first is that it is a dance welcoming *Moshiach*, and the second is a dance in which *Moshiach* partakes. We explain it the way it is worth it for us the second! (From a *Sicha* of the *Rebbe Acharon Shel Pesach 5712* after which they sang ניע זשוריצי כלאפצי and the Rebbe participated in the singing and dancing for a long time).
- 9. At the end of the Farbrengen, the Rebbe would recite the Birchas Hamazon, Daven Maariv, recite Havdoloh and distribute Kos Shel Brocho until the early hours of the morning...
 May we merit this year to have Seudas Moshiach with Moshiach and receive from Him Kos Shel Brocho!

Bentching

- Retzei and Yaale Veyovo are added in Bentching. If one forgot to say either Retzei or Yaale Veyovo or both see last night.
- הרחמן הוא ינחילנו ליום שכולו טוב We add the *Horachamon* of *Shabbos* and **.** הרחמן

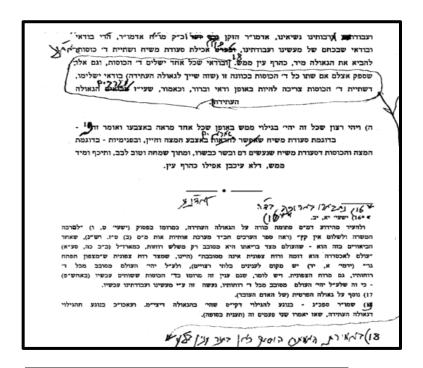
The end of Yom Tov

- * Maariv (or saying ברוך המבדיל בין קודש לחול): after (Check local calendar).
- * א**תה חוננתנ**is said. If one forgot to say it and remembers after he said "ה" of חונן הדעת he doesn't go back. Rather, after he finishes the *Amida* he says ברוך המבדיל בין קודש.
- * ואתה קדוש and ואתה מועם are recited.
- * **Sefiras Haomer** Day Number Eight- One week and one day.
- * The custom is to wait some time after *Maariv* (or after המבדיל בין קודש לחול) before opening the *Chometz* places etc. (until after the *Rov* and the *Orev Kablon* arrange the purchase etc.) Some have the custom to wait about an hour after the end of *Yom Tov*.
- * **Havdala:** Regular Havdala, with אש and אש is recited. A *Melave Malka* is eaten.
- * *Tachanun:* Tachanun is not recited until the 2nd day in *Iyar* ב' אייר.
- * Kinus Torah: We participate in the Kinus Torah that place in 770 on Isru Chag.

בניסן נגאלו ובניסן עתידים להגאל

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The Rebbe's addition to the *Maamor* where it discusses the concept of the drinking of the four cups of wine at *Seudas Moshiach*(see above on page 6)



Halachik Times for the New York Area

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Latest "Shema"	April 16 – 23	9: 27 am	טייו – כייב ניסן	סוף זמן קריאת שמע
Eruv Tavshilin	Thursday April 21 Erev Shvi'i Shel Pesach	סדר עירוב תבשילין נמצא בסידור (פרטים – בשויע סיי תקכו)	יום חמישי כי ניסן ערב שביעי של פסח	עירוב תבשילין
Yom Tov candle lighting without "Shehecheyonu"	Thursday April 21 Erev Shvi'i Shel Pesach	7: 23 pm	יום חמישי כי ניסן ערב שביעי של פסח	הדלקת נרות יוייט בלי יישהחיינויי (18 דקות לפני השקיינה)
Dawn	Shvi'i Shel Pesach	4: 39 am	שביעי של פסח	עלות השחר
Earliest "Shema"	Shvi'i Shel Pesach	5: 14 am	שביעי של פסח	תחילת זמן קייש
Shabbos & Yom Tov candle lighting without "Shehecheyonu"	Friday April 22 Erev last day of Pesach	7: 24 pm	יום שישי כ״א ניסן ערב אחרון של נסח	הדלקת נרות שבת ויו״ט בלי ״שהחיינו״
Pesach is over	Motzoei Shabbos April 23	8: 28 pm	מוצאי שבת כייב ניסן	צאת השבת והחג



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PART 3 IN THIS SECTION WE WILL DISCUSS:

Chol Hamoed – Erev Shvii shel Pesach – Shvii shel Pesach by night – Shvii Shel Pesach by day – Acharon Shel Pesach night – Acharon Shel Pesach day – Isru Chag.

CHOL HAMOIED

On the first night of *Chol Hamoied*, *Havdalah* is recited without *Besomim* and candles. *V'Yiten Lecha* is not recited.

Mizmor L'Sodah is not recited during Pesach.

Half-Hallel is recited during Chol Hamoied as well as on the last days of Pesach.

On Chol Hamoied:

- One wears Shabbos clothing.
- One washes for Matzah, eats meat and drinks (a revi'is of) wine every day.
- One allocates more time for learning. [The Rebbe directed that this is especially emphasised when Chol Hamoied is uninterrupted by an intervening Shabbos and its preparations.]

Many activities are prohibited during *Chol Hamoied*, including (but not limited to) business activity, trade, moving homes, gardening, sewing, laundering (unless for children who soil their clothing frequently, but only as required), preparing food for after *Yom Tov*, cutting nails (unless it was done on *Erev Pesach* as well) and taking haircuts. One may not instruct a non-Jew to perform these activities for him either.

For the sake of *Chol Hamoied* or the last days of *Yom Tov*, one may professionally repair any item which is directly involved in food preparation (e.g. oven or fridge), or which provides direct benefit to the body (e.g. the plumbing, electricity or air-conditioning), provided that it wasn't practical to fix prior to *Yom Tov* (e.g. it broke on *Yom Tov*).

One should avoid writing. If it cannot be deferred until after *Chol Hamoied*, one should write with a *Shinui*. Calligraphy and artistic drawing or painting is prohibited.

Unless needed for *Yom Tov*, one should not shop for utensils, appliances or clothing. [One may be lenient if the item is significantly discounted, and it cannot be purchased later for a similar price.]

If an employee's job involves activities that are not performed on *Chol Hamoied*, he should arrange to take leave, unless his absence will jeopardise his employment.

Routine medical exams that can easily wait should not be scheduled for *Chol Hamoied*.

One who goes fruit-picking or fishing on *Chol Hamoied* may only collect that which will be used during the remainder of *Chol Hamoied* or on the last days of *Yom Tov*.

One who goes to a farm or zoo may not feed the animals *Chometz*, even if neither the animal nor the *Chometz* belongs to him.

EREV SHVI'I SHEL PESACH

Just like on *Erev Shabbos*, it is preferable to refrain from eating a proper meal once the tenth *Halachic* hour of the day begins (see local calendar), in order to properly enjoy the *Yom Tov* meal at night. However, one may snack in small quantities.

One immerses in a Mikvah after midday.

Eruv Tavshilin is performed – see separate Halacha Guide.

Prior to candle-lighting, one should give *Tzedakah* for the two days of *Yom Tov*.

One should arrange a pre-existing flame from which to light the candles on the second night of *Yom Tov*.

Candle-lighting is at (see local calendar). The *Brocho* of *Shel Yom Tov* is recited, but *Shehecheyanu* is **not** recited.

SHVI'I SHEL PESACH - NIGHT

The joy of *Shvi'i* and *Acharon Shel Pesach* is greater than the rest of *Pesach*.

If one neglected to light before *Yom Tov*, one may – and should – light candles on *Yom Tov* itself, from a pre-existing flame.

One should ensure that practical benefit is derived from the candles after nightfall. One needs to be especially attentive to this if eating out.

In Kiddush, Shehecheyanu is **not** recited.

One drinks (a *revi'is* of) wine every day of *Pesach*. This should be paid special attention by those who do not make their own *Kiddush*.

One remains awake and learns the entire night of *Shvi'i Shel Pesach*. [It is appropriate to learn the *Maamar* entitled *Hayom Ro'oh* and/or *V'heynif* (in *Likutei Torah*).]

SHVI'I SHEL PESACH - DAY

The congregation stands and faces the *Sefer Torah* while the *Shirah* is read.

If possible, one avoids beginning the meal after the tenth *Halachic* hour of the day begins (see local calendar), in order to enjoy the meal of the second night of *Yom Toy*.

Regarding preparations on Friday for *Shabbos*, see the separate *Eruv Tavshilin* Halacha Guide.

The Rebbe instituted the custom of *Tahalucha*, directing all *Chassidim* to visit community *Shules* and enhance their *Simchas Yom Tov* by sharing words of *Torah* (both *Nigleh* and *Chassidus*), and to inspire them to conduct a *Seudas Moshiach* on the last day of *Pesach*. Participants should be mindful of the prohibition to carry on *Shabbos* upon their return.

As it is *Erev Shabbos, Posach Eliyahu* is recited before *Mincha*, but not *Hoidu*.

As it is *Erev Shabbos*, one should not eat after sunset — even if one washed for bread. [One may *bentch* after sunset and even after the emergence of three stars. *Ya'aleh Veyavo* is recited, but not *Retzei*.]

Since Acharon Shel Pesach is Shabbos, the candles should be kindled with a preexisting flame at the usual eighteen minutes before sunset (see local calendar), and certainly **not** after sunset (see local calendar).

The Brocho is **Shel Shabbos** v'Shel Yom Tov. Shehecheyanu is **not** recited.

Candles must not be waxed into place, nor may the wicks be twisted to facilitate their lighting. When necessary, one may remove the wax from the previous night with a knife. It is best that one removes it in a way that it falls directly into the bin.

ACHARON SHEL PESACH - NIGHT

Kabbolas Shabbos begins with Mizmor L'Dovid. In Lecho Dodi, we say B'Simcha U'vetzahala. All the Shabbos selections are added in Shmoneh Esrei. [See the section "First Night Maariv" for details regarding one who forgot.] After Shmoneh Esrei, the rest of Maariv is as per every Shabbos.

The custom to avoid *Kiddush* between the sixth and seventh hour on Friday night also applies when it falls on *Acharon Shel Pesach*.

Shalom Aleichem and Eishes Chayil (as well as all the other selections prior to Kiddush) are recited in an undertone. Yom Hashishi is

then recited aloud, followed by *Hagofen* and the *Yom Tov Kiddush* (including the *Shabbos* additions). *Shehecheyanu* is **not** recited.

It is customary to use the *Matzah* of the *Eruv Tavshilin* as part of the *Lechem Mishnah* of both the night and day meals. It is eaten at the last meal of the day.

Gebrochts are eaten in every meal of Acharon Shel Pesach, and we emphasize mixing the Matzah with the various food courses and drinks.

One once again passes his wet hand over his lips at *Mayim Achronim*.

As it is Friday night, the householder leads the *Mezuman*.

The Brocho for Kneidlach is Mezonos.

ACHARON SHEL PESACH - DAY

All the Shabbos selections are added in the Shmoneh Esrei of Shacharis and Musaf. [See the section "First Night Maariv" for details regarding one who forgot.] The special selections normally added for Yom Tov when opening the Aron Hakoidesh are omitted. After Krias Hatorah, Yekum Purkan and Mi Sheberach are recited.

Yizkor is recited before Musaf. Those who leave the Shule for Yizkor may recite "Av Harachamim" after Yizkor if they wish to.

The paragraph *Vlakachta Soiles* is recited after *Musaf*, before the *Shesh Zechiros*.

The *Shabbos* daytime *Kiddush* – from *Mizmor L'Dovid* until *Al Kein* (inclusive) – is recited in an undertone, followed by *Eileh Moadei* in a loud voice.

The Matzah of the Eruv Tavshilin is used as part of the Lechem Mishnah of the day meal. It is eaten at the Seudas Moshiach. However, since it is Shabbos, if one cannot carry the Matzah to the location of the Seudas Moshiach, one should eat it instead during the day meal, even though it is not the final meal of the day.

Mincha includes Krias Hatorah (Achrei). Pirkei Avos is not recited after Mincha.

After *Mincha* and before sunset, we wash for *Matzah* and participate in a *Seudas Moshiach*, including four full cups of wine. The *Nigunim* of the *Rebbeim* (and the *Daled Bavos*) are sung.

Every Jew should be encouraged to take part in Seudas Moshiach.

One may technically eat *Chometz* during the *Seudas Moshiach* after *Tzeis Hakochavim*.

Retzei and Ya'aleh Veyavo (and both Horachamon's) are recited during Bentching, even if it is already after Tzeis Hakochavim (see local calendar).

Since it is *Motzei Shabbos, Vihi Noam* and *V'atah Kaddosh* are recited.

Havdallah is recited with Besomim and candles, V'Yiten Lecha is recited, and a Melave Malka meal is prepared, as per every Motzei Shabbos.



ISRU CHAG

One should wait a short period of time after *Pesach* before eating *Chometz*, in order to allow time for the *Rov* to repurchase the *Chometz*.

Isru Chag is celebrated with additional food items.

In association with *Yom Tov*, the *Rebbe* encouraged all to participate in a *Kinus Torah*.

One may not eat or benefit from *Chometz* owned by a Jew on *Pesach*; it must be destroyed. Therefore, one should not purchase *Chometz* at a store owned by a non-observant Jew or manufactured by a company owned by a non-observant Jew, unless he is certain that it was stocked or manufactured after *Pesach*.



Best wishes for a Kosher un Freilichen Pesach!

For more about *Sefiras Haomer* and the *Sefirah* period, see separate Guide.



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◆ WHO?

The head of the household performs *Eruv Tavshilin*. Those residing with him are automatically included in his *Eruv Tavshilin*. Married children and guests — who are both eating and sleeping over — are also included in the *Eruv Tavshilin*.

If necessary, one may appoint a *Shliach* to set aside (the *Meshaleach's*) food and perform an *Eruv* with it. The *Shliach* performs the *Eruv* with a *Brocho*.

If the head of the household is not home for *Yom Tov*, one of the other family members should do *Eruv Tavshilin* instead. [The head of the household may not rely on this *Eruv Tavshilin*, being that he is not spending *Yom Tov* at home.]

If one will be eating all of his *Shabbos* meals elsewhere, but will be sleeping in his own dwelling, he will need to light his own *Shabbos* candles. To this end, he should perform *Eruv Tavshilin* without a *Brocho*. However, it is preferable to plan on preparing even a minor food item on Friday for *Shabbos*, such as adding water to the hot-water urn, in order that the *Eruv Tavshilin* be made with a *Brocho*.

₩ WHEN?

One should set himself a reminder to perform *Eruv Tavshilin*, as well as remind others to do so.

Eruv Tavshilin should be performed on Erev Yom Tov and not before. [If the Eruv was performed prior to Erev Yom Tov and is still extant, one should redo the Eruv on Erev Yom Tov, but without a Brocho.]

Eruv Tavshilin may be performed any time until sunset. If one forgot, Eruv Tavshilin may still be performed until the emergence of three stars, provided that both the majority of the community, as well as the individual making the Eruv, did not yet begin davening Maariv or accept Yom Tov.

If one is running late, and making an *Eruv Tavshilin* will prevent him from *davening Mincha* until it is too late, *Mincha* takes precedence.

If one forgot *Eruv Tavshilin* until after the emergence of three stars, he should consult with a *Rov*, as the solution depends on the circumstances.

₩ WHAT?

The *Eruv Tavshilin* consists of a baked item and a cooked item. [After the fact, a cooked item alone is deemed sufficient, but a baked item alone is not.]

The baked item should ideally be a complete *Matzah*, so that it may be used for *Lechem Mishna* on *Shabbos*.

The baked item must equal a *K'beitzah* or more. [A *K'beitzah* is a measurement of volume equal to the displacement of 57 millilitres of water. In practice, anything less dense than water weighing 57 grams is most certainly more than a *K'beitzah*.]

The cooked item should be a respectable food (e.g. fish or meat). It may either be fully cooked, roasted, smoked or stewed. It may also be a non-cooked item that was pickled for at least 24 hours.

The cooked item must equal a *Kezayis* or more, excluding the bones or other inedible parts. [A *Kezayis* is a measurement of volume. For the purposes of *Eruv* we are lenient, and rely on the opinions who define it as the displacement of 18 millilitres of water. In practice, anything less dense than water weighing 18 grams is most certainly more than a *Kezayis*.]

The cooked item must be the type of food that is commonly served as a main dish during a meal, to the exclusion of desserts or compote, and the like.

If one uses a hard-boiled egg, it should not be peeled until it is ready to be eaten on *Shabbos*. [If one peeled it on *Yom Tov*, he may still rely on it for *Eruv Tavshilin*.]

One may freeze the *Eruv Tavshilin* at any time, as it is still inherently edible.

◆ How?

The first step of *Eruv Tavshilin* is to give the food to someone else, so that he can be *Zoiche* (acquire) it on behalf of anyone outside of the household who may need to participate. One should not use the services of his wife or unmarried children for this task, unless there is no other alternative.

The one making the *Eruv Tavshilin* hands the food over to the *Zoiche* and says:

הָנִי מְזְכָּה לְכָל מִי שֶׁרוֹצָה לְזְכּוֹת וְלְסְמוֹךְ עַל עֵרוּב זְהוֹ If he doesn't understand the Hebrew, he should say it in English. [I hereby grant a share in this eruv to anyone who wishes to participate in it and to depend on it.]

At this point, the *Zoiche* takes complete hold of the food and raises it one *Tefach* (8 cm), and then returns it to the one making the *Eruv Tayshilin*.

The one making the *Eruv Tavshilin* holds the baked and cooked food items in his right hand, and recites the *Brocho* and associated declaration:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹדֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קְדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיוּ, וְצָוָנוּ עַל מִצְוַת עֵרוּב:

בְּדֵין יְהֵי שָׁרָא לָנָא לְאָפוּיֵי וּלְבְשּוּלֵי וּלְאַטְמוּנִי וּלְאַדְלוּקִי שָׁרָנָּא וּלְתַקְּנָא וּלְמֶעְבָּד כָּל-צְרְכָנָא מִיּוֹמָא טָבָא לְשַבַּתָּא לָנָא וּלְכָל-יִשְּׁרָאֵל הַדְּרִים בָּעיר הַזֹּאת:

One must understand the text of *Eruv Tavshilin* declaration. If he doesn't understand the Hebrew, he should say it in English. [*Through this (eruv) it shall be permissible for us to bake, cook, put away a dish (to preserve its heat), kindle a light, prepare, and do on the holiday all that is necessary for Shabbos – for us and for all the Israelites who dwell in this city.]*

Care should be taken to say the recitation as stated, as certain changes invalidate it.

Afterwards, the *Eruv Tavshilin* is put in a place where it will be safe until *Shabbos*.

ON YOM TOV AND SHABBOS

One may prepare for Shabbos on Friday as long as at least a *Kezayis* of the **cooked** *Eruv Tavshilin* item remains edible and accessible. If this is not the case, then one should discuss his options with a *Rov* (even if the **baked** item remains). In any case, one may complete all the stages of preparation for food that one already began preparing whilst the *Eruv Tavshilin* was present.

On Friday, preparing for *Shabbos* is only allowed if there is still enough time for guests to theoretically arrive and partake of what was prepared before *Shabbos* begins. Therefore, the *Cholent* should be fully cooked some time before *Shabbos*.

The *Eruv Tavshilin* is effective only for preparations involving food and food utensils, or other meal-related matters such as lighting candles. Therefore, one may bring *Matzah* and wine to Shule for the *Seudas Moshiach*. However, the *Eruv* is not effective for non-meal preparations such as rolling the *Sefer Torah* or performing an *Eruv Chatzeiros* or *Eruv Techumin*.

One may theoretically eat the *Eruv Tavshilin* once the Shabbos preparations are complete. However, it is preferable not to eat it until Shabbos.

It is customary to use the *Matzah* of the *Eruv Tavshilin* as part of the *Lechem Mishnah* of both the night and day meals. It is eaten at the *Seudas Moshiach*.

If, due to *Shabbos*, one cannot carry the *Matzah* to the location of the *Seudas Moshiach*, one should eat it instead during the day meal.



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WHEN

Sefiras Haomer is performed right after Tzeis Hakochavim, and at the conclusion of Maariv (right before Aleinu).

From half an hour prior to sunset until after one (davens Maariv and) counts the Omer, one may not eat more than a K'beitzah (57 grams) of bread or Mezonos. If, for whatever reason, one began a meal prior to sunset, he is not required to interrupt it when the time of Sefirah arrives. However, if one began after sunset, he must interrupt it to count Sefiras Haomer as soon as the time arrives.

If one appoints a *Shomer* (guardian) to remind him to count the *Omer*, or he will be attending a later *Minyan* where he regularly *davens*, he may eat prior.

One may not perform manual labour from sunset until after he counts the *Omer*.

If one realized that he forgot to count the *Omer*, he may still count with a *Brocho* the entire night until dawn, but should hurry to do so as soon as possible.

If, for any reason, one counted the *Omer* any time between *Plag Hamincha* and *Tzeis Hakochavim*, he should count again after *Tzeis Hakochavim* without a *Brocho*.

The same applies when one heard someone else counting the *Omer* any time between *Plag Hamincha* and *Tzeis Hakochavim*, even if he had no intention to be *Yoitzei* from him, unless he had explicit intention to **not** be *Yoitzei*.

If one must daven with a Minyan that is davening Maariv between sunset and Tzeis Hakochavim, he should count along with them without a Brocho, stipulating as follows: "If I forget to count later tonight, then I fulfil my obligation with this count; if I do not forget to count later tonight, then I do not fulfil my obligation with this count". After Tzeis Hakochavim, he counts again with a Brocho.

W How

One should stand for *Sefiras Haomer*. In extenuating circumstances (such as infirmity), or after the fact, one is *Yoitzei* even if he was sitting or reclining.

Before reciting the *Brocho*, one should ensure that he knows which night of the *Omer* it is. [Therefore, the congregation recites *Sefirah* only after the *Chazzan* recites it.] Nevertheless, if he recited the *Brocho* without knowing which night of the *Omer* it is, or even if he intended to count the wrong night, he does not need to repeat the *Brocho*.

After reciting the *Brocho*, one should not pause or speak before counting the *Omer*, even to answer *Omen* to someone else's *Brocho*. If one did speak, he needs to repeat the *Brocho* only if his words were unrelated to the counting.

When reciting the actual *Sefirah*, one must know its meaning; otherwise, he does not fulfil his obligation. If necessary, one may recite *Sefirah* in any language that he understands.

The chapter of *Tehillim* that follows *Sefiras Haomer* contains 49 words (excluding the first *Posuk*). The *Posuk* of *Yismechu* in that chapter contains 49 letters. The next paragraph *Ono B'Choach* contains 49 words. When counting the *Omer*, one should have in mind the words and letters corresponding to that night. [These are printed in the *Siddur* alongside each night's *Sefirah*.]

If one recited the wrong *Sefirah*, he should correct himself as soon as possible. He does not need to repeat the *Brocho*, unless he already diverted his attention from the *Mitzvah* of *Sefirah*.

₩ WHO

Women are exempt from *Sefiras Haomer*. Even so, they may still count with a *Brocho*, and it is customary for them to do so.

Boys from the age of *Chinuch* must recite *Sefiras Haomer*. [If necessary, they may count the *Omer* before *Tzeis Hakochavim*, as long as it after *Plag Hamincha*, and preferably after sunset.]

A child who became *Bar Mitzvah* during the period of *Sefiras Haomer* continues counting the *Omer* with a *Brocho*.

IF ONE FORGOT

If one forgot to count the *Omer* at night, or is unsure, he should recite *Sefirah* during the day, without a *Brocho*. [For this reason, it is appropriate for a *Shacharis Minyan* to count the *Omer* without a *Brocho* if some of its participants either don't *daven Maariv* with a *Minyan*, or they *daven Maariv* before sunset.]

If one forgot to count the *Omer* over the course of an entire night and day, and didn't remember until the following night, he continues counting all subsequent nights of the *Omer*, but without a *Brocho*.

If one is unsure whether he counted the *Omer* throughout an entire night and day, he continues counting the subsequent nights of the *Omer* with a *Brocho*.

OTHER LAWS

When one listens to someone else counting the *Omer* before reciting it himself, he should have explicit intention to **not** be *Yoitzei*. If he had no such intention, he may no longer recite a *Brocho* when reciting it himself. However, when listening to the *Chazzan* (or someone else) recite the *Sefirah* purely in order to verify which *Omer* to count, it is regarded as if he had explicit intention to **not** be *Yoitzei*, and he may therefore recite a *Brocho* when reciting it himself.

If one did not yet perform *Sefirah*, and is asked what night of the *Omer* it is:

- If it is before *Plag Hamincha*, he may answer the question directly.
- If it is after *Plag Hamincha*, he should not answer directly, but should instead state what last night's *Sefirah* was.

If, after *Plag Hamincha*, one answered the question directly:

- If it is before sunset, one may still count the Omer with a Brocho (after Tzeis Hakochavim).
- If it is after sunset, then it depends: If he prefaced his response by saying "tonight is..." or "today is...", then one should count the *Omer* without a *Brocho* (after *Tzeis Hakochavim*).
- If he did not preface his response by saying "tonight is..." or "today is...", then one may still count the Omer with a Brocho (after Tzeis Hakochavim).

One who is reciting Sefirah without a Brocho (for whatever reason) should try to hear the Brocho from another male over Bar Mitzvah. The one reciting the Brocho should have in mind to be Moitzie the listener. The listener should have in mind to be Yoitzei the Brocho, answer Omen (but not Boruch Hu U'Voruch Shmo), and count the Omer immediately afterwards, without interruption. For this reason, it is appropriate that the Chazzan has in mind anyone who cannot make the Brocho. Nevertheless, one who needs to hear the Brocho should not take this for granted, but should explicitly ask the Chazzan (or someone else) to be Moitzie him.

One should not cross the International Dateline during *Sefiras Haomer*, unless it is absolutely unavoidable. If one did, he counts the *Omer* – with a *Brocho* – in line with his personal count. He will therefore be either a day ahead of the people at his destination (if he travelled east), or a day behind the people at his destination (if he travelled west).

Polar flight routes can be more problematic. If it is absolutely necessary to fly such a route, or after the fact, one should seek guidance from a *Rav* familiar with these matters.

CHODOSH

The Torah forbids the consumption of new grains (Chodosh) until after the Minchas HaOmer was offered up in the Beis Hamikdash on the second day of Pesach, or in our times, the third day of Pesach in Eretz Yisroel, and the fourth day in Chutz Lo'oretz. The grains become permissible after this time, and are known as Yoshon.

One opinion maintains that *Chodosh* applies only to grain grown in *Eretz Yisroel*. Another opinion asserts that *Chodosh* applies only to grain belonging to a Jew at the time of its harvest. The majority of *Poskim* disagree and hold that *Chodosh* applies even to grains grown outside *Eretz Yisroel*, and even to those belonging to a non-Jew. Nevertheless, the centuries-old custom in *Chutz Lo'oretz* is to rely on the lenient views, and this is *Minhag Chabad*.

PAYS OF THE OMER

This year, from after *Pesach* until *Parshas Massei*, the *Parsha* read in *Eretz Yisroel* is one ahead of the *Parsha* read in *Chutz Lo'oretz*. Those travelling to or from *Eretz Yisroel* during this time should try not to skip hearing a *Parsha*. ["Chutz Lo'oretz Minyanim" are usually arranged in *Eretz Yisroel* for this purpose.]

Pirkei Avos is studied between Mincha and Maariv each Shabbos afternoon, starting the Shabbos after Pesach and ending the Shabbos before Rosh Hashanah. As per the Rebbe's directive, one Mishna is studied in depth, with its commentaries.

Tachnun is not recited until the 2nd of *Iyar*.

It is *Chabad* custom to learn one *daf* of *Masechta Sotah* each day of the *Omer*. On the first day, one learns the "*Sha'ar Blatt*".

It is not *Chabad* custom to be punctilious about including the day of the *Omer* when dating a letter.

The period of the *Omer* is a time of mourning, commemorating the 12,000 pairs of Rabbi Akiva's students who died due to insufficient respect for each other. Obviously, it is an opportune time to emphasise the *Mitzvah* of *Ahavas Yisroel*.

During the period of the *Omer*, one should not recite the *Brocho* of *Shehecheyanu* (other than for a *Pidyon Haben*), unless on *Shabbos* and *Lag Bo'Omer*. Therefore, one should not eat new fruits during the week. [It would appear that someone celebrating a birthday during the period of the *Omer* should eat the customary new fruit on the *Shabbos* prior (or after).]

The following activities are prohibited from right after *Pesach*:

- Weddings (until the second and third nights of the Shloshes Ymei Hagboloh).
- Haircuts (until *Erev Shabbos 4th Sivan*). Even a *Chosson* or the *Baalei Habris* should refrain from haircuts. [A woman may groom or wax her legs or eyebrows, and she may also cut hair for *Tznius* purposes. Similarly, one may remove nasal hair or hair of the ear.]
- An Opshernish is deferred to the earliest opportunity (i.e. Lag Bo'Omer or until Erev Shabbos 4th Sivan). However, the other associated areas of Chinuch (such as training the child to wear Tzitzis and to recite Brochos, Shma and bentching) should not be deferred.
- Listening to music (until the *Shloshes Ymei Hagboloh*).
- Dancing (until the Shloshes Ymei Hagboloh) outside of the context of a Chassidishe Farbrengen or on Shabbos.

The following activities are permitted, but without music or dancing:

- Engagements (even with a feast).
- Feasts and celebratory gatherings.

≪ FASTS OF BEHA"B

The Rebbe personally would observe the fasts of *BeHa"B* (this year on Monday 8 *Iyar*, Thursday 11 *Iyar* and Monday 15 *Iyar*). However, the general *Chabad* custom is not to fast. The Rebbe explained that this is in line with the fact that we are so close to the times of Moshiach, when all fasts will be nullified. [Nevertheless, the Rebbe encouraged all already accustomed to fasting to continue doing so.]

These days should be associated with increased *Teshuvah*, *Torah*, *Tefillah* and *Tzedokoh*, with joy and happiness.

PESACH SHENI

Tachnun is not recited on *Pesach Sheni*, but is recited the afternoon before.

One should eat *Matzah* during the day, to commemorate the sacrifice of the *Pesach Sheni*. [Some maintain that the *Matzah* should be eaten specifically after midday.]

Some also eat *Matzah* the night after, to commemorate the eating of the *Pesach Sheni*. [The *Rebbe* mentions this custom, and some say that the *Rebbe* himself ate *Matzah* at night in addition to eating *Matzah* during the day.]

≪ LAG BO'OMER

Lag Bo'Omer is a two-fold celebration. First, the students of Rabbi Akiva stopped (or paused) dying. Second, it marks the passing of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, who instructed that the day be celebrated.

Tachnun is not recited on Lag Bo'Omer, nor the afternoon beforehand.

The day's celebratory nature already begins at night. The *Shule* is lit up brightly.

The Arizal was particular not to take haircuts even on Lag Bo'Omer, and this is the widespread Chabad custom. Nevertheless, the Opshernish of any boy who turned three between Pesach and Lag Bo'Omer is conducted on Lag Bo'Omer.

It is customary to light bonfires.

It is customary to eat carobs in order to commemorate how *Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai* and his son were sustained when hiding in the cave.

One should give extra Tzedokoh.

It is customary to go out to the fields. [Many of the *Rebbeim* would go out to the fields. Most notably, the *Mitteler Rebbe* conducted a *Farbrengen* in the fields, which consisted of a light meal that included hard-boiled eggs. The *Mitteler Rebbe* would say *L'Chaim* even though his health did not permit it. There was much singing and dancing, the recitation of *Maamarim*, and many miracles were seen then, specifically with regards to fertility.]

It is customary for children to engage in archery to commemorate the fact that no rainbow was seen in the days of *Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai*.

The *Rebbe* encouraged that parades be arranged globally; to strive that every Jewish child participate; and to utilize the time for *Mivtzoim*.

A Farbrengen should be conducted.

A wedding may be conducted during the day of *Lag Bo'Omer* and continue on into the night. If necessary, a wedding may also be conducted the night prior, but it must not begin before *Tzeis Hakochavim*.

SHABBOS CHAZAK / MEVORCHIM

The Baal Koreh receives the Aliyah containing the Tochecha and recites the Brocho before and after it. He is not called up to the Torah; however, he does receive the Mi Sheberach after.

The *Tochecha* is read more quietly and quickly than usual. Obviously, one must still hear every single word clearly.

The Aliyah of Chazak is given to a prominent person. The congregation stands for the last Posuk, after which they all recite Chazak Chazak v'Nischazek.

Unlike every other *Shabbos Mevorchim, Av Harachamim* is recited on *Shabbos Mevorchim Sivan*, in memory of the tragedies that occurred during this month. [Thus, it is recited even when there is a *Bris*.]

It is customary for the *Gabboim* to arrange a *Farbrengen* with the purpose of increasing resolutions in learning Torah, keeping *Mitzvos B'hidur*, and rejoicing in the completion of the *Torah*.

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מאמר כימי *צאתך תשל"ט* קונטרס אחרון של פסח - תשמ"ט

בס"ד. אחרון של פסח ה'תשל"ט-*

כימי צאתך מארץ מצרים אראנו נפלאות¹, ומביא כ"ק מו"ח אדמו"ר במאמרו ד"ה זה² דיוק הזהר² בזה שנאמר כימי לשון רבים, הרי ציאת מצרים היתה ביום אחד (בחד זמנא נפקו), וכן בזכירת גאולת מצרים כתיב⁴ למען תזכור את יום צאתך מארץ מצרים (יום לשון יחיד), ולמה נאמר כאן כימי לשון רבים. ומבאר², שכל הימים מהזמן דיציאת מצרים עד הגאולה העתידה הם ימי צאתך מארץ ולכן אומר כימי לשון רבים. ויש לומר, דמ"ש בהמאמר שכל הימים שמהזמן דיציאת מצרים עד גאולה העתידה הם ימי צאתך מארץ מצרים, הוא, כי מצרים הוא⁴ מלשון מיצר וגבול, וענין יציאת מצרים הוא היציאה מכל המיצרים וגבולים, גם מהמיצרים וההגבלות הכי נעלים. וזהו שכל הימים האלה הם ימי צאתך מארץ מצרים, שבכל יום ויום יוצאים ממיצרים וגבולים נעלים יותר⁻, ועד שבאים לגאולה האמיתית והשלימה ע"י משיח צדקנו, שאז תהי' היציאה מכל המיצרים וההגבלות⁴, גם מהכי נעלים. דבמשיח כתיב⁴ עלה הפורץ לפניהם, פריצת כל הגדרים והמדידות וההגבלות.

ב) **וממשיך** בהמאמר, דאראנו נפלאות קאי על הגילוי דגאולה העתידה, שגאולה העתידה תהי' ג"כ במדריגה זו¹⁰ אלא שהיא במדריגה נעלית יותר. ויש לומר, דזה שממשיך בהמאמר שאראנו נפלאות קאי על הגילוי דגאולה העתידה, הוא בכדי לבאר (יותר) הטעם לזה שנאמר בפסוק זה כימי צאתך מארץ מצרים (כימי לשון רבים), אף שבהחיוב דזכירת גאולת מצרים כתיב למען תזכור את יום צאתך מארץ מצרים (יום לשון יחיד). כי מכיון שמדבר בגאולה העתידה (אראנו נפלאות), שאז תהי' השלימות דיציאת מצרים, היציאה מכל המיצרים וההגבלות (גם מהמיצרים וההגבלות הכי נעלים), ובכדי לבוא לגילוי זה הוא ע"י העבודה דיציאת מצרים שבכל יום ויום, שבכל יום ויום יוצאים ממיצרים נעלים יותר (כנ"ל), לכן אומר כימי לשון רבים. כי הענין דיציאת מצרים שעל ידו יבואו לגאולה העתידה הוא היציאה ממצרים בפעם הראשונה (ביום אחד) [שגם זה נוגע לגאולה העתידה, וכמ"ש בהמאמר באולת מצרים וההגבלות ענין הגאולה ונפתח הצנור על כל הגאולות (מהגלויות שלאחרי גלות מצרים), גם על גאולה העתידה], והיציאה מהמיצרים וההגבלות שלאחרי היציאה ממצרים (כפשוטה), שבכל יום יוצאים ממיצרים נעלים יותר, ועד שיגיעו ע"י כל זה לגאולה העתידה שאז תהי' יציאת מצרים בתכלית השלימות, היציאה מכל המיצרים וההגבלות.

ונמצא, דזה שבפסוק למען תזכור את יום צאתך מארץ מצרים כל ימי חייך, שממנו נלמד החיוב דזכירת יציאת מצרים בכל יום (ביום (ביום ובלילה). כתיב יום צאתך מארץ מצרים (יום לשון יחיד), הוא, כי הענין דיציאת מצרים בכל יום הוא (בעיקר) היציאה מהמיצרים ובליו"ז, ובכללות הוא היציאה מהמיצרים וההגבלות שמונעים ומעכבים ללימוד התורה וקיום המצוות, וזה שייך ליום צאתך מארץ מצרים (יום לשון יחיד), דביציאת מצרים, ע"י שישראל נעשו עבדי ה' (ולא עבדי פרעה). ניתן הכח לכאו"א מישראל שבנוגע לתומ"צ יהי' משוחרר מכל עניני העולם, כולל גם עניני הגלות. מכיון ששטרי קודם. ובפסוק כימי צאתך מארץ מצרים אראנו נפלאות כתיב כימי לשון רבים, כי בכדי להגיע להגילוי דגאולה העתידה, אראנו נפלאות, מכיון שהגילויים דגאולה העתידה יהיו נפלאות גם לגבי הגילוי דיציאת מצרים. צריכה להיות גם היציאה מהמיצרים וההגבלות דקדושה, ובזה גופא – בכל יום ויום, יציאה ממיצרים נעלים יותר, ולכן אומר כימי לשון רבים.

ג) **והנה** מהנ"ל (שהעבודה דיצי"מ שבכל יום היא באופן נעלה יותר) מובן, שבזמן הגלות, היציאה מהמיצרים וההגבלות היא ממיצרים נעלים יותר מאשר היציאה מהמיצרים שהיתה בזמן הבית. ובזמן הגלות גופא, בהדורות שבעקבתא דמשיחא, ובפרט בדור האחרון, נעשה היציאה ממיצרים נעלים עוד יותר. דנוסף לזה, שבכל יום ויום מבררים עוד נצוצות ועוד נצוצות, ועי"ז מתקרבים יותר לביאת המשיח¹⁹, הנה גם הענין דיציאת מצרים, היציאה מהמיצרים וההגבלות, בכל יום הוא באופן נעלה יותר. וע"י העבודה דיציאת מצרים שבימים האחרונים שלפני ביאת המשיח, שהיציאה ממצרים בימים אלו היא גם מהמיצרים הכי נעלים, יזכו בקרוב ממש לגאולה העתידה שאז תהי' היציאה מכל המיצרים וההגבלות.

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וביאור הענין (שהגילוי דגאולה העתידה תהי' (בעיקר) ע"י העבודה שבסיום זמן הגלות) יובן בהקדים הביאור בזה שבגאולה העתידה

תהי' היציאה מכל המיצרים וההגבלות, גם מהמיצרים וההגבלות הכי נעלים. והענין הוא, כמבואר בהמאמר 20 , דכל העולמות (גם עולמות הכי נעלים) נק' בשם מצרים, להיותם בחינת מיצר והעלם. והיינו דזה שהעולמות נק' בשם מצרים הוא מצד שני טעמים. מצד זה שהתהוותם היא ע"י העלם האור, וכידוע 12 שההעלם דצמצום הראשון (שעל ידו נעשה מקום לעמידת העולמות) הוא צמצום בדרך סילוק, שנתעלם האור לגמרי, בדוגמת 22 מצרים דלעו"ז (מצרים כפשוטו) שהוא העלם והסתר. ויש לומר, דזהו מה שממשיך בהמאמר 23 , דבעולם יש ג' ענינים. עולם כפשוטו שמורה על מקום וזמן 42 , ועולם לשון עלם 43 שפירושו הוא נערות וכח. ומבאר הקשר דג' הפירושים, שההעלם והסתר דעולם (זמן ומקום) הוא בתוקף גדול. דיש לומר, דזה שמביא כאן לא רק הפירוש דעולם כפשוטו (מקום וזמן) אלא גם הפירושים שעולם הוא מלשון העלם ומלשון עלם, הוא, כי עולם כפשוטו, מקום וזמן (ענין ההגבלה), הוא ביאור רק על זה שעולמות הם מצרים מלשון מיצר וגבול, ובכדי לבאר גם המיצר וההעלם שבעולמות (ועד שהוא בדוגמת ההעלם והסתר דמצרים כפשוטו 43 , הוא מביא גם הפירושים דעולם הוא מלשון העלם ומלשון עלם, שההעלם והסתר דעולם הוא בתוקף גדול.

ד) **וממשיך** בהמאמר²², דהתהוות העולמות היא מאור הקו. דמהאור שלפני הצמצום לא הי' אפשר להיות התהוות העולמות (כמו שהם עכשיו), כי העולמות הם בבחינת מעלה ומטה [דזהו מה שהגדר דעולם הוא מקום, דענין המקום ברוחניות הוא מעלה ומטה], והאור שלפני הצמצום הוא אור הכלול בעצמותו, והאור הכלול והאור שלפני הצמצום הוא אור הכלול בעצמותו, והאור הכלול במאור הוא בתכלית הביטול עד שאינו עולה בשם אור כלל³⁰, ובמילא אין שייך שיהי' מקור לעולמות, כי בכדי להיות מקור לאיזה דבר במאור הוא בתכלית הביטול עד שאינו עולה בשם אור כלל³⁰, ובמילא אין שייך שיהי' מקור לעולמות, ויש בו מעלה ומטה, בהכרח שהמקור יהי' בבחינת מציאות. ויש לומר, דשני ענינים אלו שבהקו הם דוגמת שני הענינים הנ"ל שבעולם. דהמעלה ומטה שבהקו הוא דוגמת ההעלם וההסתר דעולם (סיבת שבהקו הוא דוגמת ההעלם וההסתר דעולם (סיבת הישות שבו). וע"פ הנ"ל דזה שהעולמות נק' בשם מצרים הוא מפני שהם בחינת מיצר והעלם (שני ענינים אלו), יש לומר, שגם הקו נכלל בבחינת מצרים, ואמיתית הענין דיציאת מצרים, היציאה מכל המיצרים וההגבלות, הוא ע"י הגילוי דעצמות אוא"ס שלפני הצמצום, ובזה וזהו שבגאולה העתידה תהי' השלימות דיציאת מצרים (היציאה מכל המיצרים וההגבלות), כי אז יהי' גילוי האור שלפני הצמצום, ובדה גולוי אור הבל"ג שלמעלה מהאור השייך לעולמות, ועד לגילוי העמות.

ה) **והנה** זה שלעת"ל תהי' היציאה מכל המיצרים וההגבלות, הוא בנוגע לכל הענינים. שכל הענינים דלע"ל יהיו באין ערוך לגבי כמו שהם עכשיו. הן בנוגע להעולם, שאז יהיו שמים חדשים וארץ חדשה ³¹ (עולם חדש), והן בנוגע לתורה [שעל ידה לגבי כמו שהם עכשיו. הן בנוגע להמשכת וגילוי אלקות, נברא העולם, אסתכל באורייתא וברא עלמא²²], שלע"ל יהי' תורה חדשה מאתי תצא³³, והן בנוגע להמשכת וגילוי אלקות עתיק שהגילוי אלקות שיהי' לע"ל הוא גילוי חדש שנעלה באין ערוך מהגילוי דעכשיו, דכל הגילויים דעכשיו הם מחיצוניות עתיק שכל ולע"ל יהי' הגילוי דפנימיות עתיק. 136 וזהו מה שהגאולה העתידה תהי' בעיקר ע"י העבודה שבסיום זמן הגלות, כי מכיון שכל הענינים דלע"ל יהיו ענינים חדשים, לכן, גם העבודה שעל ידה נמשכים ענינים אלו צריכה להיות עבודה חדשה, כדלקמן.

והענין הוא, דבזמן הבית, שהי' אז גילוי אלקות, עשרה נסים נעשו לאבותינו בבית המקדש³⁵, שנסים אלו היו נראים בעיני בשר ועד שכמה מהם היו נראים גם לעמי הארץ, העבודה דקיום התומ"צ היתה ע"פ טעם ודעת. ואף שגם אז הי' הציווי³⁶ ואהבת גו' בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך ובכל מאדך, מ"מ, מכיון שראו אז גילוי אלקות במוחש, גם בהמס"נ שהיתה אז, הי' מדידה והגבלה דטעם ודעת. ועד"ז בזמן הגלות כשלא הי' התגברות החושך כ"כ. משא"כ בדרא דעקבתא דמשיחא, שבכל יום נעשה התגברות החושר ³⁵, ומכ"ש כשהמלעיגים הם אנשים נעשה התגברות החושר ³⁵, ומכ"ש כשהמלעיגים הם אנשים

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פחותים וריקים, שזה קשה מאד לסבול³⁹, הנה זה שעומדים בנסיונות אלו, הוא עבודה דמסירת נפש שלמעלה ממדידה והגבלה. וזהו שהעבודה שבדרא דעקבתא דמשיחא, ובדור זה גופא – בהסיום דזמן הגלות, היא נעלית יותר (בענין זה) מהעבודות שהיו עד עכשיו⁴⁰, ובאופן דאין ערוך, ועד שהיא עבודה חדשה, כי עניני העבודה שבדורות הקודמים, הי' להם איזו שייכות לטעם ודעת (מדידה והגבלה דכחות הגלויים), והעבודה שבסיום זמן הגלות היא העבודה דמס"נ שמצד פנימיות הנשמה.

וע"י העבודה שבזמן הגלות בכלל, ובפרט ע"י העבודה שבסיום הגלות, שהעבודה אז היא מצד פנימיות הנשמה, עי"ז ממשיכים הפנימיות דלמעלה, ועד פנימיות עתיק, ועי"ז יהי' חידוש גם בתורה (תורה חדשה מאתי תצא), שיומשך בה מנותן התורה באופן חדש. [ויש לומר, שגם ענין זה נעשה ע"י העבודה שבסיום הגלות, דכאשר העבודה היא באופן דמס"נ אזי לימוד התורה הוא לשמה⁴¹]. ועי"ז נעשה חידוש גם בהבריאה (אסתכל באורייתא וברא עלמא) שיהיו שמים חדשים וארץ חדשה

ויהי רצון, שכל זה יהי' בקרוב ממש, שע"י מעשינו ועבודתינו 42 עכשיו נלך בקרוב ממש לקבל פני משיח צדקנו, שאז יקויים ב בפועל ממש כימי צאתך מארץ מצרים אראנו נפלאות, ומיד נגאלין.

) יצא לאור ב<u>קונטרס אחרון של פסח – תשמ״ט,</u> "לקראת ימים האחרונים דחג הפסח .. ערחה״פ תשמ״ט".

1.מיכה ז, טו. 2. דשנת ה'תש"ח בתחלתו (סה"מ ה'תש"ח ע' 159). 3. ח"ג קעו, רע"א. וראה גם זח"א בהשמטות סי' כה (רסא, ב), הובא באוה"ת נ"ך עה"פ סק"ז (ע' תפז). 4. ראה טז, ג. 5. בתחלת המאמר. וראה גם שם רפי"ב (סה"מ שם ע' 164). 5. ראה תו"א וארא נז, ב ואילך. בשלח סד, א-ב. יתרו עא, ג ואילך. ובכ"מ. 7. כדלקמן סעיף ג. 8. וע"ד הידוע במ"ש (מסעי לג, א) אלה מסעי בני ישראל אשר יצאו מארץ מצרים גו', מסעי לשון רבים – אף שהיציאה ממצרים כפשוטה היא רק מסע אחד, המסע מרעמסס לסוכות – כי השלימות דיציאת מצרים (היציאה מכל המיצרים תהי' בביאת המשיח, שזהו"ע ירדן יריחו [יריחו מלשון ריח, וקאי על משיח דכתיב בי' והריחו ביראת הוי' דמורח ודאין (ישעי' יא, ג. סנהדרין צג, ב)], ולכן כל המ"ב מסעות עד ירדן יריחו נק' "אשר יצאו מארץ מצרים" (לקו"ת מסעי פט, שם צא, א. אוה"ת מסעי ריש ע' א'שנח). 9. מיכה ב, יג. וראה ב"ר פפ"ה, יד. אגדת בראשית ס"פ סג. 10. כ"ה הלשון בהמאמר. ולכאורה הכוונה ב"מדריגה זו" היא לכללות הענין דיציאה ממיצרים והגבלות. 11. שם רפי"ב. 12. ברכות יב, ב (במשנה). רמב"ם הל" ק"ש פ"א ה"ג. טור או"ח סי' סו וסי' רלו. שו"ע אדה"ז או"ח סי' סז סעיף א. 13. ראה גם תניא רפמ"ז, דענין יציאת מצרים שבכל יום "הוא יציאת נפש האלקית ממאסר הגוף משכא דחויא כו".

ראה הנסמן להלן הערה 17. מגילה יד, א. <u>15.</u>להעיר גם מס' גבורות ה' (למהר"ל מפראג) פ' סא, דבגאולת מצרים קבלו בנ"י מעלה עצמית דבני חורין ואין. המקרה דגלות שלאח"ז מבטל זה כלל. <u>16.</u>כמאמר כ"ק מו"ח אדמו"ר שרק הגוף הלך בגלות ולא הנשמה, ובנוגע לתומ"צ "האָבן מיר אידן אויף זיך ניט קיין דיעה זאָגער" (לקו"ד כרך ד תרצב, א). $\frac{17}{10}$ תו"כ (הובא בפרש"י) עה"פ בהר כה, מב. פרש"י עה"פ שם, נה. $\frac{18}{10}$ ראה אוה"ת נ"ך עה"פ סק"ח (ע' תפז), מפע"ח שער חג המצות פ"ו (בד"ה מהר"י ז"ל). וראה ד"ה כימי צאתך מארץ מצרים די"א ניסן ה'תשמ"ב (לעיל ע' קמז). <u>19.</u>ואף שבכל יום מיתוספים גם ענינים בלתי רצויים – הרי ענינים אלו הם מתבטלים ע"י יסורים רח"ל, או ע"י תשובה, ובפרט ע"י תשובה מאהבה שעל ידה נעשים זדונות כזכיות (יומא פו, ב), משא"כ הענינים דתומ"צ המיתוספים בכל יום – הם נצחיים (תניא פכ"ה (לב, א). – וראה לקו"ש ח"א ע' 247. נעתק בהגש"פ עם לקוטי טעמים מנהגים וביאורים – קה"ת תשמ"ו ואילך – ע' קיח). <u>20.</u>ד"ה כי בחפזון ה'תש"ח פ"ז (סה"מ שם ע' 158) – והמאמר ד"ה כימי צאתך (שעליו מיוסד מאמר זה) בא בהמשך להמאמר ד"ה כי בחפזון. <u>21.</u>ע"ח שער א (דרוש עגולים ויושר) ענף ב. אוצרות חיים ומבוא שערים בתחלתו. תו"א וירא ד"ה פתח אליהו (יד, ב). ובכ"מ. <u>22.</u>ראה בהמאמר שם, שמהעלם זה (דעולם) משתלשל להיות מצרים דלעו"ז שהוא העלם והסתר האור לגמרי. <u>23.</u>ד"ה כימי צאתך פ"ח (סה"מ שם ע' 160). 24.ראה גם שעהיוה"א פ"ז (פב, א). 25.וכמו ונעלם דבר מעיני הקהל (ויקרא ד, יג) או ונעלמה מעיני כל חי (איוב כח, כא). 26. כ"ה הלשון בהמאמר שם. וי"ל, כי "העלם" אפשר להיות גם העלם מצד עצמו, משא"כ "הסתר" הוא שישנו דבר המסתיר. ולכן מוסיף "דענינו (של העלם זה הוא) הסתר". 2<u>7.</u> כמו בן מי זה העלם (שמואל-א יז, נו). <u>28.</u> ועפ"ז יובן זה שמביא גם הפירוש "עולם לשון עלם" (שאינו רגיל בדרושי חסידות) – כי זה שההעלם והסתר דעולם הוא בתוקף גדול (עולם לשון עלם) הוא ביאור על זה שההעלם והסתר דעולם הוא בדוגמת ההעלם וההסתר דמצרים כפשוטו. <u>29.</u> פ"ט ואילך. <u>30.</u>ראה גם שעהיוה"א פ"ג. <u>31.</u>ישעי' סה, יז<u>.32.</u>זח"ב קסא, ריש ע"ב. <u>33.</u>ויק"ר פי"ג, ג. <u>34.</u>פע"ח שער הק"ש רפט"ו, הובא בלקו"ת שה"ש בסופו (נא, ג). <u>35.</u>אבות פ"ה מ"ה. <u>36.</u>ואתחנן ו, ה.<u>37.</u>ראה סוטה מט, א: בכל יום ויום מרובה כו'. <u>38.</u>רמ"א או"ח בתחלתו. 39. ראה בארוכה ד"ה אין הקב"ה בא בטרוניא תרמ"ח (סה"מ תרמ"ח ע' קפז ואילך), תרפ"ה ס"ב ואילך (סה"מ תרפ"ה ע' רנח ואילך). ד"ה משכני תרפ"ד (וד"ה אני ישנה ה'תש"ט) סי"א ואילך (סה"מ תרפ"ד ע' רצא ואילך. ה'תש"ט ע' 118 ואילך). ד"ה אין הקב"ה בא בטרוניא בסה"מ אידיש בתחלתו. ועוד. <u>40.</u>וכידוע בפירוש הכתוב (בהעלותך יב, ג) והאיש משה עניו מאד מכל האדם אשר על פני האדמה, שבעיקר הי' זה מפני דרא דעקבתא דמשיחא (סה"מ עטר"ת ע' תסד. ובכ"מ. נסמן לקמן ח"ד ע' נח הערה 119-118). $\pm 4.$ דענין לשמה הוא לשם התורה עצמה, להמשיך בה אוא"ס (לקו"ת ויקרא ה, א. שלח מז, ג. ובכ"מ). $\pm 4.$ ראה תניא רפל"ז.

בניסן נגאלו ובניסן עתידים להגאל

ACHARON SHEL PESACH 5666 (1906)

Following is an excerpt from a Farbrengen the Frierdiker Rebbe gave on Acharon Shel Pesach, 5700, 1940.

On Acharon Shel Pesach in 5666 (1906), the Rebbe Rashab was eating the meal of Acharon Shel Pesach with the Bochurim of the Yeshiva.

During the farbrengen he asked his brother, R. Zalman Aharon (the Raza), "Do you remember what our grandfather, the Rebbe, the Tzemach Tzedek, said to us, on his last Acharon Shel Pesach? [in 5625/1865]"

R. Zalman Aharon said that at that moment he didn't remember, however, were he to envision what occurred at that time, he might be able to remember. The Rebbe RaShaB told over, "We - the family - were sitting at the Yom Tov table of our father [the Rebbe Maharash]. He said, 'Today is Acharon Shel Pesach, the final day of Pesach.' I asked my father, 'Why is the last day of Pesach a Yom Tov?' Our father said, 'Zalman Aharon, maybe you can answer this question?' You said you couldn't."

Our sister, Devorah Leah, sitting next to our mother, got up and said she knew. Our father said, "If you know why - say." Devorah Leah said, "When Jews keep seven days of Pesach as the law requires, and are careful not to eat any Chametz, we make the last day of Pesach a Yom Tov. All Jews are happy that they could go through Pesach without violating the prohibition of Chametz."

R. Zalman Aharon now recalled the event. "When our sister said this, our father was very happy and said, 'Devorah Leah, you have a good head.' "

"When we went to our grandfather, the Tzemach Tzedek, to serve him his meal, our father told him the whole story. Our grandfather said that Devorah Leah's answer was a very good, logical answer.

The Tzemach Tzedek called all three of us close and said, "The last day of Pesach is called Acharon Shel Pesach. This means it's the completion of what began the first night of Pesach.

The first night of Pesach is the holiday in which Ha-Shem redeemed us from Mitzrayim, the first redemption through Moshe Rabbeinu - the first redeemer. Acharon Shel Pesach is our Yom Tov for the last redemption, when HaShem will redeem us from the final exile through Moshiach Tzidkeinu, he Moshiach is the final redeemer."

The first day of Pesach is Moshe Rabbeinu's day of rejoicing, and the last day of Pesach is Moshich's day of rejoicing. Today [Acharon Shel Pesach, 5666]", the Rebbe RaShaB said to his son [the Rebbe Rayatz], "I went into the study (the room for Yechidus) and heard in the next room a heated debate between your daughters, Chana and [Chaya] Mushka (then about six or seven years old). I was very interested to hear what the issue was.

I went closer and heard Chana say that Acharon Shel Pesach is a Yom Tov like any other, and Mushka said Acharon Shel Pesach isn't like any other. Her proof was that when we light candles we don't say the Brachah of Shehechiyanu. At that moment I remembered the things which happened on Acharon Shel Pesach 5625 (1865.)

My uncle, the Raza (R. Zalman Aaron) then recalled other details from that Acharon Shel Pesach 5625;

- 1. The Zeyde (the Tzemach Tzedek) had his glasses on his forehead and he bentched in a siddur which you (the Rebbe RaShaB) brought him.
- 2. That Pesach we both davened entirely in Zeyde's room.
- 3. Zeyde was wrapped in a tallis and laying in bed.

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4. After Shemoneh Esrei two people picked up the Tzemach Tzedek, put him on a chair and brought him to the table with our father (the Maharash) and our Uncle - Rabash (R. Boruch Sholom - the oldest son). Two sifrei Torah were taken out to layn from, and they were brought to the Tzemach Tzedek for him to kiss (before layning).

5. Our Uncle R. Boruch Sholom and our father, the Maharash had Shlishi and Chamishi, the Tzemach Tzedek had Maftir which he said seated.

When Uncle R. Zalman Aaron told this to my father - it brought tears to his eyes, and two tears ran from his cheeks when he heard the end of this recollection. A few minutes later my father turned to his brother, the Raza, and asked him do you remember the Birchas Kohanim of that year, and kissing Zeyde's Tzitzis?

The Raza said he remembers how R. Yosef Mordechai took both of us to a side room during Yizkor and also remembers how his father, the Maharash explained to them the meaning of Yizkor.

"Right after grandfather finished Maftir, our father gave a wink to Yosef Mordechai to take us into a side room, and later we were brought back in. We were standing next to our father for Birchas Kohanim. Our grandfather made a sign with his hand that we should approach him. Our father noticed and brought us to where our Zeyde was sitting. And you (the RaShaB) stood next to our Zeyde's right hand and put me (R. Zalman Aharon) on the left and covered us both with Zeyde's tallis. The Tzemach T z e d e k pointed to each word in the siddur as it was recited and answered all three omains loudly.

After davening he called me over to kiss the tzitzis of his tallis and then he called you over for the same thing.

In the afternoon our father came into our room, and I asked "What is Yizkor?" The Maharash explained that

the neshamos of our great grandparents are *meilitz* yosher (pleading the case) for their descendants and therefore we mention their neshamos and [pledge to] give Tzedakah.

Great Tzaddikim like Zeyde (the Tzemach Tzedek) see the neshamos of their parents, and our father said that today Zeyde saw the neshama of his mother (Rebbetzin Devorah Leah) and the neshama of his father-in-law, the Mittler Rebbe, and of his Zeyde, the Alter Rebbe.

R. Zalman Aharon began to sing what his uncle, Reb Boruch Sholom, the son of the Tzemach Tzedek, sang on that Acharon Shel Pesach while the Tzemach Tzedek ate Seudas Moshiach.

My father said he had heard from the Rebbe Maharash that the Baal Shem Tov gave the name Moshiach Seudah to the meal of Acharon Shel Pesach.

Then R. Zalman Aharon mentioned how the Zeyde, the Tzemach Tzedek said to his son, R. Boruch Sholom, when you will sing the songs of Moshiach's Seudah as the Alter Rebbe sang them you should awaken your memory and remember the holy vision of the Zeyde (the Alter Rebbe) and my father-in- law (the Mittler Rebbe).

When R. Boruch Sholom began to sing, our father, the Rebbe Maharash, began to sing along with him, and our Zeyde, the Tzemach Tzedek sang very quietly. With his left hand he held his head and covered his eyes, and with his right hand he kept time on the table and great tears ran over his cheeks.

Now my father (the RaShaB) said, "I don't ask why today, in particular, have I reminisced about that Acharon shel Pesach, for everything happens by Hashgacha Protis (Divine Providence). But for what purpose and reason did I remember? This I do ask.

(Sefer Hasichos Acharon shel Pesach 5700, 1940 p.70)

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