

Dear Friend,

The holiday of Passover is upon us! It is a time when we come together with family and friends to celebrate our Freedom.

Passover commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from Egyptian enslavement 3327 years ago. After many decades of backbreaking labor, through Divine intervention the Israelites were freed. They left Egypt and made their way to Mt. Sinai, where the Israelites received the Ten Commandments, and then continued to the Promised Land.

The story of the Exodus, although thousands of years old, is still relevant today. As we declare in the Haggadah: "In every generation a Jew should see himself as though he personally has been liberated from Mitzrayim [Egypt]."

How does one go free if he is not enslaved?

Modern Day Exodus

There's a lot more that meets the eye when it comes to slavery and freedom.

We are blessed to live in a country which was founded on the principles of "all men are created equal" and the universal rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness". However, one may live in a free country and still be enslaved. We can be enslaved to our urges, mood swings, phobias and yet even our Smartphone.

True freedom has less to do with oppressive external forces and more to do with destructive internal forces. Modern imprisonment is often the most overlooked and the most difficult to overcome.

On Passover we seek to relive the Exodus and break free from our own personal enslavement. We get the strength to do so by reliving the Exodus on the night of the Seder. The human mind is very powerful. It has the ability to set one free or be the source of one's imprisonment. Establishing intellectual supremacy of mind over feelings is a good way to begin your modern day personal exodus.

This Passover, let's choose freedom. Just to prove it; challenge yourself and leave your smart phone at home for a day or two.

Bespoke Freedom

Freedom from external or internal oppressive forces is not enough. Freedom is not a one size fit all solution. An animal's requirements for freedom are not sufficient for a human being. A cow grazing in the fields with ample sustenance and room to roam will feel free and happy. For a human being, a life of grazing in the fields is torture.

In order for a person to experience freedom he must satisfy a deeper quest that utilizes all his talents and capabilities in a productive manner. To experience true freedom one must live up to his or her unique potential.

Furthermore, living up to one's materialistic potential is not enough. It's our spiritual potential that needs to be unworked. We all have a natural desire to be spiritual. It's ingrained in our psyche. We get this spiritual fix by connecting to the Divine through Torah, Mitzvot and being altruistic. The more we achieve spiritually, the more there is to achieve. Freedom is thus evolutionary.

This Passover, let's leave our comfort zone, reach for the sky and seek to achieve greatness.

Oppressor's Freedom

As we commemorate the freedom from Egyptian bondage thousands of years ago, let us not be indifferent to religious oppression and anti-Semitism that exists today.

Ponder this:

It is only seven decades after the holocaust and there's a discussion if Europe is safe for the Jews.

A Jewish kindergarten in Brussels has been denied insurance converge because risk of attack is too high.

Wearing a Kippah in Paris can subject a person to repeated verbal abuse.

These levels of hate should call from worldwide demonstrations. But unfortunately it doesn't and life moves on.

The above evil is alluded to in the Haggadah when we say "in every generation they rise against us to destroy us". The passage concludes "and the Holy One, blessed be He, saves us from their hand".

Ultimately, the only lasting solution for anti-Semitism is to free the haters from their own enslavement to hate. This Passover, let us resolve to fight anti-Semitism, prejudice and bigotry wherever it may be! This Passover, let us resolve to fight anti-Semitism, prejudice and bigotry wherever it may be! This Passover, let us resolve to fight anti-Semitism, prejudice and bigotry wherever it may be! This Passover, let us resolve to fight anti-Semitism, prejudice and bigotry wherever it may be! This Passover, let us resolve to fight anti-Semitism, prejudice and bigotry wherever it may be!

Wishing you and your family Chag Sameach.

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זמני הדלקת הנרות

Candle Lighting Times for New Albany, OH [Based on Zip Code 43054]:

Shabbat/Holiday Candle Lighting:
Friday, Apr 3 7:39 pm
Shabbat Ends / Second Day Holiday Begins:
Shabbat, Apr 4 8:39 pm
Holiday Ends:
Sunday, Apr 5 8:40 pm



Schedule of Services

The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center offers a full schedule of Shabbat services.

Come and be inspired for the rest of the week! For more information, please call us at 614-939-0765.

15 Nissan 5775
Saturday, April 4, 2015

Morning Services: 9:30 a.m

CKids - ages 5-12: 10:45 a.m.

Torah and Tea*: 10:00 a.m.
**This class is now Dedicated in Memory of Rashi Minkowitz, ob"m, a community leader, mother and Shilucha*

Tot Shabbat for 4 and under: 11:00 a.m.

KIDDUSH - 12:00 pm

16 Nissan, 5775
Sunday, April 5, 2015

Shachrit: 9:45 a.m.

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לחמודעות

Upcoming Events

First Seder
Apr. 3, 2015 - 7:00 pm

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Second Seder
Apr. 4, 2015 - 7:00 pm

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Thurs night Parsha class
Apr. 16, 2015 - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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פרשת השבוע

On the eighth day, following the seven days of their inauguration, Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as kohanim (priests); a fire issues forth from G-d to accept the offerings on the altar, and the divine presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.

Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not" and die before G-d. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy. Moses and Aaron subsequently disagree as to a point of law regarding the offerings, but Moses concedes to Aaron that Aaron is in the right.

G-d commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption. Land animals may be eaten only if they have split hooves and also chew their cud; fish must have fins and scales; a list of non-kosher birds is given, and a list of kosher insects (four types of locusts).

Also in Shemini are some of the laws of ritual purity, including the purifying power of the mikvah (a pool of water meeting specified qualifications) and the wellspring. Thus the people of Israel are enjoined to "differentiate between the impure and the pure."

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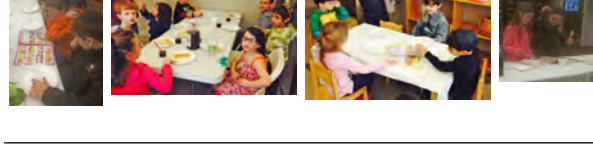
Passover Toolkit
Sell Your Chametz Online
Any chametz left undisposed must be sold to a non-Jew. Use this online form to quickly delegate a rabbi to sell your chametz for you.

11 Nissan
Celebrating 100 Years: The Rebbe's Bar-Mitzvah

Other stuff
10 Diverse Foods that Say "Passover"
Over the years, diverse Jewish communities have developed their own Passover cuisines. Here is our list of favorites.

Question
Was Matzah Always Hard and Tzah?
I've heard people say that matzah used to be soft. Is this true? And if it is, can I use pita for my matzah?

Hebrew School students learn the meaning of Passover in a model Seder



Watch Esther demonstrate Passover recipes on Channel 10



SAVE THE DATE!
CELEBRATE OUR LIFETOWN CHAMPIONS
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel

More info: <http://tinyurl.com/legends2015>

View this inspiring video: <http://bit.ly/1O4cLm0>

PASSOVER 2015

Join us for a meaningful Seder night

Share a traditional Seder with us and enjoy a delicious four course meal. Taste the special Passover delicacies of Charoset & Marror and eat our special hand baked "Shmurah" Matzah.

FIRST SEDER
Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm
Led by Rabbi Levi and Aviva Andrusier
At their home
2929 E. Broad St.
Columbus OH 43209

SECOND SEDER
Saturday, April 4, 7:00 pm
Led by Rabbi Areyah and Esther Kaltmann
At The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center
6220 East Dublin-Granville Rd.
New Albany OH 43054

RSVP and PAYMENT

To RSVP or for more information, please call 614-939-0765 or email chabadcolumbus@sbcglobal.net
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SOULMATES

ROSH CHODESH
Soulmates - Jewish Secrets to Meaningful Relationships

Next Lesson - Monday, April 20
"Sacred Space"

Romantics of all ages have waxed poetic on the notion of "soulmates," seeking to grasp what makes love and passion so potent, what drives the inexplicable magnetism between two people, and what makes true love last. Yet millennia of Jewish text and tradition are rich with insights on this very topic, from the mystical and spiritual to the no-nonsense and practical.

Course synopsis by chapters [here](#).

Upcoming classes:

Monday, April 20 - "Sacred Space"

Tuesday, May 19 - "Becoming a Better Half"

Classes are from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Gourmet lunch will be served.

Cost: \$105 registration for entire year includes textbook; or \$20 per individual class.

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