

Your guide to celebrating Passover & Upcoming Events at Baron Hirsch

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UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND BARON HIRSCH

Memphis is now under a Safer at Home order where we have been asked to cease non-essential services. Please be advised as to how this affects our programs and services at Baron Hirsch from now, through Passover:

- Davening, Classes & Events We have already stopped all services and events in the building. It is suggested that people daven at home at the same times as services normally would take place. (See page 3 for the Pesach schedule.) Events and classes have moved to Zoom where applicable. See page 12 for instructions on using Zoom.
- •Holy Cow's Passover Food IS NOT affected by this order, and will continue as before. If you still need to order Passover food, contact Holy Cow directly at 901-598-1152. If you have placed an order, they will be in touch with you regarding pick up.
- •Our Office As of today, our synagogue office will have limited hours. Our staff will continue to work from home to service as many member needs as possible. If you need to get in touch with us, you may call the regular number and your call will be forwarded. You may also email exec@baronhirsch.org.
- •Sale of Chametz There are two ways to arrange for the sale of Chametz. 1) Fill out/submit the form at www.baronhirsch.org/chametz, or fill out the form on page 11 and return to the office.
- •Our Mikvah remains open for women and for dishes, with added regulations and reduced hours. See page 4 for details.

Please read the remainder of this publication carefully, as it contains important information on how other shul functions will continue. At this point, our expectation is that the shul will continue to be closed through Pesach. Should the situation change, we will notify the congregation with updated information.

We urge everyone to take this Safer at Home order seriously – to stay inside when possible – and to not mix with other households. If we all do what we can to limit contact, then we will see the end of this difficult period much sooner.

Email is our best and fastest way to communicate with you. If you are not getting emails from us, please contact the office.

PASSOVER INFORMATION

Special Notes for Passover Services and Practices

Need a siddur, chumash or hagaddah? If you need to borrow one for use at home, please contact 683-7485 or exec@baronhirsch.org. We will arrange a time for you to pick one up or get one delivered to you.

Searching for Chametz/Burning Chametz – Searching for chametz on the night of Tuesday, April 7th, and burning chametz on the morning of Wednesday, April 8th, will be done in the same manner as any year. Please note to say the appropriate blessings and declarations as printed in the hagaddah. The times for these items are listed on page 3.

Eruv Tavshilin - It is necessary to make an Eruv Tavshilin on Wednesday, April 8th to permit cooking on Friday for Shabbat. This requires taking two cooked foods, like matza and a hard boiled egg or any other cooked dish, reciting the blessing and declaration that is found in the siddur or Haggadah, and placing them aside to eat on Shabbat. If you need further information, please contact the Rabbi.

Shir HaShirim – It is the custom to read Shir HaShirim, the Song of Songs, on Shabbat Chol HaMoed, which is on April 11th. Our custom is to not make a blessing on this reading. It is recommended to read Shir HaShirim at home from any Chumash or Tanach.

Yizkor – Yizkor is said on the last day of Passover, Thursday, April 16th. One does not need a minyan to say Yizkor, and can recite it out of the siddur (page 810 in the Artscroll Siddur). Note that we do NOT recite Kaddish without a minyan.

Siyum for the First Born Wednesday, April 8 at 7:15am

It is the custom for first born males to fast on the day before Passover. This stems from the idea that during the 10th plague, G-d spared the lives of the first born among the Jewish people.

One can be exempted from the fast if he takes part in certain types of religious celebrations, such as the completion of the study of a tractate in the Talmud.

Rabbi Lehrfield will be conducting a siyum over zoom for the first born. People should daven at home at 6:45AM. Come into the zoom room at 7:15AM for the siyum. First born should not eat before the siyum, but should be prepared to eat something immediately after, just as they would if they were in shul.

Two Ways to Help those in Need Before Pesach

The current crisis has caused financial instability for many families in our community. We are committed to helping those in need – both in observance of Pesach, as well as with continuing needs afterwards. Please consider helping with these two projects:

Maot Chitim Campaign

Donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for Maot Chitim go directly to local community members who need assistance in acquiring food for Pesach. Please make your donations as soon as possible so that we can get these funds quickly to those in need. General donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund will continue to help those in need after the holiday as well.

Chesed Boxes

Our Chesed Box project – which delivers Passover food boxes to some 90 local families – will continue this year. Due to social distancing, we will not be asking people to come together to pack, rather a few volunteers have been contacted to come on an individual basis to take care of packing. Still, there is a great need for funds to take care of the cost of this project – each box costs over \$30 to make. Please make donations to the office to help support this project. We thank the Bnei Tzedek group of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis for their support of this project, and ask others to help as well.

For those who are not in a risk group, we are in need of volunteers to help deliver boxes during the week or so before Pesach. We ask that seniors not volunteer for this, as well as students who have been back in town for less than 14 days. If you are able to help, please contact Cori Oxman (cori@theoxmans.com), Irv Cherny (ichernydds@comcast.net) or the office.

Wednesday, April 1st 7:45 pm

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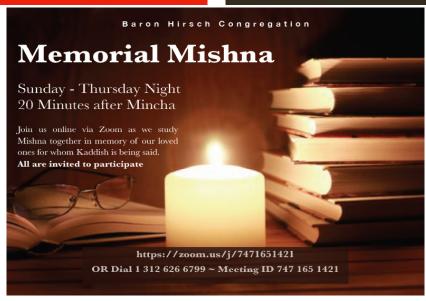
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Passover in Times of Emergency March 25th at Noon

The Essential Seder Experience April 1st at Noon

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Passover Schedule

Tuesday, April 7 Search for Chametz.....after 8:10pm

Wednesday, April 8 Erev Pesach Shacharit - Daven at Home6:45am

Siyum for the First Born on Zoom.....7:15am

Latest time to eat Chametz.......10:29am
Burn/Annul Chametz...... before 11:45am

Candle Lighting7:08pm Mincha/Maariv - Daven at Home7:10pm Start Sederafter 8:09pm

Thursday, April 9th 1st Day of Passover

Shacharit - Daven at Home9:00am Mincha/Maariv - daven at Home7:10pm Light Candles/Start Seder after 8:09pm

Friday, April 10 2nd Day of Passover

Shacharit - Daven at Home9:00am Mincha/Maariv - Daven at Home7:10pm Candle Lighting before 7:10pm

Shabbat, April 11 Chol HaMoed

Shacharit - Daven at Home9:00am
Read Shir HaShirim
Mincha - Daven at Home7:00pm
Maariv - Daven at Home8:01pm
Shabbat Ends.....8:11pm

Tuesday, April 14 Eve of 7th Day

Candle Lighting......7:13pm Mincha/Maariv - Daven at Home......7:15pm

Wednesday, April 15 7th Day of Passover

Shacharit - Daven at Home9:00am Mincha/Maariv - Daven at Home7:15pm Light Candles after 8:14pm

Thursday, April 16th 8th Day of Passover

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Life Cycle Events

L'CHAYIM! pays tribute to the many life cycle events experienced by the members of our congregation since our last issue.

BIRTHS

Mazel Tov to Barry and Amy Paller on the birth of a granddaughter, Sadie Rose Paller to parents Jeffrey and Laura Paller. Mazel Tov to grandparents Michael and Mary Anna Kaplan and great grandparents Shirley Paller and Necie Conroy.

Mazel Tov to Noreen & Bernard Freiden on the engagement of their grandson, Shua Friedman, to Rochel Gertsberg. Shua is the son of Melissa & Rabbi Joey Friedman.

Mazel Tov to Sarah & Natanel Brakha on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Ronit & Menashe Brakha and Lynn & Larry Sheps, and to great grandmother, Nili Sauer.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel Tov to Gwen & Stephen Wachtel on the engagement of their grandson Sam Wachtel to Shira Kalnitz, daughter of Marcy and Neal Kalnitz of Atlanta. Sam is the son of Sarah & Jonathan Wachtel. Mazel Tov to Gwen & Stephen Wachtel on the engagement of their grandson Reuven Wachtel to Ariella Haller, daughter of Lisa & Mordechai Haller of Ramat Bet Shemesh. Reuven is the son of Sarah & Jonathan Wachtel.

MARRIAGES

Mazel Tov to Mark & Sally Wender on the marriage of their son Kevin to Susie Robinson. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Razelle and Stanley Wender. Mazel Tov to Susie's parents, Dr. Murray and Georgia Robinson.

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

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MIKVAH UPDATE

Please note the following procedures for use of the mikvah in the coming weeks.

Anyone with any symptoms of illness, including fever, vomiting, diarrhea, upper respiratory illness, or with known diagnosis of Covid-19 or Influenza, or has been recommended for a 14 day self-quarantine due to close contact with a known Covid-19 infection, or has recuperated after Covid-19 (until cleared by physician) should **NOT** come to the mikvah – whether for themselves or to bring dishes.

Those who need the mikvah for dishes should contact the office in advance at 901-683-7485 or exec@baronhirsch.org to make an appointment. Hours will be very limited in the coming weeks. When arriving at the mikvah, please review the posted sign for added safety precautions.

Women who need to use the mikvah should continue to follow the usual procedures. It should be noted that every precaution is being taken to make certain that the mikvah is kept clean. We are doing chlorination, frequent water changes and daily wipe downs & cleaning. For questions or concerns please be in direct contact with Rabbi Lehrfield (rabbi@baronhirsch.org), Yoetzet Atara Segal (atara@baronhirsch.org), or the Mikvah committee (mikvah@baronhirsch.org)

The mikvah is currently closed for men until further notice.



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Now more than ever, it is important to strengthen the future of Baron Hirsch by increasing our endowment and making much needed building improvements. Join the over 165 families who have contributed over \$4.3 million to our ATID Campaign!

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THE SEDER

In order to get the most out of the Seder, there are a number of things that should be kept in mind.

- 1. Be sure that there is a Haggadah for each member of the Seder.
- 2. The leader of the Seder should study the Haggadah in advance and decide upon questions and stories which he might want to use in order to awaken interest.
- 3. The reading of the Haggadah should be rotated among the people. Passages can be read in Hebrew and/or in English.
- 4. Do not be afraid to interrupt in the middle of a reading to ask a question, to make a point, or to launch a discussion. Wherever possible, try to relate the historical passages to modern events.
- 5. Children might be asked to prepare a dramatization of certain portions of the Haggadah. Examples are the Four Sons and also the Pesach, Matzah and Maror.
- 6. A good Haggadah with English translation and directions is indispensable.

WINE

The first of the Seder night mitzvot is the drinking of four cups of wine (known in Hebrew as Arba Kosot) by both men and women, in tribute to the Almighty for the four promises made and fulfilled concerning the redemption. (See Exodus 6:6-7.) One should drink the four cups of wine while leaning on their side, as a sign of our freedom.

In honor of the prophet Elijah (Eliyahu), an additional goblet of wine is placed on the table. This wine is not drunk. The reason that Eliyahu comes to each seder is that Eliyahu did not believe in the Jewish people, and so he needs to come every year and see that the Jews are keeping Pesach.

For the Arba Kosot (four required cups of wine), the cup must contain at least 3.3 fluid ounces. The obligation is fulfilled if more than one-half (rov kos) of each cup is consumed after each blessing over

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the wine/grape juice.

Full-strength (undiluted) wine is required for the Arba Kosot. If one's health does not permit this, then one may dilute the wine with grape juice. One should be careful to dilute the wine only as much as is necessary, with the least amount of grape juice possible. If, for health reasons, one cannot use wine at all, one may substitute grape juice. If one must dilute grape juice with water, the ratio should not exceed two-thirds cup water to one-third cup grape juice. Please contact Rabbi Lehrfield if you have any questions.

MAGGID

Relating the story of our Exodus from Egypt is the vital mitzvah of the Seder night. The Torah teaches us that one is specifically obligated to tell the story of Passover to the children (v'hegadita l'vincha). It is, therefore, important for everyone present, and children in particular, to understand the story. Throughout the Seder, it is appropriate to offer commentary or insights into the Exodus, and anyone who amplifies the story through questions, interpretations, or discussion is deemed to be "praiseworthy." Most important, children should be encouraged to raise any questions that they have at the Seder - separate from the well-known Mah Nishtana-to further demonstrate the true meaning of freedom.

MATZA

The mitzvah of eating matza is one of the most important of our Torah commandments. We eat matza at three specific points during the Seder service:

- 1) Motzi-Matza- this matza is eaten immediately after the appropriate blessings are recited.
- 2) Koraich-the sandwich of matza and maror eaten prior to the main meal.
- 3) Afikomen-dessert, the eating of matza at the conclusion of the Seder. The Afikomen should be eaten before the middle of the night.

One should eat the matza while leaning on their side, as a sign of our freedom.

The halachic requirement is to eat a k'zayit-the volume of an olive-of Matza Shmurah at each of these points during the Seder. Matza Shmurah has been supervised by a Jew from the time of harvest through baking. For the motzimatza as well as for the Afikomen, a piece equivalent in size to 6 inches by 4 inches should be eaten. For Koraich, one should eat a piece equivalent in size to 6 inches by 3 inches.

MAROR (BITTER HERBS)

The eating of bitter herbs (horseradish or romaine lettuce) is another Seder night mitzvah, reminding us of the bitterness of slavery. Both men and women must eat the equivalent of a k'zayit. Bottled horseradish does not fulfill the mitzvah of maror. When Romaine lettuce is used, each leaf must be fully inspected to ensure that there are no insects. Prior to inspection, the outer leaves should be removed and discarded. Separate all leaves and wash each one thoroughly under a hard stream of water. Only then should the individual leaves be examined under good lighting. (Careful washing will ensure that no Torah laws are violated by the ingestion of insects.) Each person must eat a minimum amount of maror twice during the Seder, once after the bracha Al Achilat Maror and once for Koraich. If using pure, grated horseradish: After reciting the bracha Al Achilat Maror, eat an amount that can be compacted into a vessel measuring 1.1 fl. oz. For Koraich, eat an amount that can be compacted into a vessel measuring 0.7 fl. oz. If using whole leaf romaine lettuce: After reciting the bracha Al Achilat Maror and Koraich, eat enough leaves to cover any areas of 8 in. by 10 in. If using romaine lettuce stalks only: After reciting the bracha Al Achilat Maror and Koraich, eat enough stalks to cover an area of 3 inches by 5 inches.

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All Chametz must be disposed of before Passover and should not remain in your possession during Passover. All Chametz that you cannot dispose of may be sold by giving Rabbi Lehrfield power of attorney to draw up the Legal Deed of Sale. Forms may be mailed to the Shul office, scanned and emailed to exec@baronhirsch.org, or dropped off in the mailbox outside of the Yates entrance door.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM ON TUESDAY APRIL 7th

(please note the earlier date than in previous years)

SELLING OF CHAMETZ

I, the undersigned, wholeheartedly, with all seriousness and with complete awareness of the consequences, hereby appoint Rabbi Binyamin Lehrfield of Baron Hirsch Synagogue, or his designee, to act in my place and stead and on my behalf to sell and empower other parties to sell all Chametz possessed by me knowingly or unknowingly, as defined by Torah and Rabbinic Law, and to lease and empower other parties to lease all places in which Chametz owned by me may be found.

Signed:	Date:
Print Name:	_
Address:	
Business:	_
Location of Keys:	_

TYPE OF CHAMETZ (Groceries, Liquor, Medicine etc.)	EXACT LOCATION (Kitchen, Pantry, Cabinets, etc.)	APPROXIMATE VALUE
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
	TOTAL	\$

I	l will be in	another	time zoi	ne during	g Pesach	(please	circle):

Israel	Fastern	Mountain	Pacific

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WHAT IS ZOOM & HOW DO I USE IT?

During the COVID-19 crisis, you've probably seen a lot of reference to Zoom. For those of you who don't know what zoom is, or how to use it, this section is for you.

Zoom is an excellent tool that can help us stay in touch even when we cannot be face to face. It is great for classes, meetings, and any kind of social get togethers.

It's like being on a conference call with many people.

There are two ways to use Zoom:

- On a telephone (either home phone or a cell phone) you can talk & hear other people
- On a computer or smartphone you can not only talk & hear, but see others on the call as well.

How do I connect by phone?

- 1. Dial 1 312 626 6799
- 2. Once connected, you will be asked for your Meeting ID. Enter this number: 747 165 1421
- 3. If meeting has not yet started, just hold on. If it has started, you will hear others talking

How do I connect by computer or smart phone?

- 1. Click on this link: https://zoom.us/j/7471651421 If prompted click 'allow'.
- 2. If this is the first time you ever used Zoom, you may be prompted to download the program.
- 3. If meeting has not started, you will see the message "Waiting for the Host to Start Meeting"
- 4. Once the meeting has started, you can click on "Join Audio Conference by Computer"
- 5. Then click on the video icon at the bottom left hand corner of the screen.