

KOL MEVASSER

Celebrate the Renewal Shabbat Hachodesh & Rosh Hodesh Nisan

By Rabbi Hagay Batzri

Renew, renew, renew!

This Shabbat is the fourth of four special Shabbatot that occur prior to Passover / Pesah each year. This Shabbat is entitled "Shabbat HaChodesh" because it occurs just before the new month of Nisan begins. "Shabbat HaChodesh" roughly translates as "the Shabbat [of the Mitzvah] of the New Month."

The celebration of Shabbat HaChodesh was instituted by our sages to remind the Jewish people throughout the ages that the first Mitzvah, or commandment, given to the Jewish people by Hashem was this Mitzvah. With it the Jewish people were told, just before the Exodus from Egypt, to begin counting time according to a Jewish year and calendar: "HaChodesh HaZeh Lachem Rosh Chodashim" (Shemot / Exodus 12:2). In English, "This month shall be for you the first of the months."

In practice, the new month could only begin by the declaration of the Sanhedrin, the

Supreme Rabbinical court of the Jewish people. To initiate the month, the Sanhedrin would have to hear the testimony of two witnesses observing the timing of the new moon. By virtue of this commandment and through this process of "declaring the month," Hashem taught Jews mastery over time. In other words, the calendar and all of its cycles only begin to exist when people decide to acknowledge and name them. The month of Nisan started only when sages of Israel established that the new moon had occurred.

The process of observing the new moon and declaring the start of the Jewish month signify human control over time and its cycles. It also signaled the human potential for renewal. By linking human time with the lunar cycle, Hashem teaches us that we all have the potential for renewal. Just as the moon waxes and wanes, so too does Israel go through stages of light and darkness with the constant knowledge that there IS light at the end of the tunnel. The fact that the Creator has allowed mankind to determine the time, also reminds us that what we do with time is up to us. We must decide whether to spend time on nonsense or to use it to renew ourselves and regenerate.

As part of Shabbat HaGadol, we remove three Torah scrolls or Sifrei Torah from the

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KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat HaChodesh Rosh Hodesh Nisan Friday, March 23, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting	6:49 pm
Minhah/Arbit	6:30 pm

Shabbat HaChodesh / Parashat Vayikra Saturday, March 24, 2012

Shabbat Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	8:30 am
Tehillim Women's Reading	5:00 pm
Shabbat Minhah, Seudah, Arbit.....	6:30 pm
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah.....	7:53 pm

Weekdays

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	7:30 am
KJ Youth Choir	11:00 am

Monday to Friday, March 26 to 30, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer	6:30 am
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Erev Shabbat HaGadol Friday, March 30, 2012

Shaharit/Morning Prayer.....	6:30 am
Shabbat Candle Lighting	6:54 pm
Minhah/Arbit	6:30 pm

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Parashat **Vayikra** 409 to 438;
Parashat HaChodesh 253 to 257
(Exodus XII:1-20); Haftara 1001 to 1004

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Ark. This week we begin to read the new book of Vayikra, The first six segments are chanted from read Parshat Vayikra and the seventh Aliyah (called the Mashlim) is read from the second Torah scroll, containing the book of Bamidbar's / Number's excerpt on Rosh Hodesh. The final Aliya (Maftir) is read from the third Sefer Torah containing the book of Shemot (Exodus) 12:1-20. The reading of this particular Maftir and Haftorah were instituted for this time of the year so that Jews would remember that with the approach of Nisan – the first of the months, it was time to make preparations for Passover. Have a happy New Month!

Shabbat Shalom

KJ Volunteers Needed

The Religious Committee seeks volunteers to welcome new and prospective members to our community by:

1. Serving on a Shabbat welcoming committee, with each volunteer representing a specific seating section.
2. Reading aloud English and Hebrew sections of the Shabbat prayers during services. Women are encouraged to participate as well.
3. Being part of a living Phone Tree and calling 10 members when we have a special event, a guest speaker, etc.

For information or to volunteer contact Neil Sheff at neil@sheffimmigration.com

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored in memory of
his brother

Aaron Joseph Judah, z"l

by

Gerry Meyers

Seudah Shlisheet

is sponsored in memory of

Clara Saltoon, z"l

by her children

We Send Our

Heartfelt Condolences

to Mrs. Eva Sandler, Liora Sandler,
Rabbi Yaacov and Mrs. Monsonogo
the families, friends and community of

Rabbi Jonathan Sandler, z"l

Aryeh Sandler, z"l, age 6

Gavriel Sandler, z"l, age 3

and Miriam Monsonogo, z"l age 7

who were killed as they arrived at their school,
Otzar HaTorah in Toulouse, France this past

Monday, March 19, 2012

May Hashem Comfort Them Together with

All the Mourners of Tz'ion

In Memoriam

We remember the following yahrzeits, the annual anniversary of passings, for the week of March 24th to 31st, 2012. It is customary to light a memorial candle and donate tzedakah. Family members are encouraged to attend prayer services in honor of loved ones on the Shabbat preceding the yahrzeit.

1 Nisan / Shabbat, March 24

Lotfollah Nassi *Lotfollah Nassi*

Clara Saltoun *Ghala bat Esther*

Sydique Charlie Zakoo *Sadik Salah ben Ezra Halevi*

2 Nisan / Sunday, March 25

Aharon Yosef Eliyahu *Aharon Yosef Eliyahu ben Amouma*

Sarina Levy *Sara bat Khatoon*

3 Nisan / Monday, March 26

Hilwa Farha Ezair *Hilwa Farha bat Tiffabah Ezair*

Jalal Kohan *Jalal Kohan*

Naim Sassoon *Naim ben Sassoon*

4 Nisan / Tuesday, March 27

Sammy Dallal *Sammy Dallal*

5 Nisan / Wednesday, March 28

Moshe Somekh *Moshe ben Shemuel*

6 Nisan / Thursday, March 29

Mordechai ben Mattatya

Edmond Somekh *Edmond ben Moshe*

8 Nisan / Shabbat, March 31

Ada Ezra *Ada bat Mindel Okin*

Carolyn Frances Ezra *Carolyn Frances bat Norman*

Allan Norman Steiner *Alexander Nabum ben Mordechai*

Refuah Shlemah

Gerry Shapiro • Eliezer Saltoon *Eliezer
Hai ben Roz* • Yocheved bat Rachel •
Rachamim ben Sarah • Hinah Titza bat Itah

Shabbat Song: Melekh Goel U'Moshia / The King Who Redeems & Saves

Selected by Rabbi Hagay Batzri. Translated by Dafna and Ora Ezran

Listen to Melekh Goel on YouTube at <http://www.piyut.org.il/textual/english/61.html>

King Who redeems and saves, G-d Who is admired in the hidden places of the holy ones, and Who strengthens those who lack hope, Who encourages those who are poor and lack security, because he took the children of Israel, who were ready to leave, out of Egypt in the month of spring: *Give thanks to G-d because this month will be, for you, the first month of all months.*

His name we will exalt together with instruments because we remember his holy commandments, He Who took his nation out of misery and commanded these things of his nation: Take for yourselves a sheep on the tenth day of the month, to make known that He is the genuine G-d over all other gods and all people. *Give thanks to G-d because this month will be, for you, the first month of all months.*

The nation prepared their Passover offerings, without fear of Egypt, with melodic songs and praise, in the three types of camps they ate it on matza and bitter herbs at twilight, not cooked in water, not raw because [roasted] over fires. *Give thanks to G-d because this month will be, for you, the first month of all months.*

G-d showed the strength of his right hand when He redeemed His nation because He was watching over them from the seat of His holiness up on high; His nation was dying and bleeding; That is why we have blood in the Pesah offering and blood in the Brit Milah Covenant. Because He Himself passed over Egypt and took His nation out of slavery to freedom. *Give thanks to G-d because this month will be, for you, the first month of all months.*

In strength He sent away those who did not belong, [He sent them] to the children of Edom and to the Philagshim [those who engage in illegitimate relationships]; He will make them like the upended, overthrown and deserted cities of Assyr and Tachnia; He overpowered the strongest of the strange ones and saved His people who sought Him out, the Lord whom they did ask for in the month of Nisan, the head of all months. *Give thanks to G-d because this month will be, for you, the first month of all months.*

מִלְכֵּךְ
גֹּאֵל וּמֹשִׁיעַ, אֵל נֶעְרָץ בְּסוֹד קְדוּשִׁים, וְלֶאֱמָן אֹנִים עֲצֻמָּה
יְדָבָה, מַחֲזֵק רַפְיוֹן יְדֵי רָשִׁים, כִּי הוֹצִיא בְּיָדְךָ אֶבְרָהָם, בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל הַמְּצוּסִים: הוֹדוּ לְאֵל כִּי הַקֹּדֶשׁ הָיָה לָכֶם רֵאשִׁית תְּרִשִׁים
שְׁמוֹ
יַחַד נְרוֹמְמֵת, עָלַי נִבֵּל וְעָלַי עֲשׂוֹר, כִּי זָכַר אֶת־דְּבַר קְדוּשׁוֹ,
וְהוֹצִיא עִמּוֹ מִמִּצְרַיִם, וְהוּא צִוָּה אֵלַי עִמּוֹ, קָרוּ לָכֶם שֵׁה
בְּעֲשׂוֹר, לְהוֹדִיעַ כִּי הוּא יְשׁוּר, עַל אֱלֹהִים וְאֲנָשִׁים:
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הַעֲמֵם
עָשׂוּ אֶת־פִּסְחֵיהֶם, בְּלִחְי פֶתַח מִצְרַיִם, בְּשִׁירֵי זִמְרָה
וּתְהִלָּה, בְּשִׁלֵּשׁ פְּתוּחַ מִתְּנִים, אֶבְלוּ אוֹתוֹ עָלַי מִצוֹת
וּמִרְדִּים בְּהַעֲרִיבִים, בְּלִחְי מִבְּשָׁל בְּפִימִים, וְנָא כִּי אִם צָלִי
אֲשִׁים: הוֹדוּ לְאֵל כִּי הַקֹּדֶשׁ הָיָה לָכֶם רֵאשִׁית תְּרִשִׁים
חֶסֶן
יֵשַׁע יִמְנוּ אֵל, הַרְאָה לְהוֹשִׁיעַ לָנוּ, כִּי הִשְׁקִיף מִמַּעַן
קְדוּשׁוֹ, הַעֲמֵם מִתְּבוֹסֵס בְּרִמּוֹ, דָּם פִּסַּח יְדָם הַפּוֹלֵת, אֲוִי
עֶבֶר הוּא בְּעֲצֻמּוֹ, לְמִצְרַיִם וְאֶת־עִמּוֹ, הוֹצִיא מִעַבְדוֹת
לְתַפְשִׁים: הוֹדוּ לְאֵל כִּי הַקֹּדֶשׁ הָיָה לָכֶם רֵאשִׁית תְּרִשִׁים
חֻזֵק
חִרְשָׁה שָׁלַח זָרִים, לְכַנִּי אֲרוּם וּפִילִגְשִׁים, שִׁמְם כְּמִתְּפַכֵּת
עָרִים, עָרֵי אֲשׁוּרִים וְלִמְצוּסִים, וְחִכְנִיעַ נְאוֹן זָרִים, וְשָׁלַח
לָעַם לֵךְ הוֹרֵשִׁם, הָאָרוֹן אֲשֶׁר מִבְּקָשִׁים, בְּנִסְךָ רֵאשִׁית
הַתְּרִשִׁים: הוֹדוּ לְאֵל כִּי הַקֹּדֶשׁ הָיָה לָכֶם רֵאשִׁית תְּרִשִׁים

Melekh go-el u'moshia, El na-aratz b'sod kedoshim, u'l-eyn onim atzma yarbeh, makhazik rifyon yedey rashim, ki hotzi b'chodesh aviv, Bne Yisrael khamushim: *Hodu la'El ki ha'chodesh ha-zeh lakhem rosh chodashim:*

Shmo yakhdav neromema, aley nevel v'aley asor, ki zachar et dvar kodsho, vayotzi amo mi'matzor, v'Hu tziva eley amo, khu lakhem seh be-h'asor, l'hodia ki Hu yasor, al elohim va'anashim: *Hodu la'El ki ha'chodesh ha-zeh lakhem rosh chodashim:*

Ha'am asu et piskheyhem, bilti pakhad mi'Mitzrayim, b'shrei zimra u'tehilla, b'shlosh kitot makhanayim, akhlu oto aley matzot u'merorim b' ha-arbayim, bilti mevushal ba'mayim, v'na ki im, tzli ishim: *Hodu la'El ki ha'chodesh ha-zeh lakhem rosh chodashim*

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Upcoming Events

Women's Tehillim Group

Shabbat Day, March 24th at 5:00 pm

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Tuesday, March 27th, 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Jewish Federation Building

KJ Pesach Class with Rabbi Batzri

Monday, April 2nd, 7:15 to 8:15 pm

Kahal Joseph Library

KJ Talmud Torah: Afterschool Program

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:00 to 6:00 pm



Blue & White Night

KJ Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

for Israel's Independence

Wednesday, April 25th, 7:00 pm

Festive Arvit with Hallel

New Israeli Songs & KJ Youth Choir

Kosher Grill on Wheels

Musical Guest Israeli Singer

BINGO Games with Prizes

Song for Shabbat HaChodesh

Melekh Go-el / The King Who Redeems

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Khosen yesha yemino El, her-ah l'hoshia lamo, ki hishkif mi'meh-on kodsho, ha'am mitboses b'damo, dam Pesah, v'dam ha'milah, azai avar Hu b'atzmo, l'Mitzrayim v'et amo hotzi meh'avdut l'khofshim: *Hodu la'El ki ha'chodesh ha-zeh lakhem rosh chodashim:*

Khazak khusha shlakh zarim, li'bnei Edom ul'philagshim, simem kemehapekhat arim, arey ashurim u'ltushim, v'takhni-ah g-on zarim, u'shlakh l'am l'kha dorshim, ha'Adon asher mevakhshim, b'Nisan Rosh ha'Khodashim: *Hodu la'El ki ha'chodesh ha-zeh lakhem rosh chodashim:*



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