

Parshas Vayikra- April 4, 2025 - 6 Nissan 5785 - Candlelighting: 6:42 PM / 7:42 PM

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monday, April 7:** End of Third Quarter, Critical Day
- **Tuesday, April 8 - Monday, April 21:** Pesach Break - No School
- **Tuesday, April 22:** School Resumes, 9 AM. Classes start at 9:22. Girls should Daven at home.
- **Monday, April 28:** SAT exam for Juniors and Seniors at 1:25 PM.

MAZAL TOVS:

- Mazal Tov to Yaakov and Rachell Ora (Shoshan, '17) Perlow on the birth of a baby girl!
- Mazal Tov to Kira Lessnick ('23) on her recent marriage to Aryeh Schwartz!

ALL THE HOSTAGES

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ARE IN OUR HEARTS & TEFilos.

PLEASE CONSIDER SAYING PEREK 140 OF TEHILLIM AS A ZECHUS FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

We are all familiar with the Thirteen Principles of Faith of the Rambam. Many recite them every day at the end of davening each morning.

A lesser known formulation of the foundational principles of our holy Torah is taught by Rav Yosef Albo, in his Sefer Ikarim. Rav Albo explains that there are three essential principles of our Emunah:

- Belief in the existence of HaShem
- Belief in Divine Providence
- Belief in the fact that the Torah was given to us by HaShem.

The Maharal in his Sefer about Yetzias Mitzrayim, Gevuras HaShem, also points out that the Torah speaks about Emunah in three Pesukim that reflect Rav Albo's three principles of Emunah.

1. When Moshe Rabbeinu went to redeem Bnei Yisrael from Egypt the Torah states: (שנות דלא) "ויאמַן הָעָם וַיַּשְׁמַע כִּי פְּקָד הָשָׁמֶן אֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל" "And the people believed and they and accepted that HaShem had granted them special providence." This reflects the idea that HaShem continues to be involved in the world and specifically with Am Yisrael.
2. At the Crossing of the Red Sea the Torah says, "And they believed in HaShem." This verse clearly states that Bnei Yisrael believed in the existence of HaShem.
3. At Har Sinai it is mentioned that, "Behold, I came to you in the thick of the cloud in order that the people would hear ... and they believed for ever." This echoes the third principle of Rav Albo, that we accept the fact that Hashem gave us the Torah.

By focusing on these Pesukim in connection to Pesach, the Maharal is teaching us something very profound about Pesach. Sitting around the table and reading the Haggadah with family and friends is not a history lesson. The seder is an opportunity to increase our Emunah: Emunah in the fact that the world has a Creator. Emunah in the reality that HaShem loves us and is involved in what happens to us. And last but not least, Emunah that He bestowed upon us the opportunity to accept His holy Torah.

What an amazing occasion!

Many ask, "Why do we begin to eat the meal so late on the night of the Seder?" The answer is because this night is different from all other nights! On this night HaShem asks us to focus on and highlight our Emunah in Him. The goal being that through questions and answers at the Seder we will internalize our faith in Him in the deepest of ways.

May HaShem grant us all the merit to be part of a Seder that will be a joyous meal. One of joining together with great Simcha and devotion that will increase our Emunah in the King of all kings - מלך מלכי המלכים

Good Shabbos to All!
A Happy and Kosher Pesach to All Am Yisrael!!

Rabbi Shapiro

(This message was based on the commentary to the Haggadah by a dear friend of mine, Rav David Rosoff z"l.)

This Week at a Glance:

ROSH CHODESH NISSAN ACTIVITY



We got ready for Chodesh Nissan with an activity including making our own bumper stickers and enjoying a yummy breakfast. Thank you to our Rosh Chodesh heads, Aliza Rachael Castriota and Yakira Silverman for all of their planning and organizing!

PIZZA AND SUSHI LUNCHES



Everyone enjoyed a pizza and sushi lunch in honor of the joint efforts towards reaching our campaign goal.

12TH GRADE HEALTH CLASS CHOPPED FOOD COMPETITION



Students worked in teams to collaborate on a breakfast or lunch course. Thank you to the judges, Mrs. Nagla and Mrs. Simons for participating.

PRE-PESACH WORKSHOP



Thank you Mrs. Pransky for preparing and running a Pre-Pesach program. The girls explored the concept of "True Freedom".

LIBRARY IS OPEN



Thank you Bas-sheva Alterman for getting our library system up and running and ensuring that the new inventory is available before Pesach! We encourage the girls to checkout and enjoy the books over Yom Tov.

9TH GRADE TAMBOURINE ACTIVITY WITH MRS. LIPSCHUTZ



The 9th Grade decorated tambourines in preparation for Pesach the Yom Tov of Geula.

CHUMASH RELATED ARTWORK



GOOD SHABBOS!