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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Dear friends,

One of the great innovations in the history of Jewish outreach is "Shabbat Across America." In communities around the country, the beauty and sanctity of our weekly day of rest is shared with those on the margins of Jewish life. Please join us on Friday night, March 4th and Shabbat, March 5th when we come together as a community to pray, eat, sing, and learn together. If you have Jewishly unaffiliated friends, neighbors, or colleagues, please invite them to participate in our program. It promises to be an enjoyable event, the likes of which we have not had since before the pandemic.

Purim (March 17) is quickly approaching. I encourage you to participate in the Sisterhood Mishloach Manot fundraiser. The essential mitzvah on Purim is to hear the Megillah. While the nighttime reading is always more popular, the daytime reading is technically more important. Keep in mind that one must hear every word of the Megillah in the proper order. If you arrive even just a few moments late, the mitzvah is lost. Please let me know if you cannot attend the Megillah reading at the scheduled hour and would like me to organize a later reading at night or during the day.

The memorial service for our beloved Rabbi Dr. Philip M. Weinberger Z"l will take place on March 20th at 7:00PM. The sanctuary will be rededicated in memory of both Rabbi & Rebbetzin Weinberger. A new parochet will be installed on the ark and a new cover placed on the Shulchan. Members of the Weinberger family will be in attendance as we recall the life and works of the spiritual giant whom we have lost. We are working on a commemorative journal to be printed in honor of the occasion. If you have any memorabilia or stories about Rabbi Weinberger, please share them with Laurie Kracko.

Passover is around the corner. We are currently assessing whether or not to have a communal Seder. If there is sufficient interest, we will host a Seder at the shul on the first Seder night, April 15. A decision will be reached no later than Purim. The annual Shabbat Hagadol Derashah will take place on Shabbat, April 9th at 6:00PM. I will speak on the topic: "The Seder through a Child's Eyes."

Please remember to fill out your Sale of Chametz form and return it in advance of Erev Pesach. Every year there are people who fail to return the form in time to be included in the official sale. Don't procrastinate. There will be a siyyum on Friday morning, April 15th for the Fast of the Firstborn. I will celebrate the conclusion of studying Tractate Moed Katan. In accordance with our annual practice, we will burn the chametz in the garbage cans set up in the shul driveway. Because we

expect many of our members to be away for the duration of Passover, we need those members who are home for Yom Tov to be diligent about attending synagogue services. I thank you in advance for your cooperation. If anyone needs help koshering their kitchen for Passover, please do not hesitate to ask me. The shul's steamer is available to be borrowed upon request. We will have an opportunity to do ha'agalat keilim in the shul kitchen. Stay tuned for an announcement about time and date.

I want to thank all those who, in recent months, have contributed financially to the shul in support of our building fund and in memory of Rabbi Weinberger. You have been generous and have enabled Anshe Sholom to get through difficult times. May Hashem reward you with peace, health, and happiness.

Best wishes for a joyous Purim
and a Chag Pesach Kasher v'Same'ach,
Rabbi Evan Hoffman



SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHAH
April 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
"The Seder through a Child's Eyes"

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends,

Early March will forever remain in the memory of many New Rochellians. Because of the onset of COVID-19, March 2, 2020, was the last day of school at the three local Jewish schools — WDS, WTA, and SAR. I am so pleased that this March, b" h, will start very differently from March 2020. Let us hope and pray that the worst is behind us.

We begin this month by celebrating Shabbat Across America on March 4-5. We will have meals and a glorious experience at Anshe Sholom. It has been way too long since we last were able to host a community event like this, and I urge everyone to come and bring a friend (or 10!)

On March 7, Hebrew language classes will be starting at Anshe Sholom. Meitav and Yochai Feldman will educate and excite us about all things Hebrew and Israel. Classes will take place in person in the Goldman Room every Monday at 7:30 PM. Students will enjoy a light dinner and are guaranteed to have a good time.

Purim is just around the corner. On Wednesday evening, March 16, we will gather for a spirited Megillah reading, followed by a fun, uplifting Purim carnival.

We will be rededicating our sanctuary in memory of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Weinberger on March 20. Rabbi Weinberger was our Rabbi for 35 years and remained rabbi emeritus for 25 additional years. For many of us "old-timers," it's hard to imagine Anshe Sholom without Rabbi Weinberger. His firm handshake, his pat on the back, and his beautiful words are all happy memories for us.

On a personal level, I really owe my family to Rabbi Weinberger. Let me explain. Since Israel is a Jewish country, religious aspects of daily life in the country are controlled by the Rabbinate. Although I was born in Israel to Jewish parents who had both served in the IDF, when it came time for me to sign up for my marriage license, I had to prove my Jewishness.

How does one go about proving Jewishness in Israel? You can provide a letter from a rabbi who is considered "reliable" to go on record stating that you are Jewish.

Luckily, Rabbi Weinberger, a member of the Rabbinical Council of America (a trustworthy organization), Bar Mitzvah'd my father, married my parents, and celebrated my birth at Anshe Sholom — even though I was physically in Israel. Therefore, he was able to attest to the fact that I am indeed Jewish.

Rabbi Weinberger's beautifully handwritten letter convinced the Israeli rabbis to allow this sabra, to marry another sabra, and here we are today, the lucky parents of Liam and Avidan. So, as I said, I owe a lot to Rabbi Weinberger.

On a more serious note, Rabbi Weinberger (and of course, Rebbetzin Channa), were part of my family's life for almost 60 years. He was there for the many happy milestones; he was there for the more challenging times as well.

On behalf of our community, I want to thank the Weinberger Family for sharing Rabbi and Rebbetzin Weinberger with the Anshe Sholom and Westchester community for all those many years. They will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know them.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Best regards,

Yael Schulman
President

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Thoughts ON THE Parashah

in honor or in memory of a loved one.

A MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD



Dear Friends,

The unseasonably warm weather and sightings of robins are harbingers of spring, and I, for one, can't wait. Here comes the sun!

Here at Anshe Sholom we are also seeing signs of the pandemic receding into the distance and were able to enjoy each other's company, seeing each other's faces and enjoying a delicious kiddush as well, thanks to the Men's Club.

Sisterhood is preparing Misloach Manot for Purim and looking forward to celebrating the Megillah and fun activities coming our way. If you haven't yet sent in your request to participate sending shalach manot to your friends in the congregation, the deadline is March 4th. So hurry!

Best wishes for a Happy Healthy Spring!

Joanne Wiesner-Steiner

Sisterhood President



MEMORIAL CARDS

To Honey Neier, on the loss of sister Claire Krumper, from: Toby & Stanley Cohen, Fany & Shlomo Dubi, Gertrude Goldstein, Ruth Grayson, Lee Katz, Marlene & Armand Lerner, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, Sue Merims, Joanne Wiesner-Steiner, and The Sisterhood of Anshe Sholom.

To Gail Levine, Honey's sister, on the loss of sister Claire, from: Ruth Grayson.

To Sam Krumper, on the loss of wife Claire, from: Toby & Stanley Cohen, Helen Chaltin, Ruth Grayson, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, Marlene & Armand Lerner, and The Sisterhood of Anshe Sholom.

To Dr. Judah Weinberger, Debbie Rabinowitz, and Dr. Shmuel Weinberger on the loss of father Rabbi Dr. Philip Weinberger, from: Rhonda Grayson Brass, Fany & Shlomo Dubi, Gertrude Goldstein, Lee Katz, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, Roberta Mehler, Honey & Sol Neier, Jill Grayson Wein, Lynne & Charles Weiss, and The Sisterhood of Anshe Sholom.

To Mrs. Ellen Renfrew and family, on the loss of father David Goldstein, from: Gertrude Goldstein.

To Debbi Rabinowitz, on the loss of father Rabbi Dr. Philip Weinberger, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi.

To Sharon Keiman and Ian Berman, on the loss of mother Charlotte, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi, Gertrude Goldstein, Ruth Grayson, and Sue Merims.

To Yehudit Waller loss of father Dr. Sherman Pessin, from: David Bernfeld, Fany & Shlomo Dubi, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, Gertrude Goldstein, Ruth Grayson, Lee Katz, and Sue Merims.



SUNSHINE CARDS

Mazal Tov! to Rabbi Levi & Chaya Groner, on the birth and bris of Shmuel Eliezer, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi and The Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Sholom.

Mazal Tov! To Honey and Sol Neier on the engagement of their son Joshua to Julie Hazan, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi and The Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Sholom.

Refuah Sheleimah to Steven Neustadter, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi and The Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Sholom.

Refuah Sheleimah to Carole Bolensky from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi and The Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Sholom.



With gratitude to Hashem for His healing, I thank the Anshe Sholom congregation for your support throughout my illness and recovery. I appreciate your hospital and home visits, your calls and texts, your driving me to doctors' appointments, your food shopping as well as retrieving meds from the pharmacy, your home-cooked meals and your participation in the Meal Train. Thank you, too, for all your Tefillos and Tehillim which most certainly helped me mend. It's a gift to be part of this community.

— Debra Seltzer, MD



*On behalf of our family,
I would like to thank everyone
for their kind expressions of sympathy
and donations that were made
in memory of my sister, Claire Krumper,
a longtime member of Anshe Sholom.*

— *Honey Neier*

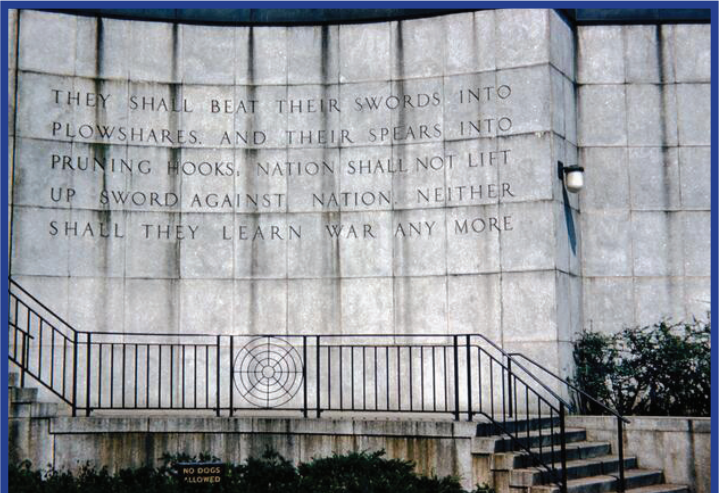
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for the triumph of evil
is for good people
to do nothing."***

— *inspired by Edmund Burke*

Shabbat ACROSS AMERICA



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**CELEBRATE PURIM
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 7:30 PM
Evening MEGILLAH READING
Followed by a Purim Carnival
for adults & children in the ballroom.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 7:30 AM • Morning MEGILLAH READING



Join us on
March 20th at 7:00PM
for a memorial service
to honor our beloved
**Rabbi Dr. Philip M.
Weinberger ZT"l**

On this occasion, we will gather to celebrate the lifelong contributions and legacy of Rabbi Weinberger. We will rededicate our sanctuary in memory of both Rabbi & Rebbetzin Weinberger. A new parochet will also be installed on the ark, and a new cover placed on the Shulchan.



THE SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION ANSHE SHOLOM

50 North Avenue New Rochelle NY 10805

PURIM is just
around the corner!

Once again Sisterhood will be preparing Mishloach Manot bags for the congregation. Every member of the shul will receive one bag, as well as a personalized note indicating who honored them.

For a donation of \$180, you can send greetings to the entire congregation.

Individual greetings are \$10. Recipients living out of town, or not affiliated with Anshe Sholom, will receive a card in lieu of a Mishloach Manot bag. Participation in the Mishloach Manot program allows you to observe this Mitzvah of Purim & support Sisterhood in our remarkable 105th year.

Please send your order, with payment, by **FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH**.
Check should be made payable to: **THE SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION ANSHE SHOLOM**.

Mishloach Manot will be distributed after Purim services on Wednesday evening, March 16th & Thursday morning, March 17th. Baskets can be picked up at the synagogue office beginning Friday, March 18th
Questions? Contact me at 914-806-3410 or the shul office, 914-632-9220.

Chag Purim Sameach! Joanne Wiesner-Steiner, Sisterhood President

THE SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION ANSHE SHOLOM

Mishloach Manot Order Form

DUE, WITH PAYMENT, BY MARCH 4TH 2022

Your Name _____

Your phone number _____

____ **1st OPTION:** Please send Mishloach Manot to each family in the congregation.
I've enclosed \$180.

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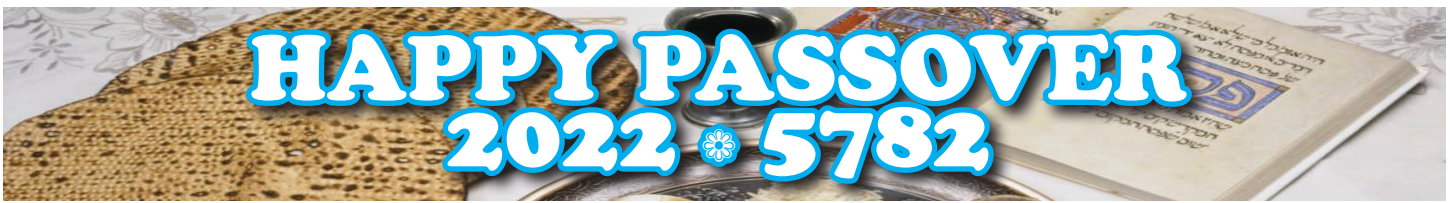
____ **2nd OPTION:** Please send Mishloach Manot to people listed below.

I have enclosed \$10 for each basket.

of baskets _____ @ \$10 = _____.

Total Amount enclosed: _____

I've listed names of specific individuals below. Names of specific people I'm sending Mishloach Manot to:



Search for Chametz (בדיקת חמץ) – On Thursday night, April 14th we search our homes for chametz. Customarily we use a candle, feather, and spoon. For safety reasons it may be preferred to use a flashlight instead of a candle. This is intended to be a thorough and serious search of all locations where chametz might possibly be found. If the home was previously cleaned and there is no expectation to find any chametz, it is advised to “plant” ten small pieces of bread throughout the house. The search begins with a blessing: **ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על בעור חמץ.** When the search is concluded, all chametz that has been collected should be stored in a safe location in advance of burning it the next day. A declaration is made in Aramaic or English stating that all chametz that we do not know about should be considered ownerless like the dust of the earth.

Burning of the Chametz (בעור חמץ) — On Friday morning, April 15th we burn the last vestiges of chametz in our possession. One is permitted to eat chametz on Erev Pesach only through the fourth halachic hour of the day. One may own chametz through the fifth halachic hour of the day. The fifth hour is the last chance one has to properly fulfill the mitzvah of destroying one's chametz. After the burning is done, we make a declaration in Aramaic or English stating that all of our chametz (whether known to us or not) is considered ownerless and worthless like the dust of the earth.

Latest time to eat chametz: 10:42AM

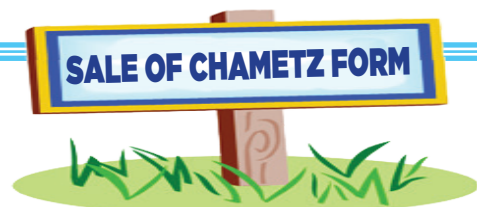
Latest time to own chametz: 11:58AM

Sale of Chametz (מכירת חמץ): For several centuries it has been customary to sell non-perishable chametz products to a non-Jew before Passover, with the foreknowledge that the sale will be undone immediately after Passover. This sale is legally binding in both Jewish and civil law. Accordingly, it should be treated seriously and not viewed as a legal fiction. Congregants are advised to fill out an authorization form granting Rabbi Hoffman the power of attorney to affect the necessary transaction. The sale will be conducted at 11:00 on April 15th, after it is no longer permissible to eat chametz but still as yet permitted to own chametz. If you will be in a different time zone on April 15th please indicate as such on the authorization form, as this might necessitate a separate sale.

Ma'ot Chittim (מעות חטים) – We are obligated to give charity before the holiday so as to ensure that indigent Jews will be supplied with their holiday needs. Literally, this concept can be translated as “coins for wheat.” All Jews, even those on the lowest rung of the socioeconomic ladder, must be given wine, matzah,

and other Kosher for Passover essentials. You can fulfill this obligation by donating to the Anshe Sholom Passover Fund. Your charitable contribution will help feed Jews in Israel and New York.

Fast of the First Born (תענית בכורות) — On the Eve of Passover it is customary for firstborn males to fast in remembrance of the Plague of the Firstborn. While the Egyptians perished, the Israelite firstborn were spared by God. The tradition in most communities is to offer the firstborn a way of exempting themselves from this fast. A celebratory Siyyum is made upon the conclusion of a tractate of Talmud. This is followed by a meal to which the firstborn are invited to participate. On Friday April 15th, we will have a Siyyum on Tractate Moed Katan following morning services.



I _____ hereby authorize Rabbi Evan Hoffman (50 North Ave New Rochelle, NY 10805), to sell or transfer all chametz (as defined by Torah and rabbinic law) in my possession as of 11:00AM (EDST) on Friday, April 15, 2022. I also authorize him to rent, for the duration of Passover, the premises occupied by such chametz.

Signature _____

Home Address _____

Secondary Address (if applicable) _____

Approximate value of chametz _____

Contact info _____

Will you be in another time zone on Erev Pesach? _____

If yes, where? _____

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In Memory Of ...

To Dr. Judah Weinberger, Debbie Rabinowitz, and Dr. Shmuel Weinberger on the loss of father Rabbi Dr. Philip Weinberger, from: Betsy & Sid Baum, Sue Merims, Wendy Packer, Diane Steinfink, Ellen Yager, David Reitberger, David Tantleff, Yehudit & Yehoshua Waller, and Lynne & Charles Weiss.

A Chumash will be dedicated by Betsy & Sid Baum, in loving memory of our dear Rabbi Dr. Philip M. Weinberger.

To Honey Neier, in memory of sister Claire Krumper, from: Drs. Glen & Cynthia Applebaum, Joan & Leon Ashner, Rose Lipshitz, Sue Merims, David Tantleff, Yehudit & Yehoshua Waller, and Randi Weingarten.

To Sam Krumper, on the loss of wife Claire, from: Yehudit & Yehoshua Waller, and Gail & Stephen Hollander

To Honey's sister Gail Levine, on the loss of sister Claire, from: Yehudit & Yehoshua Waller.

To Yehudit Waller, on the loss of father Dr. Sherman Pessin from: Betsy & Sid Baum, Rose Lipshitz, Sue Merims, Diane Steinfink, and Randi Weingarten.

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THOUGHTS ON PASSOVER— by Rabbi Evan Hoffman

Why the Ritual? or Why the Exodus?



More than those of any other Jewish holiday, the rituals of Passover have clear thematic connections to an historic national event. While officiating at the Seder in the presence of his progeny, the head of the household is bidden to emphasize these conceptual links between particular religious observances and the experiences of our ancestors. The verse mandating this instructional course appears twice in the Haggadah, first as a justification for initiating a conversation with the child who does not know how to ask, and again in the paragraph requiring Jews of every generation to regard themselves as personally having escaped Egypt. Scripture reads: “And you shall explain to your son on that day, ‘It is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free from Egypt’ (Exodus 13:8)” (JPS translation).

Exodus 13:8 is cryptic. The key phrase that needs explication is **בַּעֲבוּר זֶה**. How it is translated and understood has a major impact on the theological and pedagogical lessons one might draw from the Exodus narrative and the Paschal rites.

Rashbam and Ramban read Exodus 13:8 to mean that we perform the Passover rites, in particular the consumption of matzah and abstention from leavened foodstuffs, *because* of that which the Lord did for us upon our departure from Egypt. This interpretation is consistent with a subsequent verse: “When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord slew every first-born in the land of Egypt, the first-born of both man and beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord every first male issue of the womb, but redeem every first-born among my sons (13:15).” This approach intuitively makes sense. A great episode in the national past deserves to be memorialized through religious ritual; hence, we perform certain acts at the Seder table on the night of 15 Nisan.

Yet a conventional reading of **בַּעֲבוּר זֶה**, “on account of this,” does not fit Rashbam and Ramban’s understanding. Luzzatto defended the explanation and, with the support of several Scriptural proof-texts, noted that **זֶה** can mean “that” or “which.” Accordingly, Exodus 13:8 means “I am observing this holiday for the sake of all *that* the Lord has done for me.” In his commentary for the Anchor Yale Bible Series, William Propp asserted that Rashbam’s

reading must be correct. **זֶה**, in this instance, has, he believes, the same meaning as **אֲשֶׁר**. Propp points out that the father’s words are elliptical. Unstated is the premise “This (Passover rite) I do...” followed by the awkwardly expressed “For the sake of what God did for me.” Propp entirely discounted a plain rendering of the verse, in which the father tells his son that it was because of the Israelites’ having abstained from leavened bread that God took them out of Egypt.

The Septuagint and Targum Onkelos read Exodus 13:8 in the plain manner rejected by Propp. Ibn Ezra, too, criticized the Rashbam/Ramban/Propp reading as an

unnecessary, incorrect mangling of the text. He explained that the Exodus occurred in merit of the Israelites’ having properly observed the dietary laws of the original Paschal ceremony in Egypt. To prove his point, Ibn Ezra noted that the entire purpose of Israelite freedom was so that the people could accept the yoke of Heaven. God told Moses at the burning bush: “This shall be your sign that it was I who sent you. When you have freed the people from Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain (Exodus 3:13).” Ibn Ezra also cited the final verse of the third paragraph of Shema: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God (Numbers 15:41).”

Rashi, too, read Exodus 13:8 to mean that God worked a miraculous redemption of the Israelites from Egypt because of the observance of the Passover rituals. But whereas Ibn Ezra thought the salvation happened because of ceremonial observances already done, Rashi understood the redemption to be for the sake of Paschal rites to be performed in the future. In this view, the Israelites were granted their freedom so that they might *become* pious observers of Divine precepts, in particular the annual offering of the Paschal Lamb to be consumed together with matzah and bitter herbs.

So we see that in the differing interpretations described above there are not only arrows of causality that go in opposite



directions, but even arrows of time. For Rashi and Ibn Ezra, the Exodus follows the observance of the rituals; for the other commentators, the rituals follow the fact of the Exodus. But as between Rashi and Ibn Ezra, there is the major difference that one sees that observance as having occurred before the Exodus, and the other as being performed *after*, yet still, analytically, being the “cause” of an event that preceded it.

Yet another explanation of **בעבור** relates it to the word **עבור**, meaning produce (see Joshua 5:11). In hyper-literal fashion, one can read **בעבור** to mean that God performed wonders “with the produce” upon the departure of the Israelites from the Egyptian house of bondage. In expounding upon the significance of matzah, the Haggadah cites a famous verse recording how the miraculous haste with which God redeemed His people affected the character of their victuals for the road. “And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had taken out of Egypt for it was not leavened, for they had been driven out of Egypt and could not delay; nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves (Exodus 12:39).” The Mekhilta (d’Rashbi, Bo Pisha 17), also cited by the Haggadah, asserts that Exodus 13:8 and the telling of the story to children is properly fulfilled only at the hour when matzah and bitter herbs are prominently displayed. Implied by the Midrash, and codified in the Shulchan Arukh (Orach Chaim 473:7), is the custom of pointing to or lifting the matzah while proclaiming its religio-historical purpose.

**“Do we observe Passover
because God brought us out of slavery
OR Did God bring us out of slavery
so that we could observe Passover?”**

The two main interpretations of Exodus 13:8 can be summed up this way: We observe Passover because God brought us out of slavery OR God brought us out of slavery so that we could observe Passover, and more broadly, the entirety of His laws.

The first approach treats the numerous commandments that memorialize the Exodus as expressions of gratitude. Most nations have cultural observances marking the anniversary of favorable developments in their collective past. (Two immediate examples: July 4th in the United States; July 14th, Bastille Day, in France.) Surely that should be the case for the Israelites, who experienced redemption on a magnitude unparalleled in human history. The Haggadah cites the Torah in noting the uniqueness of our liberation. “Or has any god ventured to go and take for himself one nation from the midst of another nation with prodigious acts... as the Lord did for you in Egypt (Deuteronomy 4:34).”

The second approach focuses on the spiritual destiny of Israel. The purpose of our freedom was to replace the yoke of a human

tyrant with worship of our merciful Father in Heaven. In rabbinic thinking, only he who delves into the Torah is truly free (Avot 6:2). The calendrical positioning of Passover seven weeks before Shavuot (which latter holiday became, in post-Biblical Judaism, a celebration of the giving of the law at Sinai) is considered further evidence that the Exodus happened for the sake of subsequent Hebrew observance and piety.

The respective approaches to Exodus 13:8 of Rashbam and Rashi correspond to the two Amoraic explanations of the Seder night requirement that in telling the ancient Israelite narrative we “begin with the disgraceful and conclude with the laudatory” (Mishnah Pesachim 10:4). Shmuel posited that the disgraceful is that our ancestors were slaves to Pharaoh, and the laudatory is that we were redeemed. For Rav, the disgraceful is that our pre-Abrahamic ancestors were idolaters, and the laudatory is that we were brought closer to the service of the one true God (Pesachim 116a). Shmuel’s Seder night story is consistent with Rashbam’s view of Exodus 13:8. The sequence of horrific enslavement followed by wondrous liberation is worthy of commemoration in word and deed. Rav’s Seder night story is consistent with Rashi’s view of Exodus 13:8. The Divinely-orchestrated escape from Egypt was merely one (albeit a necessary) step on the road from paganism to right and proper worship.

It is the natural tendency of man to try to break free from his shackles and to celebrate upon accomplishing that goal. We desire freedom for freedom’s sake. Observing Passover because of the Exodus fits this pattern. It is psychologically and theologically a much more sophisticated matter to say that freedom has a higher purpose — namely, the opportunity to live by and under a rigorous Divine code of law.

For three thousand years, we have tried to absorb this lesson. A Holocaust survivor who retains his faith presumably believes that, in the Shoah, God spared him not so that he might become a Hebrew-speaking agnostic on the shores of the Mediterranean but so that he might resume a pious life of adherence to Judaism.

As we celebrate Passover, let us be joyful and thankful that we do not taste the bitterness of actual slavery. And let us also contemplate God’s plan and purpose in having enabled us to savor the sweetness of freedom.



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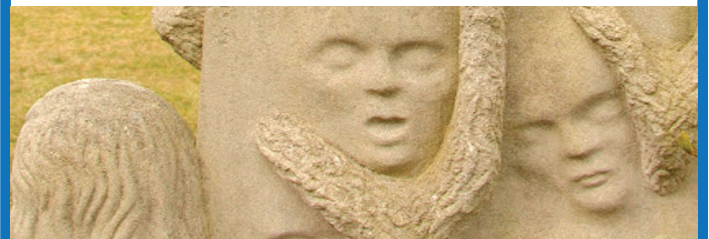


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