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April 16, 2016 ▪ 8 Nissan, 5776 ▪ Shabbos Metzora, HaGadol
Candlelighting: 7:40P ▪ Shabbos Ends 8:49P

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■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

MEN

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- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

WOMEN

- » Rina Miriam bas Chasha Sarah (Mother of Doni Tkatch)
- » Pesha Chaya bas Sora Feiga (Tricia Sutkin's Aunt)
- » Leah Esther bas Yenta Leah (Lori Jarmel)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » Mechiras Chometz (Sale of Chometz): Rabbi Yaakov Rich is available for the sale of chometz all day this Sunday. The address is 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas, TX 75252. Please text or call (972) 835-6016 before coming. For additional times during the week please text to set an appointment.

- » Welcome to Rabbi Yerachmiel & Rebbetzin Miri Fried for Shabbos. Congregation Toras Chaim is proud to present a Shabbos with our esteemed Dallas Rosh Kollel, HaRav Yerachmiel Fried, Shlit"a.

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Rabbi Fried will be speaking on the following topics:

- **What is Shabbos HaGadol?** Sponsored by Yehudah & Raizel Palmer in the merit of a Refuah Shelaima for Avraham ben Zissel Esther (Aaron Boardman). (Friday night in shul, 15 mins)
- **Two Mitzvos Before Pesach: Searching for Chometz & Baking Our Matzos and Our Middos** (Shabbos morning during davening before Mussaf, 15 mins)
- Brief Kiddush before Speech
- **Mekadeish Yisroel VeHazemanim: The Jewish Concept of Time & Holidays** (Shabbos morning after Kiddush, approx 11:15 AM, 45-60 mins) Babysitting is available for children up to age 4 in shul during the speech.
- **Gala Family Lunch in Shul in Honor of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Fried (No Charge):** Sponsored by (in alphabetical order): Rabbi Avraham Chaim & Shuli Bloomenstiel, Cory Boling, Shaul & Chaya Miriam Cajas, Rhonda Edwards, Chana Esther Day, Mike & Bluma Ekshtut, Ari & Naomi Goldberg, Riva Gorelick, Yehoshua Harper, Simcha & Sara Itskavich, Ken & Lori Jarmel, Reuven & Devorah King, Noach & Hadassah

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• **What is really different about this night? Fulfilling the Mitzvah of Haggadah** Sponsored by Moshe Bush & David Slonim in honor of their daily chavrusa with Rabbi Yaakov Rich, and all who give generously to CTC. (Shabbos afternoon one hour before mincha, Shabbos HaGadol Drasha, 60 mins). Babysitting is available for children up to age 4 in shul during the speech.

• **Vehi She'amda...In every generation they try to destroy us.** Sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. David Karfunkel L'Zecher Nishmas Rochel bas Eliezer and Devorah bas R' Nosson HaKohein. Shalosh Seudos for men in shul (15 mins)

All talks are open to both men and women. Topics and exact times TBA. Individual lecture sponsorship opportunities are available. In addition, Shabbos hospitality is available. For all of the above please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org or phone (972) 835-6016.

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■ A NIGHT, LIKE NO OTHER NIGHT: RABBI LABEL LAM

Why is this night different than all other nights? (Haggadah)

This is a question that every Jewish child has learned to recite? Beyond the parrot-like recitation, what's the question really asking? What is it probing to find out? Why is that the lead question that drives the Pesach Seder of every Jewish home for all time?

At the time of the exodus the verse tells us, "So G-d led the people around [by] way of the desert [to] the Red Sea, and the children of Israel were armed when they went up out of Egypt. (Shemos 13:18) The word for "armed" - "chamushim" is an unusual term. There is a hint here! Rashi explains that according to the most modest estimate, "chamushim" mean one fifth- 1/5. Only one fifth of the Jewish People merited the leaving Egypt while 4/5th died secretly in the 9th plague, the plague of darkness. This is shocking news. The celebrated exodus was actually accompanied by a most catastrophic loss.

The Jewish Nation consisted of 600,000 adults-males between the age of 20 and 60 as recorded explicitly in the Torah. Counting females, people above 60, and below 20 years, we can guesstimate that perhaps there were 3 million people who left Egypt. If that's so, then 12 million perished and were disappeared during the plague of darkness. What a heartrending misfortune numerically and individually! To have travelled so far in an exile only to be eliminated in the final moments before the redemption reeks of human tragedy.

Now, even after all that, here comes the tough news. Rabbi Aigdor Miller ztl said that not only at that time but in every generation, 80% are lost to the particular "plague of darkness" of that generation. That is really scary. I appreciate that statistics don't proscribe behavior in advance but only describe behavior ex post facto. Even still there is a frightening trend for we who are the children of those who survived this attrition generation after generation. How do we make sure that we are not a statistic, and by default, go the way of 80% so much at risk of melting into the sidewalk of oblivion?

Here is a modest proposal. Let us call a meeting. We don't all need to meet in the same place. The logistics for that would be

too contrived and cumbersome. People just won't participate. We want 100% participation. This is about saving a nation. I propose we meet as families. Each family should have their own meeting. The main item on the agenda should be our survival as a unique family culture with a special historical mission.

Maybe at the meeting we can ask a compelling question that will spark interest and invite participation. I was thinking of a question phrased something like this, "What can we do differently or what needs to be done differently in this plague of darkness, different from the other plagues of darkness?" As they say, "Woe to the general that fights the last battle and woe to the batter who swings at the previous pitch!" We have to deal the new and ever changing host of challenges that face us now. Sure we can draw on historical precedent to find what has classically worked in the past, but we must be open to employing a new emphasis on a certain Mitzvah perhaps as an emergency measure.

The Chofetz Chaim campaigned a lifetime against Loshon Hora! It's still relevant! What is the particular emergency of our time? Where is our ship at risk of taking on water or most vulnerable to attack? That is a meeting for every family to have.

It would be so awesome and that much more powerful if we could all have that family conference on the same night. We would need a comfortable setting around a table with plenty of food and some deep references to our history and our common destiny. Perhaps in that cozy relaxed environment we can come up with some innovative and practical approaches ensuring all the attitudes and moods in our home feel their voice has been heard.

"Mah Nishtana Ha Layla HaZeh Mi Kol Ha Laylos" is really asking this question. How is this night of exile different from other nights? What can we learn (nishtana)? What can we do differently this night from all the other nights of exile? That's the compelling question that drives the agenda of our national meeting, each year, at the familial table on a night like no other night!

■ PARSHA Q&A: METZORA

1. When may a metzora not be pronounced tahor? 14:2 - At night.
2. In the midbar, where did a metzora dwell while he was tamei? 14:3 - Outside the three camps.
3. Why does the metzora require birds in the purification process? 14:4 - Tzara'at comes as a punishment for lashon hara. Therefore, the Torah requires the metzora to offer birds, who chatter constantly, to atone for his sin of chattering.
4. In the purification process of a metzora, what does the cedar wood symbolize? 14:4 - The cedar is a lofty tree. It alludes to the fact that tzara'at comes as a punishment for haughtiness.
5. During the purification process, the metzora is required to shave his hair. Which hair must he shave? 14:9 - Any visible collection of hair on the body.
6. What is unique about the chatat and the asham offered by the metzora? 14:10 - They require n'sachim (drink offerings).
7. In the Beit Hamikdash, when the metzora was presented "before G-d" (14:11), where did he stand? 14:11 - At the gate of Nikanor.
8. Where was the asham of the metzora slaughtered? 14:13 - On the northern side of the mizbe'ach.

9. How was having tzara'at in one's house sometimes advantageous? 14:34 - The Amorites concealed treasures in the walls of their houses. After the conquest of the Land, tzara'at would afflict these houses. The Jewish owner would tear down the house and find the treasures.
10. When a house is suspected of having tzara'at, what is its status prior to the inspection by a kohen? 14:36 - It is tahor.
11. What happens to the vessels that are in a house found to have tzara'at? 14:36 - They become tamei.
12. Which type of vessels cannot be made tahor after they become tamei? 14:36 - Earthenware vessels.
13. Where were stones afflicted with tzara'at discarded? 14:40 - In places where tahor objects were not handled
14. When a house is suspected of having tzara'at, a kohen commands that the affected stones be replaced and the house plastered. What is the law if the tzara'at: returns and spreads; does not return; returns, but does not spread? 14:44-45 - It is called "tzara'at mam'eret," and the house must be demolished; 14:48 - The house is pronounced tahor; 14:44 - The house must be demolished.
15. When a person enters a house that has tzara'at, when do his clothes become tamei? 14:46 - When he remains in the house long enough to eat a small meal.
16. What is the status of a man who is zav (sees a flow): two times or two consecutive days; three times or three consecutive days? 15:2 - He is tamei; he is tamei and is also required to bring a korban.
17. A zav sat or slept on the following: a bed; a plank; a chair; a rock. 15:4-5 - Only a type of object that one usually lies or sits upon becomes a transmitter of tumah when a zav sits or lies on it. A tahor person who subsequently touches the object becomes tamei and the clothes he is wearing are also tamei'im. Therefore: tamei; tahor; tamei; tahor.
18. What does the Torah mean when it refers to a zav who "has not washed his hands"? 15:11 - One who has not immersed in a mikveh.
19. When may a zav immerse in a mikveh to purify himself? 15:13 - After seven consecutive days without a flow.
20. What is the status of someone who experiences a one-time flow? 15:32 - He is tamei until evening.

Good Shabbos

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■ CLASSES

- » Before Shacharis Gemara Taanis for men (M-Fr, 6-6:35A)
- » NQ Daf HaYomi Chagigah for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)
- » Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)
- » Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 7:00-8:00A)
- » Supercharge Your Sundays for men (Sunday after Shacharis for 45 mins. with R' Noach Klug)
- » Marriage Chaburah for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)
- » In-Depth Hilchos Shabbos for women (Time is Changing)