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A Seder Thought

This is The Bread of Our Affliction

e begin our Seder with "*This is the bread* of our affliction that our fathers ate in the land of Mitzrayim." Yet, we all know that the reason that we eat matzah is because Hashem took us out of Egypt hastily and we had no time to let our dough rise. We also know that we were required to eat matzah on the very last night of our stay in Egypt, even before we actually left. If the reason for eating matzah is because we left Egypt in a big hurry, then what was the matzah on our last night in Egypt all about? How do we reconcile these two seemingly different reasons for the use of matzah?

The answer may be quite simple. On our last night in Egypt we were required to eat the *matzah* in remembrance of the poor man's bread which we ate as slaves in Egypt. When we begin our story of our exodus from Egypt, we put this bread in front of us in order to recall our slavery there. The reason a slave eats *matzah* rather than bread is because he is very hungry and doesn't have the time to allow the dough to rise. His master is constantly on his back and driving him to work harder. He has no time for himself. He must prepare his food in a very big hurry. Matzah can be made very quickly while *Chometz* must be allowed to rise and this takes time. A slave has no time to wait until the dough rises. He is too busy working for his master.

On our last night in Egypt we were required to recall our slavery in Egypt and therefore we had to eat *matzah*. Yet, during the Seder itself we are required to thank Hashem for having taken us out of Egypt in a big hurry and not delaying our stay in Egypt for even an extra minute. Every second counted. Once the moment of our redemption had arrived, Hashem didn't delay it for even an extra moment. An extra moment may have meant that some person would have reached the bottomless pit of *tuma* – the fiftieth stage - and therefore he would not have merited the redemption. See SEDER page 6



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<u>KIDDUSH / SHALOSH SEUDOS</u>

In Observance of Yahrzeits -

Adam Melzer, yahrzeit of his father, z"1 . . . R. Mordechai Tropp, vahrzeit of his father and mother, z"l. . . Adam Melzer and Chaim **Tropp** made a sivum at the Kiddush in Adar I and also sponsored a Kiddush in Adar II. . . Lennie Brandwein, yahrzeit of his father and mother z"l... Mel Eberger, family vahrzeits . . . Chish and Meir Weinstein and Zilpa Nulman, vahrzeit of their mother, z"l. . . .Sheila Weinreb Prince, yarhzeit of her daughter, Lisa Latchaw, her mother, Miriam Spindel, and her late husband, Burt Weinreb, z"l... Sandy & Joe Waldman, yarhzeits of Joe's mother and father, Abramowitzs, yahrzeit of Cheryl's mother, and R. Moshe's father, z"l ... Leitmans, vahrzeit of Usher's father, z"l. . .Joel Flamholz, yahrzeit of his mother, z"l. In Honor of other Events --

Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider in honor of their grandchildren who were visiting for Shabbos . . .

Steinhart Family, celebrating Koby's Ufrauf. . . Felix Perera in honor of his mother's birthday ... Zimmer Family, commemorating the birthday of Jeannie's mother, z"l ...Bezalel Zeidman in honor of his sister's special birthday ... Deena & Garry Feuerberg, honoring the birth of their new granddaughter... Ina Prager celebrating the birth of her great granddaughter... Chana & Hermann Kaiser, celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary . . . Judy & Herbie Kaiser, in thankfulness for Herbie's successful surgery and recuperation . . . Dina & R. Refoel Schneider, in honor of the birth of their newest daughter, **Devora Perel**. Sunday Breakfasts:

Alex & Vladmir Shteynberg, commemorating the yahrzeit of his father-in-law's z"l and their grandparents. . . . the Heizlers, for the yahrzeit of Robbie's mother, z"l . . .Monday's breakfast included a *siyum* by Anchel Nulman for his mother's z"l, yahrzeit. . .Mrs. Ruth Strashun, on the yahrzeit of her late husband, Harold, z"l. Her grandson, Donni Strashun, made a *siyum* and spoke about his grandfather.

KIDDUSH DETAILS:

 The Shul will subsidize each week's Kiddush for events other than special Life-Cycle events, such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Ufrauf, etc.

 The cost for a member to host a Kiddush is \$60 and the Shul will cover the other half.

 A normal Kiddush consists of whole and chopped herring, crackers, soda, cookies and schnaps for Kiddush. Up to nine tables are set up. If additional tables are needed, check the Kiddush Policy letter for details. Kiddush for a special event or Simcha (Bar Mitzvah, Ufruf, etc.) is not subsidized by the Shul.

The cost of Shalosh Seudos is \$25.

 Use the Sign-up sheet downstairs to reserve sponsorship for a Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos. A copy of the complete policy governing Kiddush sponsors and use of the Shul is also posted there.

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זרעא חייא וקיימא BIRTHS – Mazel Tov:

Michal & Gavriel Zapata on the birth of a son.

Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren

• Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz, a grandson in Yerushalayim, born to their children, Chani & Dovid Abramowitz

 Miriam & Marty Knecht, a grandson in Yerushalayim, born to their children, Moshe & Zoe Knecht.

• Roberta Wahrman, a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter born in Israel, to her grandchildren (two sets), both children of **R. Shamai & Shalhevet Wahrman.**

• Rachael & Michael Katz, a grandson in Israel, born to their children, Chavi & Shlomo Katz, and to great grandparents Barbara & Bernard Lichstein.

• Mimi & Vic Cohen, a great-grandson born to their grandchildren, Becca & Shimmie Feldman, children of Ruchi & Danny Scher and a great-granddaughter born to their grandchildren, Chaya & Doni Becker (Edison), children of Debbie & Jack Becker (West Orange).

• Deena & Garry Feuerberg, a granddaughter born to their children, Aliza & Andy Feuerberg.

• Ina Prager, a great granddaughter in Israel, born to her grandchildren, Tova & Netanel Horowitz (Beitar), children of Judy & R. Binyamin Krakauer (Baltimore). . .and on the birth of great-granddaughter, born to her grandchildren, Sara Hendy & Meir Shraga Bennett (Lakewood), children of Freyda (Felice) and Zev Weitz. (Monsey).

• **Debbie & R. Joe Oratz**, a grandson, born to their children, **Temima & Tzvi Oratz** (Atlanta)

• Barbara & Bernie Lichstein, a greatgrandson, born to their grandchildren, Katie and Yonie Lazarus, children of Leah & Yoel Lichstein (Monsey). • Amy & R. Mordechai Tropp, a grandson, born to their children Chaim & Shoshi Tropp (Baltimore).

• Molly & Joe Rothstein, a grandson, born to their children Mindy & Dotan Arusy.

• Sally & Joel Flamholz, a grandson, born to their children Suries & Seth Dombeck (Hillside).

• Zilpa & Anchel Nulman, a granddaughter, born to their children, Leah & Yehudah Nulman (Yerushalayim) . . . and a granddaughter born on *Tisha B'Av*, to their children, Ilana & Zvi Nulman (Monsey).

זה הקטן גדול יהיה BAR and BAT MITZVAH

• Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz, bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Chaya Miriam, daughter of their children Dena & MK R. Dov Lipman (Bet Shemesh)

• Chava & R. Yitzchok Goldstone, on the bar mitzvah of their grandson and to his parents, Henya & Shimon Richer (Lakewood),

שמח תשמח רעים אהובים ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES

• Ina Prager on the engagement of her granddaughter, Rochel Leah Weitz (Monsey), to Aaron Berman (Far Rockaway).

• Mrs. Toby Goldberg, on the engagement of her granddaughter and to her parents, Miriam & R. Shraga Goldberg (Lakewood).

• Barbara & Dr. Bernard Lichstein on the engagement of their granddaughter, Malchut Lichstein to Ariel Lev.

• Lenny Brandwein on the engagement of his daughter, Shlomit to Ben Stein.

• Diane & Usher Lejtman on the engagement of their grandson, Yosef, son of their children Esther & Victor Lejtman (Baltimore), to Miriam Berman (Lower Eastside).

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• Janet & Shalom Kaufman on the marriage of their daughter, Shoshana, to Dor Gamliel and to grandparents, Mimi & Victor Cohen.

• Chava & R. Yitzchok Goldstone, on the marriage of their granddaughter, Chaya, daughter of R. and Mrs Yoel Goldstone, to Eli Kaufman.

• Gala and R. Alan Greenspan (Yerushalayim) on the marriage of their granddaughter, Temima Lehrman.

 Sylvia & Dr. Ellie
 Schneider, on the marriage of their granddaughter, Devora, daughter of Malka & Steve
 Miretzky (Chicago) to Alex
 Gipsman and on the marriage of their granddaughter, Penina, daughter of Rochelle &
 Avraham Schneider (West Hempstead) to Eitan Steinfeld (Woodmere, NY).

• Victoria & Dr. Salomon Galamidi on the marriage of their daughter, Cynthia, to Ariel Schochet.

• Esther & Dr. Eugene Steinhart on Kobi's marriage ro Elisheva Reznik of Monsey.

• **Pearl and Mark Ricklis** on the marriage of their daughter, **Elisheva** to **Eli Cohen** (New York).

• Roberta Wahrman, on the marriage in Israel of her grandson, Reuven, son of Amy & David Krumbein, to Miriam and on the marriage of her granddaughter, Rut, daughter of Shalhevet & R. Shamai Wahrman to Chen Voknin.

• Helene & Arthur Scheuer (Yerushalayim), on the marriage of their granddaughter, Avigail Summers (Denver) to Uri London (NJ).

הקדב"ה ישלם שכרם отнег "HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

• SELICHOS: On the first night of Selichos, a Melaveh Malka desert reception and video, Rabbi Beryl Wein's "Jerusalem," preceded the start of Selichos. o start the season off, Selichos,

with its inspirational tone, was led by **Rabbi** Joseph Oratz. Thanks to Jeannie Zimmer and her staff for preparing the desserts, Hermann Kaiser and Robbie Heizler for providing the screen and projector for the video and to **Rabbi** Joseph Oratz for a wonderful start for the Yom Tov season.

• YOMIM NORAIM: Thanks to those anonymous volunteers for managing the Machzorim each Yom Tov, to Daniel Sheinbein for

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meeting everyone's seating desires and requests - to Joel Flamholz for keeping financial accounts and balances in check, to **R. Joseph Oratz, Lennie Brandwein** and **R. Moshe Abramowitz** for leading *davening*, **Marty Lewitter**, who debuted as our newest *baal Tokeiah*, and for everyone who contributed to the total spiritual experience in Shul. **Rav Elazar M. Teitz**, joined us on *Yom Tov* and provided an inspirational *derasha*. Thanks to our *Gabbaim*, **Lenny**

Lauer, Anchel Nulman and Herbie Kaiser, for keeping things running smoothly and to all those who helped make *Yom Tov* so meaningful. Special thanks to those who chose Bais Yitzchok as home for Yom Tov. Without the tireless efforts of these and many others in the Shul, our programs would be compromised. Thanks to Jean Zimmer and her helpers who prepared an eagerly anticipated Break-the-Fast, sponsored by Miriam Geva, a community member, in honor of the *yom hazikaron* of her parents.

• SUKKOS thanks: Sukkah set up and take down: Glenn Bond, Lennie Brandwein, Alex & Vladimir Schteynberg, Michoel Markowitz, Anchel Nulman, Joel Flamholz, Joe Waldman, Bezalel Seidman, Jean & Jake Zimmer & Moshe Abramowitz.

First Days: Yitzchok Dov and R. Mordechai Tropp, for *laining* and Adam Melzer for *Koheles*. Aravos for Hoshana Rabba: Jeannie & Jake Zimmer & Moshe Abramowitz.

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 SIMCHAS TORAH NOTES: Chason Torah
 R. Mordechai Tropp, Chasan Berieshis –
 Jacob Zimmer. Herbie Kaiser – for orchestrating, leading singing and davening, may he continue to bounce back from his surgery.

Kiddush Sponsors: Cheryl & Moshe Abramowtz (in thankfulness for recovery of their daughter-in-law, Yael), Jake & Jeannie Zimmer, Mrs. Ruth Strashun, Rachel & Marty Lewitter, Felix Perera, Judy & Herbie Kaiser (with thankfulness for Herbie's continued recovery from surgery) and Anonymous.

• SHABBOS CHANUKAH Kiddusha Rabbah, was hosted by the Shul. Jeannie Zimmer took out time from her trying week to ensure all was in order. The many participants appreciated the opportunity to join together for this *simcha*. Thanks!

• GENERAL MEMBERSHIP / ELECTIONS were held after davening on Dec. 29th. Jeannie Zimmer provided a lavish breakfast sponsored by Cheryl & Moshe Abramowitz in honor of several family Yahrzeits. The slate of officers and Board members was confirmed with the inclusion of our international Board member, Arthur Scheuer (Jerusalem). Our thanks to all who who have served and continue to serve and support Bais Yitzchok.

• **THANKS** to all those who worked to maintain the daily and Shabbos minyanim during the winter months when many of our regulars were away (Florida, Israel or with their children, etc). Continued thanks go to **Zilpa Nulman** who arranges for bagels each Sunday.

• Mazel Tov – Miriam & Marty Knecht on their son, Moshe, receiving semicha in eretz Yisrael.

• MAZEL TOV – Noah Horowitz and family (Petach Tikva), on celebrating his "second" bar mitzvah.

• MAZEL TOV - Ruth Strashun and her children Brenda & Jeff Strashun, on her grandson, Donie, passing the Bar.

• **B'HATZLACHA – Ari Heizler** on his relocation and new job in Los Angeles.

• YIZKOR NAMES – For this Pesach and for other times when Yizkor is said, our Gabbaim are asking for the **names you wish to be publicly mentioned** be provided to them **before Yom Tov**. Only those names provided will be mentioned individually. All the others will be appropriately summarize.

• ON-LINE-BULLETIN – the latest edition of Bais Yitzchok News can be accessed at our website <u>http://www.baisyitzchok.org</u>. On the Home Page go to Shul Bulletins.

• UPCOMING EVENTS: Watch for details of our annual Gathering and Awards Dinner planned for September 14th at thte "Y".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ... DIVREI TORAH

Our thanks to the following individuals for delivering the D'var Torah at Kiddush --

Rabbi Moshe Abramowitz, Lennie Brandwein, Dr. Mel Elberger, Anchel Nulman, Adam Melzer, Chaim Tropp, Rabbi Mordechai Tropp, Rabbi Binyamin Krakauer, Dr. Joseph Waldman, Rabbi Avraham Granick, Rabbi Refoel Schneider.

If you are interested in presenting a five minute Torah Thought at the Kiddush, please bring this to the attention of Jean Zimmer.

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<u>K'lai Kodesh</u>

Davening and recitation of Piyutim on Yom Tov is led by various members of the Shul. Leonard Brandwein, our Baal K'riah, will be away for Pesach and we appreciate those who will be filling in for him with laining and other functions. We look forward to hearing Megillas Rus led by Lennie on Shavuos. Our Gabbaim, Lenny Lauer, Anchel Nulman and Herbie Kaiser, assist with coordinating services. Seudas Dovid HaMelech

A highlight of the year is the annual gathering which ends the holiday of *Shavuos*. This special meal - known as "the feast of King David" recalls the tradition that *Shavuos* is the *Yahrzeit* of King David. This gathering is traditionally graced by the presence of Rav Teitz who provides the inspiring and thought provoking Torah lesson, We hope you plan to attend this event which follows *Mincha* on the second day of *Shavuos*.

<u>Weekly Activities</u>

Davening & Learning: In addition to services themselves (*Shacharis* on Mon. and Thur. at 6:25 am and Tue, Wed. and Fri at 6:30 am, *Rosh Chodesh*, 6:15 am), breakfast and learning follows *davening* (*Mishna Brurah* on weekdays and *Kitzur Shulchan Aruch* on Sundays and holidays led by

SEDER In fact, we are told that only one in five merited to be taken out. Many died during the plague of Darkness.

We begin our story by pointing to the *matzah* which we ate in *Mitzrayim* which is a reminder of our slavery and great suffering which we went through during our actual stay in Egypt. Perhaps we can compare it to a slave who lived in great poverty and pain. One day his master freed him and also paid him lots of money for his loyal service over the many years. Every year on this special lucky day he would make a big lavish party and invite all his friends and give praise to Hashem for his good fortune. He would start his party by putting on the old

Lennie Brandwein.) On Shabbos (*davening* at 8:30 am). Before *Kirias HaTorah*, a study of *Thilim* - Psalms - is led by **Rabbi Moshe** Abramowitz. Finally, each Shabbos a "sit-down" Kiddush and *Divar Torah* follow *davening* and *Shalosh Seudos* follows *Mincha* (times TBA,).

Upcoming Events

May 6th-Yom Hazikaron/Yom Haa'tzmaut - cermonies and celebrations at the "Y"
May 28th - Yom Yerushalaim - Yahrzeit of Shmuel HaNavi - A special breakfast planned,
Invitations and details after Yom Tov.
June 8th - A special breakfast will be held on

• June 8th - A special breakfast will be held on Sunday morning, before the Mesivta graduation when two presentations will be made. The Norman Kalish Memorial Award, in memory of our late Gabbai. and the Esther and Julius Blank Award, honoring our long serving President and his wife. If there is a graduating senior in your family please let us know as soon as possible.

Communications

Check the Shul website at <u>www.baisyitzchok..org</u> for special announcements, updates about Shabbos programs and Kiddush sponsorship, etc. You can even send an email to the webmaster for announcements and requests.

torn and tattered clothes he had once wore when he was still a poor hard-working slave and tell everyone how terrible his once was. Later on, during the meal he changed to his beautifull new suit and would take out his beautiful silver and gold dishes and thank Hashem for all he did for him.

We, too, start the Seder by telling how it once was and point to the poor man's bread we were forced to eat while still in Egypt. Later on, during the meal, we eat *matzah* in appreciation and gratitude of the great speed with which we were taken out of *Mitzrayim*. Thus, there is no contradiction at all! *Chag Sameiach*.

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The members and Officers of Bais Vitzchok extend their sincere condolences to our members and friends who have suffered recent losses -

• Michael Katz on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Fannie Katz z"l

• Mrs. Chani Alper (Bet Shemesh) and her daughters and their families (Israel) on the passing of R. Betzalel Alper z"l

• Molly Rothstein and Dassi Goldsmith and their families on the passing of their mother, Lea Goodman, z"l.

• Lyubov Kruglyak and her family on the loss of her mother z"l



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