

Tourism to Israel Has Never Been Higher: The Central Bureau of Statistics claimed over 3.7 million tourists visited Israel in 2017, a 25% increase from 2016. Tourism in 2018 has increased expectations, with a reported \$817 million into Israel's tourism industry this year alone. Over 556,000 tourists were reported to have visited Israel in January and February of this year, a 25% increase from last year and 56% increase from 2016. (Kehila News)

[http://www.netmail411.com/mail/vfi/JOLmar1918.html?mc_cid=e18d77998d&mc_eid=5c6cdd3ee6
So people ask if it's safe.]

Importance of unambiguous communication...

From Jim Adler



[Continuing in series. Why Matityahu? Ruakh.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 23:25

אוי לְכֶם סוֹפְרִים וּפְרוֹשִׁים צְבוּעִים, כִּי מְטַהְרִים אֶתֶם אֶת הַפֶּסֶס וְאֶת הַקְּעָרָה מִבַּחוּץ

“Woe to you hypocritical Torah teachers and P’rushim! You clean the outside of the cup and the dish,”

This is not really about the best method to cut the grease.



Yeshua was talking in the context of Torah teaching on Temple purity:

tahor, טָהוֹר

pure, clean, unblemished, untarnished; unalloyed, unadulterated; (flowery) clear, limpid

Tameh טָמֵא

impure (usu. in a religious sense); (Jewish law) unfit to eat, to be defiled, to be contaminated, to be rendered impure; to be declared impure
[Can you go up to the Temple, G-d's Presence and Atonement, or are you excluded?]

Vayikra/Lev. 15.1-2,¹² ADONI said to Moshe and Aharon, "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'When any man has a discharge from his body, the discharge is unclean... If the person with the discharge touches a clay pot, it must be broken; if he touches a wooden utensil, it must be rinsed in water.

Vayikra/Lev. 11.29, 32-33 The following are unclean for you among the small creatures that swarm on the ground...Anything on which one of them falls when dead will become unclean — wooden utensil, article of clothing, leather, sackcloth —
Vayikra/Lev. 11.29, 32-33 any utensil used for work; it must be put in water, and it will be unclean until evening; then it will be clean. If one of them falls into a clay pot, whatever is in it will become unclean, and you are to break the pot.

[Metal and wooden vessels can be cleansed by washing and immersion. Clay cannot be cleansed. But what if you don't that a vessel has been defiled. Precautionary washing.]

Dispute at this time between followers of Hillel and Shammai.

- Hillel P'rushim taught to wash the inside first. Outside likely defiled anyway.
- Shammai P'rushim no priority.

[Shammai predominated till 70 CE, afterward, Hillel

Whole tractate in the Talmud, called "Mikvaot", which gives rules about the places where they washed, the things to be washed, and the manner of washing them.]

Bamidbar/Nu.19.14-15 **This is the Torah for whenever a person dies in a tent. Anyone entering the tent or anyone inside the tent will be unclean seven days. Any open container not having a lid fastened on it will also be unclean.**

Bamidbar/Nu.19.18 **A clean person is to take a bunch of hyssop leaves, dip it in the water and sprinkle it on the tent, on all the containers.**

This is not just Temple cleanliness. Some things still in force. This time of year, ritual and physical cleanliness of our homes has a consuming meaning...

Shmot/Ex 12.18-20 **From the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month until the evening of the twenty-first day, you are to eat *matzah*. During those seven days, no leaven is to be found in your houses.**

Shmot/Ex 12.18-20 **Whoever eats food with *hametz* [leaven] in it is to be cut off from the community of Isra'el — it doesn't matter whether he is a foreigner or a citizen of the land. Eat nothing with *hametz* in it. Wherever you live, eat *matzah*. [No one is absolutely sure what that means. Cut off: premature death, excommunication, loss of status, death by stoning? Never been done. But there is a spiritual meaning to this removal of hametz. Messianic scriptures...]**

1 Cor. 5.6-8 **"It takes only a little *hametz* to leaven a whole batch of dough?" Get rid of the old *hametz*, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened.**

Clean out the khametz—negative side.

Positive side...

1 Cor. 5.6-8 **For our Pesakh lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed. So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover *hametz*, the *hametz* of wickedness and evil, but with the *matzah* of purity and truth.**

[Do the negative and the positive. The Corinthians were told to celebrate the Seder, and in the right spirit.

Wait a minute. Passover is only for Jews. Really? Look at the reference ... Corinthians.]



[https://www.google.com/search?q=corinth+greece+map&safe=active&tbn=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=msYKT9XjR5kD8M%253A%252Cv6pLRI1FzqxMBM%252C_&usg=__XeGf2BPOGqzBGBByE3FG17GPVah0%3D&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiup3B94PaAhWKuIMKHfQ8DBEQ9QEILTAB#imgdii=72Sq4EaxYRRjIM:&imggrc=z21IFcu5hYHIQM]

What nationality in Corinth? Some Jews, MOSTLY Greeks!]

Passover cleansing particulars ...

[Leaven, leavened food, confusing. Need the Hebrew ...]

leavening agents **שְׂאֹרֹת** *s'or*

leavened food **חֻמֵץ** *khametz*

Khametz is a product that is both made from one of five types of grain and has been combined with water and left to stand raw for longer than eighteen minutes and becomes leavened.

wheat	<i>Hittim</i>	חִטָּה
spelt	<i>Kusmin</i> ,	כֻּסְמִין
barley	<i>Se'orah</i> ,	שְׂעוּרָה
oats	<i>Shibbolet shual</i>	שִׁבְלֵת שׁוּעַל
rye	<i>shifon</i>	שִׁפּוֹן

Leavening agents, such as yeast or baking soda, are not themselves *khametz*. Rather, it is the fermented grains. Thus yeast may be used in making wine, and kefir.

Similarly, baking soda may be used in Passover baked goods made with matzoh meal and in matzoh balls. Since the matzoh meal used in those foods is already baked, the grain will not ferment.

[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chametz>]

This applies to next week's Oneg. Please, no *khametz*: leavened grain products. No: Bread, crackers [except matzah], pasta, cakes, cookies.

What about rice, corn, lentils, beans, and peanuts?

They don't leaven, but may appear to. So, Ashkenazic Jews forbid, called *kitnayot*.

Sephardic Jewish communities they are OK.

Or HaOlam follows the Sephardi.

[<https://www.thoughtco.com/passover-forbidden-foods-2076548>]

Sephardi more biblical, less add-ons. Great music too.]

Torah's description of *Matza* as "*Lekhem Oni*" – **לֶחֶם עוֹנִי**

the bread of affliction, poverty.

Alternatively, it could mean the bread over which a person answers.

[<https://www.ulpanor.com/category/newletter/>]

But personally, I like matzah, the bread of affliction.]

So it's a practice in observant Jewish homes to do a THOROUGH Spring cleaning! Get ALL the khametz out of every corner. Burn the crumbs. And then a prayer of covering.



[https://www.google.com/search?q=chametz+burning&safe=active&tbm=isch&tbs=ring:CXGR7-dDLk5Bljg1IMGItrIqN5c6B2s6UdbVpRCvMgvCD5eE9MM8tiLT6XdlbuvnKoOO-5WSZnkZtz2ub3eWX4TyoSCTUgwaW2WuJCEWAR8_1Sg2G0sKhlJcPlzoHazpR0RiWrzQiq97U8qEglTWIEK8yC8IBElpVnCqYqZzSoSCfl4T0wzy2ItET70tzS7UCuxKhIJpPd2Vu6-cqgRoFDs8WYCBXEgk477IZJmeRmxGgUOzxZglFcSoSCXPa5vd5ZfhPEaBQ7PFmAgVx&tbo=u&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjFwo7F3YPaAhWKqIMKHVIAzMQ9C96BAGAEBS&biw=1282&bih=884&dpr=1#imgrc=yXIZZUKJdFanwM]

A new Israeli military version, getting out the impurities, corruptions ...]



[From Checho Rojas' Facebook]

BTW, we have a number of serving dishes left behind. Please take yours.

Please also take any bread or pie of pasta you brought, or else...



[https://www.google.com/search?q=chametz+burning&safe=active&tbn=isch&tbs=rimg:CXxcf9e-VinSljg-F_1Fdd5SDX-FeUir7gXWLsdW6VByDOHI1E_1MGNW--dPaCWbEvh98bcZHv50MuTkHFe5xxiTRSZioSCT4X8V13IInfEZ8zH6iIFLIKhJ4V5SKvuBdYsR0aLZx3tPwjoqEgmx1bpUHI M4chF7cPTNuVAr9yoSCTUT8wY1b750EVtkSaEm9p5GKhI9oJZsS-H3xsRe3D0zblQK_1cqEglxke_1nQy5OQRGJlu5x6Q1DCyoSCcV7nHGJNFJmEdbUCgtTibsO&tbo=u&sa=X&ved=2ahUKE wjpydua3YPaAhUHv1MKHVFBZsQ9C96BAgAEBS&biw=1282&bih=884&dpr=1#imgdii=Sjv_ENVJ10ICKM:&imgsrc=xXucc Yk0UmaDWM:]



The Messiah speaks about hypocritical cleaning, pretended purity...

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 וְתוֹכָן מְלֵא גִזְלִים וְתַאֲתָנוּת.

but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

Yeshua's choice of two words as the key representation of hypocrisy.

harpagēs	kai	akrasias
ἄρπαγῆς	καὶ	ἀκρασίας .
greed	and	self-indulgence
<u>ἄρπαγῆς (harpagēs)</u> the act of plundering; plunder, spoil, robbery.		

ἀκρασίας (akrasias) the inability to maintain control; (figuratively) without self-control and hence mastered by personal appetites (urges).

The inside of the cup is NOT immediately obvious. Hidden uncleanness, impurity, sin.

Or HaOlam first proto service Purim 1995. What I've seen in 23+ years ministry, hidden sin that destroys faith, relationships.

[Approaching silver anniversary, Purim 2020. Celebration!?!]

ἄρπαγῆς (harpagēs)

the act of plundering; plunder, spoil, robbery.

Integrity

- Tax time: do we report all income? [and take all deductions.] Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's
- But not a penny more!

Yeshua

Mt 18.16 Take one or two others with you so that every accusation can be supported by the testimony of two or three witnesses

Shaul

2 Cor 13.1 This will be the third time that I have come to visit you. Any charge must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.



[In about July 2013, Yisraela, Suzanne, and I visited Marr and Co., 1401 E 104th St #100, Kansas City, MO 64131, to have our financial procedures analyzed for accountability. Not an audit is too expensive. But procedural analysis. Always two people count our offering, etc. Feel free to ask if curious. Some have asked about Cong. Finances, and I sent them full monthly reports. Complete reports with every check or debit or cc expense distributed to leaders. Background checks on all who handle money.]

Steal honor and reputation

1. Evil speaking
2. Unforgiveness [wounded → wounder]. Steals & steals others of your open heart.

[Shaunti p 102

Time Mag Dec 28, 2015]

Steal honor and reputation

3. Joylessness: steals G-d's honor. ^{D'varim/Dt.28.47} serving Adoni your God with joy and goodness of heart, out of the abundance of everything
4. Communication: touch, talk, time. Steals blessing others.

[Opposite of Emunah, trust in Resurrection power. Gevaltism.

Acts 20.28 Take care of yourselves and all the flock of which the Ruach ha-Kodesh has made you overseers, to shepherd the community of God—which He obtained with the blood of His own.

Mes Jews/Heb 10.24-25 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds. And do not neglect our own meetings, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another — and all the more so as you see the Day approaching. Time Mag on loneliness]

Steal honor and reputation

5. Cheerleader or jeerleader. Steals strength from others.
6. Prayerlessness. Readinglessness[?] Source of all our strength and joy.
7. Outreach

[5. Especially parents, spouse. David Jeremiah: chief job is encourager.

6. *Song 2.14* *My dove, hiding in holes in the rock, in the secret recesses of the cliff, let me see your face and hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.*

Above, all the secret ways to steal. What about the other word for hypocritical practice Yeshua used?]



Secret mental life of imagination, image watching.

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[KC Star clip]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 23:26

פְּרוֹשׁ עוֹר, טְהוֹר תְּחִלָּה אֶת תּוֹךְ הַכּוֹס כִּדִּי שְׁתֵּהֶיָה טְהוֹרָה גַם מִבְּחוּץ.

“Blind *Parush!* First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside may be clean too.”

Let us do a real khamets cleaning of our hearts and lives

- Devotionally
- Ethically
- Relationally