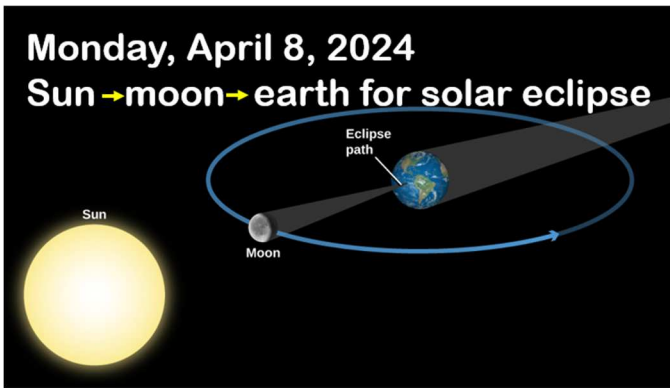


Ephesians 4.14-17
Ex 12.11
A Passover Mensch מענטש
April 13 2024

**I had a happy
childhood. My dad
used to put me in
tires and roll me
down hills. Those
were Goodyears.**

[from Scott Hahn]

There is a US Military Base that is off-limits for Passover,
Fort Leavenworth.
[from Shay Weber]



Time Magazine

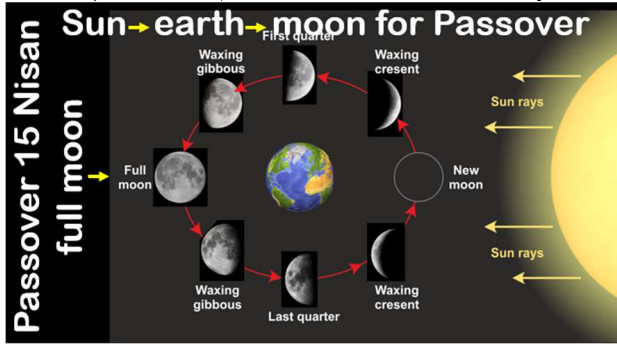
From Jim Templer in Mt. Pleasant, Arkansas.



Sun → moon → earth for solar eclipse

15 days later ...

Sun → earth → moon for lunar eclipse, Passover full moon



April 22

Solar system moves counter clockwise as viewed from above the North Pole

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Shmot/Ex 12.3,6 ‘On the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb or kid for his family, one per household...You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, and then the entire assembly of the community of Isra’el will slaughter it at dusk. [15th day, April 22]

Shmot/Ex 12.11 “‘Here is how you are to eat it: with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand. [Is there a deeper meaning to these instructions? I seem to have

something maybe strange, from the Ruakh, to present today relative to the phrase with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand.]

The poster features the title 'A PASSOVER MENSCH מענטש' in large white letters. Below it, the text reads 'EPHESIANS 4:14-17, EXODUS 12:11' and 'RABBI SHMUEL WOLKENFELD'. The date 'April 13, 2024 | 5th of Nisan, 5784' and the Hebrew phrase 'ה' בניסן תשפ"ד' are also present. On the right side, there is a logo for 'OR HAOLAM MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE' featuring a stylized menorah.

Four weeks ago, March 16, 2024
A Real Mensch מענטש Ephesians 4.11-13

That is, Pesakh/Passover should make us MORE menschy!



Plural of 'Exodus' Exoduses? Exodusim? Exodusi?

In any case, "Eat it ready to go!"

Shmot/ Ex 12.6-7 "On the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb or kid for his family. You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, and then the entire assembly of the community of Isra'el will slaughter it at dusk. They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the two sides and top of the door-frame at the entrance of the house in which they eat it."

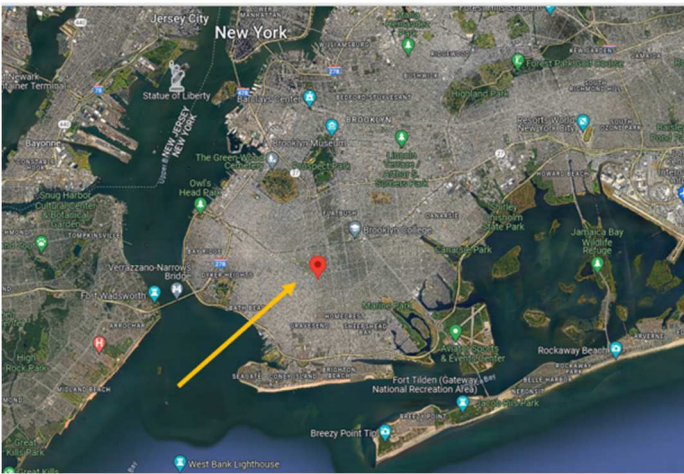
Shmot/Ex 12.11-13 "Here is how you are to eat it: with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you are to eat it hurriedly. It is Adoni's Pesakh [Passover]. For that night, I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both men and animals; and I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt; I am Adoni. The blood will serve you as a sign marking the houses where you are; when I see the blood, I will pass over [פסח pasakh] you — when I strike the land of Egypt, the death blow will not strike you.

Shmot/Ex 12.14 "This will be a day for you to remember and celebrate as a festival to Adoni; from generation to generation you are to celebrate it by a perpetual regulation. [It is the most observed holiday among the Jewish people, even seculars, assimilating. Spirit of the Seder ...]

Eat the Seder as a model of family redemption!

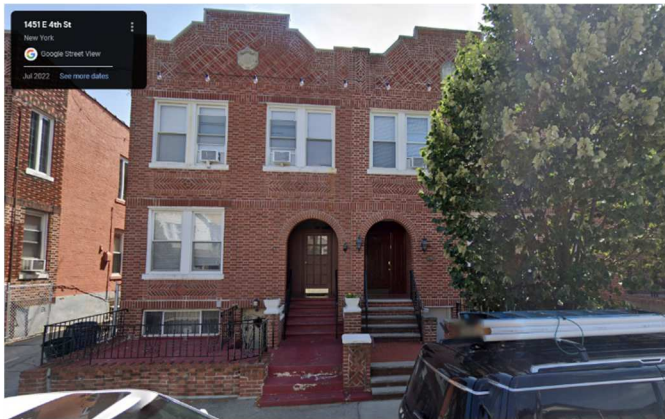
- Hebrews to be out of slavery in Egypt, by the blood of a lamb.
- We all are to be out of slavery to sin, by the blood of the Lamb!
- Ready to separate from the corrupted splendor of the pagan world.
- Ready to see judgment on the gods of this world.
- Ready to TRUST the power of G-d, blood of redemption/angel of death to selectively destroy.
- Ready to TRUST the power of G-d, blood of redemption/angel of death to liberate.
- Ready to mark this as an annual celebration for 4000 years
- Ready to rejoice with each other in family redemption!





**Home of Max & Rose Levy, my now deceased maternal grandparents
1449 E 4th St, Brooklyn, NY 11230**

Note Ave N Jewish Center on right, Grandpa's tailor shop on left, candy store on left. Grandpa gave my cousin Isabel and me a quarter each to walk down there and buy candy before Shabbat dinner.



Grandparents home. Where I had my first glass of Manischewitz or Mogen David sweet wine, and Passover horseradish. These are the steps where I would go down from the 2nd floor apartment go to see if Eliyahu/Elijah the prophet had come to introduce the Messiah to the Jewish people and the world!

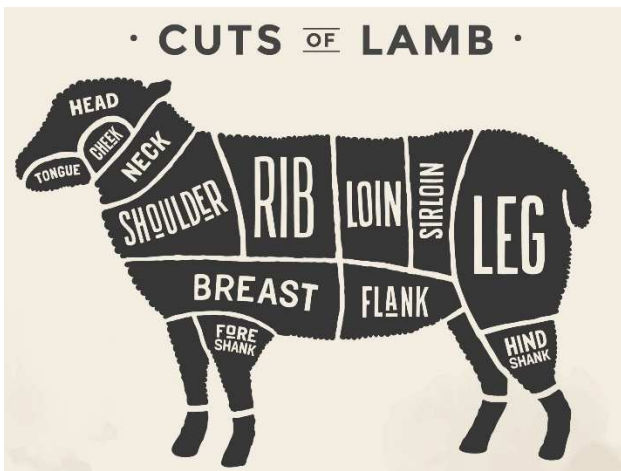
When we were having our Seders there, all was right with the world. Age 10 or so. Grandpa, Grandma, Dad, Mom, aunts, uncles, cousins. A

Seder is a place of redemptive refuge. One of the happiest memories of my childhood. **Build that culture of Passover joy into Or HaOlam families, Jewish and Gentile grafted it.**



**Mom Miriam, me, cousin Isabel, Dad Irving
Grandma Rose Levy, Aunt Francis, Uncle Murray, [Isabel's parents] Grandpa Max Levy the tailor.**

Shmot/Ex 12.3 Speak to all the assembly of Isra'el and say, 'On the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb or kid for his family, one per household, except that if the household is too small for a whole lamb or kid, then he and his next-door neighbor should share one, dividing it in proportion to the number of people eating it. [Family redemption]



LAMB CUT	American	Australian
Lamb Carcass	55-80 lbs./30-36 kg	40-55 lbs./20-30 kg
Lamb Rack	24-34 oz./680-960 g	20-28 oz./570-800 g
Bone-in Lamb Loin	3 lbs./1.36 kg	2.5 lbs./1.1 kg
Boneless Lamb Loin	12-16 oz./340-450 g.	8-12 oz./225-340
Boneless Lamb Leg	7-9 lbs./3.2-4 kg	4.5-6 lbs./2-2.7 kg

As a general rule of thumb, plan for about 1/2 to 3/4 pound of bone-in lamb per person. 30-35 people

[With the help of our Chef John Stewart]

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Ready to GO, follow G-d, OUT of Egypt.



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[Segue to the Messianic Scriptures book of Ephesians, my current series.]

Eph 6.14 Therefore, stand! Have the belt of truth buckled around your waist, put on righteousness for a breastplate.

Passover is NOT a religious event, but a righteous, fun event!

Yeshayahu / Isaiah 60.18-20 Violence will no longer be heard in your land, desolation or destruction within your borders; instead, you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.

[Every one of our rules should be praise and salvation!]

Yeshayahu / Isaiah 60.18-20 “No more will the sun be your light by day, nor will moonlight shine on you; instead Adoni will be your light forever and your God your glory.

This is why the music and dance time is so important, really prophetic.

[Last week's unfinished message:]



David Stern: Because the Greek is ambiguous, some take the two terms "shepherds" (pastors) and "teachers" to be speaking of one office — "shepherd-teachers." Pastoring and teaching are overlapping yet distinguishable skills.

Teacher: Instruction in

- The Word
- Worship
- Community
- Mission and vision
- Doctrine
- Torah Practice

Shepherd ^{T'hillim Ps 23} Adoni is my shepherd; I lack nothing. **He has me lie down in grassy pastures, he leads me by quiet water, he restores my inner person. He guides me in right paths for the sake of his own name. Even if I pass through death-dark ravines, I will fear no disaster; for you are with me; your rod and staff reassure me.**

[7 major conflicts 2024. More than I ever remember.

Are you in any conflict, with anyone? Not reconciled. Some things can't be reconciled, must be forgiven and WAITED.

Especially settle all conflicts BEFORE Passover.]

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Shepherd

The Babylonian Talmud TB Gittin 56a, describes Jerusalem of 68-70 A.D. just before its destruction, when the Romans were besieging the city and various Jewish political-religious parties were fighting amongst each other: Rome sent Vespasian Caesar against the Jews. He came and laid siege to Jerusalem for three years. There were at that time in Jerusalem these three wealthy people: Nakdimon [i.e., Nicodemus] ben Gurion, ben Kalba Savua, and ben Tzitzit HaKesat ...

“These three wealthy men had between them enough commodities to sustain the besieged [populace] for twenty-one years. There were certain Zealots among the people of Jerusalem ... In order to force the residents of the city to engage in battle, the Zealots arose and burned down these storehouses of wheat and barley, and there was a general famine.

“Modern Israelis make use of a phrase from that day –

לשרוף את האסמים

lisrof et ha'asamim

['to burn down the warehouses ']

Are we burning the warehouses?”

[<https://davidstent.org/in-a-wilderness-of-mirrors/>

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Avner Boskey concerning Israel: “Our last newsletter went out on March 15, 2023. A lot has happened in the past two weeks. The Saturday night demonstrations in Tel Aviv’s Habimah Square have grown from approximately 100,000 people to close to 200,000 in attendance. These have escalated, blocking Tel Aviv’s central freeway for hours, and closing down main municipal arteries. Eventually mounted police, stun grenades and water cannons have been deployed, and multiple arrests followed.” Kaplan St. protests



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Do we speak the truth in love?]

From one of the classic Jewish books, *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal*, by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin:

“Over the past decade, whenever I have lectured throughout the country on words that hurt and words that heal, and how to choose words wisely well, I’ve asked my listeners if they can go for 24 hours without saying any unkind words to or even anything negative to anybody. Invariably a minority raised their hand and said ‘Yeah, I can do it.’ A large majority said ‘I don’t think so.’

“All of you who can’t answer ‘yes,’ I responded, must recognize how serious of a problem you have because if I asked you if you could go 24 hours without drinking liquor and you said ‘I can’t do that,’ I’d tell you ‘you must be an alcoholic.’ If I asked if you can go 24 hours without smoking a cigarette and you said ‘That’s impossible,’ I’d say you’re addicted to nicotine.

“Similarly, if you can’t go for 24 hours without saying unkind words about others, you’ve lost control of your tongue.”

That’s the challenge I’d like to throw out relative to our preparation for Passover.

Ephesians 4.14-16 **Under his control, the whole body is being fitted and held together by the support of every joint, with each part working to fulfill its function; this is how the body grows and builds itself up in love.**

[Are we building up?]

Israel ranked 5th in the most recent World Happiness Index in spite of the recent war. In a Wall Street Journal op-ed, historian Gil Troy attributed Israel's high happiness rating on a feeling of social cohesiveness, family ties and a sense of tradition and history.



“Israelis pursue happiness through family and community, by feeling rooted and having a sense of purpose,” he wrote. He added, “Amid unspeakable suffering, Israelis have found comfort in one another and a higher calling. Too many Americans feel lonely and lost.”

[Troy added, “They feel part of a bigger story, Jews’ historical saga reaching back 3,500 years. The pain punctuating this story helps transcend passing traumas.”]

“In addition, in spite of demonstrations and passionate disagreements, as witnessed during anti-government demonstrations, Israelis nevertheless ‘live in an intimate society that runs on trust and generates hope. Israelis feel they’re never alone, and that their relatives and friends will never abandon them.’”

Troy quoted the Father of Political Zionism, Theodor Herzl, and wrote “Israelis don’t count in days and decades but in millennia and eternity.”

[https://unitedwithisrael.org/an-american-historian-explains-why-israelis-are-so-happy/]



“If you’re going through a tough financial time, you need not pay. Take it and go.”

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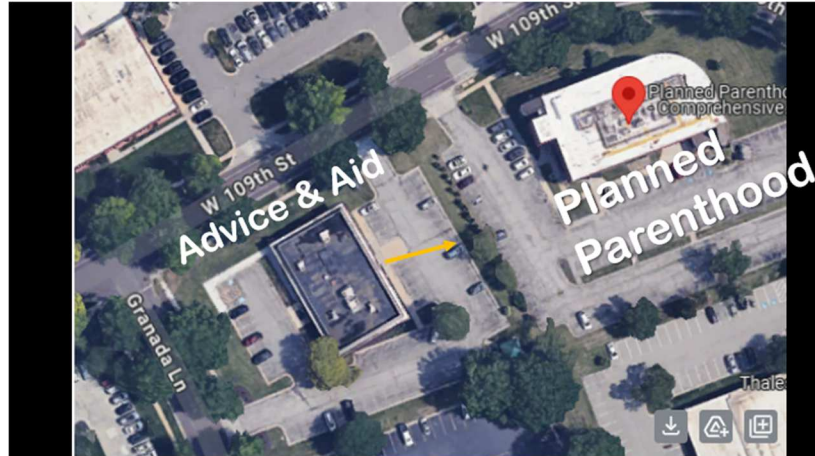
1. Do we always speak the truth in love?
2. Are our spiritual practices, Passover, unleavened bread, Shabbat expressions of family joy and unity, or rigidity?
3. Do we celebrate life?

אזור חופשי לשון הרע
Azor khofshi
Lashon HaRa
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That tree grows on the property where Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center resides at 10901 Granada Lane in Overland Park, Kansas.



Many of you have been to our center and know that on the other side of those evergreens is the largest abortion facility in the Kansas City Metro which serves women from Kansas, Missouri, and neighboring states. This picture represents what is happening in this corner of Overland Park. As you can see, the branches that hang above the Advice & Aid property are filled with green leaves, they have life; while the branches that are over the abortion clinic side are lifeless, nothing really is growing there.

For our congregational Seder Wednesday, April 24, we have open seating. So, newcomers and visitors may be isolated unless YOU scope them out and befriend them. Plan to share LIFE.

Wokeness and depression
1 minute video by Matt Walsh
<https://youtu.be/wt091XiILmw>



Some more good news about living in LIFE

Hamas-Run Gaza Health Ministry Admits to Flaws in Casualty Data

“BREAKING - Gaza Health Ministry has now admitted that the TOTAL death count in Gaza stands at 21,720. An estimated 13,000 of those militant deaths from IDF estimates. Which means that only 8,720 have been civilian deaths. Combatant to civilian ratio stands as under 1:1.

“We have never seen that before in any war in Modern History. Usual standards: According to the UN, civilians usually make up around 90 percent of casualties in war. That’s a 1:9 ratio. Compared to the IDF’s 1:1.

“We have never seen a war with such a precise ratio. The IDF are also operating in an Urban War environment where Hamas hide amongst the civilian population. What they are pulling off is just next level.”

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Former U.S. Central Command Commander Gen. Frank McKenzie



Just days before the Moscow attack that ISIS-K, ‘retains the capability and will to attack U.S. and Western interests abroad in as little as six months and with little or no warning’,” “In Afghanistan, we have almost no ability to see into that country and almost no ability to strike into that country. And so, ISIS there is able to grow unabated. <https://www.dailywire.com/news/ex-centcom-commander-isis-threat-to-u-s-becoming-serious-because-of-bidens-foreign-policy>

“And so, I think the threat is growing,” he continued. “It began to grow as soon as we left Afghanistan, took pressure off ISIS-K. So I think we should expect further attempts of this nature against the United States as well as our partners and other nations abroad. I think this is inevitable.”

In a release, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said Alexander Mercurio was plotting to incapacitate his father with a pipe, handcuff him and restrain him, steal his guns and other weapons, and attack churches in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, on Sunday. The defendant allegedly pledged loyalty to ISIS and sought to attack people attending churches in Idaho.



FBI Director Christopher Wray said Tuesday that the defendant swore devotion to ISIS “and



sought to attack people attending churches in Idaho, a truly horrific plan which was detected and thwarted by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force.”

[<https://metrovoicenews.com/fbi-details-idaho-mans-isis-plot-against-churches/>]

[<https://vfinews.com/news/hamas-wont-release-40-hostages-netanyahu-is-determ/fbi-arrests-idaho-18-year-old-for-violent-plot-to->]

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1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and drinking the water of LIFE?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you offering that water of life to anyone?