

BRINGING SEDER to CHAOS



Freedom in Quarantine

DAY 16 - PESACH



Remember when you had to drag yourself out of bed to get ready for school or work? These days few people are dragging themselves out of bed to go anywhere. Most would be thrilled to have somewhere to go. For the first time in forever, kids are begging to go to school and parents are yearning for more time at the office. Everyone is just hoping to get back to their normal routine.

This time of year on the Jewish calendar is consistently a time of disruption. In preparation of Pesach, we turn our houses upside down looking for specs of chametz. Our diet changes completely.

We think charoset is a delicacy and for some reason we start to like Potato Sticks. Due to Coronavirus though, this year we are not troubled by *these* disruptions.

While this year Pesach is not perfect, it might be worthwhile to consider **it wasn't ideal last year either**. The central component of our Pesach experience has been lacking for thousands of years now. Rabban Gamliel stresses that we must discuss three main components of the Seder to fulfill our obligation, and the first is to talk about the Korban Pesach. In the times of the Beit HaMikdash, it felt natural to discuss the Korban Pesach - it was the focal point of the entire seder. The scrumptious lamb sandwich, surrounded by matzah and maror, was the entree.



Nowadays, we quickly mention the sacrifice and gaze at a meatless shankbone on our seder plate. Despite the constant reminders about the rebuilding of the Beit HaMikdash in our tefillah, it is often easy to forget that we are not living in the ideal state. We pray that we don't just go back to normal day to day life, the way it was last year. **We pray that we go back to an ideal day to day life, the way it was in the times of the Beit Hamikdash.**

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What are you most looking forward to with the coming of Mashiach and the rebuilding of the Beit Hamikdash.

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