

DISPATCH FROM JERUSALEM

Shlomo Gewirtz

If at your seder you sing out loudly, “Next Year in Jerusalem,” then perhaps you’re like me and my friends in this holy city who at seder’s end invoke this ancient hope that our capital will soon be the world center of redemption when Jews who are here, hear, “Last stop, The Temple Mount,” and pour out of the train with their shekels and their sheep to slaughter, skin and roast for the Paschal sacrifice.

To be sure, ever since its first appearance in a book about Jewish customs compiled by an Austrian rabbi named Isaac Tyrnau at the turn of the 15th century, “Next Year in Jerusalem” pretty much reflects that national vision in which our ancestors dreamt of the utopia of future Messianic times when G-d would gather us from the four corners of the earth to pay heed to Jeremiah, XXXI, 21: Erect markers; set up signposts. Keep in mind the highway, the road that you traveled. Return to maiden Israel. Return to these towns of yours. Lots of traffic going on here, right? Before Rabbi Tyrnau introduced it where and when he did, this kind of “Next Year in Jerusalem” was, at the very least, embedded in blessings after a meal and, always, in our daily devotions. Eat. Pray. Dream.

But with the publication in the late 19th century of Theodor Herzl’s *The Jewish State* and then, later in the 20th, the crime of the Holocaust followed by our proclamation of independence in the Tel Aviv Museum to the sounds of Hatikvah, well, for this Beginner—a new Israeli—“Next Year in Jerusalem” has a more practical side. Not only does it endure every year at the seder to end the performance and close the curtain, but today, in our lifetime, I think it also reopens on a dazzling second act that is ours to play out -- should we so choose -- on the stage of world history,

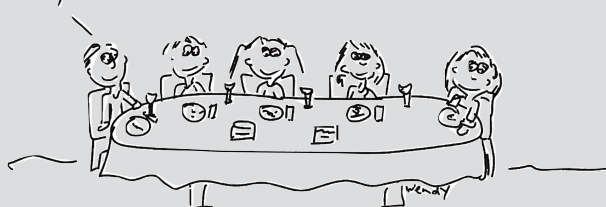
Those of you who are blessed to live in ‘the States,’ family and friends, all, may see some world events as local wars between East and West, or tyranny and freedom. I see it as the continual unfolding of the Return to Zion. That means that if at your New York seder, you pray and shout, “Next Year in Jerusalem” without dreaming, yourself, of becoming an Israeli, I believe you’re missing out on this next chapter of our story.

That’s why I hope you’ll consider coming today to Israel in a spirit of gratefulness to the G-d of Israel Who, for me, at least, is giving all of us the chance of a lifetime to pack up and move here with joy and gladness. Maybe this essay will inspire you to close your seder this year by pressing reset for a new sort of seder, so to speak, namely, an ‘order’ of thought that makes “Next Year in Jerusalem” come alive for you in ways you still haven’t begun to fathom.

If you’d argue that right now is not the time for you to make such a big move, fair enough, but why not, at least, start thinking about it? Remember, that once upon a time, we left Egypt without waiting for the bread to rise! My request, therefore, is both modest and doable: when you arrive at the end of your seder, pause, if only briefly, to recite “Next Year in Jerusalem” with possibly a bit more conviction. Maybe, just maybe, seriously mull over joining me and the many other Beginners here sooner rather than later. Either way, Next Year in Jerusalem!

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“Next year n Jerusalem!”



“MAYBE THIS YEAR WE’LL REALLY MEAN IT!”

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

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Mazal Tov to grandparents,
Aidel and Ephraim Buchwald
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Fri Apr. 15, 2022 - 14th of Nissan
EREV PESACH, TA'ANIT BECHOROT
 Morning Services with Siyum
 6:30 & 7:30 AM
 Latest time to eat Chametz..... 10:43 AM
 Latest time to burn Chametz. . .11:49 AM
 Candle Lighting.....7:18 PM
 Mincha/Maariv 7:25 PM
 Begin Seder after 8:07 PM

Sat Apr. 16, 2022 - 15th of Nissan
PESACH
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha.....7:10 PM
 Candle Lighting.....8:18 PM
 Ma'ariv.....8:19 PM
 Begin Seder after..... 8:19 PM

Sun Apr. 17, 2022 - 16th of Nissan
2nd DAY PESACH
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha..... 7:25 PM
 Maariv/Yom Tov ends.....8:20 PM

Mon Apr. 18, 2022 - 17th of Nissan
CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Morning Services.....7:15 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:30 PM

Tues Apr. 19, 2022 - 18th of Nissan
CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Morning Services.....7:15 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:30 PM

Wed Apr. 20, 2022 - 19th of Nissan
CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Morning Services.....7:15 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:30 PM

Thurs Apr. 21, 2022 - 20th of Nissan
CHOL HAMOED PESACH
 Morning Services.....7:15 AM
 Candle Lighting.....7:24 PM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:30 PM

Fri Apr. 22, 2022 - 21st of Nissan
7th DAY PESACH
 Morning Services..... 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting..... 6:18 PM
 Candle Lighting..... 7:25 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:30 PM

Sat Apr. 23, 2022 - 21st of Nissan
8th DAY PESACH - Yizkor
 Morning Services... 8:00, 9:00 & 9:40 AM
 Mincha.....7:15 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends.....8:26 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv.....7:35 PM

Fri Apr. 29, 2022 - 28th of Nissan
 Morning Services.....7:30 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting.....6:24 PM

Regular Candle Lighting.....7:32 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:35 PM
Sat Apr. 30, 2022 - 29th of Nissan
SHABBAT MEVORCHIM
Achrei Mot
 Morning Services...7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service.....9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot.....5:40 PM
 Lazar Class.....6:25 PM
 Mincha.....7:25 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends.....8:34 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv.....7:40 PM

Sun May 1, 2022 - 30th of Nissan
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services.....8:30 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:40 PM

Mon May 2, 2022 - 1st of Iyar
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services.....7:20 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:40 PM

Thurs May 5, 2022 - 4th of Iyar
YOM HA'ATZMA'UT
 Morning Services.....7:30 & 7:50 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:45 PM

Fri May 6, 2022 - 5th of Iyar
 Morning Services.....7:30 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting.....6:29 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting.....7:39 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:45 PM

Sat May 7, 2022 - 6th of Iyar
Kedoshim
 Morning Services...7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service.....9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot.....5:45 PM
 Lazar Class.....6:30 PM
 Mincha.....7:30 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends.....8:41 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv.....7:50 PM

Fri May 13, 2022 - 12th of Iyar
 Morning Services.....7:30 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting.....6:35 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting.....7:47 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:50 PM

Sat May 14, 2022 - 13th of Iyar
Emor
 Morning Services...7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service.....9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot.....5:55 PM
 Lazar Class.....6:40 PM
 Mincha.....7:40 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends.....8:48 PM

Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv.....7:55 PM
Thurs May 19, 2022 - 18th of Iyar
LAG B'OMER
 Morning Services.....7:30 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....8:00 PM

Fri May 20, 2022 - 19th of Iyar
 Morning Services.....7:30 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting.....6:40 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting.....7:53 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:55 PM

Sat May 21, 2022 - 20th of Iyar
Behar
 Morning Services...7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service.....9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot.....6:00 PM
 Lazar Class.....6:45 PM
 Mincha.....7:45 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends.....8:55 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv.....8:05 PM

Fri May 27, 2022 - 26th of Iyar
 Morning Services.....7:30 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting.....6:45 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting.....7:59 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....8:05 PM

Sat May 28, 2022 - 27th of Iyar
Bechukotai
 Morning Services...7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service.....9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot.....6:05 PM
 Lazar Class.....6:50 PM
 Mincha.....7:50 PM
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends.....9:01 PM
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv.....8:10 PM

Sun May 29, 2022 - 28th of Iyar
YOM YERUSHALAYIM
 Morning Services.....7:30 & 8:30 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....8:10 PM

Mon May 30, 2022 - 29th of Iyar
MEMORIAL DAY
 Morning Services.....8:30 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....8:10 PM

Tues May 31, 2022 - 1st of Sivan
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services.....7:20 AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....8:10 PM

Fri June 3, 2022 - 4th of Sivan
 Morning Services.....7:30 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting.....6:50 PM
 Regular Candle Lighting.....8:05 PM
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....8:10 PM

Sat June 4, 2022 - 5th of Sivan
EREV SHAVUOT
Bamidbar
 Morning Services...7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Beginners Service.....9:30 AM
 Beginners Mishnayot.....6:20 PM
 Lazar Class.....6:50 PM
 Mincha.....7:50 PM
 Candle Lighting.....9:05 PM
 Ma'ariv.....9:06 PM
 Beginners Shavuot Learn-In....12:00 AM

Sun June 5, 2022 - 6th of Sivan
1st DAY SHAVUOT
 Morning Services...4:59, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha.....8:10 PM
 Light Candles.....after 9:06 PM

Mon June 6, 2022 - 7th of Sivan
2nd DAY SHAVUOT Yizkor
 Morning Services.....8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Mincha.....8:15 PM
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends.....9:07 PM

All classes and events are tentative, pending state COVID-19 regulations and updated synagogue policies.

Some classes may be offered on Zoom.

Please check lss.org/beginners for the most up to date information.

SAVE THE DATE

Beginners Shabbat Luncheons
 Sat, 12:30 PM - \$25
 May 7, June 11

Beginners Shmooze on Zoom
Free
 Mon, May 9, 8:15 PM

All Night Shavuot Learn-a-thon
 Sat, June 4 12:00 AM - 7:00 AM

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BAR/BAT MITZVAH
 Yehoshua Nechemiah Buchwald
 Mazal Tov to parents,
 Shira and Rabbi Naphtali Buchwald
 Mazal Tov to grandparents,
 Aidel and Ephraim Buchwald
 Ben Stone
 Mazal Tov to parents,
 Dr. Ellie Carmody and Daniel Stone

Dr. Stephen Snyder on the passing of his father,
 Dr. Gilbert Synder, z"l

"TZETCHEM L'SHALOM" (to live or study in Israel)
 Carol and Ron Gonsher

SPEEDY RECOVERY/REFUAH SH'LAIMA
 Dr. Leonard Davidman, *Aryeh Leib haLevi ben Machliah*
 Peter Halasz, *Yehonatan haCohen ben Ora*
 Geraldine Katz, *Gershona Yehudit bat Rochel*
 Ruth Nelkin, *Rochel bat Sarah*
 Angelo Verga, *Malachi Yosef ben Miriam*
 Louis Vlynerib, *Elazar haCohen ben Malka*

CONDOLENCES
 Stewart Ashkenazy on the passing of his mother,
 Anna Ashkenazy, z"l
 Beverly Davidman on the passing of her mother,
 Susie Dyer
 Joshua Goldberg on the passing of his father,
 Avram Goldberg, z"l
 The Hudes family on the passing of
 Rita Hudes, z"l, mother of the late, Dana Hudes, z"l
 Ari Moses on the passing of his mother,
 Joan Moses, z"l

CONGRATULATIONS
 Roslyn Dickens on her special birthday
 Dr. Golda Hudes on her appointment as a full professor at
 Einstein College of Medicine
 Allan (Asher Anshel) Leicht on his special birthday
 Lisa and Paul Glazer on being the Guests of Honor at
 NJOP's 34th Annual Virtual Dinner
 Rudy Lowy and Ann Crane Lowy on Ann's children,
 Lizzy and Sam Zakay receiving the Young Leadership
 Award at NJOP's 34th Annual Virtual Dinner