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Halachos of the Month of Nisan

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✧ The Greatness of Chodesh Nisan ✧

1. The month of *Nisan* is the first month of the Jewish calendar. Although the counting of the years is counted from the beginning of *Tishrei*, nevertheless the counting of the Jewish months begins from the month of *Nisan*.
2. The specialty of the month of *Nisan* is because it is the month the *Yidden* were redeemed from *mitzrayim*, and through the redemption, *Hashem* displayed his supervision over his creations and specifically over the *Yidden*. As well as through the miracles performed on the Egyptians, *Hashem* showed his force and that there is reward and punishment for one's actions.
3. The *mazal* (zodiac) of the month of *Nisan* is *tleh* (ram a.k.a. Aries), it's superior to the other *mazalos*. Pharaoh relied upon the *mazal* to save himself and *Hashem* showed the world that only He alone controls the happenings of the world.
4. Besides the month being the month the *Yidden* were redeemed, it was also the month that the *Mishkan* was erected for the first time. Each day from the beginning of the month, the *נשיאים* (leaders of the *shvatim*) sacrificed their offerings on the *mizbeach* to inaugurate the *Mishkan*. The final redemption will also take place in the month of *Nisan* as it says "עתידין ליגאל".
5. There is an additional advantage to the beginning of the month as it is considered a time of preparation for redemption. As stated above, there is also an advantage to the month even after *Pesach*, as it is the month of redemption and the month the *Mishkan* was erected, (and most of the month went by *קדוש*).
6. The *seforim* expand on the powers of the holiness of the month. The month of *Nisan* is enveloped by salvation, a month that is given the power of renewal. Each day of the month has the power of *Rosh Chodesh*, it's a month that demonstrates how all abundance depends on our work and effort, a month that instills faith and other important matters.
7. The *Poskim* bring a custom to refrain from consuming kosher *matza* from the beginning of the month so that the consumption while performing the *mitzvah* will be performed with an extra appreciation for the *mitzvah*. Rav Moshe Feinstein Zt"l brings a custom to refrain from consuming *matza* already from a month before *Pesach*, however, some are more lenient

with this custom. Though, it is definitely forbidden to consume kosher (for Passover) *matza* on *erev Pesach*.

8. *Matza*, which is not kosher for Passover, or not baked for the sake of the *mitzvah* and *kneidels*, is excluded from this custom entirely.
9. There is no need to be stringent on minors for this custom.

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✧ Learning The Halachos of Pesach ✧

10. *Chazal* instituted in the times of the *Beis Hamikdash* (that we were instructed to bring and sacrifice *karbanos* when ascending to the *Beis Hamikdash* on *Yom-Tov*) to teach publicly the *halachos* pertaining to the upcoming *Yom-Tov* and its relevant *karbanos* for thirty days preceding the *Yom-Tov*.
11. This practice still applies today after the *Beis Hamikdash* was destroyed, to the laws that apply to the *Yom-Tov*, to learn and remember the relevant *halachos* (particularly as lots of *halachos* are unknown to many people).
12. Besides for this directive from *chazal* (regarding the *karbanos*), *Moshe Rabeinu* also mandated that every community leader, *Rav*, should teach the relevant *halachos* for the upcoming *Yom-Tov*.
13. It emerges, that the community leader is obligated to teach publicly the relevant *halachos* for the upcoming *Yom-Tov* as well as an obligation to learn the *halachos* pertaining to the *Yom-tov* thirty days preceding it. (And perhaps what we find that one who leaves his home less than thirty days before *Pesach* is obligated to search his home for *chometz*, teaches us that the need to prepare for the *Yom-Tov* is not merely in learning the *halachos*, just to act according to them as well. As such, the *halacha* that one fulfills their obligation of burning the *chometz* if one gets rid of the *chometz* within thirty days of *Pesach* indicates as mentioned above).
14. It is for this reason that our rabbis teach the relevant *halachos* pertaining to *Pesach* on the *Shabbos* preceding *Pesach* (*Shabbos Hagadol*).

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✧ Maos Chitim (Money for the Poor) ✧

15. Since the cost of the *Yom-Tov* expenses is extremely expensive, there is an obligation to distribute money to the poor. Some have the custom to distribute actual foods and necessities

