

# LIVING KIDDUSH HASHEM

## PESACH GUIDE



On Pesach, we remove  
the chametz from within,  
sanctifying ourselves to  
become pure reflections  
of Hashem—a nation of  
Mekadshei Hashem.

*(Living Kiddush Hashem by ArtScroll  
Mesorah)*

## EREV PESACH

With all the pre-Pesach preparations—cleaning, and burning of chametz—let's remember to uphold the dignity of *bnei melachim*, presenting ourselves and our neighborhoods as honorable ambassadors of Hashem.

**Burning Chametz Without Burning Bridges** – Use designated areas, keep flames controlled, and don't leave a mess.

Coordinate with local collection schedules to dispose of the garbage in a proper manner.



## KIDDUSH HASHEM BEGINS AT HOME:

Reflect Hashem's middos of **compassion, patience, and kindness** within your home.

The atmosphere we create shapes our children's lifelong feelings towards Yom Tov.

**Clean with joy.**

**Choose patience over perfection, connection over correction.**

## HOUSE & HOTEL RENTALS



*“Why are these Jews bringing so much stuff with them?*

*Why do they insist on covering security cameras and disabling motion detectors before the holiday begins?*

*Why do they walk in the streets instead of on the sidewalks?*

*Why are they cutting through my private property to get to other houses?”*

### During Your Stay

- » When taping cabinets use **removable painter's tape, not** duct tape or regular packing tape that leaves stains or residue.

**When it comes to  
Kiddush Hashem,  
it's all about  
communication,  
communication,  
communication.**

- » Dispose of garbage properly and cut up all boxes.
- » **PARK LEGALLY:** Park **ONLY** in designated spots, even if it's "just for a second."
- » Please do not walk in the streets on **Shabbos and Yom Tov**—PLEASE use the sidewalk.
- » **Do NOT cover electric stovetops** with a blech or silver foil — it will crack or get damaged.
- » **GOLF CARTS ARE NOT FOR MINORS** – Too many **Hatzoloh calls EVERY YEAR** for serious preventable injuries.



## Before Checking Out

- » When checking out, leave the home in a respectful way as if it's your own:
- » Remove all tape.
- » Move furniture and appliances back to where it was upon arrival.
- » Replace dishes and flatware in their original drawers and cabinets.
- » **Empty refrigerators and cabinets of food!** (*This is the second biggest complaint.*)

(taken from checklist for Pesach guests in Florida)

## CHOL HAMOED QUOTES

“We must be careful not to give children the impression that Chol HaMoed is all about trips. While simchas Yom Tov is important, it is not the sole purpose of Chol HaMoed.”

“Behaving in a way befitting bnei Torah — bringing more kavod Shamayim — elevates our trips with deeper meaning and kedushah.”

“A true Kiddush Hashem also means giving chashivus to learning Torah.”

“Property owners have the right to set expectations for their premises, and we must respect them.”

“A chillul Hashem can occur even when rules aren't enforced. For example, if a venue prohibits outside food, ignoring that policy still reflects poorly.”

— **RABBI DOVID ZUCKER**

*Rosh Kollel, Chicago Community Kollel*

“When a Yid walks through a park and keeps his gaze focused rather than looking at inappropriate sights, speaks gently instead of being demanding, or politely holds a door open for another—he becomes a living testament to Hashem's Torah.”

“Every Jewish child, through their actions, proclaims to the world: ‘Hashem Hu Ha'Elokim!’”\*

— **RABBI AKIVA KLEIN**

*Rav of Beis Medrash of Melrose Court, Maggid Shiur in Orchos Tzvi, Lakewood*

## KIDDUSH HASHEM STORIES

This is a letter from the Best Western Hotel, which hosted the 10th-grade traveling camp of Minneapolis Yeshiva during their break.

To Whom it may Concern,

I just wanted to drop a letter to commend your group of students that were traveling through Wyoming.

I am the maintenance supervisor at the Best Western in Hulett, WY. Late in the evening on the 3rd of July your group of students arrived to check in. Even though it was late, and the fact that they had to unload and prepare their rooms, **they were polite, quiet, and considerate** of the other guests.

It was very nice to have them overnight and to interact with them on a personal level. I just wanted to let someone know how they impacted us here in Hulett and had nothing but positive feedback from other staff as well.

They should be commended for their behavior, as **it had a very infectious impact on all** that I have talked to.

Have a blessed day,  
Bryce Garner

## CHOL HAMOED QUOTES

“Travel is not just about seeing the world — it is about shaping it.”

— ELIYAHU FREEDMAN

“Be patient with the staff.”

“Please arrive on time for your appointments. Many facilities operate at maximum capacity, and arriving late may mean we can no longer accommodate your reservation—causing frustration and disappointment.”

“Respect our facility: don't leave trash behind, pick up after your child, and alert an employee if something spills.”

“Follow all policies, procedures, and staff directives.”

— MANAGER, CLIMBZONE



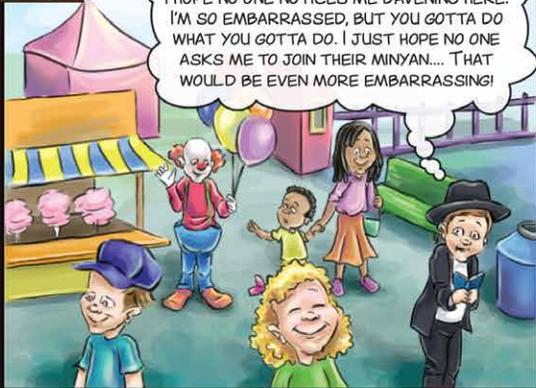
# IS HASHEM PROUD OF YOUR MINYAN?

Davening with a minyan is very important; making a kiddush Hashem is important too! Let's talk about the right way to arrange a minyan in the middle of a public place and the different things we must consider.



CHOL HAMOED IN THE AMUSEMENT PARK - WHAT COULD BE BETTER? IT'S 4:00, TIME FOR MINCHAH! LET'S CHECK OUT HOW THE PEOPLE OF ELMVILLE ARRANGE MINCHAH AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK.

## OPTION 1



I HOPE NO ONE NOTICES ME DAVENING HERE. I'M SO EMBARRASSED, BUT YOU GOTTA DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO. I JUST HOPE NO ONE ASKS ME TO JOIN THEIR MINYAN... THAT WOULD BE EVEN MORE EMBARRASSING!

## OPTION 2



MINCHAH!!! MINCHAH!! MINCHAH RIGHT HERE, NEXT TO THE FOOD STANDS!

WHO CARES ABOUT ANYONE ELSE HERE? WE'RE DOING THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WHOLE WORLD - WE'RE DAVENING! LET THEM WAIT!

WHAT A NUISANCE! STANDING RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE THOROUGHFARE WHERE EVERYONE NEEDS TO WALK!

## OPTION 3



OKAY, EVERYONE. I GUESS WE CAN DAVEN HERE, IN THIS FOOD COURT.

HARUMPH! I HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO EAT SOME GREASY AMUSEMENT PARK FOOD BEFORE MY TUMS AND ALKA SELTZER WEAR OFF, AND NOW THESE WHIPPERSNAPPERS ARE STANDING IN THE WAY!

## OPTION 4



THANK YOU SO MUCH, JOHNNY! WE'RE REALLY ENJOYING THE PARK TODAY. SO, WE'LL BE 10 MEN, AND WE'LL BE PRAYING IN ABOUT 10 MINUTES. WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A CORNER OF THE PARK WHERE WE WOULDN'T BE BOTHERING ANYONE? WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK DURING OUR PRAYERS, SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE WON'T BE IN ANYONE'S WAY...



SO, DEAR READERS, WHICH PERSON DO YOU THINK GOT IT RIGHT? WHO WAS MEKADESH SHEM SHAMAYIM? I THINK IT'S THE PERSON IN OPTION 4 - CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHY? EVEN WHEN WE ARE DOING A MITZVAH, WE SHOULD TRY OUR BEST TO FIND A WAY TO DO IT THAT IS SENSITIVE TO THE PEOPLE AROUND US.

# UNFORGETTABLE

**RAV MORDECHAI FLEISHER** is a rav in Denver, Colorado. Recently, he and his family were on a road trip through the Midwest when they stopped at a rest area just off the highway. It was time to daven, so the Fleisher kids took out their siddurim and headed to a corner of the rest area to daven. Before they could start, the janitor who was cleaning the rest area leaned her mop against the wall and walked over to them.

"Were you guys here about a year ago?" the janitor asked.

The kids looked at each other and then back at the janitor. They nodded. "Yup, we actually were. How did you know that? Don't thousands of families pass through this rest stop every year?"

The janitor smiled and let out a little chuckle. "You bet they do. I see hundreds of faces every week! But you kids made an impression on me. You see, I remember how beautifully you prayed out of those small books last year too. And I remember how you came over to thank me for keeping the rest area clean. How could I forget you kids?"

REST  
AREA



## KIDS. HAVE YOU EVER MADE A KIDDUSH HASHEM WHILE DAVENING IN A PUBLIC PLACE?

We'd love to hear about it! Submit your story to [talkofthetown@circmag.com](mailto:talkofthetown@circmag.com) for your chance to have your kiddush Hashem story printed on these pages! If your story is printed, you will receive this prize!

I MADE A  
KIDDUSH  
HASHEM!



"Kiddush Hashem is the very purpose of our existence and the essence of our mission in this world."

**RAV ELIYAHU ELIEZER DESSLER,  
MIGHTAV M'ELIYAHU**

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Pesach Kiddush Hashem Checklist For Home Rentals](#)

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