## **Complete the Process**

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Most people think the cleaning ends with the searching and the burning of the *chametz erev* Pesach, but that's on the physical plain. During the 8 days of Pesach is when the real cleansing takes place. We are no longer cleaning our homes, but our souls.

Think of the process as the preparations for a marriage. After the courtship and the engagement and the fasting and the *mikve*--all processes of readying ourselves and cleansing our bodies, minds, and emotions--we're ready for the true binding of the souls that *only* happens with the 7 encirclings under the *chuppah* and the 7 days of 7 blessings (*Sheva Brachot*). On the 8th, the two souls are fully joined. Just like after the 7 weeks of 7 days of the *Omer*, after which we're ready to receive (be joined with) the Torah on Shavuot (more on the Omer in coming articles). The process prior to the spiritual binding takes a lot of work and effort and the spiritual consciousness must be there as well.

It's also akin to the process of birth. There's the process of conception and 9+ months of gestation during which the parents and especially the mother must keep her body (the fetus' home) as clean an environment as possible. It takes a lot of work and effort and the spiritual consciousness must be there as well. Then there's all the effort and pain in the birthing, but it still takes another 8 (7 +1) days before the soul is set in the infant, and the circumcision and/or baby naming can take place. This is the spiritual time.

We've done a lot of work and effort and put the spiritual consciousness into our *Pesach* (Passover) cleaning and preparation, but it's *only* during the 8 days of *Pesach* that our souls are cleansed. Right now, our souls are being shown their spiritual homes and all the *chametz* in them that was missed, and back on the physical plain more challenges will come up accordingly. How we deal with them, gives support to our souls' efforts to cleanse away the last vestiges of *chametz* (blockages) from our lives. And how our souls deal with what's put in front of them determines what our lives will look like after Pesach.

So support your local soul and make all your *Pesach* connections with the right consciousness, with your heart in them. And eat only *Pesadichah* food and lots of *matzah* (*MZH*); this not only affords your soul the physical restriction that it needs to achieve freedom (the main purpose of *Pesach*) but connects it to Moshe (*MShH*), the redeemer.

G-d willing (B"H) on the 8th day, the purification of your soul will be complete and your life will be in a new and better place.

Chag Sameach Pesach Sameach Shabbat Shalom With Love, Ezra

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