



## Celebrating the Women of Pesach

This week we celebrate both the Shabbat and the beginning of the festival of Pesach; two festivals inextricably linked by the commandment to observe Shabbat in order to remember our liberation from slavery. There were so many pivotal moments during our people's liberation from slavery which hinged on the actions of women: Israelite and Non-Israelite, courageously stepping forward, doing what was right, being beacons of justice in a dark and cruel world. They were the least powerful people in their communities and this year I would like us to remember them and the ways in which their actions enabled us to be free.

The first encounter with women in the story is with the midwives, Shifra and Puah. These women stood up to the Pharaoh, the highest authority in the land and refused to follow his decree to kill the male Hebrew babies. Their resistance, even when called before the Pharaoh, is a model of strength, courage and defiance. Next came Yochevet, Moses' mother. She made the impossible choice that so many women have faced through history, giving up her child to save his life. Placing him in a basket of reeds, hoping and praying that someone would take pity on him and give him a chance at a future which she could not provide.

That future was ensured by his adoptive mother, the Pharaoh's daughter. The Torah does not give her a name but the tradition calls her Batya, daughter of God. She knew that she was taking a Hebrew child into her heart and her home. She knew that by rescuing and raising him she was defying her father's decree but she reached out anyway and did what was right. She saved a life, and much of the man that Moses became, the man who fought for justice for others, who was moved by the oppression of the taskmasters and who felt compassion for the slave people, was because of the influence of his mother, who she was, the values she taught him. And finally Miriam, Moses' sister, beloved by her people, the nurturing presence, the one who celebrated freedom by leading her people in song and dance, filled with joy and gratitude. These women are each role models for us of the values of Torah, living a principled life no matter what the challenges, standing up for what you believe and creating a better world.

There are some people who add a cup of water to their Pesach tables in honour of Miriam. It is said that during the desert wanderings a well followed the people and provided them with water in honour of Miriam and her goodness. I would like us to expand upon that and see the glass of water on our seder tables as a tribute to all the women in the Pesach story, the heroines who have for too long, been pushed out of the pages of our haggadot. And to see that glass of water as the impetus to look around our communities, to see the women of our time, the unsung heroes, the people who are unacknowledged for their daily acts of heroism, just being different from the perceived norm, being true to themselves, being who they are. Slowly these people are changing the world and we are

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## CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 6:35pm

Saturday 7:29pm

## TORAH (page 385)

Exodus 12:21 - 12:51

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Numbers 28:16 - 28:25

## HAFTARAH (page 1300)

Joshua 5:2 - 6:1

## SHABBAT SERVICES Erev Shabbat/ 1st night Pesach

• 6:15pm - Pluralist  
Service

(*Neuweg Sanctuary*)

### Shabbat Morning

• 9:00am - Masorti service  
(*Neuweg Sanctuary*)

• 10:00am - Progressive  
service  
(*Main Sanctuary*)

• 10:00am - Renewal  
Service - Pesach Prayers  
(*Preschool Sanctuary*)

### Morning Minyan

• Morning Minyan is on  
Mondays and Thursdays  
at 6:45am.  
Due to public holiday,  
there will be no minyan  
this Monday.

• Next Renewal service  
April 27 6:15pm

*For details of all Pesach  
services and Seders, see inside*

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SAMEACH!

# PESACH AT EMANUEL

March 30	6:15pm	1st Night Service (Pluralist - No Shabbat Live)	Neuweg Sanctuary
March 31	9:00am	1st day Masorti Service	Neuweg Sanctuary
	10:00am	1st day Progressive Service	Main Sanctuary
	10:00am	1st day Renewal Service	Preschool
	5:30pm	Family Seder	Neuweg Sanctuary
	6:15pm	2nd night service followed by Communal Seder	Main Sanctuary, Hall
April 1	9:00am	2nd day service (Masorti)	Neuweg Sanctuary
	6:15pm	Netzer Chocolate Seder	Main Hall
April 3	6:30pm	Women's Seder	Neuweg Sanctuary
April 5	6:15pm	7th night service	Neuweg Sanctuary
April 6	9:00am	7th day service (Masorti)	Neuweg Sanctuary
	6:15pm	8th night service (Pluralist - no <i>Shabbat Live</i> )	Neuweg Sanctuary
April 7	9:00am	8th day Masorti service (with Yizkor)	Neuweg Sanctuary
	10:00am	8th day Progressive service (with Yizkor)	Main Sanctuary



Rabbi Jeffrey B. Kamins OAM  
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Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio

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too. May we find nobody in the shadows of our communities and instead embrace everyone and, like Miriam, sing together a song to God, a song of harmony, justice and freedom.

*Chag sameach and Shabbat Shalom*

Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio



Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff



Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth

## Join Jew-Natal

### Thinking of starting or adding to your family?

Come join a new group with others who are in this stage of life, to share in experiences and preparations... Sessions start May 13th 2:00pm-3:30pm

#### Topics will include:

- Traditions on Naming
- Rituals to do at home
- Brit/Baby Naming
- Transmitting traditions from generation to generation (or how to involve grandparents and other extended family members)

Please RSVP to [info@emanuel.org.au](mailto:info@emanuel.org.au)

Questions to [rkaiserblueth@emanuel.org.au](mailto:rkaiserblueth@emanuel.org.au)



Rev. Sam Zwarenstein  
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### NOTICE

The AGM of Emanuel Synagogue will be held on Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 6:30pm

# WHAT'S ON

Due to the public holiday there will be no *Our Jewish Story* or Hebrew classes this Monday. Both return on April 9 however Hebrew classes are then on break until April 30.

## Bnei Mitzvah and Kef Kids for April

Thursday 29th Bnei Mitzvah class is on! Join us for an exciting Pesach Seder.

Friday 30th - no Kef Kids due to Pesach

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th - no classes

Thursday 12th Bnei Mitzvah class is on - with a special programme for Yom Hashoah

Friday 13th - Kef Kids Yom Hatzmaut celebration at Kef kids

Week of Thursday 19th / Friday 20th - term break, Week of Thursday 26th / Friday 27th - term break

## Yom Hashoah - Sunday 8th April

**10:30am** Remembrance Ceremonies - Memorial Service and name reading ceremony at Martyr's Memorial, Rookwood

**7:00pm-8:30pm** Commemoration - Clancy Auditorium, UNSW

## The Kabbalah of Yoga Seminar - Sunday 15th April fom 1:00pm - 3:30pm

with yoga teacher Alla Melman, Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff and guest musician David Goldman

Neuweg Sanctuary, Emanuel Synagogue for info email: [orna@emanuel.org.au](mailto:orna@emanuel.org.au)



A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

## This Pesach, remember those in need

This Pesach, Emanuel Synagogue through Mazon Australia again encourages members to sanctify their Seder tables, lift the "bread of affliction" and support those "doing it hard" on the streets of our fortunate country. The 5778 Mazon Pesach Appeal will be collecting funds equal to the cost of one additional dinner guest and providing this financial resources to OzHarvest.

To participate in this year's campaign see <https://emanuel.org.au/mazon>

## KEEP THE DATE

from 6:45pm Monday May 14, 2018

**Official Opening Celebration  
& Dedication of the new  
Sanctuary of Emanuel Synagogue**

## LEARN HEBREW

Due to popular demand, **starting from April 30** we will be having three Hebrew Classes each Monday - Beginners', Intermediate and Advanced. Classes will be held on Mondays at 6:00pm.

Book at: [emanuel.org.au/engage/learn\\_hebrew](http://emanuel.org.au/engage/learn_hebrew)



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# IN MEMORY

There are mourners in our community to whom we extend our sincerest sympathies on the death of their loved ones.

*Those who passed away in the last 30 days:*

Meda Meyer, Celina Grant, Helga Givorshner, Peter Reichman, Irene Dan, Erwin Mohay,  
Sam (Pat) Klugman, Maurice (Mick) Kelly, Peggy Baldwin, Sue Josef, Panni Roseth,  
Adele Simson, Paul Nick

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This week we observe the Yahrzeits of (observed by):

\* Memorial Light

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**Josef Adler** (Peter Adler)  
**Ethel Bernstein** (Joel Bernstein)  
**Freda Bettman** (Philip Bettman)  
\* **Irene Boehm** (Dorrit Mahemoff)  
\* **Sidney Brandon**  
**Leah Denfield** (Naomi Block)  
**Mark Epstein** (Belinda Epstein-Frisch)  
**Emanuel Fisher** (Michael Fisher)  
**Lisa Frank** (Dorothy Krawitz)  
**Joel Freiman** (John Freiman)  
**Shirley Gerechter** (Ronald Gerechter)  
**Isaac Gibbert** (Elizabeth Feher)  
**Amalia Goldberg** (Alex Goldberg,  
Vera Olovitz)  
**Julia Golomb** (Marcia Scudder)  
**Eva Govindir** (Rita Opit)  
**Ann Hall** (Graham Hall)  
**Keith Harris** (Mark Harris)  
**Sally Ingate** (John Saalfeld)  
**Ada Isenberg** (Barry Isenberg)  
**Monty Jacoby** (Bernard Jacoby)  
**Queenie Jacoby** (Bernard Jacoby)  
**Marta Kereny** (Andrew Kemeny)  
**Anna Krieger** (Edward Krieger)  
**Joan Lang** (Steven Lang)

**Estelle May Lewis** (Barry Lewis)  
**John Lilienfeld** (Leonie Lilienfeld)  
**Lois Margaret Marks** (Wesley Browne)  
**Alex Menczel** (Judy Menczel)  
**Eve Morley** (Cecily Parris)  
\* **Sandor Nadel** (Ervin Nadel)  
**Ami Olian** (Vivienne Olian)  
**Julian John Osborne** (Ronald Osborne)  
**Magda Philip** (Ronald Philip)  
**Yossef David Pizem** (Wolfie Pizem)  
**Taube Reize** (Robert Libesman)  
**Leslie Rich** (Andrew Rich)  
**Henry H. Roth** (John Roth)  
**Estelle Rubin** (Stuart Rubin)  
**Lily Scott** (Lesley-Ann Hellig)  
**Warrick Segal** (John Segal)  
\* **Reina Segal** (John Segal)  
**Minnie Sherman** (Brian Sherman)  
**Gerty Sholler** (Gary Sholler)  
**Alan Slutzkin** (William Van Rooijen)  
**Judith Susskind** (Keren Susskind)  
**Olga Szanto** (Francesca Stanton)  
**Lorna Woolf** (Robert Woolf)

**Shoah remembrance:** Ita Grinberg was born in Kiev, Ukraine in 1880 and lived there until 1941 when she was murdered at Babi Yar during the Holocaust.