



## Telling the story of Pesach

Our rabbis have noted that the word “Pesach” can be read “Peh sach”, meaning the mouth that speaks. Indeed, Pesach is all about the telling of the story of what happened to our ancestors thousands of years ago. There are different levels in its telling, one from the time of Torah reflecting events thousands of years ago, one from the rabbis who shaped and constructed a retelling in Mishnaic times that became the basis of our Haggadah, and one is our retelling, which must take into account not only ancient but contemporary events.

The Torah establishes Pesach as our formative festival. It falls in the month of Nissan, which is commanded to be the first of months for us, for Nissan is the month in which we became a nation of shared experience. We celebrate our redemption from slavery in Egypt, and begin our journey toward Sinai and a life of service to the ultimate One. The rest of the Torah will refer to this experience more than any other event, forming the basis of core mitzvot to look after the stranger, the oppressed and so many other aspects of what we understand as the pursuit of justice. For over one thousand years we can imagine this story being told at the Temple in Jerusalem, as each family and clan gathered to recall the events of our ancestors.

With the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, our rabbis who formed the Judaism we celebrate to this day understood that our people would need a uniform way to retell the story, although they may not have imagined it would be nearly 2000 years we were to suffer exile, nor the extent of “the four corners of the earth” to which we were scattered. Their genius (see Mishnah, Pesachim Chapter 10) in outlining the way the story should be told ensured the continuity of our people during this time.

The rabbis chose two core texts for the structure of the telling of the story, which would eventually form the core of what we call the “Haggadah”, Hebrew for telling. The first comes from Exodus 6:6-8, which recites the promises of redemption from God to Moses, and forms the basis of our four cups of wine on Seder. The second comes from Deuteronomy 26: 5-10, and retells our history from earliest ancestors to slavery to redemption in just a few short verses, and was originally the prayer recited at the Temple in Jerusalem on the festival of first fruits, Shavuot. Please look at the texts to see how the rabbis truncated both of these passages, removing the final verses, which refer to the promise to be brought to the land of Israel. The Haggadah thus speaks of the past redemption from Egypt, while obliquely hinting at the ultimate future redemption when we return from our exile to the land of Israel – thus the cup for Elijah and the conclusion of “next year in Jerusalem”.

So the rabbis did their work well. They fashioned a Judaism in which we remembered the past, but never forgot our hope of return. And now we have

*continued over...*

## CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 5:26pm

Saturday 6:20pm

## TORAH (page 1074)

Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17  
& (page 932)

Numbers 28:19 - 28:25

## HAFTARAH (page 1314)

Isaiah 10:32 - 12:6

## SHABBAT SERVICES

### Erev Shabbat

- 6:15pm - Pluralist Service

*(Newweg Sanctuary)*

### Shabbat Morning

- 9:00am - Masorti service including Yizkor *(Newweg Sanctuary)*
- 10:00am - Progressive service including Yizkor *(Main Sanctuary)*

### Morning Minyan

- Morning Minyan is on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:45am.
- Next Renewal service April 27 6:15pm

*For details of all Pesach services, see inside*

CHAG  
SAMEACH!



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returned to the land, and rebuilt Jerusalem even beyond its greatest glory. So how should we tell the story of Pesach now? Which are the aspects of redemption still to be achieved?

An exploration of the traditional rabbinic teaching of redemption (from the Haggadah to the daily Amidah) demonstrates clearly that the rabbis understood the ultimate redemption to be the rebuilding of the Third Temple with the coming of the Messiah. This is now a possibility – how far do we put this in our hands, and how much, so to speak, “in the hands of the Messiah”?

On the other hand, we can start exploring in a serious contemporary manner, still acknowledging our ancestral tradition, as to what redemption means for us. Here we return to the message of Torah and prophets, who were clear that there were certain core principles that had to be achieved as a precondition to any sense of redemption. For them it was not to have hardened hearts but open hands, to reach out to the poor, the oppressed, the needy and the stranger, and remember, that because we were once slaves in Egypt we must do all to work with compassion to achieve justice. First that, and then we can talk about the Messiah.

*Chag sameach and Shabbat Shalom*

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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>

## **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)

# WHAT'S ON

## Bnei Mitzvah and Kef Kids for April

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 Communal Commemoration** - Clancy Auditorium, UNSW

## Lunch 'n' Learn - Saturday 14 April after services

Rabbi Ninio explores "Where do we come from?" Learn about the founding of our synagogue, the vision of its first leaders and clergy. Understand a little more about our buildings and how they reflect the dreams for our synagogue.

## The Kabbalah of Yoga Seminar - Sunday 15th April from 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

## Dangerous Dilemmas for Shavuot - Saturday 19th May from 6:15pm - midnight

Come to service then join us and celebrate Shavuot with a few rounds of "Dangerous Dilemmas" plus dinner with dessert!

## Ice cream Sunday - Sunday 20th May from 4:30pm

Join us for our family celebration of Shavuot: activities, fun for the family and ice cream sundaes

# PESACH AT EMANUEL

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

**Official Opening Celebration  
& Dedication of the new  
Sanctuary of Emanuel Synagogue**  
from 6:45pm Monday May 14, 2018

## LEARN HEBREW

**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)

# 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:*

Carmel Marjenberg, Lola Janks, Raffaella Byrne, Dov Bernard Richter, Meda Meyer, Celina Grant, Helga Givorshner, Peter Reichman, Irene Dan, Erwin Mohay, 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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| <p><b>Tamara Adler</b> (Jeffrey Adler, Jane Rotenstein)<br/><b>Michael Armstrong</b> (Diane Armstrong, Jonathan Armstrong, Justine Armstrong)<br/><b>Sydney Bentley</b> (Valerie Coppel)<br/><b>Max Heinz Bern</b> (Adele Bern, Joseph Bern)<br/><b>Henry Samuel Boehm</b> (Jenni Boehm)</p>  | <p><b>Louis Lewis</b> (Celia Lewis)<br/><b>Greg Lewis</b> (Myrna Lewis)<br/><b>Fanny Fay Mansell</b> (Ian Mansell)</p>   |
| <p>* <b>Helen Bushbinder</b><br/>* <b>Julie Minna Caminer</b><br/>* <b>Anne Dryen</b><br/>* <b>Gisella Engel</b><br/><b>George Erdelyi</b> (Anne Slade)<br/><b>Roszi Fekete</b> (Sarolta Nadel)<br/><b>Isaak Feldman</b> (Jacqueline Dale)<br/><b>Elfy Kitty Fischl</b> (Vivien Wiener)<br/><b>Ilse Freeman</b> (Ron Hirsch)<br/><b>Samuel Glasser</b> (David Glasser, Phyllis Glasser)</p> | <p>* <b>Leo Medina</b><br/><b>Helene Lorraine Myers</b> (Lawrence Myers)<br/><b>Herman Pich</b> (Peter Ryner)<br/><b>Lothar Prager</b> (Victor Prager)<br/><b>Manuel Punin</b> (Samuel Punin)<br/><b>Walter Reik</b> (Susan Denenberg)</p>   |
| <p>* <b>Geoffrey V. Goldin</b> (Rayna Rosenberg)<br/><b>Meir Goldstein</b> (Cecil Goldstein)<br/><b>Janice Griffiths</b> (Randolph Griffiths)</p>   | <p>* <b>Leopold Reinheimer</b><br/><b>Ruby Rich-Schallit</b> (Jenny Van Proctor)<br/>* <b>Sigmund Roll</b><br/>* <b>Julius Schwarzenberger</b><br/><b>Minna Schweriner</b> (Peter Ryner)<br/><b>Simon Sekel</b> (Kevin Sekel)<br/><b>Ilse Shipman</b> (Lorraine Levy)<br/><b>Ruth Snider</b> (Phillip Snider)<br/><b>Mano (Menahem Mendle) Somogy</b> (Judit Somogy)</p> |
| <p>* <b>Arnold Gruenfeld</b><br/><b>Hilde Heller</b> (Ruth Bender)<br/>* <b>Malvine &amp; Abraham Hollander</b><br/>* <b>Ernest Reginald Isaacs</b><br/><b>John Jacoby</b> (Suzanne Marsden)<br/><b>Kate Jacoby</b> (Suzanne Marsden)<br/><b>June Kater</b> (Susan Hauser)<br/><b>Guy Klingbell</b> (Amnon Levy)<br/><b>Joan Lang</b> (Steven Lang)</p>                                     | <p>* <b>Solomon Spink</b><br/><b>Aron Strauss</b> (Renee Markovic)<br/><b>Paula Strauss</b> (Renee Markovic)<br/>* <b>Herbert Tauber</b><br/><b>John Maurice Van Proctor</b> (Jenny Van Proctor)<br/><b>Hilda Waldman</b> (Frank Waldman)<br/><b>Joan Irene Watson</b> (Maurice Watson)<br/><b>Ron Wilcockson</b> (Mark Avraham)</p>                                     |
|   | <p>* <b>Abraham Zines</b></p>  |

**Shoah remembrance:** Hugo Karpati was born in Vienna, Austria in 1900 and he lived there until he was murdered during the Holocaust.