

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mon April 2, 2007 - 14th of Nisan
TA'ANIT BECHOROT EREV PESACH
 Morning Services. 6:30 & 7:30 AM
 Latest time to eat Chametz. 10:14 AM
 Latest time to burn Chametz. 11:26 AM
 Candle Lighting 7:04 PM
 Mincha 7:10 PM
 Begin Seder after 7:53 PM

Tue April 3, 2007 - 15th of Nisan PESACH
 Morning Services. 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Daf Yomi 6:20 PM
 Mincha 7:05 PM
 Yom Tov candles after 8:04 PM
 Maariv 8:04 PM
 Begin Seder after 8:04 PM

Wed April 4, 2007 - 16th of Nisan PESACH
 Morning Services. 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Daf Yomi 6:20 PM
 Mincha 7:05 PM
 Maariv 8:04 PM
 Yom Tov ends 8:04 PM

Thu April 5, 2007 - 17th of Nisan
PESACH (CHOL HAMOED)
 Morning Services. 7:00, 7:30 & 8:30 AM

Fri April 6, 2007 - 18th of Nisan
PESACH (CHOL HAMOED) LEGAL HOLIDAY
 Morning Services. 7:00, 7:30 & 8:30 AM
 Candle Lighting 7:08 PM
 Mincha 7:15 PM

Sat April 7, 2007 - 19th of Nisan
PESACH (CHOL HAMOED)
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class. 8:30 AM
 Morning Services. 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Daf Yomi 6:15 PM
 Mincha 7:00 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat ends. 8:08 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv. 7:15 PM

Sun April 8, 2007 - 20th of Nisan
PESACH (CHOL HAMOED)
 Morning Services. 7:00 & 8:30 AM
 Candle Lighting 7:10 PM
 Mincha 7:15 PM

Mon April 9, 2007 - 21st of Nisan PESACH
 Daf Yomi 7:15 AM
 Morning Services. 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Talmud Class. 6:30 PM
 Mincha 7:15 PM
 Yom Tov candles after 8:10 PM
 Maariv 8:10 PM

Tue April 10, 2007 - 22nd of Nisan PESACH
 Daf Yomi 7:15 AM
 Morning Services. 8:00 & 9:00 AM
 Talmud Class. 6:30 PM
 Mincha 7:15 PM
 Maariv 8:10 PM
 Yom Tov ends 8:10 PM

Fri April 13, 2007 - 25th of Nisan
 Morning Services. 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:08 PM
 Candle Lighting 7:15 PM
 Mincha 6:45 & 7:20 PM

Sat April 14, 2007 - 26th of Nisan Shmini
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class. 8:30 AM
 Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Class 6:05 PM
 Mincha 7:05 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:15 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv. 7:25 PM

Sun April 15, 2007 - 27th of Nisan
YOM HASHOAH
 Morning Services. 7:10 & 8:30 AM

Wed April 18, 2007 - 30th of Nisan
ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services. 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Thu April 19, 2007 - 1st of Iyar ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services. 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri April 20, 2007 - 2nd of Iyar
 Morning Services. 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:15 PM
 Candle Lighting 7:22 PM
 Mincha 6:45 & 7:25 PM

Sat April 21, 2007 - 3rd of Iyar Tazria-Metzora
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class. 8:30 AM
 Morning Services. 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Class 6:10 PM
 Mincha 7:10 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:22 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv. 7:30 PM

Sun April 22, 2007 - 4th of Iyar
YOM HAZIKARON
 Morning Services. 7:10 & 8:30 AM

Mon April 23, 2007 - 5th of Iyar YOM HA'ATZMA'UT
 Morning Services. 7:00 & 7:50 AM

Fri April 27, 2007 - 9th of Iyar
 Morning Services. 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:23 PM
 Candle Lighting 7:30 PM
 Mincha 6:45 & 7:35 PM

Sat April 28, 2007 - 10th of Iyar
Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class. 8:30 AM
 Morning Services. 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Class 6:20 PM
 Mincha 7:20 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:30 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv. 7:40 PM

Fri May 4, 2007 - 16th of Iyar
SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA
 Morning Services. 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:25 PM
 Candle Lighting 7:37 PM
 Mincha 6:45 & 7:40 PM

Sat May 5, 2007 - 17th of Iyar Emor
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class. 8:30 AM
 Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Class 6:25 PM
 Mincha 7:25 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:37 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv. 7:45 PM

Sun May 6, 2007 - 18th of Iyar LAG B'OMER
 Morning Services. 7:10 & 8:30 AM

Fri May 11, 2007 - 23rd of Iyar
 Morning Services. 7:10 & 7:50 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:32 PM
 Candle Lighting 7:44 PM
 Mincha 6:45 & 7:50 PM

Sat May 12, 2007 - 24th of Iyar
Behar-Bechukotai
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class. 8:30 AM
 Morning Services. 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Class 6:35 PM
 Mincha 7:35 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:44 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv. 7:50 PM

Wed May 16, 2007 - 28th of Iyar
YOM YERUSHALAYIM
 Morning Services. 7:00 & 7:50 AM

Fri May 18, 2007 - 1st of Sivan ROSH CHODESH
 Morning Services. 7:00 & 7:40 AM
 Earliest Candle Lighting 6:39 PM
 Candle Lighting 7:51 PM
 Mincha 6:45 & 7:55 PM

Sat May 19, 2007 - 2nd of Sivan Bamidbar
 Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
 Bible Class. 8:30 AM
 Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
 Talmud & Bible Class 6:40 PM
 Mincha 7:40 PM
 Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:51 PM
 Daily Mincha & Maariv. 8:00 PM

Tue May 22, 2007 - 5th of Sivan EREV SHAVUOT
 Morning Services. 7:00 & 7:50 AM
 Candle Lighting 7:55 PM
 Mincha 7:17 PM
 Maariv 8:44 PM

SAVE THE DATE

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA
Friday night, May 4, 6:45 PM

Beginners Shabbat Luncheons
Sat., 12:30 PM - \$20
May 5, June 2

Beginners Shmooze
Mon., 8:15 PM - Free
May 7

All Night Shavuot Learn-a-thon
Tues., May 22, 11:30 PM - 7:00 AM

PASSOVER 5767 (cont. from other side)...on an exciting journey of change and growth. Like the Children of Israel, we can get closer to the Promised Land.

This year, I will be especially conscious to look and appreciate how far I've come and how far I want to go. For much of this feeling, I must personally thank LSS, NJOP and Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald. His teaching and enthusiasm is the literal answer to my prayer for the Jewish growth I wanted in my life.

One of my fellow beginners who attends Rabbi Buchwald's service with me at Lincoln Square Synagogue, recently said that Rav Buchwald was "our modern day Moses." Naturally, Rabbi Buchwald was modest and said something to the effect of "enough of the eulogies." Indeed, he and most others, of course, would not dare to compare themselves to Moshe Rabbeinu. However, my fellow beginner who made the comparison was most certainly on to something.

She recognized that Rabbi Buchwald has given so many of us hope. He is our spiritual leader who shows us, guides us, and helps us to understand the beauty of the laws Moses received at Mount Sinai. He is a strong force who is helping us toward the Promised Land through Torah.

Again, I'll likely never forget that Passover of my childhood. But, what I, and all of us, should strive for this year, and every year, is to make new memories of learning, joy and goodness. May those new memories strengthen us as the people who carry on the traditions and miracles of Passover and Judaism.

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PASSOVER 5767: A TIME FOR NEW MEMORIES

Seth Litzenblatt

At one point in my life, I discovered that Passover meant pain -- literal, physical pain.

I was about nine years old or so, and our family was gathered at a friend's home in South Florida for the first Seder night. All seemed fine. As best as I can recall, the Haggadah had been read without fanfare, but also in an innocuous, non-offensive way. This particular evening in Boca Raton was not exceptionally grand, and it seemed to chug along at normal speed. Dinner seemed adequate, and from what I recall, all seemed fine with the world.

But then, one word changed everything: dessert. Not desert, as one would imagine on Pesach. Dessert.

I had gone outside to play in the friend's backyard. While I can no longer account for the accuracy of this specific memory, I recall playing on some sort of swing set that faced a golf course. The evening was dark, cool, and at least in my mind, the weather seemed to have a sense of perfection.

As I played, I heard someone utter the word. Dessert! What nine year old doesn't love dessert? I wasn't a heavy child, and certainly my mother was careful about giving us sweets (we were rarely allowed sugary cereals), but I must have dreamed of Passover brownies or chocolate, maybe even macaroons. The point was, the clarion call had been sounded, dessert!

What I didn't realize at that moment, but soon knew all too well, was that someone -- one of the other children in the house I'm quite sure -- had closed the sliding glass door that led outside to the backyard area. So, when the call for the goodies that awaited me was made, I was doomed.

Perhaps other children would have walked, and others may have stayed in the backyard until their parents told them to come inside. But chocolate and I were destined to meet on a collision course, a mission for destiny. When the dessert yell came, I sprinted through the yard, on to the patio and right through the sliding glass door, knowing exactly what hit me.

While the experience was not traumatizing, I remember the shattering sound to this day and specifically recall adults in shock, running and grabbing towels. I still recall my own scream, and blood everywhere on my good clothes. My lips were severely cut open, as was my knee. My hand was injured, too.

As I was rushed in a car to the hospital, I think I asked my mother, "Am I going to die?" "Of course not," I was told. I still recall how calm my parents acted (despite what they were feeling inside) and how my grandfather (may he rest in peace) and grandmother sat in the hospital waiting. My father, a physician, worked to make sure I would be

seen by a plastic surgeon, which I was. I needed one. I had many stitches, and I'm quite sure had I been treated by just anyone, my face might have been distorted forever. But instead, I went on to heal and, Baruch Hashem, to enjoy other, far less eventful and painful, Seder nights.

I tell this story because this particular experience has been one of my dominant, if not *the* dominant, Passover memories. For understandable reasons, the accident is what often comes to mind first when I think of the first Seder.

This is despite the fact I've had other important memories. The Seder, for example, was the first big event I spent with my wife's family, when I began to feel very serious about her.

After all the years of focusing on the "Passover accident," I've finally decided that this is going to be the year that I diminish that broken glass memory. My scars and the experience of my injury will always be with me. But, they are hardly worth noting beyond serving as an anecdote for the Beginners newsletter or an occasional recollection from my youth.

What I want to do this year is take stock of my life, as all of us should, and realize how fortunate we are to be beginners, to know we are

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CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

MARRIAGES

Dr. Michelle Boyar & Dr. Scott Bernstein
Cathy Lehrfeld & Gary Fisher
Avigail Loketch & Yoel Herman



Mazal Tov to parents
Lisa & Rabbi Shimon Herman
Geraldine Katz & Geoff Rose

Oshrit Shukrun & Yehuda Eliezer Savir
Mazal Tov to parents Miriam & Dr. Mordechai Savir
Rachel Goodman & Mendel Simons
Mazal Tov to parents Sharone & Shmuel Goodman

BIRTHS

Loren & Reuven Adler, on the birth of a girl, Chana Perel
Mazal Tov to grandparents Ilene & Louis Vynerib
Karine & Michael Bloch (Paris), on the birth of a boy,
Yoel Reuven
Blanche & Yedidiah Buchwald, on the birth of a girl,
Yakira Esther

Mazal Tov to grandparents Aidel & Ephraim Buchwald
Adrienne Karolyi & David Goldberg, on the birth of a girl,
Shoshana Rivka (4/6/06)
Carol Levin Gonsler & Ronald Gonsler,
on the birth of a boy, Binyamin Israel
Sandra Kim & Howard Hoffman, on the birth of a boy,
Michael Benjamin (Michael Dov Binyamin)
Nina & Dr. Moishe Kawebloom, on the birth of a boy,
Tzvi Aryeh (brother, Yaakov 2 yrs.)
Sarah & Avraham Leib Kremiansky, on the birth of a boy,
Moshe Aharon
P'nina & Chaim Rapfogel, on the birth of twin boys,
Yechezkel and Akiva
Mazal Tov to grandparents Miriam & Sam Gluck

Dr. Miyuki & Mark Shapiro, on the birth of a boy, Aaron Yonah
Chava & Sam Sokol, on the birth of a girl, Ora Simcha Chaya
Adina & Philip Wagman, on the birth of a boy, Daniel Joshua

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Gabriel Garbowit
Mazal Tov to parents Gina Milano & Dr. David Garbowit

Yaakov Linder
Mazal Tov to parents Dr. Helene & Andrew Linder
Tobey Natalie Linhart
Mazal Tov to parents Annie & Michael Elias and
Dr. Leora & Richard Linhart
Gabrielle Lubitz
Mazal Tov to parents Lisanne & Dr. Arthur Lubitz
Emily Margolin
Mazal Tov to parents Nancy Jo Friedman & Jim Margolin
Ari Morse (1/06)
Mazal Tov to parents Michele & David Morse
Meira Devora Pinsky
Mazal Tov to parents Jeannette & Dr. Ross Pinsky
Mario (Eliyahu) Rodriguez
Mazal Tov to parents Mayelin & Dr. Mark Vaynkhadler

SPEEDY RECOVERY/REFUAH SH'LAIMA

Marium bat Blima
Peter Howard (Chuna ben Chana Sarah)
Warren Rich (Zev Dov ben Chana)

CONDOLENCES

Charles Bernhaut, on the loss of his mother,
Evelyn Bernhaut Perlmutter
Norma Ehrlich, on the loss of her mother, Frances Birnbaum
James Garfinkel, on the loss of his brother, David Garfinkel
Rose & Ruben Helfgot, on the loss of their
daughter and sister, Dalia Helfgot
Family of Dr. Richard Libbin
Family of Donna Rinsky-Insler
Dr. Avi Yohananoff, on the loss of his father, Yaacov Yohananoff

TZEITCHEM L'SHALOM/FAREWELL (To live and/or study in Israel)

Dr. Marc Arkovitz (He's back!)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dr. Marc Arkovitz, for donating a Torah scroll to Manhattan Jewish Experience (MJE) in memory of his parents

THANK YOU

Cindi King and Meredith Lerner, for writing this year's wonderful Purim play, and many thanks to the great Purim shpielers

In Memoriam

Dr. Richard Libbin was the prototypical eccentric professor--a character with real character. A double doctorate in anatomy and pathology, Dick was encyclopedic about so many topics. He always livened up our Beginners Services with the most interesting information. He was 70 years old, and we will miss him profoundly.

In Memoriam

Donna Rinsky-Insler succumbed to a long battle with cancer on December 24, 2006, at the age of 46. Donna attended the Beginners Services in the early 90s and then became an active participant in the Carlebach Shul. She was a paragon of *chessed* and of true faith in G-d, always more concerned about others who were in need than about herself, and never losing faith in the Al-mighty during her long, hard struggle. It is hard to look at the old videos of Donna performing in the Beginners' Purim shpiels and to think that such a vital, vivacious person is gone. Condolences to her husband, Julius Insler, who married her despite knowing of her terminal illness. Condolences as well to her parents, Millie and Bob Rinsky.