

## PASSOVER

Ariela Cohen

For as long as I can remember, if someone were to ask me what my favorite holiday was, I would have always answered – Passover, of course.

I loved the whole ritual and ceremonial nature of it, going to our storage unit and taking out all the dishes we only ever used for Passover, cleaning every corner of the house, zip-tying shut the drawers and cabinets in the kitchen so we wouldn't accidentally use a non-kosher-for-Passover dish or fork.

I grew up in a home that always hosted large seders, and I loved it. I loved preparing for so many people that we had to turn cardboard boxes into tables for the kids, making sure everything was pretty and put together perfectly. I loved looking at the pictures in the Haggadah and fighting over who got to read what line, and later falling asleep on the couch while the adults kept going.

But, I think that the most powerful memory I have is something my mom insisted we do every seder. In our Haggadah there was a list of all the tragedies that the Jewish people endured--every place we have been kicked out of, murdered in, been accused of murder, been exiled, and every atrocity that has been committed against us up until now.

The house would get silent, adults and children, sitting and listening as we remembered and honored our relatives and ancestors who survived, and those that didn't. I think that this, more than anything else, turned me into a committed Zionist. When you spend two hours listening to the very long list of homes we've lost (every single one), it becomes an inarguable fact that without our own country, in our Promised Land, the Jewish people will be doomed to continue adding to the list.

When I moved to Israel, my first experience of Passover and a seder was in the army. Some things were the same, but some were different.

First up, cleaning--boy did we clean! We cleaned, and then a really

mean officer with a white glove came, swiped some obscure corner of some window, yelled at us that everything was dirty, and then we cleaned some more. Rinse and repeat.

After cleaning for days, (I kid you not, we cleaned for at least a week leading up to Passover), the night of the seder finally arrived. (Notice I said seder and not "seders," because in Israel we only have one--something I forget over and over again).

The whole base (all 3,000 soldiers) showered and got dressed in our Aleph uniform (reserved for ceremonies and for when leaving base). Together we sat down in our enormous dining hall and the base's Rabbi led what was essentially thousands of children through a seder.

I looked around, and remembered all those seders I had sat at all those years at home saying, "Next year in Jerusalem," and I remembered the memorial list.

And look at me now! Granted I was on an army base in the middle of the desert, 45 minutes from Eilat and not Jerusalem--but that's just "semantics." I had done it! I had made it to our "home," our real home, and I was determined to do everything I could to make sure that our home would still be standing for all those who would later decide to come, either by choice or lack thereof.

I think my family is proud of me, the little girl who helped tape up the kitchen counters and set the table for the guests. Who always read the line of the smart child.

In Israel you are not a guest, in *Eretz Yisrael* you are home, and from your home you can never be exiled. Outside of Israel you have a home, in Israel you are home. "*L'Shana Haba'ah b'Yerushalayim.*" Next Year in Jerusalem!

*Ariela Cohen is the founder of Soft Landing, a company dedicated to redefining what it means to move to Israel. Her family attended the LSS Beginners Service.*

"I Always loved BIG Seders!  
THIS year in Jerusalem!"



## CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Gabriela Loh and Rabbi Yaakov Yosef Felderbaum  
Rebecca Morse and Jason Lowe  
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Shira Wege and Elchanan Erlanger  
Mazal Tov to parents,  
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**MARRIAGES**

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Mazal Tov to parents,  
Debbie Rosalimsky and Mark and Jill Rosalimsky  
Ariela Greenbaum and Matthew Silkin  
Mazal Tov to parents,  
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Mazal Tov to parents, Gail Fitzer and Doug Schiller  
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Mazal Tov to parents, Lisanne and Dr. Arthur Lubitz  
Esther Tehilla Noll and Elazar Rafael Caro  
Mazal Tov to parents, Miryam and David Noll

**BIRTHS**

Shoham and Uriya Buimsohn on the birth of a daughter, Nahari  
Mazal Tov to grandparents,  
Gail and Gady Buimsohn  
Mazal Tov to great-grandmother, Helga Weisburger  
Miriam and Shimon Golish on the birth of a son  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Loren and Reuven Adler  
Mazal Tov to great-grandparents,  
Sarah Leah and Lou Vynrib



Jessica and Matthew Gross on the birth of a son,  
Solomon  
Mazal Tov to grandparents,  
Jennifer Gross and Saul Burian  
Estee and Ezra Husney on the birth of a son,  
Yitzchak Binyamin (Isaac Benjamin)  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Tracy and Sander Gerber  
Tali and Zev Marcus on the birth of a son,  
Aharon Yaakov (Aaron Jacob)  
Mazal Tov to grandparents, Anat and Dr. Gabriel Levi  
Mazal Tov to great-grandmother, Helga Weisburger

**CONDOLENCES**

Amir Ron, on the passing of his father, Yaacov Ron, z"l

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Wed Apr. 5, 2023 - 14th of Nissan**  
**EREV PESACH, TA'ANIT BECHOROT**

Morning Services with Siyum. . . . . 6:30 AM  
 Latest time to eat Chametz. . . . . 10:50 AM  
 Latest time to burn Chametz. . . . . 11:52 AM  
 Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:07 PM  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:15 PM  
 Begin Seder. . . . . after 7:57 PM

**Thurs Apr. 6, 2023 - 15th of Nissan**  
**PESACH**

Morning Services. . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:05 PM  
 Candle Lighting. . . . . 8:08 PM  
 Ma'ariv. . . . . 8:09 PM  
 Begin Seder after. . . . . 8:09 PM

**Fri Apr. 7, 2023 - 16th of Nissan**  
**2nd DAY PESACH**

Morning Services. . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Earliest Candle Lighting. . . . . 6:07 PM  
 Regular Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:09 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. . . . . 7:15 PM

**Sat Apr. 8, 2023 - 17th of Nissan**  
**CHOL HAMOED PESACH**

Morning Services. . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha. . . . . 6:55 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends. . . . . 8:11 PM

**Sun Apr. 9, 2023 - 18th of Nissan**  
**CHOL HAMOED PESACH**

Morning Services. . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:20 PM

**Mon Apr. 10, 2023 - 19th of Nissan**  
**CHOL HAMOED PESACH**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:15 AM  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:20 PM

**Tues Apr. 11, 2023 - 20th of Nissan**  
**CHOL HAMOED PESACH**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:15 AM  
 Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:13 PM  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:20 PM

**Wed Apr. 12, 2023 - 21st of Nissan**  
**7th DAY PESACH**

Morning Services. . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:10 PM  
 Candle Lighting. . . . . 8:14 PM

**Thurs Apr. 13, 2023 - 22nd of Nissan**  
**8th DAY PESACH - Yizkor**

Morning Services. . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:10 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Yom Tov ends. . . . . 8:16 PM

**Fri Apr. 14, 2023 - 23rd of Nissan**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Earliest Candle Lighting. . . . . 6:12 PM

Regular Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:16 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. . . . . 7:20 PM

**Sat Apr. 15, 2023 - 24th of Nissan**  
**SHABBAT MEVORCHIM****Shemini**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Service. . . . . 9:30 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot. . . . . 5:20 PM  
 Lazar Class. . . . . 6:20 PM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:05 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends. . . . . 8:18 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:25 PM

**Fri Apr. 21, 2023 - 30th of Nissan**  
**ROSH CHODESH**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:00 & 7:40 AM  
 Earliest Candle Lighting. . . . . 6:17 PM  
 Regular Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:24 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. . . . . 7:30 PM

**Sat Apr 22, 2023 - 1st of Iyar**  
**ROSH CHODESH****Tazria - Metzora**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Service. . . . . 9:30 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot. . . . . 5:30 PM  
 Lazar Class. . . . . 6:30 PM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:15 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends. . . . . 8:25 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:35 PM

**Wed Apr. 26, 2023 - 5th of Iyar**  
**YOM HA'ATZMA'UT**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:30 & 7:50 AM  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:35 PM

**Fri Apr. 28, 2023 - 7th of Iyar**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Earliest Candle Lighting. . . . . 6:23 PM  
 Regular Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:31 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. . . . . 7:35 PM

**Sat Apr. 29, 2023 - 8th of Iyar**  
**Achrei Mot - Kedoshim**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Service. . . . . 9:30 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot. . . . . 5:35 PM  
 Lazar Class. . . . . 6:35 PM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:20 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends. . . . . 8:33 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:40 PM

**Fri May 5, 2023 - 14th of Iyar**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Earliest Candle Lighting. . . . . 6:29 PM  
 Regular Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:38 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. . . . . 7:40 PM

**Sat May 6, 2023 - 15th of Iyar**  
**Emor**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Service. . . . . 9:30 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot. . . . . 5:40 PM  
 Lazar Class. . . . . 6:40 PM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:25 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends. . . . . 8:40 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:50 PM

**Tues May 9, 2023 - 18th of Iyar**  
**LAG B'OMER**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:50 PM

**Fri May 12, 2023 - 21st of Iyar**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:10 & 7:50 AM  
 Earliest Candle Lighting. . . . . 6:34 PM  
 Regular Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:46 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. . . . . 7:50 PM

**Sat May 13, 2023 - 22nd of Iyar**  
**Behar - Bechukotai**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Service. . . . . 9:30 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot. . . . . 5:50 PM  
 Lazar Class. . . . . 6:50 PM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:35 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends. . . . . 8:47 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv. . . . . 7:55 PM

**Fri May 19, 2023 - 28th of Iyar**  
**YOM YERUSHALAYIM**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:30 & 7:50 AM  
 Earliest Candle Lighting. . . . . 6:40 PM  
 Regular Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:52 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. . . . . 8:00 PM

**Sat May 20, 2023 - 29th of Iyar**  
**SHABBAT MEVORCHIM****Bamidbar**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM  
 Beginners Service. . . . . 9:30 AM  
 Beginners Mishnayot. . . . . 5:55 PM  
 Lazar Class. . . . . 6:55 PM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:40 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends. . . . . 8:54 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv. . . . . 8:00 PM

**Sun May 21, 2023 - 1st of Sivan**  
**ROSH CHODESH**

Morning Services. . . . . 8:30 AM  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv. . . . . 8:00 PM

**Thurs May 25, 2023 - 5th of Sivan**  
**EREV SHAVUOT**

Morning Services. . . . . 7:00 & 7:50 AM  
 Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:58 PM  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv. . . . . 8:05 PM

**Fri May 26, 2023 - 6th of Sivan**  
**1st DAY SHAVUOT**

Morning Services. . . . . 5:04, 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Earliest Candle Lighting. . . . . 6:45 PM  
 Regular Candle Lighting. . . . . 7:59 PM  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat. . . . . 8:05 PM

**Sat May 27, 2023 - 7th of Sivan**  
**2nd DAY SHAVUOT****Yizkor**

Morning Services. . . . . 8:00 & 9:00 AM  
 Bible Class/Book of Ruth. . . . . 6:50 PM  
 Mincha. . . . . 7:50 PM  
 Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends. . . . . 9:00 PM  
 Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv. . . . . 8:10 PM

**SAVE THE DATE****Beginners Shabbat Luncheons**

Sat, 12:30 PM - \$35

May 6, June 3

**Beginners Shmooze on Zoom****Free**

Mon, May 8, 8:15 PM

**All Night Shavuot Learn-a-thon**

Thurs, May 25, 12:45 AM - 7:00 AM

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**SPEEDY RECOVERY/REFUAH SH'LAIMA**Dr. Marvin Belsky, *Shimon Michael haLevi ben Sorah Risa*Dr. Leonard Davidman, *Aryeh Leib haLevi ben Machliah*Peter Halasz, *Yehonatan haCohen ben Ora*Geraldine Katz, *Gershona Yehudit bat Rochel*Irwin Mandel, *Yitzchak ben Rivka*

Miriam bat Chana Gitl

Natan ben Naomi Malka

Ruth Nelkin, *Rochel bat Sarah*Dr. Nichole Pacheco *bat Emma*Louis Vynereib, *Elazar HaCohen ben Malka***CONGRATULATIONS**

Dr. Leonard Davidman on being elected to the Executive Board of DC37, the entire citywide union of civil servants.

Yedidya Flaquer for completion of a Masters of Arts in Multimedia Design and a Masters of Sciences in Educational Instructional Technology from Touro University.

Dr. Elizabeth Konecky for receiving the Outstanding Achievement in the Community Award given by the Jewish Orthodox Women's Medical Association (JOWMA) for serving the Jewish Orthodox community for more than 20 years, for showing exemplary dedication to the medical profession, and for serving as a role model for young Jewish Orthodox women.

**TODAH RABBAH**

Thank you to Yedidya Flaquer for writing, directing and acting in the Purim Play and thank you to all the wonderful actors (Shpielers), Emma Akue, Reyna De La Cruz, Lynn Doynow, Lily Friedman, Tara Meade, Helene Miller, Stephanie Plana and Flora Saltiel