

PESACH SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 5th, Erev Pesach, Taanit Bechorot

Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshillin

6:30am Shacharit (Beit Midrash)

Siyum for the First Born following Shacharit

7:00am-11:52am Burning of Chametz (Outside)

7:30am Shacharit (Main Sanctuary)

Siyum for the First Born following Shacharit

10:50am Latest time to eat Chametz

11:52am Latest time to dispose of Chametz

7:07pm Candle Lighting

7:15pm Mincha/Maariv (Main Sanctuary)

7:25pm Sunset

7:57pm Start Seder not before

Thursday, April 6th, Pesach

8:00am Shacharit (Beit Midrash)

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan (Main Sanctuary)

Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson

9:44am Latest Shema

7:05pm Mincha (Main Sanctuary)

Shiur following Mincha by Kollel Fellow Yechiel Rozeenberg

Topic: Pesach sacrifice, family or nation?

8:08pm Candle Lighting not before

8:09pm Maariv (Main Sanctuary)

8:09pm Start Seder not before

Friday, April 7th, Pesach, 1st Day of Omer

8:00am Shacharit (Beit Midrash)

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan (Main Sanctuary)

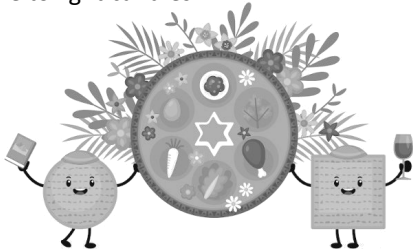
Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson

9:43am Latest Shema

6:07pm Earliest Candle Lighting

6:45pm Mincha/Maariv (Main Sanctuary)

7:09pm Latest time to light candles



Shabbat, April 8th, Chol Hamoed Pesach, 2nd Day of Omer

8:00am Hashkama Minyan (Beit Midrash)

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan (Main Sanctuary)

Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson

9:42am Latest Shema

6:55pm Mincha (Main Sanctuary)

Shiur following Mincha by Kollel Fellow Yehonatan Kahana

8:11pm Maariv/Havdalah (Main Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 9th, Chol Hamoed Pesach, 3rd Day of Omer

6:50am Shacharit (Beit Midrash)

8:30am Shacharit (Beit Midrash)

7:20pm Mincha/Maariv (Main Sanctuary)

Monday, April 10th, Chol Hamoed Pesach, 4th Day of Omer

6:50am Shacharit (Beit Midrash)

7:30am Shacharit (Main Sanctuary)

7:20pm Mincha/Maariv (Main Sanctuary)

Tuesday, April 11th, Chol Hamoed Pesach, 5th Day of Omer

6:50am Shacharit (Beit Midrash)

7:30am Shacharit (Main Sanctuary)

7:13pm Candle lighting

7:20pm Mincha/Maariv (Main Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 12th, Pesach, 6th Day of Omer

8:00am Hashkama Minyan (Beit Midrash)

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan (Main Sanctuary)

Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson

9:38am Latest Shema

7:10pm Mincha/Maariv (Main Sanctuary)

Shiur after Mincha by Rabbi Robinson

8:14pm Maariv. Candle Lighting not before

Thursday, April 13th, Pesach, Yizkor, 7th Day of Omer

8:00am Hashkama Minyan (Beit Midrash)

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan (Main Sanctuary)

Drasha before Yizkor by Rabbi Robinson

9:37am Latest Shema

7:10pm Mincha (Main Sanctuary) followed by Neilat Hachag

8:16pm Maariv/Havdalah (Main Sanctuary)

THANK YOU TO OUR NEILAT HACHAG SPONSOR

Alan and Miriam Axelrod in commemoration of the Yahrtzeit of Alan's mother, Bernice Axelrod, Bina bat Reuven, a"h, which is on the 23rd of Nisan.

V'TAIN BRACHA

Beginning Maariv on **Saturday night, April 8th** we will begin to say "v'tain bracha" rather than "v'tain tal u'matar livracha" in the Beracha of Barech Aleynu in the Amida.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Michael Davis

In case of a bereavement, please call our Clergy at 646-543-7485 (day or night)

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org

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PESACH AT LSS

Maot Chittim: The preparation for Pesach must include a demonstration of concern for the needy. Please donate Maot Chittim through the Chesed Fund of the Synagogue in order to provide for the Pesach needs of the many people who depend on us. If you did not get a chance to donate Maot Chittim before Pesach you can still do so. Visit www.lss.org/maot-chittim

OU Guide to Passover: The OU's annual guide to everything you need to know about Passover is available to order or download. Complete with eye-catching graphics, useful charts, engaging features and practical how-to's, The OU Guide to Passover takes readers from Pesach prep through Sefirat Ha'Omer. See link in the Electronic Echod to download.



PEACE OF MIND

Every year, thousands of released Israeli combat soldiers face the difficult transition back to civilian life. Many spend months overseas as a means to discharge and mitigate the psychological impact of intense combat experiences faced during their military service.

Peace of Mind works with 15-20 IDF veterans from a high-risk combat unit who all served together. Led by two Metiv (Israel Psychotrauma Center) therapists, the program consists of approximately 65 hours of group counseling held in a supportive diaspora community. The support and love from the community plays a vital role in the healing process for these soldiers and enables them to emerge with strengthened emotional and mental health allowing for a healthier transition from military to civilian life.

This year LSS will have the privilege of hosting a group of former combat soldiers from

the elite Sayeret Maglan unit.

The program will take place at LSS from 6/11-6/18 and is extremely expensive to run.

We hope that everyone in our community contributes. We will also require lodging for these participants who will stay with host families in groups of two. Several of our community members have hosted this program previously in their summer communities. Please feel free to reach out to Michael Doppelt, Daniel Feder or Dov Schwartzben for more information. They are all extremely committed to P.O.M. and have witnessed firsthand the incredible results of this program and the bonds established between the community and these soldiers who have given so much for the security of Israel and the diaspora Jewish Communities. It is our honor to give back to them in their time of need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 17th: Magen David Adom: When Every Second Counts: 7:00pm: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash The speaker will be Guy Caspi, Chief multi-casualty instructor and director of Hazmat (hazardous materials) exercises and operational training for Magen David in Israel. Because of the sheer number of rocket attacks, suicide bombers, and other acts of terrorism Israel has endured, Magen David Adom has emerged as the world's most experienced paramedic organization in responding to multicausality incidents, pioneering techniques and protocols that are being used worldwide. Pizza will be served. There is no charge to attend, but please pre-register so we know how much food to order.

Register at www.lss.org/form/magen-david-adom

Monday, April 17 at 10:00pm-Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00am: **Reading of the Names:** LSS specific time slot will be on April 17th between 11:30pm-12am. Location: Ansche Chesed for readers and Zoom for participants. Synagogue communities will read in 30 minute slots. Participants will be given a 2 hour break so that the program can be moved to the JCC, where names will be read from 9 am to 6 pm. The program will be livestreamed but readers must be in person.

Monday, April 24th: Senior Shmooze: 12:00pm: Please join us for a Senior Shmooze on with Social Worker Daniella Veres. Lunch will be served. \$15 to attend.

Register at www.lss.org/form/senior-shmooze-april-24

Tuesday, April 25th: Yom Ha'Zikaron (Israel's Memorial Day): 12:00pm: A Virtual Walking Tour of the Har Herzl Military Cemetery with Dr. David I. Bernstein. We will "walk" together through the largest military cemetery in Israel, visiting the gravesites of many of Israel's fallen heroes. In addition to an overview of Israel's military history, we will also focus on the multiple identities within the Jewish State. There is no charge to attend this virtual program, but you need to pre-register. Once you register, you will receive a link to join the program. To register, see the link in the Electronic Echod.

Tuesday, April 25: Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration:

Join us at 7:30pm for Tekes Ma'avar in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Chazzan Yanky Lemmer will be leading services. Following services, join us for a Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration with the band Pumpidisa and a ticketed dairy dessert extravaganza with live music and dancing. Cost: \$36 for members, \$40 for non-members, \$45 at the door.

Register in advance at www.lss.org/form/yom-haatzmaut-2023

Shabbat, April 29th: Young Professional Women's Seudah Shlishit:

6:30pm: Hosted at the home of Arielle Friedman. Dvar Torah by Community Intern Tzophia Stepansky. Email Rabbanit Mindy at rabbanit@lss.org for address.

Shabbat, May 6th: Bat Mitzvah Project: If you haven't had a Bat Mitzvah or read from a Torah scroll, here's your chance! You can read as little as 3-4 sentences. We will help you! Register at lssbatmitzvah@gmail.com

Shabbat, May 6th: Beginners Luncheon: Cost: \$35 per person (Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Please make your reservations and payment by Wednesday, May 3rd.

Monday, May 8th: Beginners Shmooze: 8:15pm-9:30pm (EDT) on Zoom. Register www.lss.org/beginners

Wednesday, May 10th: NORPAC Annual Mission to Washington: The Manhattan bus will leave from LSS in the morning and return to NYC the same day. Three meals will be provided, and talking points will be reviewed during the trip. Join with hundreds of participants to advocate with Members of Congress for Israel. Register at www.NORPAC.net. Q: (201) 788-5133 Reach out to Daniel Feder or any of the many LSS members who have been engaged in this mission over the past many years.

PESACH DVAR TORAH

"The Bread of Boycott"

Pesach – LSS 2023 - by Rabbi Charles Savenor

Judaism uses food not only to strengthen the bonds between people, but also to serve as a teaching tool. This is especially true during Passover when we use food to internalize the eternal messages of the Exodus. During our feast of freedom, matzah is the main course in our collective lesson about the Jews' flight from bondage thousands of years ago. Rabbi Shlomo Riskin writes: "Matzah has dual symbolism," for it reminds us of the meager rations our ancestors ate in servitude, as well as the limited provisions they could collect during their journey to freedom.

While the Bible stresses the hurried process of leaving their shackles behind, there actually might be more to the story. Looking closely at the text, we find that certain nuances of the biblical narrative do not align seamlessly with our understanding of and implementation of the rituals. Moreover, there is an essential ingredient of ancient Egyptian history that is ignored in the character of this notable cracker.

The well-known Exodus story pulsates with anxiety. The Torah is clear that the Almighty's mission is not just about freeing the Jews, but also delivering "punishments to all the gods of Egypt" (Exodus 12:12), which includes the Nile and Pharaoh himself.

The dagger in the heart of Egypt is the mass slaughter of the lambs, which their society considers to be sacred. What would later become the paschal sacrifice is prescribed to be carried out quickly while the Israelites await the sign to pack their bags and go. There exists a direct link between the commandments of the paschal lamb and matzah. First, the Torah tells us that these two items are supposed to be eaten together, along with bitter herbs (Exodus 12:8). Second, similar language about a time crunch is used for both.

If we focus solely on the biblical record of the actions associated with and the time required for slaughtering these lambs, a question emerges. Since the Israelites have

time to slaughter the lambs, pack their belongings, and collect valuables from their Egyptian neighbors, why do they not have time to let their dough rise and bake bread?

Perhaps the Torah's lesson is about prioritization rather than time management. I argue that the Israelites actively decide to forego the leavening, rather than passively letting time get away from them. Just as killing the lambs is a public act of defiance against their taskmasters, so too is leaving the yeast out. Both transmit a powerful message to the world they would leave behind.

Another name for matzah is "the bread of affliction." (Deuteronomy 16:3) The Hebrew word for affliction, "*oni*", is directly related to the biblical imperative to "afflict our souls" on Yom Kippur. On this most sacred day we abstain from certain behaviors – eating, bathing, etc. – to experience the true nature of the day. Matzah's additional moniker serves as another clue about the motivation of this commandment. Perhaps "the bread of affliction" is not a description of slaves' rations or our ancestors' experience in servitude, but rather a self-imposed response to it.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks writes: "Had anyone suggested at the time that it would not be the Egypt of the pharaohs that would survive and change the moral landscape of the world, but instead a group of Hebrew slaves, it would have seemed an absurdity." Yet, while our ancestors may have marveled with rest of the ancient world at the accomplishments of Pharaoh's Egypt, they understand firsthand that this society's infrastructure was built upon injustice, bias, and subjugation.

Ancient Egypt is known just as much for its massive buildings as for one element of its cuisine, namely yeast. Extra-biblical sources confirm that yeast is first developed there and utilized in the preparation of modern bread and even beer.

As we know from the slaughter of the paschal lambs, the Jews did not just leave the land of their enslavement, they defiantly divorced themselves from it. With this in mind, we may consider that the unleavened bread of Passover is not just

due to a hasty exit, but also an intentional decision to leave it out. What better way to depart on their journey than to deliberately boycott the signature ingredient of their taskmasters? By leaving out this one key ingredient, our ancestors ritually express their moral outrage.

What reinforces this idea of yeast being purposely excluded from the Israelites' bread is the fact that yeast, leavened bread, was not allowed on the altar in the Tabernacle and Temple. The Torah teaches us: "No grain offering that you offer to the Lord shall be made with leaven," (Leviticus 2:11). Again, we find that the main course of Egyptian society was taboo on the table in Hashem's spiritual home.

In its role as the bread of resistance, this famous flat bread is transformed from an edible description of a past trauma to a palatable prescription for a just society. This additional interpretation of matzah's character and constitution has the power to transform how we view the Exodus and the vision of our ancestors. Rushing out of Egypt, the Israelites enact an annual yeast boycott that would forever remind them of their painful servitude, and, equally important, our ongoing role in baking liberty, justice and equality into the society we seek to create.

The next Shabbatot available to write are Shemini 4/15, Tazria-Metzora 4/22, Acharei Mot-Kedoshim 4/29, Other parshiot are available after these through the end of June.

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members. Guidelines will be provided on request. For more info, email Ricky at ricky@lss.org or see Bill Greenbaum in shul, or email him at dvar@lss.org.

Enjoy reading the weekly Dvar Torah -in print, in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer, or - on lss.org under the Echod tab, or
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