

Friday 10th April 2020

Candle Lighting 6.45pm
Mincha 6.30pm
Maariv 6.40pm

Saturday 11th April 2020

Shacharit 9.00am
Mincha 5.00pm
Maariv 6.15pm

Tuesday 14th April 2020

Candle Lighting 5.15pm

Wednesday 15th April 2020

Candle Lighting after 6.10pm

Thursday 16th April 2020

Pesach concludes 6.09pm

A word from the Rabbi

The seder begins with the famous line “This is the bread of our affliction that our forefathers ate in the land of Egypt- let all who are hungry come and join us, let all who are needy come and partake of our Passover meal”. To start inviting guests at the beginning of the seder seems both disingenuous and insincere. It’s hard to conceive of anything more anti-climatic than an knock at the door, revealing an “undesirable” ready to take us up on the offer?

Perhaps the statement is not intended as a spontaneous exhibition of generosity, but one reinstating our general outlook and behaviour; we begin the seder by repeating the invitation that we have been extending over the last month. It sets the tone rather than acts as an invitation.

Leading up to Pesach, we have been searching for those on the fringes of the community with the identical zeal as that with which we hunt for chametz.

On Erev Pesach, once we have finished our search we declare “We have removed all the chametz from the house”. Even though there are still crumbs that have evaded our inspection, the declaration emphasizes our intent. We may not be 100% chametz free, but we have tried.

The effort counts.

The question remains as to whether we have made similar efforts with our fellow man?

Have we searched the nooks and crannies of the community? Has our kindness and hospitality been fully extended or are our Pesach invites extended only to friends and family?

Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik once remarked that we begin the seder specifically with this invitation because it is the statement of free people. Slaves have no wealth to share; it is only the emancipated soul who is really capable giving, both of his wealth and of himself.

Some people exemplify their freedom by drinking four cups of wine and others do it by eating matzah. Perhaps the best way to highlight one's freedom is by welcoming guests.

Shabbat shalom

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Wedding Anniversary to:

Neil and Brenda Milner

We wish long life to the following Members who commemorate Yartzeit this week:

Lindsay Reinhardt and

Laurence Broll	for their grandmother	Rose Broll
Miriam Joffe	for her mother	Lynn David
Hayley Friedman	for her husband	Wayne Friedman
Paul Goldin	for his father	Geoffrey Goldin
David Hammerschlag	for his mother	Brenda Hammerschlag
Elaine Lorge	for her father	Leibe Shapiro
Debbie Abramowitz	for her father	Willie Steingold
Colin Weil	for his mother	Frances Weil
Carmel Kenner	for her grandfather	Yitzchak Zavelsky