



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שַׁעְרֵי חֶסֶד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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א' דפסח - First Day of Pesah

April 23, 2016 – 15 Nisan 5776

Pesah, the story of the Exodus, is one of the most, if not the most, important Festivals on the Jewish calendar. After four hundred years of waiting for the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, each generation of the Children of Israel must have given up hope that it would happen in their own time. But then, Moses appears from nowhere. He revives their hope and with five Hebrew words sums up the tremendous hope given to the slaves—that their liberation is here, not in some future generation, but today:

'היום אתם יוצאים בהדש האביב' - "Today, you are getting out of Egypt in the month of Aviv" (Exodus 13:4)

'Aviv' - 'Spring' in Hebrew—is the opposite of despair. Aviv is a new beginning. Everything is possible with Aviv when there is a strong will for a new leaf, a new beginning.

The desire to break the yoke of slavery has the people run towards this new beginning. How about some provisions for the road? Shouldn't we prepare some sandwiches? What are the kids going to eat? Where are we going? (continued on page 2)

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First Day of Pesah (continued)

The Children of Israel's souls have been revived. They are willing to jump in. It's a leap of faith that things will be better. That is the reason for Hametz being forbidden when it comes time to start something new. Time is what allows the dough to rise. When liberation came to our ancestors, they did not tarry and consider all the options. Time was of the essence. Because God said:

‘היום אתם יוצאים בחדש האביב’ - “Today, you are getting out of Egypt in the month of Aviv” (Exodus 13:4)

May we, during this Festival of Pesah, see the final liberation of our people, both in Israel and wherever they may live.

Hag Kasher v'Sameah!!

Did you know that ...

- **Abraham Lincoln was assassinated during Passover on April 15, 1865. Many Jews were in synagogues celebrating the Festival. When news reached them, altars were immediately covered in black crepe, and Passover songs were replaced with Yom Kippur melodies.**
- **In 2010, the world's largest matzah ball was prepared by Chef Jon Wirtis of Shlomo and Vito's New York Delicatessen, located in Tucson, Arizona. He created a 426-pound (193 kg) matzah ball for New York's Jewish Food Festival. The ingredients were 125 pounds (57 kg) of matzah meal, 25 pounds (11 kg) of schmaltz, over 1,000 eggs and 20 pounds (9 kg) of potato starch.**
- **Since the early 1930's, Joseph Jacobs Advertising has produced the Maxwell House Passover Haggadah which is now the longest running sales promotion in advertising history. Over 50 million of them have been printed, making it the most widely used Haggadah in the world. Maxwell House came up with the idea of printing a Haggadah in order to let its Jewish consumers know that coffee beans are Kosher for Passover.**



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Era Kirzon

Happy Anniversary to:

- Yefin and Shura Budilovski
- Simon and Ida Grinberg

Counting of the Omer

Tonight is the first night of the counting of the Omer. Each year, the Omer is counted every evening after nightfall, from the second night of Passover till the night before Shavuot. The blessing we recite is:

בְּרַוְדָּךָ אֲתָהּ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעוֹמֵר:

“Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the counting of the Omer.”

“Today is one day of the Omer.” - הַיּוֹם יוֹם אֶחָד לְעוֹמֵר:

Services Schedule for Pesah

We hope you will join us for services throughout the festival of Pesah:

- Sunday April 24th (Kiddush luncheon to follow services)	Shaharit	9:30 A.M.
- Monday April 25th (Hol Hamoed)	Shaharit Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 A.M. 5:45 P.M.
- Tuesday April 26th (Hol Hamoed)	Shaharit Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 A.M. 5:45 P.M.
- Wednesday April 27th (Hol Hamoed)	Shaharit Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 A.M. 5:45 P.M.
- Thursday April 28th (Hol Hamoed)	Shaharit Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 A.M. 5:45 P.M.
- Friday April 29th (Kiddush luncheon to follow)	Shaharit	9:30 A.M.
- Saturday April 30th (YIZKOR will be recited—Kiddush luncheon to follow services)	Shaharit	9:30 A.M.

Yahrzeits for week of April 23 - April 29, 2016

15 Nisan - 21 Nisan 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, April 23th

Isadore Aaron
Shirley Sektor

Sybille and Renee Aaron
Vicky Sektor

Sunday, April 24th

Harriet Friedman
Tania Rubin
Bella Shuster

Klaudia Przetycki
Marianna Grichener
and Svetlana Shuster

Monday, April 25th

Abraham Axelrod
Morris Muller
Sophia Shapiro

Steve Zien
Bobbie Muller
Liya Shapiro and Emma Shapiro

Tuesday, April 26th

Edith (Ita) Banwell
Ida Kamenir
Lillian Vickers

Maddie Banwell
Berta Kipnis

Wednesday, April 27th

Miron Rorer
Shlomo Zilberman

Liya Shapiro
Rakhil Zilberman
and Simona Kudishevich

Thursday, April 28th

Joel Cohen
Ida Judith Levens
Joseph Weiss

Martha Cohen

Mark Wasserman

Friday, April 29th

Joseph Kupfer

Sol Awend

May their memories always be for a blessing.