

BUSHEY & DISTRICT SYNAGOGUE

NUMBER 23

DIARY DATES

Monday	5th April	Talk by Rabbi Dr Melinek on 'Pesach', at 8.30 p.m., at Knox Cottage, 4 Prowse Avenue, Bushey Heath.
Saturday	10th April	Shabbat Morning Service at 10.00 a.m., with a Sermon being given by Mr John Sacks. Mincha at 7.00 p.m., followed by a Shalosh Seudot and a discussion, and then Maariv.
Tuesday	13th April	in the evening : The Search for Chometz.
Wednesday	14th April	Fast of the First Born. Chometz may not be eaten after 10.05 a.m.; and leaven still in the house must be given or have been sold to a non-Jew, or must be destroyed. Festival of Passover starts at 7.30 p.m.; Afternoon and Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.; First Seder Night.
Thursday	15th April	First Day Passover. Morning Service at 10.00 a.m. Afternoon and Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.; Second Seder Night; The Counting of the Omer begins.
Friday	16th April	Second Day Passover. Morning Service at 10.00 a.m. Shabbat begins at 7.30 p.m.; Afternoon and Evening Service at 7.45 p.m.
Saturday	17th April	Shabbat Chol Hamoed. Morning Service at 10.00 a.m. Afternoon and Evening Service at 8.15 p.m.; Shabbat ends at 8.48 p.m.
Tuesday	20th April	Seventh Night Passover starts at 7.45 p.m.; Afternoon and Evening Service at 7.45 p.m.
Wednesday	21st April	Seventh Day Passover. Morning Service at 10.00 a.m. Afternoon and Evening Service at 7.45 p.m.
Thursday	22nd April	Eighth Day Passover. Morning Service at 10.00 a.m. Afternoon and Evening Service at 8.30 p.m. Festival of Passover ends at 8.58 p.m.
Friday	23rd April	Shabbat begins at 7.45 p.m.; Afternoon and Evening Service at 8.00 p.m.
Saturday	24th April	Shabbat Morning Service at 9.30 a.m. Afternoon and Evening Service at 8.30 p.m.; Shabbat ends at 9.02 p.m.
Sunday	16th May	Functions Committee's Sponsored Walk.
Monday	17th May	Synagogue A.G.M.
Tuesday	18th May	Ladies' Guild's Fashion Show.
Sunday	4th July	Functions Committee's Star Spangled Splash.

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N.B. Whilst there will be no Morning Service in our Shul on Wednesday 14th April (Fast of the First Born), we would advise you that the Service at Stanmore Shul begins at 7.00 a.m. May we remind you that all First Born Males should attend this service in order to absolve themselves from the Fast.

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We extend a warm welcome to the following, who have recently joined the Community.

- Trevor & Sheila Bloom
- Irving & Frances Press, and Melanie and Natalie

We hope that their stay in Bushey will be long, healthy and happy.

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Heuven Back	6th
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Jacalyn Joseph	10th
Jeanine Kaye	10th
Adam Kramer	4th
James Leibert	6th
Steven Mattoy	9th
Nicholas Salter	2nd
Yolande Silverstone	10th
Amanda Sunkin	6th
Bradley Weissman	9th

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PESACH IS ALMOST HERE : DON'T FORGET TO SELL YOUR CHOMETZ

Enclosed with this Newsletter you will find

- a note covering some Selected Laws Appertaining to Passover, also information on the Selling of the Chometz,
- a form for the Delegation of Power of Attorney for the Sale of Chometz.

Please read these carefully, and remember that the form must be completed and posted back to LubavitchHouse by Friday, 9th April at the latest.

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PESACH (PASSOVER) - just a few words.

Of all our beautiful festivals, Pesach is perhaps the most interesting, the most complicated, the most arduous (even for the husbands as it is also a mitzvah for them to help with the preparations), the most misunderstood - but above all the most satisfying, if we do things properly. It is neither ludicrous nor outmoded, but rather is it as relevant today as ever it was. Unfortunately it is those who simply "do not know" (a reference to one of the four sons mentioned in the Hagadah) who are the ones who 'knock' it.

To try and explain the deeper meaning of this lovely festival would require more space than is available here: the way to increase the enjoyment you will derive from Pesach is to read and learn about it. You just have to make the effort!

For those who may have forgotten since last year, for those who are making their very first Seder Night, for those who are for the first time ever preparing their home for Pesach, and for those who have felt that without sufficient knowledge there was no point in trying to keep anything, we offer some tips as well as some information on the basic religious requirements.

Tip Number One : Don't be frightened by it all.

Preparation: Treat it as a super spring-cleaning, after all that is what it is. The housework does require some effort, but it is not as difficult as the cynics would have you believe. Divide your home into two parts: everywhere but the kitchen, and the kitchen.

'Everywhere Else'. Give each room a thorough cleaning and turning out - even more so than usual. Move the furniture, empty the drawers and clothes pockets. Check for Chometz everywhere. Get all the family to help, after all 'involvement' and 'participation' are both very fashionable ideas at the moment!

'The Kitchen'. Attack it systematically. Thoroughly clean the 'fridge, the cooker hobs and oven, all table tops and work surfaces. Once you have washed the 'fridge, the shelves should be covered over - but take care to see that there is still a free flow of air. If possible, get new cooker hobs - but if this is not possible then the next best thing is to burn the existing ones off on a naked flame (until the hobs glow). The oven should be switched on so as to warm for a few hours, then cover the shelves and surfaces with foil. Table tops and work surfaces should also be covered over throughout Pesach.

With all your modern conveniences and labour-saving devices which make life so much easier, excuses for not doing things properly - 'I just didn't have time' or 'I was much too tired' - just are not good enough.

Cupboards should be emptied out and cleaned, and the shelves lined with paper. Lock away all the cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery until after Pesach, and bring out the 'one week a year' items. If you don't have special cutlery, crockery, and pots and pans for Pesach, there are ways of kashering your everyday ones so that they can be used for Pesach.

Food: It goes without saying that Pesach is not Pesach without the special foods, and it cannot be emphasised enough how careful one has to be. Products must have the sanction of a recognised Rabbinical authority (Beth Din): just the words 'kosher for Pesach', or a Magen David painted on the shop window, serve as no guarantee at all. You owe it to yourself, your family and especially your children to make sure that everything is fit and proper - truly 'kosher'.

The Seder: This special dinner party, called a 'Seder' because everything is done in order, is held on the first two nights of Pesach (this year on Wednesday 14th April and Thursday 15th April). It is incumbent upon men, women and children to participate and for strangers to be made welcome. Every family has its own customs - why don't you start one this year!? So long as you follow the basic religious requirements, just about anything goes.....

On the dinner table in front of the Father, laid out with the best of everything, is the Seder Dish. It doesn't have to be an expensive, hand made plate from Harrods; any large plate, or even a tray or cloth, will do. Six things should be set out thus:

- 1 - a roasted meatbone on the right, commemorating the Passover offering,
- 2 - a roasted egg on the left, commemorating the pilgrim offering,
- 3 - Maror (bitter herbs) in the center, commemorating the embittered existence in Egypt,
- 4 - Charoseth (a mixture of almonds, apple, wine and cinnamon) below the meatbone, resembling the mortar used for bricks,
- 5 - Karpas (parsley, radish or any vegetable) below the egg, to be dipped into salt water,
- 6 - three Matzos, representing the Kohen, the Levi and the Yisrael, each one separated from the others so that they do not touch, and all three covered by a cloth and placed next to the Seder plate or tray.

Each person present follows the 'service' in a Hagadah, during which four cups of wine are drunk. Acquaint yourself with the ceremonies by reading through the Hagadah in advance - it's surprising how we forget things from one year to the next! There is no reason why, if your Hebrew is not so good, part or all of the Seder should not be conducted in English.

Don't forget - the Chometz must be searched for, the Chometz must be burned, and in plenty of time before Pesach the 'Sale of Chometz' form must be completed and returned to Lubavitch House.

- Don't forget - there are
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| 2 | Seder Nights |
| 2 | Dippings at each Seder (vegetable in salt water
bitter herbs in charoseth) |
| 3 | Matzos used at each Seder |
| 4 | Questions asked by the youngest present at each Seder |
| 4 | Cups of wine drunk by each person at each Seder |
| 4 | Days Yom Tov |
| 8 | Days Pesach |

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MONDAY, 17th MAY --- A.G.M. this is YOUR chance to talk about YOUR Synagogue; surely there is some question you want to raise, or some suggestion you could make; don't just sit back and hope that someone else will do all the talking for you, or you may find that they haven't quite said what you would have said.....Monday, 17th

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PESACH QUIZ

1. What is the Hebrew date of the first day of Pesach ?
2. Which special prayer is said during Musaph on the first day of Pesach ?
3. Which Megillah is read on Shabbat Chol Hamoed (Intermediate Sabbath) ?
4. What do we mean by the expression 'Biur Chometz' ?
5. When does the obligation to eat Matzah apply ?
6. What does the roasted egg on the Seder Dish commemorate ?
7. What does the roasted shankbone on the Seder Dish commemorate ?
8. Some people use special Matzahs at the Seder table; what are they called ?
9. One of the reasons for drinking the 4 cups of wine at the Seder table is that the Almighty used 4 different expressions for the Exodus; what were they ?
10. Why do we have 3 Matzahs at the Seder table ?

(answers at the foot of the next column)

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE:

Monday, 5th April

8.30 p.m.

4 Prowse Avenue
Bushey Heath.

Rabbi Dr. Melinek B.A., Ph.D.
Minister of Willesden Synagogue
Lecturer at Jews' College
Member of Chief Rabbi's Cabinet
Editor of Chief Rabbi's Magazine,
"Eylah"

will give a talk on

P e s a c h

observances, kashrut,
the seder nights.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

The memorial stone in loving memory of Florrie Shorrick will be consecrated at Bushey Cemetery on Sunday, 2nd May at 2

don't forget May 16th

get in training

Sponsored Walk May 16th

APRIL 9th/10th APRIL 9th/10th

visiting speaker visiting speaker :

Mr John Sacks Mr John Sacks Mr John

Lecturer in philosophy lecturer in

at jews' college at jews' college

saturday 10th april -

sermon during morning service

discussion and shalosh seudot between mincha and ma'ariv - all are welcome!

APRIL 9th/10th APRIL 9th/10th APRIL

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1. 15th Nissan.
2. The prayer for dew.
3. The Song of Songs.
4. The removal of Chometz on Erev Pesach.
5. Only on the first two nights of Pesach.
6. The 'Chagigah' (Festival) sacrifice which was brought on Pesach in addition to the Pascal sacrifice.
7. The Pascal sacrifice, which had to be roasted whole.
8. Shemurah.
9. I will bring you out, I will deliver you, I will redeem you, I will take you to Me as a people.
10. For the three types of Jew: Kohan, Levi, Yisroel.

ANSWERS TO PESACH QUIZ