

Preparation

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**Kehillat
Chovevei
Tzion**

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*Celebrating The Start
Of Our Eighteenth Year!*



**Preparing
to
Celebrate
Pesach
at
Kehillat
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SCHEDULE
OF
PASSOVER
SERVICES

KEHILLAT
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SERVICES CANDLE LIGHTING

12 NISAN

SHABBAT HaGADOL *

FRIDAY APRIL 15 6:05 PM 7:13 PM
SATURDAY APRIL 16 9:00 AM

* *Happy Anniversary to the entire Kehillah Mishpacha!*

14 NISAN

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ

SUNDAY APRIL 17

After dark, *Bedikat Chametz* (Search for Chametz) is conducted

14 NISAN

EREV PESACH

MONDAY APRIL 18

Siyyum HaBachor

6:45 AM

Dispose of all *Chametz* by

11:45 AM

15 NISAN

FIRST DAY PESACH

MONDAY APRIL 18

7:00 PM

7:16 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 19

9:00 AM

16 NISAN

SECOND DAY PESACH

TUESDAY APRIL 19

7:00 PM

8:17 PM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

9:00 AM

19 NISAN

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

FRIDAY APRIL 22

6:15 PM

7:20 PM

SATURDAY APRIL 23

9:00 AM

21 NISAN

SEVENTH DAY PESACH

SUNDAY APRIL 24

7:00 PM

7:22 PM

MONDAY APRIL 25

9:00 AM

22 NISAN

EIGHTH DAY PESACH

MONDAY APRIL 25

7:00 PM

8:24 PM

TUESDAY APRIL 26

9:00 AM

(INCLUDING YIZKOR)

PESACH ENDS TUESDAY EVENING AT 8:25 PM

26 NISAN

SHABBAT KEDOSHIM

FRIDAY APRIL 29

6:15 PM

7:28 PM

SATURDAY APRIL 30

9:00 AM

ROSH CHODESH IYAR

WEDNESDAY MAY 4 - THURSDAY MAY 5

Celebrating, studying and growing together as a community of the committed, the extended member families of **Kehillat Chovevei Tzion** will again come together this year, for the start of its compelling **eighteenth year**, in its Setauket Beit Midrash for the Pesach holiday period. The KCT Ritual Committee is delighted to provide you with this compendium for self-study, for family and individual use, in preparation for the upcoming holiday.

Remember this day, in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage, for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place. Shmot 13:3

Chag Sameach !

... Mechirat Chametz

No matter how hard you try to remove the *chametz*, the job isn't quite complete until the "paperwork" is done. Kehillat Chovevei Tzion has arranged with Rabbi William Berman to serve as our *shaliach* in selling the *chametz* on the morning of Monday, April 18. Accordingly, the change in ownership takes effect at precisely 11:45 AM Monday morning. For your convenience, a form is included along with this booklet, which you may complete, attaching your donation for the *Ma'ot Chitim* Fund and send along to Charlie Mann at the address shown on the form, being sure to arrange for him to receive it **no later than Friday, April 15.** ~K~

... The KCT Memorial Wall

In the KCT Beit Midrash, the Memorial Wall represents the *Kehillah's* commemoration of our loved ones. Each plaque contains the name of the person recalled, in Hebrew and English, and the date of death in both the secular and Hebrew calendars. *Yahrzeit* lamps on each side of the plaque are lit during the week of the appropriate date and for *Yizkor*. New additions to the Memorial Panel are specially dedicated at the next *Yizkor* service following placement, and each is individually remembered at every *Yizkor* service that follows. Please let us know if you'd like to order a plaque or if you have any questions about the Memorial Wall. ~K~

... The Kehillah Remembers

The *Yizkor* service is recited on the morning of the the last day of Pesach, Tuesday April 26. The Kehillah remembers with great fondness and respect all the loved ones whom we have individually lost

over the years and those whose names have been inscribed in the Kehillah's Book of Remembrance, which will be available at services. *Yizkor* is at once both a collective experience and an individual one, and is the timeless prayer of personal memory of the Jewish people. *Yizkor* is recited on Yom Kippur, on Shmini Atzeret, and then again on the last day of each of Pesach and Shavuot. ~K~

... Tzedakah and Yizkor

Pesach offers two opportunities for *tzedakah* and *gemillut chesed* specifically associated with the spirit of this most unique of holiday celebrations . . . the *Ma'ot Chitim* donation to feed the hungry at the start of the holiday, and the *yizkor* donation associated with remembering and sanctifying the memories of departed family members.

The essence of *Yizkor* is an act of *tzedakah*, a contribution made on behalf of loved ones, of which the *Kodosh Baruchu* takes note, to earn merit for the deceased in His eyes. Our Kehillah has made a significant, ever-growing commitment to *tzedakah* over the years. We encourage you, as you plan your individual *tzedakot*, for whatever contributions are within your means and family custom, to consider **Kehillat Chovevei Tzion** as a worthy beneficiary of your generosity and support at this time and throughout the year. ~K~

Special occasion coming up? Please ask us about sponsoring the Kiddush on a Shabbat or a Yom Tov morning.



.... Helping Hands for Pesach

M'YAD L'YAD was founded in 1998 to serve the poor, the disabled, the elderly, and others in need on Long Island and in the New York metropolitan area. Volunteer sponsors are paired with recipients to provide assistance beyond the basic necessities, to enhance the lives of those in need. In keeping with one of the highest ideals of charitable giving within Judaism, our donors' and recipients' identities remain anonymous, thus maintaining the privacy and dignity of those participating.



KCT is an organizational sponsor and many of our families and individuals have become sponsors as well. Coming into Pesach would be a wonderful time for you to join these families in becoming a sponsor yourself . . . easy enough to do, by contacting Amy Engelberg at 471-8414 for more information, or by e-mail to MyadLyad@KCT.org. Contributions may be sent to KCT for forwarding or directly to M'YAD L'YAD at 74 Hauppauge Road, Commack NY 11725. ~K~

.... The Spring Cleaning Ritual

Extracted from a poem by Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, the rabbi of Temple Beth Or of the Deaf in New York City

"Spring Cleaning Ritual on the Eve of the Full Moon Nisan" is a long and descriptive poem which concludes with these words:

Some destroy Chametz with fire
others throw it to the wind
others toss it to the sea.

Look deep for the Chametz
which still gives you pleasure
and cast it to the burning.

When all the looking is done we say:
All that rises up bitter
All that rises up prideful
All that rises up in old ways no longer fruitful
All ametz still in my possession but unknown to me
which I have not seen nor disposed of
may it find common grave
with the dust of the earth

Amen, Amen Selah . . .

~K~



.... Preparation Through Study

Drawn from various sources, ancient, historic and modern, the following section of personal study materials is presented by the editors with a view toward stimulating thought, study, discussion, agreement and disagreement, and evaluation approaching and throughout the days of Pesach.

.... The Higher Meanings of Chametz

The Torah tells us that before the holiday of Pesach we are to remove all *Chametz* from our dwelling places - we are not to see *Chametz*, own *Chametz*, or derive benefit from *Chametz*.

The rabbis tell us that there are two ways by which we comply with these laws:

1st - by *byur* - destroying the *Chametz* by burning;
and

2nd by *bitul* - nullification - any *Chametz* that we have not found is nullified - considered as dust of the earth.

The rabbi also teach that the term *Chametz* has a higher meaning than just the physical leavened products that must be removed before Pesach.

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