

Pesach Schedule 5784

Sunday, 13 Nissan – April 21

Mincha/Maariv (Living Torah)	7:30 PM
Search for Chametz	8:10 PM

Monday Erev Pesach – April 22

Shacharis	7:30 AM
Followed by Siyum for first-borns (or their father)	
Burning of Chametz (parking lot)	8:30 – 9:00 AM
After burning chametz recite 'kol chamira', all chametz is now prohibited. Please put chametz in paper bags only—not in plastic or aluminum	
Eat/Burn Chametz before	10:40/11:39 AM
Light Candles	7:20 PM
Mincha	7:20 PM
Recital of <i>Seder Korban Pesach</i>	Before 7:40 PM
Maariv with <i>Hallel</i>	8:11 PM
"Bubby Miriam" Bais Menachem Family Seder in Shul	
Finish Afikoman	12:48 AM

1st day of Pesach - Tuesday April 23

Chasidus with R' Yochanan	9:00 AM
Latest Shema	9:21 AM
Shacharis	10:00 AM
Begin saying ' <i>Morid HaTal</i> ' during Musaf	
Mincha	7:30 PM
Maariv with <i>Hallel</i>	8:25 PM
Count the Omer	Day 1
Light Candles (from pre-existing flame) & all preparations for second seder	after 8:26 PM

2nd day of Pesach – Wednesday April 24

Begin Daily Study of *Masechet Sotah*

Chasidus with R' Yochanan	9:00 AM
Latest Shema	9:20 AM
Shacharis	10:00 AM
Mincha	7:30 PM
Maariv (begin V'sain Bracha)	8:25 PM
Count the Omer	Day 2
Yom Tov Ends	8:27 PM

Havdala with wine only

Chol Hamoed

Thursday, 17 Nissan – April 25

We drink wine & wear Shabbos clothing on Chol Hamoed

Shacharis with abridged ' <i>Hallel</i> '	8:00 AM
Avos u'Banim—Father/Son Learning	9:00 - 9:45 AM
<i>Light refreshments and Raffles</i>	
Mincha / Maariv	7:35 PM / 8:14 PM
Count the Omer	Day 3

Friday 18 Nissan - April 26

Shacharis with abridged ' <i>Hallel</i> '	8:00 AM
Avos u'Banim—Father/Son Learning	9:00 - 9:45 AM
<i>Light refreshment and Raffles</i>	
Candle Lighting	7:24 PM
Mincha (begin with Pasach Eliyahu)	7:35 PM
Kabalas Shabbos	8:10 PM
Count the Omer	Day 4

Shabbos 19 Nissan - April 27

Chasidus with R' Yochanan	9:00 AM
Latest Shema	9:17 AM
Shacharis	10:00 AM
Mincha	7:25 PM
Maariv	8:26 PM
Count the Omer	Day 5
Shabbos Ends	8:31 PM

Standard Havdala

Sunday 20 Nissan - April 28

Shacharis with abridged ' <i>Hallel</i> '	8:00 AM
Avos u'Banim—Father/Son Learning	9:00 - 9:45 AM
<i>Light refreshments and Raffles</i>	
Candle Lighting	7:27 PM
Mincha	7:35 PM
Maariv	8:18 PM
Count the Omer	Day 6

Learning for men after the Yom Yov meal at the Rapoport Home 2957 W. Jarvis

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Monday 21 Nissan – April 29

Chasidus with R' Yochanan	9:00 AM
Latest Shema	9:16 AM
Shacharis	10:00 AM
Mincha	7:20 PM
Maariv	8:30 PM
Count the Omer	Day 7
Candle Lighting (from pre-existing flame):	after 8:33 PM
Eating gebrochts is encouraged	

Tuesday 22 Nissan – April 30

Chasidus with R' Yochanan	9:00 AM
Latest Shema	9:15 AM
Shacharis	10:00 AM
Yizkor	Approximately 11:35 AM
Seudas Moshiach for women:	5:00 PM
Hosted by: Mrs Epstein 2954 W Morse	
Mincha & Seudas Moshiach for men	6:45 PM
Maariv	8:30 PM
Count the Omer	Day 8
Yom Tov Concludes	8:34 PM
Havdala with wine only	

Please wait 1/2 hour before eating or using "sold" chometz to allow time for the Rabbi to buy it back for you.

This Year in Yerushalaim!

Pesach is a holiday of freedom. We celebrate and relive our redemption from the Egyptian exile over three thousand years ago. But its real purpose is to inspire ourselves for the imminent future redemption, that will take place very shortly in our very own lives. We start with the two sederim, two evenings filled with customs and meaning designed to help us relive the days in Egypt as if we were just there, and remember the bitter exile and the awesome redemption as if we personally experienced it.

Then come the last days. The Jewish people suddenly find themselves trapped by the sea, about to see their short-lived freedom about to come to a horrific end, and moments later they see the amazing miracle of the splitting of the sea, and all the Jewish people finally escape their pursuing captors. And, moments later, when the waters settle, and they see the entire

Egyptian army destroyed, they finally experience another redemption, a spiritual and emotional one, as they realize that those dark days of exile are really over, because the mighty Egyptian nation is now gone forever. It was not something they could ever have imagined, but upon seeing the Egyptian army dead on the seashore, finally the truth hit home: That the Jewish nation will never ever be tormented by these people ever again, for they have been completely and utterly obliterated. Even though we went out of Egypt, it was not a complete redemption and we remain in a different exile. It's less physically demanding, we aren't forced to build cities, or flogged and beaten daily, but our distraction from G-d and the challenge focus on spirituality, and G-d's truth, remains just the same. The only difference is that we now have even harder taskmasters controlling us: Ourselves. Then comes Acharon Shel Pesach: A day where we focus exclusively on taking all the lessons and all of our inspiration of Pesach, from the seder to the splitting of the sea, and applying it to our daily lives, to help us escape our current exile. We have to realize that world the way we see it, will soon be changed forever. Evil, which we see as an integral part of life, which we cannot imagine living without, will soon be completely destroyed. There might come a time where we will find ourselves trapped by it, and it may even look like the end of our lives! But then suddenly, Moshaiach will come, and it will be gone forever. One the very last day of Pesach, during the very last hours of the day, the power of redemption is at its greatest. It is at this moment that we can tap into the inspiration and use it to 'jump' (Pesach) out of our current exile. We each have our own challenges. For some it's keeping shabbos, for others it is giving charity, for some it's learning and for other it's being more patient and understanding of others. If challenged, we might just answer 'This is how I am', 'this is me, I can't change'. But the truth is that these are challenges we all have to face eventually, we have to break out of these personal exiles and limitations. And we can harness the essence of Pesach and redemption to propel our lives to a level we could not usually reach on our own. The last hours of the Pesach holiday are when this energy is strongest. It's when we are most inspired. We have fulfilled all the customs of the six days of Pesach, and now we have drunk the four cups of wine, we have eaten the Matza, we have listened, we have sung, we have resolved and we have become uplifted. And at the last few moments, as we all close our eyes, singing and dancing together, this is the very moment when we will feel that Moshaiach is actually here, when we can believe that if we would only open our eyes, we would see him right there dancing with us. And if we truly believe that, with all our hearts, then when we open them, he will finally be here.