

PESACH 5731

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The Pesach-Haggadah tells us in greatest lucidity the history of our people from its very inception. Not only the words but also the symbols of the Seder point to the harshness and bitterness of our beginnings. It seems as if the Haggadah uses food and drink to bring home its message. Matzoh is the bread of affliction. The saltwater symbolizes Israel's tears, Charoseth is the mortar for the bricks. The Morror, the bitter herbs gives us the bitter taste of days gone by. We are informed that certain experiences in life may be bitter and we should be prepared to accept them and make them part of our innermost being. And what are the consequences of this truth? The Bible tells us very clearly. The bitter experience of our past should remind us that without G-d's kindness our people would have perished or at least have remained in a state of slavery. Because you know what it means to have experienced bondage you should exercise kindness towards those who are serving you. Because you have suffered under the whip of taskmasters you have to promise never to mistreat your brothers. The Bible teaches us, Morror ought to cause us to help to eliminate hate, bitterness and suffering from society.

But did we take this teaching to heart? If true, we, more than any other group should be ready to reach out to the oppressed and the slaves of our time, to share in social welfare of our country, our state and closer to home in City and Jewish Community. Our Houses of worship would be centers of social and religious strength.

Naturally there also could be another reaction to Morror: Don't eat it, spit it out, stay away from it, drop it quietly under the table as if you want to say: Dayenu, it's enough, I have suffered under Pharaoh, have fought hard for a life of freedom. Dayenu, don't remind me always of the past. But the world will not leave us alone. Not only our spiritual giants

from Abraham to Moses, from Akiba to Maimonides were part of our historical experience but also a Pharaoh and Torquemada, the Hellenists and the Nazis. Morror, the bitter herb, is part of the life. We have to know and acknowledge it. The question is not how to forget but how to use our knowledge in a positive attitude. Egypt, Spain and Theresienstadt, they all should help in forming an outlook. The answer for every Jew should be clear: Because I have suffered, because I had been oppressed, because I suffered privation, I have to do everything in my power to spare others from suffering. Where there is hate I have to bring love, where people suffer I must bring consolation. The lesson of Pesach is contained in the thought:

Sweetness as well as bitterness, slavery and freedom, tears and laughter, they all are part of human life. May we have the courage to realize this and shape our lives accordingly.

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We have recently celebrated Purim, a gay and cheerful holiday, which recalls the downfall of a tyrant, and the joyous victory of our freedom-loving ancestors. Now, we are observing Pesach, our festival of Freedom--a symbol of the past and a hope for the future. We find our brethren in Israel re-living the past with their freedom-winning battle against those who would be their aggressors.

We, here in America, must do all in our power to help win this victory. We must help spiritually, morally, and financially--so that Purim and Pesach can truly be holidays of gladness and freedom--and continue to be so forevermore. A good Pesach to all!

Joyce & Paul Heiman

SERVICES FOR PESACH 5731

DATE	SERVICES	TIME
April 8	Search for Leavening	7:40 P.M.
Fri. 9	Fast of Firstborn	6:15 A.M.
	Eve of Pesach	6:45 P.M.
Sat. 10	Minchah followed by Ma'Ariv	6:45 P.M.
Sun. 11	Minchah	7:00 P.M.
	End	7:46 P.M.
Mon.-Thurs. 12-15	Chol Hamoed	6:30 A.M.
Thurs. 15	Eruv Tavshilin	
	Eve of 7th day	7:00 P.M.
Fri. 16	Minchah followed by Kabbolas Shabbos	6:55 P.M.
Sat. 17	Yizkor	
	Minchah	6:55 P.M.
	End	7:52 P.M.
SHOVUOTH		
May 29	Minchah	8:30 P.M.
Sat.	Learning about	10:00 P.M.
Sun. 30-31	Minchah	8:45 P.M.
Mon. 31	Yizkor	
	End	9:32 P.M.

SCHEDULE OF MORNING SERVICES

Shabbos & Yom Tov	9:00 A.M.
Sunday	7:45 A.M.
Legal Holidays & Sundays during vacation	8:00 A.M.
Monday and Thursday	6:40 A.M.
Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday	6:45 A.M.
Rosh Chodesh & Fast Days	6:30 A.M.

SCHEDULE OF SHABBOS SERVICES

DATE	MINCHOH AND KABOLAS SHABBOS	MINCHOH	END
April 24	7:00 P.M. EST	6:45 P.M.	7:59 P.M.
May 1	7:45 P.M. EDT	7:50 P.M.	9:04 P.M. EDT
8		8:00 P.M.	9:12 P.M.
15		8:05 P.M.	9:19 P.M.
22		8:10 P.M.	9:25 P.M.
BAR MITZVAH OF GARY SCHREIBER			
29		8:20 P.M.	9:31 P.M.
June 5		8:25 P.M.	9:36 P.M.
12		8:30 P.M.	9:39 P.M.
19		8:30 P.M.	9:42 P.M.
26		8:30 P.M.	9:43 P.M.
BAR MITZVAH OF HARRY HEIMAN			
July 3		8:30 P.M.	9:43 P.M.
10		8:30 P.M.	9:41 P.M.
BAR MITZVAH OF STUART ROHRBACH			
17		8:25 P.M.	9:37 P.M.
24		8:20 P.M.	9:32 P.M.
31 Shabbos Chazon	6:00 P.M.	9:26 P.M.	
	followed by Eichah		
Aug. 7		8:05 P.M.	9:18 P.M.
14		8:00 P.M.	9:10 P.M.
21		7:50 P.M.	9:00 P.M.
28		7:40 P.M.	8:50 P.M.
Sept. 4		7:30 P.M.	8:39 P.M.
11	7:35 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	8:28 P.M.
18	7:25 P.M.	7:10 P.M.	8:17 P.M.

SPECIAL DAYS

April 30	Israel Independence Day	July 11	Fast of Tammuz	End 9:35 P.M.
May 13	Lag Ba'Omer	August 1	Tisha B'Av	
May 23	Jerusalem Day		Sunday Morning	7:30 A.M.
June 6	Bas Mitzvah of Shari Kaufman		Minchah	8:00 P.M.
			End	9:20 P.M.
July 1	Yarzeit of Dr. Leo Teitz, zatzol			