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The Roslyn Synagogue

Newsletter

Passover 5771

Schedule of Services

Monday to Friday morning:

Shacharit: 6:30am
(except Rosh Chodesh 6:20am)

Sunday morning:
Shacharit: 8:30am

Sunday evening:
Mincha/Ma'ariv at the previous Friday's candle lighting time.

Erev Shabbat:
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:45pm

Shabbat morning:
Shacharit: 9:00am

Saturday evening:
Shiur 40 minutes before the previous Friday's candle lighting time.

Mincha: Ten minutes before previous Friday's candle lighting time, followed by Seudat Shlishit, Ma'ariv and Havdalah.

Message from the Rabbi

WHEN WE SEE ANOTHER PERSON AND GREET HIM OR HER with the traditional 'hello' or 'goodbye', it is often a much more significant exchange than we think. Even the word 'shalom' is laden with meaning and conveys so many different messages.

Our Shabbos greeting is 'Good Shabbos' or Shabbat Shalom', and on a chag we say 'Good Yom Tov' or Chag Samayach'. Interestingly, Pesach is the only chag where we traditionally add a word to the customary holiday hello. We add the word kasher, and say: "Chag Kasher Vesamayach".

Why?

As we all know, the preparation for Pesach is very involved, with intricate requirements that demand our attention. For weeks before the chag begins, Jews are busy planning and preparing to commemorate the great miracle of the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. With the great expenditure of time and energy (and money) in advance of Pesach, we often lose the feeling of joy and celebration that is an integral part of all the major Festivals — the Shalosh Regalim.

Then, there is the possibility of deciding to just enjoy oneself, and pay less attention to the halachic requirements of Pesach. Did we remove all the chametz from our homes? Did we drink the four cups of wine at the Seder? Were we careful of the mitzva of 'Seepur Yetziat Mitzrayim', of telling the story of the Exodus?

We add the word 'kasher' to the Pesach greeting, wishing everyone we see the ability to successfully incorporate both aspects of the holiday — a careful observance of the extra 'halachot' that accompany it, and the ability to celebrate with joy and gladness.

Beile joins me in wishing everyone in the Roslyn Synagogue family "Chag Kasher VeSamayach".

Robert D. Block

Rabbi Block will be available for mechirat chametz on Sunday, April 10th and Sunday, April 17th after davening or by appointment. He can be contacted at razleeners@aol.com.



Message from the President



The Rav, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, zt”l, comments that the passage which we recite at the beginning of the maggid section of the Haggadah, the Ha lachma anya, is “a renewal of the pledge of solidarity between individual and individual, and between the Jewish community as a whole. It is a proclamation that we are one people and ready to help each other...” The double language of “let all who are hungry come and eat” refers to those who are in need of food; “let whoever is in need come and conduct he Seder” refers to those who are in spiritual need, or in need of a proper Seder.

As we celebrate the Pesach Seder with our family, which as Rabbi Block always points out is the focal point of Pesach, at the same time we must remember that we are also part of a kehal, a community, and also part of klal Yisroel, the greater Jewish community. If you know someone or a family that needs a Seder invite them to join yours. Invite them to join us in shul for Yom Tov and Shabbat so that they can experience the joy of Shabbat and Yom Tov.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in shul on Yom Tov and Shabbat.

Chag kosher v’sameach,

Marc Yunis

Shul News

Mazel tov to Andrea and Nate Schulman on the birth of Saul Henry (Shaul Tzvi Simcha) to Ari and Yael Schulman.

Mazel tov to Lisa, Barak, Drew, Blair and Kyle Greenfield on the birth of Chloe Brooke (Tova Tzipora).

Mazel tov to Edith and Sam Levy on the marriage of their granddaughter Aliza Zombek to Yoni Zinberg.

Mazel tov to the Baradarian family on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sophia.

Mazel tov to the Neeman family on the marriage of Albert to Hagit Sedaghat-pour.



Our condolences to Nina Wacholder-Goldenberg and family on the passing of her father, Rabbi Ben Zion Wacholder.

Hamakom Yinachem etchem b’toch sha’ar avelei Tzion Ve’Yerushalayim.

May G-D comfort the mourners together with all Mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

PURIM FESTIVITIES

Our Purim celebration was enjoyed by all! After a beautiful reading of Megillat Esther by Seth Ostrow on Saturday night, our congregants were treated to snacks and entertainment by Harry the Magician. Purim day continued with two readings of the Megilla and everyone received Mishloach Manot to enjoy at home. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the festivities: Seth Ostrow, Bracha Ashoory, Lee Borofsky, Susan Cooper, Nilly Efraim, Debra Kolitz, Orly Mayourian, Maxine Rauchwerger, Odette Rosen, Jill and Sam Sonnenklar, Jayne Spielman, and Miriam Yunis.



Pesach Schedule 5771-2011

Sunday night April 17th:

Bedikat Chometz (search for leaven)

Erev Pesach, Monday, April 18th:

Shacharit with Siyum bichorim 6:15AM

Last time for eating Chometz 10:16AM

Chometz must be destroyed by 11:35AM

Candle lighting 7:20PM

Mincha Maariv 6:45PM

Kiddush at the first Seder 8:20PM

First day of Pesach, Tuesday, April 19th:

Shacharit 9:00AM

Mincha 7:20PM

Candle lighting after 8:21PM

Preparations for the second seder and Kiddush not before 8:21PM

Second day of Pesach, Wednesday, April 20th:

Shacharit 9:00AM

Mincha-Maariv 7:20PM

Yom tov ends 8:22PM

Chol Hamoed, Thursday, April 21st, Friday, April 22nd:

Shacharit: 6:20AM

Shabbat Chol Hamoed, Friday-Saturday, April 22nd-23rd:

Mincha Maariv: 6:45PM

Shacharit, 9:00AM

Minchah 7:25PM

Shabbat ends 8:26PM

Chol Hamoed and Erev Yom Tov, Sunday, April 24th:

Shacharit 8:30AM

Mincha-Maariv 7:15PM

Candle lighting 7:25PM

Seventh day of Pesach, Monday, April 25:

Shacharit 9:00AM

Mincha-Maariv 7:25PM

Candle lighting 8:28PM

Eight day of Pesach, Acharon shel Pesach, April 26:

Shacharit 9:00AM

Yizkor 10:30AM

Mincha-Maariv 7:25PM

Yom tov ends 8:30PM

RECIPE

Passover Cheesecake

We've always wanted to try this recipe. It actually looks like something we would eat even if it weren't Passover, but then we're suckers for cheesecake. So if you have the time, energy and don't mind putting on a few pounds, let us know how this one works out.

The Editors

2 cups soft coconut macaroon cookie crumbs

3 tablespoons margarine melted

4 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened

1 cup plus 1 teaspoon of sugar, divided

2 tablespoon grated orange peel.

4 eggs

2 cups fresh strawberries

2 teaspoons orange juice



Mix cookie crumbs and margarine. Press onto bottom and 1 inch up the side of a lightly greased 9 inch springform pan. Bake at 325 for 12 minutes.

Beat cream cheese and 1 cup sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Blend in peel. Add eggs one at a time, mixing just until blended after each addition. Pour over crust.

Bake for 55 minutes or until center is almost set. Run knife or metal spatula around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim of pan. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Combine strawberries, orange juice, and remaining sugar. Serve with cheesecake.

Makes 16 servings.