

Shabbat HaGadol & Pesach 2020 (3-12 April 2020)

Dear congregants, friends and supporters of Bet David,

This year Pesach will be very different from those we've experienced before, but at the same time Pesach will continue to provide us with strength and inspiration by its eternal message: No matter how difficult circumstances can be, those circumstances won't be able to take away hope and joy from us.

Despite the pandemic, sundown on Wednesday the 8th, in the light of April's full moon, we will celebrate our great Festival of Freedom. We will sit at our home seder tables with family members and friends and even strangers and we will recall our bitter oppression in Egypt. The only difference will be that we will use Zoom, WhatsApp, Facebook and such when we recount the story of our miraculous redemption into freedom. And perhaps more than ever before, we will feel connectedness to all our fellow Jews and be comforted in the knowledge that not only do we share the same fate with all humanity, but also the same hope for a redeemed world.

This year, on Pesach, we rekindle our belief that miracles can and do happen ... if we watch closely, listen carefully and maintain hope.

This is my wish to all of you. Chayim joins me wishing you all a special and joyful Pesach. We hope that even as all of us are physically distancing, the celebration of one of our biggest festivals can still bring meaning to this time and bring us all closer together.

Chag Sameach
Rabbi Adrian M Schell

Our online services for Pesach are as follows:

- Festival service for Pesach (8 April @ 18h00)
- Pesach Seder (8 April @ 18h30—*Haggadah attached hereto*)
- SAUPJ Festival morning service for Pesach (9 April @ 09h30)
- Children's seder (Sunday, 12 April @ 11h00)

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Yahrzeits (Shabbat 3-4 April)

Harry Louis Levin, father of
Dr Arnold Levin

Larry Meyerowitz, father of
Greg Meyerowitz

Yahrzeits (Shabbat 10-11 April)

Ann Sive, grandmother of
Tanya Appelbaum

Graham Balcomb, father of
Cynthia Rosen

Kevin Queit, son of Hazel Birns

Eric Sohn, father of Melanie Sohn

Abraham (Edward Hendry) Taljaard,
father of Gershon Taljaard
and Lidia De Beer

Boris Joffe, father of Benji Joffe

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים
May God comfort you among the other
mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Birthdays (30 March – 5 April)

Jody Jackson, Greg Jordan,
Sandy Levenberg, Lynn Sherlock,
Giddy Lief

Children under 14 –

Alex Lurie and Eli Jankelowitz

Birthdays (6-12 April)

Linda Levenberg, Harvey Leibowitz,
Linda Rubin, Richard Bullock,
Micaela Steingo, Julian Gordon,
Children under 14 –

Eliana Woolf and Noah Rosen

Happy Birthday to you!

Mazal Tov

To **Lisa Kahanovitz and Leigh Brand**
on the birth of their first son.

Refuah Shleimah
Speedy Recovery

Arthur Kruger, Bruce Joelson,
Claire Cohen, Cornelia Schell,
Denise Rubin, Doreen Greenberg,
Elene (Zipora) Smith, Fred Fischer,
Herman Rothenberg, Joey Kaplan,
Michelle Ross, Rael Birns,
Rhona Lief and Roy Licht

*Please contact our office to report
illness.*

Thank you

To **Craig Allenby** for his donation to
the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
To **Mpho Phaladi and family** for their
recent donation

To **Les and Bev Kroll** for their general
donation

To **Jackie Meltz** for his yahrzeit
donation in memory of his mother,
Liza Meltz

To **Lynn Sherlock** for her yahrzeit
donation in memory of her mother,
Ethel Epstein

To **Myrna Margo** for her yahrzeit
donation in memory of her parents,
Issy and Sarah Leibov

To **Merle Oshry** for her yahrzeit
donation in memory of her mother,
Eileen Isaacs

To **Marion Hassall** for her subscription
to the Kehillah 50/50 Club

To **Rabbi Schell and Chayim Schell**
for their donation to the
Kehillah Feeding Scheme

A message from Kehillah:

April is here and we are in the month of Nissan when usually have so much to look forward to. This year 2020/5780 is different from all other years. Many of you would be getting a message or phone call asking for assistance to collect food on Sunday for our feeding scheme. For the past 17 years we have been collecting food once a month on a Sunday outside 3 different Pick 'n Pay Stores for distribution to our Feeding Scheme and other needy projects in Alexandra. Last month we had a huge collection and sent to our Feeding Scheme in 8th Avenue, Granny Evelyn's creche and sent parcels to 12 needy families. Three days later the schools closed and shortly after we in South Africa were placed in lockdown. So for the first time since we started the project we won't be collecting or sending food in to Alex, now when it is most needed.

Without the help members of Bet David our Kehillah would never have been able to keep this valuable project going and growing. We thank each and every one of you for devoting your time to collect for us with such enthusiasm. Your assistance has been invaluable. We have every confidence that when the world becomes normal again we will resume our tasks with new vigour and we will be calling on you again to give up some time on a Sunday morning to make the lives of our people in Alexandra a little more easy.

Lesley Rosenberg, Cynthia Rosen and the Kehillah Team

Call for Volunteers:

Bet David and your community needs you. We are looking for volunteers to act as pen-pal-friends (via email or whatsapp) who can call and stay connected with members who are alone at this time, and in special cases people who can help with doing the shopping for those who are house-bound. **If you can help, please contact Glynnis, and please do also contact Glynnis should you need any help.**

Thank you all for your help

Community Hotlines:

Rabbi Schell 076-4486672 (Call &WhatsApp); **Glynnis** 011-783-7117

Chevrah Kadisha <https://jhbchev.co.za/chev-services/>

CSO 24 Hour Emergency 086 18 000 18 / **Hatzolah** 0860 100 101

Shabbat Hagadol, Pesach first day and Shabbat Chol HaMoed

All our services are being streamed on Youtube and on Facebook:

For YouTube click here: <http://tiny.cc/BD-YouTube>
and to follow on Facebook here: <http://tiny.cc/BD-Facebook>

Friday 03 April

* Kabbalat Shabbat Service (18h00)

Saturday 04 April

* Shabbat morning service (09h30)

*Torah Reading: Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36
(Parashat Tzav—Plaut 688 / Hertz 429)*

*Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24
(Hagadol—Plaut 1459 / Hertz 1005)*

Sunday 05 April

Strengths Based Discussion
Talk with Clayton Donnelly (11h00)
Zoom Chat: <http://tiny.cc/rxoamz>
(see flyer)

Friday 10 April

* Kabbalat Shabbat Service (18h00)

Saturday 11 April

* Shabbat morning service (09h30)

*Torah Reading: Exodus 13:3-10
Deuteronomy 10:12-19
(Chol haMoed—Plaut 415&1236)
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (P 1465)*

Pesach service schedule see Page 1

All Pesach services will be streamed
via Facebook only.
For the children's seder, please
register with Diane admin2@betdavid.org.za

For how to use Zoom and our Siddur online,
please visit our website: www.betdavid.org.za/online

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