SUNDAY 2 APRIL

Shacharit	8:00am
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30pm

MONDAY 3 APRIL

Shacharit	7:00am
Shacharit followed by Shiur – Mishna Sanhedrin	8:00am
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30pm

TUESDAY 4 APRIL

Shacharit	7:00am
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30pm

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL – EREV PESACH & FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

Shacharit followed by Siyum	7:00am
Shacharit followed by Siyum	8:00am
Latest time for eating chametz	10:51am
Latest time for nullifying chametz	11:58am

Make Eruv Tavshilin (see p642 in the Green Siddur or your Pesach Machzor for details)
Prior to lighting the Yom Tov candles, light a long-lasting candle to use for the second night of Yom Tov & Shabbat)

Yom Tov Begin – Latest time for Candle Lighting	7:43pm
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30pm
Earliest time to start Seder	8.23pm

THURSDAY 6 APRIL - FIRST DAY PESACH

Hashkama	8:15am
Shacharit (Combined Service)	9:30am
Mincha & Ma'ariv	7:30pm
Candle Lighting (from the long lasting candle) & time for Seder	8.31pm

After nightfall count the 1st night of the Omer

FRIDAY 7 APRIL – SECOND DAY PESACH

Hashkama	8:15am
Shacharit (Combined Service)	9:30am
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30pm
Earliest time for Candle lighting (from the long-lasting candle)	6:24pm
Latest time for Candle lighting (from the long-lasting candle)	7:29pm

After nightfall count the 2nd night of the Omer

SHABBAT 8 APRIL – CHOL HAMO'ED

Hashkama	7:45am
Combined Service	9:30am
Mincha and Shiur by **Elie Jesner** **"Rav Soloveitchik's Thoughts of Freedom, Dignity & Redemption – Marking his 30th Yahrzeit"**	7:30pm
Ma'ariv and Motzaei Shabbat	8:34pm

Count the 3rd night of the Omer

SUNDAY 9 APRIL – CHOL HAMO'ED

Shacharit	8:00am
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30pm

After nightfall count the 4th night of the Omer

MONDAY 10 APRIL– CHOL HAMO'ED (Bank Holiday)

Shacharit	8:00am
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30pm

After nightfall count the 5th night of the Omer

TUESDAY 11 APRIL – CHOL HAMO'ED

Shacharit	7:00am
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30pm
Candle Lighting	7:36pm

Prior to lighting the Yom Tov candles, light a long-lasting candle to use for the second night of Yom Tov)

After nightfall count the 6th night of the Omer

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL - SEVENTH DAY PESACH

Hashkama	7:45am
Shacharit (Combined Service)	9:15am
Youth Minyan	9:45am
Mincha followed by Ma'ariv	7:30pm
Candle Lighting from (from the long-lasting candle)	8:41pm

After nightfall count the 7th night of the Omer

THURSDAY 13 APRIL - EIGHTH DAY PESACH

Hashkama	7:45am
Shacharit (Combined Service)	9:15am
Youth Minyan	9:45am
Yizkor approx:	10:30am
Mincha followed by a **Shiur by Neil Joseph** **'Kriyat Yam Suf – An Eyewitness Account'**	7:45pm
Ma'ariv and Conclusion of Shabbat & Yom Tov	8:43pm

After nightfall count the 8th night of the Omer

CHAMETZ WILL BE REPURCHASED AT APPROXIMATELY 9.30PM

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Age 0-4 in the Silver Suite
Reception to Year 2 with Natalie Sommer in the Avram Nemetnejad Room
School Years 3-4 in the First Floor Classrooms
School Years 5 – 6 in the Newman Room

ALL SERVICES START AT 10.45AM.

Shir Hashirim, written by King Solomon, is read on Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach. This book is a message of the love and deep bond between G'd and the Jewish people, using an allegory of the love between a bride and groom.

Rashi on the first verse of Shir Hashirim quotes Rabbi Akiva who says: "All the books of the Tanach are holy and this one is Holy of Holies. The world was never as worthy a place as the day when Shir Hashirim was given to the Jewish people" (Mishna, Tractate Yadayim 3:5). What makes this book holier than every other book of Tanach? Why does Rabbi Akiva say the world was never as worthy as the day we received this book? King Solomon lived four centuries after the Jewish People came into Israel. What about all the great people who came before his time, our Matriarchs and Patriarchs, Moses, Aaron, Joshua and others, did none of these people make the world a worthy place?

By using an allegory King Solomon is introducing the concept that the physical world is a mirror of the spiritual world, earth reflects Heaven, the body mirrors the soul. We are called גּוֹי אֶחָד בָּאָרֶץ - *a unique nation on earth* (שמואל ב 7:23). Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi (1745–1812) explains this verse. What makes us unique? The earth conceals any trace of G'd, it's easy for many not to recognise G'd in this world. However, in '*eretz*/earth' our nation sees '*echod*/Oness/G'dliness', in every aspect of our physical lives we remember the '*echod*'. Until Shir Hashirim the perception of the world was purely material, almost as a necessary corridor in which to prepare for our reward in the next world. There is nothing notable about a corridor, it's just a place we have to walk through to get to our destination. King Solomon revolutionised this view, Shir Hashirim reveals that our physical existence on earth is an embodiment of holiness. Even the symbol of love and romance, the most materialistic component of humanity, in its essence is a metaphor of the burning love between Jew and G'd. If we detach physical experiences from their spiritual essence, we are stripping them of their true meaning. Rabbi Akiva says this concept is 'Holy of Holies'. Holiness, as explained by Rashi, means separate, segregated, a form of transcendence. Rabbi Akiva says 'Holy of Holies' is taking this holiness and bringing it back into the world.

We can understand this idea by looking at the Tribe of Levi, the tribe that were given the gift of holiness, the tribe who give us our Cohanim and Levi'im. Some say Levi were holy because they separated themselves from taking part in serving the Golden Calf. However even before the incident of the Golden Calf the tribe of Levi were designated for a position of holiness. They were not enslaved in Egypt and were allowed to study Torah instead. Levi means connection, when Leah named Levi, she says: הפעם ילוה אישי - *this time my husband will accompany me* (בראשית 29:34). There was something that Leah saw in Levi's character or energy that would unite her and her husband, Yaakov. Levi was designated for holiness, his name reflecting his essence. The highest level of holiness is bringing people closer together. Holy is separate, aloof, *holier* than holy is beyond the separation. It is when the world becomes a place to celebrate, where every element of the physical world is a reflection of G'dliness, a Divine world. Earth is not detached from Heaven, it is a continuum of Heaven, this is the message of Shir Hashirim.

This means that holiness is not only being in shul and hearing our wonderful Chazzan, or an uplifting Neilah on Yom Kippur, or learning an inspiring piece of Torah. Holiness is revealing the '*echod*' the Oness of G'd within every encounter in this world, wherever we are. It melts away the division between the spiritual and physical and brings G'dliness into every aspect of our day to day lives.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!

Nechama Sufrin

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Program of Services

התשפ"ג / 2023

Erev Pesach
יד׳ ניסן
Wednesday 5/4/23

Don't forget Eiruv Tavshilin

Latest time to eat Chametz	10:51
Dispose/Burn Chametz by	11:58
Mincha & Arvit	19:00
Chag & Candle lighting Light a 48 hr candle	19:26
Chatzot and latest time to eat Afikoman	1:02

1ST Day Chag
טו׳ ניסן
Thursday 6/4/23

Shacharit	9:00
Mincha & Arvit	19:00
Candle Lighting after	20:31
Chatzot and latest time to eat Afikoman	1:02
Omer start	

2ND Day Chag
טז׳ ניסן
Friday 7/4/23

Shacharit	9:00
Mincha & Arvit	19:00
Candle Lighting	19:29

Shabbat 8/4/23
יז׳ ניסן

Shacharit	9:00
Mincha + Seuda	19:10
Arvit & Motzei Shabbat	20:34

Chol Hamoed
Sunday-Monday
9–10/4/23

Shacharit	7:30
Mincha & Arvit	19:20

Erev Second Chag
כ׳ ניסן
Tuesday 11/4/23

Shacharit	7:30
Mincha & Kabalat Chag	19:00
Candle Lighting	19:36
Tikun Shviei	00:30

חג פסח כשר ושמח

7TH Day Chag
Wednesday 12/4/23
כא׳ ניסן

Shacharit	9:00
Mincha	19:00
Candle Lighting after	20:41

8TH Day Chag
Thursday 13/4/2
כב׳ ניסן

Shacharit	9:00
Mincha	19:20

Friday 14/4/23
כג׳ ניסן

Shacharit	6:45
Mincha & Arvit	19:00
Candle Lighting	19:41

Shabbat 15/4/23
כד׳ ניסן

Shacharit	9:00
Mincha + Seuda	19:20
Arvit & Motzei Shabbat	20:47







