



# KESHER ISRAEL

THE GEORGETOWN SYNAGOGUE

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## PESACH SCHEDULE FIRST DAYS: APRIL 10-17

### THURSDAY - TA'ANIT BECHOROT

7:00 AM | Shacharit  
7:45 AM | Siyum in person  
7:20 PM | Mincha  
8:22 PM | Bedikat Chametz

### FRIDAY

7:15 AM | Shacharit  
11:00 AM | Communal Bi'ur Chametz (Rabbinic Residence)  
7:23 PM | Candle Lighting  
7:25 PM | Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

### SHABBAT - EREV PESACH

8:00 AM | Shacharit  
10:58 PM | Last time to eat Chametz  
12:04 PM | Last time to own Chametz  
5:45 PM | Shabbat Hagadol Drasha  
7:10 PM | Mincha  
8:23 PM | Candle Lighting

### SUNDAY - PESACH I

1:08 AM | Chatzot  
10:00 AM | Shacharit  
7:25 PM | Mincha/Maariv  
8:24 PM | Candle Lighting

### MONDAY - PESACH II

1:08 AM | Chatzot  
10:00 AM | Shacharit  
7:25 PM | Mincha/Maariv  
8:26 PM | Havdalah

### TUESDAY - CHOL HAMOED

7:00 AM | Shacharit  
7:30 PM | Mincha/Maariv

### WEDNESDAY - CHOL HAMOED

7:00 AM | Shacharit  
7:30 PM | Mincha/Maariv

### THURSDAY - CHOL HAMOED

7:00 AM | Shacharit  
7:30 PM | Mincha/Maariv

### CHAG KASHER V'SAMEACH

Chag kasher v'sameach to our congregants, guests, visitors and all who are sharing Passover and Shabbat with us. Thank you for spending the chag with us, and please let our hospitality team know if you need a place for a Shabbat or holiday meal.

### MISHPOCHA NEWS



Kesher Israel extends its condolences to **Gayle Weiss** on the passing of her husband, **Barry Schochet**. The funeral was held on Wednesday at Sha'are Tzedek Cemetery, in Salt Lake City. Shiva will be at the home of **Amanda Schochet** and **Jonathan Hutt** in Salt Lake City. *May Gayle and the entire family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

The congregation also extends its condolences to **Dino Feigelstock** on the passing of his mother, **Helene Zaidman**. The funeral was held last Friday at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Adelphi, Maryland. *May Dino and his entire family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*



If you haven't already, be sure to visit **Kesher Israel's Pesach Portal** for 2025/5785 for all of the information and resources, including:

- [2025 Pesach Halachot](#)
- [Pesach Programming](#)
- [Sell Chametz](#)
- [Full Pesach Schedule](#)

### THE KITCHEN IS CLOSED

Reminder! The shul kitchen is closed for Pesach. Please do not go in until after the holiday.

### KIDS GROUPS OVER PESACH

Cookie Minyan **will** meet on Shabbat, **April 19**. There will be no Shabbat Club during Pesach; we'll start back up on **Shabbat, April 26**.



# PASSOVER SCHEDULE

## SECOND DAYS: APRIL 18-20

### FRIDAY - EREV CHAG

- 7:00 AM | Shacharit
- 7:30 PM | Candle Lighting
- 7:30 PM | Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

### SHABBAT - PESACH VII

- 9:00 AM | Shacharit Shir HaShirim
- 10:30 AM | Cookie Minyan in the Bayit
- 7:30 PM | Mincha  
No Seudah Shlishit in Shul
- 8:31 PM | Candle Lighting

### SUNDAY - PESACH VIII

- 9:00 AM | Shacharit (Yizkor)
- 7:30 PM | Mincha/Maariv
- 8:32 PM | Havdalah
- 9:32 PM | Time to Eat Chametz sold by R'Shafner



### MONDAY

- 8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

- 9:00 PM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

### TUESDAY

- 8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

- 8:00 PM | Nosh and Learn at Kesher

- 9:00 PM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

### WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

- 9:00 PM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

### THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

- 12:30 PM | Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Shafner at Kesher

- 7:00 PM | Yom HaShoah Program at Kesher

- 9:00 PM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

### FRIDAY

- 8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

- 9:00 AM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#).

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## PESACH HALACHOT & REFERENCES

Don't forget to check out/print out Pesach halachot, reference & reading material, and kashrut information below:

- R'Shafner's [Pesach Guide](#)
- The [Kesher Israel Community Kashrut Standards](#) contain information on kashering for Pesach and additional resources.
- [The Beltway VAAD Guide to Pesach](#)
- [Star-K's Passover Directory](#)
- [OU's Passover Directory](#)
- [CRC's Passover Directory](#)

## NEW! NOSH AND LEARN RETURNS

Nosh and Learn will resume on **Tuesday, April 22 at 8:00 PM**. Join Rabbi Shafner for parsha study, light dinner, and friends.

## LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI SHAFNER

Join **Rabbi Shafner** on **Thursday, April 24**, from **12:30 PM until 2:00 PM** for a study session on, **"Holocaust Theology, Trying to Make Sense of the Absurd"**. Lunch will be provided and **registration is required by Monday, April 21 at 12:00 PM**. Click [here](#) to register.

## NEW! SHABBAT WITH GPATS SCHOLARS

Join us for a special Shabbat of learning and inspiration on **April 25-26** with scholars from the **Graduate Program in Advanced Talmud Study (GPATS)** at **Yeshiva University**. GPATS is a unique program for women to engage in high-level Torah study, advancing their knowledge and skills in Talmud and Halacha. [Visit our website for more information.](#)

## NEW! SEFIRAH SERIES WITH RABBI SHAFNER



Join **Rabbi Shafner** for a special **Shabbat afternoon class** during the **Sefirat HaOmer period, between Pesach and Shavuot**. Each week before Mincha, explore timely themes and insights that connect this sacred time of spiritual growth and preparation.

## COMMUNAL LUNCH WITH KOLOT'S RESTART GROUP

Join us for a meaningful communal Shabbat lunch on **May 10** with our Scholars in Residence,

**Kolot's Restart Group!** Kolot's Restart program is a transformative initiative that empowers 15 grassroots leaders from the Gaza Envelope to rebuild and reimagine their communities following the devastating events of October 7. Through regional leadership pods in the Gaza Envelope, northern Israel, and Jerusalem, the program promotes values-based leadership, social entrepreneurship, and cross-sector collaboration. Come and learn from these inspiring individuals. **Registration is required [here](#) by Sunday 5/4.**



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