



Stony Brook Hebrew Congregation Newsletter

This month's services schedule

Date:	Candle lighting	Evening Service	Shacharit	Kriat Shema	Mincha/Maariv	Shabbat Ends
3-4	7:01 pm	*7:00 pm	9:30 am	9:43 am	6:55 pm	8:03 pm
10-11	7:09 pm	*7:10 pm	9:30 am	9:36 am	7:00 pm	8:11 pm
17-18	7:16 pm	7:15 pm	9:30 am	9:30 am	7:10 pm	8:18 pm
24-25	7:24 pm	7:20 pm	9:30 am	9:24 am	7:15 pm	8:26 pm

*In Beit Midrash. Check with Rabbi Roffman for confirmation.

Weekday Shacharit – Monday & Thursdays at 7:00 am starting again on April 27th.

Learning

Tuesdays at 8:00 pm – Class will begin again on the 28th of April in the Beit Midrash.

Special events in April

Birkat HaChamah – Wednesday, April 8th.

Fast of Firstborn – Wednesday, April 8th, starts at 5:11 am.

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) – April 21st.

Rosh Chodesh Iyar – Starts the night of April 23rd and ends the night of April 25th.

Yom HaZikaron – April 28th.

Yom HaAtzmaut – April 29th.

First days of Passover

Last days of Passover

Wednesday, April 8th

Stop eating Chametz by	10:20 am
Get rid of Chametz by	11:37 am
Candle lighting	7:07 pm
Chatzos (Midnight)	12:54 am

Thursday, April 9th

Shacharit	
on Campus	9:30 am
Lighting Candles/	
Start Cooking	8:09 pm
Chatzos (Midnight)	12:54 am

Friday, April 10th

Shacharit	
on Campus	9:30 am
Shabbat	
Candle lighting	7:09 pm

Tuesday, April 14th

Candle lighting	7:13 pm
Mincha on Campus	7:15 pm

Wednesday, April 15th

Shacharit	
on Campus	9:30 am
Mincha	7:15 pm
Lighting Candles/	
Start Cooking	8:15 pm

Thursday, April 16th

Shacharit	
on Campus	9:30 am
Mincha	7:15 pm
End Yom Tov	8:16 pm

Chametz will be bought back by 10:00 pm.

Selling Chametz

Chametz may be sold through the Rabbi either after weekday Shacharit or by special appointment. To make an appointment call 751-3289 or e-mail SBHC@verizon.net.

Nachas News

- Tzeitchem l'sholom, best wishes to Bob and Sheila Shloss on their move to Israel.
- Happy Birthday to Bob Shloss and Moshe Roffman.
- Happy Anniversary to Bob & Adele Milch.

Observing Yahrzeit

David Ebin for his father on the 3rd of Iyar, April 27th.

Kiddush

Kiddush this month is sponsored by the Lederer family.

Rabbi Roffman's Monthly Message

In Exodus 12:15 it states "For a seven-day period shall you eat matzos." At first this verse may seem intimidating. Is there an obligation to eat matzah on every day of Pesach like we do at the Seder? Rashi, however, makes a distinction between an obligatory mitzvah and an optional mitzvah. Based on the midrash, Rashi explains that we are only obligated to eat matzah on the first night, but we may choose to get a further mitzvah by eating matzah on the remaining days of Pesach.

Why is the mitzvah to eat matzah on the remaining days of Pesach only optional? Rav Chatzkel Levenstein explains that matzah is a symbol of our slavery (we ate matzos as slaves) and of our freedom (our dough did not have time to rise before we left). Theoretically, we could have just put the matzah on the table and looked at it to remind us of these concepts. Perhaps we could have put it in a picture frame and hung it on the wall. The Torah, however, made it obligatory to also eat the matzah at the start of Pesach in order to strengthen our connection to the events of Egypt, and make this remembrance experienced by all of our senses. For the rest of the days, we are only obligated to "chew over" in our minds the symbolism of the matzah. If we want, we can supplement our continued contemplation with a second and third helping and thus physically connect to our mitzvah of remembering the Exodus a second and third time.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach!