

UJC Community 1st Night Passover Seder

Friday night, 30th March 2018

Led by

Rabbi Stanton M. Zamek

and

Cantor Melissa Berman

at

The Jewish Community Centre

The Garden Room, L3

70 Robinson Road, Mid-levels

***Seder will start promptly at 6:30pm
(arrival from 6:00pm)***

The United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong welcomes you, your family and friends to join in our community Passover Seder.

As always, our traditional Seder will include the recital of the *Haggadah* and all your favorite songs, with an emphasis on participation by adults and children. It is designed to be a creative and spiritual experience for the community and family in which young and old will find renewed meaning in this ancient ceremony. The Seder is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members of the UJC community as well as visitors and friends.

Because of the size of the Garden Room, attendance will be limited to 220 people. Registration will be on a first come-first served basis, so please register as soon as possible.

Meal Information:

All Passover ritual foods and old-time favorites will be part of our celebration. The main course will be either chicken or a vegetarian dish and will be Kosher. Your preference must be indicated when you book.

The evening's cost includes kosher table and sacramental wine. Grape juice will be served for children. Other wines will be available and may be purchased on your JCC account before Seder begins and during the meal.

Children:

Please note: arrangements for children are somewhat different than in previous years.

We will have a children's room available for the use of children under age 9 as a play-place. All children **MUST BE** supervised by an adult in the playroom. We suggest you bring your Helper to be able to assist you with this. Please note this room will only be open after the Afikoman has been found.

Under Festival *halachah*/rules of the JCC, children must NOT play with the following: NO videos, electronic games, iPads, or phones. NO coloring, drawing, or art activities. Please do not bring these toys for your children.

The JCC playground will be available to children attending the Seder, but parents must provide supervision.

You are reminded that the meal will be served part way through the Seder ritual. As with all Seders, this does tend to be a late evening for our younger members. It is recommended they nap earlier in the day and then eat a hearty snack before arriving, to keep them going.

Children older than 9, should remain at the tables with their parents and participate fully in the Seder.

Seating and Check In:

Please indicate your seating preferences on the booking form. We will make every attempt to place you with your preferred choices.

You are welcome to check in at The Garden Room on L3 of the JCC beginning at 6:00pm on 30th March. For security purposes, please bring a Hong Kong or other picture ID. The Seder will begin promptly at 6:30pm.

Please remember that the use of phones, cameras, and other electronic devices is strictly prohibited at the JCC on the evening of the Seder.

Reservations:

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Please complete the attached booking form in full and return it to the UJC office by **Tuesday, 20th March**. Because of the need to order special kosher for Passover foods for the Seder in advance, **WE CAN NOT GUARANTEE RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER TUESDAY 20TH MARCH.**

Any reservations received after Tuesday, 20th March, will be placed on the wait list, and every effort will be made to confirm them. Reservations received after the 220 person limit is reached will also be placed on a wait list in case space becomes available.

Shabbat and Passover Festival Services:

For those who wish to attend Shabbat services, a brief service will be held at 6:00pm prompt in The UJC Sanctuary (enter off of Castle Steps).

Our Passover celebrations continue with Passover Festival Services on the following days:

Saturday, 31st March at 9:00am
Sunday, 1st April at 10:00am
Friday, 6th April at 8:00am
(Yizkor) Saturday, 7th April at 10:00am

All Festival services will be held in The UJC Sanctuary. Please come and help us make the minyan.

If you have any questions or special needs concerning the Passover Seder or services, please contact the **UJC office** at ujc@ujc.org.hk or call 2523-2985.

We look forward to sharing our joyous Pesach celebrations with you,

Rabbi Stanton M. Zamek

Rabbi Martha Bergadine
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