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Welcome Message from your hosts

Dear Guests,

Welcome to The Pesach Retreat 2016 at the luxurious Bon Riviera Hotel at the Vaal.

Another year has flown by and Pesach is back again! We're excited to host you. It's our hope to make this holiday one you will remember for its warm company, inspiring Shul services, family-style Seders, delectable cuisine, luxurious accommodation and all-over enjoyment.

Use this programme guide to direct you to events, times, locations, the facility, suggested excursions, workshops and *shiurim*. Please take the time to meet and network with new friends from South Africa and around the world.

We hope this booklet will acquaint you with our programme. While it's difficult to capture the warm, engaging spirit of our Pesach Retreat, these pages will give you a sense of what's in store. We invite you to take a break from the hectic pace of life and refresh your mind, body, and soul.

The Pesach Retreat is an oasis in the desert of year-round life to refresh and rejuvenate you physically, mentally, and spiritually. We thank the entire Pesach Retreat team and the hotel staff for building such an inspirational, creative, and diverse programme. This special annual retreat demonstrates our vision of offering year-round Jewish experiential living and learning programmes in South Africa.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday! Chag Sameach!

Your Hosts,
The Pesach Retreat Team
Uri Cohen
Ari & Batya Kievman

Message from Bon Hotel

Dear Guests,

The long awaited Pesach Retreat has finally arrived and my team and I would like to wish you all a warm welcome to BON Hotel Riviera on Vaal.

Much planning and preparation has gone into this week and we want you to sit back and enjoy your holiday! You will find all you need to know about the hotel and your holiday in this booklet so from me and my team 'Chag Kasher V'Sameach,' have a happy and Kosher Holiday!

Kind regards,
Craig Swart
General Manager

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Accessibility: The entire hotel is wheelchair/handicap accessible.

Airport Transfers: If you require shuttle transportation from or to the airport, please let us know. Travel time is approximately 45 minutes without traffic. The cost for transport is R120 per person. You can also rent a car from the airport and return at the hotel.

Babysitting: We offer group babysitting for children ages 2-6 during the Seders for those who have registered in advance. To take advantage of this service please book at the reception desk. For babysitting during any other time we have secured an amazing rate of R25 per hour, please inquire at reception.

Boxed Lunches: For guests going on our *Chol HaMoed* excursions, boxed lunches or snacks will be provided for you. For guests going on their own day trips, pre-ordered boxed lunches will be ready and waiting in the dining room on the requested day. *Boxed lunches must be ordered one day in advance.* Please order at the reception desk. There is no charge for these boxed meals; they're included in all overnight bookings.

Business Centre: Guests are welcome to use the computers, printer, and copier in our Business Centre located in the entry hall. Please be respectful of the observances during Shabbos and Yom Tov. There is Wi-Fi access in the hotel for usage of your own devices.

Candle Lighting: Candles for Shabbos and Yom Tov candle lighting will be set up near the Dining Hall. See the schedule for exact candle lighting times. It is most important, for everyone's safety, that you don't light candles in your room!

Car Rentals: Bidvest car rental has a depot located in the hotel. You can liaise directly with them or online for your car rental needs. There's also an Avis and Budget close by.

Cell Phones: The primary networks in South Africa include Vodacom, Cell C, MTN and 8ta. You can purchase airtime in voucher form from any corner shop, supermarket, or cellular network store.

Check-In: General Check-in starts on April 22nd at 14:00pm (unless you've booked for Thursday, 21 April as well). Welcome lunch is served from 12:00pm. We will hold your bags in the reception area until your room is ready.

Check-Out: All guests must check out at the reception desk before departure. If you are departing during *Chol HaMoed*, we welcome you to remain and enjoy breakfast; however your accommodation must be vacated by 11:00am. Hotel room keys must be returned to the reception desk to avoid additional charge.

Children's Programmes: Supervised children programming is offered daily by well-equipped counselors. Details on times and location are included later in this booklet. See the bulletin computer for updated schedules. The Murphy's House children's room, along with child minders, will be open from 8:00am to 22:00pm every day of the retreat.

Clothing: Temperatures can drop quickly in the evenings and early mornings (10-20 celcius) so we do suggest packing your clothing accordingly. Generally a sweater or light jacket will suffice at this time of year.

Coffee & Tea Room: Coffee and Tea with delectable refreshments will be available 24 hours a day at Mathew's Terrace.

Cutlery and Crockery: Please do not take any cutlery or crockery out of the dining room for any reason. Should you require some for use elsewhere please ask us, and disposable items can be provided.

Damages: Please look after this facility, and ensure that children respect the property. Any damages caused by guests will be charged to the guest accordingly.

Donations: If you've pledged a donation at Shul, please make payments to The Miracle Drive Trust: Account number: 62457937989 FNB Balfour Park – Branch: 250-655 Ref: your name. Your contribution will be designated to assist the elderly and other indigent people in our community. Please email proof of contributions to rak@chabad.org.za. We thank you for your generous support!

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Drinking Water: The tap water in this area is clean, fresh, and fit to drink! We will also provide Aquazania and Valpre water bottles.

Driving Directions: From JNB Intl: Take R24 to Johannesburg (keep right). (From Johannesburg, drive in direction of airport). At N3 intersection keep left and follow N3 to Durban/Kimberley. At N3/M2 intersection keep right, following N3 to Durban/ Kimberley. At N3/N12 intersection keep right into N12 following N12 to Bloemfontein, Vereeniging & Kimberley. At N12/R59 intersection keep left onto R59 following R59 to Johannesburg, Alberton (south) and Vereeniging. Keep left on R59 south to Alberton/Vereeniging. Drive 4hrs4ca. 50 Km's and take the Voortrekker St off-ramp in Vereeniging. Go through 3 traffic lights. At the 4th traffic light, after passing under a railway bridge, turn left into De Villiers Ave. Follow the road to the next traffic light. At this traffic light turn left and go under the subway bridge. At the next traffic light turn right into Mario Milani Drive. BON Hotel Riviera on Vaal will be on your left hand side.

Emergencies/Illness: In the event of an emergency, call 082911. Be prepared to state the nature of the problem and your location. Internally, dial 9 to reach our receptionist who will notify a staff member of the situation. For minor medical issues, first aid kits are available at the reception desk. To reach Police, call 10111. If you travel to the Johannesburg area and encounter an emergency; for medical emergencies call Hatzolah at 083-222-1818. For any other type of emergency call CSO at 086-18-000-18. If your are stuck anywhere, call "Dial a Mentsh" at 081-818-1818. These private services do not extend to the area of the hotel.

Excursions: Guests going on our day trips must register for the excursion in advance, at the reception desk. If you have not registered and would like to participate in any of these excursions, please speak with Avi Cohen. Buses for day trips will depart from the front entrance parking area of the hotel. Departure will be promptly at the stated departure time. Please check the daily schedule for specific departure times and exact departure location.

Elevator: In this country it's also known as the 'lift'. There will be a staff member available to assist those who cannot take the steps.

Eruv: The Eruv allows you to carry between rooms and anywhere within the hotel parameter until the steps of the Vaal riverbank. The Eruv does not extend outside the hotel property or to the dock.

Food: Please help us maintain our strictest Pesach kashrus. All your meals, snacks, and beverages are provided. Outside food, if not labeled with a reliable Pesach Kashrus standard is not allowed in any of the common areas at all.

Golf: Golf at the adjoining country club can be booked at the reception desk. There are other award-winning golf clubs nearby too.

Gymnasium: The gym is equipped with bikes, treadmills, elliptical, bench press benches, cross fit equipment, multi-purpose weight machine, medicine balls, gym bands and yoga mats. For safety reasons, guests under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult to use the gym, located near the kids' playroom.

Hashgacha: Our programme is under the strict rabbinical supervision of the Johannesburg Beth Din, with the guidance of Rabbi Yossi Baumgarten, guaranteeing the highest level of kashrus standards. The kitchen is completely koshered for Pesach with constant supervision of the *mashgichim*.

Kitchen: Please do not go into the kitchen for any reason. Should you have a request, please ask the waiting staff or *mashgichim*.

Laundry: If you wish to have fresh personal laundry at any time, we offer a professional laundry service for R80 per bag, payable onsite or charged to your authorized credit card on file. Empty laundry bags are available in your room as well as at the reception desk.

Lost & Found: The 'Lost and Found' is located at the reception. Please be sure to leave found items or check for lost items at this location.

Luggage Service: Luggage assistance will be available to all guests when arriving and departing.

Massage Therapy: Please see the Spa brochure at reception. Appointments can be made at check-in and throughout the week at the reception desk. The Zorqvliet Spa is located next door at the country club.

Meals: Please see schedule and bulletin boards to know where each meal is taking place. On Yom Tov and Shabbos, Kiddush will take place in the dining areas.

Medical: For emergencies please see 'Emergencies' above. First aid kits are available at the reception desk.

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Mikvah: There are multiple mikvahs in Johannesburg. Please speak with Rebbetzin Batya Kievman for information. Alternatively you can visit our website to locate, and make an appointment at, the Mikvah of your choice. Men, please feel free to use the pool discretely and safely.

Parking: Covered parking bays are available for all guests in the front entrance of the hotel, free of charge.

Purchases: For your convenience we request that you provide your credit card information to reception to be kept on file for any authorized on-site charges such as wines, laundry service, massage therapy, last minute add-on's, gift shop items etc.

Reception Desk: Our reception desk is located at the hotel entrance and will be staffed 24/7. The reception desk phone number is 016-420-1300 or 9 from a hotel landline. Here you will be able to check the daily schedule, report maintenance issues, reserve Spa appointments, organize golf games, add/change excursion reservations, order boxed meals, purchase from the gift shop, ask for any assistance, and generally have your questions answered.

Running/Walking off property: If you intend to run or walk on the road outside of the hotel, please take security precautions. The area immediately around the hotel does not have regular security patrols. Run/walk with a partner and remain aware of your surroundings. You may wish to run/walk along the Vaal River or golf course adjoining the hotel, just be careful of flying golf balls.

Safety: If you are visiting this country it behooves you to be aware of security precautions. These include being aware of

your surroundings, knowing your direction and destination, refraining from wearing flashy jewelry, and keeping car windows securely closed.

Seders: Seders will take place in the Banhoek and Mokolo dining halls and will be set before you arrive from Shul. Seating charts will be posted to assist you in finding your spot. Seder plates and all objects are provided.

Shul: All Shul services are held in the Zorgvliet conference room unless otherwise posted.

Social Media: Capture the special moments! Post on social media with the hash tag #SApesachRetreat for your chance to win a fabulous prize in our raffle.

Swimming: With Pesach being so late this year, it may feel too cool to use the swimming pool; however please plan on joining us at the river for boating on *Chol HaMoed* days.

Transport: Please liaise with reception or Avi Cohen if you require any transportation services.

Valuables: Please take every measure to look after your valuables. The Pesach Retreat is not responsible for any missing or lost items.

Wireless Access/WiFi: All guests have access to the hotel's free wireless Internet service. Click on @AlwaysOn from the wireless networks and it will connect. Then open your browser and you will be directed to the AlwaysOn Dashboard when you search.

Yoga: See schedule for adult and children's yoga sessions.

Zorgvliet Spa: For all your pampering! Visit the reception desk for more info.

HALACHIK ZMANIM

Dawn 5h19am עלות השחר

Earliest Talis 5h46am ותפילין ציצית זמן

Sunrise 6h29am החמה צב

Latest Shema M" A 8h42am סוף זמן קריאת שמע

Gra & Baal HaTanya 9h17am יאהתנ ובעל א"ג

Latest Shacharis 10h13am זמן תפילה סוף

Midday 12h06pm חצות היום

Earliest Mincha 12h35pm גדולה מנחה

Plag haMinch 14h32pm המנחה פלג

Sunset 17h43pm החמה שקיעת

Nightfall – 3 stars 18h15pm לילה – 3 כוכבים – צאת

Nightfall – 72 minutes 18h55pm לילה

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Thursday, 21 April - ברוכים הבאים WELCOME! – י"ג ניסן

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
14:00pm	Check-in	Reception	Get room keys, unpack.
14h30pm	Activities Available	Water Sports, Gym, Pool, Golf, Board Games, Sports Facilities, etc.	
17:45pm	Mincha/Maariv	Shul/Zorgvliet	
18:30pm	Welcome Dinner	Dining Room	Join us for dinner!
19:30pm	BEDIKAS CHAMETZ	Your room	Copies available in Shul
20:30pm	FEATURE FILM	Mokolo West	Exodus: The Movie

Pesach Retreat Staff will be on premises to greet you.

Please be sure to liaise with us on your arrival so that we may welcome you, show you around, and help with any queries

Friday, 22 April - ברוכים הבאים - WELCOME! יד ניסן

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
07:00am-11:00am	Breakfast	Matthews Terrace Café	Enjoy a delectable breakfast spread.
08:00am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	Followed by <i>Siyum Tanit Bechorim</i> – completion of a tractate of Talmud, freeing firstborns from fasting.
LATEST TIME FOR EATING CHOMETZ IS 10:13AM CHOMETZ MUST BE BURNED OR SOLD BEFORE 11:10AM			
11:00am	BURNING OF CHAMETZ	Deck	Eliminate the unwanted character traits too!
12:00pm-15:00pm	Buffet Lunch	Matthews Restaurant	Eat aplenty, but save some appetite for the Seder!
14:00pm	Room Check-In	Reception Desk	Get room keys and get comfortable in your abode!
14:00pm	Activities Available	Water Sports, Gym, Pool, Golf, Board Games, Sports Facilities, Mikvah	
13:00	Shiur/Discussion	Shul/Zorgvliet	Seder insights to be ready for tonight
14:30pm	Children's Activity	Murphy's Clubhouse	Children create a special craft to use at the Seder
16:00pm	Get ready for Yom Tov...	Enjoy the saxophonic music as you prepare to embrace the holiday....	
17:26pm	Candle-Lighting	Dining Halls	Please light candles only in designated areas.
17:45pm	Mincha & Korban Pesach	Shul/Zorgvliet	It is customary to recall the Paschal sacrifice of old by studying its laws between Mincha and Mariv
18:00pm	Kids Service	Murphy's Clubhouse	Get the kids ready for the Seder at Kids Service
18:00pm	Kabolas Shabbos & Yom Tov Maariv	Shul/Zorgvliet	Join our guest Chazzan in this joyous service
18:55pm	First Pesach Seder	Dining Halls	Time for celebration! Check seating plan for your table and designated room. Private rooms must be pre-booked.
19:00pm	Communal Seders	Mokolo East/West	Led by Rabbi & Chazan with your participation
19:00pm	Semi-Private Seders	Banhoek Hall	Seder at your table with your family

Suggested Seder Schedule 19h00 Kiddush/Seder, 20h30 Shulchan Orech Dinner, 21h45 Afikoman followed by Birkat Hamazon and Cup of Elijah, 22h15pm Seder Songs... **12:06am הלילה הצות Midnight**

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Shabbos, 23 April - 1st day of Yom Tov - ט"ו ניסן

MAZAL TOV YEHUDA NOIK UPON YOUR BARMITZVAH!

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
07:30-11:00am	Breakfast Buffet	Matthews Terrace	Better eat in order to pray than pray in order to eat!
08:30am	Prep for Prayer	Shul/Zorgvliet	Inspire your soul before embarking on the journey of prayer...
9:00am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	At Musaf we begin to pray for 'Tal'
9:30-11:30am	Children's Service	Murphy's Clubhouse	Special programme just for the kids
11:30am	Brocha/Kiddush	Matthew's Terrace	Wash for Matza if you would like to have 3 meals during Shabbos
12:00-12:45pm	Shiur/Discussion with Rabbi Kievman	Shul/Zorgvliet	"Can a Jew live with Questions?"
12:15-13:00pm	Lecture with Mrs. Bronya Shaffer	Barge Rooftop	"What is a Woman's Role in Judaism?"
12:45pm	Mincha	Shul	Early Afternoon Service with Torah Reading
13:00pm	Yom Tov Lunch	Banhoek Hall	This meal is also Seuda Shlishis so please wash accordingly
14:30-17:30pm	Enjoy your Shabbos afternoon with a relaxing <i>shluff</i>, go for a pleasant stroll, or enjoy a shiur....		
15:00pm	Pesach Melody Workshop with Cantor Arye Leib Hurwitz	Shul	Learn new melodies. Come ready to sing! Sing, rehearse, and prepare a piece to sing together for tonight's Maariv.
15:00-17:00pm	Children's Programmes	Kids Play Area	Sports, soccer, fozzeball, table tennis, giant chess, jumping castle, jungle gyms, etc.
16:00pm	High Tea	Tea Room	A variety of Pesachdik baked goodies and imported sweets, just for you!
16:30-17:15pm	Kids Story Hour with Morah Sheshe	Murphy's Clubhouse	A special treat for the kids: come for a fun interactive story hour & sing-a-long with Joburg's famous Morah Sheshe Kur
17:45-18:45pm	Kids Service		
16:30pm	Shiur/Discussion with Rabbi Sternstein	Shul/Zorgvliet	"Pesach, Matza, Maror: Solution to all your problems"
17:30pm	Women's Workshop with Mrs. Shaffer	Matthew's Terrace	"Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus: Where do ypu fit in?"
17:50pm	Yom Tov Maariv and Sefiras HaOmer	Shul/Zorgvliet	Come hear The Pesach Retreat Choir debut during Sefiras HaOmer
18:33pm	Candle-Lighting	Dining Halls	Yom Tov candles are lit after Shabbos terminates
19:00pm	Communal Seders	Mokolo West	Please join us for a Communal Seder facilitated by Rabbi Ari & Batya Kievman, cantorially led by Chazzan Arye Leib Hurwitz
19:00pm	Women's Seder	Cellar	For Women By Women with Mrs. Bronya Shaffer
19:00pm	Semi-Private Seder	Banhoek Hall	Enjoy a festive Seder with your family. Pre arranged seating plan. Private Seders as per seating chart.

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Sunday, 24 April - 2nd day of Yom Tov - טז ניסן

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
7:30-10:00am	Breakfast Buffet	Matthews Terrace	Better to eat in order to pray than to pray in order to eat!
8:30am	Prep for Prayer	Shul/Zorgvliet	Inspire your soul before embarking on the journey of prayer...
9:00am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	Morning Service with Torah reading in Shul
9:30-11:30am	Children's Service	Murphy's Clubhouse	Amazing stories, games, songs and prizes!
12:00pm	Yom Tov Lunch	Poolside	Enjoy a delectable Yom Tov lunch with your family outside
13:15-14:00pm	Shiur/Discussion with Rabbi Kievman	Shul/Zorgvliet	"How to be grateful: Lessons from the exodus on how to have an attitude of gratitude"
14:00-14:55pm	Shiur/Discussion with Mrs. Bronya Shaffer	Matthew's Terrace	"What to do about 'sexual abuse' in the Jewish community"
15:00-15:55pm	Workshop with Cantor Arye Leib Hurwitz	Shul/Zorgvliet	"Evolution of Jewish Music: `Song is the pen of the soul. Nusach a typewriter'"
15:00-17:00pm	Children's Programmes	Kids Play Area	Sports, soccer, foosball, table tennis, giant chess, jumping castle, jungle gyms, etc.
16:00pm	High Tea	Matthew's Terrace	You wouldn't believe it's even Pesach when you'll see what we've got in store for you
16:30-17:15pm	Kids Story Hour with Morah Sheshe	Murphy's Clubhouse	A special treat for the kids: come for a fun interactive story hour & sing-a-long with Joburg's famous Morah Sheshe Kur
16:30pm	Panel Discussion	Matthew's Terrace	Bronya Shaffer, Ilana Skolnik, and you
17:15pm	Shiur/Discussion with Rabbi Sternstein	Shul/Zorgvliet	"How to produce children like Aaron, Miriam & Moshe"
17:30pm	Mincha	Shul/Zorgvliet	Afternoon service in Shul
17:50pm	Inspiring Insights with Rabbi Kievman	Shul/Zorgvliet	"How to Like the People you Love: Viewing Differences as Stepping Stones to Growth"
18:25pm	Maariv	Shul/Zorgvliet	
18:33pm	Yom Tov Terminates		
18:40pm	Havdalah	Matthew's Restaurant	Musical Havdalah with Cantor Hurwitz & Shevach Tamir
19:30-21:30pm	Dinner	Matthew's Restaurant	
20:30pm	Night Activity	Banhoek Hall	Renowned Illusionist Ilan Smith
21:30pm	Coffee/Tea & refreshments	Tea Room	Ilan Smith will perform close-up magic during Tea time
22:00pm	Feature Film	Mokolo West	Jakob the Liar

**Reserve now for any excursions you'd like to go on tomorrow
Book your Boxed Lunches the evening before your trips**

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CHOL HAMOED 1 – MONDAY, 25 APRIL - י"ז ניסן

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
7:00am-10:45am	Breakfast	Matthews Terrace	Better to eat in order to pray than to pray in order to eat!
7:30am-8:30am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	Sh_! is not the same without u!
8:15am-9:15am	Ladies Yoga Class	Gym	Wake up our bodies, strengthen our minds, and open our hearts! A fun, light hearted and mindful practice.
9:15am	Excursions	Bus leaves from hotel entrance	PRE-BOOK: Take a guided tour of Soweto, Apartheid Museum and Gold Reef City. For more information on these, or for other suggestions, please see 'Activities'
Murphy's clubhouse open and kids can make use of activities on offer (WII, soccer, fozzeball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms) Select from a variety of activities to do for the day. See our suggestions later in this booklet.			
11:00am-12:00pm	Kids Pesach Treasure Hunt	Murphy's Club House	Find the Afikoman and other hidden treasures
All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Children at Murphy's Clubhouse			
12:00-15:00pm	Buffet Lunch	Matthew's Terrace	Come and go as you please
13:00-14:00pm	Shiur/Discussion with Rabbi Kievman	Shul/Zorgvliet	"Gebrakts: The Halacha, Kabbalah & the Psychology"
14:00-15:00pm	Shiur/Discussion with Bronya Shaffer	Matthew's Terrace	"Lessons that Women can teach their Men"
14:00pm	Kids Tea Party	Murphy's Clubhouse	(juice and various snacks for the children to enjoy)
15:00-15:55pm	Gumboot Dancing Workshop	Poolside	Conceived by black miners as an alternative to drumming, gumboot dancing has now become a world-known phenomenon. Dare to resist the rhythm of this engaging tradition. Delightful for adults and children alike.
16:15-17:00pm	African Drumming Workshop	Barge Rooftop	In Africa, drumming has been used for centuries as a form of communication. Try your hand at this ancient art. Get practiced for Drum Circle night.
17:15pm	Daily Dose of Talmud	Shul/Zorgvliet	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodologies
17:30pm	Mincha/Maariv	Shul/Zorgvliet	
17:40pm	Ladies Workshop with Mrs. Bronya Shaffer	Matthew's Terrace	"Jewish Feminism: What is it?"
18:00pm	Guest Lecture	Shul/Zorgvliet	Each evening, one of our guest rabbis will share some Pesach inspiration for contemporary life
18:30pm	Dinner	Poolside	Asian (meat & vegetarian) cuisine
19:30pm	Night Entertainment	Deck	Jason Da Costa (live singing performance)
20:30pm	Night Activity	Banhoek Hall	Bingo with fabulous prizes for winners
21:30pm	Coffee/Tea & refreshments	Tea Room	Enjoy Pesachdik Asian desserts and other goodies
21:30pm	Feature Film	Mokolo West	The Best of Men: How a Jew started the Paralympics

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CHOL HAMOED 2 - TUESDAY, 26 APRIL – י"ה ניסן

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
7:00am-10:45am	Breakfast	Matthews Terrace	If breaks are meant to be slow... then why do they call it "breakfast"?
7:30am-8:30am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	
8:15am-9:15am	Ladies Yoga Class	Gym	Wake up our bodies, strengthen our minds, and open our hearts! A fun, light hearted and mindful practice.
9:00am	Excursions	Bus leaves from hotel entrance	Pre-Book: Trip to Sterkfontein Caves and Cradle of Humankind. For more information on these, or for other suggestions, please see 'Activities'
Murphy's clubhouse open and kids can make use of activities on offer (WII, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms) Select from a variety of activities to do for the day. See our suggestions later in this booklet.			
11:00am-12:00pm	Kids Activity: Green Fingers	Murphy's Club House	Children plant their own seedlings, and can take them home
All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Children at Murphy's Clubhouse.			
12:00-15:00pm	Buffet Lunch	Matthew's Terrace	Now what's on the menu? Me-n-u
12:30-13:30pm	Workshop with Rabbi Kievman	Shul/Zorgvliet	"How happiness thinks"
13:30-14:30pm	Discussion with Bronya Shaffer	Matthew's Terrace	"Keys to happy relationships"
14:00pm-15:00pm	Arts & Crafts for Kids	Murphy's Clubhouse	Various arts and crafts including painting, drawing, colouring...
15:00-15:55pm	Gumboot Dancing	Poolside	Conceived by black miners as an alternative to drumming, gumboot dancing has now become a world-known phenomenon. Dare to resist the rhythm of this engaging tradition. Delightful for adults and children alike.
16:15-17:00pm	African Drumming Workshop	Barge Rooftop	In Africa, drumming has been used for centuries as a form of communication. Try your hand at this ancient art. Practice for Drum Circle night.
17:15pm	Daily Dose of Talmud	Shul/Zorgvliet	A daily shiur offering insight into the rabbinic mind and its logical methodologies
17:30pm	Mincha/Maariv	Shul/Zorgvliet	
18:00pm	Guest Lecture	Shul/Zorgvliet	Listen to our guest rabbis' Pesach message
18:30pm	Dinner	Poolside	Elegant dinner evening with live classical music (meat & vegetarian options)
19:30pm	Night Entertainment	Banhoek Hall	Pesach Concert! Our illustrious Chazan, joined by local celebrated Chazzonim, will delight you with popular, traditional, and timeless tunes, and even a sprinkling of Broadway!
21:30pm	Coffee/Tea & refreshments	Tea Room	Enjoy a sma
21:30pm	Feature Film	Mokolo West	The Prime Ministers: documentary of Yehuda Avner's recently published memoirs

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CHOL HAMOED 3 – WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL – ט' ניסן

Freedom Day- Public Holiday

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
7:00am-10:45am	Breakfast	Matthews	Rather eat to pray than pray to eat!
7:30am-8:30am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	
8:15am-9:15am	Ladies Yoga Class	Gym	Wake up the body, strengthen the mind, and open the heart!
9:15am	Excursions	Bus leaves from hotel entrance	Pre-Book: Trip to Lesedi Cultural Village and Rhino & Lion Nature Reserve. For more information on these, or for other suggestions, see 'Activities' page
9:00am-13:00pm	Life Enrichment Workshop with Tamar Dakes	Mokolo East	Five Natural Laws of Success: 'Discover The Ultimate Operating System For An Abundant Life' See 'Faculty' page for more info. Open to all!
Murphy's clubhouse open and kids can make use of activities on offer (WII, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)			
Select from a variety of activities to do for the day. See our suggestions later in this booklet.			
10:00-11:00am	African Beadworx 1 for kids	Murphy's Clubhouse	Bead art is a favourite with locals and international visitors. Its vibrant colours represent the 11his11ca and diversity of our country's culture. Learn the art of beads and wire fashioning.
11:00am-12:00pm	Kids Activity: Musical Statues	Murphy's Clubhouse	Children enjoy a fun game divided into groups. Last kid 11his11cal wins a prize!
Ladies Work Out First Session 11:45am-12:30pm Second Session 13:45-14:30pm	Ladies Only Tazz Fit with Personal Fitness Trainer, Taryn Davis	Gym	Brought specially to you by Taryn Davis. Warm up cardio and stretches, water sips, cardio standing and cardio on the ball, cool down Yoga stretching and breathing. This helps to relax, destress and receive a great work out all in 30 minutes.
12:00-15:00pm	Buffet Lunch	Matthew's Terrace	Come and go as you please Lettuce get together!
12:30-13:15pm	Shiur/Discussion with Rabbi Kievman	Shul/Zorgvliet	"The Art of Parenting"
13:20-14:00pm	Workshop with Mrs. Bronya Shaffer	Matthew's Terrace	"The Art of Relationships"
13:15-14:45	FREE YOUR BODY with Yossi & Justine Montrose	Poolside	Health Q&A for better eating and fitness, plus experience what the ball does and how it benefits the body with a movement class showing simple exercises .
13:15-14:15pm	African Beadsworx 2 for kids and adults	Murphy's Clubhouse	See above
14:45-15:45pm	Book Signing & presentation with Jack Bloom	Banhoek Hall	Hear the fascinating political journey of DA Ligsilator Jack Bloom and get your copy of his new book "30 Night's in a Shack – a Politician's Journey" autographed.
14:00pm-15:00pm	Instrument Making for Kids	Murphy's Clubhouse	Kids, make your own shaker to keep!
15:00-15:55pm	Gumboot Dancing Workshop	Poolside	Conceived by black miners as an alternative to drumming gumboot dancing has become a world-known phenomenon. Dare to resist the rhythm of this engaging tradition. Delightful for adults and children alike.
16:15-17:00pm	African Drumming Workshop	Barge Rooftop	In Africa, drumming has been used for centuries as a form of communication. Try your hand at this ancient art. Practice for Drum Circle night.
17:00pm	Political Perspective	Shul/Zorgvliet	DA legislator Jack Bloom discusses "Jews in Politics: Is it Good or Bad?"

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17:30pm	Mincha/Maariv	Shul/Zorgvliet	
18:00pm	Guest Lecture	Shul/Zorgvliet	Guest Rabbis' Pesach Inspiration
18:30pm	Dinner	Poolside	African Braai with all the trimmings
19:30-21:15pm	Afro-Jewish Performance	Outside Matthew's	Evening of Afro Jewish Music and Interactive Drumming for All
21:30pm	Feature Film	Mokolo West	The Disputation: Nachmandies takes on the Minim(BBC)
21:30pm	Coffee/Tea & refreshments	Tea Room	Enjoy Pesachdik African delights with dried nuts & fruits

CHOL HAMOED 4 – THURSDAY, 28 APRIL – כ' ניסן

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
7:00-10:45am	Breakfast	Matthews Terrace	Better to eat in order to pray than to pray in order to eat!
7:30-8:30am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	
8:15-9:00am	Ladies Yoga	Gym	Wake up the body, strengthen the mind, and open the heart!
9:00am	Excursions	Bus leaves from hotel entrance	Pre-Book: Trip to Parys Water Rafting.
Murphy's clubhouse open and kids can make use of activities on offer (WII, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms) Select from a variety of activities to do for the day. See our suggestions later in this booklet.			
11:00am-12:00pm	Kids Activity: Cookie Decorating	Murphy's Club House	Children get active preparing Pesachdike Cookies, decorating with various colours of icing and designs
All sports facilities are open. Equipment is available at the fields/courts. Children at Murphy's Clubhouse			
12:00-15:00pm	Buffet Lunch	Matthew's Terrace	Come and go as you please
12:30-13:15pm	Shiur/Discussion	Shul/Zorgvliet	"Splitting the Sea as a Model for Relationships"
13:30-14:15pm	Informal Talk with Mrs. Bronya Shaffer	Matthew's Terrace	"How Torah Talks To Me"
14:00-15:00pm	Kids Nature Walk	Murphy's Clubhouse	Kids discover the resort's flora, fauna and birdlife while collecting interesting items like flowers, feathers, and more
Get ready for Yom Tov...Enjoy the saxophonic music as you prepare to embrace the holiday			
17:21pm	Candle Lighting	Dining Rooms	
17:30pm	Mincha	Shul/Zorgvliet	
17:45pm	Kids Service	Murphy's Clubhouse	Kids learn about Shevii Shel Peach with fun & prizes
17:45pm	Discussion		"What significance is the end days of Pesach?"
18:15pm	Maariv	Shul	Sing the praises of Hashem
19:00pm	Dinner	Dining Rooms	Wine and Dine for Seudas Yom Tov
23:00pm	Krias Yam Suf		Interactive discussions and shiurim. Refreshments served through the night.

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Friday, 29 April - 7th day of Yom Tov - כ"א ניסן

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
07:30-10:00am	Breakfast Buffet	Matthews Terrace	Better to eat in order to pray than to pray in order to eat!
08:30am	Prep for Prayer	Shul/Zorgvliet	Inspire your soul before prayer
9:00am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	
9:30-11:00am	Children's Service	Murphy's Clubhouse	Kids can win prizes, learn, sing and play games
12:00pm	Yom Tov Lunch	Banhoek Hall	Bon Apetit!
14:30-17:30pm	Enjoy your Yom Tov afternoon with a relaxing <i>shluff</i> , go for a pleasant stroll, and enjoy a <i>shiur</i>		
13:00-14:00	Critical Talk with Mrs Bronya Shaffer	Shul/Zorgvliet	"Homosexuality in the Jewish Community"
14:10-14:50pm	Shiur/Discussion with Rabbi Kievman	Shul/Zorgvliet	Back to Life: Recovering from life's challenges. Throughout our history, there were times when all seemed lost. How do we get back to life again?
15:00pm	Pesach Melody Workshop a-capella Group with Cantor Arye Leib Hurwitz and Prof Russel Lurie	Shul/Zorgvliet	Learn new melodies. Come ready to sing! Sing, rehearse, and prepare a piece to sing together for tonight's Maariv. Choir Conducted by Prof Russel Lurie. All that is required is a love of singing the music of the Jewish people!
15:00-17:00pm	Children's Programmes	Kids Play Area	
16:00pm	High Tea	Tea Room	
16:30-17:15pm	Kids Story Hour with Morah Sheshe	Murphy's Clubhouse	A special treat for the kids: come for a fun interactive story hour & sing-a-long with Joubrg's famous Morah Sheshe Kur followed by Kids Service
17:45-18:45pm	Children's Service		
16:30pm	Shiur with Rabbi Sternstein	Shul/Zorgvliet	"The Mitzva to Retell the Story of our Exodus and it's Relevance Today"
16:30pm	Women's Candlelighting Workshop with Mrs. Shaffer	Matthew's Terrace	How to Welcome the Shabbos Queen
17:20pm	Candle Lighting	Dining Halls	Illuminate our world!
SHABAT SHALOM/GOOD SHABBOS & YOMTOV!			
17:50pm	Kabolas Shabbos	Shul/Zorgvliet	Come hear The Pesach Retreat Choir along for a special Shabbos & Yom Tov Maariv
19:00pm	Seudas Yom Tov	Mokolo West	Final Pesach Dinner. Finally, enjoy matza-infused treats
22:00pm	Group Study	Shul/Zorgvliet	Refreshments and Drinks supplied in Shul

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Shabbos, 30 April - 8th day of Yom Tov - **כב ניסן**

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
07:30-10:00am	Breakfast Buffet	Matthews Terrace	Better to eat in order to pray than to pray in order to eat!
08:30am	Prep for Prayer	Shul/Zorgvliet	Inspire your soul before embarking on the journey of prayer...
9:00am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	Yizkor Memorial Prayer around 11:00am
9:30-11:00am	Children's Service	Murphy's Clubhouse	Prayer, Songs, Games, Prizes, Fun!
12:00pm	Seudas Shabbos & Yom Tov	Banhoek Hall	Ess Gezunt!
13:00-16:30pm	Enjoy your Shabbos afternoon with a relaxing <i>shluff</i> , go for a pleasant stroll, and enjoy a <i>shiur</i>		
13:15-14:00pm	Group Discussion with Chazan Hurwitz	Shul/Zorgvliet	"Why Gebrochs on Acharon Shel Pesach"
14:00-15:00pm	Frank Talk with Mrs. Bronya Shaffer	Shul/Zorgvliet	"Homosexuality in the Jewish Community Part 2"
15:00-15:50pm	Shiur with Rabbi Ari Kievman Lessons from Caesar	Shul/Zorgvliet	A Look at Jewish Leadership In the Talmud, What does the Roman Emperor have to do with the Jewish Redeemer? A fascinating odyssey into ancient history and the future Messianic age uncovers a surprising model of leadership and personal growth
15:00-17:00pm	Children's Programmes	Kids Play Area	
16:00pm	High Tea	Matthew's Terrace	You wouldn't believe it's even Pesach whne you'll see what we've got in store for you
16:10pm	Mincha	Shul/Zorgvliet	Last Pesach Amida until next year!
16:30-17:15pm	Kids Story Hour with Morah Sheshe	Murphy's Clubhouse	Kids enjoy an interactive story hour & sing-a-long with Joubrg's famous Morah Sheshe Kur
17:30-18:15pm	<i>Kid's Moshiach Seuda</i>		
16:30pm	Neilas HaChag/Seudas Moshiach	Matthew's Restaurant	Let's close out Pesach together with a special farewell meal. Enjoy wine, matzah and other Pesach goodies, discuss words of Torah and inspirational stories, sing Pesach melodies, and find out why this day has a special energy related to the coming of Moshiach.
18:14 Motzei Chag <i>Baruch Hamavdil Ben Kodesh I'Chol</i>			
18:15pm	Maariv	Shul/Zorgvliet	
18:35pm	Musical Havdalah	Shul/Zorgvliet	
19:45pm	Maimuna Chometz Dinner	Matthew's Terrace	Enjoy this festive evening culminating the festival of Pesach with gastronomic delights and lively musical melodies. You don't want to miss!

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Sunday, 1 May -Isru Chag - כג ניסן

Farewell, צאתכם לשלום to our guests!

Time	Event	Location	Description/Info
7:30am-10:45am	Grand Breakfast	Matthews Terrace	Don't forget to show gratuity to your wait staff!
8:00am	Shacharis	Shul/Zorgvliet	
11:00am	Check-Out	Reception Desk	If you require assistance with transportation please speak with reception.
12:00-13:30pm	Light Lunch	Riverboat	Enjoy this grand finale of the Pesach Retreat with a Riverboat luncheon

Children's Entertainment Summary at Murphy's Club House

Thursday 21 April

14h00 – 19h00 Welcome! Murphy's clubhouse is open and kids to make use of activities on offer (Wii, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)
20h30 – 22h00 Movies

Friday 22 April

14h30 – 16h00 Children create a special craft (painting and stuffing pillows) to use at the Seder
18h00 – Children's Service

Shabbos 23 April

The clubhouse is open for playtime during Yom Tov
9h30 – 11h00 Children's Service
16h00 – 17h15 Kids Story Hour with Morah Sheshe
17:45 - Children's Service

Sunday 24 April

The clubhouse is open for playtime during Yom Tov
9h30 – 11h00 Children's Service
16h00 – 17h15 Kids Story Hour with Morah Sheshe
19h15 - (Wii, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)
20h30 – 22h00 Movies

Monday 25 April

8h00 Murphy's clubhouse opens and kids to make use of activities on offer (Wii, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)
11h00 – 12h00 Treasure hunt
12h00 – 14h00 Playtime!
14h00 – 15h00 Tea party
15h00 – 19h00 Playtime!
20h30 – 22h00 Movies

Tuesday 26 April

8h00 Murphy's clubhouse opens and kids to make use of activities on offer (Wii, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)
11h00 – 12h00 Green fingers (children to plant their own seedlings to take home and take care of)
12h00 – 14h00 Playtime!
14h00 – 15h00 Arts & Crafts
15h00 – 19h00 General activities (Wii, soccer, foosball,

table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)

20h30 – 22h00 Movies

Wednesday 27 April

8h00 Murphy's clubhouse opens and kids to make use of activities on offer (Wii, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)
10h00 – 11h00 African Beadworx 1
11h00 – 12h00 Musical statues
12h00 – 13h15 Playtime!
13h15 – 14h15 African Beadworx 2 for kids and adults
14h15 – 15h00 Musical instrument creation
15h00 – 19h00 Playtime
20h30 – 22h00 Movies

Thursday 28 April

8h00 Murphy's clubhouse opens and kids to make use of activities on offer (Wii, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)
11h00 – 12h00 Cookie decorating
12h00 – 14h00 Playtime!
14h00 – 15h00 Nature walk
15h00 – 19h00 Playtime!

Friday 29 April

The clubhouse is open for playtime over Yom Tov
9h30 – 11h00 Children's Service
16h00 – 17h15 Kids Story Hour with Morah Sheshe
17:45 - Children's Service

Shabbos 30 April

The clubhouse is open for playtime
9h30 – 11h00 Children's Service
16h00 – 17h15 Kids Story Hour with Morah Sheshe and Moshiach's Seuda for Kids

Sunday 1 May

8h00-22h00 Good Byes! Murphy's clubhouse is open and kids to make use of activities on offer (Wii, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms) until family ready to go.

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Retreat Faculty

Uri Cohen - Logistics
Rabbi Ari & Batya Kievman – Programme
Chef Alan bender – Catering & Hashgacha
Avi & Tammy Cohen – Excursions & Transport
Nir Etzbeony - Entertainment
Raizy Kievman – Kids Club
Rabbi Shneur & Rikki Naparstek - Coordination

SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

During *Yom Tov*

Mrs. Bronya Shaffer, Ilana Skolnik, Cantor Arye Leib Hurwitz, Rabbi Gedalya Sternstein, Rabbi Ari & Batya Kievman

During *Chol HaMoed*

Rabbi David Masinter, Rabbi Michael Katz, Rabbi Ari Shishler, Rabbi Ron Hendler

Lectures & Workshops

Bronya Shaffer, Wendy Hendler, Nir Etzbeony, Tamar Dakes, MP Jack Bloom, Rabbi Ari Kievman

Entertainment

Ilan Smith-Illusionist, Cantors Ezra Sher & Chilly Chrysler, Musician Avi Kanar, Nir Etzbeony and many surprises!

MRS. BRONYA SHAFFER

Ms. Bronya Shaffer is a noted globetrotting lecturer on Jewish women's issues, and serves as a personal counselor and mentor for women, couples, and adolescents. Mrs. Shaffer, a responder for Chabad.org's "Ask the Rabbi" service, is a mother of ten children and lectures around the world on parenting, education, women's issues, abuse, and other topics. She was one of the introductory speakers at the inaugural Sinai Indaba here in South Africa and is a much sought after speaker worldwide.

MRS. ILANA SKOLNIK

In 1973, Ellen Peters, a Protestant biracial woman, was chosen as South Africa's beauty queen. Today, she goes by the name Ilana Skolnick, and she is an observant Jew residing in Cape Town.

CANTOR ARYE LEIB HURWITZ

Arye Leib Hurwitz is a soloist and performer from New York whose brilliant voice has been featured all over the world. His voice has shaken audiences and pierced hearts worldwide. His musical repertoire consists of many melodic genres and songs in a variety of languages, including traditional Hebrew liturgy, Yiddish folk songs, Opera, Broadway, modern Jewish music and more. Aryeh Leib is praised among his peers for his lyric tenor voice. He began his singing career as a cantor in Johannesburg, leading High Holiday and special occasion services. He is currently serving as Cantor at The Chai Center in Dix Hills, Long Island.

CHEF ALAN BENDER

Alan Bender is the Executive Chef at Feigel's Kosher Deli. He is passionate about being the best he can in the kosher industry and gets great delight when he's able to develop his teams' skills. Alan is a successful entrepreneur owning several legendary kosher restaurants. He is the Executive Chef at The Pesach Retreat managing a dedicated team of professional chefs who are cooking and arranging mouthwatering meals prepared fresh each day of Pesach.

RABBI GEDALYA STERNSTEIN

Rabbi Gedalya Sternstein is a popular *magid shiur* in Johannesburg and delivers weekly lectures to the public, as well as to high school students, in addition to his Yeshiva duties. He has prepared classes on fascinating topics to teach during Pesach. Rabbi Sternstein will be giving daily shiurim during the retreat.

RABBI ARI & BATYA KIEVMAN

Rabbi Ari and Batya Kievman are instrumental to making the Pesach Retreat a reality. After experiencing Pesach hotel programmes in the USA, Ari wished to bring some of that experience to South Africa where he studied for smicha - rabbinic ordination in 2003. He is presently director of Chabad's vibrant Seniors Club and gives regular lectures in Johannesburg. His weekly radio shows airs on Thursdays at 13:00 on 101.9ChaiFM and he is a volunteer medic with Hatzolah. Together Ari and Batya run Chabad's Goodness & Kindness Centre serving the business and tourist population needs' in Sandton. Batya holds a master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology.

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RABBI DAVID MASINTER

Rabbi David Masinter is founder and director of the Miracle Drive annual charity drive, and director of Chabad House in Johannesburg as well as spiritual leader of Chabad Benmore/Riverclub in Sandton. He lectures in Tanya, the 17 ary text of Chabad Chassidus and has authored the Grow Your Life children's book series.

RABBI MICHAEL KATZ

Rabbi Michael Katz serves as Spiritual leader of the Chabad of Illovo community in Johannesburg and is the activities director of Chabad House Johannesburg.

RABBI YOSSY GOLDMAN

Rabbi Yossy Goldman is Senior Rabbi of the Sydenham Shul since 1986, president of the South African Rabbinical Association, and a frequent contributor to Chabad.org and many publications. His book, From Where I Stand: Life Messages from the Weekly Torah Reading, was recently published by Ktav.

RABBI ARI SHISHLER

Rabbi Ari Shishler is the rabbi of Chabad of Strathavon and a popular lecturer and teacher. He has taught Talmud skills for over 15 years and has lectured on Jewish spirituality for almost twenty years. He delivered the keynote address at the International Conference of Shluchim in New York in 2011.

RABBI RON & WENDY HENDLER

Rabbi Ron Hendler is head of the Conversion Program at the South African Beis Din, and spiritual leader of Shul @ 51 Northfield. Wendy Hendler is a certified More To Life Coach and an experienced Mentor of the Power of Purpose and Power of Self Esteem Courses. She is also a Diplomate Clinician in Logotherapy (Viktor Frankel's revolutionary meaning-centred psychotherapy), and facilitates Logotherapy Workshops. A mother of 7 children and a Rabbi's wife, Wendy finds her skills invaluable in raising her children and serving her community.

ILAN SMITH-ILLUSIONIST

Ilan Smith is a magician and illusionist, master of intrigue and wonder. Able to amaze, mystify, and enrapture, he can release you from reality; suspend your disbelief and most importantly make you dream.... Don't miss Ilan's performance on Sunday evening in Banhoek Hall.

TAMAR DAKES

Tamar Dakes is a much sought after Trainer, Coach, Healer, Speaker, Author, Yogi and Mom. Take advantage of her amazing workshop on Wednesday, 27 April 17, from 9h00am until 13h00pm

About the Workshop

'DISCOVER THE ULTIMATE OPERATING SYSTEM FOR AN ABUNDANT LIFE'

There is a simple operating system for an abundant life. When you understand how it works, you can work the system to guarantee success. When you can see what's holding you back from living a healthy, wealthy, happy life, you can change it. Join us on Wednesday 27th April for a 4-hour intensive workshop that will help you shift and transform your story and re-connect you to your true Creator Nature. We will use the powerful energy of Pesach to go inward and see what still enslaves us so that we can take full responsibility for creating true freedom. The timing is perfect. The world urgently needs you to become better.

JACK BLOOM

Jack Bloom is the Caucus leader of the DA Gauteng Provincial Legislature and long-time DA Gauteng Health Spokesperson.

Jack will share a unique perspective on world politics during breakfast as well as a special workshop after lunch on Wednesday, 27 April.

EZRA SHER

Ezra started his singing career at the age of 9 years, when he used to regularly perform as a child soloist at the Berea Shul. He spent two years with Dawie Couzyn and a further eight years with Enrike Krige. Ezra attended the Pretoria Opera school to perfect his opera skills. In August 2004, he participated in the Johannesburg Music Festival Singing Competition and won the Eugenie Chopin Award Trophy for the most promising male singer in South Africa. Ezra has performed in Zimbabwe, America and Britain. Ezra has studied Nusach Hatfilah with Cantor Wolpo and more recently with Cantor Bennie Levy. Ezra has been the Chazan for the high holy days for thirteen years all over South Africa, including Oudtshoorn, Klerksdorp, Middelburg and Kensington. Hear his melodious voice at our concert evening.

YOSSI & JUSTINE MONTROSE

Over 12 years of training and developing over 1800 different exercises and countless of programs for all sorts of people with different goals, it has led me to being recognized as the world's leading core stability ball expert and have had opportunities such as being flown to the states to develop a fitness companies core product offering. Yossi and Justine will present on Wednesday, 27 April

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ACTIVITIES

Apart from lazing around at the pool, or in your hotel room, there's plenty to choose from. The best of both worlds, combining the pleasures of ultimate physical comfort with rich spiritual experience. Try an intellectually stimulating workshop or shiur, and take advantage of the hotels amazing offerings. A round of golf, a pamper at the spa or a riverboat cruise awaits! So whether you have come here to relax, or to spiritually uplift yourself, be sure to make the most of your time with us.

Murphy Clubhouse pulls out all the stops when it comes to keeping the kids happy. So grab your little ones by the hand and bring them along, we've got foosball, face painting, table tennis, PlayStation, Wii...need any more convincing?

KIDS CLUB

IN-HOUSE KIDDIES ACTIVITIES

Murphy's Club House
(Including a Child Minder)
Wii • Table Tennis • Movies
Arts & Crafts • Foosball • Variety of Toys
Variety of Children's Books

Murphy's Club House
(Excluding a Child Minder)
Jumping Castle • Jungle Gym
Trampolines • Giant Chess

OPEN:
Kids Club will have special operating hours for the duration of the Pesach Retreat



**BUILD, DESIGN, CREATE, PLAY AND
HAVE LOADS OF FUN WITH US!**

GREAT TRIPS

Water Sports If its adventure you're looking for, head on down to the river bank. There are some very cool (pardon the pun) water sports and things to do on the Vaal River. Options include wake-boarding, skiing, tubina, speed boat cruises and, if you are really brave, try out jet-boarding.

Vaal cruises Here's a heads-up – book in advance or you are going to be left high and dry. Our Vaal River cruises are very popular – simply because how can you beat a meander down the river, drink in hand? We've also held some fantastic events on board, so keep that in mind when you are planning your next bash.

Golf at the Country Club If you have come here for the golf, the 18-hole, very well -known Riviera on Vaal Country Club situated adjacent to the hotel is not going to disappoint you. This stunning course is set between the Vaal and Klip Rivers so (guaranteed!) you are going to be blown away by the beautiful scenery. It's interesting to note that the historic club house was designed by Sir Herbert Baker; a walk around the club house will reveal plenty of interesting history.

For the beginners; a 9-hole Pitch and Putt course is available and the whole family can enjoy a round on this mini golf course. Speak with reception to book your game!

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Get outside Skydive, scuba-dive, bungee jump, and paraglide or learn something new and challenging. The Vaal area is Gauteng's own coastline - a haven for watersports enthusiasts and the entire family, and you certainly won't run out of ideas: Scuba diving at Bass Lake where mountain biking, hiking, archery, boating, bird watching, and bass fishing are also offered

SUGGESTED DAY-TRIP: BODY WORLD'S VITAL

Vital is an absolute must-see exhibition for everyone who appreciates a profoundly engaging, thought provoking and visually striking experience. It tells the story of how our lifestyle choices affect our health and vitality and what happens when we are struck down by specific illnesses or medical conditions. More than 180 anatomical specimens of real human bodies show us how sophisticated, yet fragile, our bodies really are. Vital is one of 11 exhibitions in the trailblazing BODY WORLDS series seen by more than 40 million people in over 100 cities worldwide – including German tennis player Steffi Graff; SA actress Charlize Theron; musician Josh Grobin; and singer Tina Turner, to mention a few. Visit www.bodyworldsvital.co.za for opening hours, ticket prices and more about the exhibition. You can also find amazing videos of the exhibition on You Tube.

Parys Always nice to venture out and explore! Parys is a lovely drive. Pop the kids and gran into the car and head north along the R57 until you reach Parys. They have a fabulous market at the weekends and Parys has become a well-known spot for antique collectors and art connoisseurs. Bon Af Berry Farm offers berry picking, farm tours, a museum and a tea garden.

Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve in Heidelberg: Hiking and bike trails are a must for the outdoorsy type. A network of 66km of backpacking hiking trails has been established, plus a short, 4km interpretive trail (Cheetah Trail) and a 17km (or 10km shorter option) Bokmakierie day visitor trail. There is also a 60km long motor vehicle tourist route.

Alice Glockner Nature Another gem in Reserve Heidelberg, it is home to rare butterflies, sixteen species of medicinal plants and plenty of resident animals too. These include dassies (rock rabbits), porcupines, black-backed jackals, aardvarks, mongooses, meerkats and more. In addition, there are more than 55 recorded bird species, and others just waiting to be spotted by avid bird watchers or hikers traversing the reserve at their own pace.

Weltevrede Lion Farm in Heilbron Take the kids to see the big cats. Offers close-up experience with wild dogs, lion, cheetah and many more. The farm Weltevrede belongs to Nico and Karen Roets who have a passion for wild animals and so developed this reserve. You can go on a game drive or take your own 4x4 route. They also offer clay pigeon shooting, which is heaps of fun for everyone.

Constitutional Hill: Constitution Hill is a city precinct, anchored by the South African Constitutional Court – the highest court in the country on constitutional matters. Constitution Hill is also the site of Johannesburg's notorious Old Fort Prison Complex, where thousands of ordinary people were brutally punished before the dawn of democracy. Tel: 011 381 3100

LEISURE TRIP OPTIONS

Speak with reception desk for the latest suggestions

Take a tour The area is steeped in history and the selection of tours on offer will take you back in time to remind you of our heritage and transformation. Take a day to visit the Sharpeville Memorial which features a dramatic wall at the entrance containing the names of the people who are buried in the nearby Sharpeville Cemetery and, if you are truly hungry for knowledge, you've got to experience the Vredefort Dome Route and learn about the geology, history, bird life, flora and fauna of this World Heritage Site.

Apartheid Museum: The Apartheid Museum is acknowledged as the pre-eminent museum in the world dealing with 20th century South Africa, at the heart of which is the apartheid story. The museum is a beacon of hope showing the world how South Africa is coming to terms with its oppressive past and working towards a future that all South Africans can call their own. Tel: 011 309 4700

Gold Reef City is an amusement park in Johannesburg. Located on an old gold mine, which closed in 1971, the park is themed around the gold rush that started in 1886 on the Witwatersrand. **We will be having an organized trip to Soweto, Apartheid Museum, and Gold Reef City on Monday of Chol HaMoed.**

Maropeng/Cradle of Humankind: The Exhibition is self-guided and can take anything from one to seven hours, depending on your level of interest and time availability. It is highly interactive and enjoyable, and will engage visitors of all ages. Over weekends and public holidays guided tours are conducted regularly at no additional cost. Ask the ticket office on arrival when the next tour will commence. Tel: 014 577 9000

Sterkfontein Caves: The site of the most longstanding, continuous palaeoanthropological dig in the world, are world-renowned for their fossil finds. These caves have produced the pre-human skull popularly known as "Mrs Ples," and an almost complete hominid skeleton affectionately known as "Little Foot". Tel: 014 577 9000 **Organized trip to Maropeng/Cradle of Humankind and to the Sterkfontein Caves on Tuesday of Chol HaMoed.**

The Pesach Retreat

Lesedi Cultural Village: Lesedi Cultural Village is a tourist village, which celebrates the cultural traditions of several different peoples of Southern Africa. It reproduces traditional dwellings and offers demonstrations of dances and other cultural activities. Tel: 012 205 1394. **We will be having an organized trip to Lesedi Cultural Village and Rhino Lion Park on Wednesday of Chol HaMoed.**

Parys Water Rafting: Enjoy 2-3 hours on the Vaal River and you get between 9 and 11 rapids. There are guides that give a full safety briefing before you start your adventure. There will be guides on the water with everybody, at the moment the river is perfect for 1st timers and non-swimmers. It's about 6km of rafting and there are 2 man inflatables available. This is a fun family activity and an experience that will make lasting memories. **Organized rafting trip with transportation takes place on Thursday of Chol HaMoed, returning in time to get ready for Yom Tov.**

Animal Sanctuaries and Nature Reserves

Pilansberg: Among Southern Africa's fascinating game reserves, situated in the ecologically rich transition zone between the Kalahari and the Lowveld, this vast area promises thrilling big game viewing in a malaria free environment. If you're seeking a real safari experience, this is the closest one you'll find, approx. 2.5 hours' drive.

The Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve: The Rhino and Lion reserve is privately owned, non-subsidized game reserve, covering approximately 1600 ha on the typical Highveld of Gauteng. The reserve is situated in the "Cradle of Humankind", a declared World Heritage Site, about 40 km northwest of Johannesburg and 60 km east of Pretoria. Tel: 011 9570109

The Lion Park: Lion Park is a 2 km² lion wildlife conservation enclosure. Tel: 011 691 9905

Croc City Crocodile & Reptile Park: The entrance to Croc City leads one into a well-stocked curio shop. You will be given the opportunity to hold a baby crocodile as well as a variety of exotic snakes and even a tarantula. On display are some of South Africa's most venomous snakes, including the black and green mambas, boom slang and many more. Tel: 083 657 7561

The Elephant Sanctuary at Hartebeespoort Dam: A caring team who will introduce you to a unique Experience of touching, feeding, walking and riding magnificent African elephants. It is a great Family outing, suitable for all ages. Tel: 012 258 0332

Bushbabies Monkey Sanctuary: This is for the whole family. Walk through indigenous forests on elevated wooden walkways, and experience a variety of exotic monkeys. Bush babies Monkey Sanctuary rescues monkeys that have been raised as pets, or have been bred or imported for the pet trade. The monkeys are released into a wild forest with waterfalls and mountain springs. Tel: 012 258 9908

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