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The Pesach Retreat

with Rabbi Ari & Batya Kievman

Programme &
Schedule Guide
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30 March – 8 April 2018

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Welcome

Message from your hosts



Dear Guests,

Welcome to The Pesach Retreat 2018 at the luxurious Velmoré hotel!

We are so pleased to be hosting you! The preparations this year have seen a focus on meaningful and insightful shiurim and workshops on a plethora of topics from Pesach to politics and everything in between. We sequestered the Executive Chef of the Orion Hotel Group and teamed him up with celebrated caterer Jenny Diner to ensure that Yom Tov is delightful on all levels. We engaged enthusiastic and experienced Kids Club counsellors who will keep the schedule fresh and fun. We scoured the city for the newest in entertainment ideas for evenings. There is a line-up of chazzanim and singers to croon our way through the 9 days we will be together. Add this to our renowned stirring Shul services, stimulating Yom Tov meals and luxurious accommodation for all-over full-time enjoyment.

This programme guide will give you time, location, and short description of what is going on. On Erev Yom Tov and Chol Hamoed we will also communicate in real-time via the WhatsApp group. We welcome back some Pesach Retreat veterans and some newbies, both locally and overseas. We hope we will once again experience the camaraderie, group connection, and mutual enjoyment of each other's company that have become our trademarks.

Wishing you a most beautiful and memorable Pesach!
Chag Sameach!

Your Hosts,
The Pesach Retreat Team
Rabbi Ari & Batya Kievman



Dear Pesach Guest,

A very warm welcome to Velmoré Hotel and Spa. It is indeed a pleasure to host the Pesach Retreat this year.

Our staff eagerly awaits to serve and provide you with a truly memorable stay at our hotel. We have Brumilda at Front office, Duncan at Food and Beverage and Lanie at Housekeeping to assist with all of your specific needs.

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact reception, as it will always be a pleasure to be of service.

Velmoré Greetings,

HENNIE NASVELD
General Manager

A, B, C's of The Pesach Retreat

Accessibility: The entire hotel is wheelchair/handicap accessible.

Air Conditioning: The air conditioning unit fitted in your room is located on the wall next to your bed. Each room has its own temperature control system which allows you to increase or decrease the temperature in your room according to your own level of comfort. It is recommended that you keep your windows and doors closed for the air-conditioning to be effective.

Airport Transfers: If you require shuttle transportation from or to the airport, please let us know. Travel time is approximately 45 minutes to OR Tambo JHB Intl Airport without traffic. Lanseria Airport is closer by and worthwhile for domestic travel.

Babysitting: Please inquire at Reception to book babysitting.

Bakwena Spa: For all your pampering! Visit the reception desk for more info. Please note that any food/drink served in the Spa is prepared in an external kitchen and IS NOT kosher for Pesach.

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. *All take-away lunches must be ordered one day in advance.* Please order at the reception desk. There is no charge for these boxed meals.

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

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 March 30th at 14:00. Please find your name and room key in the reception area. You may want to obtain extra keys so one can be left in the light-switch in your room during Shabbos/Yom Tov. During the course of the day, please be sure to

chat with reception so that they can take any more details, as well as record your credit card number for any incidentals.

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. Your room must be vacated and keys returned to reception by 11:00am to avoid additional charge.

Children's Programmes: The Kids Den is located in the Velmoré hotel building on the ground level. Supervised children programming will be 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 Kids Den equipped with toys and games will be open every day of the retreat.

Clothing: Temperatures can drop quickly in the evenings and early mornings (10-20° Celsius) 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 will be available all day, with delectable refreshments added at Tea time, in the XO Bar Cafe.

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 have 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!

Drinking Water: The tap water in this area is clean, fresh, and fit to drink!

Electricity Supply: All electric outlets in your room are off when your room key card is not inserted in the control box. We recommend that you request an additional key card to preset which lights you wish to stay on during Yom Tov or charge any appliances, please ask at Reception. All outlets provide 220 volts.

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 reception to notify staff of any urgent 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 you are stuck anywhere, call "Dial a Menths" at 081-818-1818. These private services do not extend to the area of the hotel.

Excursions: We have organized trips for each day of Chol HaMoed including the Lion Park, Pilansberg Game Reserve, Gold Reef City, Sterkfontein Caves and more. We are happy to organize additional excursions based on guest request. Please keep abreast via the WhatsApp group or approach any of us directly. Buses for day trips will depart from the front entrance parking area of the hotel. Departure will be promptly at the stated departure time.

Elevator/Lift: There will be staff stationed on each floor to assist with elevators and room keys during Shabbos and Yom Tov days/nights.

Eruv: The Eruv allows you to carry between rooms and anywhere within the hotel perimeter including the pool area up until the river. The Eruv does not extend outside the hotel property. The Eruv has been coordinated with the Beth Din dayanim and Dubi Barlev.

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.

Games: There are board games available from reception for your enjoyment.

Gymnasium: The gym is equipped with various pieces of equipment. For safety reasons, guests under the age of 16 must be accompanied by

an adult to use the gym. Please collect gym key at the Reception desk.

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

Keys: As all the room keys are electronic, there will be staff members stationed on each floor or at reception to help with room entry on all Shabbos and YomTov days/nights.

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

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 is available to all guests at arrival and departure.

Massage Therapy: Please see the Spa brochure at reception. Appointments can be made at check-in and throughout the week at the reception desk.

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.

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

Reception Desk: Our reception desk is located in the Velmoré Grande building and will be staffed 24/7. The reception desk phone number is 012 370 7000 or 9 from a hotel landline. Here you will be able to check the daily schedule, report maintenance issues,

add/change excursion reservations, order boxed meals, ask for any assistance, and generally have your questions answered.

Refrigerator: A refrigerator is available in each room for any personal items that need refrigeration.

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.

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 Banquet Halls adjacent to the Shul 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. If you have booked a private seder please locate your designated room

Shul: All Shul services are held in the Shul/Chapel. There will be signposts directing you to this location.

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

Spa: See Bakwena Spa

Swimming: Please feel free to use the pool on Chol Hamoed days. There is no lifeguard on duty. Please exercise standard water precautions and take care to mind the children.











Transport: Please liaise with reception if you require any transportation services. We will also be able to provide you with a list of Jewish drivers who are familiar with the Jewish community and your specific needs.

We will be able to provide transport with our Bus Mitzvah for certain organized excursions. Please inquire with Rabbi Kievman.







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




Wi-Fi: All guests have access to the hotel's free wireless Internet service. Click on Velmoré Secure from the wireless networks and use the password VelmorE2018.

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Friday, 30 March – 14 Nissan Erev Yom Tov		
Latest time for eating Chometz is 9:50AM Latest time for burning Chametz is 11:00am		
	14:00-15:30 Welcome Lunch Meet and greet your fellow guests! Eat aplenty, but save some appetite for the Seder!	Cabriere Restaurant
	14:00 Room Check-In Get room keys and get comfortable in your abode! Find your way around the facility, locate the shul, your dining room, and the Kids Den.	Reception
	14:00 Activities Available Swimming, Volleyball, Gym	
	15:00 Children's Activity Introduce yourselves to the fantastic counsellors of the Kids Club! Children create a special craft for use tonight at the Seder	Redezvous Kids Den
	15:00 Torah Café with Rabbi YY Jacobson Your Psychological Seder Insights on the 15 Steps of the Seder	Voltaire Room Velmore
	16:00 High Tea	XO Lounge
	16:30 Get ready for Yom Tov... Set up any lights you need for Yom Tov. We suggest you keep one key card in the light switch for all of Yom Tov and another for room access. There will be staff available throughout Shabbos/YomTov to operate doors and lifts.	
	17:38 Candle-Lighting Candles prepared in your designated dining room. Please be sure to light ONLY in designate areas.	Banquet Hall
	17:30 Children's Dinner Get the little ones comfortable. Busy, exciting night ahead.	Kids Den
		
	17:40 Mincha & Korban Pesach It is customary to recall the Pesach sacrifice of old by studying its laws between Mincha and Maariv.	Shul
	18:00 Yom Tov Maariv and Kabbalas Shabbos	Shul
	18:00 Children's Service Songs and activities in anticipation of the Seder!	Kids Den
	First Pesach Seder Time for celebration! Check the seating plan for your designated room and table.	
	19:00 At the Rabbi's Table Communal seder led by Rabbi Kievman with your participation.	De Voir Banquet Hall
	19:00 Semi-Private Seder Celebrate as a family!	Tres Sage Banquet Hall
	19:00Private Seder Find the Dining Room allocated to your family!	Boardrooms
Suggested Seder Schedule: 19:00 Kiddush/Seder, 20:30 Shulchan Orech Dinner, 21:45 Afikomen and Birchat Hamazon/Cup of Elijah, 22:00 Seder Songs. Midnight: 12:12am		





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Shabbos, 31 March – 15 Nissan 1 st Day of Yom Tov		
	7:00-10:45 Breakfast Buffet "Better to eat in order to pray, than pray in order to eat"	Restaurant
	8:30 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky Inspire your soul before embarking on the journey of prayer...	Shul
	9:00 Shacharis *Special Prayer* At Mussaf we begin to daven for 'Tal', with a once-a-year lyrical 'Prayer for Dew', led by Chazzan Ari Slasky	Shul
	10:00 Children's Service Yomtov excitement! Human Board Game and more! The children's services will conclude by the counsellors bringing the children to shul for Birchas Kohanim.	Kids Den
	11:30 Kiddush/Brocha If you want to have 3 meals on Shabbos then wash for this Brocha.	Shul Patio
	12:00 Shiur with Aidyn Breiter The Paradox of Freedom	Shul
	12:45 Mincha	Shul
	13:00 Yom Tov Lunch	Bastille Garden
	Enjoy your Yom Tov afternoon! Some ideas: Have a rejuvenating shluff, challenge yourself to Chess with Basil Wolk, go for a pleasant stroll, attend a shiur, get a board game...	
	15:00 SA Politics: with Dr Ivor Blumenthal Continuing in the shoes of Moses - Mandela and now Ramaphosa?" They had to come from outside their communities to lead those communities. The World listened. Is Cyril Ramaphosa the legitimate continuation of Hashem's miraculous provision of a person for each season, not just for Africa but for the World?	Shul
	15:00 Children's Programme Come one, come all and enjoy some fun comradery and Bingo competition. Prizes to be won! Tea-snacks to be made!	Kids Den
	16:00 High Tea	XO Lounge
	16:30 Teen Scene With Yonatan Diner How Jew You Do	XO Lounge
	16:30 Dirshu Rabbi Shmuli Slasky	Shul










	7:00-10:45 Breakfast Buffet	Restaurant
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	8:30 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky	Shul
	9:00 Shacharis	Shul
	10:00 Children's Service Yomtov excitement! DIY Ice Cream! The counselors will conclude by bringing the children to shul for Birchat Kohanim.	Kids Den
	11:30 Kiddush/Brocha	Shul Patio
	12:00 Shiur with Aidyn Breiter	Shul
	12:45 Mincha	Shul
	13:00 Yom Tov Lunch	Bastille Gardens
	15:00 SA Politics Dr Ivor Blumenthal "Jewish treachery: The enemy Within." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did only 10% of those who left Egypt get to Israel and then when at Sinai, why did more people have to die before Hashem revealed himself to us? The lesson which those Jews working with Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions need to learn Water: the case in-point. 	Shul
	15:00 Children's Programme Activities abound, bring your active body, curious mind, and excited spirit! Enjoy your Yom Tov afternoon! Some ideas: Have a rejuvenating shluff, challenge yourself to Chess with Basil Wolk, go for a pleasant stroll, attend a shiur, get a board game from reception...	Kids Den
	16:00 High Tea	Tea Lounge
	16:30 Teen Scene With Yonatan Diner Open Q&A with the Lawyer who is also a Yeshiva Veteran!	Tea Lounge
	16:30 Dirshu With Rabbi Shmuel Slasky	Shul
	16:30 Lecture with Mrs. Bronya Shaffer Our Brave New World: What Does Judaism say about: Homosexuality, Gender Identity, Single Parenting by Choice, Organ Donation	Next door Rendezvous Kids Lounge
	16:30 Kids Story Hour with Morah Pnina Berkow Savta Simcha is back! And her bag is full of surprises!	Kids Den
	17:15 Workshop with Rabbi Kievman <i>The Great Matzah Debate</i> ; R30 per box vs R500 for the Same Ingredients Take a trip to 1850s Europe where a debate rages. Is machine-made matzah kosher? Are its defenders heretics? Round, square, what's the difference? Discover the history of the machine matzah, from its humble origins to its position today as the behemoth of Jewish foods.	
	18:35 Maariv	Shul

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	18:40 Gut Moed	
	18:40 Havdala Bring your instruments along!	Shul Patio
	19:00 Dinner (Dairy)	Tres Sage Banquet Hall
	20:00 Night Activity J Bobs Live! Off The Record Interactive Game Show! Township meets Suburbs in this entertaining and hilarious production! Come armed with your smartphone, spunk, and Jozi know-how!	De Voir Banquet Hall
	20:00 Kids Activity Zumbathon!	Kids Den
	21:30 Feature Film Adventures in Businessland; The Story of Natie Kirsch Running Time: 00:45m	De Voir Banquet Hall
	21:30 Feature Kids Film Young Avraham Running Time: 75 minutes	Kids Den
Reserve now for any excursions you'd like to go on tomorrow. Book your Boxed Lunches the evening before your trips.		










Monday, 2 April – 17 Nissan 1 st Day of Chol Hamoed - Public Holiday		
	7:00-10:45 Breakfast Buffet	Restaurant
	6:45 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky	Shul
	7:00 Shacharis 1	Shul
	8:00 Shacharis 2	Shul
	8:00 Dirshu With Rabbi Shmuli Slasky	De Voir
Excursions Lion Park Trip – Bus Mitzva leaves at 10:00am  Before going on a family trip, peek into our collection of complimentary CD's to enjoy on the road. Choose from a selection of Kids Stories, Jewish Music, or Pesach & Jewish Insights from a smorgasbord of personalities including Mrs. Bronya Shaffer and Rabbi YY Jacobson		
	11:00 SA Politics Dr Ivor Blumenthal "DNA - Scrubbing Continua" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What took the Jews 3 777 years after 500 years of slavery to find our unique voice, is taking Black People in South Africa less and less time • Why? Technology, BBBEE, a more responsive pattern of DNA and Archetype change? • Why are Black Businesses Failing? • Why are Black Graduates not getting Jobs? • The Sunset Clause and why it is important to understand -What is the lesson being learned in South Africa with our legal definition of Black? 	De Voir
Kids Club House Open		

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	All Hotel Facilities available: Gardens, pool, spa (by private booking), volleyball court, gym...	
	10:00 and on Crazy Games – Suitable for adults Join Mandla and his team for adventurous, fun activities on hotel premises!	Pool Lawn
	11:00 Kids Club Crazy Games Jr	Kids Den
	13:00 Poolside Braai Lunch	Poolside
	14:00 Lecture with Mrs Bronya Shaffer Pre-Bereavement Understanding anticipatory grief: acknowledging the impending death of a loved one who has a terminal illness and how to approach this most difficult of times.	Tea Lounge
	15:00 Torah Café with Rabbi YY Jacobson To Cook or to Roast, that is the Question	Shul
	15:00 Kids Club Chocolate game!	Kids Club
	16:00 High Tea	Tea Lounge
	16:30 Workshop with Rabbi Kievman <i>Art of Communication</i> Explore the pros and cons of the digital era with mystical anthropomorphic references to human communication to get to the essence of what it's all about, why it is the stuff relationships are made of, and what your communication style reveals about you as a person.	Shul
	17:00 Kids Club Art Activity	Kids Den
	17:15 Mincha	Shul
	17:30 Ian Mann - Guest Lecturer Strategizing your way to Freedom Pesach secrets from the bestselling author of "Strategies that Work"	De Voir
	18:15 Maariv	Shul
	18:30 Dinner	Tres Sage Banquet Hall
	19:00 Dinner Entertainment Ezra Sher presents Broadway's Greatest Hits	
	20:00 Night Activity Wine Tasting – Blind Tasting Experience a Kosher wine tasting event like no other! A variety of local and international wines introduced by a seasoned connoseiur. Challenge yourself in blind tastings, price wars, and get some food-pairing advice, too!	De Voir Banquet Hall
	20:00 Kids Night Activity Minute to Win It Get into a team and rock your challenges!	Kids Den
	21:30 Feature Film Triumph of Hope: Personal reflections of faith amidst the horrors of the Holocaust Running Time: 00:35	De Voir Banquet Hall
	21:30 Kids Feature Film Prince of Egypt	Redezvous Kids Den







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Running Time:
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Tuesday, 3 April – 18 Nissan 2 nd Day of Chol Hamoed		
	7:00-10:45 Breakfast Buffet	Restaurant
	6:45 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky	Shul
	7:00 Shacharis	Shul
	8:00 Shacharis 2	Shul
	8:00 Dirshu Rabbi Shmuli Slasky	De Voir
	10:00 Excursions – with Bus Mitzva by Guest request  Before going on a family trip, peek into our collection of complimentary CD's to enjoy on the road. Choose from a selection of Kids Stories, Jewish Music, or Pesach & Jewish Insights from a smorgasbord of personalities including Bronya Shaffer and Rabbi YY Jacobson	
	Kids Club House Open All Hotel Facilities available: Gardens, pool, spa (by private booking), volleyball court, gym	
	11:00 Guest Lecturer – TBA	Tea Lounge
	11:00 Kids Club Moshe in the Basket Egg-in-cradle-drop challenge! You never get to do this at home... so try it here instead!	Kids Den
	13:00 Poolside Braai Lunch	Poolside
	14:00 Lecture with Mrs Shaffer Jewish Women and Sanctity	Tea Lounge
	15:00 Torah Café with Rabbi YY Jacobson To Cook or to Roast, that is the Question	Shul
	15:00 Kids Club Pesach Treasure Hunt	Kids Den
	16:00 High Tea	Tea Lounge
	16:00 Afternoon Drive with Howard Feldman Broadcasting Live from Velmore Hotel to 101.9 ChaiFM Pop in for a chat On Air!	
	16:30 Workshop with Rabbi Kievman <i>Art of Listening</i> Why is it so hard to listen to others? And what do we gain from listening? Is it merely a mutually beneficial arrangement—I'll listen to you, if you listen to me? Or is there more to be gained from opening ourselves up to new perspectives—viewpoints we may never have considered had we not opened ourselves up to truly listen to others?	Shul
	17:00 Kids Club Art Activity	Kids Den

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	17:15 Mincha	Shul
	17:30 Lecture with Rabbi Counselor Gedalia Auerbach	Shul
	18:15 Maariv	Shul
	18:30 Dinner	Tres Sage Banquet Hall
	19:00 Dinner Entertainment	
	20:00 Night Activity Drum Busters Get your groove on and your rhythm pumping, this is going to be a wild ride!	Boma Outside shul
	20:00 Kids Night Activity Drum Busters	Boma Outside shul
	21:30 Feature Film With My Whole Broken Heart Running Time: 00:45	De Voir Banquet Hall
	21:30 Kids Feature Trolls	Kids Den
Reserve now for any excursions you'd like to go on tomorrow. Book your Boxed Lunches the evening before your trips.		

Wednesday, 4 April – 19 Nissan 3 rd Day of Chol Hamoed		
	7:00-10:45 Breakfast Buffet	Restaurant
	6:45 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky	Shul
	7:00 Shacharis	Shul
	8:00 Shacharis 2	Shul
	8:00 Dirshu Rabbi Shmuli Slasky	De Voir
	10:00 Excursions with Bus Mitzva by Guest request  Before going on a family trip, peek into our collection of complimentary CD's to enjoy on the road. Choose from a selection of Kids Stories, Jewish Music, or Pesach & Jewish Insights from a smorgasbord of personalities including Bronya Shaffer and Rabbi YY Jacobson	
	11:00 "I walked the Exodus Route" with Margaret Rawicz A fascinating personal account and pictorial journal of Margaret's incredible journey from Egypt up to Israel, with descriptions of the biblical sites along the way. She's back by popular demand and is a real Pesach treat!	Shul
	Kids Club House Open All Hotel Facilities available: Gardens, pool, spa (by private booking), volleyball court, gym	
	11:00 Kids Club Start the day the Music way! Tap-dance session	Kids Den
	13:00 Poolside Braai Lunch	Poolside

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




	14:00 Lecture with Mrs Shaffer Love, Marriage, and the Nature of Intimacy: A Torah Perspective	Tea Lounge
	15:00 Torah Café with Rabbi YY Jacobson Is Belief in the Exodus Story Irrational	Shul
	15:00 Kids Club Frogs on Logs Create a raft for your frog and race it across the water!	Kids Den
	16:00 High Tea	Tea Lounge
	16:00 Afternoon Drive with Howard Feldman Broadcasting Live from Velmoré Hotel to 101.9 ChaiFM Pop in for a chat On Air!	
	16:30 Workshop with Rabbi Kievman <i>Art of Conflict Resolution</i> Surprisingly, conflict isn't always a bad thing. In adversarial collaboration, conflict broadens horizons to reveal more profound truths. What can we learn from the argumentative style of Talmud study, to shift from an ego-driven, win-lose mentality to one in which all parties are winners? And how can we engage in healthy conflict—and resolution—for the betterment of society?	Shul
	17:00 Kids Club Talent Show	Kids Den
	17:15 Mincha	Shul
	17:30 Rabbi Gideon Fox- Guest Lecturer Three Partners in Making Man? More like 6, 7, or 8. Fertility treatment through the prism of the Torah	Shul
	18:15 Maariv	Shul
	18:30 Dinner	Tres Sage Banquet Hall
	19:00 Dinner Entertainment Chilly Chrysler croons some tunes	
	20:00 Night Activity Harry Sideropolous So Greek you would think he's Jewish, Harry's side-splitting take on our community, country, and the world at large is not to be missed! A South African favourite!	De Voir Banquet Hall
	20:00 Kids Night Activity Magician Doron Lubbe?	Kids Den
	21:30 Feature Film: TBA	Banquet Hall B
	21:30 Kids Feature Film	Kids Den
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Thursday, 5 April – 20 Nissan 4th Day of Chol Hamoed – Erev Yom Tov		
	7:00-10:45 Breakfast Buffet	Restaurant
	6:45 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky	Shul
















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	7:00 Shacharis 1	Shul
	8:00 Shacharis 2	Shul
	8:00 Dirshu With Rabbi Shmuli Slasky	De Voir
	10:00 Excursions with Bus Mitzva by Guest request  Before going on a family trip, peek into our collection of complimentary CD's to enjoy on the road. Choose from a selection of Kids Stories, Jewish Music, or Pesach & Jewish Insights from a smorgasbord of personalities including Bronya Shaffer and Rabbi YY Jacobson.	
	11:00 Shofars with a Difference Exhibit with Rabbi Ahron Meir Osrin Africa's antelope and their halachic ramifications: A hands-on visual presentation.	Shul
	Kids Club House Open All Hotel Facilities available etc	
	11:00 Kids Club Blow Art Craft for Krias Yam Suf	Kids Den
	13:00 Poolside Braai Lunch	Poolside
	14:00 Lecture with Mrs Shaffer For Mothers of Daughters: Our Daughters, Ourselves, and Knowing Who's Who	Tea Lounge
	15:00 Torah Café with Rabbi YY Jacobson How to Address the Four Sons in Our Own Homes Communities	Shul
	15:00 Kids Club Hansel and Gretel game Decorate premises with the art you created today!	Kids Den
	16:00 High Tea	Tea Lounge
	16:30 Getting ready for Yom Tov again ☺ Get lights in order :)	
	17:43 Candle Lighting	Tres Sage Banquet Hall
	17:45 Mincha	Shul
	17:45 Kids Early Dinner	Kids Den
		
	18:15 Yom Tov Maariv Look out for our kids Splitting-of-the Sea themed décor!	Shul
	18:15 Children's Service Kids re-enact Shvii Shel Pesach with fun and Prizes!	Kids Den
	19:00 Yom Tov Dinner	Banquet Hall A
	23:00 Krias Yam Suf All-night learning and Farbrengen. Refreshments available throughout the night	Shul




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Friday, 6 April – 21 Nissan Shvii shel Pesach		
	7:00-10:45 Breakfast Buffet	Restaurant
	8:30 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky	Shul
	9:00 Shacharis	Shul
	10:00 Children's Service Yomtov excitement! Pesach HeadBandz, the Coddrink Game, and more! The counselors will conclude by bringing the children to shul for Birchat Kohanim.	Kids Den
	11:30 Kiddush/Brocha	Shul Patio
	12:00 Shiur with Aidyn Breiter esach: Leaping towards NEW Heights	Shul
	12:45 Mincha	Shul
	13:00 Yom Tov Lunch	Gardens
	Enjoy your Yom Tov afternoon! Some ideas: Have a rejuvenating shluff, challenge yourself to Chess with Basil Wolk, go for a pleasant stroll, attend a shiur....	
	15:00 Kira Schuckman From Tragedy to Triumph: The power of Emunah and Belief	Tea Lounge
	15:00 Childrens Programme Team up for some Capture the Flag Fun!!	Kids Den
	16:00 High Tea	
	16:30 Teen Scene Batya Slasky	Lounge
	16:30 Dirshu With Rabbi Shmuli Slasky	Shul
	16:30 Kids Story Hour with Counselors Story hour and Pesach Spot-It!	Kids Den
	17:00 Workshop with Rabbi Kievman <i>How to Like the People we Love; Viewing Differences as Stepping Stones to Growth</i> We love each other because of similarities and commonalities, whereas differences get between us and threaten to challenge this love. Together we'll explore how to use our differences as building blocks for a deeper, more profound relationship.	Tea Lounge
	17:42 Candle-Lighting – Make sure to light on time for Shabbos!	Tres Sage Banquet Hall
	17:45 Kids Early Dinner	Kids Den
	18:00 Yom Tov Maariv and Kabbalas Shabbos	Shul
	18:00 Children's Service Shabbos/Yom Tov specials! Earn prizes!	Kids Den
	19:00 Seudas Shabbos and Yom Tov Final Pesach Dinner! Finally, enjoy matza-infused treats!	Special Marquis

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Shabbos, 7 April – 22 Nissan Acharon shel Pesach		
	7:00-10:45 Breakfast Buffet	Restaurant
	8:30 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky	Shul
 	9:00 Shacharis *Special Prayer* Yizkor Memorial Prayer approximately 11:00	Shul
	10:00 Children's Service Yomtov excitement! Kings and Toilets game and more! The counselors will conclude by bringing the children to shul for Birchat Kohanim.	Kids Den
	11:30 Kiddush/Brocha	Shul Patio
	12:00 Shiur with Aidyn Breiter Pesach: Leaping towards IMPOSSIBLE Heights	Shul
	13:00 Shabbos and Yom Tov Lunch	Bastille Garden
	Enjoy your Yom Tov afternoon! Some ideas: Have a rejuvenating shluff, challenge yourself to Chess with Basil Wolk, go for a pleasant stroll, attend a shiur....	
	15:00 Batya Slasky Teen Scene	Tea Lounge
	15:00 Childrens Programme Fill your passport to Escape from Egypt!	Kids Den
	16:00 High Tea	Tea Lounge
	16:15 Mincha	Shul
	16:30 Dirshu With Rabbi Shmuli Slasky	Shul
	16:30 Kids Story Hour with Counselors Story hour and Charades game!	Kids Den
	17:00 Neilas HaChag/Seudas Moshiach Niggunim, stories, refreshments, and your reflections!	De Voir Banquet Hall
 	17:00 Childrens Seudas Moshiach Kids share their closing thoughts! Song, stories and prizes!	Kids Den
	18:35 Maariv	Shul
	16:45 Melodious Havdalah	Shul Patio
	19:45 Maimuna Chometz Dinner	Tres Sage Banquet Hall

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Sunday, 8 April – 23 Nissan Isru Chag		
	7:00-10:45 Grand Breakfast Buffet	Restaurant
	6:45 Prep for Prayer Rabbi Yehuda Slasky Inspire your soul before embarking on the journey of prayer...	Shul
	7:00 Shacharis 1	Shul
	8:00 Shacharis 2	Shul
	11:00 Check Out. Farewell to all our friends! May the inspiration and warmth of the Chag together keep us ...	Reception

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Date	Alos Hashachar	Misheyakir Tallis & Tefillin	Neitz Hachama Sunrise	Sof Zman Shma GR"A	Sof Zman Shma MG"A	Chatzos Mid Day	Mincha Gedola	Mincha Ketana	Plag Hamincha	Shkiah Sunset	Tzais Hakochavim
Friday 14 Nisan 30 March Erev Pesach	05:07:4	05:30:24	06:15:35	09:13:26	08:39:30	12:11:16	12:40:55	15:38:45	16:52:51	18:06:57	18:34:23
Shabbos 15 Nisan 31 March 1 st day Pesach	05:08:10	05:30:50	06:16:02	09:13:30	08:39:34	12:10:58	12:40:33	15:38:01	16:51:58	18:05:55	18:33:21
Sunday 16 Nisan 1 April 2 nd day Pesach	05:08:37	05:31:16	06:16:29	09:13:35	08:39:39	12:10:41	12:40:12	15:37:17	16:51:05	18:04:52	18:32:19
Monday 17 Nisan 2 April 3 rd day Pesach	05:09:03	05:31:42	06:16:56	09:13:40	08:39:43	12:10:23	12:39:50	15:36:33	16:50:12	18:03:50	18:31:17
Tuesday 18 Nisan 3 April 4 th day Pesach	05:09:29	05:32:08	06:17:23	09:13:44	08:39:47	12:10:05	12:39:29	15:35:50	16:49:19	18:02:48	18:30:16
Wednesda 19 Nisan 4 April 5 th day Pesach	05:09:55	05:32:34	06:17:50	09:13:49	08:39:52	12:09:48	12:39:08	15:35:07	16:48:26	18:01:46	18:29:15
Thursday 20 Nisan 5 April 6 th day Pesach	05:10:20	05:33:00	06:18:17	09:13:54	08:39:56	12:09:31	12:38:47	15:34:24	16:47:34	18:00:44	18:28:15
Friday 21 Nisan 6 April 7 th day Pesach	05:10:46	05:33:25	06:18:44	09:13:59	08:40:00	12:09:14	12:38:26	15:33:41	16:46:42	18:59:43	18:27:15
Shabbos 22 Nisan 7 April 8 th day Pesach	05:11:11	05:33:51	06:19:12	09:14:04	08:40:04	12:08:57	12:38:06	15:32:59	16:45:50	17:58:42	18:26:16
Sun, 23 Nisan 8 April Isru Chag	05:11:36	05:34:16	06:19:39	09:14:10	08:40:09	12:08:40	12:37:46	15:32:16	16:44:59	17:57:42	18:25:17

Children's Entertainment Summary at Kids's Club

Fun-Filled activities and unique adventures await all kids!

Friday, 30 March - Erev Yom Tov

14h30 - 16h30 Children create a special craft (making pillows and Afikoman bags) to use at the Seder

17h00 Kiddies Dinner

18h00 Children's Service

Shabbos, 31 March - Yom Tov 1

Clubhouse is open for playtime during Yom Tov

9h30 - 11h30 Children's Service

14h00 BINGO

15h00-16h00 Treasure Hunt

17h00 Children's Story Hour

17h00 Kiddies Dinner

18h00 Children's Service

Sunday, 1 April - Yom Tov 2

Clubhouse is open for playtime during Yom Tov

9h30 - 11h30 Frogs on Logs

14h00 Kids Zumbathon

15h00 -16h00 Children's Activity

16h30-17h15 Margarete Rawicz shares her Exodus journey with the Children!!

22h00 Kids Movie - "Young Avraham"

Monday, 2 April - Chol HaMoed 1

8h00 Kids Den opens and kids to make use of activities on offer (WII, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)

11h00 - 12h00 Sand Art, Pass the Parcel

12h00 - 14h00 Nature Walk with Snacks

14h00 - 15h00 Dress the Mummy!

15h00 - 19h00 Crazy Games junior

Tuesday, 3 April - Chol HaMoed 2

8h00 Kids Den opens and kids to make use of activities on offer (WII, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)

11h00 - 12h00 Green fingers (children plant their own seedlings to take home and take care of)

12h00 - 14h00 Playtime!

14h00 - 15h00

T-shirt Painting

18h00 - 19h00

Inflatable fun

Wednesday 4 April - Chol HaMoed 3

8h00 Kids Den opens and kids to make use of activities on offer (WII, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)

11h00 - 12h00

Arts & Crafts,

12h00 - 14h00

Capture the Flag

Bubble Fun,

14h00 - 15h00

Water slides

15h00 - 19h00

Playtime!

Thursday 5 April - Chol HaMoed 4

8h00 Kids Den opens and kids to make use of activities on offer (WII, soccer, foosball, table tennis, jumping castle, jungle gyms)

11h00 - 12h00 Hansel and Gretel

12h00 - 14h00 Fun Rides

15h00 - 16h00 Make an instrument!

Coloring sheets

18h00 - 19h00 Children's Service

Friday 6 April - Yom Tov 3

Clubhouse is open for playtime during Yom Tov

9h30 - 11h00 Children's Service

15h00 - 17h15 Escape from Egypt

18h00 - 19h00 Children's Service

Shabbos 7 April - Yom Tov 4

Clubhouse is open for playtime during Yom Tov

9h30 - 11h00 Children's Service

15h00 - 16h00 Kids Talent Show

16h00 - 17h15 Pesach Pick a Box

17h15 - 18h00 *Moshiach's Seuda* for Kids

Sunday 8 April- Isru Chag

8h00 Good Byes!

Kids Den 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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During Yom Tov

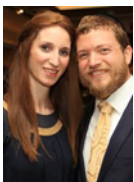
Mrs. Bronya Shaffer, Cantor Ari Slasky, Rabbi Shmuel Slasky, Dr Ivor Blumenthal, Rabbi Yehuda Slasky, Aidyn Breiter, Yoni Diner, Mrs Batya Slasky, Rabbi Ari & Batya Kievman

During Chol HaMoed

Rabbi Gideon Fox, Mr Ian Mann, Rabbi Gedaliah Auerbach, Rabbi Osrin, Mrs Margaret Malka Rawicz,

Entertainment

Ezra Sher, Harry Sideropolous, J Bobs, Chilly Chrysler, Mandla Nhlapo, Cezanne Kouta, Doron Lubbe



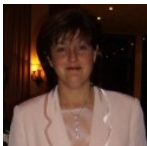
RABBI ARI & BATYA KIEVMAN, HOSTS

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 Central. Rebbetzin Batya Kievman holds a masters in Speech and Audio Pathology.



EXECUTIVE CHEF FRANCOIS VAN WYK

With over 15 years' experience in the hospitality industry in various positions, Francois followed his passion to be full-time in 2016. He is committed to respecting produce and is scrupulous about the standard of dishes that leave his kitchen. Francois is currently the Group Executive Chef for Orion Hotels and Resorts and oversees 10 kitchens across South-Africa. He hopes to eventually open a signature restaurant themed on local South-African cuisine in a fine dine environment.



ASSISTANT CHEF JENNY DINER

Jenny Diner completed her Legal BCom Degree at Wits University, worked at the stock exchange, spent time working overseas and travelling, before being given the opportunity to go into the catering industry in South Africa. Self-taught in the culinary arts, Jenny started out by opening her own Bread and Butter franchise. Upon deciding to enter the kosher market, she opened her own business from home, specialising in baked goods. 27 years later, she has grown this into a successful business that she has run both from home and various halls. She branched out from baked goods into catering for every type of event and has extensive experience in running functions, creating custom menus, and in culinary designs and displays.



DR IVOR BLUMENTHAL

Dr Ivor Blumenthal is the Chief Executive Officer of Services Seta. Ivor was a law registrar for Judge MS Stegman from 1984 to 1986, an industrial psychologist intern, a personnel officer; and a National Human Resource Manager. He also lectured at Wits Technikon and at Greenwich University in London. Ivor was an Executive Director of Estudios Universitarios de Marbella where his mandate was to set up a Business School. Ivor was Chief Executive Officer of the Furniture Industry Training Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Personnel Service Organisations and a City Councilor until 2000. He also participates in various organisations. He is completing a Phd in Labour Relations.



COHEN GIRLS - KIDS CLUB From the heart of the Shtetl we bring you the Cohen Sisters. Yuval, Liron and Esti have been working tirelessly for weeks to create activities, crafts, and all other sorts of fun 'n games to pack this year's Kids Club with smiles and excitement. It'll be too fun to miss! Stories, raffles, competitions and more!



ARI SLASKY, CHAZZAN

Ari Slasky began his Chazzanus career at age 18. He went on to hold the position of Chazzan in some of South Africa's most prestigious shuls, including Eitz Chaim, Great Synagogue Wolmorans Street, Berea Shul, Yeoville Shul, Benoni Shul, following the footsteps of Cantor Johnny Gluck and Cantor Bagley. Chazzan Ari served as resident chazzan of the Pesach Retreat 2017 at the Vaal River, where his melodious voice and meaningful interpretation created an atmosphere of real sincerity and holiness during shul services

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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 an experienced 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.



ELIZER SLASKY, SINGER

Ezi Slasky began displaying his love for singing at a very young age. He always had a passion for music, singing, and the piano. At his young age he has already been commissioned to sing in many concerts in South Africa, as well as abroad, both in Swaziland and Israel. He has been interviewed on radio and by TV crews. Ezi was a child soloist with the Johannesburg Jewish Male Choir, and in 2016 was invited by singer Yaacov Shwekey to perform with him in two concerts in Israel. Ezi delighted the guests at the 2017 Pesach Retreat, with his spontaneous mealtime Zmiros.

Guest Lecturers



CHIEF RABBI DR WARREN GOLDSTEIN

Chief Rabbi Goldstein A household name since the inauguration of his Shabbos Project, Rabbi Dr Goldstein holds qualified as a dayan, BA, LLB, and a PhD. in Human Rights and Constitutional Law. He is a vocal defender of Israel, writing articles and speaking at government meetings. His leadership has included focus in groundbreaking projects including CAP, Interfaith Relations, School Talmud Learning and Bill of Responsibilities.



RABBI GIDEON FOX

Rabbi Fox is the Rabbi of the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation as well as founder and Rabbinic Administrator of SHIFRA South Africa, which deals with the Halachos of Assisted Reproductive Medicine and provides Hashgocha for couples undergoing fertility treatment in South Africa. He is also the Chairman of the Southern African Rabbinical Association and is a member of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA). At the suggestion of the Johannesburg Beth Din and the Chief Rabbi of South Africa, Rabbi Fox commenced studies towards Yadin Yadin through Eretz Chemda in Israel. Rabbi Fox has taught in high school, girl's seminaries as well as the Machon Lehora'a.



IAN MANN

From TV host to columnist, international speaker to consultant, Ian specialises in strategy and leadership. His greatest strength is his ability to communicate sophisticated and complex concepts in an easy to understand, stimulating and engaging manner. "He is the author of the best-selling books "Managing with Intent" and "Strategy that Works" and wrote a weekly column for the Business Section of the Sunday Times called "Mann's World". Little wonder then that Ian brings his prodigious knowledge to all his consulting, training and speaking engagements



MRS MARGARET MALKA RAWICZ

Mrs Rawicz is an Environmental Management Consultant whose groundbreaking national work has brought her numerous awards. She is also an advanced student of Biblical Studies and passionate researcher on biblical archaeology. She has regularly been interviewed on radio and presented numerous seminars on this topic. In 2007, she embarked on a mission to walk in the footsteps of Moses and the Israelites as they fled Egypt. Her journey was later broadcast by SABC. Her book, 'Forty Years to Freedom' chronicling this journey, was being published this Pesach by Ktav publishers in Jerusalem.



BASIL WOLK, CHESS MASTER AND TEACHER

Basil Wolk is a remarkable chess player. So great is his love for the game that he qualified as a coach with the Chess Education Specialist company GoForChess. Basil teaches at the center, specializing in coaching children grades 1-7. He also runs chess groups in a few mainstream and remedial schools around Johannesburg. Basil sells chess training books and sets. He is available to coach games throughout the retreat.

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Kira Schuckman (Frame) grew up in South Africa, in a warm and loving home. Her family kept kosher and a simple shabbas. However, relationship with HaShem was never active until she lost her mother- her best friend, in a tragic and fatal car accident. The loss and sustained injuries left her searching a relationship with a higher power. Her search for meaning brought her to Israel and ultimately a life filled with Torah and Mitzvos. Kira lives in America with her husband and three children. She works as a speech therapist and specializes in auditory processing. She is also an inspirational speaker who has lectured to girls and women from various backgrounds. Her talk will be given in honor of the neshama of Leah bas Tzvi Hirsch.

Features Entertainers

GAME SHOW HOST J BOBS Entertainment

Game Show with J Bobs Live - A Game Show Double Bill that examines, celebrates, and poignantly reflects on the vast experiences lived in South Africa's many townships. Come participate and let your inner competitor revel in a mash up of theatre, improv, sketch comedy and game show! It ain't Survivor, it ain't Telly Fun Quiz, its Location I Lekeyshini I Lokasie (LLL). It's a triptych of sorts. Undercover of course. A Panel Show that banter about with humour and controversial commentary. Q! step aside. A game show ain't a game show without a quintessential quiz. Your task master J. Bobs is looking for the answers that ain't ovias!

MANDLA NHLAPO Mandla Nhlapo was born in Diepkloof Soweto. His fascinating abilities range from musicality, leadership and fun. He is a musician, with particular love of marimbas, which he himself manufactures. He teaches music as well as performs. He also works as team building facilitator for corporate and community events. Mandla was the award winner of the 8th annual SAMA awards

CEZANNE KOUTA Cezanne Kouta grew up on the doorstep of the country's award winning wineries. He studied at the University of Stellenbosch where he was part of the Wine Society, and where his passion for wine first started. Wine is something that one cannot solely learn from a textbook, and his biggest advantage is that he has been trained and mentored first hand by some of South Africa's award winning winemakers. He has hands-on experience by actually helping out and spending time during a few harvest for top vineyards such as Rainbow's End, Aldering, Longridge, Super Single Vineyards, to name a few, where he learned in depth knowledge of winemaking and many subjects books simply cannot teach you. He is passionate about educating the public and making wines less intimidating.

HARRY SIDEROPOLOUS, COMEDIAN Of Greek decent, Harry was first thrown into the media spotlight in 1998 when by absolute chance he was asked to join the ranks of the morning team on Johannesburg's biggest breakfast show, The Rude Awakening on 94.7 Highveld Stereo. Within a couple of months he cemented himself as an integral part of Johannesburg's number 1 breakfast shows, Harry Sideropolous has been producing and performing award-winning theatre in South Africa and abroad for the past 8 years.

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 physical comfort with rich spiritual experience. Try an intellectually stimulating workshop or shiur, and take advantage of the hotels amazing offerings. A round of volleyball, a pamper at the spa or a board game 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.

LEISURE TRIP OPTIONS

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 Vrededorst 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.

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 paleoanthropological 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

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.

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

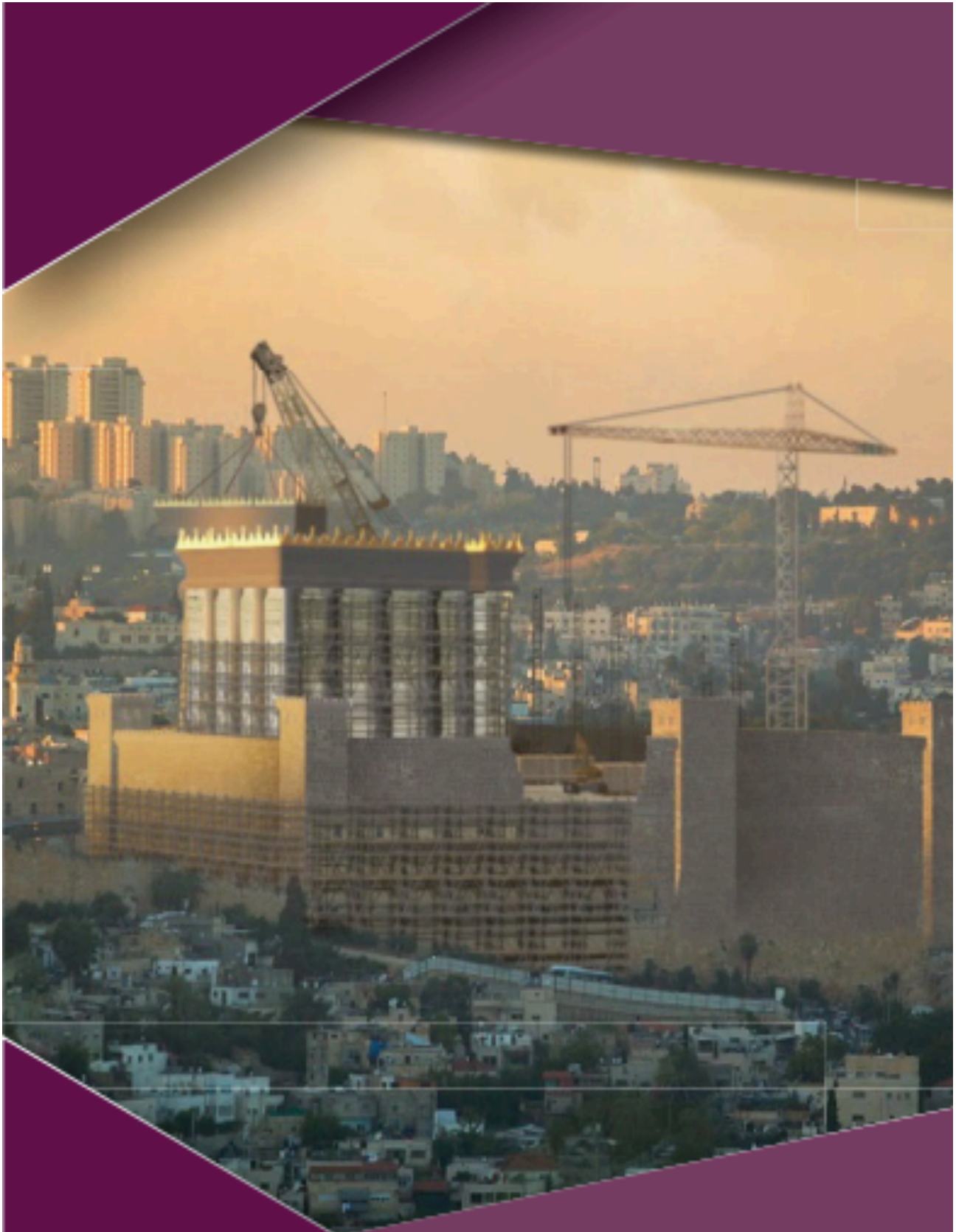
The Lion Park: Lion Park is a 2 km² lion wildlife conservation enclosure. Tel: 011 691 9905

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. Bushbabies 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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