

**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY**

- **4th of April– End of term –school closes at 1.30pm**
- **17th April– pupils return to school**
- **21st April– Full Fridays begin– 3.30 finish**
- **28th April– Years 1-6 to Lords Cricket ground**
- **1st May– May bank holiday– school closed**
- **8th May– Coronation bank holiday– school closed**
- **26th May– Shavuot– school closed**
- **29th May to 2nd June– Half Term – school closed**
- **5th June– pupils return to school**



simon marks
jewish primary school

תורה עם דרך-אור

31st March 2023

9 Nissan 5783

Parasha: Tzav

Shabbat time: Starts Friday at 7.17pm and ends Saturday at 8.22pm

**PESACH
SPECIAL EDITION**

All staff and pupils worked really hard with their learning and preparation for our mock seder.

Lower school were up first on Wednesday afternoon.

Lower school pupils reenacted the Passover story.



Performances were brilliant and the singing was superb!



Our guests were invited to join children when they enjoyed their Seder meal.



I think everyone that joined us will agree that it was fantastic and terribly cute!

Upper school had their mock Seder on Thursday afternoon.



This was led by year 6 who read from the Haggadah.



There were solo and duet performances throughout. A huge well done to all our children and a big thank you to staff who worked tirelessly to put this together. Go Simon Marks!

As we are all aware, the children's Model Seder was a huge success and left us all in good spirits for the forthcoming Pesach festival.

There is a parable told of a man who had heard of a most splendid palace filled with magnificent decorations. The man entered the palace as it was getting dark and stumbled his way around the palace. He was very disappointed. He couldn't see the curtains, the wallpaper or the art work. The man suddenly bumped in to one of the butlers in the palace and expressed his disappointment at not being able to see any of the wonderful decorations. The Butler, who was surprised, explained that if he had only turned the light on, he would have seen all the magnificent decorations. As we go in to the festival of Pesach, we should do so with a positive attitude. It's very easy to lose sight of the joy which this festival brings, because of all the hard work that goes in to preparing it. But if we 'turn on the light' and experience all the beauty of the festival, it will light our path for many months to come.

Wishing everyone a chag sameach and a happy and Kasher Pesach.

Ms Metin– Headteacher and the Simon Marks team.