

## Shabbaton 2020: Let My People Go!



Shalom and welcome! Thank you for sharing your coveted family time with us. Let My People Go! is an opportunity for participants of all ages to enjoy an immersive Shabbat experience, *fun* family time, a *taste* of farm life, make and deepen friendships, enjoy Shabbat and moments of spirituality while preparing for the best Pesach ever!

### Objectives

Using age-appropriate, experiential educational approaches, acquire knowledge and the practical tools necessary to enhance the observance of Pesach and to make the Festival more fun and meaningful for families.

### Activities

**Kabbalat Shabbat** – Wind down from the week at work and school, and take part in a prayerful, peaceful, Shabbat welcome circle. (Spirituality)

**Teach Your Children Well- *The Power of Jewish Parents*** – Grab a glass or cuppa and engage in a guided learning hour with Rabbi Gary (based upon the teachings of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks) (Torah Talk)

**Pesach Prep Parallel Learning** - Engage with one of Judaism's best sellers – the Haggadah. Revisit the stories; the songs and timeless teachings that make Jewish memories come alive. (Torah Talk)

**Camp Activities** – What an afternoon! Join Farmer Blair and the team and enjoy the some of the activities that have made Mowbray Park famous. Boomeranging, whip cracking fun! (Family Fun Time) See also Sun. am!

**Where's the Afikomen Treasure Hunt** – Inspired by every child's favourite part of the Seder, tie up your boots and set out on a treasure hunt where everyone will learn more about the Pesach while solving clues and puzzles and playing games. (Family Fun Time)

**Aleph Bet Yoga/Fitness Fun!** - OK farmers, up and at em'. Get fit the fun way. Learn the aleph bet *b'chol nafeshecha*, "with all your soul". (Family Fun Time)

**Pesach Craft Workshop and Shuk** – Get creative and make decorations, table art, and plague bags. Your only limit – your imagination. Pesach supplies will be available for purchase. Recipe Swap! (Family Fun Time)

### About Rabbi Gary

Rabbi G is Consulting Rabbi for the ACTJC Progressive Congregation and Creator of GES. In 2000, he was presented the Close-Caputo Educator of Humanity Award and in 2003 published, Notes from the Rabbi's Desk. In 2013, Rabbi G was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree from HUC-JIR for his "fervent commitment to Jewish education". He is excited to learn and grow together with you and your children on this year's Shabbaton!

### Friday

- 2:00 Early Arrival Open
- 5:30 Arrival, prepare for Shabbat
- 6:30 Candle lighting / Shabbat Dinner
- 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat  
Songs and Bedtime Stories (S)
- 8:00 *Lailah Tov* Bedtime for kids
- 9:00 Pesach: Teach your Children Well:  
*The Power of Jewish Parents* (TT)

### Shabbat

- 7:00 Breakfast open
- 8:00 *Modeh Ani* (FFT)  
Explore camp/meet the animals
- 9:30 Clean up for Shabbat
- 10:00 Family Shabbat Service (S)
- 11:15 Kinder Kiddush
- 11:30 Pesach Prep parallel learning (TT)
- 12:30 Lunch and *ruach!*
  
- 1:15 Free time/Rest time (FFT)
- 3:00 Afternoon tea
- 3:15 Camp Activities (FFT)
- 5:00 Where's the Afikomen?  
Treasure Hunt (kids)
- 6:00 Clean up for dinner
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:20 Havdalah Hayride (FFT)
- 8:15 *Lailah Tov* Bedtime for kids
- 9:30 After hours (Casual Kibbitz)

### Sunday

- 7:00 Breakfast open
- 8:00 Aleph Bet Yoga/Fitness Fun (FFT)
- 9-11 Sheep Shearing/Milking/Barnyard
- 11:00 Craft Workshop & Shuk (FFT)
- 12:15 Lunch and *ruach!*
- 1:00 Wrap-up
- 1:30 *L'hitraot*/Return home

For more information:

<http://www.gesher.com.au>

## About GES

- Work with your team to create a unique, themed adventure;
- Identify and meet your specific educational aims and objectives;
- Generate original, innovative educational programs;
- Build a customised, unforgettable event for your group, including staff training, leaving you free to attend to other responsibilities;
- Help to locate the perfect venue for your camp or informal educational adventure.
- Attend to all administrative concerns so that you can focus on other things.