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SMMIS Newsletter

27 March 2026

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## Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope you are well and have had a lovely week. This week we have felt the joy of Pesach fast approaching. The students have all enjoyed baking matza, pesach seders, wonderful art projects, a mimouna experience. Pesach is the festival of freedom and we cannot help but feel a heaviness as we enter this season, and the sadness of those in Israel and around the Middle East who are in and out of bomb shelters due to the ongoing war. Please God we will see an end to this and we will all experience a complete and meaningful sense of freedom.

### Pesach Seders

This year's Passover celebration was especially meaningful, as our Primary School JE students welcomed their parents back after a five-year hiatus since COVID. Together, they shared in the culmination of the students' ITaAm learning, bringing to life the questions, traditions, and deeper meaning of the

pride. It was truly inspiring to see their learning come alive in such a creative and engaging way, it was a beautiful reflection of their learning journey. Our JEC and Secondary School students also enjoyed meaningful seder celebrations, filled with games, storytelling, traditions, and a true reflection of bringing the festival to life.

## Mimouna Event

This week, morah Simcha gathered the students of Grades 3 to 5 for a special reading of our Passover PJ Library book, *A Sweet Meeting on Mimouna Night* by Allison Ofanansky. The story of young Miriam celebrating the Moroccan Jewish tradition of Mimouna beautifully highlighted themes of friendship, community, and shared culture, capturing the students' attention throughout. Following the story, morah Simcha brought the book to life by sharing an engaging presentation about Morocco, her birth country. The students were fascinated to learn about its rich traditions, vibrant culture, and the customs surrounding Mimouna. To complete the experience, everyone enjoyed tasting delicious mouffleta with honey, just like in the story. This added a sweet and memorable touch to the gathering.

## Matzah Bakery

This year, we celebrated Passover in a truly special way, bringing the traditions to life through engaging activities. One of the highlights was the matzah baking activity, where students had the opportunity to knead, roll, and bake their own matzah, learning firsthand how Matzah is made.

## Volunteering at Willing Hearts

As part of our commitment to Service Learning, students from Raintree, together with Mr Erik and Mr Eujan, had the meaningful opportunity to volunteer at Willing Hearts this week. Willing Hearts is a non-profit organisation that prepares and distributes thousands of daily meals to the needy, including the elderly, low-income families, and migrant workers across Singapore.

During the session, students were actively involved in sorting vegetables and packing food, gaining firsthand experience in the effort required to support the community. Beyond the tasks, the visit served as an enriching experience that instilled values of empathy, compassion, and social responsibility. It was a valuable reminder that everyone can play a part in giving back and making a positive difference, no matter how small the contribution.

## Open Mic

We were excited to kick off our Open Mic Week, a special initiative that celebrates the confidence, creativity, and individuality of our students.

and instrumental performances to poetry, storytelling, and even original creations, Open Mic provides a safe and supportive platform for students to express themselves. Students learn to step out of their comfort zones, support their peers, and appreciate the diverse talents within our school. Open Mic sessions will take place during designated times in school, creating a vibrant and encouraging atmosphere where every performer is celebrated. Whether it is a student's first time on stage or a returning performer, every effort is recognised and applauded.

## Singapore Maths Kangaroo Competition

Students participated in the Singapore Maths Kangaroo Competition today, taking on a challenging 90-minute paper that tested their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The competition required students to think deeply and creatively as they tackled a variety of non-routine mathematical questions.

Results will be released in May, and students who place in the top 40% will earn an invitation to the Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge 2026, which will be held on 18 July 2026. We commend all participants for their perseverance and effort in embracing this rigorous mathematical challenge.

## SMMIS Parent Book Club Update

On Monday, the Parent Book Club met to discuss *Sugarbread* by Balli Kaur Jaswal, exploring themes of family secrets, cultural identity, and the immigrant experience in Singapore with wonderful insights from everyone. Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, 27 April from 2:40–3:40 pm to discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride, a rich multi-generational story of mystery, music, and community bonds set in 1920s Pennsylvania. We look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a chag kasher v'sameach, a wonderful meaningful Passover break. For those of you celebrating Easter, I hope you have a wonderful celebration.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 13th April, refreshed, rested and restored.

Shabbat Shalom,

Ms Elaine

Principal

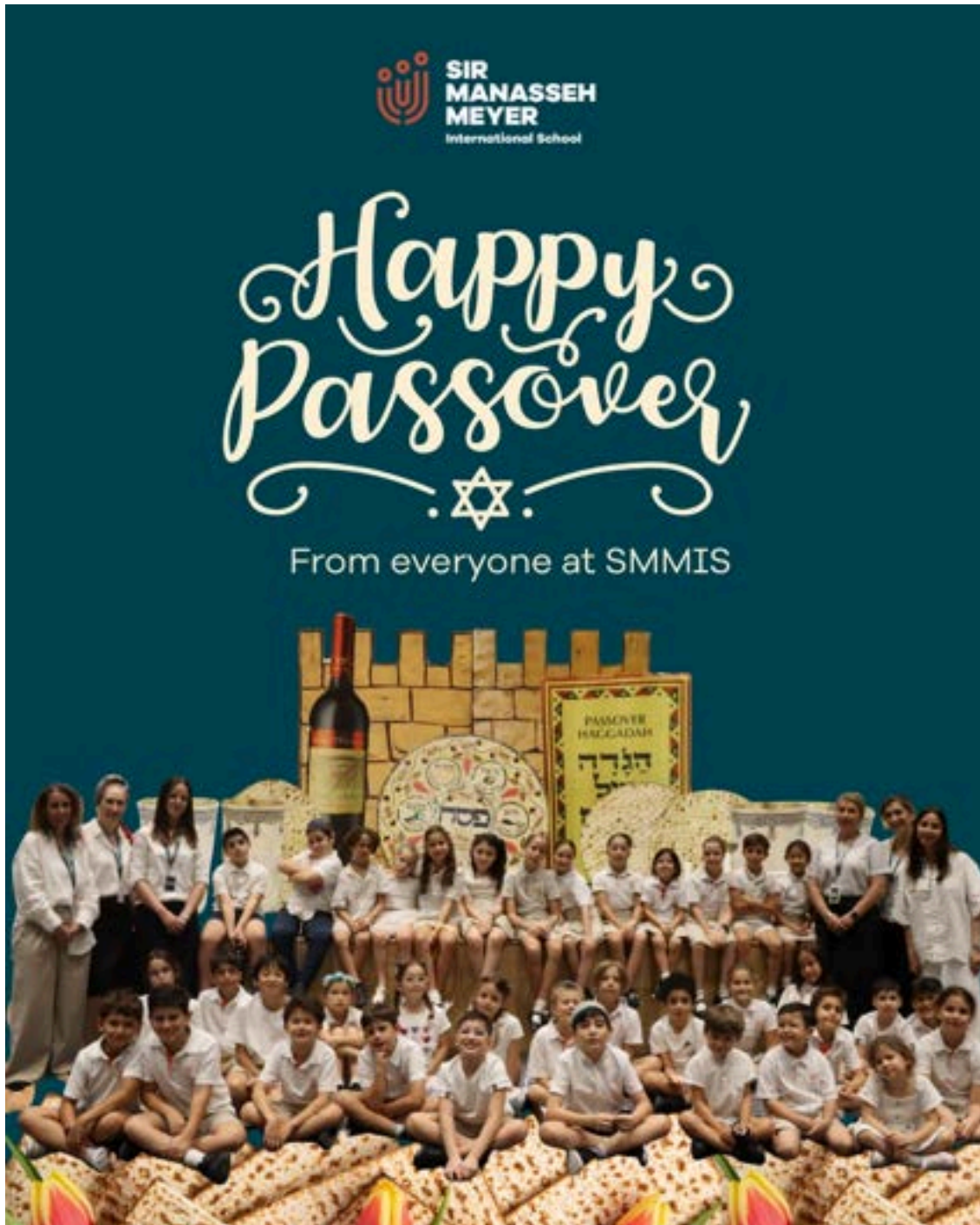
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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Date: 30th March 2026 - 12th April 2026

# School Emergency Contact Number

**9780 9141**



Happy Passover



Pesach Seder  
25th Mar 2026



Mimouna Event  
24th Mar 2026



Matzah Bakery  
23th Mar 2026



NYAA Willing Hearts  
25th Mar 2026



Open Mic  
23th - 27th Mar 2026



Singapore Maths Kangaroo Competition  
27th Mar 2026

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Cuisine	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Main Course	Beef Bolognaise with Pasta	Breaded Chicken Drumstick with Steamed Rice	Grilled Teriyaki Salmon with Fried Rice	Chicken Shwarma with Pita / Steamed Rice	Tofu and Tuna Ball, Hash Brown, Pizza, Pasta and Cheese / Fried Rice / Fried Bee Hoon and Salad Bar
Side Dish	Steamed Broccoli and Salad Bar	Sauteed Vegetables and Salad Bar	Steamed Broccoli / Beansprout with tofu and Salad Bar	Baked Edamame Bean and Salad Bar	
Vegetarian	Tofu Fritters Tomato sauce with Pasta	Vegetables Patties / Roasted Tempeh with Sauce	Roasted Thai Curry Beancurd with Green Bean	Dhal and Falafel	
Soup	Mushroom Soup	Clear Vegetarian Soup	Egg-drop Soup	Pumpkin Soup	
Daily Salad	A Healthy Variety of Salads, dressings and fruits				
After School Snack	Olive Bun	Apple Crumble Sponge Cake	Chocolate Chips Muffin or Oat Cookies	Pumpkin & Oat Cookies or Fruits	Challah Roll

*\*This is a nut-free menu \*Gluten-free and egg-free options are available for main course and afternoon snack \*Every Friday is dairy day and the canteen does not serve meat options \*White/brown steamed rice is served daily*

*\*Tiny-tots, Pre-nursery and Nursery are offered with softer/smaller cut meat option*

*\*Variety of Fresh and Cooked Vegetables.*

Menu for the Upcoming Week

## Birthdays of the Week

**Happy Birthday!**

**Menachem Mendel (Mendi) (G6)**

**David (G6)**

**Wei Zhan (Wilson) (G8)**

**Kaira Himangi (G5)**

**Ariel David (G2)**

Birthday cake orders must be placed at least 5 working days in advance. We will place an order of the cake only upon receiving payment of \$35 per cake. To order a cake, please click [here](#)

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