



## HACHODESH ADAR 5766

### Seder Arba Parshiot

Before Pesach, on four Shabbatot, four special Torah readings are read from a second Torah. The first, Parshat Shekalim, was read on the Shabbat before Adar. The second Parsha, Zachor, is read on the Shabbat immediately preceding Purim. This Parsha speaks about the eternal war against Amalek – the embodiment of evil. On the next Shabbat we read Parshat Parah, which details the Laws of the Red Heifer and the provisions for purification in order to enter the precincts of the Temple. We read this Parsha now because Jews would have to purify themselves in order to be able to offer the Korban Pesach, or Pesach offering. On the Shabbat immediately preceding the month of Nisan, we read Parshat HaChodesh in which the Torah tells us that Nisan is the first month of the year and we are given the laws of the Korban Pesach.

### PURIM as explained by the Rabbi

The festival of Purim has two aspects to it. It celebrates the victory of the Jews, themselves powerless, through a miracle of fortunate events. Because Esther just happened to be selected queen of Persia at the time that Haman rose to power, the Jews were able to experience a victory over an anti-Semite bent on genocide. In the words of the *Megilla*, “the situation was reversed and the Jews ruled over their enemies.”

The other aspect of Purim resides in its transcendent character. Purim celebrates the promise of Jewish eternity and the ultimate triumph of the power of good over evil. The miracle of Purim is a Nes Nistar, a hidden miracle, which arises naturally and yet points to the mysterious Divine hand which leads inexorably to the ultimate triumph of God in the End of Days.

Let us pray for that day when oppression shall cease from the earth and all men will be united in one assembly in worship of the creator.

### Mitzvot of Purim

***Mikra Megilla:*** The Megillat Esther, the story of Purim, is read twice: once in the evening service and then a second time in the morning service. It must be read from a scroll written in accordance with complex laws and every word must be heard to fulfill the Mitzvah; for this reason, it is important to control the noise level in order that the reading can be heard. The obligation to hear the Megilla is incumbent on women as well as men since Jewish women, Esther above all, were instrumental in the miracle of Purim.

***Matanot L'Eryonim:*** Every person is obligated to give a gift to at least two needy people. In this way we share the joy of the festival with those less fortunate than we are. It is also customary to “acquire,” with a charitable contribution, three fifty-cent pieces at the Synagogue and “contribute” them to a charity designated by the Synagogue in the memory of the Machtzit HaShekel – the half shekel that every Jew contributed to the Holy Temple (may it be speedily rebuilt in our day).

***Mishloach Manot:*** Each Jew is obligated to give a gift of at least two different food items to at least one other Jew. The more gifts one sends, the more praiseworthy.

***Seudat Purim:*** One enjoys a Purim feast with one's family during Purim day. Normally we do this after Mincha and continue the meal into the night.

### FROM OUR RABBI...

We would like to express our thanks for the outpouring of kindness, the visitations, and the generous contributions made upon the passing of our father, Abe Granatstein. May we all be able to celebrate many S'machot together in the future.

Rabbi Melvin & Malka Granatstein

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday Morning Services	6:40 a.m.
Sunday Morning Services	8:00 a.m.
<b>Parshat Terumah</b>	Candle Lighting 6:01
Friday, March 3	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:10 p.m.
Saturday, March 4	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	5:50 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	7:00 p.m.
Weekday Services	6:05 p.m.
<b>Parshat Tetsaveh-Zachor</b>	Candle Lighting 6:09
Friday, March 10	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 p.m.
Saturday, March 11	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	5:00 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	7:08 p.m.
Weekday Services	6:15 p.m.
<b>Parshat Ki Tisa-Parah</b>	Candle Lighting 6:17
Friday, March 17	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:20 p.m.
Saturday, March 18	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	5:05 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	7:16 p.m.
Weekday Services	6:25 p.m.
<b>Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei-HaChodesh</b>	
Friday, March 24	Candle Lighting 6:25
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 25	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	5:15 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	7:24 p.m.
Weekday Services	6:30 p.m.
<b>Fast of Esther</b>	
Monday, March 13	
Fast Begins	5:30 a.m.
Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
Mincha	6:05 p.m.
Fast Ends	7:09 p.m.
<b>Purim</b>	
Monday, March 13	
Ma'ariv & Megilla	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14	
Morning	6:30 a.m.
Mincha	5:00 p.m.
Ma'ariv	7:30 p.m.

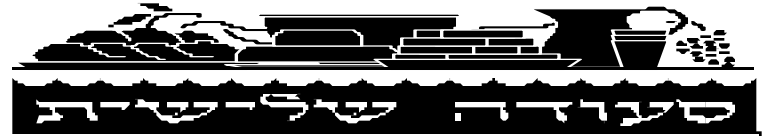


Ross & Caren Kirchick on the birth of twin boys, & to grandparents, Cal & Judy Kirchick.

Haim & Chaya Keren on the birth of a baby girl, Liya.

Adi Goldberg on her Bat Mitzvah & to parents Yaron & Tami Goldberg, & grandparents Mr. Zev Goldberg & Mrs. Miram Altman.

Al & Cynthia Uvlin on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Benjamin Davis, son of Risa & Jeff Davis of New Rochelle, NY.



### January 28th

Sponsored in memory of Mr. Morris Makovsky by his wife, Ann, and his children, Shmuli & Daryle Spero, and his grandchildren, Yosef & Sher Mandelbaum.

### February 11th

Sponsored by Igor & Tatyana Spira in memory of Igor's mother, Helen.

### February 18th

Sponsored by Joe & Nan Hecht in memory of Nan's parents, Joe & Gussie Kleinman.

### February 25th

Sponsored by Shelley & Debbie Senders in memory of Shelley's mother, Peppy Senders, on the occasion of her second Yahrzeit.



The congregation would like to extend its heartfelt sympathy to Rabbi Melvin & Malka Granatstein on the passing of his father, Abraham Granatstein, on January 19th in Toronto.

The congregation would like to extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sam Feig who passed away on February 8th.

**MARCH 18: The REEL Jewish Experience**  
- Ma'ale Film School. 8:30



If you are by yourself, and would like to enjoy a Shabbat meal with a host family, please call us.

If you would like to host someone at your Shabbat table, please call us.

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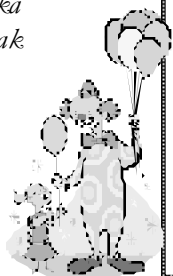
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**The birth of a baby boy, Daniel Matityahu, to Adena & Jonathan Klineman** Jack & Minda Jaffe

**Your new grandsons~to Cal & Judith Kirchick** Barry & Lynne Shiller; Herschel & Sheila Pickholtz

**Bob & Marla Stark** Jerry Gluck

**KIDDUSH: FEBRUARY 18TH: Yaron & Tami Goldberg**

**In honor of their daughter, Adi's Bat Mitzvah.**

*In Memory of:*



**Jack Simon** Helen & Eugene Klein; Minsty Agin; Baruch Deutsch;

**Abraham Granatstein** Milton & Diana Davies; Leon & Helen Shear; Betty Ruth Shear; Sam & Marcy Newmark; Susan & Leonard Fuchs; Bertha Weider & Family; Jack & Minda Jaffe; Gertrude Yaged; David & Miriam Weingarten; Morry & Judy Weiss; Goldie Pearl; Allan & Nancy Pearl; Sheila & Herschel Pickholtz; Sid & Louis Meyers; Joel & Elaine Axelrod; Jewish Family Services Association Employees; Alan & Beth Kuhel; Sarah & Louis Radzeli; Ari & Marlyn Jaffe; Jodie

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**Schedule of Classes**

**TALMUD CLASS**  
Tuesday evening after services.

**PARSHAT HASHAVUAH**  
Tuesday lunch: 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

**SHABBAT BLATT SHIUR**  
One hour before Mincha on Shabbat afternoons.

**15 MINUTES OF NAVI**  
Each morning following Shacharit.

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