



FROM OUR RABBI...

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 Parshat, 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

The festival of Purim is the most joyous day of the Jewish calendar, and the month of Adar is the most joyous month of the year. In the Talmud, the month of Adar is contrasted with the month of Av.

When it comes to Av, the Talmud says *נִשְׁבַּח אֲבָן מִנְעוּמָם בְּשַׁמְחָה* - "when Av enters, we diminish celebration." And when it comes to Adar, it says *נִשְׁבַּח אֲדָר מִרְבֵּם בְּשַׁמְחָה* - "when Adar enters, we multiply celebration."

The Temple was destroyed in Av, and the people of Israel were saved from destruction in Adar. Purim thus celebrates Israel's transcending of all the foes that seek her destruction. It is well known that God's name does not appear in Megillah at all. The presence of God in the Purim narrative is not to be found in this or that event but can rather be found in connection in the entire story that leads to Israel's deliverance.

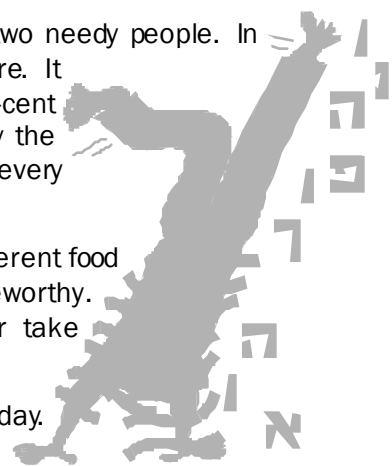
Mitzvot of Purim

Mikra Megillah: 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 Megillah is incumbent on women as well as men since Jewish women, Esther above all, were instrumental in the miracle of Purim.

Matanot L'Evyonim: 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. However, as the Rambam points out, where possible, gifts to the poor take precedence - the more given, 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.





SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Parshat Terumah Candle Lighting 5:51

Friday, February 23
 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, February 24
 Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
 Mincha 5:40 p.m.
 Motsaei Shabbat 6:50 p.m.
 Weekday Services 6:00 p.m.

Ta'anit Esther

Thursday, March 1
 Fast Begins 5:50 a.m.
 Shacharit 6:40 a.m.
 Mincha 5:50 p.m.
 Fast Ends 6:54 p.m.

Parshat Tetsaveh - Zachor Candle Lighting 6:00

Friday, March 2
 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:05 p.m.
 Saturday, March 3
 Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
 Mincha 5:15 p.m.
 Motsaei Shabbat 6:59 p.m.
 Weekday Services 6:10 p.m.

Purim

Motsaei Shabbat, March 3
 Ma'ariv & Megillah 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, March 4
 Shacharit & Megillah 8:00 a.m.
 Second Megillah Reading 4:15 p.m.
 Mincha 4:45 p.m.

Green Road Purim Seudah follows Mincha.

Please see the enclosed flier for details and reservations.

Parshat Ki Tisah - Parah Candle Lighting 6:08

Friday, March 9
 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 p.m.
 Saturday, March 10
 Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
 Mincha 6:00 p.m.
 Motsaei Shabbat 7:07 p.m.
 Weekday Services 7:15 p.m.

**** Daylight Savings Time Begins Move Clocks Forward ****

Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei - HaChodesh

Friday, March 16 Candle Lighting 7:16
 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:20 p.m.
 Saturday, March 17
 Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
 Mincha 7:05 p.m.
 Motsaei Shabbat 8:15 p.m.
 Weekday Services 7:20 p.m.

MAZEL TOV

To Ted Hersh on his Milestone birthday.

To Jeff and Rachel Weiser on the birth of a girl, Maytal Yarden, on Jan. 18.

To Ben & Noa Baskin on the birth of a baby boy, Avner Moshe, on Jan. 24, and to grandparents Yehuda & Barbara Baskin.

To Jill & David Gleicher and George Bernstein on the engagement of their daughter, Chavi Bernstein, to Chesky Trenk, son of Chaya & Paul Trenk of Staten Island.

To Chaim Horwitz & Leah Meyer on the engagement of their son, Dani, to Dpnna Heller, daughter of David & Elana Heller of Givat Shmuel, Israel.



Join us for a dinner buffet and a fun night of gambling and prizes!

Sponsorships are still available - contact Jane or David in the office.

THANK YOU!

We would like to give a special thank you to those who supported this year's season of **The REEL Jewish Experience**. Once again we were able to provide a wonderful atmosphere for bringing the community together in topics of interest. There were many people who pitched in to make this another successful season, from our sponsors to our volunteers - some who were both!

We pray that we can continue our work together in being a cornerstone of our community for generations to come.

Schedule of Classes

TALMUD CLASS

Tuesday evening after services.

SHABBAT BLATT SHIUR

One hour before Mincha on Shabbat afternoons.

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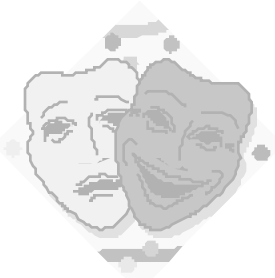
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Monday – Thursday

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Friday

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Ted Hersh's 80th Birthday: Joe & Bella Klein; Phyllis Blau; Liz Tuly

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January 13: By Dr. & Mrs. Mark Ellen in honor of the 1st birthday of their 5th grandson, Yakov Ellen, son of Daniel & Nicole Ellen of NY, AND ALSO SPONSORED BY Judy Hersh & Children in honor of Ted Hersh's 80th birthday.

January 20: By Joe & Marla Shafran.

February 3: By Pinchas Maoz and Yehuda & Barbara Baskin in honor of the birth of their grandson, Avner Moshe, born to Ben & Noa Baskin. The dried fruit platters for Tu B'Shvat were donated by Anshel & Nechama Epstein in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT:

January 13: By Bertha Weider on the occasion of her husband Ben's Yahrzeit.

January 20: By Shmulie & Daryle Spero on the occasion of the Yahrzeit for Daryle's father, Morris Makovsky.

January 27: By Allen and Carol Seftel on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of Allen's mother, Betty Seftel.

February 3: By Igor & Tatyana Spira in memory of Igor's mother, Chaya Sara Spira.

February 10: By Joe & Nan Hecht in memory of Nan's parents, Joe & Gussie Kleinman.