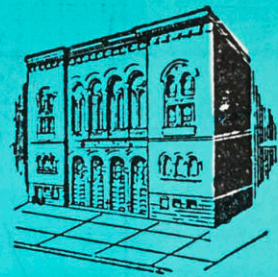


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Purim Greetings

*We extend best wishes
for a Happy Purim to
all our members and
friends.*

PURIM NOTES TO PARENTS

This Monday evening we will usher in the holiday of Purim with the traditional Purim service, highlighted by the reading of the Megillah. This service is of exceptional interest to the children of our congregational family. We have made special arrangements in order to ensure that they will be comfortable and happy.

All children will receive the appropriate noisemakers with which to react demonstratively to the mention of the name of Haman. Special sections in the Synagogue will be reserved for them.

Parents are requested to bring their children to the Auditorium at 5:15 P.M. They will be organized there and they will receive their noisemakers as well as instructions for their use.

The children will be escorted from the Auditorium to their special sections in the Main Synagogue. Parents are requested to leave the children to the supervision of those who are in charge.

Following the service, which will conclude at a reasonable hour, the children will be returned to the Auditorium where they will be given the traditional holiday sweets.

CONGREGATION KEHILATH JESHURUN

cordially invites you, your family and friends to our

PURIM SERVICE

This Monday evening, March 3rd

Mincha Service in the Chapel — 5:30 P.M.

Ma'ariv Service in the Main Synagogue — 6:00 P.M.

The reading of the Megillah will follow



The above Ramaz students will officiate (left to right): Samuel Newborn, Richard Kahn, David Grossman, Samuel Blumenthal, Alvin Smilow, Michael Bartel, Lewis Trencher, Roger Oppenheimer, Asher Miller, Robert Levine, Samuel Friedman.

(For information on Purim morning, please turn to page 4)

Special Service This Saturday

In memory of our nine Iraqi brothers for whom the thirty day mourning period has just ended, we will recite memorial prayers this Saturday morning, and a special sermon will be delivered on this and other recent manifestations of virulent anti-Semitism.

Come and join in this commemorative service.

RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN WILL PREACH THIS SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.

"REMEMBER . . . AND NEVER FORGET!"

9 Jewish Lives and What they Represent

In Memoriam

Samuel Morris

We record with profound sorrow the sudden demise of our esteemed member, Samuel Morris.

Mr. Morris was a reticent and retiring gentleman, possessed of great human kindness and outstanding spiritual values. Marked by physical height, he was also possessed of spiritual stature.

For many years, he walked many miles to attend Sabbath services in our synagogue regularly. His presence in our midst will be missed.

We extend fullest sympathy to his brothers and sisters.

A KIDDUSH IN HONOR OF A RETURNING SOLDIER

The kiddush this Saturday will be sponsored by our esteemed members, Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Texon in honor of their son Stephen who has just completed his tour of duty in the Armed Forces of our country. We welcome Stephen back to civilian life and we look forward to his future development in his chosen musical career.

The Kehilath Jeshurun worshippers will have an opportunity to extend an official welcome to Stephen Texon this Saturday at the close of services.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Birthdays—

Many happy returns of the day to Irving Angel, Isidor Berkowitz, Mrs. Al Feiner, Mrs. Joseph Greenberg, Leon Gronowitz, Charles B. Jacobs, Mrs. Alfred Kahn, Mrs. Martin Klein, Mrs. George Postel, Henry Reinhold, Dr. Stephen S. Rosenak, Eugene R. Sarezyk, Mrs. Samuel S. Silverstein, Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, Mrs. Albert Wald and Miss Ruth Winkler.

Anniversaries—

Warmest greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gronowitz and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perlberger.

Birth—

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sadinoff upon the birth of a son. Our best wishes to the proud grandparents, our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Max Sadinoff upon this latest dividend with which they have been presented.

May this most recent Sadinoff arrival join his brother and the rest of the Sadinoff grandchildren in bringing pride, happiness and nachas to parents and grandparents alike.

Bar Mitzvah—

Hearty congratulations to our esteemed members, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Neustadter, upon the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Richard Martin. We hope that Richard will continue to grow up in the finest tradition of Torah and good deeds. May his family derive much joy and nachas from him.

Engagement—

Congratulations and all good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wolf upon the announcement of the engagement of their son Marvin to Miss Barbara Schlossberg, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Schlossberg of Brooklyn, New York. Similar good wishes to the proud grandmother, Mrs. Louis Schleifer.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY AND A SPECIAL HONOR

This past Sunday, marked the eightieth birthday of our esteemed Trustee, Israel Cummings. In honor of this happy milestone in his life, Mr. Cummings and Mrs. Cummings sponsored the kiddush following the close of services last Saturday.

Part of the celebration of this special birthday will be the dedication on Sunday, March 16th, of the Israel and Leah Cummings Recreation Center at the Educational Alliance on the Lower East Side.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cummings on this blessed milestone and we wish them both many happy and healthy years of continuing service to God and to man.

SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH HOSTESSES

Saturday, March 1st

Mrs. Milton Berkowitz
Mrs. Charles I. Cohen
Mrs. Samuel M. Eisenstat
Mrs. Harry Etra
Mrs. Max J. Etra
Mrs. Theodore R. Fink
Mrs. Joseph N. Friedman

You and Your Family are invited to celebrate

the 45th anniversary of

RABBI JOSEPH H. LOOKSTEIN

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at the gala 30th Anniversary Dinner

of the Kehilath Jeshurun Men's Club

on Tuesday evening, March 18th

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Cocktails at
6:30 P.M.

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PURIM: SOME WHYS AND WHEREFORES

I. Why do we observe the Fast of Esther?

First, we should explain what the Fast of Esther is *not*. It is *not* a fast day commemorating Esther's fast prior to her entering the King's presence without having been previously invited. That particular fast, which was observed by the entire Jewish community of Shushan, lasted for three days and it took place in the middle of Nisan. There is no fast to commemorate that experience because it would have been too taxing for the majority of the community to accept.

Our Fast of Esther commemorates the battle which the Jews fought on the thirteenth day of Adar. That is the day which had been chosen by lots by Haman to be the day of annihilation for all the Jews in the Persian Empire. That day had been chosen some eleven months before — during the month of Nisan.

Following the exposure of Haman as the villain, he was executed, but the King could not nullify his previous decree. A new decree, therefore, was issued providing that on the thirteenth day of Adar, when the Jews would be attacked by their enemies, they should resist the attack and destroy their enemies.

The thirteenth day of Adar, therefore, was a day of battle and war. We fast and pray on that day in our time to commemorate the anguish and the crisis experienced by our brethren in Shushan in days of yore.

II. What and Why Shushan Purim?

The battle for their lives was waged by the Jews throughout the Persian Empire on the thirteenth day of Adar. Having won the battle, they then celebrated on the fourteenth day of Adar — Purim day.

In Shushan, the capitol of Persia, there was an abundance of enemies. It took the Jews of Shushan two days to battle their foes. Consequently, their celebration was postponed to the fifteenth day of Adar — Shushan Purim.

Our sages decreed that all important cities — identified by a wall around them — should observe Shushan Purim to conform with the observance in the capitol city of Persia. In fact, however, such a ruling would have excluded all of the cities in the Land of Israel from the ranks of important cities. None of them had a wall at the time by virtue of the destruction of the land by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E.

The sages, therefore, ruled that an

important city was to be identified not by whether it had a wall at the time that Purim took place, but rather by the fact that it had a wall at the time of Joshua. In this way, cities like Jerusalem, Hebron and Jericho, among others, were certified as important cities. Jews living in those cities today read the Megillah on the fifteenth day

III. What are the obligations of Purim?

They are seven in number:

1. **The reading of the Megillah at night and in the morning of Purim.** This reading can be performed alone if one reads from a proper parchment. It is preferable to read the Megillah in public because a public reading constitutes greater praise to God. Incidentally, the reading of the Megillah serves not only to tell a story, but also to constitute a song of praise to God. That is why we do not recite Hallel on Purim. If the Megillah is read, Hallel is superfluous.

2. **Mishloach Manot** — the practice of giving food gifts to friends and family. Two different types of ready-to-eat foods should be distributed to each recipient. The reason for this observance is that since the Jewish People as a whole was saved from annihilation in those days, the celebration of Purim ought to have a social character.

3. **Charity** — In line with this same thought, charity is incumbent upon the Jew on Purim because there can be no joy in deliverance if one segment of society does not share in that joy. This is a typically Jewish reaction to a festive occasion. It is mirrored beautifully in the institution of Passover Relief in which we shall shortly engage. Joy and gladness must be universal if they are to have any meaning at all.

4. **The festive meal** — it is obligatory upon every Jew to partake of a festive meal on Purim day. Customarily it is held late in the afternoon, and lasts into the night. At the meal, all kinds of special dishes are served and on this occasion the Jew is urged to drink more than his fill. As a matter of fact, the author of the Shulchan Arukh, Rabbi Joseph Caro, quotes the Talmud in saying that a man should get so drunk on Purim that he can not distinguish between blessed be Mordecai and cursed be Haman.

A way out for teetotalers

Of course, this ruling is not without compromise. The commentary of the Rama — representing the Ashkenazic view in the Shulchan Arukh — modi-

fies this law somewhat. He suggests that a man drink a little more than is his custom. In so doing, he will become drowsy and doze off. And in slumber, he is equally incapable of distinguishing between blessed be Mordecai and cursed be Haman.

5. **Al Hanissim** — this special prayer of thanksgiving is recited at each service and in the Grace after Meals during Purim.

6. **Torah Reading** — Nine verses from the Book of Exodus are read at the morning service on Purim day. They concern the war waged by Amalek against the Jewish people shortly after their liberation from Egypt. The reason for this choice is that Haman is said to have been a descendant from Amalek.

He was such a descendant not only in fact but in spirit as well. Amalek is the archetype of the anti-semitic in Jewish history. Haman was certainly a notorious representative of that genre of human being.

7. **The avoidance of fasting and eulogy** — On Purim we are not only required to be happy, but we are enjoined from excessive sadness. Thus, fasting is prohibited and, in the event of a death, words of eulogy must be limited.

A final word

More than any other holiday, perhaps, Purim has great contemporary significance. It is not simply a historical account which we read in the Megillah. It is the revelation of God's hand as it unfolds in the drama of human history.

To be sure, the entire affair could be understood as coincidence and historical circumstance. Of course, so could the re-establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 and the triumph of this little State over its mighty enemies in 1948, 1956 and 1967.

The sensitive Jew, however, does not view these events as coincidence. He sees in them "Megillah" — "revelation" and exposure of the divine force that acts in subtle fashion to shape the affairs of men at critical junctures in history, yesterday and today. In that sense, the second blessing which we recite over the Megillah can be understood with a double entendre which is clearly implicit in the English translation: Blessed art Thou O Lord our God King of the universe who wrought miracles for our people in those days (and) in this period.

A very happy Purim to all!

H. L.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY

Lighting of Candles5:25
 Evening5:30

SATURDAY — SHABBAT ZACHOR

Morning9:00
 Junior Congregation10:15
 Pre-School Service
 Dining Hall11:00

Weekly Portion: Tetzaveh
Exodus 27:20 - 30:10
Deuteronomy 25:17 - 19
Haftorah: I Samuel 15:2 - 34

Evening5:30
 Conclusion of Sabbath6:20

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning7:30
 Sunday Morning8:30
 Evening5:30

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, March 1st

Cantors

Peter Kassover
 Steven Berkowitz
 Jeffrey Haber

Torah Reader

Claude Alpert

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Officers for the month of Adar are:

PresidentJerald Berkowitz
 Vice PresidentAllan Friedman
 GabbaiMoshe Rosenberg
 HostessRachel Shudofsky

ON TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 4th, PURIM DAY

We will read the Megillah at the regular morning service which runs from 7:00 to 8:30.

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A special invitation is extended to women and children to attend a second Megillah reading which will take place from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon in the Synagogue Chapel. The following Ramaz students will officiate at this second reading: Craig Barany, George Blumenthal, Norman Chideckel, Ron Cohen, Joel Comet, Arthur Gribetz, Jeremy Hyman, Joseph Low, Eugene Packin, Jeffrey Retig, Abraham Rosenberg.

YAHARZEITS

March

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| 1—HANS J. VOGEL | 4—SAMUEL DRIBBEN |
| 1—ANNIE ROTHSTEIN | 4—REBECCA GRUSS |
| 1—ROCKMORE CLAYTON | 4—PHILIP MANDELKER |
| 1—LEO TILLES | 4—ARTHUR FISCHER |
| 1—JOSEPH N. DUNAETZ | 5—BENJAMIN LEVY |
| 2—SIMON RUBINSTEIN | 5—SARAH ROTHENSTEIN |
| 2—ABRAHAM D. KATZ | 5—JACOB S. ADLER |
| 2—SOL FEIFER | 5—MAX EARL |
| 2—ISRAEL W. DUBINER | 6—FANNIE LEVIN |
| 2—LOUIS LEFKOWITZ | 6—DINAH MERKIN |
| 2—REUVEN FRIEDMAN | 6—ISRAEL ETRA |
| 2—MOSHE MEIR FREIMAN | 6—ADOLPH BERNHARDT |
| 3—FANNY SALZMAN | 6—PHILIP J. SPILKY |
| 3—ISRAEL SMITH | 6—ESTHER M. BERNARD |
| 3—JACOB ROBINS | 6—MILLIE KLAPPER |
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