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RABBI'S MESSAGE

In God We Trust

by *Rabbi Ben Geiger*

The Political Strategists and pundits said to go to the State dinner and ensure Jews were represented properly. They said not going would be suicide. They also said Vashti would always have the king's ear, poisoning his mind against the Jewish people. They also said that Haman (aka - Mehuman) would never amount to much. After all, he was a failed general and lowly advisor that no one liked or respected. He also had no sense of propriety or court procedure (see Malbim for all these details). Mordechai, on the other hand, never wavered in his message. It was very simple: "What is right and wrong, not whether it is politically expedient, are the crucial factors in every decision. Hashem is our Rock and support. We must make decisions based on Torah directives and not our emotional concerns."

At first, the pundits looked partially right (which is pretty good for political "talking heads"). True, Vashti was gone and Haman was rising quickly to the governmental stratosphere, but the Jews were suffering and it *had to be* because Mordechai and the rest of the leadership that followed him had ostracized themselves from the government. There could be no other reason. Or so they said.

We know, in retrospect, that Mordechai was right and, in what would be another of a series of millennia of political hacks getting it wrong about the Jewish people, everyone else, even many of our own, got it terribly wrong. But, what was at the core of our mistake? The answer is a lesson we have yet to fully internalize... Bitachon, trust in our Father in Heaven.

Rabbeinu Bechaya, in Chovos Halevavos, Shaar HaBitachon, relates a fascinating story: A righteous Jew traveled overseas on business. The trip would be arduous and dangerous. It would take him far from home for many months. While he traveled, his business dealings brought him in contact with a man he must have known somewhat well. This man was a professed Paganist. The Jew challenged his otherwise intelligent acquaintance, "You live your life blind and foolishly. Why do you worship your idolatry when it clearly is impotent and empty?" The Pagan challenged back, "But Whom do you serve?" "I serve the Creator of the Universe, the All Knowing, and the One who provides for our every need." "Your actions contradict your words!" "What do you mean," the Jew protested indignantly. "You travel and wear yourself out. You leave your family for months at a time and endanger yourself to raise capital, only to reinvest it so that you may find more opportunity. Why struggle and enfeeble yourself if your Hashem can provide for you?" The Jew had no answer. He found himself dumbfounded. He packed his bags and returned home, vowing to stay with his family and trust Hashem to bring him the income he needed.

This story challenges the way we think and live. The temptation to rely on the "strength and vigor of my own hand" is pervasive. It is the core of our society's economic system. The essence of the American Dream is the ever-elusive "pursuit of happiness." This was the temptation of idolatry throughout the First Beis Hamikdash and it was the challenge to the Jews in Babylonia. Initially, the temptation was to find a belief system that was not so taxing. Idolatry requires that I check in once in a while and appease the gods while I live life to the fullest of my desires. In Bavel, however, the issue was far deeper. Did Hashem still care for us? After all we had been exiled and murdered; we had been sold into slavery and denigrated to second-class citizens. Were we on our own?

The answer is a resounding expression of love in the salvation of Purim. No matter what, He is our Father in Heaven and He will never abandon us! There is only one catch, we must never abandon Him. Our religious observance and beliefs must not be superficial. Torah and Judaism cannot become a cultural existence, but an internalized pattern of thought, speech and action. When we accomplish this, we merit miraculous Divine intervention. Perhaps leading to a personal, or, we pray, a national redemption of Pesach.

A Freilichen Purim!

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- ◊ **Services** of the Chessed Committee
- ◊ **Having Within** our Family events listed on our announcements & newsletters
- ◊ and much more... Tell your friends



Susan Lieberman's
Sisterhood sponsored shiur

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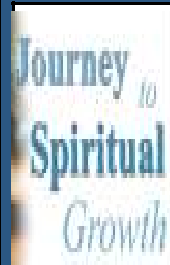
The Book of Samuel I

every other **Wednesday** at **8:00 pm**
February 2, 16, March 2, 16, 30, April 13

In the Bais Hamedrash - Donation: \$5.00/session

הרמח"ל
רבנו משה חיים לוצאטו
מסילת ישרים
The **RAMCHAL**
Mesillas Yescharim
Path of the Just

Sundays
8:50 am
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Embark on your own personal journey into the study of Mussar, Jewish Wisdom to Guide the Soul. Join **Rabbi Benjamin Geiger** for the weekly Torah portion
Mondays at 7:45 PM
Each week is a new topic!!

THE BEAUTY BEHIND THE MITZVOS

SEFER HACHINUCH
systematically discusses the 613 commandments

Join Rabbi Geiger
WEDNESDAYS - 9:00 PM
for an hour of learning & refreshments in his home

THE BULLETIN



SHACHARIS

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday | 7:15 am & 8:15 am |
| Monday & Thursday | 6:20 am & 7:30 am |
| Tues., Wed. & Fri. | 6:30 am & 7:30 am |
| Rosh Chodesh | 6:10 am & 7:30 am |
| Major Legal Holidays | 6:20 am & 8:30 am |
| <i>Chagim</i> - see pp. 4-5 | |

DAILY SERVICES



* under urgent circumstances tallis and t'fillin can be put on as early as dawn

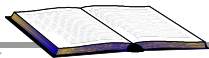
| <u>Shacharis</u> | <u>*Tallis & T'fillin</u> not earlier than | <u>Sh'mah</u> not later than | <u>Shacharis</u> | <u>*Tallis & T'fillin</u> not earlier than | <u>Sh'mah</u> not later than |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| February 6 - 11 | 6:05 am | 9:35 am | March 20 - 25 | 6:06 am | 10:01 am |
| February 13 - 18 | 5:58 am | 9:31 am | March 27 - April 1 | 5:54 am | 9:54 am |
| February 20 - 25 | 5:49 am | 9:26 am | April 3 - 8 | 5:42 am | 9:47 am |
| February 27- March 4 | 5:30 am | 9:20 am | April 10 - 15 | 5:30 am | 9:40 am |
| March 6 - 11 | 5:29 am | 9:14 am | April 17 | 5:18 am | 9:34 am |
| March 13- 16 | 6:18 am | 10:08 am | April 18-20, 25-26 (<u>Pesach Schedule</u>) see p.5 | | |
| March 17,18 | 6:11 am | 10:04 am | April 21,22,24 (Chol Hamo'ed) .. | 5:11 am | 9:31 am |
| | | | April 27 - 29 | 5:01 am | 9:26 am |

MINCHA & MAARIV*

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| February 6 - 10 | 5:10 pm / 5:40 pm | March 27 - 31 | 7:05 pm / 7:35 pm |
| February 13 - 17 | 5:20 pm / 5:50 pm | April 3 - 7 | 7:10 pm / 7:45 pm |
| February 20 - 24 | 5:24 pm / 6:00 pm | April 10 - 14 | 7:20 pm / 7:50 pm |
| February 27-March 3 | 5:35 pm / 6:05 pm | April 17 | 7:25 pm / 7:55 pm |
| March 6 - 10 | 5:40 pm / 6:15 pm | April 18- 26 (<u>Pesach Schedule</u>) see p.5 | |
| March 13 - 16 | 6:50 pm / 7:20 pm | April 27, 28 | 7:30 pm / 8:00 pm |
| March 17 (Taanis Esther) see p.4 | 6:35 pm / 7:20 pm | | |
| March 20 (Purim) see p. 4 | | | |
| March 21 - 24 | 7:00 pm / 7:30 pm | | |

*Additional Maariv at 7:30 pm Monday - Thursday
Late Maariv ends for the season on Thu., March 10

Join us for Mincha, Maariv and our daily shiurim. The perfect combination to complete your day.



SHABBOS CLASSES



After Kaballas Shabbos

Bais Hamedrash
Talmud Class.....R' Shmuel Gold

Shabbos Morning

7:30 AM - Hashkoma
Mishnah Brurah.....R' Leonard Levy
8:00 AM - Bais Hamedrash
Mishnah Brurah.....Mr. Shmuel Karper
10:30 AM - Bais Hamedrash
Talmud Class.....R' Bezalel Ostrow

One hour before Mincha

Main Synagogue
Talmud Class R' Benjamin Geiger
Bais Hamedrash
Daf Yomi Talmud (Yiddish)... R' Shmuel Gold
Basic Chumash Class Mr. Mendel Weiss

After Seudah Shlishis

Bais Hamedrash
Mussar Class R' Shmuel Gold

WEEKDAY CLASSES

Sundays

Mesilas Yesharim - Rabbi Benjamin Geiger... 8:50 AM

Mondays

Parshas Hashavua - Rabbi Benjamin Geiger 7:45 PM

Tuesdays

Talmud (Brachos) - Rabbi Mair Wolofsky 6:30 PM
(no classes on Purim and on Pesach)

Wednesdays

Samuel I - Susan Lieberman -Women's class
Feb.. 2, 16, March 2. 16, 30, April 13..... 8:00 pm

The Beauty of Hashem's Mitzvos (Sefer HaChinuch)
Rabbi Benjamin Geiger.. (at Rabbi's home)9:00 pm

Thursdays

Chumash - Rabbi Mair Wolofsky.....6:30 pm

Weekdays

Between Mincha & Maariv - Kitzur Shulchan Aruch - Rabbi Geiger

TERUMAH - Rosh Chodesh Adar I**Friday, February 4**

| | |
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| Candle Lighting | 4:58 pm |
| Mincha | 5:05 pm |

Saturday, February 5

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| Hashkomo Service | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash .. | 8:30 am |
| Mincha | 4:50 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 6:08 pm |

TETZAVEH**Friday, February 11**

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| Candle Lighting | 5:07 pm |
| Mincha | 5:15 pm |

Saturday, February 12

| | |
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| Hashkomo Service | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash .. | 8:30 am |
| Mincha | 4:55 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 6:16 pm |

KI TISA**Friday, February 18**

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| Candle Lighting | 5:15 pm |
| Mincha | 5:20 pm |

Saturday, February 19

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| Hashkoma Service | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash .. | 8:30 am |
| Mincha | 5:05 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 6:25 pm |

VAYAKHEL**Friday, February 25**

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| Candle Lighting | 5:23 pm |
| Mincha | 5:30 pm |

Saturday, February 26

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| Hashkoma Service | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash .. | 8:30 am |
| Mincha | 5:15 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 6:33 pm |

PEKUDEI - Shabbos Shekalim - Mevorchim Adar II**Friday, March 4**

| | |
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| Candle Lighting | 5:31 pm |
| Mincha | 5:35 pm |

Saturday, March 5

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|---|---------|
| Hashkoma Service | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash .. | 8:30 am |
| Mincha | 5:20 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 6:41 pm |

VAYIKRA**Friday, March 11**

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| Candle Lighting | 5:39 pm |
| Mincha | 5:45 pm |

*Followed by "Carlebach Style" Kabbalas Shabbos***Saturday, March 12**

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| Hashkoma Service | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash | 8:30 am |
| Mincha | 5:30 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 6:49 pm |



Daylight savings time begins on Sun., 2 am.
Turn the clock one hour AHEAD.

TAANIS ESTHER - Thursday, March 17

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| Fast begins | 5:43 am |
| Shacharis | 6:20 am & 7:30 am |
| Mincha | 6:35 pm |
| Fast Ends | 7:38 pm |

TZAV - Shabbos Zachor**Friday, March 18**

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| Candle Lighting | 6:47 pm |
| Mincha | 6:55 pm |

Saturday, March 19- Erev Purim

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| Hashkoma Service | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash .. | 8:30 am |
| Mincha | 6:35 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 7:56 pm |
| Maariv followed by <u>Megillah Reading</u> | |

Late Megilla Reading

PURIM DAY- Sunday, March 20

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| Shacharis - 1st Minyan (BH) | 7:15 am |
| 1st Megilla Reading | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - 2nd Minyan (MS) | 8:15 am |
| 2nd Megilla Reading | 8:45 am |
| 3rd Megilla Reading (MS) | 11:00 am |
| Mincha | 5:15 pm |

QJC Purim Seudah (by reservation)..... 5:40 pm

Maariv

SHEMINI - Shabbos Parah**Friday, March 25**

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| Candle Lighting | 6:54 pm |
| Mincha | 7:00 pm |

Saturday, March 26

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| Hashkoma Service | 7:45 am |
| Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash .. | 8:30 am |
| Mincha | 6:20 pm |

Special Seudah Shlishis Siyum Mishnayos

Shabbos Ends

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Thank you for your cooperation, and your kind support.



TAZRIA - Shabbos Hachodesh - Mevorchim Nisan

Friday, April 1
 Candle Lighting 7:01 pm
 Mincha 7:05 pm

Saturday, April 2
 Hashkoma Service 7:45 am
 Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash . 8:30 am
 Mincha 6:50 pm
 Shabbos Ends 8:11 pm

METZORA

Friday, April 8
 Candle Lighting 7:09 pm
 Mincha 7:15 pm

Saturday, April 9
 Hashkoma Service 7:45 am
 Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash . 8:30 am
 Mincha 6:15 pm

Pre-Pesach Special Seudah Shlishis
 "The Laws of Pesach" Rabbi Ben Geiger
 Shabbos Ends 8:18 pm

ACHAREI MOS - Shabbos Hagadol

Friday, April 15
 Candle Lighting 7:16 pm
 Mincha 7:20 pm

Saturday, April 16
 Hashkoma Service 7:45 am
 Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash . 8:30 am
 Mincha 6:50 pm *
Shabbos Hagadol Drasha **7:15 pm**
 Shabbos Ends 8:26 pm

* Seudah Shlishis will not be served in Shul

BEDIKAS CHOMETZ

Sunday, April 17
Search for Leaven - Not before 8:20 pm
 (work may not be performed 1/2 hour before)

EREV PESACH

Monday, April 18
 Fast of Firstborn Begins 5:02 am
 Shacharis - Auditorium 6:10 am
Siyum Bechorim following first Shacharis only
 Shacharis - Bais Hamedrash 7:30 am
Finish Eating Chometz **by 10:41 am**
Dispose of Chometz & Recite Kol Chamirah
 before **11:48 am**
 Light Candles 7:19 pm
 Mincha 7:25 pm

FIRST DAYS PESACH

Tuesday, April 19- First Day of Passover
 Hashkoma Service 8:00 am
 Shacharis - Bais Hamedrash 8:30 am
 Shacharis - Main Synagogue 9:00 am
 Mincha 7:25 pm
 Light Candles not before 8:29 pm

Wednesday, April 20 - Second Day of Passover
 Hashkoma Service 8:00 am
 Shacharis - Bais Hamedrash 8:30 am
 Shacharis - Main Synagogue 9:00 am
 Mincha 7:25 pm
 Yom Tov ends 8:30 pm

CHOL HAMO'ED PESACH

Thursday, April 21 - Friday, April 22
 Shacharis 6:10 & 8:15 am
 Light Candles (Friday only) 7:23 pm
 Mincha 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 23
 Hashkoma Service 7:45 am
 Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash 8:30 am
 Mincha 7:15 pm
 Shabbos Ends 8:33 pm

Sunday, April 24
 Shacharis 7:15 am & 8:15 am
 Candle Lighting 7:25 pm
 Mincha 7:30 pm

LAST DAYS PESACH

Monday, April 25
 Hashkoma Service 7:45 am
 Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash 8:30 am
 Mincha 7:30 pm
 Candle Lighting - not before 8:35 pm

Tuesday, April 26
 Hashkoma Service 7:45 am
 Shacharis - Main Shul & Bais Hamedrash 8:30 am
Yizkor **10:15 am**
 Mincha - **Followed by Oneg Yom Tov** 7:30 pm
 Yom Tov Ends 8:36 pm
Use Sold Chometz - Not before 9:35 pm

The Main Synagogue begins summer schedule :
Friday night davening starts at 7:00 pm.



SHABBOS GROUPS 9:30 am
Ages 2-5, 6- 10 Playroom (3rd Floor)
 R' Karen Geiger & assistants

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- ~Tree of Life- **\$118, \$360**
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- ~Shop Nutri- Supreme

Young Adults Department



Co-chairs
David Goldstein & Adam Rudich
QJC-YAD@MyQJC.org

NEWS

YAD (Young Adults Department) was established several years ago with the goal to get people involved with the many activities within the Queens Jewish Center. All of the YAD events are open to the entire Shul community. YAD looks to partner with all departments and committees of the QJC. **A new YAD FUND** has been established. Donations to the YAD fund will go toward future YAD initiatives to benefit the entire QJC community.

Please make your contribution to the Queens Jewish Center and indicate YAD Fund.

PAST EVENTS

YAD has had a very successful couple of months. We held a kickoff Shabbos luncheon with guest speaker Rabbi Dr. Ivan Lerner discussing tips on parenting. We held a Chanukah party for the children in our Shul and community. Our members, Ari and Sharon Green, hosted a Friday night Oneg in their home & we had our first discussion led by Dr. Alan Slomowitz on "Attachment Styles & Reflective Parenting", to be followed by a second session on February 12

We thank all who came to support YAD & the QJC and hope to welcome you at our future events.

UPCOMING YAD-ORGANIZED EVENTS

- If you are interested in helping to plan future YAD events and programs, please attend our next **YAD Planning Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 pm in the QJC Bais Hamedrash.**
- **A YAD Shabbos Oneg** will be hosted on **Friday, Feb. 4, 8:00 pm, by Yossi and Leah Schwartz**, at 66-25 103rd St., Apt. 3X. The entire QJC family is invited. (see p.7)
- **Shabbos Meal** (details to follow)
- **Purim Carnival** for the entire QJC Community: **Saturday Night, March 19**, after Megillah reading. There will be games, prizes, & food, as well as **Kids and Adult booths**. Come in costume! Participate in the **costume contest**.



Queens
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Young Adults
Department

Presents

A DISCUSSION ON PARENTING

Saturday night, February 12 - 7:30 - 8:45 pm

Based on the book: **"Parenting From the Inside Out"** (Ch. 1&2)

by Daniel J. Siegel, MD & Mary Hartzell, M.Ed.

The book can be purchased for a nominal fee from Amazon.com

Led by: **Alan Slomowitz, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist**

Location: Rebecca Spilke & David Goldstein: 102-25 67th Drive, Apt. 2U, Forest Hills, NY

Babysitting & Refreshments provided - \$5 per family

Please RSVP by Monday, February 7, 2011 to: qjc-yad@myqjc.org



Prayer & Song

With **SOUL**

Queens Jewish Center – The Place for the Ultimate Shabbos Experience!

Friday, February 4 (NO CARLEBACH DAVENING)

Oneg Shabbos: 8:00 pm - Yossi & Leah Schwartz' home: 66-25 103rd St., Apt. 3 X

Friday, February 11

Carlebach Davening - Mincha 5:15 pm (NO ONEG)



The Queens Jewish Center presents
The Salvit Memorial Lecture

Sunday, February 13, 2011 – 7:30 PM

In the QJC Bais Hamedrash **FREE!**

Psyche and Soul: Two Resources for Confronting Adversity

Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb



Rabbi Weinreb is currently the Executive Vice President, Emeritus of the Orthodox Union. He served as Executive Vice President of the Orthodox Union until April 1, 2009. A talented teacher, writer and orator, Rabbi Weinreb was previously the spiritual leader of Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Baltimore, MD. Prior to assuming the pulpit, Rabbi Weinreb served as Assistant Supervisor of Psychological Services for the Prince George's County Public Schools, as Chief Psychologist of the Potomac Foundation for Mental Health, and also maintained a private practice of psychotherapy.

EVENTS

The **QJC** MISHNAYOS HOME STUDY PROGRAM - invites everyone to a

Siyum on Seder Kodashim

Shabbos, March 26 Parshas Shemini (Parah)

at a *Special Seudah Shlishis* - **Following 6:20 pm Mincha**

Baal Hadran: **Mr. Shmuel Karper** Chairman: Rabbi Shmuel Gold

Sponsored by **Shmuel & Rachel Karper**

upon the Yahrzeit of his beloved mother, Mrs. Thelma Karper, ה"ו



From the Sisterhood

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The first term of the shiur "**Shmuel Alef ~ The Book of Samuel I**", taught by our own popular teacher and lecturer, **Mrs. Susan Lieberman**, was enjoyed by all. The Spring Term will begin on Wednesday February 2, at 8:00 pm in the Bais Hamedrash. If you have not yet attended this shiur, try it! You'll love it! Schedule: Feb. 2, 16, March 2, 16, 30, April 13.

On Shabbos, January 22, Sisterhood, in conjunction with several other sponsors, organized a delightful **Kiddush to celebrate Tu-B'Shvat**, the biblical New Year of trees in Eretz Yisrael.

The Kiddush combined delicious warm Shabbos fare, with cake and special Tu B'Shvat delicacies (even "boxers"), We want to convey a big *Yasher Koach* to Daisy Stark, Margy Cohen, Irwin & Elly Lieberman, Sol Friedman, Tzvi Erenyi and Mendel Weiss for all their efforts in making this special Kiddush happen.

We wish the entire QJC and Sisterhood membership a Joyous Purim.

The QJC Sisterhood

would like to acknowledge the following people for their donations:

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Grandson to Sara & Nodari Palagi

Toni & Nick Gordon

In Honor of Engagement

Sosha & Jules Halpern's son

Eli Halpern to Jennifer Furman

Herb Schonhaut

Suzanne & Martin Wagner's grandson

Eli Halpern to Jennifer Furman

Daisy Stark

Robin Burger and Robert Burger's daughter,

Tamar to David May

Daisy Stark Honey & David Berger Herb Schonhaut

In Honor of Wedding

Hal Scholnick to Harriet Turner

Herb Schonhaut

In Honor of Bar Mitzvah

Rabbi Ben and Rebbetzin Karen Geiger's son,
Mordechai Leib

Daisy Stark Honey & David Berger

In Honor of Wedding Anniversary

Dr. Herbert & Miriam Blustein

Daisy Stark

Toni & Nick Gordon

Daisy Stark

Rabbi Joseph & Rebbetzin Bella Grunblatt

Susan & Irwin Lieberman & Family

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Mysteries of Purim Revealed - With Rabbi Ben Geiger

Monday, March 14 - 7:30 pm - FREE

A deeper look at the meaning behind the story and practices of the Festival of Purim



SHALACH MANOS

March 4 (Fri)All Shalach Manos orders must be in (order forms will be mailed out to you mid-February)

March 12 (Sat) ..Packing Shalach Manos bags beginning 7:45 pm. New volunteers welcome.

March 19 (Sat.) Shalach Manos bags pick up, following the 8:15 pm Megilla reading, or Sunday

March 20 (Sun) Shalach Manos bags pick up following the 8:45 am Megilla reading.

Unclaimed bags will be held in the QJC office for 2 weeks.

PURIM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

March 20 (Thursday): Taanis Esther (Fast begins at 5:43 am & ends at 7:38 pm)

March 19 (Saturday): Maariv followed by Megilla Reading - 7:56 pm (Late reading: 9:30 pm)

YAD organized Carnival. There will be games, prizes & food.
Kids & Adult booths. Come in costume! join the parade & contest!

March 20 (Sunday):..Shacharis: 7:15 & 8:15 am / Megilla Reading: 7:45, 8:45 & 11:00 am

SEUDAS PURIM: 5:40 pm (by reservation)



Purim Carnival!

HALACHOS OF PURIM

The Mitzvah of Mishloach Manos consists of the giving of two food items to one person and must be delivered from giver to recipient during the Purim day. Drinks are as acceptable as food for Sh'loach Manos. According to Maharil and some Poskim the food sent must be edible as is. According to "Taz" and "Bach," two major authorities, one can fulfill the Mitzvah with a food that requires cooking or processing. To fulfill the Mitzvah properly, the food gift should reflect the dignity of the Recipient ('Ran' on Megilla 7A).

One is obligated to give "Tzedaka" to at least two poor people. The question was raised by the Poskim, "if money is sent to the poor before Purim and it arrives on Purim, whether one has fulfilled the Mitzvah (The question is whether the actual doing of the Mitzvah has to take place on the Purim day). It seems quite clear from "Magen Avraham" that as long as the recipient has that money actually on Purim, the Mitzvah is fulfilled.

It is a Mitzvah to make a special festive Seudah on Purim. It is also the one time in the year when "drinking" is not only sanctioned but advocated. Nevertheless, our Poskim have been very hesitant to interpret literally: "One is to drink on Purim to the point one does not know the difference between 'cursed be Haman' and 'blessed be Mordechai'."

"Everyone is obligated to listen to the reading of the Megillah in the evening and during the day" ('Kitzur' 141:7). In fact, like the other Mitzvos of Purim the main Mitzvah of Megilla is also during the day. The Turei Even explains that the daytime reading is the original Mitzvah, instituted by Mordechai and Esther; while the evening reading was a later Rabbinic addition.

It should be noted, even though Purim is a "time related Mitzvah," women are obligated to perform all Purim Mitzvos based on the principle "they too experienced the miracle."

PURIM - Saturday night, March 19 & Sunday, March 20 (SEE FULL SCHEDULE ON PAGE 4)

This year Purim begins Mitz'ei Shabbos, March 19. The Megilla will be read, following 7:56 pm Maariv in the Main Shul. Please be aware that one is not permitted to prepare for Purim on Shabbos. This includes wearing costumes and carrying items (even with an eruv) that will only be used after Shabbos is over. Sunday morning there will be a choice of 3 Megilla readings, and a Seudah (by reservations) at 5:40 pm.

MATANOS L'EVYONIM: One of the Mitzvos related to Purim is giving "Matanos L'evyonim," charitable gifts to the poor. This has to be given out on Purim itself. The organization "OD YOSEF CHAI," which services the poor in Israel, has a special program for Purim Day. If you mail in your donation and it reaches them before March 18, they guarantee to distribute your Tzedaka on Purim in Israel. Make your check payable to: Od Yosef Chai and mail to 18 New County Rd., Monsey, NY 10952 and mark Queens Jewish Center in the corner. You can also phone the 24 hour hotline: 1-800-823-CHAI until 6:30 PM Purim Day and the money will be advanced on your behalf. Visa & Master Card accepted.

You may also contribute to Tomchei Shabbos of Queens for Purim distribution. Checks can be given to Rabbi Shmuel Gold.

REMEMBER MA'OS CHITIM In this economic climate, we have more requests than ever. Please be generous.



PURIM AT THE QJC

In Our QJC Family

Mazal Tov upon the Birth of

A grandson to Phyllis & Baruch Sendic
 A grandson to Robin Burger and Robert Burger
 A grandson to Daisy Stark
 A great-grandson to Irene White
 A great-grandson to Pearl & Manny Shaps
 A grandson to Sara & Nodari Palagi

Mazal Tov upon the Bar Mitzvah of

Rabbi Ben & Rebbetzin Karen Geiger's son,
 Mordechai Leib Geiger

Mazal Tov upon the Engagement of

Sosha & Jules's Halpern's son, Eli to Jennifer Furman
 Suzanne & Martin Wagner's grandson,
 Eli Halpern to Jennifer Furman
 Pearl & Manny Shaps' grandson,
 Hillel Shaps to Naomi Calm

Mazal Tov upon the Engagement of

Robin Burger and Robert Burger's daughter,
 Tamar to David May
 Ida Okun's grandson, Steven Korn to Ariel Fried
 Rabbi Marvin & Sylvia Wiener's granddaughter,
 Naomi Wiener to Aaron Kornhauser

Mazal Tov upon the Marriage of

Hal Scholnick to Harriet Turner

Condolences to

Mr. Ray Kestenbaum, upon the passing of his brother,
 Mr. Bernard Kestenbaum, ה"ט
 Mrs. Betsy Lopata, upon the passing of her brother,
 Dr. Harvey Sicherman, ה"ט
 Mrs. Sarah Honig, upon the passing of her brother,
 Mr. Eser Davidson, ה"ט

YAHREZEITS



* Lights will be kindled in the Main Synagogue

ADAR I

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 5 |
| Mrs. Kerry Newman | grandfather |
| 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Judith Fagin | father |
| 3 | 7 |
| Mrs. Rachel Schwechter | brother & husband |
| Dr. Henry Dicker | father |
| Mrs. Sophie Samuels | sister* |
| 5 | 9 |
| Mrs. Margy Cohen | mother |
| Mrs. Ruth Burstein | husband |
| Mrs. Malka Liker | father * |
| 7 | 11 |
| Mrs. Elaine Kraut | mother |
| Mr. Nodari Palagi | mother |
| 8 | 12 |
| Mrs. Margy Cohen | husband |
| 9 | 13 |
| Mr. Carl Hamada | sister |
| 10 | 14 |
| Mrs. Eleanor Kaplan | father |
| 11 | 15 |
| Mrs. Miriam Blustein | brother |
| Mrs. Sylvia Gewirtz | husband |
| Rabbi Aaron Gewirtz | brother |

FEBRUARY

ADAR I

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 12 | 16 |
| Mrs. Anna Gyenes | mother-in-law |
| 14 | 18 |
| Mrs. Helen Saltz | husband* |
| Mrs. Nana Geiger | father |
| 16 | 20 |
| Mr. Herbert Schonhaut | uncle |
| Mr. Herbert Schonhaut | cousin |
| 19 | 23 |
| Mrs. Edith Gewirtz | mother |
| Mr. Jay Morrow | mother |
| 23 | 27 |
| Mr. Mendel Weiss | father* |

MARCH

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 26 | 2 |
| Mrs. Chai Soreh Gold | mother |
| Mrs. Anna Gyenes | grandmother |
| Mrs. Renee Leibowitz | mother |
| 27 | 3 |
| Mrs. Ruth Burstein | father |
| Mr. David Nelson | mother |

ADAR II

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| 2 | 8 |
| Mrs. Fay Brandwein | husband |
| 3 | 9 |
| Mrs. Toby Snitow | sister |

| <u>ADAR II</u> | <u>MARCH</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| 4 Mr. Gustave Jacobs | 10 wife |
| 6 Rabbi Shmuel Gold | 12 father |
| Mrs. Toni Gordon | father |
| Mrs. Edith Reinstein | husband |
| 7 Mr. Herbert Schonhaut | 13 aunt |
| 8 Mr. Nathan Braun | 14 grandmother |
| 9 Mr. Ray Kestenbaum | 15 father |
| 10 Cantor Aryeh Rendel | 16 mother |
| Mr. Naftali Rendel | wife |
| 14 Mr. William Wealcatch | 20 father |
| 15 Mrs. Elaine Kraut | 21 father |
| 17 Mr. Allen Fagin | 23 father* |
| Dr. Gerald Posner | brother* |
| 19 Mrs. Sadie Klavan | 25 husband* |
| Mrs. Edna Lifschitz | loved one* |
| Mr. Herbert Schonhaut | cousin |
| 20 Mrs. Pearl Greenberg | 26 mother |
| 21 Mrs. Diane Cohn | 27 mother* |
| Mrs. Mina Salvit | mother* |
| Mrs. Helen Saltz | father* |
| 22 Mrs. Pearl Shaps | 28 father |
| Mr. Boris Navon | sister |
| 23 Mr. David Berger | 29 sister* |
| Mrs. Helen Jucker | father |
| Mrs. Ann Jablon | grandmother* |
| Mr. Seymour Kaplan | mother |
| Mrs. Esther Katz | mother |
| Mrs. Sabina Landau | brother |
| 24 Mr. Robert Burger | 30 father |
| Mrs. Daisy Stark | father-in-law |
| Mrs/ Robin Burger | father |
| 25 Mr. Benjamin Fishoff | 31 parents |
| Mrs. Rose Reizbaum | brother |
| | <u>APRIL</u> |
| 27 Mrs. Daisy Stark | 2 father* |
| Mrs. Irene White | husband* |
| 28 Mrs. Edith Stern | 3 husband |

| <u>ADAR II</u> | <u>APRIL</u> |
|--|----------------------|
| 29 Mrs. Edith Rabinovich | 4 father |
| <u>NISAN</u> | |
| 1 Mrs. Lillian Shapiro-Michael | 5 brother |
| Mrs. Lea Steinmetz | husband |
| Mrs. Lillian Friedman | mother |
| 2 Mr. Shmuel Karper | 6 mother |
| 3 Mrs. Helen Jucker | 7 husband |
| 5 Mr. Lawrence Kugelmas | 9 father |
| 6 Mr. Fred Frenkel | 10 brother |
| Mr. Walter Kahn | father* |
| Mrs. Elaine Kraut | one |
| Mrs. Mina Salvit | father * |
| 9 Mrs. Ruth Hamburger | 13 husband |
| Mrs. Edna Lifschitz | mother |
| 10 Mrs. Barbara Etra | 14 mother* |
| Mrs. Gerald Posner | mother* |
| Mrs. Sonia Rottenberg | father* |
| 11 Mrs. Rachel Goldman | 15 mother* |
| 13 Rabbi Marvin Weiner | 17 mother |
| 15 Mr. Naftali Rendel | 19 parents |
| 16 Rabbi Aaron Gewirtz | 20 father |
| Mrs. Helen Saltz | loved one* |
| 17 Mrs. Pearl Wadler | 21 brother |
| 18 Mr. Carl Hamada | 22 sister |
| Mrs. Malka Liker | sister* |
| Mr. Mendel Weiss | mother* |
| 21 Mr. Seymour Kaplan | 25 brother |
| Mrs. Esther Katz | brother |
| Mrs. Miriam Schlam | husband |
| Mrs. Livia Turkel | sister |
| 22 Mr. Henry Hanski | 26 brother |
| 24 Mrs. Rochelle Dicker | 28 mother |
| Mr. Ernest Weinberger | father |
| 25 Mr. Nicholas Gordon | 29 mother |
| 26 Mrs. Mary Kozuch | 30 husband |



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