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Happy Purim! Happy Pesach!

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## Purim Carnival Extravaganza



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Sunday Morning.....8:45 a.m.

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**FROM YOUR RABBI**

Winter is soon behind us and we wish to thank the many who have supported us in our winter activities; the Chanukah party, the raffle, and all our kiddushim, minyans and Shabbatons.

Many thanks to our President, Bernie Shuster and our capable Board of Directors for their leadership. A special mention to Rachel & Morley Lonn, the best team any shul can find, who chaired our kiddushim; to the BMC students who assisted in its weekly preparation; and to all our generous kiddush

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Our raffle this year exceeded last years' sales thanks to our generous sponsors, chairperson, ticket salespersons and ticket purchasers. Your enormous response helped us reach our goal. Special thanks to Patrick Wiesel, Gerald Phillips and the Dorel Group for their continuous support and dedication to this fundraising event.

During the winter months, even with the snowbirds away, our shul enjoyed the success of well attended services and events with many new families joining us. Now with spring approaching, we can anticipate the upcoming holidays of Purim and Pesach.

In a few days our clocks will be turned ahead an hour for DST, an annual occurrence when part of the year we are either one hour 'ahead'; or the other part of the year when we are seemingly one hour 'behind'.

The irony of life is how when we are young, we wish to be older (ahead) and when we are older we wish we are young (behind). However the reality of life is that we live in the 'present'; and living in the present is a sign of good health. "Shehe-che-yanu Veki-yemanu Lazman Hazeh – for You have granted us life; sustained us to reach this moment".

Every stage of life has its presence (or 'present's). It's during our earlier years when values are introduced and embedded; and it's in later years when our goals come to fruition. Healthy living is about living our current moment. It's about fulfilling our goals that are inspired by the values we have learned. It is our 'present' that connects our past and our future. This connection happens every moment, every hour and every day.

During the festivals of Purim and Pesach we will recite with joy and gratitude the blessing 'Shehe-che-yanu'; thanking G-d for bringing us to this moment.

Regardless of which period in life we find ourselves we praise our Creator for the present. For it's through the present – living the moment – that our wishes and hopes can be fulfilled and realized!

Happy Purim! Happy and Kosher Pesach! This year in Jerusalem!

*Rabbi Emanuel Carlbach*

**HOLD THE DATE**



**ANNUAL SUMMER**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
*and GALA*  
**THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017**





## PRESIDENT'S GREETING



I am so pleased to have this opportunity to report on the events of this past autumn & winter season. The High Holidays were well attended. Sukkot was once again a memorable experience, with delicious food specially prepared by Rebbetzin Chani & her assistants. Simchat Torah was celebrated with a spiritual Hakafot, all the men carrying all the Torahs.

The festivities of Chanukah were enjoyed by young and old. The party was then followed by our Annual Raffle draw, under the able leadership of Gerry Phillips. Many thanks to Gerry for his Herculean efforts on this event as well as for everything else he does for our shul all year long. Of course this event could not have been such a success without our sponsors generous support. A special thank you to Patrick Wiesel and the Dorel Group. Lastly, thanks to all the members who worked so hard to sell tickets, making this a year of record sales.

Our Annual Journal was very well accepted last year and remains another important source of revenue for us. Special thanks to the diligent efforts of Debby Leboff and her team. Our updated computer system is up and running as is our redesigned Web Page. I encourage everyone to check it out. Many thanks to Stephen Berzan for making sure the transition went so smoothly. As it happens so often, Murray Dalfen was there to guide and support us wholeheartedly throughout the process and a great Yasher Koach is due to him. May he and his whole family have many blessings in the future.

With spring approaching, the holidays of Purim and Pesach will be celebrated. A fun Purim Party is planned geared mainly to the children but will be enjoyable for all. Passover is a special holiday because families come together at the Seder table to relive the story of the Exodus and our freedom from slavery.

As I have said in the past, I feel so fortunate that so many people are ready to help when called upon. All past Presidents have always been there for me with guidance and advice whenever I needed it. The Rabbi and Rebbetzin are always there to help us with their spiritual wisdom.

They are truly a blessing to all of us. In our Shabbat Prayers we proclaim that Hashem blesses those who support a Synagogue – may it be so for all of us.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all our supporters to check their accounts and to please make every effort to bring them up to date. I am sure you all realize that the Shul requires considerable funds to continue all its services as well as its existence as the 'beacon of light' for our Jewish community in the Laurentians. Your support is essential and I thank you in advance.

It has come to my attention that this spring some airlines will be offering non stop flights from Montreal to Tel Aviv. What an excellent opportunity to visit Israel! There is no better way to support Israel than by visiting and participating in the 'Miracle' that is our 'Homeland'.

My family joins me in wishing all of you a festive Purim, a kosher Pesach and a fulfilling Spring and Summer season. Shalom.

**Bernie Shuster**

## PLACE AN AD IN OUR JOURNAL!

Dear Friends,

This year our Annual Ad Journal will give us a dose of "Wit & Wisdom".... a little 'oy'.....a little 'joy'! Something every person can use in their lives! A recipe for good health! Enjoy! Remember our Ad Journal is one of our major fundraisers, so please support our shul by making this a success!

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# CELEBRATING PURIM 5777 ~ 2017

**HISTORY:** Purim – the “festival of lots” is one of Judaism’s most joyous holidays. Purim celebrates the victory of the Jews over their enemies in ancient Persia.

During the 4th century BCE, Jewish morale was at an all time low. The first ‘Holy Temple’ in Jerusalem had been destroyed, the nation conquered, and for almost 70 years, had been dispersed in foreign lands. The prophesied end of exile had not materialized, and the blight of assimilation had set in.

The wicked Haman – a descendant of the Jew-hating tribe of Amalek, tried to annihilate the entire Jewish nation on the 13th day of the Hebrew month of Adar – a date chosen by “lots”. But Esther, the new Queen and her valiant relative Mordechai “Ha-yehudi” foiled his plan.

Being a descendant of King Saul and advisor to King Achashveirosh – Ruler of Persia, Mordechai sensed the danger. Donning sackcloth and ashes, he went to the gate of the palace, crying aloud, rallying the Jews to return to Torah. Mordechai then told Queen Esther that she must go to the king and plead for her people. Risking her life for entering the king’s inner chamber unannounced, Esther undertook a three-day fast of penitence and called upon her people to do the same. She then went to the king...

Queen Esther’s prayers were answered. King Achashveirosh was deeply moved by Esther’s words and ordered his people to protect the Jews. Haman and his sons were put to death and their followers were warned of severe punishment.

The Jews were awakened to a whole-hearted return to Torah observance. In this merit, they were able to defend themselves and defeat their enemies on the 13th day of Adar, the very day destined for their annihilation. The Jewish nation earned the right to leave exile, return to the Holy Land and rebuild the second ‘Holy Temple’.

**TODAY:** This holiday is described as a time for “Feasting and gladness, of sending food to one another, and gifts to the poor”, emphasizing Jewish unity and friendship. Men and women are required to fulfill the following mitzvot.

**1) Listen...** To relive the miraculous events of Purim, we listen to the **Megillah – Scroll of Esther** twice; on Saturday evening, March 11th, and on Sunday morning, March 12th.

The Megillah reading is different than any other synagogue reading during the year. Instead of only listening quietly, everyone takes part. Whenever the name of Haman is mentioned we ‘drown out’ his evil name by twirling graggers (noise makers).

**2) Give...** Give **charity – Matonot Lo-ev-yonim** to at least two needy people on Sunday, March 12th. If one cannot find a poor person, place money into a charity box.

**3) Send...** Send **gifts of** at least two kinds of prepared **foods – Shallah Monot** to at least one friend on Sunday, March 12th.

**4) Eat...** Eat a **festive meal – Seuda** with family and friends on Sunday, March 12th.

## BE HAPPY! L'CHAIM! IT'S PURIM!

... because the miracle of Purim happened as a result of drinking...

a) Vashti, the first queen lost her throne and life due to the king’s drunken and shameful demand, thus Esther became the new queen.

b) Esther was able to catch Haman off guard by inviting him and the king to her drinking party.

## MAKE A TOAST! L'CHAIM!

## OTHER OBSERVANCES

**FASTING** - To commemorate the day of prayer and fasting which the Jews held before their victory we fast (**Taanit Esther**) on Thursday, March 9th. Fast begins at 4:50 a.m. and ends at 6:25 p.m.

**HALF SHEKEL** - It’s a tradition to give three half-dollar coins to charity commemorating the **half shekel – Machatzit Hashekel** given in the times of the Holy Temple. This Mitzva is usually performed in synagogue on xxxxx, March xxxth, before Mincha services.

**PRAYER** - A special paragraph - **Al Hanissim** is added on Purim itself in our Amida prayers and Grace-after-meals, proclaiming the miracle.

**TREAT** - A popular treat on Purim is **Hamantashen**, a three-cornered cookie filled with fruit or poppy seeds. One of the explanations for this is that the three-cornered shape resembles Haman’s hat.

**MASQUERADE** - Children and adults alike dress up in masks and costumes, often representing the key figures of the Purim story.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Sefirat Ha-omer – 49 days**  
**April 11 – May 29, 2017**

We begin ‘Counting the Omer’ each night, in anticipation of receiving the Torah, 49 days after leaving Egypt. It begins Tuesday night, April 11th, (2nd eve of Pesach) and ends Monday night, May 29th.

The 49 days embody the 49 steps of self-improvement – beginning with the departure from our “personal” Egypt, until our arrival at Mount Sinai, when we are ready to accept the wisdom of the Torah.

This period has assumed another aspect in the course of time. During the early 2nd Century between the holidays of Pesach and Shavuot, a plague lasting 33 days broke out amongst the students of Rabbi Akiva. Twenty-four thousand students died during this short period. Celebrations (such as weddings) are postponed during this time.

**Yom Hashoah – Monday, April 24, 2017**  
Holocaust Memorial Day.

**Yom Hazikaron – Monday, May 1, 2017**  
Memorial Day for fallen Israeli soldiers.

**Yom Ha-atzmaut – Tuesday, May 2, 2017**  
Happy Birthday Israel!

**Lag B’omer – Sunday, May 14, 2017**

On the thirty-third day “Lag” of the Omer, the epidemic amongst Rabbi Akiva’s students ceased. The mourning period is suspended on this day and celebrations are permitted.

This day also marks the Yahrzeit – passing date of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, author of the Zohar. He requested we rejoice on this day, the day of his yahrzeit.

**Yom Yerushalayim – Jerusalem Day**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**  
Celebrating the reunification of our holy city in 1967.



# YOUR PESACH COMPANION 5777 – 2017

Pesach (Passover) celebrates the liberation of the Jewish People from Egyptian slavery. We celebrate our physical and spiritual freedom from the abominations of Egypt – its idolatry and immorality.

## Chametz

Unique to Pesach is the stringent prohibition of eating or possessing chametz. Chametz is a term used for all food and drinks made from the five grains (wheat, rye, oats, spelt and barley) and their derivatives. Since they contain leaven they are forbidden during Pesach. All foods and drinks that contain even a trace of chametz (including medicines, pet foods, cosmetics, etc) must be removed. Grains like rice, peas, kasha, etc. and peanuts, corn, etc. are forbidden to Ashkenazim. While shopping for Pesach we should be careful that the foods purchased must be kosher for Pesach – chametz free.

## Countdown to Chametz-Free Living

One's entire home is thoroughly cleaned, removing all crumbs and traces of chametz food. Cars, offices, clothing pockets, strollers, etc. are checked as well.

To prepare the kitchen, one must kosher it from all chametz. Consult a Rabbi for details.

## Selling

It is forbidden to own or derive any benefit from chametz, so all remaining chametz must be transferred to gentile ownership before Pesach. Chametz should be stored in locked closets or rooms and must be sold to a non-Jew through a competent Rabbi before Monday morning, April 10th. (See contract below.)

## Searching

A formal search for any chametz takes place Sunday evening, April 9th with a lit candle, wooden spoon and feather. Before the search the following blessing is said: Baruch Ah-tah Adonoi Elohainu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-d'shanu B'mitzvotav

V'tzivanu Al Bi-ur Chametz.

After the search, the following declaration is made: "Any chametz or leaven that is in my possession which I have not seen, have not removed and know not about, should be annulled and become ownerless like dust of the earth".

## Fast of the First-Born

When the Egyptian first-borns were stricken before the exodus, the Jewish first-born were spared. In gratitude, Jewish first-born sons fast the day before Passover (Monday, April 10th). This fast is cancelled by participating in a Siyum – a conclusion of a Talmud Tractate and a Seudah (meal) held in a synagogue on Monday morning.

## Eating and Burning Chametz Deadline

On Monday morning, April 10th, no chametz may be eaten after 10:45 a.m. All chametz which is not stored and sold and which was found during the search should be burnt by 11:50 a.m.

## The Seder Nights - in brief Solid Preparation and Spirited Delivery

On the first two nights of Pesach, Monday & Tuesday, April 10th & 11th, we conduct a Seder – a festive yet solemn event with family and guests. We re-enact and relive the slavery and exodus from Egypt, and pray for the forthcoming redemption. Leaven food is gone, making room for thoughts of freedom. The Seder begins with Kiddush, proclaiming the holiness of the day. It is the first of the four cups of wine that we drink during the Seder and therefore Kiddush should be recited only after nightfall (8:10 p.m). To accentuate freedom, we lean on our left side

when drinking.

Three matzot (preferably shmura matzah) are placed on the table under or near the seder-plate. Matzah is a basic mixture of flour and water that did not rise. It reminds us of our quick departure from slavery to freedom, how we left Egypt in a great hurry that the dough had no time to rise. Once again we lean on our left when eating the matzah.

The seder-plate consists of the following items: Baitza – a hard-boiled egg, symbolic of the festival sacrifice. Z'roah – a roasted chicken neck, symbolic of the paschal sacrifice. Marror – bitter herbs, symbolic of the bitter suffering. Charoset – a mixture of apples, nuts and wine resembling the mortar used to make bricks. Karpas – a cooked potato or raw onion, dipped into salt water so the children would ask questions. Chazeret – romaine lettuce, symbolic of our slavery.

Refer to a Haggadah – the seder manual for all procedures and recitations. Although the Haggadah is written in Hebrew and Aramaic, the story of Pesach (Maggid) should be translated and understood by all.

## Last Days

The climax of our exodus from Egypt occurs at the "splitting of the sea". The Egyptian forces are defeated and a most powerful manifestation of G-d's total control of nature takes place.

On the seventh day of Passover Monday, April 17th), we read and sing the song of "Az Yashir" – the song of the majestic triumph of G-d at the sea and the defeat of the Egyptian forces.

Yizkor is recited during the morning service on Tuesday, April 18th.

**PESACH DOES NOT END UNTIL TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 18th, AT 8:36 PM.  
UNTIL THIS TIME NO CHAMETZ SHOULD BE BOUGHT OR EATEN.**



## CONTRACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CHAMETZ 5777-2017

I (we) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize Rabbi Emanuel Carlebach to dispose of all chametz that may be in my (our) possession, wherever it may be - at home, place of business or elsewhere - in accordance with Torah law as incorporated in the special contract for the sale of chametz.

City residence: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CHANUKAH, RAFFLE & EVENTS AT THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

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for making our Chanukah Party  
such a great success!*



*Sukkot 2016*



*707 Minyan*



*Winter Break Daily Services*





## Mazal Tov – מזל טוב

**Debra & Steven Berke** on the birth of his grandchild, Taylor Lorentz  
**Pearl & Milan Bratin** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Shayna Devorah  
**Sherri & Jacob Bratin** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Shayna Devorah  
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**Laura & Daniel Gurman** on the birth of their daughter, Maya Malca

**Judy & Joey Kaback** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ben  
**Leah Kirman** on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Mitchell  
**Susan & Donald Michelin** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Samantha  
**Marilyn & Jack Miller** on the birth of their granddaughter, Frankie Rose Sarah  
**Sally & Norman Raicek** on their special Wedding Anniversary  
**Debbie & Aaron Remer** on the birth of their granddaughter, Talia Rae  
**Eda & David Schottenstein** on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ari  
**Stacey & Fred Seller** on the engagement of their daughter, Lauren to Jordan Katz  
**Lynne & Marvin Tkatch** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ben  
**Chainie & Bruce Zikman** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

## Condolences

*Our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families. May they be spared any further sorrow.*

**Bobby Azeff** on the passing of his brother, **Stephen Azeff**  
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## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES FOR SHABBAT AND PESACH



**Friday, March 10, 2017**

Parshat Te-tzaveh  
Shabbat Zachor  
5:37 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, March 17, 2017**

Parshat Ki Tisa  
Shabbat Parah  
6:47 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, March 24, 2017**

Parshat Va-yakhel & Pekudei  
Shabbat Hachodesh  
6:56 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, March 31, 2017**

Parshat Va-yikra  
7:06 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, April 7, 2017**

Parshat Tzav  
Shabbat Hagadol  
7:15 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Monday, April 10, 2017**

**1st eve of Passover**  
7:19 p.m.  
Recite Blessings # 2 & 3

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

**2nd eve of Passover**  
\* 8:24 p.m.  
Recite Blessings # 2 & 3

**Friday, April 14, 2017**

Shabbat Chol Hamoed  
7:24 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Sunday, April 16, 2017**

**7th eve of Passover**  
7:27 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 2

**Monday, April 17, 2017**

**8th eve of Passover**  
\* 8:32 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 2

**Friday, April 21, 2017**

Parshat Shemini  
7:33 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, April 28, 2017**

Parshat Tazria & Metzora  
7:43 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

Parshat Acharei Mot & Kedoshim  
7:52 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

Parshat Emor  
8:00 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, May 19, 2017**

Parshat Behar & Bechukotai  
8:09 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**Friday, May 26, 2017**

Parshat Bamidbar  
8:16 p.m.  
Recite Blessing # 1

**\*candles must be lit from a pre-existing flame and at the time indicated.**

**BLESSING #1**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת קֹדֶשׁ

*Bo-ruch Ah-toh Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshonu Bemitz-votov Vetsi-vonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Shabbos Kodesh.*

**BLESSING #2**

*Bo-ruch Ah-toh Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshonu Bemitz-votov Vetsi-vonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.*

**BLESSING #3**

*Bo-ruch Ah-toh Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam Shehe-che-yonu Veki-yemonu Vehi-gi-onu Lazman Hazeh.*

**PROCEDURE**

Candles are lit approximately eighteen minutes before sunset. A minimum of two candles should be lit. Light the candles at the prescribed time. To indicate your acceptance of the sanctity of the day, spread your hands out around the candles and then bring your hands inward in a circular motion three times. Cover your eyes with your hands and recite the blessing(s). Uncover your eyes and gaze at the candles briefly. Good Shabbos (Yom Tov)!!

Join us for a

**COMMUNITY SEDER**

**Monday evening, April 10, 2017**

**Tuesday evening, April 11, 2017**

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