

Torat Emet Purim Guide for 5781

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Thursday, February 25

5:59 AM FAST BEGINS

6:45 AM SHACHARIT - Main Sanctuary

5:50 PM MINCHA - Main Sanctuary

It is customary before or after Mincha to give three coins or other tzedakah as a remembrance of the Half Shekel that is mentioned three times in the Torah. When giving 1/2 shekel there is no need to raise the actual coins. One may fulfill the custom of Machatzit HaShekel by placing paper money or coins in the collection bin. Remember that this custom is merely a "zecher" - a remembrance - of the 1/2 shekel and not the actual mitzvah of Machatzit HaShekel that was performed in the days of the Beit Hamikdash.

6:20 PM MAARIV I - Main Sanctuary

7:00 PM FAMILY MEGILLAH READING with Ari Berger - Social Hall

We are encouraging families with young children to sign up for this Megillah reading as it will still be relatively early. Each family will be assigned a table in the social hall, with megillah booklets and treats for the children. We encourage costume wearing, but everyone must still wear a covid masks over their nose and mouth under any costume masks. We will also require washing hands on entering the building.

7:00 PM MAARIV II - Main Sanctuary

For those who couldn't make the earlier one. You can also still give money for the Half Shekel.

7:15 PM MEGILLAH READING with Jeff Siegel - Main Sanctuary

See above re: costumes.

8:15 PM FAMILY MEGILLAH READING - Social Hall

We hope to see a mix of families with older kids and teens at this reading.

8:30 PM MEGILLAH READING - Main Sanctuary

For those who did not sign up fast enough or had to stay home with kids too young to attend.

PS Even though the custom is to fast until after hearing the megillah, Rav Schachter says that those who attend later readings due to limited space earlier, may have a snack and drink some water. But no full meal until after the megillah.

PURIM DAY

Friday, February 26

6:45 AM SHACHARIT - Main Sanctuary

7:30 AM (approximately) MEGILLAH READING with Rabbi Shaul Epstein - Main Sanctuary

7:45 AM WOMEN'S MEGILLAH READING with Shifra Tyberg, Naomi Brenner & Maya Berger - Social Hall

8:30 AM SHACHARIT - Main Sanctuary

We added this minyan for our CTA and other teens who are off from school and want to sleep a little later. Everyone else is invited too, except the early risers from 6:45 minyan.

Please sign up soon because we need you to make this second minyan!

9:45 AM MEGILLAH READING with Ari Berger - Main Sanctuary

10:00-11:30 AM PICK UP YOUR PURIM SEUDAH TAKEOUT

10:30 AM FAMILY MEGILLAH READING with Roman Ilin - Social Hall

Don't forget to give money for Matanot L'evyonim!

Don't forget to give Mishloach Manot (everyone should give at least one package of two ready to eat foods to someone outside their family). If you are in quarantine or do not wish to deliver mishloach manot in person, it is not only ok, but preferable to ask someone else to deliver on your behalf.

12:00-1:00 PM PURIM SEUDAH & KAHOOOTS on ZOOM!

Come online to share your Purim meal (thanks Rabbi Neuman!), stay with us for some online fun (Yay, Kahoots!!!). Fun fact, it is preferable to begin your Purim Seudah before midday (12:45pm).

5:55 PM MINCHA/KABBALAT SHABBAT

6:02 PM CANDLE LIGHTING



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