



CHAG PURIM SAMEACH!

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The Connection Between Purim and Antisemitism: Understanding Israel's Struggle

Is Israel's War on Hamas A Modern-Day Purim Struggle?

As we are approaching the most joyous holiday of Purim, my heart is in the East with Israel. For the past few weeks I have been reflecting on current events in Israel and the war on Hamas (Haman). In my mind I am trying to compare and draw the parallel between Haman and Hamas.

Unfortunately, so many centuries after Purim we still see hatred and antisemitism against our people. In the biblical story of Purim, a key enemy is Haman, who wanted to annihilate the Jewish people. As you can see, the connection between Haman and antisemitism echoes through our history, finding a modern enemy in the actions of Hamas. Just as Haman wanted to destroy the Jewish population in Persia, Hamas, a militant group operating mostly in the Gaza Strip, openly advocates for the eradication of Israel and its people. Hamas' vicious actions, including endless rocket attacks and acts of horrendous terrorism against Israeli civilians, mirror Haman's malicious intentions in the Purim story.

Israel's war on Hamas is, in many ways, a contemporary indication of the struggle described in the Purim story. The Israeli government, tasked with ensuring the safety and security of its citizens, has been engaged in military operations to destroy Hamas' terrorist infrastructure and prevent further attacks on Israeli soil. Just as Esther and Mordecai bravely confronted Haman's threat to our people, Israel and IDF soldiers bravely confront the constant threat from Hamas, defending Israel's existence and protecting the lives of its citizens.

The story of Purim serves as an important reminder of the constant struggle against prejudice and discrimination

faced by Jewish communities worldwide. Drawing parallels between Haman and Hamas uncovers a striking similarity in their animosity towards Jewish people.

As Jewish communities worldwide celebrate Purim, they are reminded not only of past struggles but also of the ongoing battle against the ongoing prejudice and hatred. Israel's conflict with Hamas serves as a definite reminder of the continued relevance of the Purim story. Our battle and struggle today emphasize the importance of resilience, courage, and firm determination in the time of crises and hardship.



*Esther Denouncing Haman
by Ernest Normand (1888)*

Please join us as we celebrate Purim on March 23rd. Let's gather together as one community to show our resilience, resistance and support for Israel!

AM ISRAEL CHAI!

Shalom,

Cantor Braun

Cantor Braun

1st Friday Shabbat Dinner with Friends

Sponsored by the School of Jewish Life & Learning Teachers!

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**Friday, March 1st following the
Shabbat Service at 6:00 PM**



SJLL News

What's the most fun part of Purim for you? Is it blotting out Haman's name with shouts (boo!) and a grogger? Is it eating hamantaschen (again, boo...not for the tasty treat, but for its evil namesake)? Is it dressing up like your favorite hero or villain (or anything in between, say, a toaster oven)?

This year, SJLL students will have the opportunity to do all that and more to celebrate Purim.

Saturday evening, 3/23, erev Purim, families are invited for a 5 pm carnival and dinner before attending the family-friendly spiel, which begins at 6:30 pm. As per tradition, the carnival's game and prize booths will be operated by our fabulous RATS Y teens, who promise a great time.

Sunday morning, 3/24, students will have the opportunity to bake hamantaschen (boo!) in their classrooms with their teachers. While my own experience baking hamantaschen (boo...I hope I have your permission to stop booing now?) has only been at best mildly successful, I will say that, no matter what my hamantaschen emerge from the oven looking like, they always taste perfectly dee-lish!

Sunday, 11 am, we will have a fun-filled all-school Purim program. This program, which parents are not just invited but encouraged to attend, will include a costume

parade with silly awards (eg, "most legs in a costume"), trivia hosted by our Keshet students, and performances from our kindergarten/1st grade class and from AllyRose Caruso's wildly musical drama enrichment group. It's gonna be epic!

If you haven't had your fill of Purim by the end of the school day, you are invited to head over to the JCC Sunday, 3 to 5 pm, for the Community Purim Celebration. I guarantee you'll see folks you know, including our prize-worthy RATS Y teens, who will joyously contribute to the festivities there.

Please don't forget the four mitzvot (commandments) of Purim: reading the megillah (The Scroll of Esther, which tells the Purim story); enjoying a seudah (special meal); offering mishloach manot (gift baskets) to friends and neighbors; and giving matanot l'evyonim (presents to those in need).

Reminder: SJLL is collecting Purim cards and mishloach manot packages for service members serving across the United States and around the world. Bring your cards and baked goods to school on Sunday, March 17, for them to be driven to the collection site after school.

Susan Rizzo

Susan Rizzo
Education Director
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I noted in a message to the congregation a couple of weeks ago, I am thrilled that Rabbi Or Zohar will join Temple Sinai as our Senior Rabbi on July 1, 2024. I am delighted that the Zohar family will become part of our wonderful congregational community, and I am grateful that so many of us (search committee members, Temple personnel and board members, and congregants) played critical roles in attracting such a talented person to be our new senior rabbi. Rabbi Zohar's interest in being senior rabbi at Temple Sinai is a testament to this remarkable congregation.

My appreciation for our good fortune deepened this morning after reading an essay in The Atlantic Monthly magazine, in which journalist Shira Telushkin notes that the number of "Jews choosing to become rabbis has plummeted, and so has the share of rabbis interested in serving congregations." Some of those dwindling number of rabbis apply their special craft in other dynamic institutions, Telushkin explains, leaving many synagogues to share clergy (or rely on lay religious leaders) and compelling people to seek Jewish life and learning elsewhere.

We are fortunate to have an incoming senior rabbi who will carry on the legacies of Reform Jewish service, learning, and practice built by Rabbi Till, Emeritus Rabbi Katz, and their predecessors. And we are fortunate that he has the experience and creativity to match the passion and creativity of our congregation, which can continue to pursue Jewish Life and Learning in its temple home.

Rabbi Or Zohar brings to our Temple more than 20 years of experience serving Jewish communities in Israel and the United States.

He completed a graduate degree in Jewish philosophy from Tel Aviv University (2007) before studying at the Hebrew Union College (HUC) Jerusalem Campus. He was ordained by the HUC in 2012 and completed, shortly thereafter, its "Mazorim" program in pastoral care.

His extensive experience includes:

2009 - 2013: serving as Rabbi and founding member of Kehilat Halev, Daniel Centers for Progressive Judaism in Tel Aviv, Israel.

2013 - 2017: serving as Rabbi of Congregation Ma'alot Tivon, Kiryat Tivon, Israel.

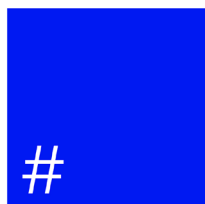
2016 - present: serving as Rabbi of the Misgav Regional Council in the Galilee, Israel, and supporting his community as chairman of the Hararit village board.

2018 - present: serving as founding leader of Hibura School for Kabbalah and Jewish Spirituality, an immersive program to explore Jewish spirituality and ancient texts.

In addition to these rabbinic endeavors, Rabbi Zohar directs the Spirit of the Galilee, an association committed to promoting pluralism, shared society, and interfaith dialogue. Many of you already know that he has a deep love of music, especially spiritual musical Jewish prayer. Rabbi Zohar and his wife, Feliza, have composed, performed, and recorded several albums of Jewish music and led scholar-in-residence programs in numerous international settings.

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Or Zohar and his family (please see his message in this month's bulletin) to Temple Sinai and to Rochester, NY. We will plan numerous events for all of us to welcome them to our wonderful community. Stay tuned!

Jamie Spiller
Jamie Spiller
President, Temple Sinai



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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI ZOHAR

Dear Temple Sinai Community,

It is with great joy that I write to you for the first time as your newly appointed senior rabbi. My family and I are relocating to Rochester this summer from the Galilee, Israel, where I served as a Reform rabbi for the past twelve years. My wife Feliza and I will be coming together with our 2 younger children: Rakiya (16) and Tsofia (10), while our 2 older kids, Layla (20) and Adam (18), will be staying in Israel for the time being.

I am excited to be moving to the great state of New York, where my father and my father's father were born. I look forward to settling in a region known for its respect for human liberties and rights, in a city with a deeply rooted Jewish community amidst a diverse greater society.

During my rabbinic placement process, I interviewed at seven different locations across the United States. I chose to come to Temple Sinai because of your congregation's warm and welcoming atmosphere, as well as the straightforwardness and strong commitment of its leadership.

I eagerly anticipate getting to know all of you, building meaningful relationships, and working with your wonderful community—its members, leaders, other clergy and staff—to continue to strengthen your traditions and activities, and to create new opportunities for meaningful and joyous Jewish living.

These are challenging times for the Jewish people in Israel, the United States, and the entire world. Together, we will grow spiritually, fortify our community, engage in activities that benefit the wider society, raise the voice of Reform Judaism and uphold its values in Rochester and beyond. Looking forward to being with you all very soon,

Rabbi Or Zohar
Rabbi Or Zohar





Multi-Sensory Purim

At first glance, one may read the story of Purim and think, how is this a story appropriate for children? King Ahasuerus executes his wife then holds a beauty pageant where he meets Esther who hides her true identity. Prime minister, Haman, expects everyone to bow to him and when Mordechai refuses, he orders all of the Jews to be exterminated. We all know how the story goes on like an R-rated movie. The heaviness of the themes seen in the story of Purim is similar to many traditional Jewish stories (killing of the firstborn...). Yet these stories are taken and shared with a younger generation and celebrated to inspire hope, positivity, and good will. We read the story of Esther and see the resilience of the Jewish people in their struggle for freedom and the right to defend themselves. But what does our younger generation see? They see a fun story where they shake groggers and stomp their feet at the bad guy. They dress up in costumes. They watch their parents, or they themselves, partake in mitzvahs to care for the less fortunate or to embrace friendship. They also get to eat hamantaschen. So how can a story with such mature themes be taught to all generations, and all levels of understanding?

The way we teach the story of Purim to the younger generation is similar to how a special education teacher may teach current events or lessons in history. Some feel that a child, especially a child with special needs, should be sheltered from stories of adversity. But, it is important to understand that the core concepts in these stories, much like the story of Esther, are the basics of society. There are good people in the world and there are bad people. We look to God to help us when we are in need. We celebrate and give back when we are graced with good fortune. These are lessons that all children need to learn. The story of Purim is taught in a way that allows everyone to take away the core meaning. It allows everyone to learn from the history while embracing their Jewish heritage. The bonus of Purim is that it also allows children to learn through a multi-sensory approach. They learn through seeing the costumes, through listening to the music, through shaking the gragger*, and of course eating the hamantaschen. It is important to remember that while

there is so much adversity throughout the history of the Jewish people, and sadly in current day events, we continue to show unity in teaching these important core concepts in a meaningful way.

Another significant holiday in March for our family is World Down Syndrome Day. March 21st is designated as World Down Syndrome Day because 3/21 is significant for trisomy 21, which is what it means to have Down Syndrome. Most people are born with 46 chromosomes, 2 copies of 23 chromosomes. In approximately 1 out of every 700 babies born, the 21st chromosome 'sticks together' during cell division and these babies develop an extra copy. Many equate this to how cells stick together when a 4-leaf clover is formed. This is a sign of good luck and something to celebrate. Our son, Jack, was born with this extra chromosome. On World Down Syndrome Day, it is important for us to raise awareness of what it means to have Down Syndrome, to promote acceptance and inclusion, and to share that individuals with Down Syndrome are more alike than different!

Alana Frank
Alana Frank

Join the Accessibility & Inclusion Committee by contacting Sharon Shafrir at sharonmshafrir@gmail.com

I Guess That's Why They Call It A Spiel

Lion King Edition!

Featuring the music of
ELTON JOHN

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 6:30 PM

PURIM CELEBRATION AND DINNER!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

5:00-6:30 **Dinner and Purim Carnival** (the combined event is back!)

6:30 **Purim Spiel** (the Story of Esther sung to the tunes of Elton John/The Lion King)

Family fun for all ages! Costumes are encouraged!

Dinner: pizza (cheese, white, veggie and gluten free options), full salad bar, beverages (wine for adults) and hamantaschen (of course)
Tableside laughs provided by "Just Clowning Around"

Carnival: Organized and run by RATS (the Temple Sinai youth group). Calling all families with children to come and enjoy carnival games and prizes!

Purim Spiel: Be entertained by the Purim cast and sing along, spin groggers and boo Haman!

Reservations are required for the dinner.

Early bird rsvps (before noon on Friday, March 15th):

\$12 for adults (13 and older) and \$7 for children (4-12); under 4 are free

After March 15th: \$15 for adults and \$9 for children (4-12)

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MISHLOACH MANOT!

Baked Goods Needed
Homemade or Store Bought



Since 2008, the Jewish Soldiers Projects has been sending care packages to Jews in the military for Purim. The Care packages include hamantaschen, home baked goods, masks, and groggers to help the soldiers around the globe celebrate.



Baked Goods can be dropped at:
Temple B'rith Kodesh South (rear) Entrance
Sunday, 3/17/2024 9:30-1:00 pm



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					6:00 PM - 1st Friday Family Shabbat Service 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner with Friends: Sinai Teachers! <i>Torah Portion:</i> <i>Ki Tissa</i> <i>Exodus 30.11-34.35</i>	9:15 AM - Torah Study 10:30 AM - Shabbat Morning Service
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30 AM - School 9:30 AM - AdultED: Taste of Talmud 9:45 AM - Sprouts 10:00 AM - Torah Chanting Club (Zoom) 12:00 PM - RATSY 2:00 PM Women's Chavurah: Visit to Sew Green		1:00 PM - Canasta Group 2:00 PM - Knitting Group (Zoom) 8:30 PM - Accessibility & Inclusion Committee Meeting	4:30 PM - School	5:00 PM - Klezmer Band Practice 7:30 PM - Executive Committee Meeting	6:00 PM - Erev Shabbat Service <i>Torah Portion:</i> <i>Va-yakhel</i> <i>Exodus 35.1-38.2</i>	9:15 AM - Torah Study 10:30 AM - Shabbat Morning Service
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9:30 AM - School 9:30 AM - AdultED: Taste of Talmud 10:00 AM - Torah Chanting Club (Zoom) 11:00 AM - Bogrim 2:00 PM - Countering Active Threat Training	7:00 PM - Countering Active Threat Training	1:00 PM - Canasta Group 2:00 PM - Knitting Group (Zoom)	4:30 PM - School 6:00 PM - SAWCY	7:00 PM Religious Practices Committee Meeting	5:30 PM - Bim-Bam Shabbat 6:45 PM - Schmoozin' Shabbat 8:00 PM - Erev Shabbat Service <i>Torah Portion:</i> <i>P'kudei</i> <i>Exodus 38.21-40.38</i>	9:15 AM - Torah Study 10:30 AM - Shabbat Morning Service led by 6th Grade
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30 AM - School 9:30 AM - RATSY Carnival 10:00 AM - Torah Chanting Club (Zoom)		1:00 PM - Canasta Group 2:00 PM - Knitting Group (Zoom)	4:30 PM - School 7:00 PM - AdultED Israel and the Palestinians: A Critique of Prevailing Views on College	7:00 PM - Congregant Engagement Committee Meeting	6:00 PM - Erev Shabbat Service	9:15 AM - Torah Study 10:30 AM - Shabbat Morning Service
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Adult Education Presents

Israel and the Palestinians:

A Critique of Prevailing Views on College Campuses

A Four-part Seminar led by

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Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday, April 3

Monday, April 8

Wednesday, April 17

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FRIENDS & FAMILY

You may have noticed the Sustaining Sinai “logo” at the bottom of Temple Sinai letterhead - a tree with roots & branches. We use this tree logo to frame our annual self-directed membership donation. The word “sustaining” reminds me of my favorite blessing, the Shehecheyanu, where we thank G-d for keeping us in life, sustaining us, and bringing us to this unique moment in time. The tree reminds me of the Etz Chayim prayer we recite when returning the Torah to the ark – the Torah is a tree of life to us, as we hold fast to it...

But also at Temple Sinai, the tree, with roots & branches, very much reflects “family trees” among our almost 500 households. Would you have thought that we have ~110 inter-generational congregant households who are related as grandparents and parents (plus of course the many grandchildren)?! L’dor v’dor - we celebrate our traditions and imbue our Jewish values in ongoing generations. But wait, there’s more: we have ~20 congregant households of siblings, and ~18 of aunt/uncle - nephew/niece - cousin relationships. (Thanks to Joyce Schachter for sharing her unique knowledge of our congregation!)

There’s another very special aspect of Temple Sinai that’s equally compelling: there’s the saying “Friends are the family we choose.” At Sinai we see ourselves as a place where we can connect and lift each other up: a welcoming, inclusive environment, where we champion our culture of interpersonal connectedness, to foster a sense of belonging, respect and friendship. For me, with parents long gone, children and siblings far away, my Sinai “friends” have become my Rochester “family.”

Esther Brill

Esther Brill
Congregant Engagement

Within Our Family

In Memoriam ...

Temple Sinai notes with sorrow the passing of:

Genevieve Russo, temple member and mother of Rebecca Russo (Michael King)

Louise Vigdor, grandmother of Richard (Elana) Vigdor

Renee Liebschutz, mother of Liz Serling

Carolyn Marcus, mother of Gail (Hank) Ferraioli

The temple family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families.

Your ‘nachas’ is our ‘nachas.’ Email good news you’d like to share with the congregation to office@tsinai.org.

Our Jewish community is in pain. If you or someone you know needs support, the counseling team at Jewish Family Services is available for immediate mental health services, for both individuals and groups including students, co-workers, faith-based organizations, and families.

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The departed live on in the hearts of those who cherish their memory



March 1 & 2

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March 8 & 9

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March 22 & 23

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*May their
memory be for
a blessing.*



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