



Recalling the actions of Amakelek

This time of year always seems to elicit extremes in emotions. We have the exultation of Purim followed by the panic of cleaning, shopping and cooking for Pesach. It is a packed portion of the calendar, for it is an auspicious time. In the days before calendars were written down, there were several additional harbingers of Pesach and to a lesser extent Purim to alert the populace that the time for preparation was upon us.

This week, aside from being Parasha T'zaveh, it is also Shabbat Zachor, the Shabbat traditionally before Purim where an additional reading is added to the normal weekly reading. In this case, even though we are in the midst of the book of Shemot (Exodus), we read the additional portion from Devarim (Deuteronomy).

The portion reads: "Remember (Zachor) what Amelek did to you on your journey, after you left Egypt...you shall blot out the memory of Amelek from under heaven. Do not forget!"

This Shabbat (Zachor) gets its name from the opening of the Maftir (additional) reading, Zachor (remember). We are charged to recall not only what Amelek did to us, but also, there is a rabbinic tradition that Haman, the villain in the story of Purim, is a descendant of Amelek, and thus the connection with this portion being read on the Shabbat immediately preceding Purim.

But who is Amelek? According to our tradition, Amelek is not only the people who attacked the Israelites from the rear, slaughtering the defenceless weak and elderly. Amelek is the embodiment of an evil that thrives, even today. I do not read literally that Haman was the genealogical descendant of Amelek, but the ideological one. The command therefore, which is still relevant today, is not to eradicate the Amelekite people, but what they stood for. It is to stand up to evil and injustice in the world.

The story of Purim is a joyous one because we were saved from almost sure destruction. It happened because Esther took it upon herself to make a stand at great hazard to her life. We must remember her example and the evil which threatened us. As the portion from Deuteronomy states, we must blot out the memory of that evil. We must not forget what almost happened and we must remember what can happen if we take a stand.

That I believe is the message implicit in the name of this Shabbat. Remembering who we are, our values, our ethos, but more than that, remembering we have an eternal and divine charge to blot evil from under heaven. Wherever we may encounter it, evil must be resisted and

continued over...

MAZAL TOV
to **Avi Carleton** on his
Bar Mitzvah
(*Main Sanctuary*)

MAZAL TOV
to **Zoe Kertesz** on her
Bat Mitzvah
(*Newweg Sanctuary*)

CANDLE LIGHTING
Friday 7:21pm
Saturday 8:16pm

TORAH
Exodus 27:20 - 30:10
(*page 503*)

MAFTIR
Deuteronomy 25:17 - 25:19
(*page 1135*)

HAFTARAH
I Samuel 15:2 - 15:34
(*page 1281*)

SHABBAT SERVICES
Erev Shabbat

- 6:15pm - Masorti Service
(*Newweg Sanctuary*)
- 6:15pm - *Shabbat Live*
(*Main Sanctuary*)

Shabbat Morning

- 9:00am - Masorti service
(*Newweg Sanctuary*)
- 10:00am - Progressive service
(*Main Sanctuary*)

Purim

Wednesday 28th

- 6:15pm Megillah reading followed by Purim Spiel

Morning Minyan

- Morning Minyan is on Monday at 6:45am and Thursday at 6:30am.
- Sundays from 9:00am followed by breakfast



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destroyed. It is not enough simply to remember, but to be inspired to action from that memory, just as Esther was.

Join us on Wednesday night as we come together to read the Megillah, laugh with the shpiel, and celebrate the holiday of Purim.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth



Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio



Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff



Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth



Rev. Sam Zwarenstein
Director of Communal Engagement

CELEBRATE PURIM

HAMANTASCHEN BAKING

Sunday February 25 from 10am

MEGILLAH READING

Wednesday February 28 from 6:15pm

followed by the world-famous Emanuel Synagogue Purim Spiel

MY FAIR MAIDEL

The singing, dancing story of Esther Jewlittle and her quest to save her people

PURIM FAMILY CELEBRATION

Thursday March 1st from 4:00pm

Fun for all the family!

RENEWAL PURIM KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday March 2nd from 7pm

Join us at 7pm and enjoy live music on the sand in front of Bronte Surf Club followed by a pot-luck picnic on the grass.

Are you planning a wedding?

If you are planning on getting married in the coming year, these are the sessions for you!

Meet others in the same stage of life as you, share experiences, and learn some practical skills from experts including financial planning and communication. Email rkaiserblueth@emanuel.org.au for any questions or to RSVP. No charge. Call office for dates.

Pesach at Emanuel

Pesach begins on the evening of Friday March 30

March 31 from 5:30pm -

Family Seder

from 6:15pm -

Community Seder

April 1st - from 6:15pm -

Netzer Chocolate Seder

April 3rd - from 6:30pm -

Women's Seder

WHAT'S ON

Kef Kids - Fridays from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Educational program for children in years K-5 - an exciting, fun way for kids to connect with Judaism and their community, learn and form friendships with children in the congregation.

Our Jewish Story: Our Land, Our People - Mondays from 10:00am-11:30am

Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins looks at major issues facing contemporary Israel.

Kabbalah Meditation Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm February 27 & March 6th

Learn techniques to improve your focus, ability to relax and enjoy spiritual community.

followed by

Kabbalah Text Study - Tuesday evenings 8:30-9:30pm

Taught by Rabbi Dr. Orna Triguboff, who has a Ph.D. in Kabbalah studies.

Book now at www.emanuel.org.au

KEEP THE DATE

**Official Opening Celebration
for the new Sanctuary &
Preschool of Emanuel Synagogue
from 7:00pm Monday May 14, 2018**

You are invited to a Q&A - live from Jerusalem

***Fighting for Equality: At the Kotel, on the busses, in the streets
featuring Anat Hoffman***

**Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center
and a founding member of Women of the Wall**

In conversation with Liam Getreu, Executive Director of the New Israel Fund Australia concerning her passionate fight for religious pluralism, tolerance and equality.

Thursday 1 March 7pm, Emanuel Synagogue Hall

Register today at: www.nif.org.au/anat

JOURNEY IN JUDAISM

Every Sunday morning of school term, join us for a new and exciting program to broaden your horizons and build on your journey in Judaism.

You can partake in any one of the three parts of the journey, or all of it.

From **9:00-9:45am** we will have an **informal learner's minyan** to help you understand the pattern and meaning of Jewish prayer. From **9:45am** we will be having **light brunch**. From **10:00-11:00am** we conclude our journey with meaningful learning.

Mardi Gras Shabbat

Friday 2 March - Services 6:15pm - Dinner 7:30pm

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Mardi Gras, Emanuel Synagogue in association with Dayenu - Sydney's Jewish LGBT+ Group invites you to the annual Mardi Gras

Shabbat Service, followed by a communal dinner.

Booking required for our kosher-catered dinner (BYO wine)

BOOK NOW: www.emanuel.org.au/mardigras

IN MEMORY

There are mourners in our community to whom we extend our sincerest sympathies on the death of their loved ones.

Shiva: Alex Varga

Shloshim: Samuel Lissing, Andrew Casey, Edith Port, Alan Steinberg, Anna Sefo, Violet Hougie, Derek Freeman

This week we observe the Yahrzeits of (observed by):

* Memorial Light

* **Leah Abrahams**

Joseph Adelman (Laurence Adelman)

Gretel Baer (Stephen Baer)

Samuel Bark (Janet Rudner)

Colin Leslie Bear (John Bear)

Morris Max Buchter (Natalie Chester, Lynette Rosen, Martine Buchter-Taylor)

Anita Caplan (Ilona Lee)

Aviva Cohen (Yael Eisinger)

Derrick Charles Davey
(Anthea Hemphill)

* **Leon Ross Davis**

Leslie Epstein (Agnis Spencer)

* **Harriett Franks**

Suzanne Gardos (Julianna Brender)

Paul Gero (Vera Faludi, Margarita Prager)

* **Charlotte Gerstl** (Heinz Gerstl)

Leslie Gilbert (Ivan Lorentz)

* **Solomon Goldberg**

Louis Greenblatt (Glenda Cohen)

* **Miklos Grunberg**

Anita Gumbert (Yvonne Gerstl)

* **Margie Israel**

Louis Jacobs (Lynda Greenblo)

Frank Jacobson (Peter Jacobson)

Rita Jacobson (Pamela Karp)

Jacob Jacoby (Lesley-Ann Hellig)

Alan Katel (Lesley Barold)

Leo Kitchener (Peter Kitchener)

Leslie Kocsis (Madeline Rosen)

Sheila Zelda Leigh (Jack Leigh)

Ronald Lewis (Bruce Lewis, Craig Lewis, Joan Lewis, Jennifer Roncone)

Elinda Lissing (Jerry Lissing)

Rebecca Lissing (Jerry Lissing)

Otto Nathan Lucas (Edith Port)

Zipora Bat Mordechai Meller

(Andre Menash)

Lily Mendels (Marcia Narunsky)

Phoebe Nossowitzky (Samuel Leon)

Helen Edwina Lorain Rasko
(David Rasko)

* **Ernest Roseman**

* **Rose Rosen**

Minnie Rosenberg (Marcelle Freiman)

Moselle Samson (Cathy Shapiro)

Abraham (Doc) Saperstein
(Judy Pincus)

Vivienne Schnieden (Peter Sullivan)

* **Martha Sobel**

* **Mina Steiner**

Geoffrey Sydenham (Les Hart)

Stanley Wainer (Devorah Wainer)

Robert Wolfson (Thea Weiss)

Marc David Yellin (Zara Yellin)

Shoah remembrance: Berta Lupo was born in Ploesti, Romania and lived there until she was died on the Struma Ship during the Holocaust.