

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SHABBOS TIMES

Friday, March 4

Candle Lighting 5:32pm
Evening Service 5:35pm

Saturday, March 5

Morning Service 10:00am
Kiddush Brunch 12:00pm
Evening Service 5:35pm
Shabbos Ends 6:33pm

KIDDUSH SPONSOR:

Kiddush Club Members

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSOR

Available

DAILY MINYAN

March 6-11

MORNING SERVICE

Sunday 8:00am
Monday - Friday 7:00am

EVENING SERVICE

Evening Service 5:45pm

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Jewish communities and people of Ukraine.

We pray for an end to violence, for the well being of good people, and for peace.

It's hard to understand the current situation, why and for what reason so many people have to suffer or lose their life needlessly. We feel the pain of being powerless to change anything, all we can do is help people be safe, and get out.

The Torah teaches us that in a time of crisis, we need to have faith, do what we can to better the situation and at the same time we do not wait for miracles. We act with urgency and do what has to be done in order to help people get to safety, assist with basic needs and save lives by evacuating. We, the people who care and help others, are the miracle.

G-d makes miracles and we believe in them, what we don't notice sometimes is that the people closest to us and sometimes it is us who are the miracle, providing for and helping those who are in need. When G-d blesses us, and our efforts succeed in helping people, this is a miracle.

We can choose to be G-d's partners, we can choose to be a miracle.



Bat Mitzvah Club



PURIM MASK DECORATING

Decorate a beautiful Purim mask, enjoy a delicious Hamataschen buffet, and learn all about the great hero of Purim—Esther.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 4- 5PM

RSVP AT: JEWISHFAIRLAWN.ORG

A WORD OF TORAH

This week we finish the reading of the book of Exodus, also known in the commentaries as the Book of Redemption because of its description of the people of Israel leaving Egypt. This second book of the Torah concludes by describing the establishment and dedication of the Tabernacle and, most importantly, the revelation of G-d's Divine Presence within it.

The Torah tells us: "When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the Israelites would set out, on their various journeys." This seemingly simple verse raises two very significant questions.

First of all, what is the connection between the Jews traveling forward and the establishment of the Tabernacle in the desert? This information would seem to be more appropriate later in the book of Numbers, when it describes in great detail the various travels of the people of Israel during their 40 years in the desert.

Secondly, the verse implies that the Jews' march toward the Land of Israel is specifically connected to the Divine Presence leaving their camp in the desert. Only when "the cloud lifted" do "the Israelites set out." Why is this so?

Chasidic thought answers both of these questions by dealing with the ultimate existential nature of Creation. It understands the Tabernacle to be a paradigm for all of the world. What dynamic is at play behind the timing of the Jewish people's journeys? One answer is that there is no great spiritual accomplishment in fulfilling the Divine Will at a time when G-d's Presence is revealed and manifest. The ultimate goal of existence is to rise up and connect to holiness even when it is hidden and concealed from us. The Midrash tells us that G-d desired a "dwelling place for Himself in the lower worlds." But relative to G-d, is there truly an upper or lower world? His realm is infinite.

We can now understand that when G-d's cloud was found among the Jewish people and His Presence was revealed, then the material world ceased to be "lowly." It is only when the cloud of G-d raises itself higher and higher, and His Divine Light is no longer revealed, can we begin the spiritual fulfilling of G-d's design. And the Tabernacle bestows upon the Jewish people the strength and faculties to bring holiness into the world, the ultimate purpose of Creation.

This is an extremely relevant message for us all at this time in Jewish history. We are in a spiritual state of exile. There is a darkness that rests on the world necessitating our best efforts, even more than before, to engage in the study of Torah and the fulfillment of mitzvot. We must understand that our ultimate goal and purpose is to illuminate that darkness with the light of Torah. Just as the disappearance of the Divine cloud from the Tabernacle became the sign to proceed forward, so, too, should today's conflicts encourage and arouse us to dedicate ourselves to the fulfillment of G-d's mission, which is to journey past this era and into the Messianic era of the complete and full redemption.

-adapted from www.chabad.org

A Bisseleh Humor

Every day at lunch time Yankel would open his lunch sandwich and utter the same complaint. "Oh no, peanut butter again!" One day, after seven years, his co-worker finally loses his patience. "Why don't you ask your wife to make you something different, for heaven's sake?" "That won't help", Yankel replies, "I make the sandwiches myself."



KIDS Parsha Lesson

Parshat Pekudei is the last of the five Parshiot that discuss the Mishkan. The Parshah begins by giving us an accounting the gold, silver, and copper that were donated to the Mishkan. Then is described how Bezalel and Oholiab made the eight special garments that the Kohanim (priests) had to wear: The shirt, pants, hat, sash, apron, breastplate, and crown. See the Tetzaveh Roundup for more on this. Now that building of the Mishkan was complete, they set it up and put everything in its proper place. Then a cloud came down upon the Mishkan, and this showed everybody that G-d's presence had come to dwell within it.

RECIPE

Funfetti Hamatashen

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2-2½ cups flour
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- ⅓ cup sprinkles
- 1 bar of chocolate (or 1 cup chocolate chips)

Directions:

1. Mix the eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla.
2. Add 1 cup of flour and the baking powder. Mix.
3. Add the remaining flour until the dough forms a soft but not sticky ball.
4. Gently knead in the sprinkles.
5. Roll out the dough and cut our circles.
6. Put a piece of chocolate, or 3-4 chocolate chips, in the center of each circle.
7. Gently fold the sides and pinch shut tightly.
8. Bake for 10-12 minutes at 350° F.

Daily Dose Of Wisdom

There are no weak people, no people who are a burden on society. Certainly no worthless people. There are only many different kinds of people, each with their own, unique contribution. And that is good. Because endless diversity is a sign of a deep, underlying unity. And unity is strength. —the Rebbe

UPCOMING EVENTS

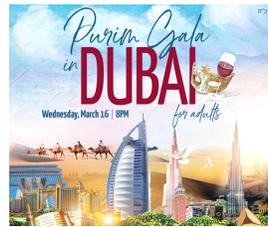


MOMS AND KIDSTM HAMANTASHEN BAKING
 SUNDAY, MARCH 13
 5:00PM
 Make your own traditional Hamantaschen with family and friends!
 Reserve at www.JewishFairLawn.org
 Complimentary for Partners in Faith

Moms and Kids Hamantashen Baking
Sunday, March 13 at 5pm
 Join family and friends for a fun evening making hamantaschen together in honor of Purim!



Jteen Pre Purim Bash
Monday, March 14 at 7:00pm
 Hamantaschen making and packing gift baskets for seniors in our community!
 Free admission!
 Open to teens in grades 8-12



Purim gala in Dubai
Wednesday, March 16 at 8pm
 Megillah Reading, Arabian Masquerade, Live Music and Dancing, Full Dinner and Open Bar!



Family Purim in Outer Space
Thursday, March 17 at 5pm
 Celebrate Purim with a Family Purim Party, Hot Buffet Dinner, Kids Masquerade, Megillah Reading, Music and Entertainment and Mishloach Manot!

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Hebrew School

This week we continued perfecting our Hebrew reading. We are getting super excited as Purim gets closer and we are continuing to learn about this joyous Holiday!



MVP Program

Middle School pre-teens got together to pack Mishloach Manos gift baskets for seniors to be given in honor of Purim!



Bris Avrohom of Fair Lawn

We are your center for everything Jewish, whatever your need may be, do not hesitate to contact us. Our ever popular holiday celebrations will enable you and your family to celebrate the Jewish holidays in style, with fun and educational ideas helping to make Judaism relevant to our youth. Our Torah classes will give you a second opinion on any subject or matter you may be dealing with and our Holiday programs will allow you to celebrate your Jewish pride with your family and friends. Our fun Hebrew School and Day Camp will fill your children with an educated sense of what it means to be Jewish and our synagogue services will give you the opportunity to pray, be inspired and experience spirituality. From pregnancy and baby celebrations to weddings and after life services including Kaddish and unveiling, we will be there for you and help create a meaningful and memorable experience. We are here to help you and serve you and look forward to seeing you soon!

Rabbi Berel & Leah Zaltzman | Rabbi Mendel & Elke Zaltzman | Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Engel

Bris Avrohom of Fair Lawn

30-02 Fair Lawn Avenue. Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410

201-791-7200 | Office@JewishFairLawn.org

www.JewishFairLawn.org | www.Facebook.com/BrisAvrohomFairLawn