


CONGREGATION SCHARA TZEDECK
MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS
 MEDICAL ADVICE FROM OUR MEMBERS



SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020
1:00 PM
 Introduction by Rabbi Ari Federgrun

 **DR. JONATHON LEIPSIC**
 Understanding Your Cardiac Risk From CT: Lessons From the Last Decade

 **DR. BRIAN BRESSLER**
 Colon Cancer Screening- Who, What, When, Why?

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SCHARA TZEDECK AND BETH HAMDRAH PRESENT
PURIM 2020



PURIM SEUDAH

ADULT \$30
AGE 6-12 \$15
AGE 3-5 \$5
AGE 0-2 FREE

MARCH 10, 2020
5:00 PM
3476 OAK ST.

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Congregation Schara Tzedek
Shabbat Bulletin

Rabbi: Rabbi Andrew Rosenblatt
Associate Rabbi: Rabbi Ari Federgrun **Torah Reader: Reverend Joseph Marciano**

February 29, 2020
Adar 4, 5780
Parshat Terumah

Torah Reading pg. 444
Class for Page-a-Day Talmud Group 8:30 am
Childminding 9:30 am – 2nd floor
Youth Program 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Congregational Luncheon- following services
20/20 with Rabbi Berger
 Twenty minutes after Kiddush
Rabbi's class will resume in the Spring
Mincha 5:30 pm
Havdalah 6:43 pm
Mincha Sunday - Thursday: 5:45 pm

Coronavirus and the Lesson of the Purim Story
 Rabbi Ari Federgrun

Over the last few days, Rabbinic leaders across the world have reacted to the virus that has become a global concern, has already impacted the lives of millions, and leaves us with much uncertainty as to how much the virus will spread. Additionally, global businesses have taken a major setback. For example, El Al, the Israeli Airline, stated that this is a catastrophe, as they already sustained a damage of over \$50 dollars and will be forced to let go over 1,000 employees.

The response across the board has been to increase our Tefillot, our prayers. The Orthodox Union and the RCA (Rabbinical Council of America) sent out a statement urging everyone to include tefillot in their daily prayers for the people in harm's way. The OU said, "We have a sacred duty to open our hearts to Hashem to ask for rachamim (mercy) on behalf of the people and countries around the world already affected by the virus, and for the containment of the virus' further spread." Prominent Kabbalists in Israel have also publicly urged for increased devotion to Tefillah. They have said that during these times, one should focus more on prayer, refrain from talking during the services, and make an extra effort to attend the daily minyan. Additionally, the Israeli Chief Rabbi of Safed together with the Israeli branch of the OU promoted a ceremony this past Sunday that drew hundreds to the Kotel to pray for those affected by the coronavirus outbreak and to halt the epidemic. Rabbi Avi Berman, executive director of the Israeli branch of the OU and former NCSY Director of Vancouver, stated, "Millions and millions of people are going through tremendous suffering in China and outside China. As Jews, we believe that God has the power to send healing. We are not doctors, but we can pray. We look at our forefathers and see how when they saw trouble in the world, they prayed to God to take care of it, they prayed for the sick to recover and for the poor to find sustenance."

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING CELEBRATION & THEATRE SPORTS

PURIM CELEBRATION
 FOOD FOR PURCHASE!



MONDAY, MARCH 9
SHOW FOR TEENS & ADULTS

7:35pm – Maariv/Megillah
 9:00pm – Second Megillah Reading in the Chapel
 After 9:00pm **Theatre Sports**

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THE PURIM EXPERIENCE **FAMILIES THAT GIVE**
 Tuesday, March 10th, 11:30am-1:00pm
 Schara Tzedek

 **MEGILLAH**
 Hear Rabbi Rosenblatt's Purim Story

 Pack your own gift basket and give to a friend
MISHLOACH MANOT

 **FEAST**
 Enjoy a lunch feast of pizza and snacks

 **GIVE TO THE POOR**
 Bring a Toonie for Charity

Complete the challenge and receive a special prize!
 BOUNCY CASTLES | FACE PAINTING | BALLOONS | MAKE YOUR OWN MASK
 FREE EVENT – Ages 0-8 (older siblings welcome)
 COMMITTEE – LEORA VOLODARSKY

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This call for increased Tefillah is most appropriate during this time of the year. We have just begun the month of Adar, a month highlighted by the holiday of Purim. The holiday of Purim is a day of joy and celebration and of recognizing the hidden presence of Hashem in the Purim story and in our own personal lives. It is also a day to remember the power of our Tefillos. Purim is immediately preceded by a fast day, Ta'anit Esther. Ta'anit Esther was enacted to remember Esther's demand for the Jewish people to fast and pray to Hashem during their time of crisis, and that Hashem listened to our prayers. Maimonides writes regarding the origin of the holiday of Purim: "The Prophets together with the Rabbinical Court established and commanded [us] to read the Megillah [Book of Esther] in its proper time in order to remember the praises of G-d and the salvations that He did for us and that He was close to our cries, in order to bless Him and to praise Him, and in order to make known to the coming generations that it is true that which He promised us in the Torah (Deuteronomy 4:7): For which is a great nation that has a G-d Who is close to it, as is the Lord, our G-d, whenever we call to Him." May we all focus on this theme of Purim throughout the month of Adar as we call to Hashem to bring a quick end and cure to the coronavirus and all personal and global suffering.

Schara Tzedek Announcements

Todah Rabah

To Mark & Tracey Schonfeld for sponsoring Premium Scotch in memory of Mark's mother, Manya Schonfeld z'l.

To David and Danya Fugman for being a sponsor of the Community Shabbat dinner this week, in loving memory of Margaret z'l, Max z'l and Charles Fugman z'l.

Women's Megillah Reading

PURIM 5780 is around the corner, and along with it the wonderful opportunity to participate in the **Women's Megillat Esther reading**, on **Tuesday, March 10, 8:30am**.

No experience necessary. We will give you the tools to participate. For more information, please contact: rachael@scharatzedeck.com.

Purim Carnival - Volunteers Needed

Our annual Purim carnival is getting a new twist! We're asking **current and alumni Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and their families** to host a table at our Purim carnival on Monday March 9th at 8:30 pm (following Megillah reading).

If you fit into this category and would like to run a carnival booth, please email Chaya at youth@scharatzedeck.com. Thank you!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:15 am - Parsha class with Rabbi Don Pacht following the Sunday breakfast.
1:00 pm - "Making Informed Decisions" - a Medical panel with our members Dr. Jonathon Leipsic and Dr. Brian Bressler.

Monday:

7:00 pm - Torah Talks with Rabbi Rosenblatt
8:00 pm - Talmud Talks with Rabbi Federgrun

Tuesday:

4:15 pm- 5:45 pm - T-Jex Afternoon Hebrew School

Wednesday:

10:00 am - Women's Weekly Torah Study with Ayala Wilchfort

Thursday:

9:00 am - Women's "Pray Tell" with Rabbi Federgrun at the Blicher Residence
6:00 pm- Parsha Class with Rabbi Estrin

Friday:

9:30 am - Baby Loves Shabbat - class for babies and caregivers - 2nd Floor Playroom