



Of Note for March 2014

Young Israel of Sharon



Shabbat, March 1

Parshat Pekudei

Parshat Shekalim

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

9:45 a.m. T'filat Nashim

5:15 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor

6:16 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

7:05 p.m. Mishmash

Sunday, March 2

Rosh Chodesh I – Adar II

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

5:15 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, March 3

Rosh Chodesh II – Adar II

5:50 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for March 4-6:

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

Thurs: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

Tues-Thurs: 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Friday, March 7

6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

5:24 p.m. Candle lighting,

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, March 8

Parshat Vayikra

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

5:24 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor

6:24 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, March 9

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8:00 a.m. Shacharit

6:24 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for March 10-12:

Mon: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

6:30 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, March 13

Fast of Esther

5:37 a.m. Fast begins

5:45 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

6:30 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

7:23 p.m. Fast ends

Friday, March 14

6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

6:32 p.m. Candle lighting,

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Shabbat, March 15

Parshat Tzav

Parshat Zachor

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

5:45 p.m. Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor: Purim

6:32 p.m. Mincha

7:32 p.m. Say "Barukh ha-mavdil bein kodesh le-chol" to separate between Shabbat and Weekday; can drive to Shul **PURIM!**

8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv, Megillah, Havdalah

10:00 p.m. Second Megillah reading

Sunday, March 16

PURIM!

8:00 a.m. Shacharit, Megillah,
Matanot la-Evyonim,
Mishloach Manot

9:00 a.m. T'filat Nashim

4:45 p.m. Mincha

5:00 p.m. Shul Purim Seudah

6:52 p.m. Most of Purim Seudah
should be completed

7:32 p.m. Ma'ariv



Weekday schedule for March 17-20:

Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

6:40 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, March 21

6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

6:40 p.m. Candle lighting,
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, March 22

Parshat Shmini

Parshat Parah

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

6:00 p.m. Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor: Hilkhos Pesach

6:40 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor

7:41 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

6:40 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

SHUL DINNER!



Weekday schedule for March 24-27:

Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

6:40 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, March 28

6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

6:48 p.m. Candle lighting,
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

9:00 p.m. Scholar in Residence – women only (details p.8)

Shabbat, March 29

Scholar-in-Residence: Atara Snowbell of Nishmat

Parshat Tazria

Parshat Ha-Chodesh

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

11:15 a.m. D'var Torah by Atara Snowbell

6:00 p.m. Shiur and discussion for teenage women
with Atara Snowbell

6:48 p.m. Mincha

7:00 p.m. Shiur and discussion for couples
with Atara Snowbell (details p.8)

7:49 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

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 6:48 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for March 31 – April 3:
 Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit
 Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit
 6:50 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv


Friday, April 4
 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit
 6:55 p.m. Candle lighting,
 Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, April 5
Parshat Metzora
 7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit
 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
 9:45 a.m. T'filat Nashim
 6:00 p.m. Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor: Hilkhos Pesach
 6:55 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor
 7:57 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, April 6
 8:00 a.m. Shacharit
 6:55 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for April 7-10:
 Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit
 Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit
 6:55 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

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From The Rabbi

“The rest of the Jews in the king’s provinces gathered together and stood up for themselves (lit. “stood upon their souls”) and had rest from their enemies (Esther 9:16).” The Sefat Emet (Purim 1871) explains that the salvation of the Purim story came about through the power of all the Jews gathering together to fight together against their enemies. This is the central theme of the Megillah. At the beginning, when Haman, yemach shemo, threatens the Jewish people, he describes them as “a single nation scattered and dispersed among the nations (2:8).” In their separateness and isolation they are vulnerable. By the end of the Megillah, the Jewish people have learned to pray together, fast together, support each other and fight together to vanquish their enemies. According to the Sefat Emet, their unity enabled them to discover their core principle, “to stand upon their souls” and access the “nekudat ha-chiyyut – the inner point of life,” that beats in the soul of the Jewish people and enables us to overcome all challenges.

This principle of unity is also reflected in the essential mitzvot of Purim. In Matanot la-Evyonim, gifts to the poor, we support those less fortunate in order to expand solidarity and strengthen the entire community. On Purim we cannot fulfill the mitzvah of Tzedakah by giving to institutions, important as they may be. Our Tzedakah must go to needy individuals, to help them feel embraced by the community and reinforce the principle of the unity of Israel. In Mishloach Manot, sending of portions of food to one another, we express our solidarity and friendship together. Seudat Purim, the festive communal meal, and listening to the Megillah as a Kehillah also emphasize togetherness. All the mitzvot of the day are about the living unity of Klal Yisrael.

The power of working together is also essential to our own community. The spirit and strength of our Kehillah is reflected in the degree to which each of us rises above narrow self-interest or the self-indulgent camaraderie of small cliques to stretch ourselves, to care about and reach out to all members of the community, to volunteer and work on vital projects together for our higher good. This has been the power of Am Yisrael in all generations. Our unity and strength will again be tested as a nation, as we are once again menaced by an existential threat coming from Persia, and are called, once again, to gather together and stand upon our souls, to stand together, with Ha-Shem’s help, and to prevail.

Hag Purim Sameah

Rabbi Meir Sendor



From Our President

March 23rd is just around the corner. Jodi and Randy are planning a special night to celebrate Julie and Ezra Galler, Amir Karger, Marc Blitstein and Dan Shimshak. These honorees have put in too many hours to count, working on behalf of all of us and the greater Sharon community.

Julie and Ezra moved to town and immediately joined the school and the shul boards respectively. Their finger prints are seen on so many programs in the shul including t'fillat kitanim and t'fillat nashim.

Dan Shimshak is the energy in the shul, always walking around shul to find who the guest or new person is for a kibud. Dan now knows all of our fathers, father-in-laws, brothers, cousins, and guests names. He is our one man welcoming committee. On Purim, Dan works hard to top his costumes from the past and has pushed the limits – I am still trying to figure out how he got my grandmother's bathing suit.

Amir Karger joined our shul and I think became a Gabbai the next week. He is one man davening machine, layning, reading Eicha, Migilah.... Or anything we need.

Marc Blitstein could be found each morning making sure the Maimo school bus was organized and safe, then he moved indoors and ran the 7am minyan.

This is just a quick description of our honorees – come out and celebrate and learn all about this wonderful group of shul members.

The Ad journal is our largest fundraiser each year. We use this money to maintain the building and to create and run youth activities and education programs for the adult members. Take a few minutes and submit your ad – show your support for our shul and the honorees. If you want to get involved and help solicit business ads or member ads please contact Libi Rides.

– David



From Maayan and Dvora (our B'not):

We had a wonderful time last month, and wanted to share some pictures. We kicked off Adar with a Harkada (dancing), and a week later had movie day in two groups: The younger group watched "Lion King" and the older group watched "Front of the Class", which talks about Brad Cohen, a child with Tourette syndrome. He was ridiculed, beaten, mocked, and shunned by children, teachers, and even family members who don't realize that he cannot control it. But Brad Cohen's story is not one of self-pity. His unwavering determination and fiercely positive attitude conquered the difficulties he faced in school, and in college, and he became a teacher.



To host Maayan and Dvora for a meal, please contact Ilyse at iehrenkranz@stiarhebrew.org.



PURIM Announcements:

Chevrat Nashim's UPS (United Purim Service): Mishloach Manot packages to deliver? Purim cards to send? Let Chevrat Nashim deliver them (Sharon only)! Dropoff in the YI Lobby Fri 3/14 11a-12:30p or Motzei Shabbat 3/15 until 10:15p. Pay at dropoff: 75¢/package and 40¢/card. Remember to clearly label name & address of recipient, and name of sender! Deliveries will be made Sunday between 11a-2p. Interested in helping prepare? Call Cyna Reisman 781-784-8684
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Kids Purim Carnival Sunday 3/9: Please come to the annual Kids' Purim Carnival, Sunday, March 9 from 3-4:30 pm at Young Israel. Games, balloon animals and snacks. This event is for our younger shul members, ages 2-8. Cost for the carnival is \$5/child (under age 2 free), \$20/family max. Come dressed for a costume parade!

Shul-wide Purim Night Celebration Saturday Night 3/15: Immediately following the first megillah reading, there will be a shul wide Purim celebration (at Young Israel) with a costume contest for both kids and adults, ice cream and snacks, Purim-ardy, music, and special tween/teen games. This event is for (almost) all ages---older kids and adults alike.

Shul Purim Seudah Sunday 3/16: It's time again to RA'ASHAN over to Young Israel for food, friends, and fun! Please join us for a Purim Seudah at Young Israel. Mincha at 4:45 followed by a Seudah at 5:00. Cost is \$20/person, \$14 for children 12 and under. You can RSVP online, on the shul home page: Follow the Purim Seudah info and registration link. Once you register you will receive a confirmation email. Or contact Jodi Saltzman to RSVP at josalt17@gmail.com or 781.784.3727. Space is limited so please send in your reservations as soon as possible!

Shul Activities and Announcements:

Scholar in Residence, Atara Snowbell of Nishmat, 3/28-3/29: As part of Yoetzet Halacha Shabbat Across America, on the weekend of March 28th and 29th, Young Israel will be one of 18 communities hosting a Yoetzet Halachah from Nishmat. Sessions throughout the weekend include:

Friday night 9pm: "Common Misconceptions about Hilkhos Niddah," for Women Only. At the home of the Ephraims, 14 Massapoag Ave.

Shabbat morning 11:15am: D'var Torah by Atara Snowbell (at Young Israel)

Shabbat evening 6pm: Shiur and Discussion for teenage women (at Young Israel)

Shabbat evening 7pm: Shiur and Discussion for couples: Love and Relationships (at Young Israel; child care will be available).

Pippin at Gann Academy: March 6, 8 and 9 featuring Josh Hanau. For ticket information, contact Gina Carballo at gcarballo@gannacademy.org

CJUI Truth Initiative campaign 3/6: Join CJUI (Christians and Jews United for Israel) in their Truth Initiative campaign, responding to anti-Israel ads that have appeared at train stations around the local area. Volunteers needed at the Sharon Train Station. Parking available. Morning session: 7:15AM to 9:15AM Afternoon. 4:30 to 6:30pm Material will be provided. For more information: info@CJUI.org.

All Sharon-based Torah classes listed on one site! Young Israel's classes are included on SharonTorah.org, which lists all the Torah classes being offered by Eitz Chaim, Chabad, Young Israel, and The Kollel. Just this coming week, there are 28 classes from which to choose, such as Daf Yomi at Eitz Chaim, "Prayer and Jewish Thought" at Chabad, Rambam Mishna Torah at Young Israel, to the Kollel's Monday Night Beis Midrash taking place at Eitz Chaim. Check it out!

Chased: Our Rabbis taught: Gemilut Chesed (loving-kindness) is greater than charity in three ways. We all know people in our community, who at one time or another, could use the support and help of our community. So please, if you know of anyone who could use assistance or you are in need, please call Cyna Reisman at 781-784-8684. Also, if you are willing to help drive people to/from medical appointments, please let Cyna know. Thank you.

Ideas welcome: If you have an idea for a shul event - and are willing to help plan it - please contact Jodi (josalt17@gmail.com)

Shul Dinner: Sunday March 23rd

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Get To Know Our Members, featuring our shul dinner service honorees!

This month we get to know some of our shul service honorees a bit better. Get to know the Hoffman-Kargers and the Shimshaks! (Unfortunately we were unable to get input from the Blitsteins in time)

Dan and Marcia Shimshak:



How long have you been living in Sharon? What is your favorite part of town?

We have been living in Sharon for almost 36 years (double chai). Our favorite parts of town are Borderland State Park, the lake and the town playground. These are the places that we can take our grandchildren and granddog.

What do you do to keep busy, for work and play?

Now that we are both retired, Marcia and I visit with our children and grandchildren in Massachusetts and Israel and also devote ourselves to promoting Hawaiian Shabbat. Following in the footsteps of Mr. Reitman, Dan enjoys carpentry and helps fixing things (and sometimes breaking things) in his kids' houses.

How did you first get involved in the shul, and what was your favorite part of working there over the years?

By chance we attended services one Shabbat at the Young Israel in 1978, volunteered to work on the first shul bazaar (which was bizarre) and the rest was history. Both Dan and Marcia have held numerous positions on the shul board and contributed in constructing two shul buildings, both through fundraising and physical labor.

Tell us an interesting tidbit about yourselves!

Marcia and Dan were almost thrown out of the shul when they wore a plug and socket for a Purim costume and tried to get it to work. Also, our lives were changed when we participated in the first shul mission to Israel during the intifada in 2002.

Amir Karger, Jodi Hoffman, Deena, and Noam:

How long have you been living in Sharon? What is your favorite part of town?

We moved to Sharon on Motzaei Yom Kippur, 2004. Amir's job was to put up the sukkah before Sukkot. Jodi's job was to unpack the entire house before Sukkot. The kids' job (they were 1 and 3 at the time) was to not hurt themselves while their parents ignored them for 5 days. And in the end, we were all successful! Meanwhile, members of the Sharon community showed their warmth by inviting us to lots of Sukkot meals, even though they didn't know us. (So maybe Amir didn't actually need to build the Sukkah.) It's cheesy to say this, but our favorite part of Sharon is the people. Runners up: Crescent Ridge Dairy, the lake, July 3 (Deena's birthday!) and the Sharon Advocate crime blotter.



What do you do to keep busy, for work and play?

Jodi is a geneticist at Tufts Medical Center. She diagnoses genetic conditions in people of all ages, counsels adults on inherited cancer predisposition and runs an outreach and screening program regarding Jewish genetic diseases. Amir works at Harvard Medical School, helping scientists use computers in their research. Deena and Noam work in school. In their copious free time, Jodi plays with her cats and Amir does anything musical he can think of. He also attends Town Meetings, along with a very very small number of other YI Sharon members. Deena does dancing and gymnastics. Noam builds things and talks a lot (so he says).

How did you first get involved in the shul, and what was your favorite part of working there over the years?

I first got involved at Jenny Brenner's Bat Mitzvah in 1983, and my aliyah card was created in 1988 during a Maimonides shabbaton. I started attending a couple morning minyanim a week when we moved to Sharon in 2004. In 2007, Cary Krinsky tricked me, I mean asked me to be gabbai with him and Eli Geller.

My favorite parts of working at the shul? I've got two: First, knowing I was helping shul move smoothly as gabbai; second, the wonderful avira (feeling) during our Shavuot programs. I realized in writing this that both of those favorites are times when the community is working together. Helping the community be a community is definitely what I like most about working at the shul.

Tell us an interesting tidbit about yourselves!

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Law Offices of Deborah G. Kohl	(508) 677-4900	The Community Kollel of Sharon	(410) 710-7000
Van Leer Remodeling and Painting	(781) 784-3297	Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP)	cjp.org
My Grandma's of New England	(800) 8-GRANDMA	Your Lucky Day! Thrift Shop	(617) 254-8300
Crown Automotive Sales	(781) 319-3100	Roy Schreiber & Co., CPAs	(781) 784-2929
Tri-Town Discount Liquors	(781) 828-8393	Meyer, Connolly, Simons & Keuthen LLP	(617) 423-2254
Camp Yavneh	campyavneh.org	Dr. Alice Cusner, Optometrist	(781) 821-1225
Isacc's Moving and Storage	(781) 436-4700	Best Residential Renovation & Construction	(781) 806-5639
Aidance Skincare	Aidanceproducts.com	Israel Book Shop	(617) 566-7113
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Pierce, Pierce, & Napolitano, Attorneys at Law	(978) 745-0914	CCL (Cape Cod Lumber; materials&design)	(781) 878-0715
Hefez & Sons Jewelers	(508) 261-8823	Staula Plumbing & Heating	(781) 784-8815
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