

# Of Note for March & April 2015 Young Israel of Sharon

Weekday schedule for March 16-19: Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit 6:30 p.m. Mincha-Ma'ariv at Etz Chaim 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Friday, March 20 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit 6:39 p.m. Candle lighting Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

## Shabbat, March 21: Rosh Hodesh Nisan Parshat Vayikra, Parshat HaChodesh

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. The Rabbi's Shiur: Hilchot Pesach! 6:39 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/R. Sendor 7:39 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, March 22 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 6:39 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for March 23-26: 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 at Etz Chaim 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv Friday, March 27 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit 6:47 p.m. Candle lighting Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, March 28 Shabbat HaGadol; Parshat Tzav Judah Kosowsky, Bar Mitzvah

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. The Rabbi's Shiur: Hilchot Pesach! 6:47 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/R. Sendor 7:48 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah Sunday, March 29 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 6:47 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, April 2

Weekday schedule for March 30-April 1: Mon: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit 6:47 p.m. Mincha-Ma'ariv



6:55 p.m. Mincha-Ma'ariv
7:46 p.m. Search for Chametz, followed
by Nullification Formula for after the
night time search, found in most
Siddurim (Artscroll p.654)

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





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5:45 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit, Siyyum Masekhta for Firstborns, burning of Hametz 10:16 a.m. **Finish eating Chametz by this time** 

follow in this matter. See O.H. 443:1, M.B. sec 8.) 11:32 a.m. **Dispose of & nullify all Chametz by this time**, using the daytime Nullification Formula found in most Siddurim (Artscroll, p. 654).

(according to the Magen Avraham, whose position we



Friday, April 3 - **Erev Pesach: 1**st **Seder**6:54 p.m. Candle Lighting,
Mincha, Ma'ariv
7:55 p.m. Begin the Seder
after this time
12:47 a.m. Eat Afikoman
preferably by this time.

## Shabbat, April 4 - 1st Day of Pesach

9:00 a.m. Shacharit 6:55 p.m. Mincha, Shiur 7:56 p.m. Ma'ariv, Sefirat Ha-Omer, Candle Lighting After this time, Second Seder 12:47 a.m. Eat Afikoman preferably by this time

# Sunday, April 5 - Second Day of Pesach

9:00 a.m. Shacharit 6:55 p.m. Mincha, Shiur 7:57 p.m. Ma'ariv, Sefirat Ha-Omer

Weekday schedule for April 6-8: **Chol Hamoed Pesach** 5:50 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit 6:55 p.m. Mincha, Ma'ariv

Thursday April 9: **Chol Hamoed Pesach** 5:50 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit 7:01 p.m. Candle Lighting, Mincha, Ma'ariv

Friday, April 10: Shevi'l Shel Pesach

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:02 p.m. Candle Lighting, Mincha, Ma'ariv

### Shabbat, April 11: Acharon Shel Pesach

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

10:30 a.m. Yizkor

7:02 p.m. Mincha, Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

8:04 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

8:37 p.m. Hametz may be eaten after this time.

9:00 p.m. Hametz that was sold will have been acquired by this time, iy"H

Sunday, April 12

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:02 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for April 13-16:

## Thurs April 16: Yom Ha Shoah

Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

7:02 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, April 17

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

7:10p.m. Candle lighting

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, April 18 Parshat Shemini

Esther Levin, Bat Mitzvah

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

9:30 a.m. Tefilat Nashim

6:30 p.m. Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

7:10 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

8:13 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah



Sunday, April 19 Rosh Chodesh Ivvar 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 7:10 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, April 20 Rosh Chodesh Ivvar 5:50 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit 7:10 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Tues/Wed, April 21-22 Yom Ha-Zikaron 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit 7:10 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, April 23 Yom Ha-Atzmaut 6:00 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit 7:10 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, April 24 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit 7:18p.m. Candle lighting Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

## Shabbat, April 25 Parshat Tazria-Metzora

7:30a.m. Hashkama Minyan 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 6:30 p.m. Shiur w/R.Sendor 7:18 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/R.Sendor 8:22 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah Sunday, April 26 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 7:18 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule Apr. 27-30: Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit 7:18 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, May 1 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit 7:25 p.m. Candle lighting Mincha. Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

## Shabbat. May 2 Parshat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim Devorah Feder, Bat Mitzvah

7:30a.m. Hashkama Minyan 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Tefilat Nashim (Bat Mitzvah) 6:30 p.m. Shiur w/R.Sendor 7:25 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor 8:31 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

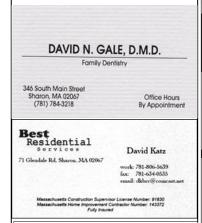
Sunday, May 3 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 7:25 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule May 4-7: Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit 7:25 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv



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# From The President

Recently, we celebrated Purim as a community, watching our children excitedly plan their costumes to the smallest details. Here in Sharon, this tradition extends even to the adults. I have never been to any other megilah reading where the adults take so much pride in their costumes. It's amazing to see the energy and spirit we have at YI of Sharon.

In the story of Purim, the Jewish community is fully assimilated into the life of Shushan, and seemed happy with their place in the Persian empire. Then Haman suddenly rises to power and, angered by Mordecai's piety, convinces King Ahasuerus to issue a decree ordering the slaughter of every Jew in the empire. We all know the story of how Mordechai and Esther awaken King Ahasuerus to Haman's evil intentions and convince him to issue a second decree – this one empowering the Jews to defend themselves against their enemies, against the very people who had hoped to the slaughter the community. Esther and Mordechai did not win the Jewish people a reprieve from the initial decree; rather they won for the Jewish people the right to fight back, to kill Haman and his followers instead of being killed by them.

Megillat Esther is a great story of Jewish pride and Jewish strength. Purim is the time of the year when Jews feel empowered. Yet today the world feels less safe for Jews than at any time in my life that I can remember. There are terrorist acts throughout Europe and Israel seems to be fighting its enemies not only on the battlefield but also in the international court of appeal. What can we do?

The center of our community lies in our Shul in spirit and the physical building.

I ask all of you in our community to rededicate yourselves to the shul. Find a program to get involved in, join a daily minyan, attend a class, join the Shmira team, volunteer on the board or a committee. We can all learn from the example set by our honorees and follow in their footsteps.

At this year's annual dinner, we recognized Michael and Dayna Delman, Ashley Marx and Eli Geller. This group of volunteers has worked tirelessly over so many years in support of our shul. They all participated in different areas of the shul, Michael joined the board and focused our attention on community building. Dayna planned our branch out shabbat and ran the Amit misloach manot program for years. Ashley helped coordinate the T'fillat Nashim and T'fialt Kitaniim program. Eli was able to perform his duties at Gabbai with a warm smile every Shabbat. These Honorees continue to give graciously of their time and talents for the greater good of the community. We are truly in their debt.

I also want to thank this year's shul board and all the volunteers that put in so much time to create and manage all of our programs. I have had the opportunity over almost two years, to see first-hand the amount of time and effort it takes to keep

our shul organized and running. This group is dedicated to make each weeks Kiddush, children's programs, adult education, minyanim, social events, shmira and building maintenance run smoothly.

We are starting the planning for next year's board, please call or email me if you are interested in getting involved. I will work with you to identify the best use of your talents.

- David

# **Tzedakah Opportunities**

Some members have asked about different Tzedakah opportunities within our shul. While general donations are always welcome to help maintain our building, programs, and staff, we also have multiple funds that are used for the good of the community and our members. Feel free to donate to any of these funds by noting on your check where to apply your donation.

**Holly Mindick Fund:** This fund provides 1 Shabbat meal for each family sitting shiva in our shul. Unfortunately, we use this fund often and it is always in great need of donations.

Rabbi's YI Family Assistance Fund: Helps families in need due to a lost job or other longer term economic issue.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** Used for more immediate situations for families in our shul. It is in constant need of donations.

**Library Fund:** This fund stocks the shelves of our comprehensive library. Donations help update our current selection.

## From The Rabbi

"It is taught: We ask about and expound upon the laws of Pesach thirty days before the festival (Pesachim 6a)."

Rav Kook explains that every great goal requires significant preparation. The goal of our Pesach observance is "to appreciate the wondrous Exodus that informs us of the greatness of Ha-Shem, the reality of His providential care, and His love for the descendants of His servants Avraham, Yitzhak and Yaakov (Haggadah, 33)." But the appreciation of the Exodus is not the end of the process. Rav Kook adds: "even this itself is just a preparation, because the repair of the world is not complete with the Exodus from Egypt, which set up the further subjugations of the succeeding kingdoms. But were it not for the redemption from Egypt, which prepares us in holiness and makes known to us the extra love of the Holy One, blessed be He, there would be no path towards the future redemption (34)."

According to Rav Kook, the way we prepare to appreciate the Exodus is by the learning that we do. Commenting on the question of the Wise Son, "What are the testimonies and the statutes and the laws that God has commanded you," and the answer "consequently, you tell him about the laws of Pesach – that we do not have after-meal treats after the Pesach Afikoman," Rav Kook observes that halakhic inquiry has a special power. "In truth, the ramification and expansion of each mitzvah accomplishes the goal just like the performance of the mitzvah itself. By laboring to understand the specifics of mitzvot, and discussing and clarifying their details, the taste of the mitzvot penetrate and are deeply felt in the nation as a whole (39)." He explains that our answer to the Wise Son is the halakhic detail that conveys the principle that nothing should interfere with the last, lingering taste of the Pesach sacrifice, that should stay with us and penetrate our hearts. The process of learning the laws of Pesach and the interpretations of the events of the Exodus immerses us in the depths of these events, sensitizes us to perceive the Hand of Ha-Shem in our lives prepares us to work towards the ultimate redemption. Rav Kook cites the statement of the Zohar (I 40-41), that "the redemption is aroused by the story of the Exodus," meaning the telling of the story and the fulfillment of the connected mitzvot is part of the process of the realization of the redemption itself.

So in this month before Pesach our job is to ask and to expound, to learn as much as we can, especially to learn with our children and immerse ourselves as families in the mitzvot and the narratives of Pesach. The more we prepare, the richer and deeper our experience will be. And the insights and inspiration we receive in this way will help prepare us to meet the serious challenges we face as Jews in the world today. Rav Kook promises: "the faith that is firmly planted in our hearts will enable us to withstand all the tests and trials of the world (34)," and bring us to a complete Redemption, speedily and in our days.

Chag Kasher ve-Sameah, Rabbi Meir Sendor

# Shul Activities and Announcements

**Rabbinic Search:** Over 100 members participated in focus groups to share their desires for our new Rabbi. A survey will go out next month to all members registered through our website. We hope everyone participates in providing input! If you have any thoughts or concerns, please do not hesitate to approach one of us – Michelle Avigan, Shlomo Lerner, and David Saltzman – or send an email to yisharonsearch@gmail.com.

**Inclusion Initiative:** We are joining with many other Shuls of the Greater Boston area in a Synagogue Inclusion Initiative sponsored by the CJP and the Ruderman Family Foundation intended to help Shuls enhance their accessibility, hospitality and support for those with disabilities. Information on this important initiative can be found on our website under "programs," including my devar Torah from Shabbat Parshat Mezora inaugurating our inclusion program

**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. 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 - and are willing to help plan it - please contact Dahlia (<u>dahliasherman@gmail.com</u>).

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The rabbinic search survey will be sent to registered member emails – it will not go out on yisharon. If you and your spouse each want to provide individual input, you each need an email address registered ☺

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# **PURIM FUN! Kid's Party**

Thank you to Yehudah Potok, Shira Lowenstein and Skai Bateman for volunteering at the children's Purim event on Sunday. Thank you also to Ilyse Ehrenkranz for coordinating and Odalya and Ayelet for helping with craft and emceeing our costume contest.





# **PURIM FUN! Break-fast Celebration**

Thank you to the Dahlia Weinberg, Lisa Klinger and Ilyse Ehrenkranz for coordinating the Purim Celebration. Thank you to Iris Blitstein, Alec Blitstein, Roy Strunin, Lisa Strunin, Devorah Kosowsky, Yoni Weinberg, Jodi Saltzman, Dayna Delman, Michael Delman, Jon Marcus, Mindy Liss, and Josh Vogel for shopping, setting up and clean up.















# ANNUAL DINNER: Michael and Dayna Delman, honorees; Ashley Marx & Eli Geller, service award

Thanks to the many people who put in so much effort to make this year's celebration a great success. Celebration coordinators: Lisa Strunin and Sharon Ramelson. Celebration committee: Iris Blitstein, Ellyn Edelman, Amy Goldman, Sharon Lerner and Shira Loewenstein. Ad journal coordinators: Jon Marcus, Roy Strunin and Libi Rides. Ad journal committee: Iris Blitstein, Debbie Ellenbogen, Sharon Ravid, Ann Sendor, Aaron Weinberg and Dena Zyroff. Fundraising committee: David Katz, Julie Krimsky, Adam Shain, Matt Weinstock and Dalia Yablon. Ad journal layout (and much more): Aaron Saks. Our very own Shtick Around performers: David Berg, Tzvi Diamond, Amir Karger, Cary Krimsky and Harley Ramelson. Shtick Around's manager, agent and person responsible for lyrics and musical adaptations: Sharon Ramelson.



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