



# PURIM 5777 @ KMS

## PURIM NIGHT PARTY FOR ADULTS AND KIDS

Party for the whole Kehillah after nighttime Megillah Reading (March 11<sup>th</sup>) at KMS: Purim Shpiel, refreshments, photo-ops, costume contest, crafts and more!

## YOUTH PURIM EVENTS

**KMS/YISE Purim Carnival: SUNDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> at KMS 10:30am – 12:30pm**

For kids 3-10 years old

Inflatables, games, crafts and a chance to act out scenes for the Megillah Slide Show.

### Three Chessed Projects at the Carnival:

- 1-Loose coins brought from home to be rolled so they can be given to Yad Yehuda
- 2-Kids will create boxes for donating extra candy and treats from Misholach Manot to Walter Reed/ Red Cross
- 3-Kids will write Pesach greetings to go with food distributions to the needy in Akko

### Purim Night: Youth-led Megillah reading in Social Hall.

Slide Show of the Purim Story, acted out by KMS kids, to be shown in front for young kids.

### Purim Morning: Youth Minyan/Megillah reading in Sanctuary

On Purim Look Out For: Special Youth Matanot L'Evyonim  
4 Mitzvot of Purim Card



## FOOD DONATIONS

Please use a box of pasta as a gragger for megillah reading and then place it in the marked bins in KMS lobby to be donated to Kosher Food Pantry. ALSO, place leftover Mishloach Manot in designated bins in the lobby to be donated to Walter Reed/ Red Cross.

## MATANOT L'EVYONIM

KMS is happy to be your "agent" to distribute the funds on Purim day on your behalf.

⇒ **You may give online**

([www.kmsynagogue.org](http://www.kmsynagogue.org))

Deadline : Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm

⇒ **You may submit cash/check.**

- **To the office.** All money handed in must be given directly to a member of the office staff and **marked specifically** as Matanot L'Evyonim (*general donations to the tzedakah fund will NOT be allocated to Manatnot L'Evyonim*)  
**Deadline for Office Donation:** Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> 5 pm
- **OR placed in one of the Matanot L'Evyonim Baskets** that will be in the lobby on Purim night and morning.  
**Deadline for Basket Donation:** Purim Morning 10 am



Alternatively, fulfill the mitzvah through:

Yad Yehudah/Mond Foundation (<http://www.yadyehuda.org/matonos-levyonim.html>) Od Yosef Chai (800-823-CHAI, <http://www.odyosefchai.org/matanotlevyonim>) Global Jewish Assistance and Relief (<https://globaljewish.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=20>)

## FULL PURIM SCHEDULE

Taanit Esther-Thursday March 9

Fast Begins: 5:10 am

Shacharit: 6:30 am

Mincha: 5:40 pm (Shkia 6:09 pm)

Fast Ends : 6:48 pm

Purim Night -Motzaei Shabbat March 11

Shabbat Mincha (Shkia 6:11 pm) 5:00 pm

Shabbat Ends: 6:51 pm

Maariv / Megillah (Sanctuary & Beit Midrash): 7:15 pm

Youth Maariv / Megillah (Social Hall): 7:15 pm

Women's Tefila Group Megillah (Youth Beit Midrash): 9:00 pm

Additional Reading, no Maariv (Beit Midrash): 9:00 pm

Purim Day – Sunday March 12

**NOTE: Clocks change to DST on Sunday Morning**

First Shacharit (Sanctuary): 7:30 am

Second Shacharit (Youth Beit Midrash): 8:15 am

Youth Shacharit (Sanctuary) :9:00 am

Additional Reading, no Shacharit (Beit Midrash): 11:00 am

Mincha: 4:00 pm (Shkia 7:12)

Maariv: 9:00 pm

## LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF PURIM

### TAANIT ESTHER

The fast is observed in commemoration of the fast observed by Mordechai and Esther and all of Israel in the time of the Purim story. The fast is called by Esther's name because she was the one to request the observance of a fast as it says, "Go and gather all the Jews who are found in Shushan and fast over me, and do not eat and do not drink three days, night and day; and I and my maidens will also fast thus." (Esther 4:16). The original fast was observed by Esther and the entire Jewish people on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of Nissan, immediately after Mordechai was informed of Haman's decree. We fast on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Adar in memory of the day of the mobilization for war against the enemies and as a prelude to the salvation of Purim. The Fast of Esther is usually the day before Purim on the 13th of Adar. Since the 13<sup>th</sup> of Adar falls on Shabbat this year, the fast is observed on **Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>**. **With the exception of those who are ill, pregnant or nursing, all adults should fast on Taanit Esther. The fast begins at 5:10 AM and ends at 6:48 PM.**

### MACHATZIT HASHEKEL

In commemoration of the **half-shekel** donated annually to the Beit Hamikdash at this time of year to pay for upkeep and communal sacrifices, it is customary for every Jew to contribute 3 half-dollar coins on Erev Purim. The reason we use three half-shekels is that the term Trumah (contribution) is mentioned three times in the Torah portion of Ki-Tissa, in the account of the mitzvah of the half-shekel. This year one may begin giving the Machatzit Hashekel on the afternoon of Taanit Esther (Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>). KMS will have baskets available in the lobby with sets of three half dollar coins both on Taanit Esther as well as on Purim Night and Day. **The procedure** for fulfilling this custom is as follows: Place \$1.50 or more in the designated basket in order to 'purchase' the set of three half-dollar coins, lift the coins up to demonstrate ownership over them, and then deposit them back into the basket as a gift. **A Machatzit Hashekel gift should be given by, or on behalf of, men, women and even children below Bar/Bat**



**Mitzvah age.** Money collected in these baskets will go to Tzedaka.

### PARSHAT ZAKHOR

Because Haman was a descendant of Amalek, the biblical commandment of "*Zakhor et asher asah lecha Amalek*" (Deut. 25:17-Parshat Ki Tetzei) to remember that nation's cruel attack on our people is fulfilled annually on the Shabbat before Purim. The reading of Parshat Zakhor will take place Shabbat, March 11<sup>th</sup> as the maftir reading at the end of leyning. For those unable to attend the first reading, there will be a **second reading** of Parshat Zakhor immediately following davening at the 8:45am minyan.



### END OF SHABBAT TO PURIM TRANSITION

This year Purim begins on Motzaei Shabbat. **Shabbat Mincha will take place slightly earlier than usual (5:00pm) and Maariv (7:15pm) slightly after Shabbat ends (6:51pm)** to enable people to go home after Mincha, eat Seudah Shlishit, and then *after Shabbat* make the necessary Purim preparations and return to shul. As Shabbat ends (6:51pm), one should say "*baruch hamadvil beyn kodesh lechol.*" After that, one may get in to costume, prepare megillahs and graggers and other items and drive back to KMS. At 7:15pm we will begin Maariv and then proceed to Megillah reading.

### ROSE AND BERNARD SINGER MEGILLAH READING PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to ensure that no one in our community misses out on hearing a megillah reading because of illness, infirmity, or due to some other reason that prevents him or her from getting to shul on Purim.

## THE FOUR MITZVOT OF THE DAY:

### 1) MEGILLAH READING

The primary mitzvah of Purim is **hearing the megillah twice**: Once at night and once during the day (preferably after sunrise which is at 7:24am). This obligation applies equally to both men and women, and is fulfilled by hearing every word of the megillah read from a scroll. If you are listening to megillah reading and miss a word or two you may fill in by reading it to yourself (even if you are not following in a kosher megillah) and catch up to the leynner. One should have in mind to fulfill their obligation of the **three brachot prior to megillah reading** (answering amen after each one) through the one who is reciting them on behalf of the shul. In the morning, one should also have in mind that the shehechyanu is being said not only over the reading of the megillah, but over the performance of the other mitzvot of the day as well. One may recite the **bracha of "harav et riveynu" after megillah** reading along with the leynner. *See the Full Purim Schedule section on the previous page for details regarding the various Megillah readings at night and during the day.*

### 2) MISHLOACH MANOT

In order to promote a spirit of friendship and shared celebration, the megillah defines Purim as a day of "*mishloach manot ish l'reyhu*", a day when every Jewish man and woman is obligated to give at least **two fully prepared foods (two foods with different brachot) to at least one friend**. Because of the festive nature of this mitzvah, a mourner should not give more than the one obligatory Mishloach Manot gift; others should not give directly to the mourner, rather to family as a whole. Because this mitzvah is meant to enhance the festivities of Purim day and imbue it with a spirit of giving, the gifts must be delivered during the daytime on Purim itself to properly fulfill the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot.

### 3) MATANOT L'EVYONIM

In order to lift the spirits of those in need and enable them to rejoice on Purim, every Jew is obligated to give a **monetary gift (of any amount) to at least two less fortunate individuals**. These monetary gifts can be given to an agent in advance of Purim, but must be given out to those in need by the giver or his/her agent on Purim day itself. Halacha (Rambam) encourages us to spend at least as much on Matanot L'Evyonim as we do on our own Purim Seudah or Mishloach Manot. For instructions on how to give please see the "Matanot L'Evyonim" section of this brochure.

### 4) SEUDAT PURIM

The joyous nature of Purim is expressed by participating in a festive meal on Purim day. This meal should include bread, nicer Shabbat-type foods, and some wine. It is preferable that the meal be in the afternoon, that much of the meal be eaten before sundown (7:12pm) (at the minimum, the meal must be *started* before sundown). Of course, the festivities can continue into the night.

If you have any questions about Purim, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

**PURIM SAMEACH!**

**Rabbi Brahm Weinberg**

