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Parshat Tetzaveh - Shabbat Zachor
פרשת תצוה

Shaarei Tefillah is the destination for families and individuals from diverse Jewish backgrounds who share a desire for strong Jewish values, relevant inspiration, personal growth and warm welcoming community!

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

EREV SHABBAT | FRIDAY NIGHT

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING	5:02 PM
CANDLE LIGHTING	5:56 PM
MINCHA/MAARIV	6:05 PM

SHABBAT DAY

MORNING SERVICES	9:00 AM
MINCHA/SEUDAT SHLEISHIT	5:50 PM
HAVDALAH	6:57 PM

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

WEEKLY MINCHA	7:00 PM
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SUNDAY

DAF YOMI	7:15 AM
SHACHARIT	8:15 AM

MONDAY - TA'ANIT ESTHER

FAST BEGINS	6:27 AM
SHACHARIT	6:15/7:15 AM
MINCHA	6:50 PM
MAARIV FOLLOWED BY MEGILLAH	7:40 PM
FAST ENDS	7:53 PM
SECOND MEGILLAH READING	10:00 PM

TUESDAY - PURIM

SHACHARIT	7:00 AM
MEGILLAH READING	7:30 AM
SECOND MEGILLAH READING	10:00 AM
MINCHA	4:00 PM
MAARIV	7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

DAF YOMI	6:30 AM
SHACHARIT	6:30/7:30 AM

EREV SHABBAT MARCH 14TH

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING	6:08 PM
CANDLE LIGHTING	7:04 PM
MINCHA/MAARIV	7:10 PM

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YAHARZEITS FOR THE WEEK

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member Name
Jacob Cohen	Father	Irving Cohen
Chana Klein	Sister	Anna Gelberger
Gertrude Rakowsky	Mother	Dorothy Novak
Nissim Avraham	Father	Riki Goldberg
Chaim Werb	Father	Dr. Sol Werb
Joel Diena	Husband	Mrs. Rachel Diena
Rachel Pamensky	Mother	Victor Pamensky
Philip Silverberg	Father	Dr. Morton Silverberg
Jack Halpert	Husband	Marilyn Halpert
Israel Mosheh Safirstein	Father	Victor Safirstein

Dear Members & Guests,

Purim is one of my favorite holidays, not simply for the obvious reason that it's a great excuse to say "I'll drink to that", but more importantly because it contains a powerful one-two punch lesson that is important for us as an STC family as well as for all of Klal Yisrael.

The danger facing the Jews in Persia came about because Haman realized that we were a divided people...and divided we do indeed fall. Esther realized this and in order to turn the tides, instructed Mordechai: "Lech knos et kol haYehudim" – "Go and gather all the Jews." In order to merit mazel and bracha as a nation, we must show Hashem and each other that we treat every Jew as a member of our family. We do this so well here at shul and we need to extend that to each Jew we meet. Together we can bring tremendous blessing into this world.

Secondly, at the end of Sefer Devarim, the Torah warns us that calamities will befall the Jewish people despite our commitment to Jewish practice...if the Judaism we practice is devoid of joy. When we go through the motions but feel no simcha, that's a problem because not only does it mean that we are missing out on the essence of what it means to be a Jew, but empty ritual is impossible to pass on to the next generation. On Purim, the happiest day of the year, we remind ourselves of the richness and joy that are part and parcel of Judaism and we are reminded to extend that joyfulness throughout the year.

There is never a time that Klal Yisrael isn't in need of help from Hashem, whether it be the existential threats that Israel continues to face, the lurking Anti-Semitism that continues to exist, the lack of unity in Israel as demonstrated even through the crazy electoral process, and even when it comes to issue of health. While obviously we MUST take the necessary physical precautions we have outlined for the shul, ultimately, all efforts are futile without also bring Aveinu Shebashayaim into the picture as well.

If the story of Purim teaches us anything it is that with achdus, greater simcha in our Yiddishkeit and closer connection to Hashem - we can overcome anything, and Hashem is always there for us!

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Purim Sameach!

Rabbi Lipner

P.S. - Don't forget to fulfill your mitzvah of Matanot L'evyonim - a special tzedakah mitzvah to ensure that EVERYONE has a joyous Purim- by either going on line or dropping off a cheque or cash at the office or giving it directly to me (made payable to the Shaarei Tefillah Charity Fund) by Monday morning. All funds will receive a full tax receipt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Kiddush is generously sponsored by:

Harry & Rosalyn Figov in honor of Harry's grandfather Harry Figov A"H, whose Yahrzeit was observed on the 7th of Adar, great grandfather Simon Figov A"H, whose Yahrzeit was on the 8th of Adar, and grandmother Milly Figov A"H, whose Yahrzeit is on the 12th of Adar. May their Neshamot have an Aliyah.

Norman Sherrin in honor of his beloved wife Blanche Sherrin A"H, whose yahrzeit is on the 14th of Adar. May her Neshama have an Aliyah.

Seudat Shleisheit is generously sponsored by

Goldie Bellack & Sheila Bellack, in honor of their beloved husband and father Morris Bellack, A"H, whose Yahrzeit was on the 10th of Adar. May his Neshama have an Aliyah.

Parsha Sheet is generously sponsored by Sarah, Andrew, Yaakov and Avigdor Novak in honor of **Mary Zeldman's** birthday. Happy Birthday.

Thank you to Dr. Steve & Kathy Samuel for generously sponsoring the Tanit Esther Break-Fast.

Our Condolences to Harold Miller, Aaron Miller, and Doris Lewis on the loss of their beloved sister Eleanore Steidman A"H. May her Neshama have an Aliyah.

CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 UPDATE FROM STC

We want to reassure everyone that the risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19 is extremely low, especially in otherwise healthy people and children. However, the overall population impact might be significant and we should be prepared. As such, it is important that we follow standard health practices at this time:

- Continue normal infection prevention and control activities for this time of year – cover your mouth with your arm when coughing or sneezing, and practice good hand hygiene using soap/water or alcohol based sanitizers
- If you have travelled to countries with community transmission please contact public health authorities to find out how you should proceed
 - Please stay home if you are ill
- Please refrain from the following activities while in the synagogue: hugging, shaking hands, kissing Mezuzot, and kissing the Torah
- When you attend a Kiddush or an event with food please use utensils and not your hands

We are going to be supplying alcohol based hand sanitizer all over the synagogue and we will be stocking the bathroom facilities with soap and paper towel.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep you updated to provide information as it pertains to the ongoing services and events of the shul.

Finally, as a religious community, we should continue to use our tefillot as an equal, if not more critical, form of intervention.

May Hashem see to it that those who are unwell, recover, and that the risk to everyone is quickly eliminated.



PROGRAM TIME NURSERY THE MAKER SPACE JUNIOR MINYAN
10:00am-12:00pm Under Grade 1 Grades 1— Grade 3 Grade 4 — Grade 8

WEEKLY YOUTH BLURB

In this week's Parsha we learn about the special clothing that the Kohanim and the Kohen Gadol wear. We read about the process of korbanot and the knowledge of using 100% pure olive oil in the Menorah! This week in groups we will have extra special programming to learn about Israel! Keep an eye out for Israel themed trivia questions that will be posted around the shul! If you know the answers tell them to Ariella and Yossi to get tickets to use to get awesome prizes at the SHINShop!

This week we celebrate Purim! Our Youth Directors have made special Mishloach Manot to all the kids who come to Megilla reading Monday night! Come dressed in your costumes, and join us **on the stage by the Aron Kodesh** to BOO Haman and **pop some bubble wrap!** After Megillah, join us for a sweet delicious treat to help raise up our levels of Simcha!

Batya & Ryan Jenah (Shaarei Tefillah Youth Directors)

RIDDLES OF THE WEEK

Nursery-Gr 3: What did the doctor prescribe to the sick lemon?

Gr4-8: I am a word. If you pronounce me correctly, it will be wrong. If you pronounce me wrong it is right? What word am I?

Adults: The one who makes me does not need me, when he makes me. The one who buys me does not use me for himself or herself. And, the one who uses me doesn't know that he or she is using me. What am I?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S RIDDLES

Nursery - Gr. 3: Three men were in a boat. They all jumped in, but only 2 got their hair wet. How is this so? **One man was bald!**

Gr. 4 - 8: Different bright lights do make me strange, then into different sizes I will change. What am I? **Pupil of your eye.**

Adults: When I'm used, I'm useless, once offered, soon rejected. In desperation oft expressed, the speaker is soon rejected. What am I? **An excuse**

