



# Tetzaveh - Shabbat Zachor Erev Purim

## Friday 10th March 2017

Candle Lighting	6.45pm
Mincha	6.30pm
Maariv	6.40pm

## Shabbat 11th March 2017

Shacharit	9.00am
Mincha	6.40pm
Maariv	7.56pm

## A word from the Rabbi

### PURIM

Purim is often considered a day of vengeance. Whereas other festivals seem to focus on the redemption of the Jews, Purim puts a particular emphasis on the destruction of Amalek in general, and Haman in particular.

Nowadays we only boo at the sound of Haman, but historically we threw stones at paper inscribed with his name, trampled on his name and even burnt effigies of him. Is this consistent with traditional Jewish values? Ordinarily we cower at the thought of violence, yet here we celebrate it, cheering at the hanging of Haman and his ten sons. Are we not the great pacifists of the world? Love all and hate none?

Perhaps our celebration of Purim portrays an historical account of Jewish victimhood that is finally dispelled. After two millennia of injustice, just for once we wanted to be the victor rather than the victim. Purim exposed a sense, and to a certain degree a hope, of relief on the one hand, and pure instinctual vengeance on the other.

Alternatively, we should dismiss the myth that Judaism is a pacifistic faith. For the last two thousand years, we were not pacifists, we were powerless. Moshe waged wars, Joshua conquered the land, and King David spilled so much blood that he was denied the privilege of building the Temple, a sanctuary of peace.

Every Shabbat service we read, "Those who love Hashem **hate** evil" אוהבי ה' שנארו רע Purim is not a day of vengeance against Amalek, it's a crusade against evil. It's not a personal vendetta, it's "business".

Judaism demands that we stand for morality. This means that at times we must be prepared to arm ourselves in its defence and, in the context of Purim, celebrate the demise of its nemesis - evil.

**Shabbat shalom and Purim sameiach**

### WE WISH A HEARTY MAZAL TOV ON YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH ANNIVERSARY TO:

Yoram Drutman	David Goldberg	Patrick Cemal
Darren Levin	Matthew Levin	Yonnie Rosenbaum
Liron Rutovitz	Dale Slater	Brian Solomon

### WE WISH A HEARTY MAZAL TOV ON YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO:

Roy and Melanie Baskin	Brian and Lisa Burman
Anthony and Andrea Frankel	David and Ros Glaser
Simon and Vanessa Griesz	Mark and Jo-Ann Levy
Gavin and Jo Marx	Steven and Brenda Rosen

**We wish long life to the following Members who commemorate Yartzeit this week:**

Minna Johnson	for her father	Marcus Balkind
Ron Baskin	for his father	Louis Baskin
Renee Gazzard	for her father	Basil Bennett
Sylvia Glasser	for her mother	Lydia Brenner
Helene Shofer and Simone Rutovitz	for their aunt	Etta Cohen
Gary Cohen	for his father	Leon Cohen
Chana Grauman	for her father	Michael Davidowitz
Chana Grauman	for her mother	Lily Davidowitz
Lily Katz	for her mother	Bessie Dembo
Cheryse Steinberg	for her mother	Estelle Fisher
Martin Forer	for his father	Harold Forer
David Glaser	for his mother	Bessie Glaser
Lesley Abelsohn	for her grandmother	Toby Grupel
Rodney Kenner	for his mother	Charlotte Kenner
Karyn Moskow	for her father	Stanley Kibur
Bertie Miller	for her uncle	Nathan Klass
Helene Sacks	for her mother	Minnie Krasnowsky
Nadine Marcus	for her husband	Kevin Marcus
Tracy Cohen	for her father	Blackie Meyer
Estelle Behrens	for her son	Barry Nathan
Leah Port	for her father	Samuel Sonnabend
Harry Bauer and Yoram Drutman	for their grandmother	Betsy Stein
Calvin Stein	for his father	Manfred Stein
Colin Sussman	for his grandmother	Lina Sussman
Peter Zinn	for his father	Jack Zinn

# ISRAEL UPDATE



with **UIA CEO**

## Yair Miller OAM

**February 10, 24**

**March 10**

**@6pm**





**We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to**

**Dean Chertkow**

**on his bar Mitzvah this Shabbat  
and to his parents,  
Brian and Adele Chertkow**

**and Grandmothers,  
Rennie Chertkow and Irene Kaplan**

**Mazal tov and much nachas.**

### **Dean Jared Chertkow**

Dean is a very passionate, genuine, kind and caring, responsible young man, full of enthusiasm for life. He is a keen outdoor sportsman and excels at cricket, soccer and swimming. He also loves spending time on the water whether it is wakeboarding or in the surf. He enjoys boating and holds a young adult's boat license. Dean is also very passionate and knowledgeable about cars.

Dean is in Year 8 at Moriah College and due to his easy-going and sociable nature has formed a large group of friends. He has a quick sense of humour and enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

Dean has chosen to remember and honour Shmuel Ackerman from Bochnia, Poland, who died in the Shoah at Belzec in 1942 at the age of 8 before he was able to celebrate his bar mitzvah.



## **HELP US FILL IN THE BLANKS**

We want to know more about **U** and **OUR** community so help us by filling in the Gen17 Australian Jewish Community Survey.

We need **U!** Head to:  
[www.monash.edu/gen17](http://www.monash.edu/gen17)  
to complete the survey and help fill in the blanks for our community.

This is a once in a decade opportunity for you to have your say and provide the evidence that is the vital ingredient for community planning.



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# PURIM IN THE BUSH SUNDAY 12 MARCH



**MEGILAH 10:15AM**  
**COSTUME COMPETITION**  
**HAMENTASCHEN BAKING**  
**REPTILE SHOW**  
**11:30AM**

**AWESOME PRIZES FOR  
BEST DRESSED!!**

