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Shabbat Parshat Tzav

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Shabbat Parshat Tzav

Haftara: Yirmiyahu 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23

Face masks must be worn properly - covering nose and mouth - in all areas in and around the TBDJ building.

Friday, March 18

4:30pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
5:49pm Plag Hamincha
6:35pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabbat -
Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
6:46pm Candle Lighting
6:50pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat -
Main Sanctuary
7:04pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, March 19 / 16 Adar Bet

8:00am Shacharit - Lower Hall
8:40am Chumash Shiur
with Rabbi Freundlich
9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
9:00am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade -
Chapel
10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for
Kids - Lower Level Classrooms
10:02am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
4:30pm Walking groups leave for Snif Bnei
Akiva at BIBA (5:00pm-6:00pm)
- return to TBDJ by 6:30pm
5:50pm Plag Hamincha
6:20pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet et
Arvit - Minyane Sépharade
6:40pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
7:06pm Sh'kiah
7:49pm Havdala
8:30pm Musical Havdala on Facebook
with Rev. Amiel & Cheryl Bender
8:30pm Daf Yomi on Zoom

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mincha: 6:50pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am and 9:00am
Monday and Thursday: 6:50am
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

On Friday, March 25

Candle Lighting is at 6:55pm
and **Mincha** is at 7:00pm (Seph. is at 6:45pm)

For our full schedule, go to tbdj.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Carolyn & Arnold Steinman** and their family on the upcoming wedding of their grandson Yona Samuel Steinman to Maya Pretsfelder on Sunday, March 20 in New York. Sharing in their simcha are Yona's parents Golda & Ned Steinman of Yerushalayim, Maya's parents Barbara & Steven Pretsfelder of Riverdale, NY and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Condolences to **Gerszon & Laura Korman** and to **Aron & Anne Korman** and their families on the loss of their beloved brother and brother-in-law Alex Korman z"l who passed away on Wednesday, March 16. Funeral took place on Thursday, March 17. Shiva continues until Wednesday, March 23 at 6565 Collins Ave. in Cote Saint-Luc - in the reception hall off the lobby.

Refu'a Sh'leima to:
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For details, please send an email to brian@tbdj.org.

UPCOMING SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS

Sunday, March 20, 9:45am Kollel Yom Rishon - Upper Social Hall
Sunday, March 20, 10:00am Spring Gardening Event - registration for this event is now closed
Monday, March 21, 10:00am Tehilim Shiur with Rifki Freundlich on Zoom
Thursday, March 31, 8:00pm Sip in the City Wine Tasting Event - preregistration required - see flyer on page 4
Tuesdays at 12:00pm Halacha Shiur - on hiatus
Wednesdays at 12:15pm Parsha Shiur - on hiatus
Thursdays at 12:30pm Parsha Shiur for Women - on hiatus

Daylight Saving Time has arrived. Pushing the clock forward has afforded me an extension on my daily early morning seasonal treat of being able to walk to shul as the dark of night fades and our world is poised to come alive for another wonderful day in Hashem's wonderful world. It is a majestic time of the day where I find that walking along the dark and quiet street to the synagogue gives me time to think. The quiet of the morning also provokes many thoughts within me. This past Thursday, on Purim morning, I reflected on the incongruity of the peace and serenity on our side of the world compared to the instability in Ukraine where total chaos reigns.

The past few weeks have fueled and flooded our thoughts with the people of Ukraine and the horrific atrocities that are committed on their land on a daily basis by the attacking Russian army. At this time of the year it is logical to draw parallels between the evil Haman of Megillat Esther and the evil dictator in our contemporary and modern times who is rampantly dictating the way people's lives should be destroyed, not excluding his own people. We are not at rest as we witness these horrid atrocities, which political analysts insist haven't happened since the days of World War Two. And yet... the world moves on.

In the face of this political chaotic crisis, I feel that there is a certain strength and solace from the story of Purim which encourages our hope that things will be resolved.

The beauty of the Purim miracle is that it wasn't a momentous event heard of around the world, rather it was a נס נסתר - a hidden miracle, a story that could happen anytime in any place behind the scenes because Hashem's salvation reigns supreme in our world. In the Purim story plot, there are no outright miracles but many unrelated details come together to save the Jewish people. It is not a story of a supernatural G-dly involvement like the exodus from Egypt that involved ten plagues and the splitting of the Red Sea. It is a story of natural events playing out in a way that is evident that there is a 'hidden hand' directing the story of events and ensuring a happy ending. While our world seems to be running on its own, full of random unrelated events, it is Hashem who hides behind the curtain of fate directing our experiences.

In the Shmone Esre prayer of על הניסים recited on Purim, we say the following words about Hashem's miracles: בימים ההם - in those days at this time. These words allude to the Purim miracle that took place in ancient days at this season of the year in the Hebrew month of Adar. The Levush (1530-1612) cites these words as a double measure of praise: We praise Hashem for the miracles which took place in ancient times and also for the countless hidden miracles performed every day in our contemporary world, which sustain life and health for our glorious nation and for each and every one of us as individuals.

I like to take those words and say that miracles that happened in those times can happen in our times as well. Looking at the story of Purim we understand that Hashem was working behind the scenes to grant salvation to our ancestors and much of the story seems to have happened while the Jews of Shushan were living their lives and daily routines. It's very possible that many people in the kingdom didn't even realize what was going on around them. With these thoughts in mind we pray for Hashem's salvation in a world that is stricken with pandemic and war, and that Hashem will quietly - albeit not necessarily in any noticeable way - save the world from its serious challenges.

Hashem directs our world from behind the scenes. This idea links us to the tradition of masquerading on Purim. The word "Hashem" doesn't appear openly in Megillat Esther because Hashem often remains hidden in our lives until we recognize

Him and His handwriting in the circumstances and events that unfold. Yes, it sometimes happens that Hashem's salvation comes as a miracle, defying natural laws. Still, more often than not, divine salvation is *disguised* in ordinary events – *hidden* in what can be perceived as a series of *coincidences* – like what happens here in the Scroll of Esther. Even the name of this book – *Megillat Esther* – is very profound and reflects this amazing dynamic between hidden and revealed: the name Esther (אסתר) is related to the word *nistar* - *hidden, concealed*. While the word *megillah* is related to the word *megaleh* - *reveal*. So, the words *Megillat Esther* can literally be translated as *the revelation of the hidden* – and this is the meaning of the name of this amazing book.

Rabbi Marc D. Angel writes: *The Purim story is replete with surprises. Things are not what they initially seem to be. Esther pretends not to be Jewish and masquerades as a Persian Queen. Mordecai wears sackcloth and ashes but is later dressed up as viceroy to the king. The king appears to be all powerful but he is an indecisive hedonist who allots real power to others. Haman seems to be in control but ends up being hanged on a tree on which he had hoped to hang Mordecai. When the Jews ultimately prevail, many of their one time enemies were "mityahadim," appearing to be Jews themselves. Even Hashem, whose name is not mentioned in Megillat Esther, seems to be hiding.*

To celebrate this idea on Purim, we hide ourselves by dressing up in costumes, appearing as something or someone else, while our true selves remain hidden underneath the masquerade.

Moreh Amiel, what are you going to dress up as on Purim? This is the annual Pre-Purim question that is posed to me by the students in my music classes. It was nice to hear that question again this year, since last year, in 2021, I opted out of live, in-school teaching due to COVID-19 concerns. I jokingly told my students that this year, for a change, maybe I would take my mask off and my costume would be - to be myself. Let's face it - the reality of the pandemic has had us *mask-querading* daily for the past two years.

A few months into our pandemic lives, people took to wearing new kinds of masks with pictures and messages on them. Instead of getting the souvenir kipa at an outdoor, limited attendance, wedding, we were each given a commemorative cloth mask with the names of the bride and groom embossed along with the wedding date. A sign of the times. I jokingly asked Cheryl if it would be tactless to wear a wedding mask from one wedding as we attended another one. Either way, with the onset of the pandemic upon leaving the house I would choose the mask colour that I would wear. I quickly settled on the colour black and that has been my *mask-querade* for the bottom of my face since March 2020. Locked out of school on different occasions, many of my colleagues did not enjoy the Zoom teaching. I was happy to Zoom for one reason – it gave me the opportunity to see my students faces, to actually communicate - albeit virtually – with faces that showed expression, to sing with mouths that were seen singing, to smile and joke with faces that were smiling and more.

The irony? While masquerading and wearing masks gives us something that we desire, the freedom to be someone else, the imposed pandemic *mask-querading* took away our freedom to be ourselves in the visible way that we are accustomed. May we soon be blessed to live in a world where masks are only worn in celebration, and not out of necessity to protect us from illness.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel

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Shabbat Parshat Tzav

**Walking Groups from
TBDJ leave at 4:30 at
come back at 6:30**

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**Saturday March 19
5-6 pm at BIBA**

שבת שלום ומבורך!



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**SPRING
GARDENING
EVENT**

Sunday, March 20, 2022
10:00am



**A Special "Hands-On" Program
LIVE IN-PERSON AT TBJD**

(Zoom option also available)

Led by the **Backyard Planting Montreal** group
With special remarks from Rabbi Freundlich & Sarah Gateno

All proceeds will go towards planting trees in Israel

REGISTER AT: **TBJD.ORG/PLANTING**

Learn the basics of planting... compare the different seeds for different plants...
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FOR ORDERS
BEFORE MARCH 11**
PICKUP
BY MARCH 13



Sip in the City: A Wine Tasting Evening

**Thursday, March 31, 2022,
8:00 pm**

\$40 per person

**Come taste wines from around the
world with wine connoisseur**

Rabbi Yisroel Bernath

Music, wine, desserts, grazing boxes (dairy)

For more information on wine for Pesach,
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