Shabbos Zachor

Commenting on the verse “and these days of Purim should never cease among the Jews” (Esther 9:28), the Midrash states that even when all the other festivals are discontinued, Purim will always remain. The commentaries give various interpretations on what this Midrash may mean, but it is evident from this Midrash that Purim has special significance and surpasses in importance the festivals of Passover, Shavuos, and Succos. What is it that makes Purim so special and unique? Rav Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev explains that supernatural miracles, as great as they may be, only make a temporary impression. Supernatural miracles like the ten plagues and the Jewish people crossing the sea of reeds were only witnessed by that generation and for us it is a historic event. In the story of Purim, however, no supernatural events took place. Every situation could be seen as a natural occurrence. A king becomes drunk and in his drunken stupor has the queen executed. He chooses a Jewess as his new queen and she conceals her origin. Her uncle Mordechai in the royal court uncovers an assassination plot against the king and the queen reports this to the king and saves his life. The Jew hating prime minister extracts a decree from the king to

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exterminate the Jews in his kingdom. The king is reminded that it was a Jew that saved his life. The queen turns the king’s wrath against the prime minister who is then executed. The queen reveals her Jewish origin. Her uncle is appointed prime minister and the Jewish people are saved. It is only when the entire sequence of events is put together that one sees that it’s impossible that these events were a coincidence and we see how the hand of G-d is what saved our people. Miracles such as these are with us today. No laws of nature are suspended but the guiding hand of G-d causes “natural” events to occur in such a way that results in our salvation. The realization that everything in the world is orchestrated by G-d is a fundamental principle of Judaism. In the end, just like in the Purim story, the salvation of G-d comes in the blink of an eye. For the Al-mighty calls all the shots and His word will be the last. May G-d reenact the Purim miracle in our days and bring us the redemption we so long for speedily in our time.

(Rabbi Dr. Abraham Tewerski)

Wishing you an inspirational Shabbos and Purim Sameach!

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

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**Purim Information**

- **Motzei Shabbos** March 11, after the Megillah reading, the Mishloach Manot baskets will be available for pick up: **please make sure to pick yours up before you leave.**
- Please let us know if you are not going to be here Purim day. We will still send you the scroll showing all those who sent you a basket.
- Purim day, March 12, after the morning Megilla reading, we will deliver the baskets that were not picked up. **We are looking for volunteers – if you are interested please contact the shul office.**

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**PESACH PLANNING**

If you are interested in attending the first Seder at the Young Israel, please contact the YI office- yakira@yicbh.org. Rabbi Gruenstein will be leading the Seder. Information to follow.

There will be a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, April 7th - (Shabbat HaGadol) – information to follow.
Classes and Upcoming Events

- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Thursdays at 7:30PM – Beis Midrash Night.


- Monday, March 13, women’s Rosh Chodesh Lunch and Learn, guest speaker Rebbetzin Rucha Bauman. The Lunch & Learn is co-sponsored by: Laura Shainbaum; Rose Zelmanovich; Anonymous; and Penny Harris

- Sisterhood Light Fare and Retail Therapy, Tuesday March 14, 10AM at Young Israel.
- Wednesday, March 22, 8:00PM – Lecture by Alan M. Dershowitz.

- Sunday, March 26 3:00PM Hachnasat Sefer Torah by Yoram & Yleana Izhak in memory of Yoram’s father Chezkel ben Moshe Izhak z”l.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Penny Harris in celebration of Stuart's 80th Birthday.

- This week’s Hashkama minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi Moshe & Rena Gruenstein on the birth of their new grandson Yitzchok Yehuda. Mazel tov to the Rabbi and Rebbetzin and to the parents Aryeh & Gittie Mandel.

- Many thanks to all the members who participated in our Annual Purim Drive- 18 years of community and YIBH Tradition! Bianca Senker, Rabbi Avi Fried, Lauren Hershman, Tami Benveniste Plitt, Jana Banin, Stefanie Ratzker, Jessica Courtney, Laura Hershman, Eddie and Shelly Senker, The Herman Family, Aaron and Susan Weinberg, Mimi Rose, Jane Sabet, Greta Hirmes.

Youth Program - rabbifried@yicbh.org

- Father and Child learning will take place during Seuda Shlishit with delicious treats and prizes!
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Skype session and or attend a Shabbaton and the AIPAC conference in Washington DC please email RabbiFried@YICBH.org
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please contact Rabbi Fried for timing and location details.
ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies’ sections during services.
Thank you for your cooperation.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seuda Shlishis, please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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