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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Wednesday -Taanis Esther

Fast begins:	5:58 am
Shacharis:	6:25 am
Mincha (half Shekels):	6:40 pm
Maariv:	7:20 pm
Megilla:	8:05 pm
Purim Shpiel following Megilla	
Second Megilla:	10:00 pm

Thursday - Purim Day

Shacharis:	8:00 am
Megilla:	8:50 am
Second Megilla:	12:15 pm
Mincha:	3:00 pm

New TY Minyan Incentive

In an effort to help boost our weekday Mincha/Maariv minyan, we are now offering a new TY minyan incentive. All men who daven with the weekday minyan will receive a raffle ticket. After davening, we will be raffling off cans of soda and chip bags; grand prizes include tissue-box-top inserts and paper towel rolls signed by Rabbi Goldberger. Come early for minyan and receive two tickets to double your chances!

Thank You

Today's special thank you goes out to Gabbai Extraordinaire, Jay "Trombone" Taffel for his traditional musical accompaniment during the reading of the Megilla and the hanging of Haman and his sons. Yasher koach!

Sock Gemach

Have you noticed a hole in one of your favorite pair of socks? Does your dryer seem to eat a sock every now and again, leaving you with one odd sock? No need to worry -TY's own Elka Rottman has started a sock gemach in her basement. There are hundreds of socks from which to choose, including a variety of

striped, polka-dotted, and of course, solid black or white. Please be sure to wash the sock thoroughly before returning. For more information or to donate socks, please contact Elka at sockgemach@gmail.com or 410-SOC-KS4U.

Shul Security Alert

Thanks to the diligence and combined efforts of Avi Sonenthal and shul president Binny Margolese, TY has been awarded another Homeland Security grant. We will be implementing the following security measures to ensure the continued safety of our shul:

- **We will be adding a SWAT team** to do rooftop surveillance armed with the following weapons and tactical aides: submachine guns, carbines, assault rifles, shotguns, sniper rifles, flash bangs, stingers, and tear gas grenades.
- **We will be digging a moat and installing a drawbridge** around the perimeter of the building. The moat will be filled with a variety of crocodiles, caimans, alligators and gharials.
- **We will be placing landmines** in various locations surrounding the playground and parking lot areas.
- **We will be parking an armed Israeli Merkava MK4 tank** in front of the shul on Park Heights Avenue, and one on Pinkney Road on Shabbos and the Yomim Tovim.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help feed our new crocodilians. To sign up, please go to www.feedourcrocs@tiferesyisroel.org and indicate which shift you prefer: early morning, late morning, early afternoon, early-to-mid-afternoon, late afternoon, early evening, mid-to-late evening or late-evening-early-morning-

close-to-midnight shift. Thank you for supporting our shul.

Want to Be a "Minyanaire"?!

Want to impress your Creator? Looking for a way to increase your "spiritual equity"? Come join the TY Minion minyan. We are looking for a few (10+) good, short, yellow men with blue overalls, ages 13-120, to join our Minion minyan. **Shacharis** is at 6:30 am during the week, 8:30 am on Shabbos, and 8:00 am on Sundays. **Mincha/Maariv** begins 10 minutes before shkia, Monday through Thursday nights; please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times. Extra credit if you are one of the first ten Minions in shul to daven.

TY Sisterhood Event

Rachel Rosenstock will be giving a shiur for all women of the shul based on her new book: "Setting the Shabbos Table for a Meticulous Yeki Husband." Topics will include:

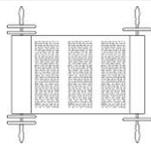
- How to perfectly center a tablecloth, making sure that the creases are equidistant and perfectly plumb to the table
 - How to set the plates and silverware to be aptly symmetrical, with the bottoms of the forks in perfect alignment with the napkin
 - The importance of facing the knife inward towards the plate with the soup spoon placed to the slight right 2.25 cm below the knife
 - The precise method for lining up the Kiddush cups in chronological order according to the ages of the children, centered and faced
- The event will take place in the Simcha Hall on April 2 from 8 to 9 pm and is free of charge.

Mazel Tov to

- Akiva Simcha and Yehudah Shalom Rosenstock for having 613 submissions printed in the Circle Magazine this year. Yasher koach!

This Purim Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Yaakov "Jack" Daniels, Boruch "Bud" Weiser and Yonatan "Johnny" Walker. Have a freilichen and festive Purim!



Purim – Megillas Esther

By Rabbi Ozer Alport

“Hipil pur hu hagoral lifnei Haman miyom l'yom umi'chodesh l'chodesh shneim asar hu chodesh Adar” (3:7)

Rav Gedaliah Schorr points out that since the Jewish months are counted from Nissan, Adar is the final month of the year. On a spiritual level, Nissan represents renewal. It is the beginning of a new year and the first month of spring, when the earth begins to awaken from its winter slumber. It is full of potential and energy, and for that reason, it was chosen as the month for the redemption from Egypt.

The further a month is from the source of light, the darker and more hidden it will seem. For this reason, Haman was ecstatic at the choice of Adar, the last month of the year and not surprisingly the month in which Moshe was taken from us, as the most auspicious time for the annihilation of the Jews.

However, Rav Schorr explains that within the apparent concealment, a pool of light is hidden away. In fact, this source must be even stronger than at other times in order to allow it the ability to penetrate the darkness and not be completely swallowed up. In the midst of the great darkness, the month of Adar contains within it a tremendous source of radiance. When the Jewish people were inspired to properly repent, they were able to access and reveal this brilliant light, reversing all of the negative energy into forces for good. This potential energy is present every Adar, available and waiting for us to tap into it in order to reveal the ultimate light – *la'Yehudim haysa orah, kein tihyeh lanu!*

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Reversal of Fortune

Chapter 3 of Megillas Esther tells the story of Haman's rise to power in the kingdom of Shushan: “After these events, King Achashverosh promoted Haman... the Agagite, and set his seat above all the princes who were with him” (Esther 3:1). Mordecai's refusal to bow down to Haman infuriated him, and he decided to punish Mordecai by devising a plot to exterminate all the Jews in the kingdom. After slandering the Jews to Achashverosh, Haman says, “If it pleases the king, let it be written to exterminate them. I will

pay ten thousand silver talents... for deposit in the king's treasury” (ibid. 3:9), to which the king responds, “Keep the silver. Do as you wish with these people” (ibid.3:11).

Yalkut Me'am Lo'ez explains that there is a hidden prophetic message in the king's words: “The silver (הכסף) shall be given to you (לך).” The gematria of הכסף is 165, the same as that for אלה, the tree [the gallows]. The gematria for לך is 50, alluding to the height in cubits of the gallows (ibid. 5:14). Thus, writes the Me'am Lo'ez, Achashverosh was saying, “Your gallows will be fifty cubits high.” Achashverosh realized that Haman was waging war with G-d, and was bound to fail in his efforts.

The Shem Mishmuel notes that it would seem to make very little difference to us whether or not Achashverosh accepted the money. Chazal, however, have something profound to say on the matter based on a Midrash (Shemos Rabbah 33:5): “When the wicked man [Haman] came with the money, the king said to him, ‘The silver is given to you.’ G-d said, ‘That sale is really Mine for Mine, since Yisroel are Mine and all money is Mine.’ And so it was, ‘That very day King Achashverosh gave the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther’ (ibid. 8:1).” Shem Mishmuel writes: “The implication of this Midrash is that had the money gone to the king's treasury, it would not afterwards have fallen to Esther. Divine Providence thus ensured that Achashverosh would refuse the money; and since all of Haman's property went to Esther after his death, she became the beneficiary of this vast sum. This was not just a means through which Esther became wealthy, but of crucial interest to the future of Yisroel, as Chazal tell us that part of the estate of Haman was later used to construct the [second] Beis HaMikdash. One can clearly see the reversal of Haman's dastardly plan in this; his intention in oppressing the Jews was to frustrate the building of the Beis HaMikdash, but ultimately his property was used to build it.”

This “reversal of fortune” (literally!) is an absolute example of Hashem's *middah-kenegged-middah*; we find another example in chapter 7 of the Megilla. After Queen Esther explains to the king, “For I and my people have been sold, to be exterminated, killed and destroyed” (ibid. 7:4), and reveals the wicked Haman as the “hateful man, an enemy,” the Megilla states: “Charbonah... said, ‘Also, see the gallows that Haman prepared for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king! It's standing in Haman's house, fifty cubits tall!’ ‘Hang him on it!’ said the king” (ibid. 7:9). In the end, the very gallows that Haman so eagerly built to hang Mordecai served as the vehicle for his own demise. The Me'am Lo'ez writes: “Building the gallows was bad enough, since he built it without the king's permission. But

he built it to hang the king's greatest benefactor! Not only that, he made it fifty cubits tall, so that everyone would see it. The king summoned Mordecai and said, ‘Take your enemy, Haman, and hang him on the gallows that he prepared for you.’”

The whole Purim story is really a reversal of fortune. Mordecai and the Jews were destined for annihilation, and Haman was to be the second most powerful man in the kingdom. Instead, the Jews were saved, Mordecai was appointed the king's top advisor, and Haman and his sons were hanged. It is also interesting to note that it was Achashverosh who had devoted his reign as king to prevent the Jews from rebuilding the Beis HaMikdash, yet it was his son, Darius, who is credited with issuing the decree for its rebuilding. As they say, “all's well that ends well,” and in the end, Hashem saved his beloved nation Israel from total destruction by the hands of the wicked Haman. A freilichin Purim.

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Freilichen Purim!



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