

FHJC BULLETIN

March 3/4, 2023 /11 Adar 5783

PARSHAS TETZAVEH/PARSHAS ZACHOR

SHABBATTIMES

Friday Night Services - 5:51 PM / Candle Lighting - 5:51 PM

Parsha Class: 8:30 AM

Shabbos Morning Services: 9:00 AM

Rabbi Elie's Sermon: 11:00 AM

Rabbi Jackson's Shiur: Why Costume's on Purim?" 11:20 AM

Rabbi Elie's Pre-Mincha Talk- Amalek: The Inside Scoop 5:00 PM

Mincha - 5:32 PM

Rabbi Meir Goodman's Halachic Mythbusters: The Great Pizza Debate Part 2

Havdalah - 6:52 PM

RABBI'S DESK

Many people think that Hashem wants us to suffer in this world to show loyalty to G-d, and only then will Hashem give you eternal pleasure in the World to Come. The truth is that Hashem loves us and

wants us to have pleasure in this world as well. However, He does want us to be mature enough to reach for a **permanent** pleasures.

We all agree that having a great steak in a fancy restaurant would be a thrill, but how long does that last? Added to that, how would you feel if you had that steak every night...? Not so exciting to eat your portion anymore, is it?!

Now compare that to spiritual pleasures and the permanence is different. Plugging into a life of purpose, doing acts of kindness for others, taking time out to pray and develop a relationship with Hashem... Those are on a whole other level of pleasure.

This Purim as we wear our masks, let us reflect on what real pleasure is, and make decisions that will not only benefit us when we leave this world for the next, but can even add to our bliss down here as well!

Be Jewish, Stay Jewish — Rabbi Elie

A Special Thank You to Robert & Gloria Bielak for sponsoring this year's Purim Holiday and Party!

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Howard Mandel in memory of the Yahrzeit of his father, Sam Mandel A"H and in celebration of his 30th Wedding Anniversary.

MAZEL TOVS

Mazel Tov to Miriam (Megan) Maxwell on her engagement to Omri Suiza of South Africa

Mazel Tov to Jordana Skurka & Elijah Grimblatt on the naming of their daughter,

Cassie Mila (Chava Miriam bat Eliyah ha Levi)

FHJC SECURITY:

Are you interested in the safety and security of our community? So are we!
Please contact Meny Grauman if you'd like to join our fledgling Security Committee.

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES YAHRZEITS

The Forest Hill Jewish Centre Extends

Condolences to:

Barouch & Wendy Chai on the recent passing of Barouch's mother, Yaffa Chalwa Chai A"H, aged 100, in Tel Hashomer, Israel.

Barry & Yaffa Gang on the passing of Barry's father, Jacob Gang A'H

Sophia Hirsh 3/4
Dylan Max Perlis 3/5
Eden Lily Peters 3/5
Nati Philosophie 3/6
Emma Shirel Weiss 3/6
Aliyah Greenberg 3/6

Paul Appleby 3/7
Cathy Belzberg 3/7
Eitan Markus 3/7
Adam Donsky 3/7
Avi Silver 3/9
Paul Naiman 3/10

BIRTHDAYS

UPCOMING YAHRZEITS

Sam Mandel, 12 Adar, 3/5
Father of Howard Mandel

Charlotte Belz, 13 Adar, 3/6
Mother of Michael Belz

Shirley Levine, 15 Adar, 3/8
Mother of Dr. Ronald Levine

Gerald M Taub, 17 Adar, 3/10
Father of Ian Taub

ANNIVERSARIES

Elisha & Shifra Greenberg 3/6
Antony Lipschitz & Lisa Mawas Lipschitz 3/9
Ora & Ron Somogyi 3/9

UPCOMING THIS WEEK

Sunday Special Pre-Purim Breakfast & Learn with Rabbi Goodman - 9:00 AM
Topic: *Does everyone really have to get drunk? The answer may surprise you...*

Monday **The Fast of Esther** Megillah Reading and Break-Fast at night

Tuesday **Purim Day** - Olympic Purim Party (At The Olympics)

Wednesday Jewish Foundation Series (Semester 2) - 7:30 PM

Thursday Rabbi Elie's Women's Parsha - 11:00AM
Teen Dine N' Learn 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Weekday Shacharis: Sunday 8:00 AM, Monday (The Fast of Esther) 6:45 AM, Tuesday (Purim Day) 6:20 AM, Wednesday (Shushan Purim) 7:00 AM, Thursday 6:50 AM, Friday 7:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv this week - 6:00 PM

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UPCOMING

March 23 - Family Learning Night

March 28 - ManSeder

April 25 - Munch, Mingle & Muse Lunch & Learn Series Continues

May 3 - Canasta Day of Play

June 5 - The 22nd Annual Albert & Temmy Latner Classic Golf Tournament

Rabbi Meir's Corner

Overview of the Laws of Zachor and Purim

1) Parshat Zachor – On the Shabbos before Purim, there is a Biblical mitzvah to hear a special maffir called Parshat Zachor read from a Sefer Torah. In order to hear Parshat Zachor, please come to Shul no later than 10:30. If you are unable to attend shul, one should read the passage from a chumash.

2) Taanit Esther – We fast on the day before Purim. This year the fast begins at 5:21 AM and ends at 6:56 PM.

3) Machatzit HaShekel – At Mincha on Taanit Esther, the minhag is for every man to contribute a half-shekel to charity in commemoration of the Biblical mitzvah to donate a half-shekel to the Beit HaMikdash. Nowadays, it is customary to give 3 half-dollar coins, or the value of \$1.50. Machatzit HaShekel can be fulfilled after Purim also, up until Rosh Chodesh Nissan.

4) Megillat Esther – The most prominent mitzvah on Purim is for every man and women to hear the reading of the Megillah twice – once during Purim night, and once during Purim day. The shul has a number of Megillah reading options on Monday night and Tuesday morning. The Megillah should be listened to carefully so that one hears every word said by the reader.

5) Matanot L'Evyonim (Gifts to the Poor) – There is a mitzvah to give Tzedakah to at least 2 needy people on Purim day. Maimonides writes that it is better for a person to increase gifts to the poor than to expand their Purim feat and the gifts they send their friends, for there is no greater simcha than to gladden the hearts of the poor and those in need, and one who gladdens their heart is compared to the Divine Presence. This mitzvah can be fulfilled by giving Rabbi Elie cash or a cheque made out to the Jewish Heritage Foundation before Purim. The funds will be distributed to needy families on Purim. One should give a minimum of \$10 per family member (ie. Family of 4 should give \$40). Tax receipts are available for donations made through cheque.

6) Mishloach Manot – There is also a mitzvah to gift two different food items to one person on Purim day. The gift should be preferably sent to the recipient by means of a messenger. One who increases in sending Mishloach Manot is praiseworthy, as the mitzvah spreads friendship and unity amongst the Jewish people.

7) Purim Seudah – Purim is a day of feasting and celebration, so there is a mitzvah to eat a festive meal on Purim day. The meal should include bread. The common custom is to eat this meal in the afternoon. You can fulfill this mitzvah by joining us at the Shul's awesome Purim seudah (and make sure to wash and eat bread, don't just eat junk food)!

8) Drinking Wine – Because wine played an important role in the Purim story, there is a mitzvah to drink wine on Purim. This mitzvah is fulfilled by drinking slightly more wine at the Purim meal than one usually consumes, and then taking a short nap. Drinking alcoholic beverages other than wine on Purim does not fulfill this mitzvah. Many great Rabbis have warned against drinking to the state of intoxication on Purim; the goal of the mitzvah to bring us to a state of simcha and love of Hashem and our fellow Jews.

9) Torah Study and Prayer – Purim is a special day to study Torah and daven to Hashem. Purim can be a busy day, and it is important to take some time learn Torah, as the Talmud tells us that the Jewish people reaccepted the Torah after the miracle of Purim. Many sources also tell us that Purim is an auspicious time for one's prayers to be answered. The minhag in our Shul is to start Shacharis early on Purim morning (Vasikin) and to daven an extra-long Shemoneh Esreh (18 minutes!) so that we have lots of time to ask Hashem for everything we, our families, and the Jewish people need!

DONATIONS

Mega Purim Party Sponsor: **The Bielak Family**

Rabbi Meir Goodman for the Purim Breakfast

Yahrzeit Donations:

Aaron Glassman & Toba Lavine

General Donations:

Steve Tissenbaum & Debbie Estrin

Joe & Nancy Dason

Renee Hirshberg

Aliyah Donations:

Ben Welkovics

Elden Freeman

Lior Shovalos



Not so "**Candid Camera**" -

Pics from Rabbi Goodman's Pre-Purim class hosted at Ron & Ora Somogyi's house

PURIM AT A GLANCE:

Monday, March 6th - The Fast of Esther

5:34 AM - Fast Starts

6:45 AM - Shacharis

5:45 PM - Mincha

6:30 PM - Ma'ariv

6:57 PM - Fast Ends

7:00 PM - First Megillah Reading

8:00 -10:00 PM - Break-Fast at the FHJC

8:30 PM - Second Megillah Reading

Tuesday, March 7th - Purim Day

6:20 AM - Shacharis

7:10 AM - First Megillah Reading

7:45 AM - Special Breakfast

9:00 AM - Second Megillah Reading

3:00 PM - Third Megillah Reading

4:15 PM - Mincha

4:30 PM - Purim Party Starts

7:30 PM - Post Party at Rabbi Elie's

9:00 PM—Ma'ariv at Rabbi Elie's

FHJC INVITES YOU TO



AT THE ALBERT AND TEMMY LATNER FOREST HILL JEWISH CENTRE

MONDAY NIGHT MARCH 6TH
Megillah, Food, Fun

Join us to
break your fast
following
Megillah Reading
NO CHARGE

TUESDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 7TH
Olympic Games
Dinner & Fun Family Purim Party
with Games, Contests,
Prizes and Entertainment

*Join us for
all the fun at the
5783 Olympic Games!*



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Register at www.fhjc.ca/purimolympics
For more details contact nancy@fhjc.ca



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1ST MEGILLAH READING
7:00PM

2ND MEGILLAH READING
8:30PM

BREAK-FAST FOLLOWING 1ST MEGILLAH READING
8:00PM -10:00PM

PURIM DAY MARCH 7TH

DAVENING STARTS
6:20AM

SHEMONA ESREI
6:45AM

MEGILLAH READING
7:10AM

SPECIAL BREAKFAST
7:45AM

2ND READING
9:00AM

3RD READING
3:30PM

MINCHA
4:15PM

OLYMPIC PURIM PARTY STARTS
4:30PM

POST-PARTY
7:30PM (at Rabbi Elie's house)

MA'ARIV
9:00PM (at Rabbi Elie's house)



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FHJC 360 SPADINA ROAD

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WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 2023

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