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# Sinai Synagogue

Monthly Bulletin



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B' Simcha!



## A Letter From The Rabbi

Dear Members and Friends of Sinai,

From Monday evening, March 9th through Tuesday the March 10th we will celebrate, God-willing, the festival of Purim. (Please refer to the announcements for times of the Megillah readings at Sinai.) I want to remind you that, in addition to the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah – on Monday evening as well as on Tuesday – four other Purim requirements exist.

1. **Parashat Zachor:** On the Shabbat prior to Purim (March 7th ) we read a special portion from the book of Deuteronomy reminding us to never forget the Amalakite nation's attempt to destroy the Israelites after the splitting of the Red Sea. According to Jewish tradition, the Amalakites, like Haman in the Scroll of Esther (who, according to tradition, was a descendent of the Amalakites) , symbolize all anti-Semites throughout our history. All Jewish men and women are obligated to hear this brief but important reading. At Sinai Synagogue, we provide a special second reading of this important section, for the benefit of late-comers, after davening before kiddush.
2. A festive meal: On Tuesday , anytime before 6:00PM we are obligated to recite the *hamotzi* blessing over bread to initiate the Purim *seudah*, a joyous meal to celebrate the miracle of Purim in particular and Jewish survival throughout the ages in general. At this meal, people who are able to do so should partake of wine in sufficient quantity to reinforce a sense of intense joy and thanksgiving. Please note that there is no mitzvah to “get drunk” on Purim, nor is there any mitzvah to partake of non-wine alcoholic beverages.
3. **Mishloach manot- food for friends:** As a symbolic assertion and celebration of Jewish unity, we send at least one food package containing two or more ready-to-eat items (one of which has been cooked or baked) to a friend.
4. **Matanot la'ani'im- gifts to the poor:** We are obligated to donate charity to at one or more needy persons. The amount should be sufficient to purchase what the donor would consider to be a decent meal. All money donated at Sinai Synagogue for this purpose by (and including) Purim day will be given on Purim day to needy individuals who live in Eretz Yisrael.

Although all of the forgoing mitzvot are obligatory, Jewish Law insists upon our prioritizing gifts to the poor over the other two mitzvot. In other words, the amount of money we assign to Purim charity should be greater than the combined amounts that we spend on the festive meal together with *Mishloach manot*.

I intend to devote the two Sunday morning breakfast classes prior to Purim to insights to the Scroll of Esther and the holiday of Purim. We welcome you to join us – then and always.

Sincerely,

Moshe Berger

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Mazel Tov :

To Rabbi and Mrs.  
Berger on the birth  
of their grandson.

Mazel Tov:

To Mr. and Mrs.  
Larry Pomerantz on  
the birth of their  
grandson.

## Mark Your Calendar!

1-Juliana Sadock Savino will be sponsoring a breakfast on March 2, 2009 commemorating the Yahrzeit of her mother Marilyn.

2-Milton Weinstein will be sponsoring a breakfast on Friday March 6, 2009 commemorating the Yahrzeit of his wife Doris

3-Taanis Esther is on March 9th, 2009. The fast begins at 6:26 AM and ends at 7:53 PM. Davening for shacharit will be at 6:45AM. Mincha will be at 7:15PM. Maariv and Megillah reading will be at 8:00 PM followed by our annual Purim Party.

4- Purim is on March 10, 2009. Shacharit will be at 6:30 AM followed by Megillah reading. It is obligatory to eat a festive meal (seudah) on Purim Day.

5- Pottery For Passover will be on March 15th, 2009 at Hands on Pottery from 1:00 PM—2:45PM. Reservations are important as space is limited. Please call the office to make your reservations.

6-The next meeting of the Sinai Book Club will be held on March 30th, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the home of Haki and Nikki Flores. The book "The Septembers of Shiraz" by Dalia Sofer will be discussed. This is a story about Isaac Amin, a Jewish gem trader who is arrested by Iran's Revolutionary Guards and transported to prison. He is interrogated and accused of being an Israeli spy for no other reason than being Jewish in a country where Muslim fanaticism is growing daily. There will be a drawing for a free bottle of Wine!

## Yahrzeits for March/Adar 1 & Adar 11

*Adar 1*- Yetta Broder, Lena Applbaum

*Adar 2*- Helen Fixler, Sheryl Berlas, Dora Moss

*Adar 3*- Benjamin Silverberg

*Adar 5* - Aaron Schwimmer

*Adar 6* - Marilyn Savino, Minnie Greenberg, Sara Lee Pintchuck

*Adar 7* - Chaytshe Brown, Tziril Brown, Esther Congress, Ely Moskowitz

*Adar 8*- Abraham Lampel, Ben Khaner

*Adar 10* - Evelyn Schwartz, Malke Shubert, Abraham Abrahams, Helen Altshuler, Alan Wolf, Doris Weinstein

*Adar 11* - Jacob Brunstein, Ida Fallenberg, Helen Lukas, Hirsh Friedman, Emanuel Hochauser, Morton Levin

*Adar 12*- Albert Safier, Esther Berezin, Harold Markman

*Adar 13*- Rose Seucher, Sol Barron

*Adar 14*- Isadore Ozan, Nathan Shafran, Iris Fox, Norman Green

*Adar 15*- Sam Gutin, Carl Moss, Alex Rich

*Adar 16*- Dora Morkowsky, Louis Rosen, Sender Weinstock, Abraham Grunwald

*Adar 17*- Bessie Brunstein, Edward Horowitz, Libby Lipson, Morrey Seaman

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 " **Next Cholent** ||  
 " **Kiddush will be** ||  
 " **on April 4th.** ||  
 " **Rabbi Berger will** ||  
 " **be giving his** ||  
 " **Shabbos Hagadol** ||  
 " **Drasha. Please** ||  
 " **call the office if** ||  
 " **you would like to** ||  
 " **be a sponsor.** ||  
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## Yahrzeits for March/Adar 1 & Adar 11

**Adar 19**– Jennie Friedman,  
Robert Miller

**Adar 20**– Judith Kleinbart,  
Daniel Gould

**Adar 21**– David Eisen, David  
Weiss, Helen Schlachter, Sam  
Schwager

**Adar 22**– Louis Hartstein,  
Jonas Scheer

**Adar 23**– Elias Mantel, Fan-  
nie Koen

**Adar 24**– Mildred Eisen

**Adar 25**– Louis Felder, Doro-  
thy Goldstein

**Adar 26**– Simon Gurney,

Tzvi Berman

**Adar 27**– William Mandel

**Adar 28**– Ida Berkowitz

**Adar 29**– Rubin Broder, Wolf  
Eisen, Sam Kaplan, Yetta  
Presser, Rose Reiner

**Adar 11 2**– Helen Fixler

**Adar 11 4**– Marian Hoffman

**Adar 11 6**– Yisrael Rodriguez

**Adar 11 10**– Fay Gottlob

**Adar 11 16**– Joseph Cassius

**Adar 11 23**– Benjamin Pliner

**Adar 11 24**– Libby Schwartz

**Adar 11 26**– Sanford Speert

**Adar 11 27**– Miriam Mandel

**Adar 11 29**– Annette Meister

## Refuah Shlei- mah

We wish a speedy re-  
covery to, **Al  
Wasserman, Saittle  
bat Hannah, Hadassa  
bat Chaya, Rena Kel-  
son , Beila bas Luba ,  
Alex Hertz, Howard  
Beder, Samuel Beder,  
Estelle Beder, Leo  
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and Stephen Rubin .**

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**Minyan**

**Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am**

**We are in need of men for the minyan. Please have a schedule of your availability when Fran calls you. If you are not on the list for the minyan and would like to be, please call the office and let Fran know.**

**Rosh Chodesh : 6:30 am (March 26th)**

**Candle Lighting for March:**

**March 6- Earliest C/L 5:11- Latest C/L 6:04 - Parsha Tetzvah**

**March 13– Earliest C/L 5:17 - Latest C/L 6:12 - Parsha Ki Sisa**

**March 20– Earliest C/L - 5:23– Latest C/L 6:20– Parsha Vayakhel-Pekudei**

**March 27– Earliest C/L - 5:29– Latest C/L 6:28– Parsha Vayikra**

