

Adar 1 & Adar 2

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A letter from Rabbi Berger

Dear Members and Friends of Sinai,

From Thursday night, March 20th through Friday the 21st we will celebrate, God-willing, the festival of Purim. (Please refer to the calendar for times of the Megillah readings at Sinai.) I want to remind you that, in addition to the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah – on Thursday evening as well as on Friday – four other Purim requirements exist.

1- Parashat Zachor: On the Shabbat prior to Purim (March 15) 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, 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 Friday, anytime before 1:00 P.M., 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

Mark Your Calendar!

Board Meeting

**The Board will
meet on
March 16th at
10:15 am**

Pottery For Passover

On Sunday March 9th, 2008, there will be a Pottery for Passover at "Hands On Pottery Studio." Make a unique gift for Passover. There will be 4 different designs to choose from. Reservations are a must. Call the office at 765-0770

Purim Party

Mark your calendar for the night of March 20th.

Mincha will be at 6:15 followed by Maariv and the Megillah reading. We will then have our annual Purim Party.

Purim Day

Friday March 21st, Shacharit will be at 6:45 am. Megillah will be read at 7:30 am. It is obligatory to eat a festive meal (seudah) on Purim Day. Please make a Motzei no later than 1:00 pm.

Condolences

We extend Condolences to:

- The Kessler Family, on the passing of Cheryl Kessler.
- Faye Warren and Family on the passing of her brother,
- Cheryl Teresi on the passing of her Mother.

May they all be comforted by the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.

Mazel Tov

To Carl & Shirley Cohen on the recent engagement of their daughter Karen to Rick Bornstein of Chicago. Mazel Tov to Grandfather Mike Frum and Aunts & Uncles Howard & Sherie Frum and Helene & Steven Pincus.

May the Choson and Kallah be matzliach to build a **Bayis Ne'eman B'Yisrael**.

**Next Cholent
Kiddush will be
on April 12th.
Please call the
office if you
would like to be a
sponsor.**

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 Con-
gress, 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 Wein-
stock, Abraham Grunwald

Yahrzeits for March/Adar I & Adar II

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

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, Fannie Koen

Adar 24- Mildred Eisen

Adar 25- Louis Felder, Dorothy 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 II 2- Helen Fixler

Adar II 4- Marian Hoffman

Adar II 6- Yisrael Rodriguez

Adar II 10- Fay Gottlob

Adar II 16- Joseph Cassius

Adar II 23- Benjamin Pliner

Adar II 24- Libby Schwartz

Adar II 26- Sanford Speert

Adar II 27- Miriam Mandel

Adar II 29- Annette Meister

Refuah-
Shleimah

We wish a speedy recovery to Meyer Berman, Albert Wasserman and Norbert Amsterdam.

Donations

Breakfast and Breakfast Fund

Jake Feuerwerker

Juliana Sadock Savino

Larry Mervine

Marshall Rosenberg

Chaim Horowitz

Morton Goldenberger

Ann Lukas

Henny Lukas

Kiddushes or Kiddush Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mervine

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rosenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Seaman

Mr. Milton Weinstein

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosenberg

Donations

Yahrzeits

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Leizman— *Imo* Dr. Sydney Levin

Mr. Milton Weinstein - *Imo* Doris Weinstein

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Leona Green— *Imo* Norman Green

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Loeb- *Imo* Cheryl Kessler, *Imo* Jeff Beder's Aunt

Natalie Fried— *Imo* Sara Lee Pintchuk

Other Donations

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cohen- Aliyah

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Minyan

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am

Rosh Chodesh : 6:30 am - March 7 & 8

Candle Lighting for February:

March 7- Earliest C/L - 5:12 pm ~ Latest C/L - 6:06 pm

March 14 - Earliest C/L - 5:18 pm ~ Latest C/L - 6:14 pm

March 21 -Earliest C/L - 5:23 pm ~ Latest C/L - 6:21 pm

March 28 -Earliest C/L - 5:29 pm ~ Latest C/L - 6:29 pm

Special Dates in March:

Rosh Chodesh Adar II
March 7 & 8

Pottery for Passover
March 9

Ta'anit Esther
March 20

Purim
March 21