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From The Rabbi

One of the more delectable things we do on Purim is eating Hamantashen, especially those delicious and mouthwatering ones made by Lori Tuberman and the Beth David Sisterhood. This is a relatively new custom, probably less than a thousand years old, to make these triangular cookies filled with fruit fillings. In Hebrew these cookies are called “*Oznai Haman*” – Haman’s ears, and that is why their shape looks like an ear. As with everything in Judaism, we try to find a Jewish and religious significance to this time honored custom.

Why do we eat Hamantashen?

One of the explanations given bases itself on the fact that Haman was descended from Amalek, the classic anti-Semitic clan who attacked the Jewish people while they were in the desert, soon after the Exodus. In the song of the Sea which the Jewish people sang after crossing the Red Sea on dry land, they say “*sham’u amim yirgazun*” – the nations of the world all heard (about the great miracles that God had performed) and they shook with fear. They were afraid to attack the Israelites, realizing that God would protect them and fight for them. Amalek, on the other hand, seemingly closed their ears from hearing this message and, as if they did not hear about God’s miracles, launched a dastardly attack.

Haman, their later day descendent, also dared to attack the Jewish people, as if he had not heard that God promised that He would never allow the Jewish people to be destroyed.

Thus, we eat the *Oznai Haman* in order to remind us that Haman didn’t listen to God.

The message for us is that our survival is not necessarily assured unless **we do** listen to the words of God. If we act like Haman and reject God’s message, we may not merit His protection.

Today we are facing a drastic increase in anti-Semitic acts and statements, in the United States, in Europe, and in the Middle East, especially from the descendents of Haman’s Persia, Iran. As religious Jews we are comforted and confident of our ultimate victory. But this will only happen if we do listen and follow the words of God and act in the way that He has instructed us in the Torah.

As eat the hamantashen, this is the thought that should be going through our minds. This is the commitment we are expected to make as we enjoy the delicacies of Purim.

Chag Purim Sameach!
Rabbi Zev Silber

From the President

Often we hear the phrase “let’s move on” or “moving on,” but for a moment please let’s think back and reflect a few weeks ago on the tragedy of losing our own Jeremy Ullmann.

Jeremy was an incredible man whose future would have probably made a difference in our world. He was just starting with everything to live for and it was all taken away. We will all remember the beautiful heartbreaking words that Arieh spoke at the funeral about his precious son and so many other people who remembered such good times with Jeremy.

Reflect for a moment and realize what our community meant during those dreadful days when we heard about the accident and had to prepare for a funeral. With our broken hearts we all knew what had to be done and went ahead to make sure the Ullmann Family had the ability to grieve, well knowing that everything would be carried out with dignity, with respect and with so much love.

Beth David, Rabbi Silber and hundreds of people all there caring so deeply. How incredibly important it is when we need it most, not only to the grieving family but to the community that is grieving as well.

Our hearts go out to Arieh and the entire Ullmann Family. May Jeremy’s memory be for a blessing.

Now for moving on, I would like to announce with great pleasure that the Honorees for the Beth David Dinner will be Harold and Toby Kohn. Mazel Tov to two people that never stop working for our Shul!

Please save the date of May 5th, invitations will be sent at the end of March.

Purim will soon be here so make your reservations for the Seudah so we can have a lovely Purim celebration.

Come and support our Shul, it is an important part of our lives.

Saba Wiesner, President

Purim Customs and Practices

When: Purim begins on Wednesday, March 20 at night, and lasts through the day of Thursday, March 21. The fast of Esther is observed on Wednesday, March 20.

Work is permitted on Purim. However, we usually spend most of the day in fulfillment of the various *mitzvot* of Purim, as will be enumerated below.

The Four Parshiot: There are special Torah readings as the *maftir* during four *shabbatot* from the Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Adar until the Shabbat of Rosh Chodesh Nisan. The *Shabbat* before Purim we read **Parshat Zachor – remember** – and this serves as an affirmation to remember the evil that occurred to the Jewish people in the past and a commitment to never forget, and never again allow genocidal murder to take place. According to most authorities, hearing this portion of the Torah read is one of the 613 *mitzvot*. You are encouraged to be in shul on Shabbat morning, March 16 to fulfill this obligation.

Ta'anit Ester – the fast of Esther: We fast on the day before Purim in commemoration of the fasting that the Jews observed on the day of the battle. The name of the fast is associated with Queen Esther, as she had declared three days of a national fast before approaching the king to request the annulment of Haman's decree. The fast is observed on Wednesday, March 20. This fast is observed from morning to night, beginning at 5:44 am and ending at 7:58 pm. It is customary not to eat until after the reading of the Megillah. If you have special circumstances that may make it difficult to fast, or you need to eat before the reading of the Megillah, please consult with the rabbi.

Reading the Megillah: It is a mitzvah to hear the *Megillah*, the scroll of Esther, read both at night and during the day of Purim. At Beth David we will be reading the Megillah on Wednesday night, March 20 at 7:55 pm and Thursday morning, March 21 at 7:15 am, following Shacharit. If you cannot make the early morning reading, you are invited to join for an additional reading at the shul at 5:30 pm, prior to the festive meal.

It is customary to contribute to synagogue maintenance before hearing the *Megillah*, in commemoration of the *machatzit hashekel*, the three half shekels that were given each year in Adar for the maintenance of the holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Matanot La'evyonim – Gifts to the poor: It is a mitzvah to give at least two gifts to each of two poor people on this day as Purim charity. The rabbi will be collecting and distributing Purim charity to local Jewish poor through the Jewish Family Service and to the poor in Israel through the *Od Yosef Chai* organization. Contributions for this purpose should be made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and please note how you wish your contribution to be divided, between local or Israel needs. Contributions for local needs must be made by March 11, while gifts for Israeli poor may be made until the morning Megillah reading.

Mishloach Manot – food gifts to friends: Commonly known as *shalach manos*, we give at least 2 portions of ready-to-eat foods to at least one other person. The mitzvah of sharing Purim joy through food is commendable, but more of our holiday funds should be allocated for gifts to the poor.

Seudat Purim – the Purim feast: It is a mitzvah to participate in a festive meal on Purim day (not at night). Beth David will conduct its annual Purim Seudah on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 pm. See *announcement in this issue!*

Special prayers: On *ta'anit Esther* we add special prayers and Torah reading at both the morning and afternoon services, as is customary for fast days. On Purim we add *al hanissim* in Grace after meals and the *amida*. If one forgets, it need not be repeated. There is a special Torah reading in the morning, before the *megillah* reading. The day after Purim is known as **Shushan Purim** and is the day that Purim is celebrated in Jerusalem. We do not say *tachanun* in honor of the day.

Purim Schedule

Ta'anit Ester

Wednesday, March 20

Fast begins 5:44 am

Shacharit 7:am

Mincha 6:45 pm

Fast ends 7:58 pm

Purim

Wednesday, March 20

Ma'ariv 7:55 pm

Megillah 8:00 pm

Second reading 5:30 pm

Mincha 6:15 pm

Purim Seudah 6:30 pm

Ma'ariv– following the Seudah



Matanot La'evyonim – Purim Charity

One of the *mitzvot* of Purim is to deliver gifts to the poor on Purim day. Rabbi Silber will again distribute gifts to local needy through the Jewish Family Service, and to Israeli poor through the Od Yosef Chai charitable organization.

Believe it or not, there are Jewish needy in our city and when they have received help at holiday time, they have expressed great thanks and satisfaction. Purim, being a holiday dedicated to "*simcha*" – joy, requires us to assure that all Jews can rejoice. The poor rejoice when they have the means to sustain their lives, leading to the importance placed on this mitzvah.

In order to participate in this mitzvah, donations may be sent to the shul or given to the rabbi by March 11. Donors are asked to mark their checks as "Purim charity" and specify whether they wish the money to be distributed locally or in Israel. Contributions received after March 11 will be sent to Israel. Those contributions may be made up to the *megillah* reading on Purim morning.

Thanks to the Sponsors

Marcy Yonaty in memory of her beloved mother **Sophie Slutzker**

Cathy Velenchik & Chaim Joy in honor of the yahrtzeit for **Cathy's** father **Max Velenchik**

Marie Werner wishing all a happy Purim

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood's March 13th meeting will celebrate Purim with poems, parodies, and jokes to help bring you out of your winter doldrums and get you in the festive mood. Join us at 7:00 pm for a short business meeting, followed by the program and refreshments, including Shul baked hamantashen made by Lori Tuberman and her committee.

A Pesach workshop will take place on April 10th at 7:00 pm, conducted by Rabbi Silber. If you are not already on the list of Shabbat morning Kiddush preparers, please call Toby Kohn and volunteer for 1, 2, or more Shabbat mornings. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Marlene Serkin, co-President

Save the Date!

March 13 – Sisterhood Meeting

April 10 – Pre-Pesach Workshop

May 5 – Shul Dinner – Honorees are Toby & Harold Kohn

The Pre-Pesach workshop will be held on April 10th, at
7:00 pm at Beth David. It will be led by
Rabbi Zev Silber. All are welcome.

MARCH - APRIL MINYAN TIMES**EVENINGS (times vary)****MORNINGS** (times constant)***Friday and Shabbat - by Request only***

Sunday	8:30 am	Thursday, March 7	7:00 pm
Monday – Friday	7:00 am	Sunday—Thursday, March 10-14	6:50 pm
<i>*Except March 7,8,21</i>	6:50 am	Sunday—Tuesday, March 17-19	7:00 pm
Shabbat	9:00 am	<i>Wednesday—Thursday, March 20-21</i>	
		<i>See Purim Schedule</i>	
Shabbat Mincha when possible	after Kiddush	Sunday - Thursday, March 24-28	7:05 pm
		Sunday—Thursday, March 31-April 4	7:15 pm
		Sunday - Thursday, April 7-11	7:20 pm
		Sunday - Thursday, April 14-18	7:30 pm

Mitzvah Fund

Tova Kohn, 754-4297 or tova.kohn844@gmail.com

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

Mazal Tov to:

Yasher Koach Award Recipients:

Marcy Yonaty Marie Werner Marti Klionsky
 Alan & Julie Piaker Toby Kohn Gerald Hubal
 Judy Silber for all she cheerfully does for the Shul
 Gina Santiago for her interesting Shabbat Luncheon talk
 Arieh Ullmann & Rhonda Levine in honor of their new grandson born to Rhoda Ullmann
 Neil & Sima Auerbach in honor of their new grandson
 Steve Feuer in honor of his birthday
 Sheren Mogaban in honor of her birthday
 Rabbi Zalman & Rochel Chein in honor of their new son
 Rhonda Levine in gratitude for her recovery from hip surgery

Refuah Shelemah to::

Gaby Yonaty Mark Yonaty Charles Gilinsky
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Condolences:

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Tamarkin & Family in memory of Carole Klionsky
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 Mr. Robert & Mrs. Susan Cole in memory of Carole Klionsky
 Debbie Siton in memory of Carole Klionsky
 Arieh Ullmann in memory of his son, Jeremy
 Rhoda Ullmann in memory of her brother, Jeremy

Beth David Family

Condolences to:

Arieh Ullmann and Rhonda Levine, for the passing of Jeremy Ullmann in February.

Russel Kelner and his wife, Sima Morell Kelner (who grew up in Binghamton), for the passing of Marvin Kelner (Russel's father).

Miriam Alweis, for the recent passing of her mother, Lily Wolf, Leah bat Yitzchak.

Recent Simchas and Events:

Orli Mintz became engaged to Raphael. She's a nurse in Israel. She's the daughter of Sharon Groh-Mintz and the granddaughter of Bob Groh. A summer wedding in Israel is planned.

Avromy Chein's *upshernish* took place on the evening of February 21st. Several weeks before that, a *bris milah* was held, welcoming Shamai to the Chein family (and the Jewish people!).

Yosef Mandel became a Bar Mitzvah. He's the son of Elaine and Shai Mandel and the grandson of Charney and Pinchas Oppenheim, all of Jerusalem.

Toby and Harold Kohn flew to Israel for a wedding celebration. While there they visited with the Oppenheims and the Adamits.

Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz visited south Florida, spending time with Roz and Harry Wiesel. The Sasnowitzes also traveled to NW Florida where they saw college friends as well as Elana and Earl Gordan (formerly of Vestal).

Judy and Sy Simon vacationed in Arizona for three weeks with Sy's sister and family. While there they visited Levi and Chani (Slonim) Levertov and Mayor and Sarah (Tunkel) Langer.

Refuah shelemah to Charney Oppenheim who broke her arm in a fall and to Marie Werner who also broke her arm in a fall, earlier this Winter.

Gina Santiago

Give Double Chai

For this, our annual Purim issue, I thought of trying to write something funny but, I am not a comedienne, nor am I a writer (comedy or otherwise). I just want to thank all our sponsors, past, present, and future. Without you, The *ChaiLine* would show up as a debit on the Synagogue budget, and this is no joke.

By your donations, to commemorate *simchas* or sorrows, to honor someone, to say thank you, or for any reason, the *ChaiLine* has been covering its own expenses and is not a drain on the Synagogue budget. *Todah Rabah*.

Your donation of \$36.00 (regular sponsor) \$180.00 (**Special Sponsor**), or \$18.00 (thank you) received in the Shul office before the next deadline (3/31/19) will be very much appreciated.

Chag Purim Sameach!
Marlene Serkin

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Siddurim

Marlene Serkin - in memory of Jack Serkin
 Marlene Serkin - in honor of Rabbi David, Stuart, & Paul Serkin
 Arieh Ullmann & Rhonda Levine - in memory of David Kammerman
 Marilyn Bell - in loving memory of Nathan Bell by Marilyn, David, Gary, and Rachel
 Saba & Michael Wiesner – in memory of Jeremy Ullmann
 The Wiesner Family – in memory of Doris & Solomon Zolty
 Kathie Shelly – in memory of Jeremy Ullmann
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The materials for the bookcase built by Michael Wright to house the new Siddurim was donated by the David & Virginia Eisenberg Fund

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Gerald Hubal in honor of his receiving the Yasher Koach Award from Kathie Shelly
 Marcy Yonaty in honor of her receiving the Yasher Koach Award from Kathie Shelly
 Marti Klionsky in honor of her receiving the Yasher Koach Award from Kathie Shelly
 Toby Kohn in honor of her receiving the Yasher Koach Award from Kathie Shelly
 Charles Gilinsky in hopes of a speedy recovery from Kathie Shelly
 Arieh Ullmann in honor of the 60th anniversary of his chanting his Bar Mitzvah Haftarah from Kathie Shelly
 Sy Klionsky in memory of his wife, Carole from Lillian Zodikoff
 Elaine Belman in honor of her special birthday from Gabi & Marcy Yonaty
 Arieh Ullmann & Family in memory of Jeremy from Lillian Zodikoff



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Purim Seudah

Festive Purim Meal

Megillah Reading #2
5:30pm

PURIM
THURSDAY

Minchah
6:15 PM

March 21, 2019

Seudah 6:30pm

\$15 per adult
\$7 for children
under Bar/Bat Mitzvah
\$44 maximum per family

RSVP by Wednesday, March 13



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WEDNESDAY, March 20 - THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Beth David Synagogue
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The 4 Mitzvot of Purim 2019

1. *Kriyat HaMegillah* - Reading the Megillah
(Evening & Morning)
2. *Matanot LaEvyonim* - Special Gifts to the Poor
For Rabbi Silber to distribute - Due by March 11th
3. *Mishloach Manot* - Sharing Gifts with Friends
4. *Seudat Purim* - Festive Meal

Wednesday, March 13

Sisterhood *Purim* Meeting 7:00 pm

Shabbat, March 16 – Parashat Zakhor ----- שבת פרשת זכור

Shacharit – Morning Service 9:00 am

Parashat Zakhor Torah Reading 10:30 am

Shabbat Ends 7:53 pm

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Minchah 6:45 pm

Fast Ends 7:58 pm

Wednesday, March 20 – Purim ----- פורים

Maariv – Evening Service / *Megillah* Reading 7:55 pm

Thursday, March 21 – Purim ----- פורים

Shacharit – Morning Service 6:50 am

Megillah Reading I 7:15 am

Megillah Reading II 5:30 pm

Minchah – Afternoon Service 6:15 pm

Purim Seudah – Festive Meal 6:30 pm

Maariv – Evening Service After *Seudah*





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Beth David Sisterhood

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March 13, 2019

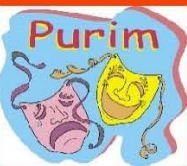
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7:00PM



with Beth David's famous Hamentashen



Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry collection.

