

# The Shul

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**Tetzaveh**

**11 Adar I, 5776**

## **A Special Guest**

A guest is coming, we need to welcome him! Even frequent guests deserve attention and hospitality, but when a guest arrives who hasn't come for a long time, then he deserves special attention.

The guest we are expecting is the minor holiday known as "Purim Katan." Most Jews know Purim, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Adar, as the day when we celebrate the annulment of the plot of the wicked Haman, who sought to wipe out all the Jews in the Persian Empire long ago. But Purim Katan?

In the Jewish calendar Adar is the twelfth month. Seven times out of 19 few years we add an extra month known as Adar II to even out the difference between the 354-day lunar year and the 365-day solar year.

The 14<sup>th</sup> of the Second Adar is when we observe all the special mitzvot of Purim, while the 14<sup>th</sup> of the First Adar is known as Purim Katan - the "Mini Purim". So, when Purim Katan comes - only 7 times in 19 years - we truly have an infrequent and rare guest which deserves special attention.

The name "Purim Katan" indicates that it is "smaller" than Purim. Yet, the Talmud says: There is no difference between the first Adar and the second Adar (meaning Purim Katan and Purim) save only in the reading of the Megila and the distribution of gifts to the poor. (Megila 6b) Although Purim Katan has less observances, it is an important day because it paves the way for Purim, making it easier for us to celebrate Purim later on in an even better manner than we have in the past. In a sense, it serves as a training day for Purim.

Now you might be thinking, "I'm quite satisfied with the way I celebrated Purim last year. Why do I need Purim Katan so that my celebration of Purim this year will surpass last year's celebration?"

The answer lies in the world we inhabit today. When we look around us and see the troubles of the world increasing, it is a sign for us, that we must likewise increase our efforts in the areas of holiness. And, the Torah advises us that when we increase in Torah study and mitzva (commandment) observance, we bring healing to the world.

The Torah wants us to increase our good activities, and this is why we should encourage the activities of Purim starting from Purim Katan; because dry observance of the minimum requirements of the day is not enough. Many of the mitzvot of Purim are enhanced by proper preparation, and we have time to make arrangements to reach many others with the mitzvot. Plus the build-up and anticipation will ensure that our own joy will be even more intense when the day finally comes.

Without question it is a worthy undertaking to awaken Jews to be more happy and joyous. This happiness will lead to the ultimate happiness described in the prophetic verse: "Then our mouths will be filled with laughter;" when the joy will be perfect and complete with the true and complete redemption through our righteous Mashiach, may it come speedily in our days.

*(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)*

### **Yid with a Chainsaw**

A special thanks to  
**Shaul Allen and Wes Wilson**  
for their joint effort  
in maintaining the Shul grounds.



**Community Information of Interest**

**FEBRUARY 20: Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz - The Last Years of the Old Order: Israel and the Jews 1962-1966.** *Chaim Bond: More Tales of Espionage 1962-1966.* This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m.  
**This week the lecture will be at the Suburban Orthodox Congregation at 7504 Seven Mile Lane.**

**"The Rav's Friday Night Hashkafa Q&A Shiur for Men"**

Season Finale will take place **NEXT** Friday night (parshat Ki Tisa, February 26<sup>th</sup>)  
 in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Berry,  
 2307 Baythorne Court (North of Smith) at 8:30 p.m.

We are pleased to have the Mizramrim in The Shul for Shabbat with plenty of opportunities to join them in Shabbat song:

1. **Minchah/Kabalat Shabbat at 5:30 p.m.** in The Shul,
2. **Friday Night Oneg at 9:00 p.m.** in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Yechiel Rubin, 6527 Clarington Road (Beazer South),
3. **Shacharit/Musaf at 8:40 a.m. followed by Kiddush** in The Shul and
4. **Minchah/Seudah Shilishit at 5:05 p.m.** in The Shul.



This is a great opportunity for family, friends and neighbors to experience the warmth of The Shul and learn more about the many opportunities for personal growth and friendship in a small shul setting.

**Mr. Yechiel and Mrs. Rochelle Rubin** are sponsoring the Mezamrim Shabbat events in memory of Yechiel's mother - **Etel Ruchama Bas Yehoshua**, whose yahrzeit was the 4<sup>th</sup> of Adar I.



Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by **Shmuel and Adina Tarshish**  
 in memory of **Rabbi Leon Tarshish - R. Leib Yitzchak b. R. Elazar Halevi, z"l**  
 whose yahrzeit is 12 Adar I.

**Yahrzeits This Week:**

Shmuel Tarshish 12 Adar I - Saturday night/Sunday for father Harav Leib Yitzchak ben Harav Elazar Halevi

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**Davening and Shiurim Schedule**

**Friday, 2/19 — 10 Adar I**

Shacharit — 7:00  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Candles — 5:29 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

**Shabbat, 2/20 — 11 Adar I**

Shacharit — 8:40 a.m.  
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:36 a.m.  
 Berachot Gemara Shiur — 4:35 p.m.  
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 5:05 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, 2/21 — 12 Adar I**

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
 Shulchan Aruch Shiur — 8:45 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, 2/22 — 13 Adar I**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 8:50 p.m.

**Tuesday, 2/23 — 14 Adar I**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 8:50 p.m.

**Wednesday, 2/24 — 15 Adar I**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 8:50 p.m.

**Thursday, 2/25 — 16 Adar I**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 8:50 p.m.  
 Tanya Shiur — 9:00 p.m.

**Friday, 2/26 — 17 Adar I**

Shacharit — 7:00  
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
 Candles — 5:37 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:40 p.m.