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Tetzaveh — Parshat Zachor — Eruv Purim

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Purim Revisited

Purim is a holiday for children and the children at heart.

And why shouldn't it be? According to Jewish teachings, it was because of the Jewish children that the miraculous rescue of the entire Jewish people took place.

Let's back track a little in the Purim story, though, to get the whole picture. Haman had managed to get King Ahasuerus to agree to his evil plan of totally annihilating the Jewish people. He even had in his hand the decree with the royal stamp on it, rendering the ruling irrevocable. At this point, Haman once again encountered Mordechai, who was teaching Torah to a group of thousands of children.

As before, this time too, Mordechai did not bow or in any way humble himself to Haman. Feeling himself at the apex of his political power and prowess, Haman was more enraged than ever before. He vowed that the children would be the first to die.

The mothers of the children begged them to leave Mordechai, but they refused. They urged their children to break their fast - a fast which, at Esther's request, Mordechai had required of the entire Jewish people. The children, once more, refused. They would remain with Mordechai, studying Torah and praying to G-d with the firm belief that He would hear their sincere and pure prayers and redeem them from this catastrophe.

What was it that gave these children such faith, and more to the point, such hope, despite the seemingly helpless situation?

The children had been studying with Mordechai laws concerning the Holy Temple. Though the First Temple had already been destroyed and the Second Temple had not yet been built, Mordechai taught the children about the Holy Temple. These teachings instilled within the children a strong belief, longing and hope that at any moment the Holy Temple could and would be rebuilt.

The children's prayers, their tears and cries, persuaded G-d to revoke the Divine Decree (thereby nullifying the earthly decree of Haman and King Ahasuerus). And what made their prayers so powerful, was that they had been educated by Mordechai to believe in the rebuilding of the Holy Temple, the ingathering of the exiles back to Israel, and the Redemption.

Today, the entire Jewish people does not face an existential threat as they did in the days of Mordechai and Esther. Yet, there are personal, communal, national and global issues that we would like to see rectified. All of us, on various levels, dream of a perfect world.

When the long-awaited Redemption commences, all of humankind will experience this perfect world. And the way to properly direct our prayers and actions to hasten the Redemption, is through studying Torah, specifically Torah that inspires hope, faith and longing for the Redemption.

Happy Purim, and may we celebrate it together as one, united people, in Jerusalem with the revelation of Moshiach, NOW!

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

Tetzaveh in a Nutshell

G-d tells Moses to receive from the children of Israel pure olive oil to feed the "everlasting flame" of the menorah, which Aaron is to kindle each day, "from evening till morning."

The priestly garments, to be worn by the kohanim (priests) while serving in the Sanctuary, are described. All kohanim wore: 1) the ketonet-a full-length linen tunic; 2) michnasayim-linen breeches; 3) mitznefet or migba'at-a linen turban; 4) avnet-a long sash wound above the waist.

Tetzaveh also includes G-d's detailed instructions for the seven-day initiation of Aaron and his four sons-Nadav, Avihu, Elazar and Itamar-into the priesthood, and for the making of the golden altar, on which the ketoret (incense) was burned.

(from www.chabad.org)



A Hearty Mazel Tov to:
Shmuel and Adinah Tarshish & Family
 on the **marriage of their daughter**

Miriam
 to
Ozzie Marizan
 of Baltimore.

Mazel Tov also to Ozzie's parents
Aiton and Devorah Marizan & Family

Dr. and Mrs. Allan Genut are sponsoring Kiddush this Shabbat
 in memory of Allan's Mother, **Mamtze Fruma Nechama bas Avrohom Laib**,
 whose yahrzeit is this Friday.



Seudah Shlishit
סעודה שלישיית

Mr. Marvin and Mrs. Sara Itzkowitz are sponsoring
 Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat
 on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of Marvin's grandmother,
Mindel bas R' Zalman Mayer z"l
 whose yahrzeit is 17 Adar

Yahrzeits This Week:

Rochelle Rubin	13 Adar - Friday night/Shabbat	for father	Chaim Dovid ben Yaakov
Marvin Itzkowitz	17 Adar - Wednesday night/Thursday	for grandmother	Mindel bas R' Zalman Mayer
Allan Genut	18 Adar - Thursday night/Friday	for mother	Mamtze Fruma Nechama bas Avrohom Laib

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 3/10 — 12 Adar
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 5:51 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:50 p.m.

Shabbat, 3/11 — 13 Adar
 Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:18 a.m.
 Berachot Gemara Shiur — 5:10 p.m.
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 5:40 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 6:52 p.m.
 Megilla — 7:30 p.m.
 Purim Farbrangen at Rabbi Kaplan's Home
 — Starting at 10:00 p.m.



Sunday — Purim, 3/12 — 14 Adar
 Shacharit — 9:00 a.m. *Daylight Savings Time*
 Megilla — 9:25 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Minchah — 4:00 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 7:15 p.m.

Monday — Shushan Purim, 3/13 — 15 Adar
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 3/14 — 16 Adar
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/15 — 17 Adar
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 3/16 — 18 Adar
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 3/17 — 19 Adar
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:58 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.