

The Shul

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Tezaveh — Parshat Zachor

9 Adar, 5778



Matzah will be \$25 per pound this year. Please go to the Shul website at www.chabadshul.org to place your order. The deadline for ordering is March 8, 2018.

Megillas Esther – An Introduction

The Vilna Ga'on, at the beginning of his commentary on the Megilla, offers a parable to illustrate how we are to view the story about to be told.

There was a king who had only one child, a son who he treasured more than anything imaginable. The love that the king showed to this child was so great that officers of the king, who devoted their life to the king's service, began to feel jealous of the attention and affection that the young boy received from the king. While the young boy grew older, he did not always treat his father in a reciprocal fashion. Finally, the boy did something that angered his father so greatly that the king had no choice but to banish him from the castle and forced him to wander in a forest. The son, while in the forest, was sure that his father had forgotten him. In reality, just the opposite was true. The king realized that his son would be faced with countless dangers in the forest, and he wanted to assure that no harm would befall his son. He therefore appointed a select group of servants who were to keep a watchful eye on his son, albeit from a distance. These servants were under instructions to never reveal that they were there on order of the king, in order for the son to reflect on what he had done and his current situation, and possibly repent.

One day, while the son was walking through the forest, he heard sounds, a grumbling from behind him. He turned to see a large bear that appeared poised for an attack. He started to flee from the bear. While running, he heard a commotion behind him. He saw some of his father's officers trying to hunt down the bear. They were successful in killing the bear and the son was saved. The son never got the opportunity to ask the servants what they were doing in the forest, and he assumed that their presence at the time he most needed help was mere coincidence. Not long after this incident, those officers who were jealous of the son got together and decided that now was the opportune time to rid themselves of the person who they despised – the son. A group of these officers went into the forest, looking for the son. They soon found him, and started attacking him. The son tried fighting back, but he was clearly outnumbered. However, moments after these officers started their attack, another group of the king's servants

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arrived on the scene and began fighting off the son's attackers. This group was victorious and again the son's life was saved. Now, the son realized that there was no way that the appearance of these officers was mere coincidence. To be saved by the same group of people twice while wandering through a forest could not be a stroke of luck. It had to be that his father was watching out for him, even while he was banished to this exile. The son, after realizing this, felt great remorse for his evil acts against his father, and felt a deep love for him. He truly regretted his actions, and repented from his evil ways. When his father heard about the change that came over his son, he happily welcomed him back to the palace.

(by Rabbi Yehudah Prero from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

Community Information of Interest

February 24: Hubris and Atonement: The State of Israel and the Jewish People 1972-75. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz. *Diaspora Indian Summer? The Jewish World and its Culture in the mid-Seventies*
This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah..

We happily wish Mazel Tov to
Yehudah and Bracha Buchwalter
on the **Birth of a Grandson**, born to their children
Shmuel Shalom and Elisheva Greenberg.
The Shalom Zachor will take place at the Buchwalters,
6603 Baythorne Road from 8:30 until 9:30 p.m.



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

The last Hashkafa Q&A shiur of the season will take place next Friday Night (March 2nd, Ki Tisa) at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Nechemia Gertner.

If you are coming from Ranchleigh, please feel free to use 2318 Smith Ave. as a shortcut.

Questions can be submitted in advance to rabbikaplan@chabadmd.com or anonymously in the shul mailbox.

Kiddush is being sponsored by
Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Tarshish
in memory of **Rabbi Leon Tarshish - R. Leib Yitzchak ben R. Elazar Halevi**,
whose yahrtzeit is on 12 Adar.



Yahrzeits This Week:

Joseph Hunt	9 Adar - Friday night / Shabbat	for mother	Batya Hunt
Shmuel Tarshish	12 Adar - Monday night / Tuesday	for father	Harav Leib Yitzchak ben Harav Elazar Halevi
Rochelle Rubin	13 Adar - Tuesday night / Wednesday	for father	Chaim Dovid ben Yaakov

Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 2/23 — 8 Adar

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Candles — 5:34 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:35 p.m.

Shabbat, 2/24 — 9 Adar

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:31 a.m.
Berachot Gemora Shiur — 4:50 p.m.
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 5:20 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 6:35 p.m.

Sunday, 2/25 — 10 Adar

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:40 p.m.

Monday, 2/26— 11 Adar

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/27— 12 Adar

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday — Taanit Esther, 2/28 — 13 Adar

Fast Begins — 5:17 a.m.
Shacharit / Slichot — 6:30 a.m..
Mincha — 5:25 p.m.
Fast Ends — 6:25 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 6:35 p.m.
Megilla — 6:50 p.m.

Thursday — Purim, 3/1 — 14 Adar

Shacharit — 6:15 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
Megilla - 6:45 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
Mincha — 4:00 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Friday — Shushan Purim, 3/2 — 15 Adar

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Candles — 5:42 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:45 p.m.