

# The Shul

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Tetzaveh

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## President's Day

Presidents' Day in the US, the Emperor's birthday in Japan, the Queen's birthday in Australia. Special days such as these give us an opportunity to reflect on how beneficial it can be for a community, nation, or the world, to have true leaders.

A great Sage, Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi, once asked Elijah the Prophet if he could accompany him on some of his G-dly missions. Elijah agreed on the condition that Rabbi Yehoshua not ask the reason for any of his actions. Rabbi Yehoshua agreed and off they went.

Many unusual occurrences took place over the course of their days together, but the final and most curious, was the following: Elijah and Rabbi Yehoshua, dressed as two wanderers, arrived at a wealthy village late one evening. Though any of the village's inhabitants could have comfortably and easily housed and fed the wanderers, no offers were forthcoming. No one even offered them a glass of water!

They spent the evening in the synagogue, sleeping on the hard benches there. When they awoke in the morning, before they began their day's journey, Elijah intoned, "May the people of this village all be leaders."

Toward evening, Elijah and Rabbi Yehoshua arrived at another village. Unlike the first village, as soon as the townsfolk saw new faces they gathered around and joyfully vied for the mitzva of housing and feeding the two wanderers. The guests were accorded much honor and were graciously offered places to sleep, refresh themselves, eat, etc.

In the morning, with much appreciation and thanks, the two wanderers parted from the villagers. But before leaving, Elijah stopped and intoned, "May this village only have one leader."

This last statement by Elijah was too much for Rabbi Yehoshua and, though he had agreed he would not ask the prophet any questions, he could hold back no longer.

"Why did you bless the village that scorned us by praying that all the people be leaders, and curse the village that helped us by praying that they have only one leader?"

Elijah replied, "You do not understand the ways of heaven. I did not bless the first village; it was the second village I blessed."

He then explained, "If a town has many leaders, there will be no peace. There will be strife, conflicts, politics. However, if a village has one leader, a leader who cares about every individual and worries about the welfare of all those under his protection, then that village is truly blessed.

If the leader is a true leader, then he will be humble and wise, G-d-fearing and compassionate. He will know that he is an extension of G-d – the Ultimate Leader – in this world, and his every action will be ruled by this knowledge. Such a village will know peace, harmony, prosperity, good fortune, and spiritual growth."

Today, more than ever before, we see that the whole world is really a "global village." May we very soon hear from Elijah himself, the prophet who will herald the Redemption, of the revelation of the one true leader that this global village so desperately needs and essentially wants, Moshiach.

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

## Laws and Customs — Purim Katan

In regular years, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar is Purim, the festival that celebrates the salvation of the Jewish people from Haman's evil decree in the year 3405 from creation (356 BCE). In a leap year – which has two Adars – Purim is celebrated in Adar II, and the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar I is designated as Purim Katan, the "Little Purim." There are no special observances, however, associated with Purim Katan, other than the omission of Tachnun ("supplications") from the daily prayers and a prohibition against fasting or holding eulogies on this day. The Code of Jewish Law cites an opinion that one should increase in festivity and joy, but rules that there is no obligation to do so; "Nevertheless, a person should increase somewhat in festivity for ... 'One who is of good heart is festive always.' " (Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim 697:1).



The Shul is looking to hire a (young) woman to assume responsibility to structure and supervise the children's groups. If you are interested or know of someone, please contact the Rav.

## Moshe's Oil

Our Parashah opens: "Now you shall command Bnei Yisrael that they shall take to you pure, pressed olive oil for illumination, to kindle the lamp continually." R' Michoel Forschlanger z"l (1883-1958; a leading Torah scholar in Baltimore, Maryland) notes that the words "to you" seemingly are superfluous. He explains:

Hashem made Moshe Rabbeinu His messenger to give the Torah to Bnei Yisrael. However, that was true only regarding the information in the Torah. In contrast, says the Gemara (Nedarim 38a), Hashem gave the ability to plumb the depths of Torah, to analyze it, and to make analogies from one law to another, to Moshe alone. Moshe, out of his love for the Jewish People, chose to share that ability with the whole nation.

R' Forschlanger continues: Our Sages say that the Menorah represents the Torah. Thus, the oil placed in the Menorah represents the Torah's inner wisdom—the wisdom that Hashem originally gave only to Moshe. That is why our verse says about the oil for the Menorah, "They shall take to you ... ."

R' Forschlanger adds: We find in a number of places in the Gemara that an exceptional scholar is referred to as "Moshe" even though that is not his name. For example, the sage Rav Safra said to the sage Rava (Sukkah 39a), "Moshe! You have spoken well." Kabbalists explain that every great Torah scholar has a "spark" of Moshe Rabbeinu's soul within him. Thus, in every generation, the way to merit to receive the Torah's inner wisdom that was gifted to us by Moshe is by connecting ourselves to the great scholars of the generation. (Toras Michoel)

*(by Rabbi Shlomo Katz from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)*

Kol Hanaarim— Father and Son Learning – every Friday evening during the winter at 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. in The Shul. Chulent and other refreshments are served. Each session is 'topped off' at the end with a fascinating story. For any questions, please see Rabbi Itzkowitz.

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by **Andrea Scott**  
 in **memory of her father, Avraham Yitzchak Ben Eliyahu**,  
 on the occasion of his 13<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit on 13 Adar; and,  
 also in **honor of her son, Moshe**, on the occasion of his birthday on 12 Adar.



**Yahrzeits This Week:**

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

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**DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE**

<p><b>Friday, 2/11 — 10 Adar נ</b>                  Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.                  Shabbat Candles — 5:20 p.m.                  Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:20 p.m.</p> <p><b>Shabbat, 2/12 — 11 Adar נ</b>                  Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.                  Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:39 a.m.                  Minchah — 5:10 p.m.                  Ma'ariv— 6:21 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sunday, 2/13 — 12 Adar נ</b>                  Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.                  Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.                  Father and Son Learning — 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Monday, 2/14 — 13 Adar נ</b>                  Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.                  Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday — Purim Katan, 2/15 — 14 Adar נ</b>                  Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.                  Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday — Shushan Purim Katan, 2/16 — 15 Adar נ</b>                  Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.                  Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday, 2/17 — 16 Adar נ</b>                  Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.                  Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.                  Chavrusa Learning with Chabad Yeshiva — 8 to 10 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, 2/18 — 17 Adar נ</b>                  Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.                  Shabbat Candles — 5:28 p.m.                  Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.</p>
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