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שבת פ' תרומה

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Baal Koreh	Rabbi Asher Sebbag	פ' תרומה - (שמות) P. Terumah - Ex: - 25:1 - 27:19 (P-444)
Mufteer & Haftarah	Mr David Gigi	מלכים א ה:כו - ו:יג I Kings 5:26 - 6:13 (- 1157)
Birkat Halevana - 7 Ader - Tonight.		ברכת הלבנה - ז אדר הלילה.
Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.		17:15
Shabbat Candles.		17:29
Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 8:49).		08:30
Mincha Shabbat Followed by Seuda Shlishit. * (Sunset - 17:46).		17:00
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.		*
Arbit Motzei Shabbat followed by Havdalah & Megilah Reading.		18:36
Shahrit Weekday - Sunday - Shahrit (07:30). (Mon & Thu 06:40)		06:45
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.		16:40
Mincha & Arbit		17:30
Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.		17:30
Shabbat Candles. P. Tetzaveh.		17:41

Trumah (Exodus 25:1-27:19)

Trumah 5777

GOOD MORNING! Purim is coming up next week -- Saturday night, March 11th, through all day Sunday. Purim is the holiday that reminds us that God runs the world behind the scenes. Coincidence is God's way of staying anonymous! Nowhere in the Megillas Esther is the name of God mentioned, though there is a tradition that every time the words "the King" are used it also refers to the Almighty.

Megillas Esther is a book full of suspense and intrigue with a very satisfying ending -- the Jewish people are saved from destruction! I highly recommend [Turnabout](#) -- it has an English translation of the Megillah

(literally: scroll) as well as a rendition of the Purim story incorporating the commentary of the Malbim. Also, Rabbi David Fohrman's [The Queen You Thought You Knew](#), opens up the Purim story on a whole deeper level.

Usually the Fast of Esther immediately precedes Purim. However, this year the day before Purim is Shabbat. Since we only fast on Shabbat for Yom Kippur, the fast is moved up to Thursday, March 9th. The fast commemorates the three day Fast of Esther and the Jewish people before she approached King Ahashverosh with her request. Named in her honor, it is also in memory of the Jews' fast before going to battle the anti-Semites in the Purim story.

A great book about Purim is Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf's [The One Hour Purim Primer](#) -- Everything a family needs to understand, celebrate and enjoy Purim. Writes Rabbi Apisdorf: If a family is a "twice a year to synagogue" family, then those days should at least be Purim and Simchas Torah (when everyone dances around celebrating the completion and beginning of reading the Torah). Our kids should see and be a part of the joy of being Jewish!

Purim comes from the word "pur" in Persian which means "lots" -- as in, "Haman cast lots for the most 'auspicious' date to kill the Jews." The date fell on the 13th of Adar. The events of that date were turned around from a day of destruction to a day of victory and joy. We celebrate Purim on the 14th of Adar for "they gained relief on the fourteenth, which they made a day of feasting and gladness" (Megillas Esther 9:17).

In very few places -- most notably in Jerusalem -- Purim is celebrated the following day, the 15th day of Adar. The Sages declared that all cities which were walled cities at the time of Joshua should celebrate Purim the following day. This is to commemorate the extra day which King Ahashverosh granted Esther to allow the Jews of Shushan (the capital of Persia, which was a walled city) to deal with their enemies. In Shushan they gained relief on the fifteenth. The holiday celebrated on the 15th of Adar is called Shushan Purim.

There are two ways in which to try to destroy the Jewish people -- physically and spiritually. Our enemies have attempted both. Chanukah is the celebration over those who have tried

and failed to culturally assimilate us (the Greeks and Western Culture); Purim is the celebration over those who have tried and failed to physically destroy us (from the Amalekites to the Persians, *ad nauseam*).

Why do we masquerade with costumes and masks on Purim? As mentioned above, nowhere in the Megillas Esther does God's name appear. If one so desires, he can see the whole Purim story as a chain of coincidences totally devoid of Divine Providence. Just as we hide behind masks, but our essence is still there, so too God has "hidden His face" behind the forces of history, but is still there guiding history.

Why do we make noise every time Haman's name is mentioned in the Megillah? The answer: By blotting out Haman's name we are symbolically obliterating evil.

The holiday is celebrated by hearing the Megillah Saturday night and Sunday morning. During the day only, we fulfill three mitzvot:

1) **Matanot L'evyonim** -- giving gifts or money to at least two poor people. (While it is good to give locally, one can fulfill the mitzvot by giving at <http://www.KerenYehoshuavYisroel.com> for the poor Jews of Jerusalem)

2) **Mishloach Manot** -- the "sending of portions," giving at least two ready-to-eat foods to a minimum of one person. One should send via a messenger, and...

3) **Seudah** -- a festive meal. During the meal we are commanded to drink wine until we don't know the difference between "Blessed is Mordechai" and "Cursed is Haman." (It is best fulfilled by drinking a little and taking a nap -- one

doesn't know the difference between them while sleeping!) One should NOT drink to excess. The mitzvah is about connecting to the Almighty -- and sloppy drunks are lousy at spirituality. Drinking can be dangerous. The mitzvah is only at the meal with wine and should be well-controlled and minimized.

Why are we instructed to drink this amount? In a certain sense, Purim is greater than Yom Kippur. On Yom Kippur we fast and it is easy for our soul to have dominance over the body. Purim is the epitome of integrating the physical and the spiritual towards realizing that the Almighty loves us. The only thing that stands between you and the Almighty -- is you. The wine and the spirit of the day help us get beyond the barrier -- to realize that everything comes from the Almighty for our good! We may perceive things that happen to us as "bad" though ultimately they benefit us either physically and/or spiritually.

The mitzvot of *Mishloach Manot* and giving gifts to the poor were prescribed to generate brotherly love between all Jews. When there is love and unity amongst us, our enemies cannot harm us!

For more on Purim, go to: <http://www.aish.com/holidays/purim/>. Enjoy "Lego Purim" -- a short Aish.com film unique retelling of the Purim story. Also, "Purim and Spain's Hidden Jews", Rabbi Ken Spiro's "Purim in Persia" from his Crash Course in Jewish History and Rabbi Shraga Simmons' "The ABC's of Purim."



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Terumah, Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

This week's Torah reading is an architect's or interior designer's dream portion. It begins with the Almighty commanding Moses to tell the Jewish people to donate the materials necessary for the construction of the *Mishkan*, the portable sanctuary.

The Torah continues with the details for constructing the Ark, the Table, the Menorah, the Tabernacle (the central area of worship containing the Ark, the Menorah, the Incense Altar, and the Table), the Beams composing the walls of the Tabernacle, the Cloth partition (separating the Holy of Holies where the Ark rested from the remaining Sanctuary part of the Tabernacle), the Altar and the Enclosure for the Tabernacle (surrounding curtains forming a rectangle within which was approximately 15x larger than the Tabernacle).

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Dvar Torah

*based on Growth Through Torah by
Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

The Torah states regarding the walls of the Tabernacle:

"The center crossbar shall go through the middle of the beams, from one end (of the Tabernacle) to the other" (Exodus 26:28).

What lesson for life can we learn from the crossbeam?

Targum Yonoson, an Aramaic translation and commentary of the Torah, informs us that the center crossbar was made with wood that came from the trees that Avraham planted. Rabbi Mordechai Mann of Bnai Brak commented that these trees were planted by Avraham for the purpose of doing kindness for travelers -- to provide them with shade.

The center crossbar was placed right in the middle of the tabernacle to remind us that even when we are devoting ourselves to serving the Almighty, we should never forget to have compassion for our fellow men, who are created in the image of the Almighty.



Shabbat Shalom,
Kalman
Rabbi Kalman
Packouz

Mazel tov: #to Eli Cohen the son of Yakdhan and Farida Cohen on his engagement to Lucy Hayim.

Mazal Tov Ub-Siman Tov: to Charles Silas and family on the birth of his tenth Great-Grandchild a baby boy, for Ariella and Joshua Fox in Manchester.

Fast of Esther: on Thursday the 9th March - 11 Adar 5777. - Fast starts at 05:20, Fast terminate 18:36. Mincha at 17:15.

Shabbat Erev Purim 11/03/2017: Mincha at 12:35 after Kiddush and Hamutzi.

Megilah Reading: Motzei Shabbath 11/03/2017 Arbit 19:15, follows by Megilah reading approx. 19:35. Sunday first Reading after Shaharit 07:00 Approx. 08:00. The reading is by Mr Michael Joshua. The second reading 10:00 by Rabbi Asher Sebbag.

Condolences: to the Mayer's family ה"י, on the passing away of Benny Mayer ז"ל. We wish long life to all his family.

Purim Children Party: Come and get ready for Purim. Only £4 Each - 3 For £10. Sunday 5th March 15:00 - 18:00.

The Kiddush: #his week is sponsored by families Hannuna and Breuer-Weil in loving memory of their Grandmother Sabiha bat Regina and Great Aunt Rosie bat Regina. Two wonderful ladies and sisters. #

Seuda Shelishit: presented by Shnuel Lebaiav ה"י, in memory of his late father Rabbi Abner ben Yael & Zevukun ז"ל.

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE"
TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

01 Adar	Mr Yaakov Georgy	23 Adar	Mr Benny Benaiah
02 Adar	Mr Asher Moses	24 Adar	Mr Albert Ibrahim
08 Adar	Mr Fouad Yadgar	24 Adar	Mr Aziz Ibrahim
13 Adar	Mr Elie Menahem	26 Adar	Mr David Gigi
16 Adar	Miss Florence Ruth David	27 Adar	Mr Ghassan Cohen
18 Adar	Mr Solomon Judah	29 Adar	Mr Sabah Rashty
19 Adar	Mrs Rosalind Broomer	29 Adar	Mr Peres Rashty
22 Adar	Mr David Gigi	29 Adar	Mr Morris Rashty
22 Adar	Mr Charles F. Silas		

Quote of the Week

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.
If you want to be happy, practice compassion.