



בתי מדרש מתישול מרכז חינוך, תורה וציונות

March 7, 2009 • 11 Adar, 5769 • Parashat Tetzaveh • Shabbat Zachor
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Schedule	
Shabbat Parashat Tetzaveh	
Candle Lighting	5:35 p.m.
Mincha	5:40 p.m.
Sephardic Kabbalat Shabbat (BM)	5:50 p.m.
Oneg and Q&A	9:30 p.m.
Shacharit	7:00, 9:00 a.m.
Kri'at Shema before	9:14 a.m.
Additional Zachor	11:20 a.m.
Daf Yomi	3:30 p.m.
Rabbi Heller's Shiur	4:15 p.m.
Additional Zachor	5:05 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit	5:15 p.m.
Maariv/Shabbat Ends	6:41 p.m.
<i>Move clocks ahead one hour!</i>	

Weekday Schedule	
Week of March 8th	
<i>Shacharit</i>	
• Sunday	7:30, 8:30, 9:00 a.m.
• Mon. <i>Taanit Esther</i>	6:30, 7:00, 8:00 a.m.
• Tues. <i>Purim</i>	<i>See full schedule</i>
• Wed., Fri	7:00, 7:30, 8:00 a.m.
• Thursday	6:45, 7:20, 8:00 a.m.
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	
• Sun., Wed., Thurs., Fri	6:40 p.m.
• Monday, <i>Taanit Esther</i>	6:25 p.m.
• Tuesday, <i>Purim</i>	<i>See full schedule</i>
<i>Next Shabbat, Parashat Ki Tisa</i>	
• Candle Lighting	6:43 p.m.
• Mincha	6:45 p.m.
• Sephardic Kabbalat Shabbat	6:55 p.m.

Purim Schedule	
Monday, March 9th	
Mincha (Main Shul)	6:25 p.m.
Maariv/Fast Ends/Megilla	7:32 p.m.
Overflow Megilla Reading (BM)	7:45 p.m.
Late Megilla (no Maariv, BM)	9:30 p.m.
Purim Party	9:30 p.m.
Schpiel	10:00 p.m.
Digital Shorts	10:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10th	
Shacharit/Megilla:	6:15/6:45 a.m.
	7:00/7:30 a.m.
	8:00/8:30 a.m.
	9:45/10:15 a.m.
Children's Chagiga	11:00 a.m.
Early Mincha	2:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv	6:40 p.m.

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Purim Perspectives: Interview with Chomer J. Simpson

PP: So Chomer, could you tell us about the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot (MM) and the reasons for it?
CS: We are obligated on Purim to give at least two, ready to eat, food items to at least one person. The idea of sending at least two items is derived from Tractate Megillah on Daf 7a, which we recently learned in our local Daf Yomi at Moe's Pub. It says in Megillas Esther on 9:19 "mishloach manot ish l'rei'eihu" (MM each person to his friend). From the plural word "manot" we derive at least two.
 There are two common reasons attributed for the mitzvah of MM:
 1) Rabbi Shlomo Alkabez in his book "Manot Halevi" writes that it is to increase love and friendship amongst Jews, as Haman tried to demonstrate to King Achashverosh the opposite in his appeal to have them destroyed; that they are a divided and unfriendly people.
 2) The Terumas Hadeshen writes that it's to ensure that everyone has sufficient food for the Purim seudah. The underlining difference between the two is that the former would not require the gift to be incredible edibles, while the latter one would. In fact, R' Alkabetz once sent a copy of his book to his father-in-law as MM. It is assumed that the book was not edible, not even a magical soy concoction. Nevertheless, the prevailing custom is to bring food, so MM isn't a time to unload any unwanted literature.
 In addition, if you are sending two items, they should be different, although they may be items that have the same bracha, such as a Krispy Kreme Boston Crème Donut and a Krispy Kreme Blueberry Muffin.
PP: When you deliver your package, is it supposed to be directly or should one have a shaliach (messenger)?
CS: According to many opinions, it is preferable to use a shaliach to fulfill this mitzvah, and my son Baruch Simpson helps me with that. Increasing the number of people involved brings more people together, and thus serves the unity/friendship aspect of MM. Likewise, there are those who hold that it isn't necessary to have a messenger.
PP: Chomer, do you folks have a special art to "Recycling MM"?
CS: Oh, we are professionals at that! When someone comes to bring us mishloach manot, we say "oh, thank you", then I hand off the goodies to my son Baruch. He goes to the kitchen to repack them, and Lisa'la is there to give us a guilt trip ("that's so wrong!"), so then we throw in a few homemade hamentashen. We of course have our own boxes. I save all of my donut boxes throughout the year for this purpose. We do, however, prepare some original ones on our own.
PP: Could you tell us some other rules and regulations related to this mitzvah?
CS: Ideally the food should be of a respectable quantity according to the standards of the sender and recipient. That's a judgment call people need to make for themselves.
 It is better to spend more on Matanot La'evyonim than on this mitzvah, as there is no greater joy than cheering up those who are less fortunate. Checks can be made out to the Kal V' Chomer J. Simpson Fund.
 Women are just as obligated as men to perform this mitzvah.
 Roommates are allowed to send jointly, however, it should contain enough items for each sender to fulfill his/her obligation.
 A reliable delivery service may be used.

Chomer J. Simpson is President of the Young Israel of Springfield, USA. Aside from his duties as Safety Director of the Springfield Nuclear Energy facility, he is involved in a number of other altruistic causes in the area, including being the Mashgiach for Moe's Pub, coordinator of the One on One learning program, also at Moe's Pub, the Dairy Kiddush Man at the Young Israel, and Director of Save the Kelev's. If you can read this you do not need glasses.

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Weekly Activities

- Monday and Tuesday night activities are cancelled this week due to Taanit Esther and Purim.
 - Wednesday:**
Men's Basketball, 8:00 p.m. Contact: Gilad Halevy, ghalevy@chipwiz.com.
 - Saturday - Motza'ei Shabbat**
Men's Basketball, 7:15 p.m. Contact: Benjy Burnat, qy787@verizon.net
- Daf Yomi — Sunday-Thursday at 9:15 p.m.; Shabbat afternoon 45 minutes before Mincha*

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 8 - Chevra Lecture, 10 a.m. See opposite page for details.
- Mar. 9-10 - Purim! See front page for the schedule and opposite page for events and details.
- Mar. 20 - Membership Appreciation Dinner. See opposite page for details.

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Mazel Tov!

Laura Berkowitz on the engagement of her grandson Dani Berkowitz to Moselle Kerben.

Chevra Kadisha Lecture
Sun. March 8th, 10 a.m. in the MPR

Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, MD, will be speaking on the topic:

**"The Sun Will Shine Again:
Coping, Persevering, and Winning
in Troubled Economic Times"**

Membership Appreciation Dinner

To say "thank you" to the shul's members, the Membership Committee is organizing a **gourmet Friday night dinner** on **March 20th** which you won't want to miss.

Only \$15. All members are invited.

Please contact Eric Heine or Aviva Stern for more info: membership@mtsinaishul.com.

**Message from the
Rabbi Search Committee**

This Shabbat we are pleased to welcome **Rabbi Avi Heller**, who is visiting as a rabbinic candidate for our shul. Please see the flyer for a full Shabbat schedule and bio of Rabbi Heller.

Please remember to fill out the feedback form that will be available Saturday night online and in the shul office.

To receive future communications regarding the rabbinic search process, please visit www.mtsinaishul.com and sign up for "Announcements."

Purim at Mt. Sinai!



- Mt. Sinai is pleased to offer **Purim cards** for sale this year, for **\$2 each**. Have the shul stamp and mail them for you for an additional \$1 each. And if you buy 10, you get one free! To place an order or view a sample, stop by the shul office, or visit mtsinaishul.com.
- The shul is collecting money for the JCC's **Matanot L'evyonim Campaign** which will be distributed on Purim to low income elderly. Donations can be made online or in the office (please make checks out to "Mount Sinai Jewish Center" and write "Matanot L'evyonim" in the memo). **The deadline is Sunday, March 8th.**

Purim Night: Purim Party 2009

- The Purim Schpiel!** Headed by Mor Rossler. Email morrossler@gmail.com to join the Schpiel Team or to give your suggestions.
- 1st Annual Mt. Sinai Digital Shorts Competition!** Create a 3-5 minute video and have a chance to win a free Netflix subscription! See website for details.
- Costume contest!** Prizes awarded for the best Individual and Group costumes.
- \$5 for members; \$7 for non-members
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Purim Day

- Chagiga for Parents and Children!** Songs, crafts, and hamentashen from 11-12 in the gym. \$5 for members, \$7 for non members. Contact familylife@mtsinaishul.com for details.
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