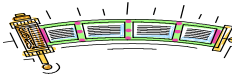



LAWS OF PURIM

1. Every Jew (men, women, and children who are old enough to understand the proceedings) is obligated to hear the reading of **the Megillah** (Book of Esther) on the night of Purim and again on Purim day. One does not fulfill one's obligation by listening to the Megillah only once. 
2. On the first night of Purim it is customary to contribute **three half dollars** to charity in commemoration of a similar practice maintained by our ancestors during the period of the Beit Hamikdash in Yerushalayim.
3. On Purim day, every Jew is obligated to send at least two different ready-to-eat foods to at least one friend (**Mishloach Manot**). Please note that although mourners are obligated to fulfill the Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot, it is inappropriate to send Mishloach Manot to an individual who is mourning, whether Sh'loshim (30-day-period) or Yud-Bet Chodesh (the year long mourning for a parent). However, one may send Mishloach Manot to the mourners family.
4. Every Jew is obligated to give **Matanot L'evyonim**, money or food to at least one poor person. This Mitzvah is of greater significance than the Mitzvot of Seudat Purim or Mishloach Manot. Both traditions of Matanot L'evyonim and Mishloach Manot represent our eagerness to share our joy with friends as well as with those less fortunate.
5. We are obligated to eat a **Seuda** (festive meal.) It should begin in the afternoon on purim day and may continue into evening. Adults and children are encouraged to appear in tastefully expressive **costumes** that reflect both the joy of Purim and the sanctity of the Makom Tefilla. 



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*Happy
Purim*

SCHEDULE

Ta'anit Esther - Monday, March 9

Shacharit-6:30 a.m.

Begins - 6:42 a.m.,

Mincha - 7:15 p.m.,

Ends - 8:15 p.m.

Purim Night - Monday, March 9

Maariv-7:55 p.m.

Megillah Reading - 8:15 p.m.

Purim Day - Tuesday, March 10

Shacharit - 6:30 a.m.

Megillah Reading - 6:55 am

Second Megillah Reading - 9:30 a.m.

Mincha- 4:45

Purim Seudah- 5:00 p.m.

Maariv- 8:15 p.m.



PROGRAMS

Children's Program During Megillah Reading:

For Children age 5-10, Evan Albert will lead this special program in the Levitz Beit Midrash that includes lots of prizes, noise, fun and of course, the famous, "Arror Haman" Piñatas. For children 4 and under, there will be babysitting in the toddler room.

YIS Sisterhood Presents - Purim Carnival: Sunday, March 8, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. : Carnival games, moonbounce, pizza lunch at noon, Purim craft. 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: *Puppet Adventures*. Admission: \$3. Please RSVP by February 20 to Helene Potoff at (248) 593-2577.

If you are interested in attending a Purim Seudah at the Shul on Purim Day at 5 p.m., please email the Shul office.

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FOUR SPECIAL SHABBATOT

Rabbi Morris is currently collecting Tzedakah for Matanot La'Evyonim. The money will be distributed on Purim. Please make checks payable to Young Israel of Southfield Charity Fund.

1. Shabbat Shekalim - February 21, 2009

We read the portion of the Torah that deals with the shekel (a coin used in ancient times) in anticipation of the time when we will again collect the half shekel from every Jew. The money collected was used throughout the year to purchase the communal sacrifice offered in the Beit Hamikdash in Yerushalayim. The collection, for the new year, began on Rosh Chodesh Adar.

2. Shabbat Zachor - March 7, 2009

We read the Torah portion dealing with the Amalekite attack against the children of Israel, because the Torah commands us never to forget what Amalek did to our ancestors. This portion is read just before Purim because Haman was a descendent of the Amalekite nation.

Shabbat Parah - March 14, 2009

We read the portion of the Torah dealing with purification by the ashes of the red heifer. This is read before the month of Nisan to remind anyone who has defiled himself through contact with the dead to purify himself in time for the paschal offering, the Korban Pesach. This portion is read in anticipation of the time when we will again bring the paschal sacrifice in purity.

Shabbat HaChodesh - March 21, 2009

We read the portion dealing with the month of Nisan on the last Shabbat before the beginning of Nisan because it was during this time that the Jewish nation was founded. The beginning of Nisan heralds the coming of the Passover holiday, and reading of this portion heralds the coming of Nisan.

Note: All men and women should make every effort to be present when the portion of Zachor and Parah are read. There will be an additional reading of Parshat Zachor following Musaf, Shabbat morning.

FAST OF ESTHER

On the 13th of Adar, we are obligated to refrain from eating and drinking from dawn until nightfall. This commemorates the fast observed by our ancestors who went out to battle the Persian forces mobilized by the command of Haman.

