

the SHOEFAR



TEMPLE BET YAM

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*A famous Talmudic aphorism says:
Mishe-nichnas Adar, marbim b'simcha
When Adar enters, our joy increases (Ta'anit 29a)*



We celebrate Purim in the Jewish month of Adar. Our sages teach us that no matter how much sadness and unhappiness we experience, we need to laugh and enjoy the celebration of Purim.

As we know, the story of Purim is told in the Biblical book of Esther. The heroes of the story are Esther, a beautiful young Jewish woman living in Persia, and her uncle Mordecai, who raised her as if she were his daughter. Esther was taken to the house of Ahasuerus, King of Persia, to become part of his harem. He loved Esther more than his other women and made Esther queen. However he did not know that Esther was a Jew because Mordecai told her not to reveal her identity.

The villain of the story is Haman, an arrogant, egotistical advisor to the king. Haman hated Mordecai because Mordecai refused to bow down to him, so he plotted to destroy the Jewish people.

It is very interesting to see where the world stands today. Persia is Iran today. Unfortunately, its leaders today had neglected the Holocaust and want to erase the State of Israel. Unfortu-

nately, their leaders had some participation in the bombing of the Jewish community in Buenos Aires in 1994. Unfortunately, I do believe they are not showing signs of being trustworthy.

Mordecai persuaded Esther to speak to the king on behalf of the Jewish people because at first Esther was hesitant to speak with the King. In the Book of Esther 4:13 we read:

"Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews."

This verse is very important. Mordecai reminded her who she was. We may agree or disagree with certain politics, but I hope we always remember that we are Jewish people and that the State of Israel is crucial to our survival no matter in which country we choose to live.

Let's come together to celebrate Purim. Let's enjoy happiness this month and let us pray for peace and understanding in the world!

Chag sameach, Happy Purim!

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Let's Celebrate!

March Anniversaries

March 27th,
Donna & Elliott Palevsky
 40th anniversary

March 31st,
Denise Mensh & Richard Zicht
 16th anniversary



March Birthdays

March 1st, Samuel Zucker

March 2nd, Colleen Banat

March 5th, Stan Weintraub

March 8th, Aaron Beasley

March 8th, Denise Mensh

March 8th, Madison Toro,
 7th birthday

March 9th, Joe Marx

March 9th, Ellen Mensh

March 9th, Ellie Sussman

March 13th, Cathy Kasriel

March 13th, Sherry Toy

March 16th, Barbara Carman

March 16th, Teresa Freedman

March 20th, Terre Wallach

March 21st, Bob Feldheim

March 27th, Harvey Hoffman



In Memoriam

March 1st, Susan Boone

Sister of Marty Cohen

March 1st, Max Heilweil

Father of Art Heilweil

March 2nd, Lily Kaufman

Great aunt of Dinah McNamara

March 3rd, Nathan Carr

Father of Bud Carr

March 3rd, Florence Rubin

Mother of Dinah McNamara

March 4th, George Goldberg

Husband of Eileen Goldberg

March 5th, Joanne Palm

Sister of Carol Gladstone

March 6th, Harvey Goldman

Friend of Harvey Hoffman

March 9th, Blanche DeCastro

Mother of Norma Tinkoff

March 10th, Ben Broudy

Father of Martin Broudy

March 10th, Sandy Jacobson

Sister of Frank Kinkela

March 10th, Bernard D. Levine

Father of Ava Glicksteen

March 10th, Rose Satz

Mother of Phyllis Greenfield

March 11th, Harry Hurdy

Uncle of Barbara Kushner

March 13th, Isadore Berman

Father-in-law of Sara Berman

March 14th, Paul Zucker

Father of Samuel Zucker

March 15th, Cheryl Ann Feldman-Hill

Daughter of Roberta Feldman

March 15th, Joseph Gardi

Father of Dorit Cohen

March 15th, Della Strock Hershon

Aunt of Rabbi Fred Raskind

March 15th, Rebecca Levine

Mother of Arnie Levine

March 15th, Maurice A. SpieglemanFather of Isabel Sherman &
Grandfather of Dave Sherman**March 16th, John Davis**

Husband of Noreen Davis

March 16th, Nettie Kushner

Mother of Phil Kushner

March 17th, Warren Harris

Brother of Roberta Feldman

March 18th, John ColbertUncle of Emily Brown &
Brother of Margaret Brown**March 18th, Isidore Swickle**

Grandfather of Jane Seiden

March 18th, Lillian Weintraub

Mother of Stan Weintraub

March 20th, Sadie Botnick

Mother-in-law of Rhona Botnick

March 21st, Sidney Sirkin

Father of Arthur Sirkin

March 21st, Jules Swickle

Uncle of Jane Seiden

March 21st, Bernard Weintraub

Father of Stan Weintraub

March 22nd, Jacob Tinkoff

Grandson of Norma Tinkoff

March 23rd, Allene E Leger

Mother of Patricia LaPolt

March 23rd, John Perretti

Father of Jen Sherman

March 25th, Samuel Mensh

Father of Myron Mensh

March 25th, Edward Raskind

Father of Rabbi Fred Raskind

March 26th, Asher Pressman

Husband of Gig Pressman

March 27th, Ben Rubner

Grandfather of Jaime Combs

March 28th, Inge Banat

Grandmother of Ron Banat

March 28th, Louis Marx

Grandfather of Joe Marx

March 30th, Yvette Cohen

Grandmother of Meryl Goldman

March 30th, Sonia Comisar

Grandmother of Ilene Hoffman

March 30th, Perry Satz

Brother of Phyllis Greenfield

March 31st, Jan KovacsFriend of Ilene &
Harvey Hoffman*May**their**memory**be a**blessing...*

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Renee & Michael Speisman - for Dining with Dignity



Upcoming Events for March. Mark your calendar!

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 1st, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Shabbat Service: Alex & Zach Black B'Nai Mitzvah

Friday, March 4th, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Alex & Zach Black Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, March 5th, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Religious School

Sunday, March 6th, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Sisterhood - Joan G - Ayla's presentation

Wednesday, March 9th, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Sisterhood Book Club: *The Orphan Collector:*

A Heroic Novel of Survival During the 1918

Influenza Pandemic by Ellen Marie Wiseman

Wednesday, March 23rd, 1:00 – 2:00pm

Shabbat Service (ILO RS)

Friday, March 18th, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Religious School

Sunday, March 27th, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 29th, 5:30 – 6:30pm

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Memorial Board Plaques – When you purchase a plaque for your loved ones, you memorialize them on our memorial board in the sanctuary, as well as in the Book of Remembrance. All names on the Memorial Board are recognized during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. See the Donation form on our web site, TempleBetYam.org or contact Phyllis Keiser at (904) 797-1508.

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Israel's forests are not only a valuable source for water preservation, but are a source for boosting the morale of Israel's citizens by providing a haven in which to put aside the pressures of living in a nation under siege.

JNF will acknowledge every donation with a receipt to the donor and a certificate to the recipient of the honor. Your donation will also benefit Temple Bet Yam with a portion of the donation amount. It is a double Mitzvah.

Trees may be ordered by contacting Toby Weintraub at 904-471-0418. Please provide Toby with your name, address, phone number, the name and address of the person being honored and the name and address of the person you want to receive acknowledgment.

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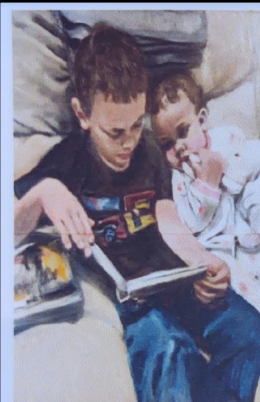
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