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The festival of Purim commemorates the Almighty's sensational salvation of the Jewish people from the hands of the evil Haman, and the demise of Haman together with his family. Haman resorted to drawing lots to determine the opportune date to carry out his heinous plot. Hence the name of the festival is Purim, which means lots. How fortunate and sweet is our lot the refreshing waters of the Torah, which nourishes body and soul.

SHABBOS ZACHOR: The Torah commands us to always remember what the nation of Amalek has done to us. The Shabbos preceding Purim was designated as the appropriate time to perform this Mitzvah. A special Torah portion is read following the weekly Torah reading. Everyone is encouraged to walk to the synagogue to join in this special occasion on *February, 24*. Services begin at *9:00 am*.

FAST OF ESTHER: The miracle of Purim did not transpire without the intense prayer and repentance of our people. Esther called upon Mordechai to proclaim a three consecutive day fast. In addition, the Jewish people congregated on the 13th day of Adar to fast and pray as they prepared to battle their enemies. Consequently, the Almighty delivered the Jews from their adversaries with a decisive defeat of Haman. Therefore, the 13th day of Adar was designated as a day of fasting, prayer and repentance.

MITZVOS OF PURIM: The festival of Purim has its own unique obligations. Included in these Mitzvos are: reading Megillas Esther, Mishloach Manos, Matonos La'evyonim, and Seudas Purim.

MEGILLAS ESTHER: Recounting the entire story of Purim. The Megillah is read in the synagogue on the night of the 14th of Adar and is repeated on the following day. One must pay close attention to the reader, to be certain not to miss even one word.

MISHLOACH MANOS: Sending a gift of at least two foods to a friend. Purim is a time when we demonstrate our desire to strengthen our friendship with our fellow Jews.

MATONOS LA'EYONIM: Giving gifts to the poor. Our joy cannot and would not be complete, without providing the less fortunate with the means to be able to rejoice on Purim. It is far better to exceed in giving to the needy than in giving to one's friends.

SEUDAS PURIM: Partaking in a special meal enhanced with festive spirit. We celebrate and express our gratitude to the Almighty for His miracles.

SYNAGOGUE FESTIVITIES: This year, once again, we will feature a wonderful Purim program beginning with the Megillah reading. The program will be held on Wednesday, February 28 beginning with Maariv at 7:05 pm. Noisemakers will be provided for the traditional noisemaking at Haman's name. Refreshments will be provided sponsored by Dorothy and Eddy Barak. Todah Raba!!! Thursday morning March 1, Shacharis will begin at 6:30 am. Megillah reading will be at 7:10 am.

PURIM FEVER: In the end of the story of Purim, who was in the highest position of the land? Haman, of course, because he was fifty cubits high!!!

Wishing you and yours a HAPPY PURIM!!!!

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**SHABBOS PARSHAS ZACHOR & PURIM SCHEDULE**

Friday, February 23	Shacharis	7:00 am
	Candle lighting	5:57 pm
	Minchah	6:00 pm
Saturday, February 24	Shacharis	9:00 am
	Minchah	5:50 pm
	Shabbos ends	6:59 pm

**TAANIS ESTHER**

Wednesday, February 28	Fast begins	5:58 am
	Shacharis	6:40 am
	Minchah	5:55 pm
	Fast ends	
7:04 pm		
	Maariv & Megillah	7:00 pm

Refreshments sponsored By **Dorothy & Eddy Barak**. Todah Rabah

Thursday, March 1	Shacharis	6:30 am
	Megillah	7:10 am
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Megillah reading	8:45 am