

NEWSLETTER

SARAH SEIDEL SISTERHOOD

March, 1982

"WHEN THE MONTH OF ADAR BEGINS, OUR JOY INCREASES"

Babylonian Talmud
Ta'anit 29a

The month of Adar, which begins on February 23rd, is traditionally the happiest month of the Jewish calendar because, on Adar 14, we celebrate the holiday of Purim. This year, Purim, the festival commemorating the heroism of Queen Esther and Mordecai which led to the defeat of the villainous Haman, will be observed on Monday night and Tuesday, March 8th and 9th. We will celebrate on Monday night March 8th, with a special family service in the synagogue at 7:30PM.

A Purim service is a very unique experience. The most important section of the service is the reading of the Megilla-the Book of Esther-but there is more.

Just to prepare (or warn) you about some of the customs you'll see: Don't forget to bring noisemakers-we'll provide traditional ones but you might want to bring your own creative ones to help drown out the name of the wicked villain Haman.

It's a tradition on Purim to get dressed up in costumes. I promise to wear my special Purim costume direct from Jerusalem's Old City.

Finally, Purim is a time for celebration: feasting, drinking (according to tradition until you can't tell Haman from Mordecai) and a lovely tradition called Purim Torah (Example: Who is the shortest man in the Bible? For the answer see Job 8:1).

For all its fun, Purim does have its more serious side. It is a day on which we are commanded to give tzedakah, charity, to the poor. It is also a day to remember how important it is to be unified in our attempts to defeat our enemies and to teach our history to our children so that it will never be forgotten.

Come join in the fun on March 8th!

Rabbi Dobrusin

Due to the joyous holiday and celebration of Purim there will be no Sarah Seidel Sisterhood meeting BUT all members are asked to join in the fun and sample hamantashen and...provided by hostesses Seena Groveman, Jennie Groveman and Linda Greener. A good time is guaranteed for all!

REMINDERS!!

The J.C.C. proudly presents a delicious Sunday afternoon, March 14th, as Shirley Rubenstein demonstrates Chinese cooking for us at the synagogue. Time is 1:30PM so please bring your inquisitiveness and appetites!

Ways and Means is in the process of developing a raffle ticket sale for a \$100 food order at Acme so start brushing up your sales pitches to help sell tickets and earn money for the benefit of the sisterhood.

SAVE THAT RUMMAGE!! DETAILS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Rhea Goldman and Elaine Zeitz proudly present "A Sweet Affair" to be held on May 2nd from 7-9PM. Scrumptious desserts and... to be served as their donor project for the year; these ladies continue to bring us the best in eating so mark your calendars now.

We would like to acknowledge the following contribution made to the Temple Memorial Fund:

Mr. Nathan Goldman in memory of Zelda Grossman.

SPECIAL REMINDER

The rabbi will be leading services on Friday, March 26th at 8:00PM and Saturday morning, March 27th at 9:15AM. Please join us in the celebration of the bat mitzvah of Lynn Beth Groveman.