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Shabbat Details

- Friday night service
6.30pm
- Saturday morning
service 9am fol-
lowed by Seudat
Mitzvah lunch
- Times for Shabbat:

LC 7:14PM

ends 8:08PM

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Notices

- On behalf of the AHC members, Board and staff we wish a hearty Mazal Tov to **Rabbi and Rebbitzin Friedler** on the happy occasion of the birth of their **3rd born baby boy!!!** May Hashem bless him and the entire family with Torah, Chupah and good deeds.
- Rabbi Netanel and Rebbitzin Shiri Friedler are happy to announce that the **Brit** of their 3rd baby boy will be Be'ezrat Hashem this coming Shabbat (March 19th), at the Adelaide Hebrew Congregation. Tefilah will start at 9:15, and the reading of Parashat Zachor (the only reading during the year which is a Mitzvah from the Torah to hear) will be at approximately 10:30; The service will be followed by the Brit, after which everyone is welcome to a Seudat Mitzvah lunch.
- **AHC Working Bee**-we are looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday 3 April at 10am at AHC. We will be cleaning the Shule for Pesach and koshering the kitchen. Thank you in advance to those who will be able to come. If you could please just let the office know your availability, we would very much appreciate it, so we have an idea of the numbers of helpers we can expect.
- Please note : The **AGM** will be held on Sunday 27/03/11 at 3pm. A reminder also that **nominations** by financially eligible community members (including any persons 18 years and older whose family membership is financial), must reach the AHC office by 1pm Monday 21 March.
- **Purim is this week!** Come and join us on Saturday 19 March with the Megilah reading and Hamantashen immediately after Shabbat, then on Sunday 20th — The Megilah will be read in the morning with Shachrit, then again at 1pm, followed by an exciting **Purim Party** including a fancy dress parade for the children. Do not miss it! For more details please see attached Purim Flyer.
- **Pesach is coming-** we all are going to enjoy a delicious communal first night Seder in a wonderful kosher family home called the AHC. Places will be available for this. Further details to follow soon.
- We wish **Refuah Shlemah** to Jeanette Ailion, Nina Hassan, Rosy Costi, Sybil Ailion, Mara Zaks, Klara Katsman, Ivor Lee, Maurice Nahmad and anyone else who has been unwell recently.

Shabbat Parashat Tzav

SHABBAT ZACHOR

The Megillah of Ester – Revealing the Hidden

The only book in the Bible in which Hashem's name is not mentioned at all, is the Megillah of Ester.

We know that the Megillah was written by “Ruach Hakodesh” (Divine Providence), so why did the author of the Megillah not write the name of Hashem? The sages say that even though - when the Megillah mentions “the King”, as opposed to “King Achashverosh”, this refers to Hashem, - Hashem's explicit name does not appear in the book.

Although Hashem's name is not mentioned in the Megillah, we do know that it is this way on purpose. The Megillah was not written in order to teach us history, but rather to teach us to look deeper into our lives, and to see the hand of Hashem everywhere, and in everything.

The Megillah can be viewed as a series of coincidences:

- A. Coincidentally, Achashverosh decided to present to all the beauty of his wife, Vashti.
- B. Coincidentally, Vashti refused to come.
- C. Coincidentally, Ester was chosen as new queen, an anonymous woman, an orphan, and with no unique family lineage.
- D. Coincidentally, Mordechai over-heard Bigtana and Teresh and their plot to kill Achashverosh.
- E. Coincidentally, Mordechai's reward for hearing Bigtana and Teresh was postponed
- F. Coincidentally, while Ester stood in the court, she won the favour of Achashverosh.
- G. Coincidentally, that very same night the king could not sleep.
- H. Coincidentally, the king asked his servants to read from his record book.
- I. Coincidentally, they read the very passage in which it was written that Mordechai saved the King.
- J. Coincidentally, at the same time Haman arrived to the palace court
- K. Coincidentally, Achashverosh came back to his palace, just in time to see Haman 'falling down' on Ester's bed.
- L. Coincidentally, Charvona arrived immediately after the above incident, and told Achashverosh of Haman's plan to hang up Mordechai on a tree.

A rare series of coincidences! Without faith, we could explain all these as “luck”, or “fate”.

This also explains the name of the Chag: *“That is why they called these days “Purim” from the word “Pur” (Ester 9, 26). “Pur” in Hebrew is a lottery. It is not just that Haman used lots to decide when he'll destroy the Jewish nation, but also it is an ideology that believes that our lives are like a roulette game, with no meaning and no plan to the world.*

This is the ideology of Amalek as well, the forefather of Haman. Amalek saw all the miracles that occurred in Egypt and in the Red Sea, but he said: “All is coincidence”; “The slaves succeeded in running away from Egypt, and when they crossed the sea it was possible due to the low tide”. Amalek in numerical Hebrew is “safek” (doubt): there is no truth in the world, you can doubt everything.

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This is why Hashem's name is not mentioned in the Megillah, in order to teach us to reveal Hashem without the 'assistance' of miracles, but rather through the regular events of our lives (Megillah in Hebrew means to reveal).

Chag Purim Samech to you and all your families, waiting to see you all in our Purim party!

Halachot for Shabbat Zachor and Purim

The reading of Parasht Zachor on the Shabbat before Purim is the most important Torah reading of the year. It is the obligation to remember what Amalek did to us, and the only way to remember this is by reading it from the Torah. Please make all efforts to attend the Shul this coming Shabbat to hear this reading, as the obligation to hear the reading is for everyone, men and women.

On Purim we have 4 Mitzvot that are important to fulfill: The first one - hearing the Megillah reading night and day - please make all efforts to come to Shul Saturday night and Sunday morning. Purim feast – it is a Mitzvah to have a proper feast to honor the Chag. This year we are going to have a joint BBQ feast at the Shul during the Purim party, and it will be wonderful if everyone can join us in fulfilling this Mitzvah. Mishloach Manot- two different food items from different Brachot (preferably Mezonot and Shehakol) are given to at least one friend. Matanot Laevionom- Tzedaka (charity) to the poor. At least two presents, for two different poor people. We are going to collect money at the Shul so everyone can take part in this important Mitzvah. It is better to give more Tzedaka than to give more Mishloach Manot or more food at the feast, as the real Mitzva is to make the poor and miserable happy.

**“The Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honor”
(Ester 8, 15)**

Yours faithfully,
Rabbi Netanel Friedler

Yahrzeits

We wish the following members long life on their Yahrzeits:

Mr. Simon Marc Cohen for son Lucien Marc Cohen

Mr. Ronald Axelrad for mother Esther Axelrad

Mrs Annette Hines for mother Reba Solomon

Mr Myer Solomon for wife Reba Solomon



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BULLETIN MESSAGES

Many have missed the various quotes and messages that the Rabbi has put on the Synagogue Bulletin outside [wonder why?].

For the benefit of those that were prevented from seeing them, and due to their extreme importance, we are reproducing them here for the benefit of the masses.

[Disclaimer; All the mistakes in spelling and typing were left in.]

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1. Don't let worry kill you. Let your synagogue help. Join us for Prayer & Medication. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our congregation.

2. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

3. We are taking up a collection to defray the cost of the new carpet in the sanctuary. All those wishing to do something on the carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

4. If you enjoy sinning, the choir is looking for you!

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Who originated Rock -'n Roll?

A. David. He took that rock, and then he rolled Goliath.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

PS... Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?
Yup, it's in the Bible. It says . . . "He brews"

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