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# RABBI'S COLUMN:

What do you know about Purim besides we were persecuted, we fought back and won, and now let's eat?

Twelve Purim Questions. You might have to do some research and actually read the Megillah. Answers will be found elsewhere in the bulletin.



1. How many times is God mentioned in the Megillah?
2. Which two people in the Megillah have names that begin with the letter Vav?
3. Aside from wine, what other item mentioned in the Megillah is served at the Passover seder?
4. The gallows that Haman intended to hang Mordechai on were 50 cubits long (Esther 5:14). Where in the book of Genesis do we find wood measuring 50 cubits?
5. What golden item appears in the Megillah four times, but nowhere else in the Bible?
6. What is the connection between the first verse of the Megillah and the first verse of parshat Chayei Sarah?
7. About whom and about what does it state, "And the matter pleased [him]"? (3 answers)
8. What was Esther's Hebrew name?
9. What is the reason verses 9:7-9 are supposed to be read in one breath?
10. What modern federal agency features prominently in Megillat Esther?
11. What does the word *megillah* mean?
12. How many *megillot* do we chant and on what holidays?

Good luck and Chag Purim Sameiach (Happy Purim).

*Rabbi Peggy Berman de Prophetis*

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When it comes to packing for trips a good friend gave me some very sound advice. Pack everything you think you will need. Then go back through and take out half of the items. We tend to take too much and bring back as much unused as we actually used. At first, I didn't realize how right she was. Then on subsequent vacations, I followed her rule of elimination. It really worked and also showed me how much baggage we all carry going forward in our lives. We are bound to our stuff!

What does this have to do with being the President of Congregation Beth Shalom? Well, we have really been instrumental at the synagogue to pare down our needs and wants in all areas of administration and daily affairs. We simplified and are emphasizing quality not quantity.

We have had some quality social outings. We have quality services. We have quality classes. Collectively we offer a wide variety of ongoing special quality programs. There is always something for everyone at some time or other depending on one's interests. We are very proud of our ongoing calendar of events.



In February we enjoyed the visit from our Delaware Schlicha Daniella and her talks about Israel. She returns to Israel her home this summer after two years of service with Jewish Federation of Delaware. Our Dinner Meet Up last week at Trevi in Smyrna was very well attended. In the next weeks we celebrate Purim with the Megillah reading. Rabbi Peggy will be here for the weekend March 6 through 9. Whatever you

expect from your synagogue relies on how much you put into your attendance. If you stay on the outside looking in, you will miss all the activities and excitement. So do plan to come--give priority to the scheduling, and enjoy meeting and schmoozing with Jews of like persuasion and backgrounds.

At the Board meeting Monday, March 2 we will review the State Police guided assessment of security vulnerability as a religious institution with Ronald Bounds. The presentation is open to the membership. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm with his presentation. This is an ongoing effort to provide as much reassurance and security to our building and members as possible in these troubled times.

You are probably just beginning to arrange your schedule for celebrating Passover in April. In the past we have had community seders at the synagogue. The main problem with doing this is

that people expect to have dinner not just the Haggadah reading. With all the work of purchasing, preparing and serving, honestly no one wants to put on the meal in the shul. We used to do annual seders for years and we got burned out.

The alternative is to offer a seat at your table for one or two extra guests. Please let me know if you would be able to share your Passover Seder with someone. I will pass that information on. Even I don't know yet where we will be and or what I will be doing. Last year one of our sons made the seder and we were so pleased to attend. Who knows: This year in Jerusalem?

*Caroline B. Schwartz*

## **TREASURER'S MESSAGE**

Please continue to send in your dues payments as indicated on your commitment forms. The response this year has been terrific and I thank you for that.

Next statements will go out in April for those members having a balance.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns please contact me.

Continue to bring your Redner's receipts into the synagogue. There is a basket at the window for the office. We receive a percentage of the total amount of purchases. This is a terrific way to help C.B.S fund raise!

*Stu Handler*

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## **Simchas and Onegs**

Hello Everyone, Please call or email me at [gweegies@gmail.com](mailto:gweegies@gmail.com) or at 302-900-1024 with your date and special occasion or with any questions about what to bring. We have been able to continuously sustain sponsors for onegs all year so far. Thank you to those who have responded. We are now booking the remainder of March, April, May, and June.

**Our next Dinner Meet Up will be Wednesday March 25 at 6:00 pm at Governor's Café on Kings Highway in Dover.**

Let me know by **March 23** if you're planning to join us, and how many! Separate checks will be requested. Usually the restaurant applies a gratuity for groups. This should not be a problem. Thank you all! *Gwen Stubbolo*

# JEWISH HISTORY CLASS WITH BURT BRENNAN

The next class will be March 22, at 10:00 am. Bring additional readings if you wish.  
We need that member of the class who would like to offer his/her time to lead the class

The following stories are still available.,

page 31 Beloved Rabbi

page 39 Libertina

page 49 Return

page 67 Nazir

page 75 Lamp

Page 85 The matron

Page 91 The goblet

page 105 He and His Son

Remember, it's Talmud. No right or wrong, just make up your own mind from what YOU take from the story.

Any questions or suggestions-send me an e-mail [burtrehab@gmail.com](mailto:burtrehab@gmail.com) or call 302-947-2183

Thanks

*Burt Brennan.*

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## PURIM CELEBRATION

Our Purim celebration will take place on Monday night, March 9th at 7:00 PM. The rabbi will chant from the *Megillah*, but not the *ganze* (entire) one. We will also read a summary of the story giving us plenty of occasions to noisily blot out the name of Haman. There will be songs and jokes, and food (hamantaschen) of course. Costumes are appropriate for young and young-at-heart. It is possible that Esther will time-travel to be interviewed about her life on WDEL, 101.7 FM.

CBS is the place to be on Purim.

See you there.

Chag Purim Sameiach

WHAT DOES YOUR QUEEN ESTHER LOOK LIKE?



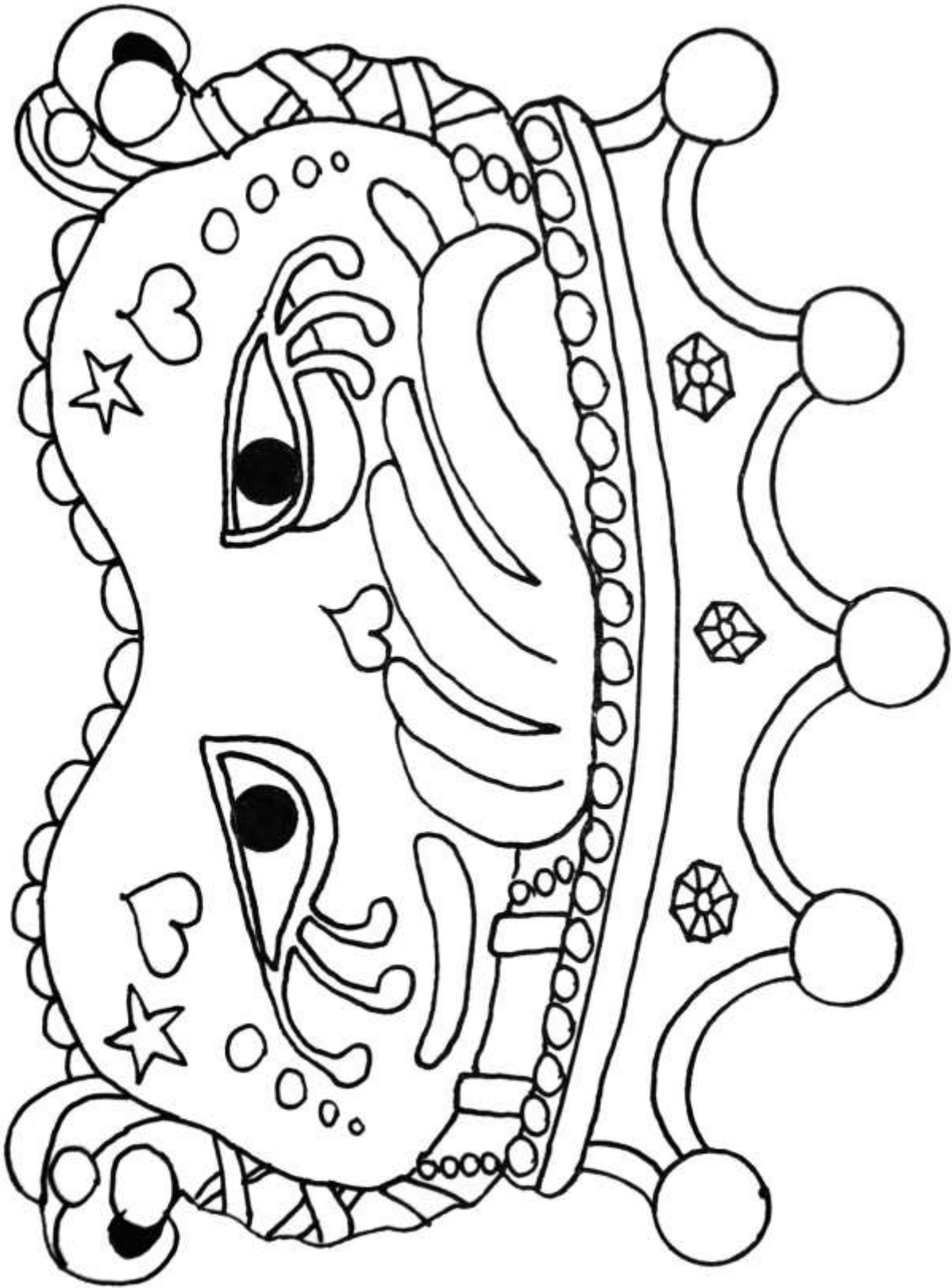
PURIM CELEBRATION

MARCH 9 7:00 PM

COSTUMES AND  
HAMANTASCHEN

AND NOISE!





**Kids, Make your own mask!**



# MARCH

## 5 ADAR - 6 NISSAN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1      5 Adar	2 BOARD MTG 6:30 PM	3	4	5	6 RABBI SERVICES 7:00 PM ONEG: Dr. Jerry Abrams  10 Adar	7 RABBI SERVICES 9:45 AM LUNCH CLASS
8 RABBI SERVICE 9:30 AM COMPARITIVE RELIGIONS CLASS 10:00 AM TROPE CLASS NOON  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	9 RABBI  PURIM CELEBRATION 7:00 pm	10  CHOIR 6:00 PM	11	12	13 SERVICES 7:00 PM LEADER: TBD ONEG: TBD  17 Adar	14
15      19 Adar	16	17 REL. SCHOOL 4:45 PM CHOIR 6:00 PM	18	19	20 SERVICES 7:00 PM LEADER: GEO AND CAROLE MASON ONEG: TBD 24 Adar	21
22 Jewish History Class 10:00 am     26 Adar	23	24 REL. SCHOOL 4:45 PM CHOIR 6:00 PM	25 Dinner Meet Up 6:00 pm Gov's Cafe	26     1 Nisan	27 SERVICES 7:00 PM LEADER: STEVE SCHWARTZ ACCOMPANIED BY CHOIR 2 Nisan	28
29      4 Nisan	30	31     6 Nisan				



# YAHRZEITS

5 Adar	Mitzi Margolis	No Pl
5 Adar	N. Robert Schiff	Bd2 R2
5 Adar	Abraham Levine	No Pl
5 Adar	Paula Bess Zuckerman	No Pl
7 Adar (II)	Helen Winston	Bd 3 R3
8 Adar	Rose Wolf	No Pl
9 Adar	Frederick Moss	Bd 2 R2
9 Adar	Milton Carl Lundy	Bd 3 R4
10 Adar (II)	Goldie Brenman	No Pl
12 Adar	Solomon Levitt	Bd 2 R5
12 Adar	Bessie Wolfe	No Pl
12 Adar (II)	Joseph J. Wolfe	No Pl
13 Adar	Linda Konowitz	Pl Bd 3
14 Adar	Dora Wolin	No Pl
16 Adar	William Chipman	Bd 3 R5
16 Adar	Shirley Breindel	Bd 3 R3
16 Adar	Aaron Levitt	Bd 2 R5
17 Adar	Sharon Koch	No Pl
18 Adar (II)	Harriet Mermelstein Salkin	Bd 3 R3
18 Adar	Pearl A. Kane	No Pl
19 Adar	Samuel Silverman	No Pl
20 Adar	Sol Bloomfield	No Pl
21 Adar	Perle Gitlin	No Pl
21 Adar	Edith Goldstein	No Pl
21 Adar	Deborah Moss	Bd 2 R2
22 Adar	Edward Holtzman	No Pl
22 Adar	Sophie Gordon	Bd 1 R2
22 Adar	Jack Freedman	Bd 3 R5
22 Adar	Michelle Lee Barros	Bd 2 R2
23 Adar (II)	Evelyn Colten	Bd 3 R5
23 Adar	Ralph Faber	No Pl
23 Adar	Esther Halpern	Bd 2 R3
24 Adar	Adele Mally	No Pl
25 Adar	Ann Jacobs	Bd 3 R4
25 Adar	Louis Klepner	No Pl
25 Adar	Nettie Levine	No Pl
28 Adar	Morris J. Barros	Bd 1 R1
28 Adar	Ruth Eisenberg Rothfeld	No Pl
28 Adar	Irving Gottlieb	No Pl (Cangelosi)
29 Adar	Dora Pikus	No Pl
29 Adar	Richard Isaacson	No Pl

**NOTE: ADAR (II)** When the Jewish Calendar lists Adar II during the present year, the above names indicated with (II) should be listed under Adar II for that year. It is considered “Leap Year” and occurs every so many years. This is not a leap year.

## NISAN

2 Nisan	Lily Ardit	No Pl
3 Nisan	Ruby Beth Borish	No Pl
4 Nisan	Pauline Schwartz	Bd 3 R5
5 Nisan	Mordecai Mersky	No Pl

## New Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

Our Memorial Wall is the rear wall of the main sanctuary. If you would like to remember a loved one with a permanent memorial plaque, please contact Steve Schwartz. These take a few weeks to arrive. The cost is \$450.00. If you wish, Steve will arrange with you to conduct an unveiling and pay homage to your relative at a subsequent Friday evening service. You may also choose to host the oneg in conjunction with the unveiling. In case you are unaware on the Yahrzeit list within the bulletin, if there is a plaque in memory of a relative, the board (**Bd**) and row (**R**) number has been listed for your convenience. **No pl** means there is no plaque.

## Religious School Schedule.

Reminder: Sessions will NOT be held on Tuesdays March 3 and 10. Service attendance should be Friday, March 6 or for Bar Mitzvah students Saturday March 7. Purim Celebration information is located elsewhere in this bulletin. Please plan to participate with your children.

Please let me know if you are new to the area and have young children. The VP for Education and I will be better able to determine classes and activities if we know you are interested. [Schwartzcaroline@verizon.net](mailto:Schwartzcaroline@verizon.net) or leave a message with the office.

## Chesed and Misheberah information

If you hear or have knowledge of anyone who is in need of **r’fuah sh’leyma**, please contact the office and leave a message. We are trying to do more outreach and can only act when we are aware of the need. Names for the Misheberah list will be placed and read at services for two weeks unless we are notified differently.

## CHOIR Practice and Service Schedule for March

Rehearsals are scheduled for March 10, March 17 and March 24 at 6:00 pm. Our next service is planned for March 27th with “Sabbath Prayer” as the lucky strike extra.

## Rabbi Peggy de Prophetis' Schedule

Friday evening services begin at 7:00 pm followed by oneg\*. Saturday Table Torah service begins at 9:45 am, followed by kiddush lunch\* and class. Sunday service begins at 9:30 am followed by classes. Rabbi keeps each class independent of previous discussions so that you may join and enjoy the readings and discussions.

Mar. 6-8 Tetazaveh

June 12-14 Beha"alotcha

April 3-5 Tzav

May 15-17 Behar-Bechar-Bechukotai

## Donations to Congregation Beth Sholom

When donating to Congregation Beth Sholom, your generosity will be acknowledged in the bulletin and letters sent to the honorees. Schedule now to host your important date(s) for the coming year. Reminders are published in the bulletin each month. Please contact the office and leave a message for Gwen Stubbolo 302-734-5578 to book your oneg.

(We hesitate to take donations for onegs, but you are welcome to donate in honor or in memory of someone and designate another fund you wish to support.)

**Donations Received:** From Dr. Bruce and Sharon Bolasny in honor of all that Stu Handler does for CBS and in memory of Ann Freedman.

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## ANSWERS to Rabbi Peggy's Questions:

1. Zero mentions, but God is surely there.
2. Queen Vashti and Vayzatha, the tenth son of Haman (Esther 9:9).
3. Karpas, the vegetable dipped in salt water, is mentioned in the Megillah, albeit with a different meaning (Esther 1:6).
4. In parshat Noach, the width of the ark was 50 cubits (Genesis 6:15).
- 5.. A golden scepter is mentioned four times but nowhere else in the Bible (Esther 4:11, 5:2, 8:4).
6. The first verse of the Megillah states that Achashverosh ruled over 127 provinces. The first verse of parshat Chayei Sarah states that Sarah lived for 127 years (Genesis 23:1).
7. It pleased Achashverosh to execute Vashti and to send letters declaring that every man should dominate his household (Esther 1:21). Achashverosh was also pleased by the idea of choosing a new queen (Esther 2:4). Haman was pleased to make gallows to hang Mordechai (Esther 5:13).
8. Hadassah
9. These are the names of the 10 sons of Haman
10. The Postal Service
11. Megillah derives from the Yiddish *megile*, which itself comes from the Hebrew word *mēgillāh*, meaning "scroll" or "volume."
12. Song of Songs on Pesach; Ruth on Shavuot; Lamentations on Tisha B'Av; Ecclesiastes on Sukkot; Esther on Purim.

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