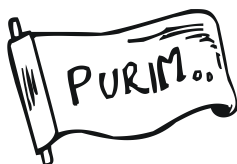


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PURIM NEWSLETTER



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MARCH 4

MAARIV 6:30 P.M.

MEGILLAH 6:40 P.M.

THURSDAY MORNING MARCH 5

SCHACHRIS 6:30 A.M.

MEGILLAH 7:00 A.M.

ACCEPTING TORAH WITH JOY

A recent sermon related the notion that at Purim the Jewish people accepted the Torah willingly, without coercion. The question is what was it about Purim that led the people to accept the Torah without any semblance of duress?

The suggestion is that the people saw that even in the diaspora they had divine protection although they discerned that their behavior was important. They observed the sublime Torah authority and behavior of Mordechai and even Esther under difficult circumstances.

This is a lesson that some of our brethren forget. They look to be accepted and to be like our gentile friends. Instead we should be the mentors for the morality of the world and not the followers of faulty behavior.

A freilichen Purim!

Rabbi Ari Kagan

MAOT CHITTIM

The festival of Pesach will soon be here and the needs and numbers of the poor continue to increase. As in previous years we request that you join in helping the needy with a generous contribution to the matzoh fund. Please respond as quickly as possible. The earlier we have the money in hand the earlier we can distribute it and alleviate the anxiety of those who depend upon us to meet their needs. It is interesting to note that one of the first of all Passover laws is none other than the requirement to support the poor and to help with their Passover needs. We are taking the liberty of enclosing an envelope, which will facilitate your sending your contribution to the synagogue office. In the merit of your contribution we wish all our members and fellow worshipers: A kosher and happy holiday.

Rabbi Ari Kagan

FROM OUR SISTERHOOD

Just as we were saved by Hashem in the Purim story, may we always be successful in our holy endeavors.

CONDOLENCE

The sisterhood is saddened by the loss of Mrs. Yolanda Bleich, A”H.
She was a dear friend of the sisterhood and the shul. She will surely be missed.
Condolences to her family.

WITHIN THE SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

MAZAL TOV

To Mr. & Mrs. M. Krasner as well as Mr. & Mrs. S. Weinstock
on the engagement of daughter and granddaughter, Rivka Krasner

CONDOLENCE

As noted above ,to the family of long time member, Yolanda Bleich
May the month of Adar herald only joy to all of our members and associates!