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Upcoming EVENTS



PURIM AT THE CIRCUS!

Thursday, Feb 25
5:30 pm



HAMANTASH ORDERS

Due by February 14



MISHLOACH MANOT ORDERS

Due by February 14



CHANUKAH 5781 PICTURES

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

One of the most fascinating, yet often overlooked, elements of the Purim story is the strategy employed by the two heroes, Esther and Mordechai.

They both held high positions of honor. Esther was the queen of the Empire. Mordechai was a minister of the king. It seemed if there was ever a time in Jewish history that had the right players in the right place for high level lobbying and advocacy to thwart an anti-Semitic decree, this was it!

Yet Mordechai and Esther's actions seemed to be counterproductive - politically speaking.

Mordechai heard of the evil decree on the street. How do you think he reacted? Well, I would guess he put on his official ministerial garb, ran immediately to the high offices of government where he held position, made a few eloquent and heart rendering speeches, lobbied his friends, and put an end to his terrible decree. Good plan, no?

But in fact, Mordechai did nothing of the sort. When Mordechai heard of the decree he began to pray, and donned sackcloth and ashes, attire which actually barred him from entering the royal courts and chambers. What good did that do?!

Then Esther heard the news. Mordechai wanted her to go to the king. As a dictator, the king had a law in place that if you entered his chamber without invitation you were killed on the spot. Esther hadn't received an invitation in 30 days. But Mordechai persisted that she go to the king anyway.

Esther was a great woman and she was willing to risk her life for brethren. But how could she get the king's attention without getting killed?

That seems easy to me. The king seemed to be quite a shallow type of guy. When he was choosing his queen he held a mandatory beauty contest for all the maidens of his land; and he found Esther to be the most beautiful. Now, Esther could use her beauty to get what she wants. Quickly, get yourself a hairdo, a makeover, a beautiful dress - and voila, charm your way into the king's chamber.

But she doesn't do that. Instead, she fasts for three days! Do you know what you look like and feel like after not eating or drinking for three days?!

Mordechai and Esther were no fools. They had indeed the best strategy. They knew that salvation would come from G-d. The rest of the pieces would just be vehicles for G-d's miracle to unfold. So first they prayed and fasted to G-d. They started with the one who really calls the shots. Once they got G-d on board, they were now able to approach the king and open the natural channels for G-d's miracles to flow.

We are going through turbulent times. The world needs a miracle. We all need personal miracles. To make miracles happen we need to learn from Mordechai and Esther: Start with G-d. Start with a Mitzvah. We must first beseech G-d to get on board and help us out. Once that is done we get to work to create physical channels for the G-d's miracles to unfold.

Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin

DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin OBM

Rabbi Mendy will be remembered for his kindness and his unconditional love for everyone he met.

May his memory be a blessing to us all!



WEEKLY SERVICES

MORNING SHACHARIS

Sunday 8:00 am
Monday & Thursday 7:30 am
Shabbat 10:00 am

EVENING MINCHA & MAARIV

Sunday - Thursday 7:30 pm
Friday Sunset



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YAHRTZEIT

THE FOLLOWING WILL OBSERVE YAHRTZEIT
IN MEMORY OF THEIR LOVED ONES:

MARCH

1 Ronit Torem
2 Marsha Rockitter
..... Barbara Shapiro
3 Katherine Gruber
4 Stuart Glauber
5 Joseph Kanfer
7 Estabelle Landau
9 Stanley Apple
10 Regina Dorman
14 Teddi Kay
..... Benjamin Mandzuch
15 Carolyn Portman
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26 Ellen Friedman
27 Valerie Becker
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..... Howard Lazbin
..... Arlene Markey
..... Dolores Ekus
30 Mark Lazbin
..... Howard Lazbin
31 Charles Landau
..... Estabelle Landau

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1 Linda Lyons
2 Karyn Katz
..... Barbara Miller
..... William Zell
3 Debbie Saferstein
..... Sharon Saferstein
..... Sharlene Manes
4 Michal Levine
..... Paula Gross
..... Marjorie Recht
..... Stacy Shulan
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..... Scott Lieberman
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15 Lola Desure
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20 Jodi Morris
21 Michael Clar
..... Harvey Leff
22 Shirley Katz
23 Robert Godshall
..... Teddi Kay
..... Judith Neiman
24 Mark Weinberger
..... Michael Weinberger
30 Stanley Apple

PURIM

SINGING, DANCING, L'CHAIM!

MEGILLAH READINGS:

THURSDAY, FEB 25

Megillah During Program (see pg. 3) 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, FEB 26

Shacharis (Main Sanctuary) 7:30 am

Megillah Reading (Main Sanctuary) 8:15 am

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THESE READING, EMAIL US
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Order online today at www.akronshul.com/manot

We are grateful to the
Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation
for their annual sponsorship

מקרא מגילה

1

LISTEN TO THE MEGILLAH

On Purim eve and again on Purim day, listen to the Megillah being read.

משלוח מנות

2

SEND GIFTS OF FOOD

On Purim day, give at least two kinds of ready-to-eat food or drink items to at least one Jewish person.

מתנות לאביונים

3

GIVE TO THE POOR

On Purim day, give charity to at least two Jewish people in need.

משתה ושמחה

4

ENJOY A FESTIVE MEAL

On Purim day, partake in a festive meal with family and friends.

WISHING YOU A
HAPPY PURIM!

פורים שמח

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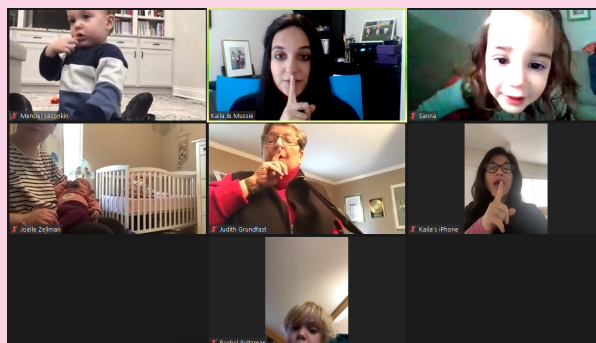


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FEBRUARY: 4 & 18
MARCH: 4 & 18

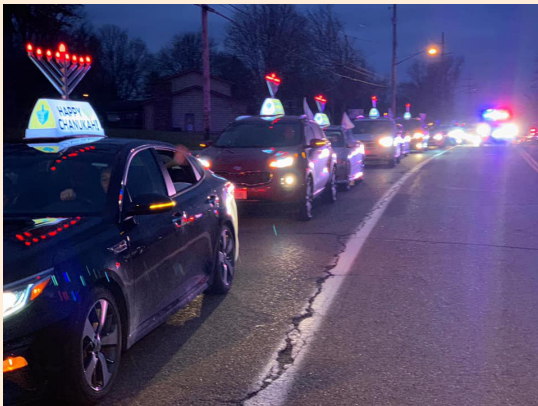


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Janice & William Edwards obm*

Rabbi Shmuli & Chayala Sasonkin

on the birth of a baby boy

*Proud grandparents are Rabbi Mendy obm & Kaila Sasonkin,
Rabbi Sholom Ber & Devorah Leah Dubov*

Alex & Tammy Greenfield

on the birth of a son Yosef Zev

*Proud Grandparents are Dr. Dwyann & Aimee Greefield
Proud Great Grandparents are Shirley & Leo Katz*

Rabbi Berele & Rochel Sasonkin *on the birth of
Baby Chaya (Chaya Mushka)*

*Proud grandparents are Rabbi Mendy obm & Kaila Sasonkin,
Rabbi Michael & Chana Sorah Danow*



IN MEMORIUM

Marilyn Serelson

Beloved sister of Sylvia Lewis and Don (Renee) Davidson

Beloved wife of Irving obm

*Beloved mother of Linda Weisenberg, Gary (Amy) Serelson, David
(Ruth) Serelson, Judy (Chuck) Miller, Joni (Ed) McDonald*

Sarah Ash

Beloved wife of Arthur Gogel Ash

Beloved mother of David Morris (Sheri) Ash & Diane Rebecca Ash

Beloved grandmother of Danielle Ashley Lopez, Gabrielle Marie

Lopez, Joseph Anthony Lopez, Hannah Victoria Lopez, Raleigh

Jacquelyn Baucum, Kaycee Lee Ash

Beloved great-grandmother of Emma Rose McMasters

Jack Kent

Beloved husband of the late Marilyn obm

Beloved father of Howard (Gina) Kent & Betsy Kent

Beloved grandfather of Miles (Amanda) Sherman & Jaime Kent

Zhana Scherbakov

Beloved wife of Vladimir

Beloved mother of Efim (Maya) Scherbakov

Beloved grandmother of Sam & Phillip

Marina Rakhkin

Beloved wife of Benjamin Ginsburg

Beloved daughter of Alex and Diana Rakhkin

Beloved sister of Yana (Jai) Grieve

Shirley Lederman

Beloved wife of the late Jack obm

Beloved mother of Ron (Sandi) Lederman & Janet (Randy) Galanti

Beloved grandmother of Karen, Andy Reich, Seth Reich obm,

Todd (Julia), Eric (Allison)

Beloved great-grandmother of Emma, Stella, Ileana, Jaron,

Morgan, Graham

Harry Geller

Beloved husband of the late Annette Geller obm

Beloved father of Larry (Julie) Geller

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Beloved father of Mark (Tracy) Geller

Beloved father of David (Betsey) Geller

Beloved grandfather of Heather (Chad) Clink, Natalie Geller

Beloved great-grandfather of Sawyer, Holden & Parker Clink

WOMEN'S CHAVURAH



Thank you so very much for the meal & prayers!
Everything was delicious, as always. My recovery is coming along and I am able to do more each day.
Thank you again. **Debbie Saferstein**

Thank you so much for the generous food delivery after we had Max and also for the sweet toy-rah. We are missing you all very much during this long period of quarantine. Thanks for staying connected with your wonderful online programming!
The Zellman Family

Shabbat dinner was delicious and plentiful! We are deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you for this wonderful meal in support of my healing. **Laurie and Steve Zuckerman**

Save the Date

WOMEN'S CHAVURAH PRESENTS

A Liberating Pre-Pesach Experience

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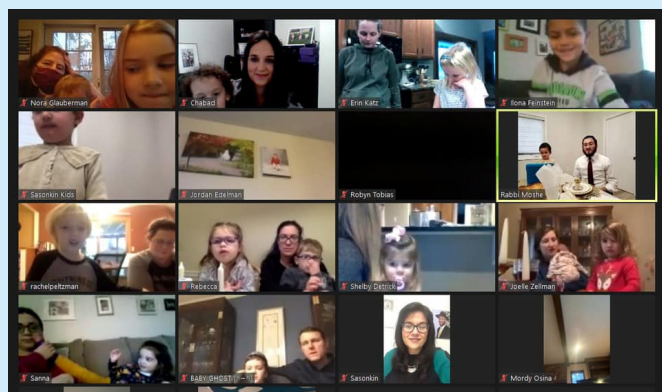
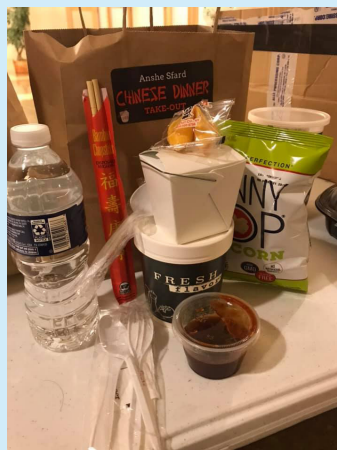
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In dedication to Dr. Elliot David Schprechman, MD

With love, Elana, Jared & Emily

Elliot David Schprechman, 62, loving and amazing husband, father, physician, and friend passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 in Naples, FL.

Elliot was born on October 5, 1957 in Bronx, NY and attended the prestigious Bronx High School of Science. He completed college and medical school through a 6-year program at the Meharry College of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center and served as Chief Medical Resident. He then completed his Cardiology Fellowship at Maimonides Medical Center. Elliot met the love of his life, Elana, while working as an attending, and they relocated to Akron, OH to start a family. He joined the Akron Clinic in a multi-specialty group before opening his private practice in Fairlawn, OH many years later. In 2014, Elliot and Elana relocated to Naples, FL where he worked at Naples Community Hospital as a hospitalist. As a physician for over 30 years, he was dedicated to serving patients and their families. His greatest accomplishment was being a wonderful husband and phenomenal father to his children. He was married to Elana for 33 years and raised three beautiful children in Akron: Danielle (Of Blessed Memory), Jared, and Emily (Jared) Goltz.

Elliot was a passionate New York and Cleveland sports fan. He loved his dogs (Sophie, Sammy, and Peanut), gardening, photography, walking, biking, watching Seinfeld and Impractical Jokers with his kids, the beach, and the Florida sunshine. He treasured his family

and embraced every second spent with his wife and children. He was one of a kind and brought so much joy and happiness with his witty sense of humor to patients, colleagues, family, and friends. He touched so many lives near and far. Elliot will never be forgotten, and no one will ever take his place. We love and miss him so much. May he rest in eternal peace.



A private burial and funeral has already taken place in Florida with his family at Palm Royale Cemetery in Naples, FL. The Schprechman Family would like to thank Elliot's incredible medical team including Dr. Carlos Quintero, Dr. Lisa Aenlle, Dr. Hillary Tassin, and Dr. Viktoria Totoraitis; the NCH critical care physicians, specialists, and compassionate nurses; and therapists, caregivers, and Avow Hospice nurses (Jennifer and Maggie) for their wonderful care of Elliot.





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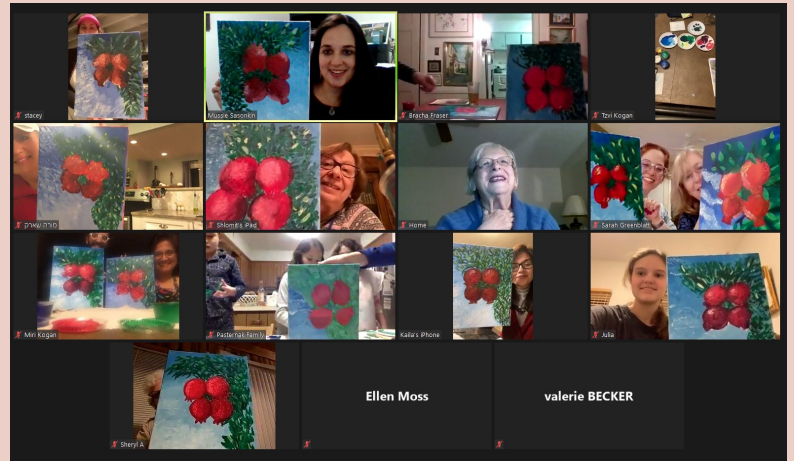
WOMEN'S - 19 KISLEV

70 women joined our 23rd annual day of Jewish Mysticism celebrating the 19th of Kislev Holiday & Healing event.



TU B'SHVAT PAINT NIGHT!

We enjoyed painting pomegranates (one of the 7 fruits of Israel) with our very own master artist - Tzvi Kogan.



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