

Shabbat Announcements

PARSHAT TITZAVEH - ZACHOR

Friday, February 27

Candle Lighting: 6:16 pm

Mincha: 6:15 pm

Shabbat, February 28

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha: 6:05 pm

Shabbat ends after 7:25 pm

KIDDUSH

Enhanced Parve Kiddush is sponsored by **Sally Cotlar** in honor of Jack's 75th birthday

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Congregation Bnai Torah**

WEEKDAY CLASSES

- Weekly Classes Daf Yomi: Every morning at 6:15, 7:45 on Sundays.
- Mishna Class: Every morning after Shacharit.
- Taam and Torah: Sunday morning at 9:30. Rabbi Perlow will be speaking about "Stopping Torah study to hear the Megillah".
- Lunch & Learn: Meets Mondays at noon. Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Melachim.

SHABBAT CLASSES

- Shabbat Youth Groups: After Kedusha of Mussaf (Approximately 10:55). Preschool and Kindergarten meet in the playroom for parsha, davening and games with Navah and Simchah. 1st grade and up meets in the English Library for the new Mitzva Program.
- Parshat HaShavua: One hour before Mincha on Shabbat
- Seudah Shlishit Class: Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking.

- Halacha Class: between Mincha & Maariv, Sunday through Thursday. Rabbi Teitelbaum is teaching the laws of Purim
- Business Halacha: Every Tuesday after Maariv.
- Tehillim for Women: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library.
- Men's Mishmar: Meets on Thursday nights, at 8:00 pm. Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.
- Night Seder: Sunday through Thursday after Maariv.
- Indy Kollel Chill Zone

DONATIONS

General Donations:

- Darrel and Joanne Mandel
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- Debra Eisenberg

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- Elizabeth Binford, in memory of her mother in law Hannah Glass
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Aliyah Donations:

- Koby Yaari
- Bob Miller
- Jack Cotlar
- Paul Pollack
- Rabbi Perlow
- Darrel Mandel
- Roy Yaari

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Teitelbaum invite the community to a Mesibat Purim, a Purim party, at the Teitelbaum home at 9:15 on Monday night with food, music and Torah. Men, women and children are all invited.

PARSHAS TETZAVEH/PURIM MESSAGE

At the conclusion of the commandments to build the Mishkan and the service surrounding it, the verse (Exodus 29:35) states: "*I shall rest My Presence among the Children of Israel, and I shall be their God.*"

The Zohar offers a deeper meaning behind this verse. The word *Mishkan*, meaning dwelling place, can also be understood as *Mashkon*—collateral. The Zohar explains that Hashem left His Presence with the Jewish people as a collateral, so that even during exile, His Presence would always remain among them and Hashem would be "forced" to always look after them.

Similarly, the verses in Leviticus (26:11-12) state: "*I will place My Sanctuary among you... I will walk among you.*" Ibn Ezra explains this to mean that even when the Jewish people are exiled and forced to live on foreign soil, Hashem will always remain with them.

A story is told about a prince whose father, the king, exiled him due to his misbehavior, banishing him to a far-flung forest. Alone for the first time in his life, the boy is terrified, feeling that no one is there to protect him. A few days later, a band of robbers attacks him and is about to kill him, when suddenly a passerby rushes in, disarms the robbers, and saves his life.

A few days go by, and a wild animal charges toward him. Once again, another passerby appears at the last moment and saves the boy's life.

This pattern repeats itself time after time, until finally the boy begins to connect the dots and realizes that his father had not forsaken him after all. Although his father had exiled him for his sins, he still loved him deeply and had appointed messengers to come to the boy's rescue whenever necessary.

When we think about it, this is precisely the message of the Purim story as well. The Jewish people had just been exiled following the destruction of the First Beis HaMikdash, living in a distant land, with the wicked Haman plotting their annihilation. One can only imagine how alone and forsaken they must have felt.

Yet, much like the boy in the parable, slowly but surely the Jews begin to connect the dots: Vashti's refusal to appear before the king; Esther being chosen as queen; Mordechai overhearing Bigsán and Seresh's plot to assassinate the king—all of which paved the way for the ultimate *v'nahafoch hu*, the complete reversal of fates, culminating in Haman and his sons being hanged on the very gallows prepared for Mordechai, and the Jewish people emerging victorious over those who sought to destroy them. Slowly but surely, they realized that Hashem had not forsaken them at all, but rather had appointed His "messengers" to watch over them.

This same story is playing itself out some 2,300 years later. Once again, the same evil power seeks to annihilate the Jewish people. Yet we are reminded and strengthened by the message of Purim: "*I shall rest My Presence among the Jewish people,*" no matter the place and no matter the time.

Have a wonderful Shabbos and Purim Sameach!

~ Rabbi Yisroel Teitelbaum





Lecture Series
showcasing our community members'
firsthand stories of faith

Finding Our Way Home:
Personal Journeys to
Judaism

This Shabbos, Parshas Tetzaveh
February 28th

Presented by:
Rabbi Noam Posner

This series will be an ongoing class on select dates.
We encourage other community members to share their story.
Please text Eli Tennenbaum at 443-469-1035 to reserve a date.

After kiddush in the Bnai Torah Library

STOP THE BLEED CLASS

One hour class led by a
Trauma Educator
from Eskenazi Health

Monday, March 9, 2026

5:45 PM
in the Bnai Torah
Seudah Shlishit Room

Ages 16+
Free Admission
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Reservations required
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