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From the Rabbi

We are well into the Jewish year 5771. What you may not know about this Jewish year is that it is a leap year. The Hebrew phrase for leap year is *shannah m'uberet*, which actually means "pregnant year". Just as we add something in a secular leap year (every 4 years), in the Jewish year we add something, too. In the secular year we add a day, Feb. 29, and in the Jewish year, we add a month, called *Adar Bet*. *Rosh Chodesh* (the new month of) *Adar Bet* will be Sunday and Monday, March 6 and 7.

Normally, when you add something to a thing that is already complete, like a year, logic would dictate that you add it at the end of that thing. Though we often think of *Tishrei* as the 1st month because it contains the holiday of *Rosh Hashanah*, we are actually told in the *Torah* that it is the 7th month. The 1st month is *Nisan*, which is the month that has Passover, the holiday celebrating our exodus from Egypt and our real creation as *B'nai Yisrael*. *Adar* is the month preceding *Nisan*, making it the last month of the Jewish year. The logic then holds that the addition of a second *Adar* does come at the end of the year since it is inserted just prior to the first month of *Nisan*.

While many people don't realize it, this logic also holds true for the secular, or Gregorian, calendar, and indicates that at some point in history, there must have been a change in it. If we look at the names of the last few months of the year, they are derived from the Greek ordinal numbers: September would be the 7th month, not the ninth, October the 8th, November the 9th, and December the 10th, yet those are not their current numerical order. Since we know that there are 12 months in the year, this would have made January the 11th month and February the 12th, or last, month. Sure enough, our logic would hold that February was, at some point, the last month of the year, and so in a secular leap year,

the extra day was added at the end of this "last" month.

The Hebrew month of *Adar* is known mostly for the holiday of *Purim*, which falls in the 2nd month of *Adar* when there is a leap year. This means that from here on, the Jewish holidays will be somewhat later than "normal". The Hebrew or Jewish calendar is technically a modified lunar calendar. In a true lunar calendar, there would be no leap year, and hence holidays would eventually fall in the wrong season. The modification of the Jewish lunar calendar allowed us to celebrate our three Pilgrimage Festivals at the appropriate time: *Pesach* in the spring, *Shavu'ot* in the early summer, and *Sukkot* in the fall. This was important because each of those pilgrimage holidays has an agricultural theme, as well as historical and spiritual themes. In fact, the blessing for each of those holidays is "...*m'kadesh yisrael v'hazmanim* -- God who hallows the people of Israel and their appointed times".

The cycle of leap years is even more complicated. Leap years occur seven times in a cycle of 19 years. Within each cycle, the leap years are identified as the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years. The leap year of 5771 is the 6th year of this current cycle of 19 years. This means there will be another leap year two years from now, in the 8th year of the cycle. We also count Sabbatical years, *shanat shemita*, which occur every seventh year according to the *Torah*, and jubilee years, which occur every 50 years. We won't have another Sabbatical year until 5775 (2014).

Are you confused yet? If so, don't worry. That's why we always make sure Jewish calendars are available for our congregants each year before *Rosh Hashanah*, and for a couple of months afterward. We continue to be grateful to Phipps Memorial for donating our beautiful calendars each year.

Wishing you an outlandishly joyous *Purim*,
Rabbi Gordon Fuller

MARCH SERVICE SCHEUDLE

Friday, March 4
 Candle Lighting 6:11 p.m.
 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 5
 Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
 Shabbat ends 7:41 p.m.

Friday, March 11
 Candle Lighting 6:16 p.m.
 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12
 Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
 Shabbat ends 7:46 p.m.

Friday, March 18
 Candle Lighting 7:20 p.m.
 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19
 Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
 Shabbat ends 8:51 p.m.

Friday, March 25
 Candle Lighting 7:25 p.m.
 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26
 Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
 Shabbat ends 8:56 p.m.

Food for Thought Luncheon

Thursday, March 3rd at 11:45 a.m.

Harry Hareluk will be the speaker for this month's luncheon. He will discuss the origins of the Greater Waco Interfaith Conference. We would also like to thank Bobbye Brickman for sponsoring the March Food for Thought Luncheon.



****Please Contact the Office to make your reservations as soon as possible****

CAJ Board Meeting

Wednesday,
 March 9, 2011
 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Sandi, Jeff & Andrew Miller
Hanna & Barry Phillips
Reverend James Wheelless

❤️ **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** ❤️

March 22
 Susan & Abbye Silver



Mazel TOU



Esther & Naman Lipinsky for Birthday's

Audrey & Nate Koss
Debby & Ed Rosenfeld
Ethel Segal

Esther & Naman Lipinsky for
Anniversary

Audrey & Nate Koss
Given for All February Birthdays

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Given In Honor of Lorraine Hoppenstein

Audrey & Nate Koss
Given In Honor of Rabbi & Sharon
Fuller's new home

Dorothy Harelik

Mitzvah of the Month



Shalach Manot- Sending Gifts

In addition to our ongoing mitzvah, throughout March you are encouraged to participate in Shalach Manot. This is usually done by taking at least 3 different kinds of food or gifts to at least 2 different friends.

WELCOME!!

**WE WOULD LIKE TO
WELCOME NEW MEMBER,
REGINALD SHAW INTO
OUR CONGREGATION! WE
LOOK FORWARD TO
HAVING HIM FOR MANY
YEARS TO COME!**

*In celebration of Rabbi Mordecai Podet's
60th Anniversary of Ordination,
congregants are invited to join
Temple Rodef Sholom for their Shabbat
Services on
Friday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at
1717 N. New Road in Waco.
There will be a reception following services.*



March 1
Jarrod Harelik

March 4
Yoni Kamenetsky

March 5
Anya Offit

March 8
Nancy Weissman

March 9
Jim Olmstead

March 11
Bert Altman

March 15
Gerald Bonneville

March 16
Bobbye Brickman
Marcia Olmstead

March 26
Thomas Offit
Reginald Shaw

March 27
Susan Silver

March 29
Deana Stupak

March 31
Pearl Jacobson

Special Donations

Dean Fuller

Rabbi & Sharon Fuller

Karen Humphrey

Harriet & Deana Stupak

*The Way of the Lord –
(B'nai Noah)*

Laurianne Tuttle

Lucinda Warnstaff

Read All About It!

Each month, the CAJ library will highlight a new book or author under the category "In the Spotlight." The author this month is Sholem Aleichem, as well as a collection of books celebrating the holiday of Purim. These books will be located on the shelf next to the door in our new library, room 7 of the school wing.

A few books about Sholem

Aleichem:

Some Laughter, Some Tears
Tevye's Daughter
Wandering Star
The Best of Sholom Aleichem

Books Written in Yiddish:

Motl Paissy Dem Chazns

Kids books:

Holiday Tales of Sholom Aleichem
Around the Table

Purim Books:

The Purim Anthology
Purim & Hanukkah Customs &
Traditions
Jewish Holiday Fun

Books can be checked out using the sign-out sheet in the library or by contacting Amanda in the office.

IN MEMORY OF

Dorris Silver
Susan & Abbye Silver

Sam Harelik
Dorothy Harelik
Harry Harelik
Hanna & Barry
Phillips

Naomi Commer Levy
Morris Zoblotsky

Ruthe Heller
Susan & Larry
Goldstein

Dr. Darryl Mark
Warner
Pearl Jacobson

Sharon Lee Slutsky
Charles Levy
Susan & Abbye Silver
Hilda Rutenberg

Archie Hoppenstein
Shirley Hoppenstein

Dave Lebowitz
Shirley & Hy
Warshaw

Sara Lebowitz
Shirley & Hy
Warshaw

Judge Ray Mormino
Shirley Hoppenstein

Howard Davis
Shirley Hoppenstein

Adolph Rubel
Hanna & Barry
Phillips

Bert Gardner
Hanna & Barry
Phillips

Frank Israel
Hanna & Barry
Phillips

Arthur Chernoff
Shirley Hoppenstein

Gerald Abels
Marcia & Jim Olmsted

Bessie Zoblotsky
Morris Zoblotsky

On - Going Mitzvah



Food from the Faithful

We will supply dried and canned beans on an on-going basis. Please bring packages throughout the year and Rabbi Fuller will see that they are delivered to Caritas.

CARNIVAL TIME AT CAJ



SUNDAY, MARCH 20

SERVICES &
MEGILLAH READING

(Opportunity to bring Tefillin)

10:00 A.M.



LUNCH & CARNIVAL FOLLOWING

Tickets for Food and Games
25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00

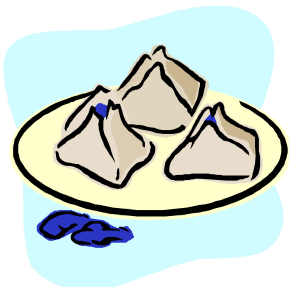
GROGGERS!



GAMES!

PRIZES!

MASKS & COSTUMES!!



HAMANTASHEN!

SHABBAT DONATIONS

January 29, 2011

Morris Marcus
Simone & Jake Bauer
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Lilia & Steve Schwarz
Lorraine & David Hoppenstein

February 5, 2011

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Judy Hersh
Simone & Jake Bauer
Susan & Abbye Silver
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Lilia & Steve Schwarz

February 12, 2011

Simone & Jake Bauer
Stanley & Florence Hersh
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Lilia & Steve Schwarz

February 19, 2011

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Simone & Jake Bauer
Morris Marcus
Judy Hersh
Pearl Jacobson
Lilia & Steve Schwarz

רגע של עברית A Moment of Hebrew

מלך

King, kingdom, kingship, throne, reign

Purim is at our doorsteps. Reading the Megillah reminds us of kings, queens, kingdoms and thrones. In Hebrew, all these words are derived from the same root: מלך. Here is a shortened version of the Megillah.

The מלך Achashverosh (reigned) over 127 provinces. At the third year of his reign he threw a huge party in the city of Shushan and invited ministers and מלכים (kings) from neighboring countries to show off his wealth. After 7 days of partying and drinking, he was ready to show off his beautiful wife Vashty Ha-מלכה to his distinguished guests, but Vashty Ha-מלכה refused the call. Alas..! Emancipated women were not in style yet in those days and refusing the king, even if he was her husband, was unacceptable and against the law. Vashty Ha-מלכה was therefore thrown out of the ממלכה (kingdom.) Ha-מלך Achashverosh chose another wife, and she became the new מלכה. Little did the מלך know that his new מלכה was Jewish or that a Jewish nation even existed. However, the wicked Haman knew and he did not like the Jews to say the least. He therefore ordered the execution of all the Jewish people. Esther Ha-מלכה was the only one who could help. She put on her best royal clothing and paid a visit to the מלך, her husband. The מלך was sitting on his כסא המלוכה (royal chair = throne) and when he saw Esther Ha-מלכה he was taken by her beauty and he declared: "Whatever thy request, Ad Hatzi Ha-מלכות, even to the half of the kingdom, it shall be performed.

The root מלך in the prayer Book

Escorting the Queen (Shabbat) - מלווה מלכה
(A meal eaten at the conclusion of Shabbath, called also the fourth meal or the feast of King David)
(From "Leha Dodi") Shrine of our King, the Royal City - מקדש מלך עיר מלוכה

From the King of all Kings, The Holy and Blessed one ממלך מלכי המלכים הקדוש ברוך הוא
(From "Shalom Aleychem", opening song of Shabbat Service)

March 2011

25 Adar I 5771 - 25 Adar II 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 25 Adar I Zevachim 111	2 26 Adar I Zevachim 112	3 Food For Thought Luncheon 11:45 a.m. 27 Adar I Zevachim 113	4 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 60th Anniversary of Rabbi Podet's Ordination. Svcs at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Rodef Sholom	5 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 29 Adar I Zevachim 115
6 ROSH HODESH I RS Spring Break 30 Adar I Zevachim 116	7 ROSH HODESH II 1 Adar II Zevachim 117	8 2 Adar II Zevachim 118	9 CAJ Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. 3 Adar II Zevachim 119	10 4 Adar II Zevachim 120	11 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 5 Adar II Menachos 2	12 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 6 Adar II Menachos 3
13 RS Spring Break 7 Adar II Menachos 4	14 8 Adar II Menachos 5	15 9 Adar II Menachos 6	16 10 Adar II Menachos 7	17 FAST OF ESTHER 11 Adar II Menachos 8	18 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 12 Adar II Menachos 9	19 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 13 Adar II Menachos 10
20 PURIM 14 Adar II Menachos 11	21 SHUSHAN PURIM 15 Adar II Menachos 12	22 16 Adar II Menachos 13	23 17 Adar II Menachos 14	24 18 Adar II Menachos 15	25 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 19 Adar II Menachos 16	26 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 20 Adar II Menachos 17
27 21 Adar II Menachos 18	28 22 Adar II Menachos 19	29 23 Adar II Menachos 20	30 24 Adar II Menachos 21	31 25 Adar II Menachos 22		

HOW TO OBSERVE THE YAHRZEIT

It is traditional to kindle a Yahrzeit Candle in the home on the evening Yahrzeit begins. It should remain lighted until sunset the next day. Possible prayer before lighting a Yahrzeit candle: Eternal God, I/we light this candle in memory of (name) _____, my/our beloved (relationship) _____. The light of the flame rekindles all the warm memories of the moment we shared together, and reassures me /us that a piece of his/her soul dwells in my/our heart(s) forever. May his/her soul be bound up with the bonds of eternal life. Amen. Candles are available at the Gift Shop. Every effort should be made to say Kaddish at congregational services. It is meritorious to perform some Mitzvah or to contribute to the Synagogue in commemoration of the deceased.

Kaddish will be said March 4

*Adar I 29 Secil Chazanow
 Ethel Cecile Israel
 Dorothy Taub*

*Adar II 4 Cecelia Dreyfus
 William Ruttenberg*

*Adar II 5 Emma Podrizki
 Celia Zelen*

Kaddish will be said March 11

*Adar II 7 Esther Isaac Aronson
 Mrs. A. Ray Lowich
 Seymour Neuwirth
 Harry Siegel*

Adar II 8 Chaym D. Silevitch

Adar II 10 Rachel Stein

Adar II 11 Goldey Reich

*Adar II 12 Lou Belove
 Rose Patlis*

Kaddish will be said March 18

*Adar II 14 Annie Adams
 Max Levy
 Louis G. Paley*

Adar II 15 Isidor Sacks

*Adar II 16 Mrs. J. Englander
 Dora Peasachovitz*

*Adar II 19 Mrs. I. Chodorow
 Esther Harris
 Anna Jacobson*

Kaddish will be said March 25

Adar II 20 Eli Hoffman

Adar II 24 Dave Wizig