

YOUNG ISRAEL OF SCARSDALE

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Purim

This is the message I sent to our young men & women studying abroad, in Israel & college. I share it with you in the hope that it resonates for all of us.

Dear Friends,

Last year, we, the Jewish People, almost literally lived through the Purim story, of experiencing the threat of a genocidal enemy who sought our total destruction. This year, I want to tell you that we are, Baruch Hashem, emerging on the other side of it. We're still in the middle of the Purim-esque story in Israel, in the US and around the world - but the great news is - we know how the story ultimately ends. We win. We topple our enemies. We turn their nefarious plans upon their heads and we emerge in currents of light, joy, happiness and acclaim. All one needs to do is to just hear some of the incredible stories of faith, hope and conviction about the holy hostages who've recently returned home. Yes, there's more than enough pain and sadness to go around - but I'd like to think that the light and the hope, the joy and the gladness, that they've demonstrated and brought home with them far outshines the darkness.

And with all this being said, you need to remember that each one of you is an Esther and a Mordechai - living your lives as proud Israel-loving Torah Jews, representing the very best of us. Just know that in your choosing to live by your faith, by our Torah and our holy, millennia-old, Mesorah - we are one step closer to salvation. Keep doing it and keep making us proud!

And, in your merit, we will speedily see freedom for all the hostages, protection for our amazing IDF soldiers and Shalom for all of Am Yisrael in Israel, the US and throughout the world - Am Yisrael Chai!

Chag Purim Sameach

Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern

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2025 Schedule

Taanit Esther/Erev Purim - Thursday, 3/13

- 5:58am** • Fast Begins
- 6:45am** • Shacharit/Selichot
- 8:00am** • Shacharit/Selichot
- 6:40pm** • Mincha
- 7:15pm** • Maariv/Megillah
- 7:30pm** • Fast Ends
- 8:45pm** • Late Maariv/ Megillah

Purim - Friday, 3/14

- 6:45am** • Shacharit/Megillah
- 8:10am** • Shacharit/Megillah
- 10:00am** • Megillah Only
- 4:45pm** • Mincha*
Followed by Carnival & Seudah
- 6:42pm** • Candle Lighting
- 7:00pm** • Family Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:30pm** • Purim Seudah Continuation

Purim Extravaganza:
Carnival & Seudah Begins w/Early Mincha @4:45pm

**Halachic Note:
Please see RJM Halachic Note on this Year's Purim on Page 3*



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Community Halachic Note

Halachic Note:
**Check
it Out!**

Purim on Erev Shabbat:

“Why is this Purim Different from all other Purims?!”

With Purim on Thursday night/Friday, Erev Shabbat, this year, we are in a unique Halachic situation regarding the timing for the Purim Seudah - which is one of the main Mitzvot of the day.

You see, it is long standing practice that it is not Halachically acceptable to have an actual (bread-based) meal before Shabbat, because it diminishes from the Kavod due to Shabbat in that we are supposed to have an appetite for our actual Friday night Shabbat meal, which is our mandated Torah obligation.

Therefore, many Poskim advise that we eat the Purim Seudah in the morning before midday. However, with the understanding that having a significant family meal on Friday morning would pose a difficulty for many people, due to school and work schedules - we have opted to go with an interesting Halachic alternative for the Purim Seudah in our community this year.

- We will be employing the Halachic principle of פורס מפה ומקדש. As the Talmud and Poskim explain, in certain unique situations (such as Purim this year) - we can convene our meal close to the start of Shabbat (following Mincha) - leading into Shabbat.
- Then we'll wash and enjoy a sumptuous Purim banquet and carnival up until candlelighting time at 6:42pm.
- Then we'll hit the pause button, Light candles and Daven (a Quick & Kavodic) Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv while covering the food & tables (פורס מפה).

Then we'll resume our Seudah as it transitions to a Shabbat meal by saying Kiddush (ומקדש) and uncovering the bread on the tables, continuing with our dinner through benching.

Interestingly, Kiddush will not require the HaGafen blessing, because we already had said the Beracha earlier and Washing and the HaMotzi blessing will also not be required, because we will have already washed and said HaMotzi earlier when we began the meal.

***Please note, these Halachot ONLY apply if you're eating the Purim Seudah in the evening leading into Shabbat, as we are communally. If you are eating the Seudah in the morning on your own or with your family - your Friday night Shabbat meal will be at the regular time in the regular way.**

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COMMUNITY-WIDE PURIM SEUDAH EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday | Purim Day
March 14, 2025



Open to Adults, Families and Children of all Ages!



- 4:45 PM** – Mincha, **Carnival (with games for kids & adults!)**, Entertainment & **Purim Seudah**
- 6:42 PM** – Candle Lighting
- 7:00 PM** – Family **Kabbalat Shabbat**
- 7:30 PM** – The **Seudah** Continues with **Dessert**

***Halachic Note:
Please see
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Year's Purim*



Come in Costume!

Purim Laws & Customs

PURIM

While Hanukah represents the victory against forced assimilation, Purim celebrates a victory against genocide. These two Festivals are most important to the Jew for upon numerous occasions the Jew has suffered both. PURIM reminds us that we are “one nation, dispersed and separated among nations” suffering at times-precarious political status: at times never sure of our future. It is in essence one chapter in the history of the Jews and anti-Semitism.

READING OF THE MEGILLAH

The public reading of the Megillah, which is one of the primary rituals of the day, is incumbent upon everyone - men, women and children. The obligation includes both the reading at night and during the day of Purim.

One should be careful to listen to every word and not interrupt the reading with conversation.

Everyone stands for the recitation of the three blessings. The following four passages, underscoring positive elements and referring to redemption are recited first out loud by the congregation and then repeated by the reader:

1. Chapter II:5
2. VIII:15
3. VII: 16
4. X:3

The custom of making noise when the name of Haman is read is a time-honored tradition and should not be discouraged.

MITZVOT OF PURIM DAY

MISHLOACH MANOT

The Sending of Gifts on the day of Purim. Everyone is required to send to at least one friend a minimum of two varieties of cooked food requiring no further preparation. One can also fulfill the Mitzvah through the YIS communal Mishloach Manot.

This action emulates the Jews of Shushan who shared their good fortune with others in the spirit of generosity and fraternity. Some maintain the practice of sending these portions through a messenger in order to involve others in the mitzvah. A mourner is obligated to send Mishloach Manot and gifts to the poor even during the week of mourning. One does not send a mourner portions during the year of mourning. Please note that this Mitzvah applies during the day of Purim not the night before.

MATANOT L'EVYONIM

A Jew always remembers the poor in time of joy and prosperity. On Purim everyone is obligated to give money or distribute food to at least two poor people. This practice comes from the Jews of Shushan who celebrated their good fortune with others.

Making the unfortunate happy on Purim also seeks to remind us to recognize G-d's gifts to us.

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SEUDAT PURIM -THE PURIM

FEAST

In the spirit of Purim joy and holiday merriment, a festive Purim feast is served during the day of Purim. It is proper to set a table fit for royalty. Wines and spirits flow in commemoration of the wine feast, which Esther prepared for Haman's downfall. Since Purim also celebrates Israel's heightened awareness and acceptance of Torah it is appropriate for words of Torah to accompany the meal as it says, “for the Jews there was light” (Esther 8:16). The light referred to is that of Torah. The meal is conducted during the day with a festive spirit, fine dining and elegance. Some have many candles on the table and others have specially baked breads with images and ornamentation.

PURIM PRAYERS

The prayer Al Hanissim - for the Miracles (Birnbbaum p.209, Art Scroll p.274, 276), which recounts the miraculous salvation of Purim, is recited in the Amidah and in Grace after meals.

SHUSHAN PURIM

In “cities encompassed by a wall since the time of Joshua” Purim is observed and the Megillah is read on the 15th of Adar. It was on this day that the first celebration of Purim took place in Shushan (Esther 9:18). In unwalled cities Purim is observed on the 14th of Adar (Esther 9:19).

In cities such as Jerusalem, which is a walled city Purim is celebrated on the 15th of Adar. Elsewhere this day is called Shushan Purim and is observed as a half-holiday.

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO
Katom Purim
AN ORANGE THEMED PURIM
MISHLOACH MANOT @ THE MORGENSTERN'S
JOIN US AS WE HONOR THE HEROIC
FAMILY THAT IS BELOVED TO ALL OF
AM YISRAEL & WILL BE FOR ALL TIME
DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH
TIME: 12:00PM - 2:00PM
11 WESTVIEW AVE,
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Special 5785 Purim Mitzvah Opportunity! Share the YIS Purim Spirit with Fellow Jews



If you know of a family that is not (yet) affiliated with our Shul and might not be otherwise engaged in the Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot, **please sign up to receive special outreach-oriented Mishloach Manot packages (featuring a brief synopsis of the Purim story and its relevance to our times) - FREE OF CHARGE** - prepared by the YIS Sisterhood. You can pick them up on Purim morning and then you (and your family) can share the joy and message of Purim with friends and neighbors, courtesy of the warm embracing spirit of the Young Israel of Scarsdale.

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YIS MATANOT L'EVYONIM FUND

Contribute to Our Matanot L'Evyonim Fund

With Adar and the Purim season upon us, we are continuing to think about Am Yisrael in Eretz Yisrael, along with all of the poor and needy close to home, especially as we consider one of the central Mitzvot of Purim, Matanot L'Evyonim, gifts for those in need. As in previous years, funds contributed to the **YIS Matanot L'Evyonim Fund** will be distributed on Purim to those in need, here and in Israel, in observance of this very special mitzvah that is incumbent upon all of us in commemoration of Chag Purim.

Please note: Matanot L'Evyonim funds will be distributed to Project Leket, helping farmers impacted by the war in Israel as well as feeding needy families in Israel. Funds will also be distributed to Od Yosef Chai for distribution to the needy throughout Israel and Jerusalem on Purim day, itself. Some proceeds will also go to needy families in nearby towns and communities, here, in New York.

Leket Israel



Leket Israel, Israel's National Food Bank, addresses the paradox of nutritional insecurity and large scale food waste in Israel by over rescuing millions of pounds of excess food annually from 1,000 food producers for distribution to 140,000+ needy Israelis on a weekly basis. For each dollar received, Leket rescues and delivers 10 pounds worth of fresh produce for one needy person for a week.

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Matanot L'Evyonim Fund**

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Od Yosef Chai



Od Yosef Chai supports over 8,000 needy families, including widows, orphans, newly immigrants, terrorist victims, the sick and elderly, especially before the holidays. Food, new clothing, shoes, gift certificates and financial assistance is provided. Many families in severe financial straits are too embarrassed to ask for help. Their staff of volunteers seeks out these families and provides them support in a dignified and anonymous manner.

**Make a donation to
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Youth Programming

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YOUTH PURIM ACTIVITIES

4:30 – 5:15pm:

Tot Purim For 2-5 years old

7:15 – 8:15pm:

**Youth Megillah reading &
Costume Competition** For k-5th grade

(during Megillah Reading)

Thursday | Leil Purim | 3/13/2025

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A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO PURIM & PESACH, WITH RECITATIONS
w/ *Rabbi Meir Soloveichik*

Tuesday, March 4th, 18th, & April 1st
7:30pm || Main Shul

March 4th "Shakespeare in Shushan: Richard II & the Meaning of the Megillah"	March 18th Hamlet & the Haggadah: Reflections on the Meaning of Memory	April 1st Moshe, Menachem Begin, & Henry V: A Story of Several Seders
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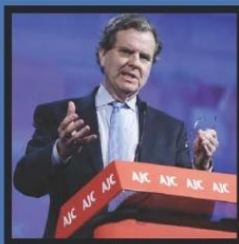
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David Harris

Former American Jewish Committee (AJC) CEO



“On The Front Lines:

A Lifetime of Global Jewish Advocacy”

Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Young Israel of Scarsdale

1313 Weaver Street

Scarsdale, NY

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Join David Harris, former CEO of AJC and dubbed "The Foreign Minister of the Jewish people" by Israeli President Shimon Peres, who will share insights on Israel and the rise in antisemitism post 10/7. Book signing following the program.

Host Committee (in formation).

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SHABBAT *shel*
TIKVAH

W/ ORIT MARK ETTINGER

Shabbat Parshat HaChodesh

FRIDAY 3/28 - SHABBAT 3/29

Orit's story of resilience through unimagineable grief after losing her father in a terror attack and her brother in a tragic accident, will inspire you. On October 8th, 2023 her cousin, Elchanan Kalmanson, fell in battle while saving over 100 people in Kibbutz Beeri and on October 31st, her younger brother Pedayah, also fell in battle during the war in Gaza. Orit has turned her pain into a message of strength and hope. She shares her powerful journey of courage, survival and rising from tragedy with audiences worldwide.

Friday Night

7:30pm

Following Kabbalat
Shabbat @ 7:00pm

Teen Dinner & Inspiration

Love Life Now: Learning To
Appreciate Today

Shabbat

11:00am

Following
Mussaf

Shabbat Morning Derasha

Regah Todah: How To Stay Positive
While Am Yisrael Is In Pain

5:30pm

@ The home of
Rabbi Jonathan &
Jordana Morgenstern

Living Room Learning

Open to Men & Women

**Building Our Emuna Muscles
for Difficult Times**

7:15pm

Following Mincha
@ 6:45pm*

Shalosh Seudot Discussion

**The Hard Part: Hostage Deals
& Prisoner Exchanges**

*Note Time Change



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David Harris

On The Front Lines *March 19, 2025*

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Orit Mark Ettinger

Shabbat Shel Tikvah *March 28 - 29, 2025*

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Special Yom HaZikaron & Yom Ha’Atzmaut Celebration

Wednesday Night, April 30, 2025

Shabbat Ha’Atzmaut *May 2 - 3, 2025*

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Joined by YIS Chazzan Johnny Shlagbaum



Rabbi Shay Schachter

Rabbi Shay Schachter currently serves as Rabbi and Rosh Beit Midrash at the Young Israel of Woodmere, overseeing its extensive adult educational programs. He is the Rabbi and spiritual leader of Yachad, the Orthodox Union’s international program for individuals with disabilities. Since the summer of 2017 he has served as the Rabbi of Camp Simcha, Chai Lifeline’s camp for children battling cancer and chronic illnesses. He formally served as the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Knesseth Israel “The White Shul” in Far Rockaway, from 2012 – 2015. Rav Shay received his rabbinic ordination from RIETS after studying together with his father, Rabbi Hershel Schachter, for 9 years. He also received an additional Rabbinic ordination from his teacher and mentor, Rabbi Asher Weiss of Jerusalem. Rav Shay holds an MA in Jewish Education and Administration from the Azrieli Graduate School of Yeshiva University. Rav Shay has been at the forefront of advocacy efforts and support for hostages and their families in DC, at the UN, and around the world.

UJA Shabbat *May 16 - 17, 2025*

Joined by YIS Chazzan Mordy Weinstein



Nadav Eyal

Nadav Eyal is one of Israel’s most prominent journalists and a winner of the Sokolov Award – Israel’s equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize. He writes columns for Yediot Ahronot and Ynet, Israel’s most widely circulated newspaper and news website, respectively. He also serves as a senior commentator for Channel 12, one of Israel’s two commercial channels. Beginning on October 7th, 2023, he has focused his work on stories and analyses related to the Hamas attack and the subsequent war in Gaza and the Northern border of Israel, including reporting multiple times from the field and writing accounts of victims. Nadav has been a regular guest on the Dan Senor’s popular “Call Me Back” podcast.



Upcoming YIS Programming



Peace of Mind

A Shavua Tov w/IDF Combat Veterans *May 18 - 25, 2025*

Peace of Mind is a therapeutic intervention in which IDF veterans receive time and space to process their combat experiences. The program strengthens their emotional and mental wellbeing, allowing for a healthier transition from military to civilian life. Please join us in welcoming Chayalim who fought to protect us and Am Yisrael during this war!

Shavuot @ YIS *June 1 - 3, 2025*



Ora Weinbach
Kassy Akiva
Dr. David Sclar

We are proud to welcome back YIS community Scholar, **Ora Weinbach** to our community. Throughout this year, Ora has joined us for Shabbat providing us with Torah and inspiration & kicked off sisterhood learning initiative, SHE-iur. **Kassy (Dillon) Akiva** is a close friend of Ora's who has an amazing story of her conversion to Judaism. She is also a prominent pro-Israel voice on social media. **David Sclar** teaches history and is the Librarian at Yeshivat Frisch. He earned his doctorate in history at the CUNY Graduate Center and has held postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard, Princeton, and Oxford. He writes about Jewish religious life and Jewish book history. Recently, he curated the exhibition, "The Golden Path: Maimonides Across Eight Centuries" and is the author/editor of the book of the same name.

United Hatzalah Shabbat *June 6 - 8, 2025*

w/ Eli Beer

Join us for a special United Hatzalah concert with Zusha on Sunday, June 8th!



Eli Beer

Join us for a weekend w/ United Hatzalah's Eli Beer. Eli Beer is the Founder of United Hatzalah of Israel and President of Friends of United Hatzalah, Israel's largest all-volunteer emergency medical response organization. Eli began to work at his family's book and real estate businesses at the age of 13 and began to volunteer on ambulances at the age of 15, twice a week. At the age of 17, he realized that a more flexible system must be established to improve response time in case of emergencies. United Hatzalah has grown impressively since its establishment and now has over 4500 EMTs, paramedics and doctors volunteering within its framework. Eli has been awarded numerous prizes and acknowledgments across the globe for innovative and lifesaving work.

Shabbat Torat Yisrael *June 20 - 21, 2025*



Rabbi Ari Cutler

Rabbi Cutler teaches at Yeshivat HaKotel as a Ram. He takes pride in his close relationships that he develops with Talmidim. His vision to synthesize the development of his students' Torah identity with a commitment to the greater Jewish community drove him to begin the Yeshivat HaKotel Bergman Family Leadership Program. Rabbi Cutler's experience as a teacher for more than two decades at various institutions, such as Camp Moshava Ennismore, Machon Maayan and Yeshivat HaKotel, guides the educational philosophy of the program. Under his leadership, the program has grown into a fully developed program that provides classic lectures, interactive group learning and opportunities for independent, hands-on experience.

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Prepping for Pesach

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Maot Chittim

In accordance with long standing Jewish tradition & Halacha we ask you to donate to the Maot Chittim Campaign, these funds will enable the poor, the needy and the lonely, both locally and in Eretz Yisrael, to receive much needed support before and during the holiday.

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Delegation of Power of Attorney For Sale of Chometz 5785

I, _____, fully empower and appoint Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern and/or Rabbi Nuriel Klinger to act in my stead, and on my behalf, to sell all *chometz* possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law (e.g. *chometz*: doubt of *chometz*, and all kinds of *chometz* mixtures), and to lease all places wherein the *chometz* owned by me may be found, especially in the premises located at: *(All addresses applicable)*

(Indicate specific items, the place or area where chometz will be located, and the approximate value)

Chometz Items :

Location:

Approximate Value:

Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern and/or Rabbi Nuriel Klinger have the full right to sell and to lease by transactions as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms as explained in the general Authorization Contract of the Rabbi to sell the *chometz*. This general authorization is made a part of this agreement. The above given power is in conformity with Torah Law and Rabbinical regulations and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the United States. To this agreement, I hereby affix my signature on this date:

English Date: (Month / Day) _____, 2025.

Hebrew Date: (Month / Day) _____, 5785.

If you will be in a time zone other than the New York Eastern Standard Time zone, on the morning of April 11, 2025, please indicate by checking the appropriate box below.

- I will be EAST of New York (i.e. Europe, Israel, Other Middle East Country)
 I will be WEST of New York (i.e. California, Arizona)

Signature: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email address: _____