

Bnai Shalom Bulletin

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Adar – Nissan 5785

SERVICES

Friday Shabbat Services
7:30 p.m., March 7, 14, 21 and 28

Evening Service and Megillat Esther Reading via Zoom
7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 13

Saturday Shabbat Services
10:00 a.m., March 1 and 15

CLASSES

Tzedakah: The Jewish Approach to Giving
Thursday evenings: March 6, 20, and April 3, at
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom (see page 6 for details)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ritual Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 11,
at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CBS Book Club – Sunday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m.
(see page 7 for details)

CBS Bingo – Sunday, March 2, at 1:00 p.m. Doors open
at 12:00 p.m. (see page 7 for details)

Dinner with the Rabbi – Friday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m.
(see page 8 for details)

Purim 5785 Events – (see page 5 for details)

PJ Library Purim and Pi Day Tot Shabbat at CBS –
Friday, March 14, at 3:30 p.m. (see page 6 for details)

Knitting Club – Wednesday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee and Conversation with the Rabbi – Wednesday,
March 19, at 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Pesach with Miriam's Song Seder – Thursday,
March 27, at 6:00 p.m. (see page 6 for details)

American Heart Association CPR Training – Sunday,
March 30, from 11:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Registration is required. (see page 3 for details)

ADL Special Shabbat Service on Antisemitism –
Friday, April 4, at 7:15 p.m. (see page 10 for details)

Second Night Community Seder at CBS – Sunday,
April 13, at 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:30. **This is by
reservation only.** (see page 9 for details)



A Word From Rabbi Adrienne

Shalom to my Bnai Shalom Family!

Our sages said, “When Adar enters, joy increases!” The month of Adar ushers in the spring holiday season, beginning with Purim, the festive, fun and funny holiday

we will celebrate on March 13th. Purim turns everything on its head. The strong become weak, the weak become strong, the lies are replaced by truth, what is hidden becomes open, the powerful are defeated, and the powerless prevail. The fear of destruction turns into the joy of survival.

In the words of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, “You conquer terror by collective celebration. You prepare a festive meal, invite guests, give gifts to friends. While the story is being told, you make a rumbustious noise as if not only to blot out the memory of Amalek, but to make a joke out of the whole episode. You wear masks. You drink a little too much. You make a Purim spiel.

Precisely because the threat was so serious, you refuse to be serious – and in that refusal you are doing something very serious indeed. You are denying your enemies a victory. You are declaring that you will not be intimidated. As the date of the scheduled destruction approaches, you surround yourself with the single most effective antidote to fear: joy in life itself. As the three-sentence summary of Jewish history puts it: “They tried to destroy us. We survived. Let’s eat.” Humor is the Jewish way of defeating hate. What you can laugh at, you cannot be held captive by.”

If you have never seen Megillat Esther chanted up close, I hope you will come on Zoom for our Erev Purim service. You'll be able to watch the yad move across the scroll, hear 10 different Rabbis and Cantors chanting, and read the English translation in the subtitles.

Be happy, it's Adar! Hope to see you at one of our Purim celebrations!

Kol Tuv and Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Adrienne :)

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Daylight Savings Starts March 9.
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead.