



# March 2018 adar/nisan 5778

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Purim trivia time!

You may have missed these facts, most of which are not in the megillah.

- Where was Shushan? The **modern Iranian** town of Shush is located at the site of the ancient city. Shush is the administrative capital of the Shush County of Iran's Khuzestan province.
- Haman was hanged on the second day of Passover. Purim is the anniversary of the Jews' victory celebration after their war against their enemies 11 month later.
- Queen Esther's Hebrew name was Hadasaah. "Esther" is Persian.
- Mordechai was the first person in history to be called a Jew. Before then, Jews were called "Hebrews" or "Israelites." Mordechai was also a very old man during the story of Purim. He was already a member of the Sanhedrin, the highest court of Torah law in Jerusalem, 79 years before the miracle of Purim!
- Ahashverosh searched four years for a queen, during which he considered more than 1400 contestants, before choosing Esther.
- Vashti (Ahashverosh's first queen) was the great-granddaughter of Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian emperor who destroyed the first Holy Temple.
- Haman was once Mordechai's slave.

(Source: www.chabad.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Purim	2 Rav Sam led Purim Service, 7:30 pm  Potluck dinner, 6:30 pm	3 <i>Ki Tisa</i>
4 Sunday School, 9 am  Adult Ed, 1 pm	5	6	7	8	9 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	10 <i>Vayakhel-Pekudei</i>
11 Sunday School, 9 am	12	13	14	15	16 No service	17 <i>Vayikra</i> Tot Shabbat, 10 am PJ Havdallah, 4:30 pm
18 Sunday School, 9 am	19 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	20	21	22	23 Lay-led Service with grades 4-6 7:pm	24 <i>Tsav</i>
25 Sunday School, 9 am	26	27	28	29	30 Passover begins at sundown First Seder  No Service	31 Community potluck second seder with Rav Sam, 6 pm