



March 2020 Adar/Nisan 5780

HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrating Purim

Purim is a beloved holiday, and we will be celebrating at Betenu on Friday, March 13 with a potluck dinner followed by a festive service featuring the Purim story. We all know that to celebrate, we need hamantaschen, noisemakers, shlach manot, and costumes, but what else could contribute to our celebration?

- While the only element we know from earliest celebrations is the reading of the Book of Esther, it quickly added traditions of drinking, merrymaking and giving gifts to the poor. Costumes appeared during the Middle Ages.
- We use noisemakers to drown out the name of Haman. Other ways to dis Purim's villain include stomping on Haman cutouts, melting Haman snowmen and even burning him in effigy.
- Hamantaschen are the best-known Purim food, but other treats can include triangular Purim kreplach, bean dishes, and, among Sephardim special decorated eggs wrapped in pastry.
- And what about **zombies** you may ask? Tel Aviv has you covered with an annual Purim Zombie walk. Maybe we will see some this year at Betenu!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School, 9 am	2	3	4	5	6 Lay-led service, 7:30 pm	7 <i>Zachor</i>
8 Sunday School, 9 am	9	10	11	12	13 Rav Sam led Purim service, 7:30 pm Potluck dinner, 6:30 pm	14 <i>Parah</i>
Adult Education, 1 pm	Purim begins at sunset	Purim	Shushan Purim			
15 Sunday School, 9 am	16 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm	17	18	19	20 Family-friendly service with grades K-3, 7 pm	21 <i>HaChodesh</i>
22 Sunday School, 9 am	23	24	25	26	27 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	28 <i>Vayikra</i>
Adult Program with shlichah Avia Sagron, 12:15 pm						
29 Sunday School, 9 am	30 h	31				