



The Mount Sinai Keshar

Adar Edition

February 13-14 , 2010 • 29 Shevat, 5770 • Parashat Mishpatim • Shabbat Mevarchim • Shabbat Shekalim

Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting	5:09 p.m.
Mincha	5:14 p.m.
Shacharit	7:00, 9:00 a.m.
Kri'at Shema before	9:31 a.m.
Tot Shabbat	10:45 a.m.
<i>Kiddush Following Davening</i>	
Rabbi Schwartz's Gemara shiur	3:50 p.m.
Mincha	4:50 p.m.
<i>Seuda Shlishit following Mincha</i>	
Women's Shiur	5:20 p.m.
Shkia	5:28 p.m.
Maariv/Shabbat ends	6:15 p.m.

Tefillah Schedule Week of February 15th

<i>Shacharit</i>	
Sunday (ראש חודש)	7:00 , 7:30, 8:30, 9:00 a.m.
Monday (ראש חודש)	6:30 , 7:10 , 8:00, 9:00 a.m.
Tues., Wed., Fri	7:00, 7:30, 8:00 a.m.
Thursday	6:45, 7:20, 8:00 a.m.
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	
Sunday - Thursday	5:15 p.m.
<i>Maariv</i>	
Monday - Thursday	10:00 p.m.
<i>Next Shabbat, Parashat Teruma</i>	
Candles	5:17 p.m.
Mincha	5:22 p.m.

NOTE: 8:30 Shacharit and 5:15 p.m. Mincha/Maariv on Sunday will be in the Main Shul.

Please send all announcements by 5pm on Wednesday to office@mtsinaishul.com and bulletin@mtsinaishul.com.

Sponsorships

The **KESHER** is sponsored by **Elie & Leezy Klein**, wishing Mazel Tov to Aliza Strum on her engagement to Josh Rosman.

KIDDUSH is sponsored by:

- **Oshra and David Mogilensky** in honor of the birth of their daughter, Chaya Rosa
- **Yoni and Rena Ray** wishing a Mazal Tov to Danny Popper and David Ginsberg on their engagements.
- **Anonymously** in honor of Samantha Spolter's birthday
- Birthday Sponsors: **Luba Kontorovich, Sara Saidlower**

Find out the latest updates with the Washington Heights eruv by calling 646-450-ERUV (3788), sending a SMS to (412) 213-8991 or by sending a Google Chat message to eruv@bot.im.

The Eruv **has again been extended and DOES xtend across Broadway**, but does not extend into Fort Tryon Park. For an updated map of the Eruv please go to our website or see the map in the shul lobby. If you are not sure where you can carry, please contact the rabbi or a member of the eruv committee.

Rabbi Schwartz's Office Hours

Monday:	9:00 -10:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	approx. 9:30 -10:30 p.m. (after the 8:45 p.m. shiur)

Next Shabbat

**The Annual Scholar in Residence
With Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom**

See inside for details



**HATZOLAH
(212) 230 1000**

Volunteer Emergency
Ambulance Service

Purim!

- **Purim at Mt Sinai, Saturday Night, February 27th.** Featuring the Purim Schpiel, The 2nd Annual Digital Shorts Contest and awesome refreshments! Doors open at 8:45pm, Schpiel at 9:15pm. \$5 members/ \$7 non members. **Start preparing your Digital Short Video Entry today!** Contact us if you are interested in helping with the Schpiel. For more information contact Sefi and Rebecca at events@mtsinaishul.com.
- **Matanot L'Evyonim:** The shul is collecting money for the JCC's Matanot L'evyonim Campaign which will be distributed on Purim itself to low income individuals and families in our neighborhood. Donations can be made online or in the office. Please make your checks payable to Mt.Sinai Jewish Center and write "Matanot Levyonim" on the memo. Please get your donations in early if possible. All donations are due by 12PM on Purim Day, February 28th, so that the money can be distributed on Purim itself.
- **Purim Megillah Reading:** If you are able to read Megillah to people who are not able to come to shul or in the hospital, or if you cannot make it to shul and need someone to read Megillah for you, please contact chessed@mtsinaishul.com as soon as possible.
- **Mt. Sinai Purim cards** are on sale now! Send Purim greetings to your friends and family, and help support your shul. Cards are only \$2 each, and if you buy 10 you get 1 free! Contact the office for details.
- You're invited to the **Family Life Committee's annual Purim Chagigah!** Purim morning (2/28), 10:45-12:00 in the social hall. Only \$10 per family for members/\$13 per family for non-members. More details coming soon!

Education Update

- This Shabbat there is a women's shiur by **Chavie Kadosh** at 5:20pm: "Reading Between the Lines: The Tanaatic Debate on the Meaning of the *Megillah*"
- Our annual **Scholar-in-Residence** will take place **next** weekend, February 19-20. We're privileged to be having **Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom** from Los Angeles. Sign up at mtsinaishul.com to join us for **Friday night dinner!** The cost is \$25 for members and \$32 for non-members if you sign up by Tuesday, February 16.
Rabbi Etshalom lives in Los Angeles and serves on the faculties of the Yeshiva of Los Angeles and the Simon Wiesenthal Center as Educational Coordinator of the Jewish Studies Institute, along with serving as chair of the Bible Department at YULA in Los Angeles. He is also the author of a series of online e-mail classes on the Bible through the facilities of Project Genesis.
- This **Tuesday at 8pm**, Rabbi Etan Berman will resume a 2-part series on Judaism and The Matrix. No prior knowledge of Judaism is necessary and beginners are welcome.
- Rabbi Schwartz's shiur will meet this **Wednesday at 8:45pm** and will continue with the laws of Bishul Akum.
- This **Wednesday at 4pm**, Rabbi Schwartz will begin starting a monthly **Parsha Class for Seniors**.

Chevra Kadisha Breakfast

The **Annual Chevra Kadisha Breakfast** will take place on **Sunday, February 21** at 9:45 am. Our guest speaker will be **Rabbi Daniel Feldman**, who will speak on the topic of Nichum Aveilim.

Breakfast will be served and is free of charge, but reservations are required. Please email office@mtsinaishul.com by Sunday if you plan to attend.

Tot Shabbat This Week!

Parents and children under 5 are invited to Tot Shabbat during mussaf (approx. 10:45 am), downstairs in the Multipurpose room.



Hospitality Committee

Join us for Shabbat.



The Hospitality Committee is now in full swing again! If you can host guests for shabbos, or if you need a meal, please sign up at www.mtsinaishul.com/hospitality by Thursday at 10AM.

If you have any questions, the please be in touch with members of the Hospitality Committee, or e-mail shabbosmeals@gmail.com.

Board Update

The revised Constitution which the Board presented to the congregation at the recent General Membership Meeting did not garner the necessary two-thirds approval in order to pass. The Board is working on a new draft, taking into consideration the specific issues which were raised at the General Membership Meeting.

If you have any more feedback for the Board regarding the constitution, please email board@mtsinaishul.com.

New! Parsha Class for Seniors

This Wednesday afternoon, Rabbi Schwartz will begin a monthly parsha class for seniors. The class will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the shul.

We hope to see you there!



Welcome New Member

Michael Fulop

Beit Midrash

- Have you noticed the disrepair of the chairs in the Beit Midrash? We are looking for sponsors to help us replace the old worn chairs and add kavod the Beit Midrash. The cost of each chair is \$36. We hope that you will consider donating at least one. You can do so online at www.mtsinaishul.com or at the office.
- We're stocking our Mount Sinai Beit Midrash and YOU can HELP! If you'd like to donate money towards the purchase of new sefarim OR if you have sefarim that you would like to donate, please let us know at education@mtsinaishul.com or speak to the office. Help make our Beit Midrash a great place to learn!
- Yashar Koach to Regine and Yosef Galanti, Anat and Daniel Coleman, Shifra Apter, Michal and Shlomo Wadler, and 3 anonymous sponsors for their generous sefarim donations.



Carla Hanauer

Books/Seforim/Periodicals/DVDs
195 Bennett Avenue
212-942-6454
hanauerbooks@yahoo.com

BROADWAY PHARMACY

4329 Broadway, NY, 10033

(Between 184 and 185 Streets)

Opposite to Staples

Phone #212-740-8500

Fax # 212-740-9400

*Prescriptions*General Medicine*Full Line of Surgical Products*Kosher Products*Vitamins*Metro Cards
*Phone Cards*Cosmetics*Gifts and Many More

WE ACCEPT MEDICAID, MEDICARE, PART-D, ALL UNION PLANS, WORKER'S COMP, AND ALL OTHER PLANS

- ❖ FREE PRESCRIPTIONS PICK UP AND DELIVERY
- ❖ FAST AND COURTEOUS SERVICE
- ❖ FREE BLOOD PRESSURE AND BLOOD SUGAR CHECK-UP AND COUNSELING
- ❖ FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE CAN TRANSFER YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS.

Career Networking Initiative Email List

The Chessed Committee's Career Networking initiative will be establishing an email list to circulate information about available jobs to those who are looking.

If you are interested in being added to the email list, please email Zev Safran, at zsafran@gmail.com.

Please include some basic details about your background and what you are looking for.

Refuah Shleima

Rabbi Yehuda Hilewitz
Edith Glikman
Charlotte Wahl



\$5 COUPON TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF
NEW/TRANSFERED
PRESCRIPTION
LIMIT ONE PER CUSTOMER
NO CASH VALUE

Message from the Rabbi: Purim Perspectives

We are now preparing to enter the joyous time of Purim. More than anything, our celebration of the Purim joy is connected with giving. Rambam rules that of all the mitzvot of Purim *מתנות לאביונים* is the one to emphasize. According to one reading of the Rambam our seuda is not completely joyous unless we share some of it with our friends or neighbors; this is the mitzvah of *משלוח מנות*. Although throughout the years there are precise rules and regulations relating to who should receive our tzedaka money, on Purim all these regulations are relaxed. We give to whomever stretches out his hand.

We understand why giving is such an essential part of Purim. The Yom Tov of Purim represents our survival as a community from the threat of annihilation. It therefore makes sense that we should celebrate that survival in a communal way- by performing mitzvot such as *mishloach manot* and *matanot laevyonim* that forge communal unity. For this reason, although the obligation to read the megilla is essentially an individual one, ideally it is read with a minyan, to emphasize the communal aspect that is so central to the message of Purim.

In this vein it is worth noting the historical progression within the Yom Tov of Purim. The first Purim only consisted of the mitzvah of *Mishloach manot*. Only later was the mitzvah of *matanot laevyonim* added. It seems that the lesson here is when we want to build unity, we need to start small and work gradually. First we focus on *mishloach manot*, uniting groups of friends who share common interests and goals, into a single group. Only once that group has been established do we embark on the mitzvah of *matanot laevyonim*- reaching out to the poor and downtrodden who are generally considered outsiders.

As a Shul we have embarked on the first phase of community building. We have begun a process of trying to unite each subgroup within the Shul, to symbolically perform the mitzvah of *mishloach manot*. In this vein we have begun to offer classes to specific cohorts, elders, beginners, singles and marrieds. However, it is clear that the ultimate goal is for unity that spreads across boundaries. The ultimate goal is for a *matanot laevyonim* type of unity when people who come from diverse backgrounds, different age groups and separate communities can unite into a single entity. To do this we need more help. We need to perform the type of *chesed* that *matanot laevyonim* symbolizes; reaching out to those who are different than we are and making them feel like they are a part of a warm and caring Shul family.

There are many opportunities for *Chesed* in our community. There is *bikkur cholim* and *nichum aveilim*, preparing meals for new moms, contributing to a Gemach and working in a local soup kitchen- just to name a few. The important thing is just to get involved. Join a Shul committee. Volunteer at a local organization. Reach out not only to those with whom you share much in common, but to those who are perceived as outsiders as well. Take the lesson of *matanot laevyonim* to heart. Help us become a fully united community.

Rabbi Ezra Schwartz
rabbi@mtsinaishul.com

This Week at Mt. Sinai

Monday:

Women's Aerobics, 7:30 p.m. Contact: Anat Coleman (212) 740 2740

Women's Basketball, 9:00 p.m. Contact: Susanne Goldstone, susqhb@gmail.com.

Tuesday:

Shiur with Rabbi Etan Berman, 8:00 p.m. 2nd part of a 2 part series on Judaism and the Matrix.

Women's Basketball, 9:00 p.m. Contact: Elie Appleson, elie.appleson@gmail.com.

Wednesday:

Parsha Class for Seniors, 4:00 p.m. given by Rabbi Schwartz.

Men's Basketball, 8:00 p.m. Contact: Daniel Falik, daniel@danielfalik.com

Class with Rabbi Schwartz, 8:45 p.m. on Bishul Akum

Next Shabbat:

Scholar in Residence with Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom. See inside for details.

Motza'ei Shabbat:

Men's Basketball, 6:45 p.m. Contact: Daniel Falik, daniel@danielfalik.com

Mt. Sinai

Jewish Center

135 Bennett Avenue
New York, NY 10040
www.mtsinaishul.com

Rabbi: R' Ezra Schwartz

Rabbi Emeritus: R' Mordecai Schnaidman

President: Ben Sandler

Vice-President: Ilana Mann

Admin. Director: Jerry Berkowitz

Office Hours:

Sunday 8:30 - 12:00

Monday-Thursday 9:30 - 5:00

Friday 8:30 - 12:00

212-568-1900 • office@mtsinaishul.com