



SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY

Friday Night Mincha

5:56 pm

Candle Lighting

5:56 pm

SHABBOS

Rabbi Elie's

Parsha Class

8:30 am

Shabbos Morning

Services

9:00 am

Rabbi Elie's Sermon

11:00 am

Rabbi Jackson's

Class

"Understanding the

Kohens Clothing"

11:20 am

Rabbi Elie's

Pre-Mincha Class

5:20 pm

Shabbos Day Mincha

5:48 pm

Rabbi Goodman's

Adventures in

Halacha

Havdallah

6:57 pm

NEWS

FROM THE HILL

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE FOREST HILL JEWISH CENTRE

MAR. 7 - MAR. 8, 2025

8 ADAR 5785

PARSHAS TETZAVEH

PARHAS ZACHOR



FROM THE DESK OF RABBI ELIE

One of the special customs on Purim is to dress up. The reason behind this custom is simple: all the miracles that occurred on Purim were "small miracles". By this, I mean that unlike the splitting of the sea, all the events that took place on Purim can, on the surface of it, be attributed to happenstance. Yet all these events needed to take place to ensure that the Jews would be saved.

So, in a sense, HaShem was seemingly hidden from the story, even though we know He was there all the time. We hide our faces on Purim to remind ourselves that HaShem, even when He is hidden, is still there. This is a very important lesson for all of us. Our lives are filled with so many ups and downs, we have to remember that even when we don't see Hashem, He is still there, sometimes just hiding behind a mask.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Elie

PURIM 2025!

Thursday, Fast of Esther (Mar 13)

Fast starts: 6:21 AM

Fast Ends: 8:07 PM

Shacharis: 6:45 AM

Mincha: 6:50 PM

Ma'ariv: 7:50 PM

Thursday Night Megillah Reading:

First Megillah Reading 8:00 PM

Second Megillah Reading: 9:15 PM

Party Starts: 9:00 PM

Purim Day - Friday Morning Megillah Reading (Mar 14):

Shacharis: 7:10 AM

Sunrise: 7:32 AM

First Megillah Reading: 8:00 AM

Breakfast: 9:00 AM

Second Megillah Reading: 9:30 AM

Rabbi Elie & Rifky invite the community over for Purim Dessert, Friday afternoon, March 14th, from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM!!

Shabbos Candle Lighting/Mincha: 7:05 PM

KIDDUSH STILL AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

**Spring Forward - Move Your Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
Saturday Night Before you Go To Sleep!**

Hannah Zilbert's Riddle:

Q: Which days are the strongest?



Purim In...

The Year of the SNAKE

Join our Annual Purim Party!

Thursday, March 13th, 9:00 PM
after the 1st Megillah Reading
GOOSE FAMILY BANQUET HALL

CHINESE THEME FEATURING:

- ✦ AUTHENTIC CHINESE LION DANCERS ✦
- ✦ CHINESE PPA (LITTE) MUSIC PERFORMANCE ✦
- ✦ WUSHU MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION ✦
- ✦ PERFORMED BY THE SUNNY TANG MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE ✦

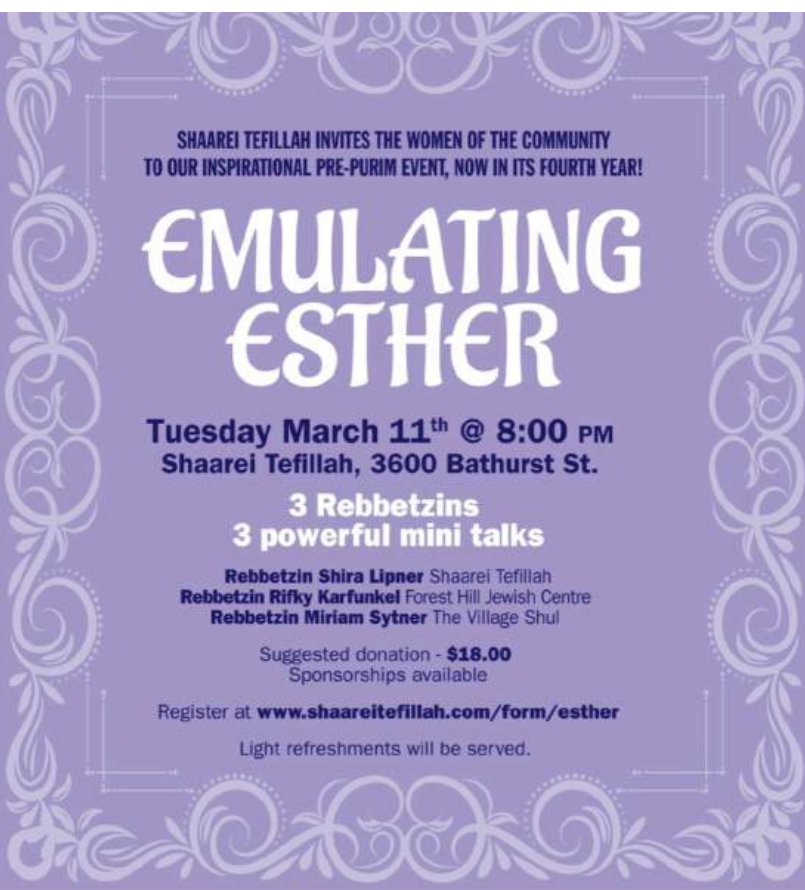
FHJC MEMBERS No Charge
NON-MEMBERS \$10 each

IF A NON-MEMBER IS REGISTERED BY A MEMBER, THEN THERE IS NO CHARGE.

Attendance be pre-registration only
fhjc.ca/purim2025

FOREST HILL JEWISH CENTRE

THIS YEAR'S PURIM PARTY IS SPONSORED BY NEIL & DEBORAH FISCHLER IN HONOUR OF NEIL'S 50TH BIRTHDAY!



SHAAREI TEFILLAH INVITES THE WOMEN OF THE COMMUNITY TO OUR INSPIRATIONAL PRE-PURIM EVENT, NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR!

EMULATING ESTHER

Tuesday March 11th @ 8:00 PM
Shaarei Tefillah, 3600 Bathurst St.

3 Rebbetzins
3 powerful mini talks

Rebbetzin Shira Lipner Shaarei Tefillah
Rebbetzin Rifky Karfunkel Forest Hill Jewish Centre
Rebbetzin Miriam Sytner The Village Shul

Suggested donation - \$18.00
Sponsorships available

Register at www.shaareitefillah.com/form/esther

Light refreshments will be served.



Purim Customs:



1) Parshat Zachor – On the Shabbos before Purim, there is a Biblical mitzvah to hear a special maftir called Parshat Zachor read from a Sefer Torah. In order to hear Parshat Zachor, please come to Shul no later than 10:30. If you are unable to attend shul, one should read the passage from a chumash.

2) Machatzit HaShekel – At Mincha on Taanit Esther, the minhag is for every man to contribute a half-shekel to charity in commemoration of the Biblical mitzvah to donate a half-shekel to the Beit HaMikdash. Nowadays, it is customary to give 3 half-dollar coins, or the value of \$1.50. Machatzit HaShekel can be fulfilled after Purim also, up until Rosh Chodesh Nissan.

3) Matanot L'Evyonim (Gifts to the Poor) – There is a mitzvah to give Tzedakah to at least 2 needy people on Purim day. Maimonides writes that it is better for a person to increase gifts to the poor than to expand their Purim feast and the gifts they send their friends, for there is no greater simcha than to gladden the hearts of the poor and those in need, and one who gladdens their heart is compared to the Divine Presence.

This mitzvah can be fulfilled by giving Rabbi Elie cash or a cheque made out to the Jewish Heritage Foundation before Purim. The funds will be distributed to needy families on Purim. One should give a minimum of \$18. Tax receipts are available for donations made via cheque.

4) Mishloach Manot – There is also a mitzvah to gift two different food items to one person on Purim day. The gift should be preferably sent to the recipient by means of a messenger.

5) Purim Seudah – Since Purim falls out on Erev Shabbos this year, the Purim Seudah should be eaten in a way that won't interfere with Shabbos preparations and our enjoyment of the Shabbos meal. Therefore, the practice is to begin the Purim Seudah **no later** than 1:27 PM (halachik midday). If that is not possible, one should try to start the meal **before** 4:25 PM.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **March 9:** Women's Hamantaschen Bake
- **March 13:** The Fast of Esther followed by the FHJC Purim Party @ Night
- **March 14:** Purim Day

THIS UPCOMING WEEK

- **Sunday - Thursday, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm** Each night the Kollel hosts men's learning opportunities
- **Sunday, Mar. 9:**
 - **8:45 am** - Modern Dilemmas in Jewish Law w/ R' Meir Goodman
- **Tuesday, Mar. 11:**
 - **2:00 pm - 2:45 pm:** Derech HaShem w/ R' Meir Goodman
 - **6:15 pm - 7:30 pm:** NCSY Bat Mitzvah Class
 - **7:30 pm - 8:30 pm:** NCSY Live2Give Boys
 - **7:45 pm - 9:00 pm:** NCSY Live2Give Girls
- **Wednesday, Mar. 12:**
 - **5:15 pm - 7:15 pm:** NCSY Bar Mitzvah Program
 - **7:15 pm - 8:30 pm:** NCSY Bat Mitzvah Program
 - **8:00 PM:** The Shira Herzog Women's Scholars Program commences its Second Semester
- **Thursday, Mar. 13 - The Fast of Esther**
 - **Fast starts 6:21 AM**
 - **Fast End 8:07 PM**
 - **11:00 am - 12:00 pm:** Rabbi Elie's Weekly Parsha for Women is postponed this week.
 - 1st Megillah Reading 8:00 PM
 - 2nd Megillah Reading 9:15 PM
 - Purim Party 9:00 PM
- **Friday, Mar 14 - Purim Day**
 - **Sunrise Service starts at 7:10 AM**
 - 1st Megillah Reading 8:00 AM
 - 2nd Megillah Reading 9:30 AM
 - Breakfast 9:00 AM
 - Dessert @ the Karfunkels 3:30 - 4:30 PM



**HAPPY
PURIM**

GO GATHER THE JEWS ESTHER 4:14 לך כנוס את כל היהודים
Pre-Purim Night of Jewish Unity



With the Forest Hill Kollel

Monday Night, March 10

LEARNING 8:00 - 9:00 PM

SINGING AND DIVREI TORAH 9:00 - 9:45 PM



In the memory of

the deceased hostages, and for the well-being and speedy recovery of those who have been returned to their families



**A FEW SPOTS REMAIN,
REGISTRATION STILL OPEN!**



FOREST HILL
JEWISH CENTRE



FHJC AND THE FOREST HILL KOLLEL INVITE THE WOMEN OF THE COMMUNITY TO A

Savoury Hamantasch Demo
with chef Amy Stopnicki

Sunday, March 9 / 7:30 pm

FHJC - 360 SPADINA RD

COST \$36

Light Refreshments
will be served

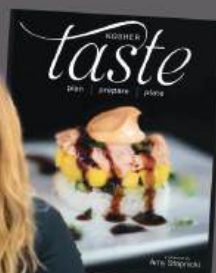
RSVP by Wednesday, March 5

Come home with your
very own
delicious
hamantaschen!



RSVP to [FHJC.ca/hamantaschdemo](https://www.fhjc.ca/hamantaschdemo)

Looking forward to seeing you all there!





UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS

Derech Hashem With Rabbi Goodman
Tuesdays at 2 pm

DAVENING TIMES MAR. 9 - 14 Shacharis

Sun -
8:00 am


Mon
6:50 am

Tues & Wed
7:00 am

Thurs
6:45 am


Friday
7:10 am

Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:05 pm

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UPCOMING OCCASIONS

YAHREZEITS

Anne Zilbert 8 Adar 3/8
Mother of Arthur Zilbert
Ian Petroff 8 Adar 3/8
Brother of David Petroff
Doreen Gwosdy 8 Adar 3/8
Mother of Elliott Gwosdy
Ann Berkovitz 9 Adar 3/9
Sister of George Berkovitz
Carl Mahler 9 Adar 3/9
Father of Toby Abramsky
Yuri Abramov 9 Adar 3/9
Father of Benjamin Abramov

Sarah Hartstone 10 Adar 3/10
Grandmother of Elden Freeman
Yaffa Chai 10 Adar 3/10
mother of Barouch Chai
Sam Mandel 12 Adar 3/12
Father of Howard Mandel
Charlotte Belz 13 Adar 3/13
Mother of Michael Belz
Harry Farber 14 Adar 3/14
Father of Esther Goodman

BIRTHDAYS

Avi Silver 3/9
Reuben Kalish 3/9
Eva Markovits 3/9
Adam Somogyi 3/10
Paul Naiman 3/10
Lisa Gozlan 3/11
Ari Jackson 3/12
Yasmine Fischler 3/12
Gus Diestel 3/12
Nicole Bricker 3/12
Sarah Grauman 3/13

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony & Lisa Mawas-Lipschitz 3/9
Ron & Ora Somogyi 3/9

**Tzevet Avishai - Our Peace of Mind Chayalim
who stayed with us last week**



DEDICATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS

ALIYAH DONATION

Adam Green
Jerry Tollinsky
Jeff Feldman

YAHREZEIT DONATION

Betty Winston

TRIBUTE CARD

Arthur & Kathy Zilbert

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Jennifer Frankfort

POM DONATION

Mark Usher
Andy & Maya Berner
Robin Serpell

PURIM PARTY DONATION

Neil & Deborah Fischler

Matanot L'Evyonim - All cheques for Matanot L'Evyonim (Gifts to the Poor to be distributed on Purim) should be made out to JHF.



Hannah Zilbert's Riddle:

A: Saturday and Sunday, the rest are weekdays!

