



# CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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March 12, 2016 ■ 2 Adar II, 5776 ■ Shabbos Pikudei  
Candlelighting: 6:15P ■ Shabbos Ends 7:24P

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## ■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

### MEN

- » Yechiel Mordechai ben Devorah (Brother of Ken Jarmel)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

### WOMEN

- » Pesha Chaya bas Sora Feiga (Tricia Sutkin's Aunt)
- » Leah Esther bas Yenta Leah (Lori Jarmel)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

## ■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **Boy Scout Troop 620 will be doing their second annual Pre-Pesach car cleaning.** Your car will be cleaned and detailed on the inside. Location will be at Shaare Tefilla on April 17th from 11:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Prices are \$10 for a compact car, \$17 for a mini-van/SUV, and \$25 for a Big White van (anything larger than a mini-van). Reserve in advance and get \$2 off. Reservations can be made by emailing Yehoshua Harper at yoshee08@gmail.com.
- » **Purim is coming:** Two great ways to participate in a freilichen Purim. 1) **SHUL MISHLOACH MANOS PROJECT.** Sending food gifts to friends and family—is one of the four Mitzvot performed on Purim. It is a heartfelt way to emphasize the Jewish unity that lies at the core of the Purim holiday... and to create meaningful connections within our own community at the same time. Through this project, you can participate in the sending of a beautiful gift basket (Created by our own Shaul Cajas) to your friends and family that will be delivered to them on Purim, Thursday, March 24, 2016. **IT'S A MITZVAH; IT'S GREAT FUN; AND WITH CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM IT'S EASIER THAN EVER! HERE'S HOW IT WORKS** For just \$5.00 per recipient, you can participate in the sending of a beautiful gift basket to anyone on our membership list. Every family on the list will receive one gift package, along with a Purim card that lists all the people who participated in their package. For example, if you are sent a Mishloach Manos package from more than one individual, you will still only receive one basket; all those people sending you the Mishloach Manos will be listed on the card. Due to the convenience of running a mishloach manos fundraiser online, you will be able to easily place your orders at <http://toraschaimdallas.happypurim.com>. We think you'll love this ordering process. **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO** Everyone in our commu-

nity is receiving a personalized code, similar to a password, for accessing the website. Please keep your personal code in a safe place and do not share it with anyone. Enter your code and your last name as instructed at <http://toraschaimdallas.happypurim.com> and click "Login." A detailed list of pricing and instructions will show up once you have logged in. Click "Continue" to verify, complete and/or modify your personal information. Click "Save & Continue" at the bottom of that page to proceed to the order page. When you are finished making your selections, click the "Order" button to pay for your order. Please note: Your own name will not appear on your list when you log on to your account. You also have the opportunity to "reciprocate." If you select this option at the top of the "My Mishloach Manot" page, anyone selecting your name, whom you did not check on your list, will be added to your order at an additional charge of \$5.00 each. You will receive a second charge on your credit card when this is calculated after the deadline. We will send you an email receipt for this charge. By making a generous donation of \$180.00 you may choose as many names as you wish. There are 78 names on our list, to date – this is a tremendous discount! **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SUNDAY, March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM.** **BILLING** Although Congregation Toras Chaim is handling all packaging and delivery, HappyPurim.com is handling our online ordering and credit card charges will be from HappyPurim.com. Please be assured that your email address and other personal information will not be shared with any other entity. Should you have any questions, forget your personal login code, or would like a paper order form, please call Rabbi Rich at (972) 835-6016, or email [rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org](mailto:rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org). 2) **DON'T MAKE PLANS — YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CTC 2016 PERSIAN PURIM SEUDAH.** Congregation Toras Chaim is hosting a Purim seudah: Thursday, March 24, 2016, 5-8 PM, for all interested in great food, a great time, and a lively Torah discussion. There will even be an incredible Purim magic show for the kids. Cost is set at \$50 per family / \$18 per person. Please BYOB. Seudah will be held at CTC, 7103 Mumford Ct., Dallas, TX 75252. We have plenty of room so spread the word and invite friends and family members. For more information please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at 972-835-6016 or [rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org](mailto:rabbi@toraschaimdallas.org).

- » **Membership Renewal & Makov Kevuah Program:** Time to pledge our allegiance to the shul. Not just with words, but with dollars and cents. In addition, we have a very exciting program to announce that everyone will love. Brass seat plaques with your name engraved in black letters. Your makov kevuah for just \$180 per year. For men and women. The first batch have already been ordered. Reserve you plaque and seat today.

## ■ CONFIGURING THE ARAB PARSHIOS PUZZLE: RABBI YEHUDA SPITZ

It is well known that during the current "simcha season" known as the joyous month of Adar, many changes were instituted to the normal weekly Torah readings, in the Maftir and Haftara, each for their own purpose and reason. First is Parshas Shekalim (on the Shabbos before or of Rosh Chodesh Adar), which commemorates the communal mitzvah of the giving the Machtzis HaShekel, used to pay for the daily Korban Tamid for the whole year. Next is Parshas Zachor (always on the Shabbos before Purim), which evokes the unprovoked attacks of the evil Amalek on Klal Yisrael. Third is Parshas Parah (on the third week) commemorating the Parah Adumah (Red Heifer) used to purify Klal Yisrael for the upcoming Korban Pesach. Lastly, (on the Shabbos before or of Rosh Chodesh Nisan) is Parshas HaChodesh,

to properly honor the coming of the “First Month” that we were commanded in the Torah to observe, Rosh Chodesh Nisan. These four changes are collectively known as the “Arba Parshiyos”.

The Gemara in Megillah (29a - 30b) devotes considerable attention to the details of the “Arba Parshiyos”, including how to compute the Jewish calendar’s nineteen-year-cycle of which exact week will host which special reading. It seems a bit confusing, but luckily several of our great early authorities, including the Rif, Rashi and the Rosh, give a simple mnemonic that allows anyone to figure out which week is which. This is especially practical for a shul’s gabbai who has to arrange the Sifrei Torah to the proper places on each of these weeks. In fact, this code is so useful that it is even cited as halacha by the Shulchan Aruch!

**ZAVD”U - Unlocking the Code:** In our Jewish calendar, the second day of Rosh Chodesh Adar (meaning the first actual day of Adar) can only fall out on four days of the week - Shabbos, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The mnemonic for these days is ZAVD”U (Zayin, the seventh day of the week = Shabbos, Beis = Monday, Dalet = Wednesday, Vav = Friday). The Rishonim teach us that each of these letters stands for an additional code: ZAT”U, B”O, DA”D, U”BIV; and knowing their meanings will help us calculate which week each of the Parshiyos will fall out on. The first letter of each of these codes refers to which day of the week Rosh Chodesh Adar falls out on, and the remaining letters refer to which day(s) of the week during the month is a “skip week”, with no special reading.

**ZAT”U:** ZAT”U refers to when Rosh Chodesh Adar falls out on a Shabbos (“Z”), then that day - Shabbos (the first week) is Parshas Shekalim, the next Shabbos is Parshas Zachor, the next Shabbos - “TU” or the fifteenth of Adar - is a “skip week”, the following Shabbos is Parshas Parah, and the last one is Shabbos HaChodesh. The same applies for all the rest as well.

**B”O:** B”O refers to when Rosh Chodesh Adar falls out on a Monday (“B”). Then the preceding Shabbos is Parshas Shekalim, that week (with Shabbos being the sixth day of Adar - “O”) is a skip week, and the remaining weeks are all special reading weeks consecutively: Zachor, then Parah and followed by HaChodesh.

**DA”D:** DA”D is similar, with Rosh Chodesh Adar falling out on a Wednesday (“D”), with Parshas Shekalim being the preceding week, that Shabbos (the fourth of Adar - “D”) being a skip week, and all remaining weeks are special reading weeks as well.

**U”BIV:** U”BIV is a bit more complicated, with two skip weeks. This occurs when Rosh Chodesh Adar falls out on Friday (“U”). The preceding Shabbos is Parshas Shekalim and the day after Rosh Chodesh (the second of Adar - “B”) is a skip week. The next week is Parshas Zachor, and the next (on the sixteenth of Adar - “IV”) is another skip week. The remaining weeks are Parah and HaChodesh, respectively. One may realize that this is actually this year’s (5772/2012) Adar code, with the two skip weeks.

In conclusion, although for many making calendar calculations seems to be out of the realm of their expertise, thankfully our great Rishonim have led the way, enabling even the layman to utilize Hashem’s tools to configure the Arba Parshiyos Puzzle.

#### ■ PARSHA Q&A: PIKUDEI

1. Why is the word Mishkan stated twice in verse 38:21? 38:21 - To allude to the Beit Hamikdash that would twice be taken as

a “mashkon” (pledge) for the sins of the Jewish People until the nation repents.

2. Why is the Mishkan called the “Mishkan of Testimony”? 38:21 - It was testimony for the Jewish People that G-d forgave them for the golden calf and allowed His Shechina to dwell among them.
3. Who was appointed to carry the vessels of the Mishkan in the midbar? 38:21 - The levi'im.
4. Who was the officer in charge of the levi'im? 38:21 - Itamar ben Aharon.
5. What is the meaning of the name Betzalel? 38:22 - “In the shadow of G-d.”
6. How many people contributed a half-shekel to the Mishkan? Who contributed? 38:26 - 603,550. Every man age twenty and over (except the levi'im).
7. Which material used in the bigdei kehuna was not used in the coverings of the sacred vessels? 39:1 - Linen (See Rashi 31:10).
8. How were the gold threads made? 39:3 - The gold was beaten into thin plates from which threads were cut. (See Rashi 28:6).
9. What was inscribed on the stones on the shoulders of the ephod? 39:6, 39:7 - The names of the tribes.
10. What was on the hem of the me'il? 39:24,25 - Woven pomegranates and golden bells.
11. What did the Kohen Gadol wear between the mitznetefet and the tzitzit? 39:31 - Tefillin.
12. What role did Moshe play in the construction of the Mishkan? 39:33 - He stood it up.
13. Which date was the first time that the Mishkan was erected and not dismantled? 40:17 - Rosh Chodesh Nissan of the second year in the desert. For seven days before this, during the consecration of Aharon and his sons, Moshe erected and dismantled the Mishkan. (Rashi 39:29)
14. What was the “tent” which Moshe spread over the Mishkan(40:19)? 40:19 - The curtain of goatskin.
15. What “testimony” did Moshe place in the aron? 40:20 - The Luchot Habrit.
16. What function did the parochet serve? 40:21 - It served as a partition for the aron.
17. Where was the shulchan placed in the Mishkan? 40:22 - On the northern side of the Ohel Mo'ed, outside the parochet.
18. Where was the menorah placed in the Mishkan? 40:24 - On the southern side of the Ohel Mo'ed opposite the shulchan.
19. Who offered the communal sacrifices during the eight days of the dedication of the Mishkan? 40:29 - Moshe.
20. On which day did both Moshe and Aharon serve as kohanim? 40:31 - On the eighth day of the consecration of the Mishkan.

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- » Before Shacharis Gemara Taanis for men (M-Fr, 6-6:35A)
- » NQ Daf HaYomi Chagigah for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)
- » Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)
- » Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 7:00-8:00A)
- » Supercharge Your Sundays for men (Sunday after Shacharis for 45 mins. with R’ Noach Klug)
- » Marriage Chaburah for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)
- » In-Depth Hilchos Shabbos for women (Wed, 11:30-12:15P)