



The 4 Mitzvot of Purim

by Rabbi David Kalender

I love Purim! More specifically, I love Purim at OT.

While most of us have experienced Purim in other places, the celebration in our community brings together unique ways of fulfilling the four mitzvot of the holiday. Every year we celebrate them a little differently...welcome to Purim 5781.

Those mitzvot are:

Megillah – Reading the story of Esther

Mattanot L'Evyonim – Gifts to the Needy

Mishloach Manot – Sending treats to others, and

Seuda – a Festive Meal

So how does this work in Purim 2021 – 5781?

Megillah – Through the modern miracle of electronic connectivity, we'll be able to read the story together. Please don't take this for granted; this wasn't possible in the year that our B'nei Mitzvah kids were born. We'll be together for fun and silliness, as well as read every word of Esther's...our...story. Costumes, noise, and laughter are mandatory!

Mattanot L'Evyonim – We are all struggling in the midst of this pandemic, yet we are all blessed as well. Jewish law teaches that no matter our financial situation, there are those less fortunate and each of us can and must help others. As a community, we direct our funds towards transformational organizations that feed the hungry locally and in Israel. We will do that this year too.

Mishloach Manot – The OT Mishloach Manot program is a wonderful way to fulfill this mitzvah every year, and especially this year.

Seudat Purim – Though we won't have large numbers around our tables this year, don't forget to have a meal (that includes delicious hamantaschen) at which you share with others (in-person or online) appreciation for ways in which we are saved, and we save ourselves. Purim is a story of surviving dangerous times and finding joy and community at the end. That is, and will be, this year's story.

Looking forward to celebrating with you.

Chag Purim Sameach!

Purim 5781

This year, Purim is the evening of Thursday, February 25, and we are looking forward to celebrating together virtually and in-person!

4:00-6:00pm Purim Party in the Parking Lot

If you are more comfortable remaining in your car, the first half-hour is drive thru only!

7:00-8:30pm Zoom Purim

See the full schedule and details at www.olamtikvah.org/purim



Megillah reading at Out of this World Purim 2018



Mattanot L'Evyonim at the Purim pARTy 2020



Mishloach Manot Assembly Committee 2019



Hamantaschen - yum!

December Social Action Projects: Your Impact

Every December, our Social Action committee coordinates volunteer and donation opportunities to help those in need in our community. This year, that help was especially needed, even as it was more difficult to give in all the ways we have before. Of course, where there's a will, there's a way, and you helped make our annual December Social Action projects a success as always.

Shoebboxes for SOME

Each year, we collect Christmas gifts for So Others Might Eat (SOME) to distribute to people experiencing homelessness. We asked you to pack and wrap a shoebox with essentials and you donated 60 shoeboxes!




Shoebboxes for SOME

Hypothermia Project

This interfaith initiative normally houses people experiencing homelessness in a church overnight and Olam Tikvah volunteers commit to staffing the site for the evening and help to make and serve Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas brunch. Due to COVID, FACETS housed people this year, and host churches instead provided meals for the week. Partnering with Messiah United Methodist Church to support FACETS during Christmas week, Olam Tikvah donated \$700 from



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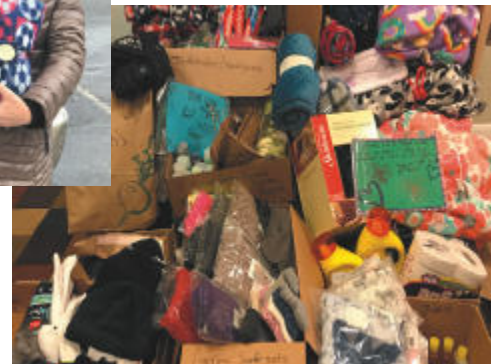
This year, our Social Action committee and Sisterhood collected winter wear, blankets, personal hygiene items, gift cards, and monetary donations for Christmas breakfast for the residents of the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter. We were able to donate more than \$1,400 in gift cards, 40 blankets, 10 large boxes full of hygiene products, and many hats, gloves, and scarves. These items were distributed to Hanley Shelter residents, as well as other Shelter House programs, including Artemis House for women fleeing domestic violence, and Quarantine Protection and Isolation (QUID) for families staying in hotels due to COVID.

In addition to these items, we were able to continue our 14-year tradition of providing Christmas breakfast, though it was necessarily different this year. Instead of the homemade meal we usually provide, we collected donations to be able to purchase packaged and prepared foods. We were pleased to be able to provide a warm, delicious and nutritious breakfast for shelter residents, which included three types of quiche, pancakes, hash browns, turkey links, cinnamon rolls, fruit salad, yogurt, juice, and milk.

Todah Raba! Thank you so much to everyone who donated and who continues to support our Social Action initiatives throughout the year. You make an impact for the better in our community.



Katherine Hanley Christmas Breakfast



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Jeffrey, to Drew Hergen
Ellen & Mike Hilert, on the engagement of their sons,
Zachary Hilert, to Miriam Goldstein, and Alexander Hilert,
to Camila Tirado
Deborah & David Howard, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Seth Bond
Marcy & Lawrence Indyk, on the Bat Mitzvah of their
daughter, Audrey
Annie & Alan Schwartz on the engagement of their son,
Michael, to Vanessa Villarreal

Condolence

Gloria Brissman
Cyrel Deitsch, daughter of Chani & Rabbi Sholom Deitsch
Elaine Golden, mother of Shari Boyett, grandmother of
Jacob, Lauren, and Cat
Bettie Munro, mother of Alan Munro

Anniversaries

Thank you for your donations to Olam Tikvah in honor of
your anniversaries. Special thank you to our anniversary callers
this month: Jane Behrmann and Linda Meyer.

January 1 – 7

Anna & Lenny Gottesman; Sharon & Joshua Yungshten

January 8 – 14

Rochelle & David Salzman; Barbara & Carl Villarruel

January 15 – 21

Nancy & Jeffrey Klain (30); Cynthia & Mark Rutzick;
Gail & Hank Wolf

January 29 – 31

Natalie & Julian Levine (65); Wendy & Joseph Rosner;
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B'nei Mitzvah

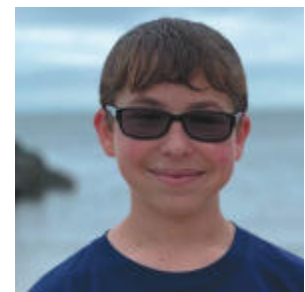
Alexander "Xander" Scher February 20 Parashat Terumah

Xander Scher is a 7th grader at Frost Middle School. He brings mazel and joy to his parents; Michael & Jennifer Scher and shares his energy and love for sushi with his little sisters, Maya and Dina. Xander enjoys sports, playing with his dog, riding his bike, playing his clarinet, and spending time with friends. He attends Capital Camps in the summer and is already dreaming of being back at camp this summer. In lieu of a party, Xander and his family are planning to celebrate big in Israel the Summer of 2022.



Joshua Levy February 27 Parashat Tetzaveh

Joshua Noam Levy, son of Shoshana & Howard, and brother to Benjamin and Hannah, is a 7th grader at Kilmer Middle School. Although this year has been a challenge, Josh has been doing the best that he can with online learning. He enjoys his summers at camp and playing basketball and rugby. He also plays a mean game of poker. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Josh chose to assist Vienna Foodies, a local Facebook group that supports local restaurants, food insecure families, and first responders. Multiple times a week since the pandemic started, Josh visited various restaurants throughout Vienna and photographed their food for posting. Josh is now raising money that he plans to donate to Vienna Foodies to help support their causes.



Tzedakah

Thank you for your donations, which were received by December 31, 2020. To make a donation, visit olamtikvah.org/donate

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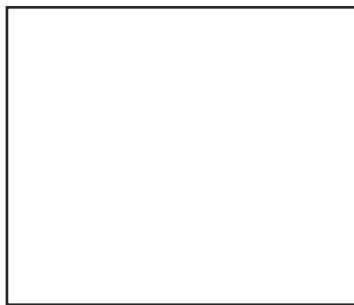
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New Member Spotlight

Welcome to some of our new members! Although we haven't been able to schmooze with them at kiddush lunch or invite them over for Shabbat dinner, we welcome them to Olam Tikvah. Learn more about Sarah Martin and Gloria Rubin below and plan to wave the next time we are together.

Sarah Martin has recently graduated from conversion student to new OT member! She hails from a military family that moved around a lot, but has been living in Northern Virginia since she was a child. Sarah is a GMU student and working as a medical scribe, and is looking forward to Shabbat morning services and participating in social action activities (such as blood drives) post-pandemic.

Gloria Rubin was introduced to OT by the Kon family. She grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs, but she and her husband, Dr. Gene Rubin, an optometrist, have lived in Fairfax County for years, where Gloria worked as a math teacher and high school counselor. The Rubins have two adult children, also teachers. Gloria enjoys reading, exercise, playing Hearts and Mah Jongg, and is on the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads. You can find her at the JCC's book club and doing work to help others.

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