

## February-March Minyan Times

<b>MORNINGS (times constant)</b>	
Sunday .....	8:30 am
Monday – Friday .....	6:40 am
<i>*Except April 1</i> .....	<b>6:30 am</b>
Shabbat .....	9:00 am
<b>EVENINGS (times constant)</b>	
<i>Through March 6</i>	
Monday – Thursday .....	7:00 pm
<b>EVENINGS (times vary)</b>	
<i>Shabbat Mincha – after Kiddush</i>	
<i>Through March 8</i>	
Shabbat, March 1 .....	7:00 pm
Sunday, March 2 .....	5:40 pm
Friday, March 7 .....	5:45 pm
Shabbat, March 8 .....	7:05 pm
Sunday - Wednesday, March 9-12 .....	6:50 pm
Thursday – Sunday, March 13-16 .....	<i>see Purim schedule</i>
Monday – Thursday, March 17-20 .....	6:55 pm
Friday, March 21 .....	7:00 pm
Shabbat, March 22 .....	6:50 pm
Sunday – Thursday, March 23-27 .....	7:05 pm
Friday, March 28 .....	7:10 pm
Shabbat, March 29 .....	6:55 pm
Sunday – Thursday, March 30 – April 3 .....	7:10 pm
Friday, April 4 .....	7:15 pm
Shabbat, April 5 .....	7:05 pm
Sunday – Thursday, April 6-10 .....	7:20 pm
Friday, April 11 .....	7:15 pm
Shabbat, April 12 .....	6:55 pm

## Purim Schedule

<b>Ta'anit Ester</b>	
Thursday, March 13 .....	<i>Fast begins</i> ..... 5:56 am
	Shacharit ..... 6:40 am
	Mincha ..... 6:40 pm
	Fast ends ..... 7:50 pm
<b>Shabbat Zachor</b>	
Friday, March 14 .....	Shacharit ..... 6:40 am
	Candle Lighting ..... 6:51 pm
	Mincha ..... 6:55 pm
Shabbat, March 15 .....	Shacharit ..... 9:00 am
	Parshat Zachor ..... 10:30 am
	Mincha ..... 6:40 pm
<b>Purim</b>	
Saturday, March 15 .....	Shabbat ends ..... 7:52 pm
	Ma'ariv ..... 8:15 pm
	Megillah ..... 8:25 pm
Sunday, March 16 .....	Shacharit ..... 8:30 am
	Megillah ..... 9:00 am
	Second reading ..... 2:15 pm
	Mincha ..... 3:00 pm
	Purim Seudah ..... following Mincha
	Ma'ariv ..... 7:50 pm

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Please join our Beth David family and the community as we celebrate 50 years at our current location, 39 Riverside Drive, Binghamton. The occasion will be marked by an anniversary book and a special anniversary dinner on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at the synagogue. Watch your mail for more information.

Paula Rubin

### Photos Wanted

We are looking for photos, color or black and white, of our early years at the *shul*. If you have any pictures from this era, please call Paula Rubin, 797-0181.

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### From the Rabbi

What is Purim? It all started with the concept of Amalek. Haman the wicked was an Amalekite, and we know the rest of the story. Unfortunately, in every generation, we have a new Amalek. Any group of people, nation, or individual who wants to destroy the Jewish nation is considered Amalek as well.

The first Amalek were those who tailed the Jewish people when they left Egypt and tried to destroy them. Therefore, the Torah states, "Hashem maintains a war against Amalek from generation to generation" (Exodus, 17:16). In the book of *Devarim*, Hashem commands us to wipe out the memory of Amalek. In every generation, the strength and the life of Amalek actually comes from the weakness of the trust of the Jewish nation in Hashem.

The existence of Amalek nowadays, shows that we still are not in a high level of true *emunah* (belief) and trust in Hashem. We, the Jewish people, have to believe that our way is the right way for us. When we show that we believe in it, then even the non Jews will accept our way of life and morality and in the way that will be the or *l'goyim* – light for the nation.

We should live with *emunah* and act like Mordechai did when Haman wanted to destroy the Jewish nation. Our rabbis tell us that in the time to come; all the biblical holidays will be cancelled, except Purim.

I would like to conclude with the prayer we say on Purim, "*We thank you God for the miracles you did for our fathers...In the days of Mordechai and Esther in Shushan, when the wicked Haman rose up against them, sought to destroy, slay, and wipe out all the Jews...but you (God), with your mercy, nullified his counsel.*"....

Happy Purim.

Rabbi Aminadav Adamit

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**Marlene Serkin** in honor of the birth of my latest great grandson, **Tal Gavriel**, brother of **Amichai Yaakov**, son of **Yosef & Yonit Serkin**, grandson of **Paul Serkin**

### From the President

I am certain that our members will be happy to know that a structural engineer is inspecting our building to make sure that we are safe. After the terrible collapse of the Temple Israel roof we are all a little nervous about buildings that are fifty years old. Thank God no one was hurt in that horrible happening. We are looking forward to the reconstruction of Temple Israel and Hillel Academy being finished.

A giant thank you to Annette Wiesner and her crew for organizing the "Raise The Roof Party" as a benefit for Temple Israel and Hillel Academy to help replace all that was lost.

At Beth David, we are busy organizing for the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year at the Riverside Drive location. Make sure to save the date, May 18, for a grand dinner and a very special book. You will all be receiving information and invitations in the near future.

A very special thank you to Rabbi David Serkin for all the time and work that he has put into helping us with our new computers and many aspects of our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; we are fortunate to have him working with us.

Thank you to those people that gave contributions to help defray the cost of the new computers and also to Sisterhood for their contribution.

Purim is coming soon and maybe that will mean spring is around the corner; we all need to see sun and flowers after this long winter.

Happy Purim!

Saba Wiesner, Synagogue President

### Give Double Chai

For this, our annual Purim issue, I thought of trying to write something funny, but I am not a comedienne, nor am I a writer (comedy or otherwise). I just want to thank all of our sponsors, past, present and future. Without you, the *ChaiLine* would show up as a debit on the Synagogue budget.

By your donations, to commemorate simchas or sorrows, to honor someone, to say thank you, or for any reason, the *ChaiLine* has been covering its own expenses and is not a drain on the Synagogue budget. Todah rabah.

Your donation or \$36.00 (regular sponsor), \$180.00 (**Special Sponsor**), or \$18.00 (thank you) received in the *shul* office before the next deadline (3/23/14) will be much appreciated.

A *feilich* Purim to all,

Marlene Serkin, *ChaiLine* coordinator

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