

# KOL MEVASSER

## Rabbi's Message

What do the Holy Tabernacle and the US Capitol tell us about the cultures that built them? As an American reading the parasha in which God begins His instructions for the Tabernacle, I couldn't help but to compare the earlier structure with the more recent one. Despite the stark contrast between the holiness of God's dwelling place and the seat of a modern, secular government, they share a certain symbolism for the two nations. By exploring their similarities and differences, we have an opportunity to learn about both societies.



The Holy Tabernacle is introduced by the commandment "let [the Israelites] make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them" (Ex. 25:8). Rising from the barren desert, this extraordinary tent-palace was completed with voluntary offerings from the people. Not only was it stunning to see, but it was also the fully functional center of the worship of God and our ongoing quest to live by His precepts. Internally, each area had a specific level of access, meaning that regular people could be in one space, while others were reserved for the Kohanim and Levi'im. The structure and the rituals associated with it would allow the spirit of God Himself to rest in our midst.

Although it did not come from a divine command, the US Capitol has a very similar story arc. Built on former swampland, its design emerged from a

competition in which each architect donated their proposal to the federal government. The winning design struck a balance between beauty and functionality, and while some of the rooms gave the public an opportunity to follow the government proceedings, only Senators and Representatives could access other areas. This structure, and the rule of law it represented, became a beacon of democracy to the rest of the world. Until after the Civil War, it was also literally a seat of heavenly worship, serving as a Christian church on Sundays when Congress was not in session.

Despite these similarities, there are some telling differences. First and foremost, although the US Capitol may be an inspiring place from which the course of world history has been shaped, it lacks the *kedusha* – that special spiritual sanctity – of the Mishkan. Moreover, while the Mishkan was a symbol of unity and sanctity, the Capitol is meant to be a place where the details of our government are hammered out, so that debate, discussion, and even discord are expected and encouraged. And that is to say nothing of the now-embarrassing fact that it was built in part with slave labor, something that the newly freed Israelites would likely have opposed for their own project.

As Jews in America, we have inherited both visions, the one a Temple of unity for the glory of God, the other a temple of conflict for the glory of man. May we take the best of both to heart, accepting the yoke of heaven from above to be engaged Jews, and fighting for our rights to enjoy that responsibility below as civic-minded Americans.

## Parashat Teruma

Torah (§): Ex. 25:1–27:19, 96 Pesukim  
Hertz 326–336; Stone 444–463  
Haftara: I Kings 5:26–6:13  
Hertz 336–338; Stone 1157–1158  
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

*Friday, March 3rd*

Shaharit..... 6:25 am  
**Candle lighting .....5:33 pm**  
Minha ..... 5:30 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat / Arvit..... 6:00 pm

### Yom Shabbat

*Saturday, March 4th*

Shaharit / Morning Prayer ..... 8:30 am  
Keri'at HaTorah ..... 10:15 am  
Musaf ..... 11:45 am  
  
Women's Tehillim..... 4:30 pm  
Minha ..... 5:00 pm  
Se'uda Shelisheet ..... 5:45 pm  
Arvit ..... 6:20 pm  
Havdala ..... 6:37 pm

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## Shabbat Kiddush

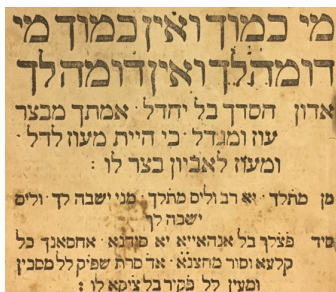
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## Be an Early Bird and Catch The Mi Khamokha On Shabbat Zakhor

Next Shabbat, we will begin Shaharit 15 minutes early to read a special poem by the great Spanish poet, Rabbi Yehuda Halevy. Those who come on time will be treated to a masterpiece of lyrical composition and Scriptural allusion. For those who cannot make it, we will read a short "highlights" selection after the Haftara.



The image above is from a translation of the poem into Arabic from a booklet that was published in Calcutta in 1897. **Thanks to the donors** who contributed to the Iraqi books fund, the original 120-year-old text can be found in Rabbi Melhado's office. If you would like to make it possible for Kahal to preserve more treasures like this, visit:

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### Weekdays

*Sunday, March 5th*

Shaharit ..... 7:30 am  
Talmud Torah ..... 9:45 am  
**Purim Communal Baking** ..... 10:00 am

*Monday to Wednesday, March 6 to 8*

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

### Taanit Esther / Fast of Esther

*Thursday, March 9th*

Fast Begins ..... 4:57 am  
Shaharit ..... 6:15 am  
Minha ..... 5:00 pm  
Fast Ends (Sephardim) ..... 6:18 pm

### Next Week—Erev Shabbat

*Friday, March 10th*

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am  
Shabbat Candle lighting ..... 5:38 pm  
Friday Minha ..... 5:30 pm

### Next Week—Shabbat Zakhor

*Saturday, March 11th*

**Shaharit** ..... 8:15 am  
*Tefilla begins w/special Mi Khamokha poem*  
Saturday Minha ..... right after Kiddush  
Se'uda Shelisheet.... cancelled for Purim  
Havdala ..... 6:43 pm  
Arvit followed by Megilla ..... 7:30 pm

### Purim

*Saturday, March 11th*

**Evening Megilla Reading with .....  
Raffle, Prizes & Refreshments 7:30 pm**

*Sunday, March 12th*

Shaharit with Megilla ..... 7:30 am  
Family-friendly Megilla ..... 10:00 am  
**Purim Carnival** ..... 11:00 am

## In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries from March 4 to 11, 2017. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka & attend Shabbat services.

### 6 Adar / Shabbat, March 4th

Molly Jonah Mazeltov bat Sara

### 7 Adar / Sunday, March 5th

Gerry Shapiro Gershon ben David

Farha Atraghji Farha bat Hanina

### 8 Adar / Monday, March 6th

Abraham Avrahamy Avraham ben Yosef

Jacob Benjamin Elias Yaacov Binyamin Elia

David Kay David ben Yaacov Yehuda Yehezkel

Isaac Jacob Jonah Itzhak ben Yaacov Yonah

Abraham Naji Joseph Abraham Shalom Naji ben  
Itzhak Yoseph

Jacques Litvac Yoachim David ben Milcha HaCohen

### 9 Adar / Tuesday, March 7th

Irena Stoler

Victoria Levy Victoria bat Hanina

### 10 Adar / Wednesday, March 8th

Clara Solomon Gala bat Masouda

Menashe Solomon Menashe ben Shlomo Reuven

### 12 Adar / Friday, March 10th

Rooholah Haykani

David Shapiro Dovid ben Chaim

### 13 Adar / Shabbat, March 11th

Esther Jacob D'Cruz Esther HaMulka bat Rahel

Elliot Zvi Wyner Yechiel Zvi ben Yitzhak

Kodadad ben Yair

### Refu'a Shelema

Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Haskell Avrahamy  
Sylvia Cohen • Simcha bat Rooha • Mordechai Cohen  
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# Purim Carnival

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Sunday, March 12  
11AM - 3PM

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## Purim Baking!

Sunday, March 5

10:00 AM till the  
dough is done!

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Bake traditional Iraqi  
treats with friends for  
the KJ Purim baskets  
distributed to members of  
our congregation.

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# Happy Purim!

## Thursday, March 9 - Fast of Esther

Fast begins 4:57 AM and ends 6:18 PM (Sephardim)

6:15 AM - Shaharit with special poetic liturgy

5:00 PM - Minha with the priestly blessing

Mahatsit HaShekel: Give three half dollars to the poor to commemorate the communal gifts that supported the Holy Temple

## Saturday, March 11 - Shabbat Zakhor

At 8:15AM, we read the Mi Khamokha, describing the story of Esther in poetic Hebrew. During the Torah service, we read the maftir commanding us to destroy Amalek, the embodiment of all evil

## 7:30 PM - Megilla Reading

## Raffle - \$5 tickets - 32" TV grand prize!

Wear a costume to cheer Mordechai and boo Haman.

Buy raffle tickets to benefit the Norma & Sam Dabby Talmud Torah and win great prizes! Winner announced after the reading!

Light refreshments to follow

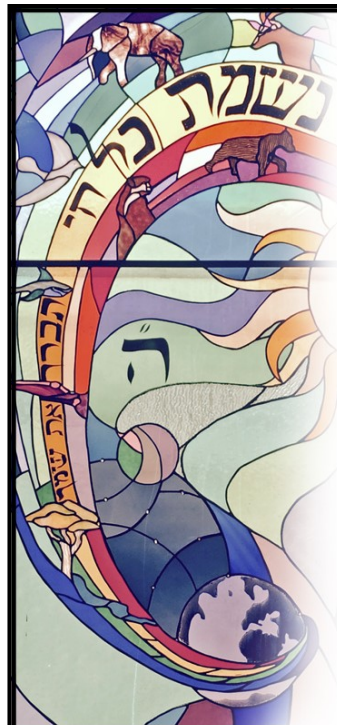
## Sunday, March 12 - Purim Day

7:30 AM Shaharit

8:00 AM Early Megilla Reading

10:00 AM Family Megilla Reading

11:00 AM Purim Carnival



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