

# KJ HAPPENINGS

## Guest Message

By Rabbi Schneerson, Lubavitcher Rebbe

Shalom. In this week's parasha we are told of the building of the Tabernacle, the mobile sanctuary that traveled with the Children of Israel in the desert. G-d commanded the children of Israel to bring the items used for its building. Hashem then says "He will dwell in it."

One may ask a question: If we believe that Hashem creates everything, that means G-dliness is found everywhere. Indeed, Hashem states, "The heavens and earth are filled with my holiness". That being the case, why then did He command that a specific place be established for His Presence to dwell?

While it is true that G-d is everywhere, it is possible that His existence will not be felt within the world. G-dliness can be felt only through Divine service. This service need not be confined to a specific locale; wherever a person serves G-d, they draw down His influence. Seemingly, the Divine service performed in the Sanctuary and the *Bet HaMikdash* could be performed in other places, drawing down G-d's Presence everywhere. Why was it necessary that this service be performed only in the Sanctuary and the *Temple*?

In regards to Prayer, the Torah says wherever we pray, we must always face Jerusalem, and the *Beit HaMikdash*, the place of the Temple, which is considered "the gate of heaven." For it is through the *Beit HaMikdash* that our prayers ascend, as it is written: "They shall pray to You towards their land." In the Diaspora, we should face Eretz Yisrael. In Eretz Yisrael, we should face Jerusalem, and in Jerusalem, we should face the *Bet HaMikdash*.

This raises a question: Prayer is described as "service within the heart," a spiritual activity. Why should it be associated with a specific place? . . . the fundamental element of prayer is intent within the heart, a person's spiritual efforts. It is true that one must also verbalize the words, but this is also associated with the heart's intent, for "saying [prayer] aloud arouses one's intent."

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Prayer also has an effect on the material world. For through our prayers, we arouse G-d's influence and motivate Him to answer our requests: healing the sick, granting prosperity, and the like. Nevertheless, this does not detract from the spiritual dimension of prayer, because with our physical eyes we cannot see the result of our prayers.

The question remains: Since prayer is entirely a spiritual matter, why must it be associated with one specific place?

To explain: G-d is infinite. He is not bound by either the limits of finite space or the limits of transcendence. Just as it is improper to say that G-d can be confined in a specific location, so too it is improper to say that He transcends space. For transcendence is also a definition that implies a limit; it is above space, and not within space. G-d, by contrast, is above *all definitions* and limits and manifests Himself in all mediums. And when space and transcendence, finiteness and infinity combine, when we see the merging of opposites, the power of G-d's essence is revealed. For He is truly omnipotent and can fuse opposites. This fusion creates a setting in which the Divine Presence rests... How is G-d's essence expressed? In the fusion of limitation and transcendence.

On this basis, we can understand our Sages' interpretation of the verse: "And they shall make Me a Sanctuary, and I will dwell within." The verse does not use the singular form of the word "within," which would imply that the indwelling is within the structure of the Sanctuary and the *Temple*, but rather the plural form, indicating that G-d dwells within each and every Jew. When a person makes their physical environment a Sanctuary for G-d by studying the Torah, performing *mitzvot*, and infusing holiness into the mundane entities with which they come in contact, they make themselves a resting place for G-d's Presence.

And indeed, in a certain way, the indwelling of G-d's Presence within each Jew surpasses the indwelling of His Presence in the Sanctuary and the Temple. For

## 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, February 28th

Candle lighting .....	5:31 pm
Minha .....	5:20 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit .....	5:55 pm

### Yom Shabbat

Saturday, February 29th

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah.....	10:15 am
Musaf .....	11:30 am

Minha .....	5:15 pm
Seuda Shelisheet.....	5:45 pm
Arvit.....	6:25 pm
Havdala.....	6:30 pm

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although the *Bet HaMikdash* was built in a physical place, and with inanimate objects, it can hardly be considered as "lowly" when compared to the world at large. When a Jew brings holiness into inanimate objects in the world at large, they fulfill the ultimate intent for the creation of the world that G-d should have a dwelling in this material plane... There we fashion a resting place for G-d's essence.

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### Sunday, March 1st

Shaharit ..... 7:30 am  
**Purim Carnival..... 11:00 am**

### Monday-Friday, March 2-6

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

### Next Shabbat

#### Friday-Saturday, March 6-7

Candle lighting ..... 5:35 pm  
Friday Minha ..... 5:25 pm  
Shaharit ..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Minha ..... 5:30 pm  
Havdala..... 6:40 pm

*PURIM starts at night on Monday, March 9th  
KJ Megillah Reading 3/9@7:30 pm*

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Contact the office at 310-474-0559

## In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries from February 29 to March 7, 2020. We light memorial candles, give tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

### 4 Adar / Shabbat, February 29th

Simy Bensabat *Simy bat Mesody*  
Baacker Jalali *Baacker ben Avraham*

### 5 Adar / Sunday, March 1st

*Leah bat Mozli*

### 6 Adar / Monday, March 2nd

Molly Jonah *Mazeltov bat Sara*

### 7 Adar / Tuesday, March 3rd

Gerry Shapiro *Gershon ben David*  
Farha Atraghi *Farha bat Hanina*

### 8 Adar / Wednesday, March 4th

Abraham Avrahamy *Avraham ben Yosef*  
Jacob Benjamin Elias *Yaacov ben Binyamin*  
David Kay *David ben Yaacov Yehuda Yehezkel*  
Isaac Jacob Jonah *Itzhak ben Yaacov Yonah*  
Abraham Naji Joseph *Abraham Shalom Naji ben Itzhak Yoseph*

### 9 Adar / Thursday, March 5th

Irena Stoler  
Victoria Levy *Victoria bat Hanina*

### 10 Adar / Friday, March 6th

Clara Solomon *Gala bat Masouda*  
Menashe Solomon *Menashe ben Shlomo Reuven*

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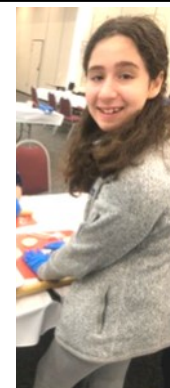
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# KJ Family Shabbat

**Celebrate Shabbat with your kids!**  
**Saturday, March 21st at 10:45 am**  
**Upstairs Synagogue with Rabbi Halevy**

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3:00 TO 5:00 PM

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**Celebrate with KJ on Purim!**

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## Your Purim To-Do List

*Purim begins Monday night, March 9th*

### 1) Listen to the Megillah

To relive the miraculous events of Purim, **listen to the reading of the megillah** (the Scroll of Esther) twice: once on Purim eve, and again on Purim day. To properly fulfill the mitzvah, it is desirable to hear every word of the megillah.



### 2) Give to the Needy (Matanot La'Evyonim)

Concern for the needy is a year-round responsibility; but on Purim it is a special mitzvah to remember the poor. Give charity to at least two (but preferably more) needy individuals. The mitzvah is best fulfilled by giving directly to the needy. If, however, you cannot find poor people, place at least two coins into a charity box.



### 3) Send Food Portions to Friends (Mishloach Manot)

On Purim we emphasize the importance of Jewish unity and friendship by sending gifts of food to friends. On Purim day, send a gift of at least two kinds of ready-to-eat foods (e.g., pastry, fruit, beverage) to at least one friend. Children, in addition to sending their own gifts of food to their friends, make enthusiastic messengers.



### 4) Eat, Drink and Be Merry

Purim should be celebrated with a special festive meal on Purim day, at which family and friends gather together to rejoice in the Purim spirit.

*Fast of Esther is 3/9 (5:56 am to 7:36 pm)  
Megillah Reading is 3/9 @ 7:30 pm at Kahal Joseph*



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## Purim Megillah

**Monday, March 9th @ 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday, March 10th @ 7:30am, 9:30am, or 5:30pm**

### Listen to the Megillah!

**Dress in costume! Sound the noisemakers!**  
Listen to the age-old story in Shushan, with Mordechai, Ester, Vashti, and the wicked Haman!



### KJ PURIM SCHEDULE

**Baking for KJ Purim Baskets**  
Sunday, February 23rd at 10:00 am

**PURIM CARNIVAL**  
Sunday, March 1st, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Fast of Esther / Taanit Esther**  
Monday, March 9th from 5:56 am to 7:36 pm

**PURIM EVE, MEGILLAH READING**  
Monday, March 9th at 7:30 pm

**PURIM DAY**  
Tuesday, March 10th  
Morning Megillah 1st Reading 7:30 am  
2nd Reading 9:30 am  
Last Reading, 5:30 pm

**CASINO NIGHT**  
Sunday, March 15th



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