

DATA of Plano

Parshas Ki Sisa | 18 Adar I, 5782 | February 19, 2022

Friday Night

Candle lighting / Mincha: **5:56**

Shacharis: **9:00**

Shabbos Day

Latest time for Shema: **9:53**

Youth Groups and Learners' Service:
10:15

Kiddush: **11:20**

Mincha: **5:35**

Maariv / Shabbos ends: **7:01**

Avos Ubanim: **7:50**

The Week Ahead

Mincha / Maariv on Sunday: **6:00**

Maariv during the week: **7:45**

Why Two Adars?

By Rabbi Yerachmiel Fried



Dear Rabbi Fried,

This year is a Jewish leap year, adding an additional month of "Adar". I was curious why we don't celebrate Purim in the first Adar, and push it off to the second, added month. Don't we try to do mitzvos as soon as they come our way?

Keith F.

Dear Keith,

There are two opinions in the Talmud about your question. (It couldn't be any other way!) The first opinion, Rabbi Eliezer bar R' Yossi, holds like you! He maintains that on a leap year, we must read the Megilah and observe Purim on the first month of Adar. His reasoning is, like you said, that we don't pass by the opportunity to do a mitzvah, so we must seize the opportunity as soon as it comes our way.

The second opinion, Raban Shimon ben Gamliel, holds that we should observe it in the second month of Adar. His reasoning is that we need to ensure that Purim falls out close in proximity

to Pesach. The edge of close proximity is 30 days, and the day of Purim is within 30 days of Pesach. The Mishna decides in favor of the second opinion, (Tractate Megillah 6b). (Oh well, you can't win 'em all!).

The question is, why is it so important for Purim to fall out near Pesach? They are two totally separate holidays; Pesach is a Torah-mandated holiday, and Purim is a rabbinically enacted holiday which transpired during our exile to Persia. What is so crucial about their proximity that overrides the general principle to not pass by the opportunity to perform a mitzvah?



I feel the answer is as follows: Passover is a time when we celebrate open miracles. 10 plagues, G-d talking to people, splitting the sea. These miracles are a big part of the foundation of our belief in G-d.

The classical commentary Ramban (Nachmanides) writes that the main purpose of the open miracles is not just to remember they happened. The real message for our lives is a paradigm shift in the way we view the world and all that transpires

within it. If G-d performs open miracles, than He can also perform hidden miracles. All that goes on in our lives, day in-day out, is the hidden Hand of G-d. Our relationship to Him is 24/7, because every moment He is involved in our lives, showering His love, life and blessings upon us through the very gift of life itself. The only difference between open and hidden miracles is our perception; some things we are used to and some we're not. Our hearts beating and lungs breathing, babies born and rainfall, are every bit as great a miracle as splitting the sea, if not greater!

Purim is a holiday we celebrate hidden miracles. The name of G-d is absent in the Megillah, because He did not reveal Him-

self openly, rather the Jews saw the Hand of G-d after looking back at all which had transpired. Purim is the purpose for Pesach. With the lessons of the Haggadah and Pesach, the Jews were able to recognize and fathom the miracles of Purim.

For this reason it is so important that these two holidays fall within close proximity to each other, as they form two sides of the same coin.

Although we actually celebrate the Purim holiday on the second Adar, the first Adar is also a time for introspection and joy, during which we feel a little of the Purim spirit and celebrate our constant connection and relationship, albeit hidden, to the Al-mighty.



Welcome to our new members:

- ♦ Michael and Andrea Hopkovitz
- ♦ Earl and Debbie Harris



Have you registered for Trivia Night? DATA of Plano's famous adult night out is coming up, and you don't want to miss it!

www.dataofplano.org/trivianight

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

NCSY Shabbaton in Austin



Partial view of the crowd at the JFS talk about family safety.



Purim Katan seuda with Rabbi Tzvi Rosenshein



Week Two of the Cholent Challenge

Three aspiring Cholent Chefs will compete in a nail-biting competition for a spot in the championship round. As always, the winner will be determined by a popular vote. A strict regulatory processes will be in place to ensure all voters are legal, so bring your passport. Be sure to arrive on time to kiddush to get your vote it!



It's hard to believe, but Pesach is right around the corner. Order your matzah today from Kosher Palate. Early orders will ensure availability.

Order online at www.kosherpalatetx.com



Kiddush this week is sponsored by DATA of Plano **in honor of Rabbi Dan**, upon the occasion of receiving his final semicha (rabbinic ordination) from Rabbi Yitzchak Berkovitz of Aish and the Jerusalem Kollel.

Once again, DATA of Plano has teamed up with HappyPurim.com to take care of all of your shalach manos giving and delivery needs within our community. Be on the lookout for an email with your personal login over the next few weeks, and get rid of the stress of shalach manos!



We are excited to announce that the shul has hired Natan Roth to help organize the shul on an ongoing basis. Please help Natan out, and help us all maintain kavod for the shul, by returning all of your seforim to the shelves after use, and by keeping your table clean. If you see Natan cleaning up and organizing, feel free to pitch in and help out!



Plans are underway for DATA of Plano's signature Purim party and meal, complete with outdoor entertainment for the children, great food, drinks, music, and loads of fun.

Details and registration to be released this week!





Trivia Night

FEATURING

trivia game show
sushi & soup bar
variety of salads
wine and spirits

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 7:30PM

\$100 PER TEAM OF FOUR PEOPLE

REGISTER @ DATAOFPLANO.ORG

40-DAY *Positivity* CHALLENGE



- Pick up your **free book** - "Positive Word Power"
- Read the **daily pages** with your family
- Join the discussion (online or in-person)
- Be on the lookout for nuggets of **inspiration** and **micro-challenges** throughout the week
- Become a **person you love**

Begins mid-February

Register at www.dataofplano.org/positivity or to
rabbidan@dataofplano.org

A colorful jester's hat with orange, teal, and red sections is positioned to the left of the title. To the right of the title is a pink masquerade mask. The background is decorated with various colorful confetti and circular patterns.

PURIM PARTY FOR KIDS

MOCK MEGILLA READING
ENTERTIANMENT | TREATS
COSTUME CONTEST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

AT DATA OF PLANO

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Jewish Guide TO College Life

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW
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TOPICS INCLUDE

Finding your Jewish
Community on Campus

Networking Opportunities with
Jewish Leaders from your
Prospective Campus

Responding to Antisemitism

Skills for Leadership

Pro-Israel Activism

Light refreshments will be served

CLASS DATES

Mondays March 28
April 4 · April 11
April 25 · May 2

COMMITTEE

Daniella Feldman
Ben Laizerovich
Leah Weisglass



Register for free at
WWW.DATAOFPLANO.ORG/COLLEGE





At the End of the Day

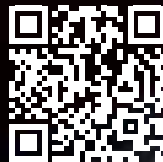
**Tuesday, March 1
6:45 p.m.
Courtyard Theater
1509 H Ave, Plano Tx**

To book your ticket:

<https://mesorahhighschool.seatyourself.biz>

\$19 / \$25 | \$50 VIP Seat

For further questions call/ text
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For women and girls only