

Purim by Rabbi Marc Philippe

I had the honor to be included in a book published by the Academy of Jewish Religion: "These Holy Days: A High Holidays Supplement After October 7". Thousands of copies were sold, the book provided important resources for the Jewish community as it served the needs of many who struggled with the Holy Days.

A new book is being published for Purim: "An Upside-Down World: Esther and Antisemitism". I am proud to be included in this publication again as it is meant to provide a similar support to the Jewish community.

"We generally celebrate Purim as a joyous holiday, including costumes, humorous songs, and the exchange of gifts of food. This lighthearted approach, however, masks the very difficult antisemitism inherent in the book. There is Haman's hatred and irrational prejudice, and attribution of his negative feelings toward one person to a collective. We see not only individual hatred but collective hatred, with others, such as Zeresh, being complicit and enabling bigotry. Mordechai and Esther represent the courage and advocacy necessary to fight antisemitism, often involving political figures. There are questions of concealing and revealing identity, the search for allies, the importance of community. While many of us thankfully continue to find the joy and happiness in Purim, we also realize, given the current situation of the Jewish community, that it has become more difficult to ignore the antisemitism which is a central focus of the book. We hope that this supplement will provide a forum for pursuing these questions whether in preparation for the holiday or during our celebrations." - Dr. Ora Horn Prouser (CEO and Academic Dean of AJR)

Below are my contributions to this publication:

FAST OF ESTHER

G-d.

I must admit that I connect more with the fast than the upcoming Purim celebration. Like Simchat Torah...

My [our] vessels were shattered.

Broken pieces in my [our] soul, in my [our] heart.

The Japanese fix broken vessels with gold, but now is not the time to fix mine [ours].

I will let light seep through all the cracks.

G-d, Holy Hyphenated One,

yes, I will celebrate on Purim,

if only to manifest a reason to start celebrating.

The mending of my [our] brokenness will happen through Your people's tears and rejoicing. More precious than gold.

YOUR FACE

I have been looking for Your face G'd.

אֶל-תִּסְתֵּר פָּנַי (al tasteir panecha mimeni)

"Don't hide Your face from me!"

It is well hidden behind a Purim mask.

While I try to repeat

גַּם זֶה לְטוֹבָה ((gam zu letovah

"This too is for the best",

I lack conviction.

But despite everything,

despite the trauma,

despite the tortured

despite the suffering

despite the war,

despite the hate,

despite the missing fingers,

Yes,

I can see Your face.

I see Your face without a mask.

It is revealed through the resilience of our magnificent People while we simultaneously rejoice with the released hostages and mourn, mourn, mourn...

Ribono shel Olam,

I know You ask me to see Your face on all humanity.

May I be honest with you?

I am not ready for that yet.

Meanwhile, I will celebrate life with each molecule of my body and I will celebrate love with all my heart, soul and strength.

I will sing and I will dance for our People

so that we can proclaim:

לַיהוּדִים הָיְתָה אֹרֶחַ וְשִׂמְחָה וְשִׂשׂוֹן וִיקָר (layehudim haytah orah vesimcha vesason vikar)

"The Jews enjoyed light and gladness, happiness and honor".

I wish you a Purim Sameach, may we all celebrate with much joy, and may we experience blessings upon blessings!

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When the Care Committee Needs the Care Committee – By Linda Kropp Sinkow

Even the pillars of our own community need support during times of tragedy. Most recently the Care Committee, Board of Directors, and incredibly generous congregants came forward to offer condolences and support to our president, the Care Committee's charter member, and first lady in wake of their heartbreak. In addition to the Care Committee care package, charitable donations were made to Temple Israel and other impactful, Manchester based nonprofits in their honor.

The Care Committee's work is a reminder that the Jewish values of chesed (kindness) and tzedakah (charity) extend beyond Temple Israel's walls, creating a caring, close-knit community where no one has to face life's challenges alone. This recent wave of support underscores the power of communal care, illustrating how the shul's commitment to Kehilla—community—remains a solid foundation for all its members.

Are you in need of assistance? We understand that asking for help can be incredibly difficult but know that you are never alone. The Care Committee at Temple Israel is here for you, ready to offer support and care when you need it most. If you find yourself in need, please reach out to Linda Kropp Sinkow at lindasinkow@gmail.com or call/text her at 508-561-3740.

We are Grateful to our Many Donors and Volunteers!

How can I help? Your participation, regardless of how you are able to assist, can make all the difference to someone in our community. If you would like to get involved, please contact Jeff Klein or Linda Kropp Sinkow.

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I was Apathetic, She Said . . . by Ruth Chevion

My dad seldom spoke in detail about his experiences in the war. His accounts tended to skim the highlights. In the story about rescuing his sister, he said he had grabbed Chava (Ha-va) out of a line and pulled her over a high wall to safety.

It was not until years after my father died z"l, that I heard the story from my aunt Chava's point of view. Sitting in her sunny apartment in Kiriath Motzkin, speaking in her excellent English in her sweet voice, she told me the story in detail. She wore a blue print dress the day we talked. She was so calm, so quick to smile, so composed.

As she told it, a "selection" had been announced in the ghetto early that day. Every individual — young, old, healthy, or frail — had to line up and appear before the commandant to be chosen either to stay in the ghetto or to walk the 3K to the train awaiting them at the Tarnów station. At age 14, unskilled in any work that was useful to the Germans, Chava was selected for the train.

She was nearing the train, marching with thousands of people who had also been selected for death that day, when suddenly her brother Pelek appeared out of nowhere, took hold of her hand firmly, and pulled her off the march. They ran away together.

Chava was starting to explain what happened next, but I did a double take. I asked her to please stop and go back. "How come a guard didn't shoot both of you right then?" I asked.

Her reply shocked me. "There were not many guards," she said. "We did not need to be guarded."

Chava's mindset that day is anecdotal, of course. Every person in that march had their own reasons to walk almost willingly to the train. But Chava's mental state is what we have. It is her feelings while on the march that I want to discuss with you today, dear reader.

Chava answered "no" when I asked her if she had been hungry. "I wasn't hungry," she said. "I was apathetic."

"I had lost all my friends," she explained. They had been taken already. I was very close to my friends, especially in my youth group Gordonia. I had become religious together with these girls. They meant a lot to me. They had all been taken before. My cousins who lived upstairs, Jonathan and the others, my aunt Rosie, my uncle Ephraim Menashe, my grandmother Dvora, all taken, all gone. Why should I live when they are dead? Let me be with them."

This of course is why they say we went like sheep, dear reader. In fact, the mindset Chava described was nothing like sheep. Sheep want to survive. Chava's mindset was suicidal.

"I had begun to question why they hated us so much. Maybe we were bad. There were posters everywhere with such ugly pictures of Jews with big noses, squeezing people, causing all the troubles of the world."

When you know my aunt Chava it's almost inconceivable that she could have felt this way. She was the only one in the family who refused to work in the tar paper factory. She rebelled. She had been beaten up by a German in the factory and she had thrown away the privileged "necessary worker"

papers that would have saved her in that selection. She chose not to work for these Germans anymore. So how did that staunch pride and self-respect diminish to the point that she was "apathetic"?

Could it happen to me in that circumstance, I ask myself? The Nazis induced depression so cleverly, so villainously, with such studied awareness of our Jewish values.

As my conversation with Chava continued, she described what happened later. Her brother Pelek paid a lot of attention to her after the rescue, she recalled with a smile. "He joked with me and played games with me." She recovered. She became a full participant in the family's subsequent escape from the ghetto. At some level my dad must have understood what had to happen to her mind, and he knew what to do.

Is it any wonder dear reader that we Jews literally pray for our minds? Have you noticed in the *Amidah*, our sacred prayer of 18 benedictions, that the first section is a prayer for our minds?

Take care dear reader. Never let depression defeat you. Hold on to your precious mind.



Photograph of Chava

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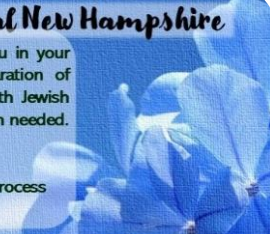
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Fri, Mar 14	6:33pm	Ki Tissa
Fri, Mar 21	6:41pm	Vayakhel
Fri, Mar 28	6:49pm	Pekduei

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Mar 1 - 9:45am - Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush sponsored by Ruth Chevion. No RSVP needed.
 Mar 9 - 9:30am - Hamentaschen bake and Megillah Art. Please RSVP by March 3.
 Mar 13 - 6:00pm - Purim Celebration, Megillah Reading and Complimentary Nosh. Please RSVP by March 6.
 Mar 16 - 11:00am - Israeli Dancing. Please RSVP/
 Mar 22 - 9:45am - Shabbat Service with Kiddush sponsored by Harry Shepler. No RSVP needed.
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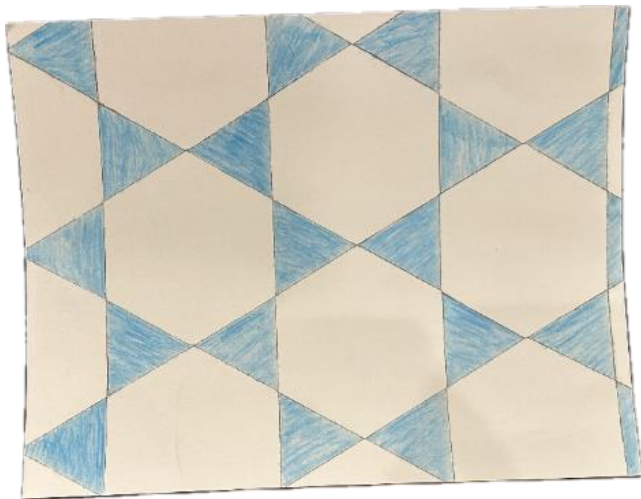
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