



SYNAGOGUE FOR THE ARTS NEWS

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49 White Street
New York, NY 10013

Purim at SFTA

Mei-Hodu Ad Kush - From India to Africa

Monday March 9th — Fast of Esther

Morning service: 7:10am

Afternoon service: 12:30pm & 1:30pm

Evening service: 7:00pm

Purim Evening, March 9th

5:30pm: Pizza and ice cream

6pm: Family Megillah Reading with Tribeca Hebrew

All Hebrew school classes at SFTA and TH will be participating

7:00 pm: Evening services start.

Megilla reading: 7:15pm -ish

8:15 pm-ish: Dinner, dessert, and Party.

Vegetarian Indian Food — cash bar

\$25 for an adult

\$12 for a child (5-13, under 5 free)

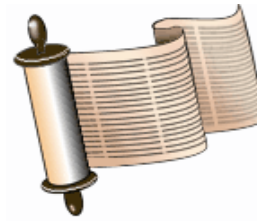
\$70 for a family with children under the age of 18

Purim Day, March 10th

Morning service: 7am

Megilla reading: 7:45am -ish

Mincha 1:40 pm



**Come in
Costume!**

Look for our Pesach events newsletter coming soon!

Rabbi's Message — *Mei-Hodu Ad Kush*

So reads the phrase from the first verse of the book of Esther. There is a scholarly dichotomy of how to interpret this phrase: did these two provinces represent the ends of the earth or were they contiguous? Did this phrase describe the breadth of Achaverosh's control over the world, or the depth of that control?

On a deeper level we know that although the book of Esther is devoid of any direct reference to God, His role is certainly implied. One of those implications is the way that most *Megillot* are laid out, with the word "*HaMelech*" or "The King" beginning every column after the first one. And this idea can be used to understand that *Mei-Hodu Ad Kush* also refers to the breadth and depth of God's authority over the events of mankind.

How else to put into perspective the miraculous events of Flight 1549? No VISIBLE hand came out of the heavens to guide the plane to a safe landing in the Hudson. But how do we conclude anything else other than it was almost palpable divine guidance saved the day?

Let us include this experience in our Purim observance as we include the literal meaning of *Hodu* (India) that evening in our repast and our entertainment. We will be bringing together so much of the community as we partner with Tribeca Hebrew for the children's program and open our doors to our commuters and congregants. Don't miss it!

Purim Samayach,
Jonathan Glass

Hebrew School News

Shalom All,

Recently, our Hebrew School was treated to a visit by Bill and Cheryl Gross. Bill who is blind from birth talked about how he reads Hebrew, studied for his *Bar Mitzvah*, and lives his life. With the help of his wife Cheryl, our students were given real insight into the life of a blind person and how they can live their life and be an active Jew. In addition to being long time friends of mine, Bill recently read *Haftarah* at SFTA and is the brother of SFTA member Pam Gross and uncle to Lea!

As I write this on *Tu B'Shevat*, I am thinking about how Purim and Pesach can't be far behind. Our younger students are planting seeds for *Tu B'Shevat* while our older students are studying with Rabbi Glass and our new teacher Michele Nabatian.

Purim evening is 3/9. There will be no Hebrew School that day so children can get ready for our family *Megillah* reading. We will have pizza and ice cream at 5:30pm and begin at 6pm. All students will have a part in the program. We will be joined by Tribeca Hebrew for this fun evening. (We should be done by 7pm so adults who want to hear the *halachic* reading in the main sanctuary may do so.)

Our Model Seder is 4/6 at 4:30pm I encourage all parents to mark their calendars and plan to leave work early to share this important event with their children.

Parents should be receiving regular emails through our google-group. If you are not, please be sure to email me at geducator@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a *fraylich Purim* and a meaningful Pesach.

Happy Adar!

Gail F. Nalven
Educational Director

***Schtiklach* – Tidbits from around the Shul**

TriBeCa Music and Art — Concert Week at SFTA

TriBeCa Music and Art is pleased to announce its new Spring Classical Music Series in the sanctuary space of the Synagogue for the Arts.

The series will start with the “Music of Remembrance” dedicated to the Holocaust on Saturday, 3/21 at 8:30 pm. and include an astounding lineup of the world class musicians. The Holocaust remembrance concert will feature Leon Livshin (Piano) and Marina Hoover (Cello) playing Kol Nidrei by Max Bruch and pieces composed by Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky.

Sunday, 3/22 you'll have the pleasure of listening to pianist Jonathan Fisher, who grew up at SFTA. Jonathan returns to the SFTA stage with a diverse repertoire of Chopin, Bach, Scriabin and Liszt.

On Monday, 3/23, devoted followers of Bernard Rose (Piano) will get a chance to hear him play this venue. Together with Anna Lim (violin) they will perform music by Bach, Mozart, Shubert and John Adams.

For the information please visit www.tribecamusicandart.org . Please be patient as the website launch might be delayed for a few days due to technical reasons, but you will be rewarded with the complete information about the organization, performers, concert schedules and the music programs. Also it will give you a chance to purchase tickets to directly through the website.

TriBeCa Music and Art is the non-profit arts group housed at SFTA. For more information, to sponsor an event or to link a special occasion to one of our concerts, please contact info@tribecamusicandart.org.

Community Shabbat February 21st

While Rabbi Glass is away we are happy to say that many people came forward to run the show. Many thanks to Amy Davy for taking the bulk of the leining responsibility as well as the *dvar Torah*. Other participants include Eli Weiss, Adir Waldman, and David Koral.

Rabbi Glass warmly invites and encourages anyone at anytime to volunteer for *leyning*. Just call him at the synagogue to set a date and pick your *aliyah*, short or long!

CCS JOO CROO

What do latkes, sushi and pizza have in common? Our youth group!

For Chanukah we made latkes, in January we made sushi and before Purim we're going to make pizza (with some Texas Holdem). On 3/7 at 8pm we will again have Naomi Nachman to continue guiding the culinary skills of our teens, this time with some pizza making. The kids will be invited to come in costume in the spirit of the season and play for prizes while they eat the "fruit" of their labors. (\$10 fee)

Tanach / Book of Esther

After some stops and starts our class in the Book of Esther is now rolling along on Tuesdays at 6pm. Although we will not conclude the book by Purim, we will have covered the lion's share. Any time you join you will find it very helpful in your Purim observance of this year.

And we're still looking for suggestions for a long term project at its conclusion

T'ai Chi

Check your e-news for details.

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Gallery Space News

2/26 – 3/29, *Avanti Duo: NY Kaleidoscope '09*, paintings by Elinore Bucholtz and Diane Hardy Waller. Contrasting visions and responses to the impact of the city expressed in different media and styles. Opening Reception: 2/26 6 – 8pm. Gallery closed March 10.

4/2 – 5/3, Theresa Greenberg/Collages, Regina Silvers/Paintings

Opening Reception: 4/2, 6-8pm, Gallery will be open for TOAST (Tribeca Open Artists Studio Tour) - April 25, 26, 27, 1-6 pm.

Gallery closed: April 9,10,15,16.

Bright Minds Center

The Bright Minds Daycare, Nursery School and Enrichment Center will soon begin its second year of residence at SFTA. Enrollment for September is ongoing – the deadline for submitting applications is 3/12. For more information, please contact Marina Korostyshevskaya at 212-920-1014 or info@brightmindsnyc.com.

Award winning Science Explorers is coming to NYC, Synagogue for the Arts!

Join us for a week long of hands-on exploration and discovery with our award winning programs for children. Select from:

Jr Explorers: ages 4,5 &6

Calling all future scientists! Do you want to be an archaeologist...a geologist...biologist or how about a chemist? Go digging for dinosaurs, create your own fossil, erupt a volcano and mix up some fizzy potions. We'll throw in some adventure and go spelunking in your own cave creation.

Jr. Investigators: ages 4, 5 &6

Explore a new theme each day! Create an edible ocean, experiment with a magnet bottle, investigate butterflies, discover how birds adapt to their environments and make colorful sidewalk chalk!

Potions, Powders and Polymers Academy: Ages 7-11 Is it science or magic? Investigate creepy creatures, make erupting foam monsters, capture a rainbow in a bottle and grow your own worms. Plus, make instant snow, dig for hidden treasures, create glowing slime and investigate the science of illusions.

Take a Dive: Dive into the world of marine biology and oceanography. Dissect a real shark, come face to face with a squid, participate in a fisherman's challenge and bring to life genuine Triassic Triops and learn to care for them at home!

Nominated for "Educator of the Year" 2000 and 2007, Technology Council of Central PA Business of the year 2006/2007 SCORE Recipient of "Making a Difference" 2007 Please check out our web site for a complete list of "kudos"

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Moorehead at 717-615-5272 or see our website www.scienceexplorers.com

Look for our special Pesach newsletter for all of our Pesach schedule and activities!

Service Times

- Friday evening at candlelighting time.
- Saturday morning services begin at 9am
- Morning *Minyan* meets at 7:30am on T, W, F and at 7:20am on M, Th, and 7:10am on other Torah reading days
- *Mincha* meets at 12:40pm M-Th. Starting March 9th, 1:40pm only
- Maariv at 5:30 pm M-Th, after March 9th, no Maariv.

PLEASE NOTE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME CHANGES



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KIDDUSH FUND

- Arlene & Jack Ancona
- 1/17 *kiddush* sponsored by Toby Turkel in honor of her son, Avi, passing the NY & NJ Bar Exam
- 1/31 *kiddush* sponsored by Shirley Ebner for the Aufruf of her son Stuart
- 2/7 *kiddush* sponsored by Ken Meeker in memory of his father
- 2/14 *kiddush* sponsored by Leah & Robert Berger on the anniversary of their son, Ian becoming *Bar Mitzvah*
- 2/28 *kiddush* sponsored by Peter Stastny & Iona Aibel in honor their daughter Mia becoming *Bat Mitzvah*

BUILDING FUND

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IN OUR FAMILY

MAZEL TOV to

- Peter Stasny and Iona Aibel on their daughter Mia becoming Bat Mitzvah
- Lauren Ancona and Juliann Dweck in concert at 92Y Tribeca 2/6
- Alex Kantorovich playing at City Winery 2/15
- Eileen Hecht and Hugh Lippman on their nephews Alex & David Hoskins becoming Bar Mitzvah
- Shirley Ebner on the marriage of her son Stuart, who read *haftarah* at SFTA for his *auf Ruf*.

BARUCH DAYAN EMET to

- Sylvia, mother of Joel Feffer
- Gisele Mimram, mother of Janine Reimen
- Tony, father Paul Goodman on the death of his
- Gertrude Maslinoff, longtime SFTA member.

TODDAH RABBAH to

- Bill and Cheryl Gross for visiting with our Hebrew School

Calendar

March

- 3/1 Bat Mitzvah of Mia Aibel-Stasny
- 3/7 Tot Shabbat, 10:30-11:30am
- 3/7 CCS Joo Croo evening event
- 3/8 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 3/9 No Hebrew School – all students attend in the evening
Purim (See cover for times and events)
- 3/10 Purim Day – Office Closed
- 3/26 Rosh Hodesh Nisan

April

- 4/1 Special Board Meeting
- 4/4 Shabbat HaGadol
Tot Shabbat, 10:30-11:30am
- 4/5 Bar Mitzvah of Alex and David Hoskins
- 4/6 Hebrew School Model Seder 4:30pm
- 4/7 Search for Hametz
- 4/8 1st Seder
- 4/9 1st day of Pesach/ 2nd Seder
- 4/10 2nd day of Pesach
- 4/15 7th day of Pesach
- 4/18 8th day of Pesach, Yizkor
- 4/21 Yom HaShoah
- 4/21 Yom HaZikaron
- 4/29 Yom Ha'Atmout

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It's Adar! Be Happy!