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## Shabbat Parshat Tetzaveh/Zachor

B"H

Friday, March 6, 2020  
10 Adar, 5780  
Candle Lighting 5:35 PM  
Mincha at 5:45 PM

### Shabbat Services

Tanya/soul maps	8:30 AM
Shacharit	9:00 AM
Mincha	5:35 PM
Shabbat Ends	6:35 PM
Havdalah Service/Living Torah DVD of the Rebbe	6:35 PM

### Junior Congregation

10:45 am - 12 pm  
PreK-Grade 3 (upstairs) - Mrs. Dina Klapper  
Grades 4+ Girls (downstairs) - Girls lounge  
Aviva Laskin & Maya Rudoy  
Grade 4+ Boys (downstairs library)

### NEXT WEEKS SCHEDULE

Sunday Shacharit	8:45 AM
Mon-Fri	6:55 AM

### A TWEET TREAT FOR SHABBAT

Why is Moses absent?  
<http://ChabadRiverdale.org/1118821>

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**TORAH READING OF "ZACHOR" (REMEMBER):** 10:30 & 12:00 - This Shabbat we have a special reading of the Torah section called Zachor ("Remember"), in which we remember the deeds of (the nation of) Amalek (Haman's ancestor) who sought to destroy the Jewish people. It is the only Torah reading which is biblically ordained. **If you have a cold or flu like symptoms PLEASE STAY HOME and read the Parshas Zachor from the Chumash.**

**THIS SHABBAT:** At the suggestion of Dr. Shalom Z. Hirschman, the former head of Infectious Disease at Mt. Sinai Hospital, NY, NY, cholent will not be served, but rather individual packs of snacks. As of now Purimania & the Purim Dinner are still on as planned. If there are any changes, we will let you know on Sunday night.

### PURIM AT CHABAD OF RIVERDALE: March 9th- March 10th

- **Community Mishloach Manot:** Drivers Needed Monday Night and/or Tuesday! Contact us at [library@chabadriverdale.org](mailto:library@chabadriverdale.org). **Pick up available Monday night at Chabad.** If you can pick up your Mashloach Manot please email us and let us know so that we can have them here for you at [library@chabadriverdale.org](mailto:library@chabadriverdale.org).

- **Purimania!:** Join us on Purim evening, **March 9th, 6:15 pm.**

#### Children's Schedule

6:15 Children's Masquerade.

Prizes for every child!!

7:00-8:15 Purim Craft, Mini Megillah Reading, and Magic Show.

#### Adult Schedule

7:15 Maariv

7:30 Megillah Reading

8:45 2nd Megillah Reading

8:45-9:15 2nd Show for Adults

9:45 3rd Megillah Reading

- **Purim In Cuba Dinner @ Chabad:** Join us for a festive Purim Dinner. Tuesday, March 10th. Mincha: 5:35 PM. Seating for meal: 5:45 PM. Full Sit-Down Dinner - \$55 per person. NEW! Kids' Buffet & Program - ages 3-12 - \$20). Entertaining! L'chaim! Purim Spirit!
- **Multiple Megillah Readings @ Chabad of Riverdale:** Monday evening, March 9th, 7:30 pm, 8:45 pm, and 9:45pm, and Tuesday March 10th, 7:30 am (following 6:55 am Shacharit) 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm. If you know someone who is homebound, and would like to hear the megillah, please call our office at (718) 549-1100 ext. 10

#### PURIM DAY EVENTS:

- **Purim Party** at Kinneret Day School for 7th and 8th grade 10 am
- **Purim Party** at Manhattan College 12pm
- **Purim Party** at Montefiore Medical Center (Gun Hill Rd) 12:30 pm
- **Purim Party** at Lehman College 1 pm
- **Purim Party** at Bronx High School of Science 3 pm
- **Purim Party** at Hudson point at Riverdale Nursing Home 4pm

## Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10

G-d tells Moses to receive from the Children of Israel pure olive oil to feed the "everlasting flame" of the menorah, which Aaron is to kindle each day, "from evening till morning."

The priestly garments, to be worn by the Kohanim (priests) while serving in the Sanctuary are described. All Kohanim wore: 1) the ketonet ~ a full length linen tunic; 2) michnasayim ~ linen breeches; 3) mitznefet or migba'at ~ a linen turban; 4) avnet ~ a long sash wound above the waist.

In addition, the Kohen Gadol ("high priest") wore: 5) the efod, an apron-like garment made of blue, purple and red-dyed wool, linen and gold thread; 6) the choshen, a breastplate containing twelve precious stones inscribed with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; 7) me'il ~ a cloak of blue wool, with gold bells and decorative pomegranates on its hem; 8) the tzitz ~ a golden plate worn on the forehead bearing the inscription "Holy to G-d".

Tetzaveh also includes G-d's detailed instructions for the seven-day initiation of Aaron and his four sons ~ Nadav, Avihu, Elazar and Itamar ~ into the priesthood, and for the making of the Golden Altar on which the ketoret ("incense") was burned.



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# Purim @ Chabad of Riverdale



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PURIM DAY  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10

# PURIM IN CUBA

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE  
PURIM DINNER @ CHABAD

Mincha: 5:35 PM.  
Seating for Meal: 5:45 PM.

### Full Sit-Down Dinner

\$50/person (After March 4th - \$55).

### NEW! Kids' Buffet & Program

 **PURIM OUTTA THE BOX**  
(Ages 3-12) \$15 (After March 4th - \$20).

ENTERTAINMENT! L'CHAIM!  
ENJOY THE PURIM SPIRIT!

WE'RE FILLING UP FAST!

RSVP online at [ChabadRiverdale.org](http://ChabadRiverdale.org)  
Or call our office at 718-549-1100 Ext. 10

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For 7th and 8th grade at 10 am

Purim Party at Manhattan College  
Purim day Tuesday, March 10, 12 pm

Purim Party at Bronx High School of Science  
Purim Day, 3 pm

Purim Party at Hudson Point  
At Riverdale Nursing Home 4 pm

Purim Party at Lehman College  
Purim Day, 1 pm

*If you know anybody at any of the above  
locations, please have them email us, so we  
can give them all the specific details.*



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All programs and Megillah readings  
will take place at Chabad of Riverdale,  
535 W. 246th Street.

Entertaining

L'Chaim

Purim Spirit

B"YH  
Adar 5780



Dear Friends,

The Riverdale Mikvah continues to have protocols in place to ensure that attending the Mikvah will be a safe, secure and healthy experience. Our current protocols are;

1. Preparation rooms continue to be cleaned in between each use (sometimes multiple times in one 24 hour period) with a disinfecting cleanser and with emphasis on any hand-held items.
2. Our common areas and waiting rooms are thoroughly cleaned on a daily basis, and will be cleaned throughout the night with Clorox wipes and other various disinfectant products.
3. All Mikvah pools are filtered daily and are treated with ozone to eliminate germ contamination.
4. The floors of the Mikvah will be cleaned nightly with a disinfectant.
5. We have once again impressed upon our daytime and nighttime cleaning staff the importance of their attention to our ongoing protocols.
6. Our spacious facility provides for minimum waiting room time, if any, which reduces congestion and close contact among patrons.

Additionally, we are working in consultation with Rabbi Dr. Aaron E. Glatt, Chairman, Department of Medicine, Chief of Infectious Diseases and Hospital Epidemiologist at Mount Sinai South Nassau, and Rabbi Mordechai Willig.

A woman who is under quarantine must follow the recommendations of the CDC and local government agencies. She may not break quarantine to immerse in the mikvah, as this is a situation of *pikuach nefesh*, and is forbidden.

The CDC has issued travel advisories for China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. We therefore ask that if in the past 14 days you have traveled to any of these locations, or to any other locations designated by the CDC, please ask a halachic *shaylah* and be in contact with the Mikvah.

Please do not come to the Mikvah with any symptoms of illness, including fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and upper respiratory infection.

May our exercise of social responsibility and commitment to the laws of family sanctity bring health and spiritual protection to our homes and to all of k'lal Yisrael.

Riverdale Mikvah Committee

## TEHILLIM (PSALMS) LIST

We compile and maintain a Tehillim list of the names of people who need a refuah shlaima (speedy recovery) so we may all daven for them. Dr. Frimet Skolas has volunteered to coordinate names for a Tehillim list for the weekly Shabbat bulletin. So if you know someone who isn't well, please contact Frimet at 1-347-602-7951, fax 1-347-602-7951, or e-mail: [skolasf@outlook.com](mailto:skolasf@outlook.com). All names need to be reinstated 8 weeks after submission or they will automatically be deleted. Frimet will update the list every Wednesday evening.

Rabbi Adin ben Rivka Lea	Esther bas Rochel	Pesha Soroh bas Esther
Aurilia Myriam bat Rivka Victoria	Esther bat Maguy	Reuven ben Aliza
Avraham Abba Ben Sara Chana	Ephraim Matan Ben Chana	Rivkah Leah bas Sarah Raiza
Avraham Shmelka ben Sarah	Frimet bas Chaya Gitel	Riva Devorah bas Raizel Gittel
Baruch Moshe ben Esther	Freida Rochel bas Esther	Reizel Gitel bas Rochel Leah
Beila bas Sarah	Gershon Elchanan hacohain ben Tzvia	Ruth bas Rivka
Bracha Faiga bas Yehudis	Gitel bas Sheindel	Rachel Chana bas Sidell
Bracha Rivkah bat Yehudis Devorah	Golda Shira bat Yenta Rochel	Sara bat Shoshana
Carmela bat Juliet	Hadassah Raizel bat Sorel	Sarah bas Yael
Channah bat Rivka	Hinda Sorah Rochel bas Yitta	Schneur Chaim Yitzchok Alexander Ben Nechama Dina
Chana bas Devorah	Huna ben Esther	Shimon Yehuda ben Adina
Chana bas Mushka	Juliet bat Hanna	Shlome Alter Dov Yehuda Halevi ben Gila Esther
Chana Breindel bas Gittel	Jadon and Anias bas Nicole	Shmuel ben Ellen
Chaim Dovid ben Blume	Kalman ben Dobe	Sholom Mordechai Halevi Ben Rivkah
Chaim Shraga Feivel ben Chaya Leah Malka	Kayla Sarah bas Malka Yentel	Shoshanah Faige bas Devorah
Chana Chaya bas Yenta Bayla	Lea bat Valerie	Sima bas Chana
Chaya Bella bas Rivka	Leah bat Rachel	Sorah Hadassah bas Gittel
Chaya Sorah bas Devorah Yuda	Leah Luba bas Baila	Tzvi ben Miriam
Channah Liba bat Chaya Sarah	Liat bat Carmela	Tzadik haLevi ben Masha Rachel
Cherna bas Liba	Lieba Chaya bas Devora Yuda	Yael bat Aviva
Daliya Bat Batya	Malka Devorah bat Ella Chava	Yael bas Sarah
Daveda shimona bas Malka rivka	Masha bas Tzimi	Yaacov aryeh dov ben resha matel
Devorah Hinda bat Bracha	Meir ben Trina	Yakot bat Zochra
Devorah Lieba bas Yael	Meira Esther bas Devora	Yehudit bat Sarah
Doba Baila bas Malka	Menucha Rochel bas Gilah Elkah	Yehudis bas Feigel Rachel
David Shlomo ben Lea	Menachem Mendel Mordechai ben Miriam	Yehudis Chaye bas Gittel
Dovid Shlomo ben Shoshana Malka	Mechachem Ksil ben Kayla	Yehudis Tirtza Chana bas Bracha
Dovid ben Sarah	Moshe Chaim ben Yehudis	Yissaschar ben Roza Rasha
Eheskiel Baruch Ben Leah	Moshe Yoel Lee ben Chana	Yona bas Chana
Eliyahu ben Miriam	Miriam bas Chaya Sorah	Yoshua Tzvi ben Nechama Lea
Eliezar Ben Pearl	Miriam Esther Bas Sorah	Yosef Yisrael ben Dina
Elisheva Malka bas Sarah Miriam	Naftali Hertz Chaim ben Feiga Gitel	Yosef bezalel ben Rus
Eliana bat Chana	Nechama bas Chana	Yonatan Halevi ben Malka
Elisheva Malka bas Sarah Miriam	Nechama Miriam bas Shternah Chana	Zehava Nechama Chaya bat Elisheva

**If you only knew - The Tzemach Tzedek said** - the power of verses of Tehillim and their effect in the highest Heavens, you would recite them constantly. Know that the chapters of Tehillim shatter all barriers; they ascend higher and still higher with no interference; they prostrate themselves in supplication before the Master of all worlds; and they effect and accomplish with kindness and compassion (Chaf). We know that when an individual says any amount of Tehillim (Psalms) she/he can merit many blessings. This is particularly true when the entire book of Tehillim is recited by a group of individuals, since G-d blesses us when we are united in peace with one another. It is also considered as if each of the individuals who take part in the group recited the entire Tehillim, not just their allotted chapters. You can say it anytime and anywhere that Shabbat. If you wish to participate, please indicate how many average-sized chapters (psalms) you would like to say and your preference. I will contact you to let you know your allotted chapters. In the merit of saying Tehillim may we receive the blessings we need individually and for Klal Yisrael. Please reply to Frimet Skolas at [skolasf@outlook.com](mailto:skolasf@outlook.com) or call 1-347-602-7951.

## Tetzaveh: The Missing Moses

By Rabbi Yossi Goldman

A seemingly dubious distinction belongs to this week's parshah, Tetzaveh (Exodus 27:20-30:10). It is the only reading in the Torah where the name of Moses is not mentioned, from the first parshah of the Book of Exodus (in which he is born) until the end of the Book of Numbers. Tetzaveh's opening words are V'atah tetzaveh ~ "and you shall command." The you is Moses and G-d is telling him what to instruct the Jewish people. But the verse only says "you" ~ no name, no "Moses."

Why?

Some explain that the day of Moses' passing, 7 Adar, almost always occurs in this week, and the absence of his name is an appropriate symbol of his demise. Others suggest that it is as a result of Moses' own words. Remember the Golden Calf episode? The people had sinned and G-d was going to wipe them out and start over again with Moses and his own dynasty. Moses defended his errant flock before the Almighty arguing for their forgiveness. And if not? Well, Moses used some very strong words there. *Micheini noh misifrecho* ~ "Erase me from your book that You have written!" Moses himself said his name should be erased from the Torah if G-d would not forgive His people. So even though G-d did forgive them, the words of a tzaddik (perfectly righteous person) are eternal and leave an impression. The effect of those words, therefore, was that somewhere in the Book, in Torah, his name would be erased. Moses would be missing where he normally should have appeared. Thus it is that in the week when we remember his passing, Moses' name is gone.

So say a variety of commentaries. But, characteristically, the Chassidic commentaries, reflecting the inner dimension of Torah, go a step further ~ and deeper. What's in a name? they ask. Who needs a name? Does a person require a name for himself? Not really, he knows who he is. So a name is essentially for other people to be able to attract his attention, so they can call him, address him, etc. In other words, a name is only an external handle, a vehicle for others to identify or describe a person; but it is all outside of the person himself and peripheral to his own true, inner identity. Names are secondary to the essence of an individual. The essence of every person, who he or she really is, is beyond any name, beyond any title.

So why is Moses' name not mentioned? Because he said, "Erase me" at the Golden Calf? Because he spoke with chutzpah before the Almighty? You think it is a punishment? Not at all, says the Rebbe. On the contrary, this was perhaps the greatest moment in the life of our greatest spiritual leader.

What would we imagine to be Moses' finest hour? Receiving the Torah? Leading the Jews to the Exodus? Splitting the Sea? Would you be shocked if I told you it is none of the above? Indeed, Moses' finest, most glorious, absolutely greatest moment on earth was when he stood his ground before G-d, pleading for his people, fighting for their forgiveness. His most brilliant, shining hour was when he put his own life and future on the line and said: "G-d, if they go, I go! If you refuse to forgive these sinners, then erase my name from your holy Torah!" It was through Moses' total commitment towards his people that the faithful shepherd saved his flock from extinction. And G-d Himself was pleased with His chosen shepherd's words and acceded to his request.

So the absence of Moses' name this week, far from being a negative, carries with it a profound blessing. It does not say the name Moses, but "v'atah" ~ and You. A name is only a name, but here G-d talks to Moses in the second person directly. You. And the You represents something far deeper than a mere name; it is the You symbolizing the spiritual essence of Moses. And what is that essence? His unflinching commitment to his people, come what may ~ even if it be at his own expense.

This is the very soul of Moses, the faithful shepherd. The You that goes beyond the superficial and beyond what any name could possibly encapsulate. It represents the deepest core of his neshamah, deeper than any appellation or detailed description could hope to portray.

Moses' name may be missing, but his spiritual presence is felt in a way that no name could ever do justice to. May all our leaders take note and be inspired.