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PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA AT OHR ESTHER

We have an incredible program with raffles and prizes scheduled for kids on Wednesday, March 4th at Ohr Esther! In addition to the scheduled Megillah reading at 5:45 pm, all kids ages 5-10 are invited to see Yeladudes, an exciting, interactive and educational Purim-themed show. Yeladudes will perform in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Holly & Mr. Tommy will perform a fun, interactive musical show in classroom 102 and 103 for kids ages 4 and under. Kids 4 and



under must be supervised by a parent. For further information, please call or email Avital at 516-708-9999 or avital@mashadi.org. A special thanks to our generous sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Kourosh and Seda Livian.

NSHA DIAMOND JUBILEE JOURNAL DINNER - TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

Save the new date - Tuesday, March 24th at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation. North Shore Hebrew Academy will be celebrating its 60 year tradition of excellence in education, honoring its Executive board member families, Daniel and Marcy Aharon & Jonathan and Stefanie Hazghyan. In addition, there will be a memorial tribute to its Honorary Dean and First Principal, Rabbi Dr. Ephraim & Rebbetzin Elaine Wolf, its long time former Principal, Rabbi Nathan Horowitz and its long time former Dean of Students, Rabbi Aron Sternberg, all of blessed memory. They were not only instrumental in making NSHA the vitally important institution that serves our community families but who also had such a profound and positive life changing influence on so many in our community. Those wishing to help on the tribute, please contact Glenn Zuckerman or Laura Cohen. In addition, the Academy is asking its parent body, many of whom are alumni of the school, for any old photos that they have of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Wolf, Rabbi Horowitz or Rabbi Sternberg from their yearbooks, old journals or personal photos of the school that will help in the video tribute chaired by Sharon Goldwyn, Judy Blatter and Debbie Hollander. Please submit these photos to Arnie Flatow in the NSHA Business Office as soon as possible and put your information on the back so they can be returned once we are done with them. For further information, to place an ad and/or to make a reservation, please contact Arnie Flatow at aflatow@nsha.org or call the Business office at 487-8687x2.

MYC PURIM MASQUERADE

The MYC's annual Purim Masquerade will be held at Senor Nacho (31 S. Middle Neck Rd) on Saturday night, March 7th. Doors open at 10:00PM. Admission is \$50 and includes a kosher sushi and Italian dinner and open bar (age 21+). For more information contact Daniel Kamali (kamalidaniel@gmail.com).



LE BAL MASQUE - COSTUME PARTY

What will YOU be? GET YOUR COSTUMES READY!! The Sisterhood and the Ohr Esther Board present Le Bal Masqué, Le Festival de Pourim. Celebrate with DJ Samba Leonardo. Saturday night, March 14th at Great Neck Synagogue by Lederman Caterers. \$75/person - \$136/couple - \$260 sponsorships. Pictures by MKPics & Ruben Gorjian Photography. For more information, contact any member of Sisterhood or Ohr Esther Board. Don't miss out!



FAMILY PURIM SEUDAH


Shaare Rachamim in conjunction with the Mashadi Sisterhood present a PURIM SEUDAH on Purim Day, March 5th. For more details, please contact: Caroline Hematian 516-532-6604, Arezou Toulou Hakimian 516-426-7048, or Harriet Bassalali 516-445-9878.



PURIM BASKETS (MISHLOACH MANOT)

For many years Marilyn Kordvani organized the sale of Mishloach Manot gift baskets in our synagogues. In her memory, her daughter Cheri Haghigat will continue in this tradition. As usual the baskets will be packed with only Israeli products (mostly Kosher for Pesach). They are exceptional value and usually sell out very quickly. To ensure that you receive the number of baskets you need, please give your orders in advance by calling one of the following: Cheri Haghigat (212) 944-2700, Minoo Hakimian (516) 487-3636, or Mitra Hezghia (516) 482-0444. All proceeds go to Gym Minyan Youth Programs.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
10th of Adar 1	11th of Adar 2	12th of Adar 3	13th of Adar 4	14th of Adar 5	15th of Adar 6	16th of Adar 7				
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast of Esther Fast Ends After 1st Megillah Reading Eve of Purim - Megillah Reading Purim Extravaganza for Kids, Ohr Esther, 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purim - Megillah Reading Family Purim Seudah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shushan Purim Candle Lighting: 5:34pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parsha: Ki Tisa Shabbat Ends: 6:43pm MYC Purim Masquerade, Daylight Savings Time Begins: Move clocks ahead one hour 				
17th of Adar 8	18th of Adar 9	19th of Adar 10	20th of Adar 11	21st of Adar 12	22nd of Adar 13	23rd of Adar 14				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MYC OHEL Purim Carnival, Shaare Shalom, 42pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar Mitzvah of Eliyahu Zaruvabelli, Great Neck Synagogue, 7pm 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wedding of Ester Aziz to Jason Rahmani, Great Neck Synagogue, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candle Lighting: 6:41pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shabbat Parah Parsha: Vayakhel & Pekude Shabbat Ends: 7:50pm Sisterhood/Ohr Esther Purim Party, Great Neck Synagogue 				
24th of Adar 15	25th of Adar 16	26th of Adar 17	27th of Adar 18	28th of Adar 19	29th of Adar 20	1st of Nisan 21				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Ebrani, Shaare Shalom, 10:30am Wedding of Robin Zaroovabelli to Michael Rendel, Crest Hollow Country Club, 4:00pm 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Spring Candle Lighting: 6:49pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosh Chodesh Nisan Norouz - Persian New Year 1394 Parsha: Vayikra Shabbat Ends: 7:58pm 				
2nd of Nisan 22	3rd of Nisan 23	4th of Nisan 24	5th of Nisan 25	6th of Nisan 26	7th of Nisan 27	8th of Nisan 28				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Elian, Temple Emanuel, 12:00pm 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candle Lighting: 6:56pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shabbat HaGadol Parsha: Tzav Shabbat Ends: 8:05pm 				
9th of Nisan 29	10th of Nisan 30	11th of Nisan 31	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Solomon Bass F I N A N C I A L</p> <p>Life Insurance, Disability Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance Salim Shlomo Bassalian CLTC, LTCP (516) 499-9900 Honest & Reliable</p> </div>				<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>LAMEDVAV www.LamedVavRestaurant.com</p> <p>Fine European Cuisine 20 South Station Plaza Great Neck, NY 11021 Tel. 516-482-3652</p> <p>We do catering, parties, & Shabbat meals</p> </div>			

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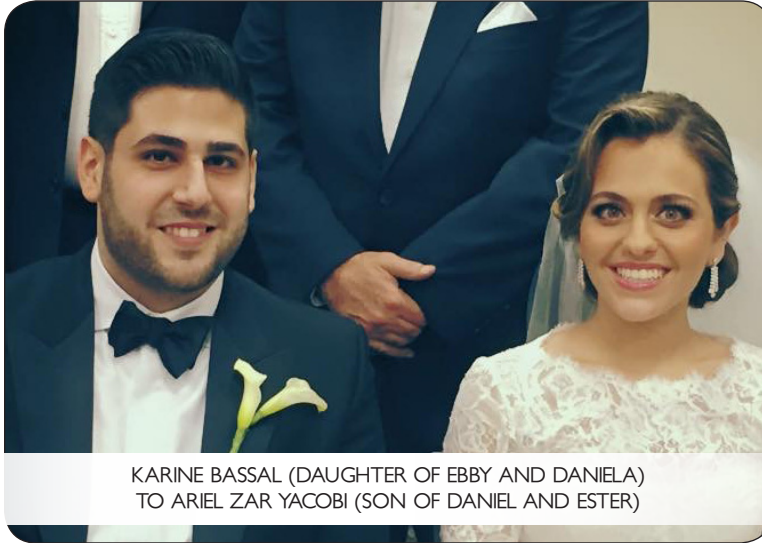



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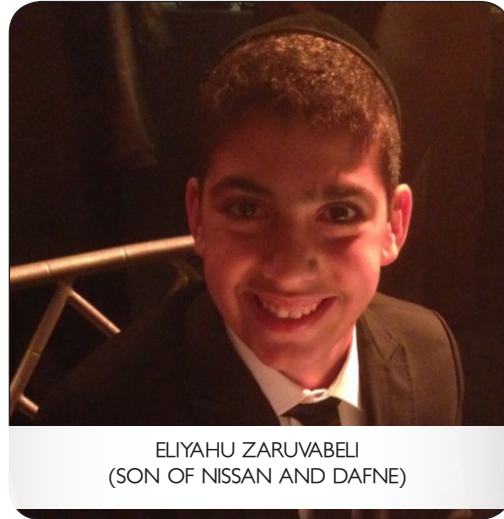


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The MYC Chesed Committee is very excited to announce their first event of the year: THE OHEL PURIM CARNIVAL! Come enjoy a fun day with youth and adults with special needs. There will be free food, dancing, games and much more! Please join us on March 8th, from 12-4:30 pm, at 54 Steamboat Road. Organizations attending include members from HASC, Friendship Circle and Ohel. Make sure to wear a costume! For more information, contact Jamie Karmely (516)776-3262, Rafi Livian (516)423-6738, Shelby Hakimian (516)647-4280, or any other member of the MYC Chesed Committee. A special thanks to our anonymous sponsor for donating in the memory of Ephraim ben Shmuel.

ISRAELI TRAVELLING GALLERY GROUP

The Israeli Travelling Gallery Group is coming to New York at our very own Shaare Shalom! Come and meet different Israeli artists and designers on Sunday, March 22nd between 10am and 6pm. For more information, please contact Albert Bassal at (917) 771-3865 or bassalfam@aol.com.

TUTOR AVAILABLE

If you need help in any level of Math & Science, please contact Noah Ebrani at (516) 417-7414.



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The Purim Lottery by Rabbi Joshua Maroof

The highlight of this month is, of course, the holiday of Purim. The name of the holiday, “Purim,” refers to the lottery Haman performed in order to select the day that he would have the Jews killed. It is fascinating that the Megillah seized upon this relatively unimportant detail of the story and emphasized it so much. Why is it significant that Haman used a lottery to choose the day on which he planned to implement his evil scheme? The answer is that the concepts of “chance” and “fate” play a very large role in the story of the Megillah. Haman does not pick a date for himself because he believes in the supernatural power of blind destiny. To him, relying on the lottery is something absolute and unchangeable that will override and nullify any human agenda. Mordechai and Esther, however, see the situation from the opposite perspective. Judaism teaches that it is our responsibility to think carefully and choose wisely; when we do, the forces of destiny themselves work in our favor. The chance events we observe and experience are not directed by fate like Haman believed. We are in the driver’s seat of our destiny; we have the ability to take advantage of whatever the world deals us and to determine our future. Whether we view “Purim” as fate or as opportunity makes all the difference.



Hamantaschen Recipe by @TheKosherChef

Ingredients: 2 sticks margarine at room temp
1 1/2 c sugar
2 tbsp orange juice
2 tsp vanilla
3 eggs
4 cups flour
4 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
Chocolate or jelly for the filling

In a mixer, with the paddle attachment, cream together the margarine and sugar on medium speed until fluffy (about 3 minutes). Add orange juice, vanilla and 2 eggs (one at a time). Meanwhile sift together the flour, salt and baking powder. With the mixer on low speed, slowly add in the dry ingredients 1/3 at a time until combined. Divide the dough into thirds and wrap each one tightly in plastic and put in fridge for an hour. Take out one pack of the dough. On a floured surface roll out dough until about 1/8 inch thick. Using a 3-inch round cookie cutter, cut out circles, and place on prepared baking pan. Put back in the refrigerator for 15-20 minutes to chill. Preheat oven to 350. Remove dough from the refrigerator and add desired filling in the center (jelly, chocolate). Then whisk together an egg and 1 tsp of water and brush on the edges of the dough. Fold in the sides to create a triangle and pinch corners together. Bake the cookies in the center of the oven for 12-15 minutes until golden.



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