

A SYNAGOGUE WITH A SOUL

As soon as Rabbi Shalom of Belz began building his synagogue, a local gentile noble began to build a place of worship directly opposite it, with a tall steeple. To make his point clearer, he sent a message to the rebbe saying that he was a second Haman. The rebbe replied that his end would resemble that of his Biblical namesake.

On his way to shul one day, R. Shalom was stopped by the son of that same nobleman who held up a piece of pork and said: "Eat this, rabbi!"

No sooner had he uttered these words than he began trembling convulsively. Panic spread through the bystanders, and the young man's father came running to ask the tzadik to forgive him and pray for his son - but he refused, and the young man died. From that time on the nobleman was ten times more furious than before.

In the course of time it became known that the land on which that building stood belonged to a family of orphans, and had been held by the nobleman unlawfully. One thing led to another, until the courts advertised the block of land for public sale. The noble promptly made it known that any Jew daring to buy it would be killed at once by his sword, no matter what consequences he himself would later have to face.

R. Shalom, however, was on friendly terms with a Christian medical specialist in Vienna, to whom he dispatched a courier with a message, asking him to come to Belz for the auction, and buy the land for whatever price was named. This he did and in due course buildings belonging to the

rav were constructed there. The nobleman now began to build his house of worship on a different street, but still opposite the shul, and once again the two buildings were competing for prominence. At this point the festival of Pesach was approaching, and the noble, who was the lord of Belz and owned most of its property, decided to issue a new decree forbidding the baking of matzot in the town, ostensibly for fear of outbreaks of fire.

Reb Shalom had been accustomed year by year to distribute his many students among the householders of the surrounding towns and villages for the duration of the festival. Though his own household could provide meals for them throughout the year, the special needs of Pesach meant that the burden had to be shared out. This year, however, he gave the order that they should all remain with him for the festival, for he trusted the Almighty that there would be ample matzot for all comers.

And so there was. Only a few days after the decree was issued the nobleman was out riding on his horse on a narrow track, where he encountered the nobleman of the nearby town of Hubnov. An argument flared up as to which of them was going to make way for the other, and in the course of the duel which followed, the nobleman of Belz was killed - to the relief of the Jews of the town, who were now able to bake matzot as in earlier years.

When R. Shalom laid the foundation stone of the shul in Belz, he requested heaven that all the prayers offered there be heard on High.



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SHAVUON WEEKLY NEWS

4th Adar 5786 2/21/26

PARSHAS TERUMAH

Our **86th**
Anniversary Year

Rabbi Emeritus
Manfred Gans z"l

Rabbi
Yossi Mendelson

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MACHANE CHODOSH
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Please join us following services for a Shabbos Kiddush and Farbrengen in the newly renovated Kent Auditorium.

CONGREGATION MachaneChodosh INVITES ONE AND ALL TO A
MELAVE MALKA CONCERT WITH
SANDY SHMUELY
Beat the winter blues together with community, good music and good food.

MOTZEI SHABBOS
FEBRUARY 21
7:30 PM
Ticket \$36
Sponsor \$150
RSVP by Tuesday, Feb 16
MachaneChodosh.org/concert

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SHABBOS TERUMAH

Friday, February 20

Kindle Shabbos Candles	5:18 PM
Mincha - Kabbolas Shabbos.....	5:25 PM

Shabbos, February 21

Shacharis.....	9:00 AM
Children's Program	10:00 AM
Talmud Class	4:00 PM
Mincha (and Shalosh Seudos).....	5:00 PM
Shabbos Ends	6:19 PM

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00 AM
Monday & Thursday.....	7:05 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.....	7:15 AM

Mincha

2/22-2/26	5:30 PM
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SCHEDULE OF TORAH CLASSES

Rambam's Mishneh Torah	Daily following Shacharis
Jewish Mysticism (men).....	Mondays 7:30 PM
Friendship Club	Wednesdays 12:00 PM
Parsha Class in loving memory of Rivka Kogan OB"M	Wednesdays 12:15 PM
The Rebbe's Advice (Zoom only)	Motzei Shabbos 7:00 PM

SHABBOS TETZAVEH/ZACHOR

Friday, February 27

Kindle Shabbos Candles	5:26 PM
Mincha - Kabbolas Shabbos.....	5:35 PM

Shabbos, February 28

Shacharis.....	9:00 AM
Children's Program	10:00 AM
Talmud Class	4:05 PM
Mincha (and Shalosh Seudos).....	5:05 PM
Shabbos Ends	6:27 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

MELAVA MALKA CONCERT WITH SANDY SHMUELY-Tonight!

Motzei Shabbos February 21st, 7:30 PM

Beat the winter blues together with community, good music and good food.

Invite your friends! Ticket \$36, Sponsor \$150.

PRE PURIM PAINT PARTY

Sunday, February 22nd, 1:30 PM

All are welcome to join Iris Goldberg for a pre Purim paint party.

Children over age 8 and adults are welcome. \$20 per person

JLI-RABBINIC RESPONSA Lesson 6

Wednesday, February 25th, 7:30 PM

Responsa from the future: Could Artificial Intelligence decide Jewish law? Is lab-grown meat kosher? See how Jewish law is addressing the questions posed by tomorrow's cutting-edge technology.

MATZAH BAKE CHABURAH

Thursday February 26th, 9 AM

RSVP to Rabbi Mendelson for Matzah Baking group in Crown Heights

PRE PURIM CHILDREN'S EVENT

Sunday, March 1st, 10 AM

Calling all children! Get into the Purim spirit with a Pre Purim Carnival, with Purim games, crafts, pizza and more. No charge. RSVP to Jasmine Larian.

FAMILY PURIM PARTY WITH SANDY SHMUELY

Tuesday, March 3rd, 4:30 PM

Join together in celebration of Purim with Megillah reading, costume contest, festive Purim meal, music and more! Come dressed up representing natural elements to evoke the "natural" nature of the Purim miracle. Dance the evening away with soulful music by Sandy Shmuely. \$45 per person, \$20 per child over age 6. RSVP by Tuesday, February 24th.

THIS WEEK IN CMC

The fourth session of the monthly Rosh Chodesh Society met on Tuesday evening. The topic of joy and happiness was fascinating.

Thank you to Rebbetzin Mendelson for hosting the class and to Mira Polvanova for sponsoring in loving memory of her grandfather.

Congratulations to the prize winners: Alice Tepler, Mary Schuster, and Mira Polvanova.

IN OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

Mazal tov to Dassie & Elad Kasher on the birth of a baby girl