



## This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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FOR  
PORTLAND:

Friday, Feb. 12 4:50 pm

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## Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This Shabbat is the first day of the month of Adar, which means that Purim is in two weeks! The Talmud says that when the month of Adar begins we should increase our joy. Of course, Purim is a very joyous holiday, but the entire month is special to the extent every single day this month is imbued with extra joy.

The Alter Rebbe, founder of the Chabad movement, wrote in his magnum opus the Tanya that joy is something we must strive for every day of our lives. With all the ups and downs we go through on a daily basis, joy is not always on the forefront of our minds. We often struggle just to make it through the day; who has time for joy?

That's why we have holidays like Purim and a month like Adar to serve as opportunities to practice joyfulness. Being happy every day isn't simple, but like anything else in life, it gets easier when you do it regularly.

The happier you make yourself, the happier you will be!

Shabbat shalom!



# Family Hamantash Bake!

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CHABAD OF MAINE  
INVITES YOU TO A

Pre-Purim Virtual  
**FAMILY  
HAMANTASH  
BAKE**



SPECIAL:  
HEAR THE PURIM  
STORY!



**Sunday Feb. 14, 4:00pm**

Pick up a kit of ingredients  
for just \$5 & join us on Zoom

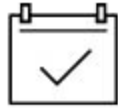
Register by Feb 10 for zoom link and to reserve  
your baking kit at

[Chabadofmaine.com/bakeoff](https://Chabadofmaine.com/bakeoff)  
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Join us this Sunday for the Pre-Purim Virtual Family Hamantash Bake!

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## Essential Purim Celebration!

# Essential PURIM CELEBRATION

**Thanking all our essential workers**

Join us for a safe indoor Megillah reading celebration, at the Ocean Gateway, one of Portland's most spacious halls.

Pre-order a delicious Purim dinner and enjoy Purim games and activities together with your household 'pod'. RSVP Required.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 26 | 3-4 PM**  
Megillah reading promptly at 3.

**At the Ocean Gateway**  
14 Ocean Gateway Pier, Portland  
Suggested donation \$18 | Sponsorships available.



Join us for our annual Purim Celebration!

Friday, February 26th | 3:00-4:00 PM

RSVP Required: [chabadofmaine.com/celebrate](http://chabadofmaine.com/celebrate)



# Hear the Megillah!

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**PURIM**  
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Tuesdays | 9:30 am - 10:30 am



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Russian, Belarussian, and Ukrainian peasants were a source for beloved songs, sometimes with Hebrew or Yiddish added.

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## Two Halves Equal One

By creating Adam alone, G-d teaches us that every individual is like a whole world. But this is only half the story. When the Torah requires a donation from every single Jew to connect us all as one to the work of the Holy Temple, it tells each to bring precisely a half-Shekel.

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# Parshah in a Nutshell

## Parshat Mishpatim

Following the **revelation at Sinai**, Gd legislates a series of **laws** for the people of Israel. These include the laws of the **indentured servant**; the penalties for murder, kidnapping, assault and theft; civil laws pertaining to **redress of damages**, the granting of **loans** and the responsibilities of the **Four Guardians**; and the rules governing the conduct of justice by **courts** of law.

Also included are laws warning against mistreatment of **foreigners**; the observance of the **seasonal festivals**, and the

agricultural gifts that are to be brought to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem; the prohibition against cooking **meat with milk**; and the mitzvah of **prayer**. Altogether, the Parshah of Mishpatim contains **53 mitzvot** 23 imperative commandments and 30 prohibitions.

Gd promises to bring the people of Israel to the **Holy Land**, and warns them against assuming the pagan ways of its current inhabitants.

The people of Israel proclaim, **We will do and we will hear** all that Gd commands us. Leaving **Aaron** and **Hur** in charge in the Israelite camp, Moses ascends Mount Sinai and remains there for **forty days and forty nights** to receive the Torah from Gd.

## Parshat Shekalim

This weeks Torah reading also includes Parshat Shekalim (Exodus 30:11-16), which speaks of the **half-shekel** each Jew **contributed** to the Sanctuary.



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