

Is it Purim yet?



PURIM 5781

Purely Pandemic Purim

**The Great Purim
Scavenger Hunt:**

Pursue, Pinpoint, and Prevail!

A Zoom Purim:

Prepare! Ponder! Pray! Play! Perform!



Visit mzion.org for more details and all Zoom links!

Starting February 7

The Purim Scavenger Hunt!!!

PURSUE, PINPOINT, and PREVAIL!



A scavenger hunt to save Purim!

Kicks off **Sunday, February 7** and goes through **Sunday, February 21**. Download the **GooseChase app** and check your email on February 7 for Mount Zion's private game code! Compete as an individual, household, and/or Religious School class or just do it for fun!

- Complete missions (inside and/or outside your home) for points!
- Prizes for the top 3 quaranteams/individuals and a prize for the Religious School class with highest participation!
- Upload photos to GooseChase as part of the adventure to see the progress of all the MZ participants!
- We'll show photos and announce the winners on Purim, Thursday night!

Sunday, February 21

PREPARE!

During students' regular Religious School time: class Purim parties!

10:15 - 10:45 am Purim preview and silly service at Tefillah!

- Wear your costume
- Bring a grogger!
- Purim Preview: hear Purim songs, get a taste of megillah, and a preview of the shpiel!



Can't get enough of Purim?!?

Sponsors Needed?

Yes! Glad you asked! In lieu of sponsoring a booth this year, please consider sponsoring:

- Scavenger Hunt
- Our Purim shpiel script
- Prizes
- Mishloach Manot for Seniors

All funds go to our Kibud Morim Fund, to honor and support our Religious School teachers!

Thursday February 25

PONDER!

A Year of Life Turned Upside Down: Ta'anit Esther with Hadar

11:00 am - 5:00 pm - Look for links via email and on our website mzion.org.

Purim will mark one year since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and Ta'anit Esther offers a chance to reflect, pray, and commemorate this milestone. Throughout the day we will mark the lives lost, ask for healing of the sick, and hope that in the coming year, the world will once again take a sharp turn, this time towards good.



Thursday, February 25 - EREV PURIM!

PRAY! PLAY! PERFORM!

The Festivities Re-zoom for *A Night of Laughter and Levity!*

6:00-6:45 pm

Pray: **Purim in the Time of Zoom:
A Silly Service, Pun-demic Humor,
and Megillah Reading**

Featuring:

- Raffle of Mishloach Manot from us
- Wear a fun Cost-zoom (costume) to add to the fun!
- Photos and Winners from our Scavenger Hunt!
- Hear the Megillah! (We want many Megillah readers this year! Even if you haven't done this in the past, you will just chant one verse. Sign up or ask questions: Email Cantor Strauss-Klein at jstraussklein@mzion.org)

6:45 pm:

Play: **Pandemic in Persia:
A Zoom Shpiel**

Your Mount Zion staff and clergy tell the story of Purim, fit to our modern experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the action takes place on the royal Zoom account, as a plague ravages the kingdom of Persia. It's the familiar tale of King Achashverosh, Esther, Mordechai, and Haman—just in quarantine.



After shpiel; goes 'til 8:00 pm:

Perform: Mount Zion's Got Talent: Open Mic!

Want to:

- Tell a joke?
- Do magic?
- Sing a parody song?
- Put on a skit?
- Juggle?
- Share a stupid pet trick?
- You have up to 5 minutes!

Sign up in advance: let us know what you're doing and how long you need! Email Cantor Strauss-Klein at jstraussklein@mzion.org.

There are four *mitzvot* specific to the holiday of Purim:

- ☆ Reading the Scroll of Esther (*Megillah*)
- ☆ Festivity & rejoicing (the Purim *Se'udah*)
- ☆ Sending food to friends (*Mishloach Manot*)
- ☆ Giving to the poor (*Matanot La'evyonim*)

**We've got the first two covered,
but we need your help for the others!**



You Can't Mask Hunger

Send Leket Israel e-Purim Cards and Support Israelis in Need

"observe [the days of Purim] with...donations to the needy"
(Esther 9:22).

Leket Israel "rescues" surplus food and distributes it to 200 nonprofit organizations, which serve the food to approximately 175,000 Israelis in need every week, regardless of age, gender, religion, or ethnic background. For more details, visit www.leket.org/en.

Mishloach Manot Exchange!



Mishloach manot are gifts of food that are sent to family, friends and others on Purim.

How does it work?

Sign up through Mount Zion: we'll match you up with another member!

Make or buy items such as cookies, candy, wine, fruit, chocolate, use your imagination!

Anything up to \$25. It doesn't have to be big...the point is just to connect with more people in our community and spread joy during Purim!

How do I participate?

Sign up at mzion.org!

Still have questions? Contact Shai at savny@mzion.org.