

SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18

- Morning Services, 9:00 am
- **Rabbi Arthur Schneier**
- **Cantor Benny Rogosnitzky**
- Congregational Kiddush in the Charles Brooks Ballroom
- Chumash class: **Rabbi Binyamin Lehrfield**, 4:10 pm
- Mincha 5:10 pm, followed by Seudah Shlishit
- Dvar Torah: **Rabbi Binyamin Lehrfield**
- Shabbat ends 6:17 pm

EVENTS

Monday, February 20

- Presidents Day Services – 9:00 am

Thursday–Friday, February 23-24

- Rosh Chodesh Adar Services – 7:30 am

Shabbat, February 25

- **Chief Cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot**, Maestro Russell Ger and the Park East Choir
- Dedication of Sanctuary window by **Harry and Melissa Lis**

Tuesday, February 28

- Sisterhood – **Alicia Oltuski** will discuss her new book “Precious Objects, a story of Diamonds, Family and a Way of Life”
Everyone is invited. 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 29

- Pre Purim Class – Rabbi Binyamin Lehrfield “Purim in the 21st Century - *Sending Purim Baskets (Mishloach Manot) via Email*”, 7:00 pm

SHABBAT, MARCH 17

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
INSTALLATION OF

RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER

AS RABBI OF

PARK EAST SYNAGOGUE

MORNING SERVICES 8:30 AM

CHIEF CANTOR YITZCHAK MEIR HELFGOT *and Choir*
MAESTRO RUSSELL GER, *Conductor*

KIDDUSH TO FOLLOW

PURIM SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 4

- Parents Association Purim Carnival, 11:00 am

Wednesday, March 7

- Purim evening Services, 6:30 pm
- Megillah Reading, 6:40 pm
- followed by Adult and Children’s Celebration, 8:00 pm.

Thursday, March 8

- Morning Services with Megillah Reading followed by breakfast, 7:30 am
- Second Megillah Reading, 2:00 pm
- Young Professionals Megillah & Purim Dinner, 5:00 pm

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All Purim festivities sponsored by Joan Jakobovitz in memory of her husband, Jerry.

Shabbat, March 10

- Children Service Purim Carnival, 11:00 am

122nd ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 pm

Hotel Pierre

Honoring

Martin Foont

Guest of Honor

Yocheved Mitchell

Parent of the Year

Aliza Licht

Community Leadership Award

Debbie Rochlin

Educator of the Year

Alex Mitchell

Dinner Chair

ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Harold Einsidler

BOOK OF SHOFTIM, Tuesday, 12:30 pm

TORAH TALKS, Fridays, 8:30 am

CHUMASH CLASS, Shabbat, one hour before Mincha

Rabbi Binyamin Lehrfield

HILCHOT TEFILLAH, Weeknights between Mincha and Maariv

TALMUD CLASS, Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Memorial Kaddish is dedicated in memory of Theresa Newman, beloved mother of our devoted member, Men's Club Treasurer, and Daily Minyan Gabbai, Alan (Celia) Berk, Fred (Sharon) Berk, Paula Shelby, grandmother and great grandmother.

Yahrzeits

The following members of the congregation will be observing Yahrzeit this week.

Mrs. Marcia Goldsmith – father	Mr. Allan Kornblau – uncles
Mrs. Shirley Kligman – father	Mr. Joseph Wilf – brother
Mrs. Betsy Levinsky – mother	Mr. Leonard Wilf – father
Mr. Joseph Cooper – father	Mrs. Beverly Greenberg – mother
Mr. Alexander Goldinger – father	Mrs. Joelle Rivietz – grandfather
Mrs. Evelyn Silber – sister	Mr. Irving Lesh – wife
Mr. Bruce Verstandig – father	Mrs. Mira Sofer – father
Mr. Melvin Lev – mother	Mr. Joseph Guttmann – mother
Mrs. Charlotte Wool–mother & brother	

Parshat Mishpatim

It is interesting to note that the first Jewish civil law discussed in this week's Torah Portion is that of a powerless member of society, the Eved Ivri, the Jewish bondsman. Why do these laws merit being discussed first? I would have thought that the laws of judges and the judicial process, or for that matter many other important laws would be more appropriate to be discussed first. The Ramban, Nachmonides, explains that Jewish bondsmen receive their freedom after six years of servitude, which serves as a reminder of The Jewish people's own freedom from Egypt, and as such it merits being listed first amongst the Torah's civil laws. Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch offers another interpretation to this question. He writes that a Jewish bondsman is one who needs to sell himself into slavery to repay those debts that he owes; in specific repaying the value of a theft. Essentially he lives at the bottom rungs of society. Therefore Rabbi Hirsch explains that the Torah is emphasizing the importance of protecting the rights of the weak, the poor, and even the indentured. While other laws are important, these civil laws serve as a way of life and a code of ethics. They teach us to always think beyond our own selves towards the other.

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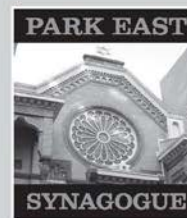
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RITUAL DIRECTOR

TOBY N. EINSIDLER
ADMINISTRATOR



February 18, 2012
25 Shevat 5772

**Shabbat Mevorchim
Blessing of The New
Month of Adar
PARSHAT
MISHPATIM
Shabbat Shekalim**

Shemot 21:1-24:18

Artscroll p. 416

Hertz p. 306

**Maftir Shemot
30:11-30:16**

Artscroll p. 484

Hertz p. 352

**Haftorah Kings II 11:17-
12:17**

Artscroll p. 1213

Hertz p. 992

DAILY SERVICES

Sundays - 9:00 am

Monday - 9:00 am

Tuesday–Wednesday–
7:45 am

Thursday–Friday–
7:30 am – Rosh Chodesh
followed by breakfast
Evenings – 5:20 p.m.