



Message from Ely Razin, President

Dear Kehilla,

Purim at our shul this year was packed (תרתי משמע) both with people AND with meaning (and the kids had plenty of fun, too). It also was a testament to the fact that it really “takes a village” to make a beautiful Purim for our community.

This may not always be obvious, but many worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the benefit of the *kehillah* to make these events come alive. So, on behalf of everyone, the Vaad and I want to thank the Rav and Rabbanit, and all the volunteers who worked to make this Purim a meaningful and beautiful holiday. A quick note on each group, below, and then we dared-to-try to thank everyone by name below (I hope we didn't miss anyone—if we did, we ask for your מחילה ... in the spirit of יום כפורים):

To those who layned megilla - Thanks for the beautiful readings, both kehilla-wide and women's-only. It just wouldn't (and couldn't 😊) be Purim without you! Your laynings were, as always, flawless.... and more than a little entertaining.

To those who organized or sponsored the kehilla-wide Mishloach Manot fundraiser - Thanks for your efforts on creating and distributing these משלוחי מנות. This effort starts weeks beforehand, and these efforts help us all strengthen our sense of giving to one another. They also now grace our homes with the beautifully artistic תפילה לשלום החיילים, and raise significant funds to help our shul year-round.

To those who planned, sponsored, or ran the Purim carnival - thank you for creating an amazing atmosphere of fun for our kids, especially in a year that has not always been fun for them. The magic of this carnival also starts weeks beforehand, and shifts into highest gear the day before, on the action-packed set-up day. And to all the kids who volunteered and staffed the booths: *kol ha-kavod!*

To those who oversee our Chesed activities - thanks to you for adding another, deeper dimension to the בין אדם לחברו aspects of Purim, whether visiting with certain families or Assaf HaRofe hospital on the day of, or collecting/distributing candies on the day after.

And, to our large and ever-growing kehilla - thanks to all of you for putting up with our crowds, and making the איש לרעהו parts of Purim so special, with your own chesed activities, too. (We also appreciate your not using noisemakers that make explosive or siren-like sounds).

Finally, we look forward to many happy Purim celebrations together.

בשמחת פורים, (still)

Ely Razin and the 2024 Vaad: Moshe Arking, Adina Cutler, Liora Green, Alexander Grodzinski, Hylton Peimer, and Geri Schwartz

The KSYM Purim “Village”:

Carnival committee: Ninoska Ravid and Family; Frances Arking; Dena Rosenberg; Carla Sprung; Lauren Shinar

Carnival sponsors: Yael & Aaron Leibowitz; Jenny & Joel Kruger; Kim & Yoni Kra; Nathan & Elisa Wirtschafter; Yechiya and Corinne Berzon; Tova & Gerald Segal; Josh & Tova Lennon; Anat & Eytan Ishai; Ahuva & Gary Epstein; Shira & Dov Katz; Rabbi David & Julie Fine; Tammy & Chaim Silva; Yossi and Debra (Hockley) Zelig; Sari and Joey Shabot; Susan & Bernard Leibtag; Audrey Mondrow and Charles Sprung; Howard Wimmer; David & Rachelle Schwartz; Josh & Rina Altman

Carnival volunteers: Shani Katz; Gabriella Sprung; Ava Arking; Daniel Flug; Natan Grodzinski; Yael Stern; Yishai Fachler; Maya Solow; Yael Lubchansky; Gabriella Markush; Gila Sprung; Coby Libman; Yael Rosenzweig; Ayala Schwed; Aryeh Rifkind; Abigail Nyer; Miya Anders;

Noa Chen Anders; Michal Rickman; Devora Razin; Avra Cutter; Ilan Segal; Eitan Grodzinski; David Katz; Shaina Lennon

Chesed activities: Frances Arking; Azriel Leibowitz; Jordana Schoor; Aliza Sussman

Laying (Kehilla-wide): Natan Bob, Daniel Damboritz; R' Dvir Ginsberg; the Grodzinski dynamic duo (Alexander and Eitan); Freddie Schwartz; Ellie Sprung.

Laying (Women's megilla): Yazmin Bloch; Aderet Feinerman; Jane and Dalia Olman; Louise and Libby Szczerb; Debby, Liron, and Meirav Wine;

Mishloach Manot committee: Frances Arking; Adina Cutler; Liora Green; Dahlia Hoffman; Shira Katz; Shonny Solow; Shaindy Zudick