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"TETZAVEH" IN A NUTSHELL ...

The name of the Parshah, "Tetzaveh," means "Command" and it is found in [Exodus 27:20](#).

God tells [Moses](#) to receive from the [children of Israel](#) pure [olive oil](#) to feed the "everlasting flame" of the [menorah](#), which [Aaron](#) is to kindle each day, "from evening till morning."

The [priestly garments](#), to be worn by the [kohanim](#) (priests) while serving in the [Sanctuary](#), are described.

All [kohanim](#) wore: 1) the [ketonet](#)—a [full-length](#) linen tunic; 2) [michnasayim](#)—linen breeches; 3) [mitznefet](#) or [migba'at](#)—a linen turban; 4) [avnet](#)—a long sash wound above the waist.

In addition, the [kohen gadol](#) (high priest) wore: 5) the [efod](#)—an apron-like garment made of blue-, purple- and red-dyed wool, linen and gold thread; 6) the [choshen](#)—a breastplate containing

twelve precious stones inscribed with the names of the [twelve tribes](#) of Israel; 7) the [me'il](#)—a cloak of blue wool, with gold bells and decorative pomegranates on its [hem](#); 8) the [tzitz](#)—a [golden plate worn on the forehead](#), bearing the inscription "Holy to God."

[Tetzaveh](#) also includes **G**od's detailed instructions for the seven-day initiation of Aaron and his four sons—[Nadav](#), [Avihu](#), [Elazar](#) and [Itamar](#)—into the priesthood, and for the making of the golden altar, on which the [ketoret](#) (incense) was burned.

Learn: [Tetzaveh in Depth](#)
Browse: [Tetzaveh Parshah Columnists](#)

Prep: [Devar Torah Q&A for Tetzaveh](#)

Read: [Haftarah in a Nutshell](#)



Psalm 119: Chaf

"My soul pines for Your salvation; for Your word I hope." (Psalm 119:81)

This verse begins the section of the letter which literally means the palm of the hand. Indeed, the shape of the Chaf, resembles the cupped palm.

In the following verses David expresses his yearning to be sheltered in the palm of God's hand, especially at the time of redemption from exile. The Talmud (Shabbos 104a) states that the letter כ stands for כתר crown.

The person who is devoted to God and places himself in God's hands will eventually be crowned with Divine glory.

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Psalms" by Rabbi Nosson Scherman / Rabbi Gedaliah Zlotowitz, 2018, page 555-556.

Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahidbits>

YIDDISH CORNER ...

Az men farkoyft bekhinen hot men a sakh koynim.

Charge nothing and you get a lot of customers.

Megst dernokh kahesh zogn!

You can recite mourning prayers over it! [i.e. You can kiss it goodbye]

Alts iz nit puter vos kumt aroys fun der ku.

All is not butter that comes from a cow. [i.e. All that glitters is not gold.]

Az men brit zikh op mit heysn blozt men oyfn kaltn.

lit. When one burns oneself on something hot, one blows on something cold.] "Once bitten, twice shy" or "A burnt child dreads the fire." This proverb describes being over-cautious after a bad experience. If you've been hurt by something, you'll be wary even of things that are perfectly safe. [Adapted from Words Like Arrows, Shirley Kumove]

Canadian Jewish students on front line



Shortly after Maya Fuerstenberg arrived on campus for her first year at Dalhousie University in **Halifax last fall**, she wandered through the Dalhousie Student Union's society expo, a showcase of student organizations representing a wide range of faiths, cultures and backgrounds. There were Muslim societies, Christian groups, cultural associations of every kind, she said. "But there was no Jewish society."

"I literally walked every floor looking for one," she recalled. "There are tens of thousands of students at Dalhousie. There are Jews here. I kept thinking, there has to be something. But there wasn't."

Fuerstenberg explained that there is a Jewish Law Students Society at the university, which is specific to graduate students studying law, along with a school-affiliated Hillel and Chabad. None of these organizations held a booth at the expo.

The first-year neuroscience student decided that if a Jewish Society didn't exist, she would create one.

Within weeks, Fuerstenberg assembled a small team and began the process of founding what would become the Dalhousie Jewish Society (DJS) — a student group designed to provide a welcoming space for Jewish students while also fostering allyship and education among the broader campus community.

"I've always been surrounded by a very strong, tight-knit Jewish community," said Fuerstenberg, who graduated from Toronto's largest Jewish high school, TanenbaumCHAT. "Coming here, I suddenly realized that for a lot of people, I was the first Jewish person they'd ever met."

That realization helped shape the mandate of the society. From the outset, DJS was intentionally framed not only as a Jewish space, but as an inclusive one.

"It's not just for Jewish undergraduates," she said. "Allyship was really important to me. I wanted people who aren't Jewish — who maybe grew up in small towns or have never met a Jew — to feel welcome and included."

The Dalhousie Jewish Society differs from Hillel and Chabad on campus because it is affiliated with Dalhousie directly—giving Jewish students clear representation on campus, Fuerstenberg explained.

"Because we will be able to use spaces like Dalhousie buildings, our society can be increasingly open to non-Jewish students as well, who are looking to be more educated on Judaism and antisemitism. Also, Chabad and Hillel serve the Jewish community at large, while we aim to focus on Dalhousie students, both Jewish and allies," she said.

This past December Fuerstenberg organized a menorah lighting in the basement of her residence on the first night of Hanukkah. The majority of attendees were not Jewish, she said.

"The more non-Jews we get, the better," she said. "Not to convert or pressure anyone — just to invite people in, to let them experience holidays we love and understand what being Jewish actually means."

The path to formal recognition was not without obstacles. Fuerstenberg said the group encountered administrative delays while working with the student union, particularly around ratification and banking logistics. Still, she said the challenges were expected — and worth pushing through.

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy," she said. "But the silent majority has been incredibly supportive. Jews and non-Jews alike have been big allies, which honestly surprised me in the best way."

Today, the Dalhousie Jewish Society is officially up and running. The group recently held its first booth at the winter society expo last month, and continues to grow its membership. Beyond social and holiday programming, DJS is also focused on combatting antisemitism on campus, acting as a bridge between students and university administration when incidents arise.

"We have a QR code where people can report antisemitic incidents," Fuerstenberg explained. "We meet with campus security and administrators so students don't have to navigate that alone."

For Fuerstenberg, the work is about both vigilance and joy — protecting Jewish students while also celebrating Jewish life openly and proudly.

"It's Jewish representation, Jewish values, and Jewish celebration," she said.

The Canadian Jewish News

Quinn and Jack Hughes' mom a Jewish hockey hero too!



Jack Hughes' Jewish Mom, Ellen Weinberg-Hughes, Is a Hockey Legend, Too

America's hockey team just won its first Olympic gold in over 40 years at the Milano Cortina Olympics this Sunday, all thanks to an overtime goal from Jewish New Jersey Devils player Jack Hughes.

Jewish moms everywhere are kvelling (and reminding you that, yes, he is Jewish).

Yet none have more reasons to kvell than Hughes' own Jewish mom — Ellen Weinberg-Hughes.

Weinberg-Hughes, 56, has not one but two sons on that winning team. Her oldest son, Quinn Hughes, a defender for the Minnesota Wild, played alongside brother Jack. And Weinberg-Hughes was also on the coaching staff of the U.S. women's hockey team as a Player Development Consultant. That team won gold the day before the men's team did, making Ellen, technically, the first of the Hughes family to win Olympic Gold.

Jack Hughes' Jewish Mom, Ellen Weinberg-Hughes,

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Purim around the world ...



Here are some inventive ways Jews from around the world do away with Haman.

Smile! It's Purim, which is the happiest, silliest, and yet serious Jewish celebration. We Jews kicked up a storm led by the courageous Queen Esther when we whooped the evil Haman and turned the day into one of joyful redemption – and joyful we get! We Jews are commanded to be so stuporously silly that we can't tell the difference between "Blessed is Mordecai" and "Cursed is Haman." (We also watch over Uncle Shmuel who, after "celebrating" can't tell a Haman from a Hamentashen.)

We Jews read "The Megillah," shake a "grogger" when (pooh pooh) Haman's name is mentioned, wear costumes, imbibe on drink, and celebrate with carnivals. Of course it wouldn't be Purim if We Jews didn't make a "spiel" which are comic stories, plays, skits, and music acting out the tale – or even each other. Ah, but when we punk our nearest and dearest is it fake or real? Truth or fun? Do we know? Do we want to know? All of which is part of the magic that is Purim.

What happens when Jews of all backgrounds are not only allowed, but expected to let loose? Let's look at some interesting world customs *now* and *then*. Most involve "inventive" ways to do away with Haman – and triumph over evil ... KEEP READING VIA THE LINK BELOW.

<https://aish.com/purim-around-the-world/>



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PURIM

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MONDAY, MARCH 2:	TUESDAY, MARCH 3:
TAANIT ESTHER	PURIM DAY
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SHACHARIT: 6:45AM	MEGILLA READING: APPROX. 7:00AM
MINCHA: 6:00PM	MEGILLA READING AT HALPERN
MAARIV & MEGILLA READING: 7:00PM	AKIVA ACADEMY: 9:00AM
FAST ENDS: 6:59PM	REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW!
THOSE WELL ENOUGH SHOULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER READING THE MEGILLA TO EAT	2ND MEGILLA READING: 5:00PM
2ND MEGILLA READING: 10:00PM	TACO BAR PURIM SEUDAH: 5:30PM
	DETAILS BELOW

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Don't forget to take advantage of our early bird discount and save 5% off general and sports camps when you register your child(ren) before April 30.

We have a jam-packed summer planned with something for everyone... exciting theme weeks, hands-on activities, outdoor adventures, and plenty of time to make new friends. Take a peek at our [Camp JCC guide](#) and get ready for an unforgettable summer at [Camp JCC](#)!



We're very excited to offer private **Glow in the Dark Pickleball!** Two-hour bookings will be available for up to five participants per court (only one person needs to book and pay; all participants must check in at the Customer Service Desk under the booking name). Member: \$45 • Public: \$70.

[Online booking](#) is now available for members and is filling up fast! Click "Next Week" in the top-right of the calendar to view future dates.

Saturday, March 7

Court times: 8:00am - 8:00pm

Public registration opens on Saturday, February 21 at 8:00am

Sunday, March 8

Court times: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Public registration opens on Sunday, February 22 at 8:00am

For more information, [contact Matt Danko](#).

<https://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/calgary-jewish-community-centre/>

Your Calgary JCC



Experience these exciting programs and events this February!
Register online or by contacting our Customer Service Desk at 403-253-8600 x0. We can't wait to see you!



**Mask Your Joy
Purim Craft Workshop**
Tuesday, February 24
7:00pm
FREE

Get ready for *Purim* with a fun and creative craft experience! Design and decorate your own festive mask using feathers, glitter, sequins, beads, ribbons, and more. Open to kids, teens, and families — all materials are provided, just

bring your creativity and festive spirit! [Register now](#) or contact the JCC Customer Service Desk at 403-253-8600 x0 (course code: 11989).



**Welcome Shabbat & Tot Shabbat
Purim Celebration**
Friday, February 27
10:30am
FREE

Everyone is welcome to celebrate a special holiday *Shabbat* with us at the JCC, so feel free to dress up in your favourite *Purim* costumes! Join us for songs, candle lighting, *kiddush*, and *hamotzi*. We are pleased to partner with [PJ](#)

[Library®](#) for this joyous, and festive gathering – open to all! No registration required.

Yummy Hamantaschen



The Best Hamantaschen Recipe Ever

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These tried-and-true cookies come out perfect every time.

Hamantaschen weren't always my favorite cookie to enjoy. The ones I grew up with were dry, would sort of crumble in your hand, and had a sad apricot, prune or poppy schmear in the middle that just wasn't enticing. My grandma would bring them home from her synagogue's sisterhood each year and I would do my best to smile and take a bite. Fast forward, and the quality and variety of hamantaschen have come a very long way. You can find hamantaschen these days in every flavor imaginable: stuffed with hot dogs, dulce de leche, strawberry cheesecake and so on. There is no end to the creativity that bloggers, bakers and chefs have infused into these traditional Purim cookies.

[*The Best Hamantaschen Recipe Ever | The Nosh*](#)

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What are we obligated to do on Purim?

Purim and its Mitzvot

<https://www.ou.org/holidays/>



Purim has four main Mitzvot:

The Reading of the Megillah (Mikra Megillah)

The Festive Purim Meal (Seudat Purim)

Sending Gifts (Mishloach Manot)

Gifts to the poor (Matanot l'Evyonim)

As for prayer adaptations, the Torah portion of 'and Amalek came' is read Purim morning, and Al-Hanisim is added to the Shmoneh Esray (Silent Prayer) and Birkat HaMazon (Grace after Meals). Hallel is not, however, said on Purim; the Megillah reading being regarded as the Hallel of the day.

Eulogies and fasting are prohibited on Purim, and in a leap year, they are prohibited in the first Adar as well. A mourner likewise does not practice mourning publicly on Purim. He does not sit on the ground nor remove his shoes, and observes the private aspects of mourning, as is the case on Shabbat.

It is legally permissible to work on Purim, but is nevertheless not considered proper. The Sages have said: 'Whoever works on the day of Purim does not see any sign of blessing (through his work).' The type of work that is referred to is work which results in profit. Work involving a Mitzvah, however, or work for the sake of Purim, is fully permitted...

What Is Purim (in a nutshell)?



<https://www.chabad.org/holidays/purim/>

The jolly Jewish holiday of Purim is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar (late winter/early spring). Purim 2026 begins on Monday night, March 2 and continues until Tuesday, March 3 (extending through Wednesday in Jerusalem).

It commemorates the (Divinely orchestrated) salvation of the Jewish people in the ancient Persian empire from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day." Literally "lots" in ancient Persian, Purim was thus named since Haman had thrown lots to determine when he would carry out his diabolical scheme, as recorded in the Megillah (book of Esther).

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<https://www.calgaryjcc.com/events/>



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