

**Lakeland  
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Center**



### **Davening Savings Time**

As has been an annual tradition at LHJC, Punxsutawney Pinchas (formerly named "Phil" until he underwent a Cabalistic conversion) woke up from his slumber and popped his head out from under a shawl.

Not seeing a minyan, he returned to bed and will continue to sleep in for the next six Shabbats. Asked to comment, Rabbi Amy responded "While we are disappointed that Pinchas did not see what he was hoping to see, the good news is that I just got to lower my insurance with GEICO".

### **Committee Reports**

One a recent Friday night after accidentally drinking caffeinated coffee when she reached for the wrong cup at a recent Oneg, past president Marilyn Oppenheimer, now serving as Immediate Past President, Social Chair, Treasurer, Religious Committee Chair, and Choir, set about to clean up the pantry, the boiler room, the store room, and the rabbis study – both to get rid of unnecessary things that had accumulated in the past years, as well as to better organize the supplies.

After completing the cleanup, Marilyn proceeded to rewrite the temple bylaws to include references to the Code of Hammurabi as well as commentary from the Mishna.

The most interesting find was a family of 4 who had become lost in the pantry while looking for additional seating during a recent Friday night service. While grateful to be found, they did complain that no one had noticed them missing in the building for weeks.

To assure that this never happens again, the Board passed a resolution requiring that the doors to the building be locked after 7 people show up for services – in an effort to provide for better crowd management.

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# Garbage

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### **Building Committee**

Steve Rikon, responding to complaints about noise in the ceiling found a number of raccoons had made themselves at home in the rafters. The complaints came from a congregant who found the sound of the footsteps disturbing his sleep during the Rabbis sermon.

After researching the problem, Steve determined that the lease required the use of area rugs to muffle sounds. Since the "guests" were instead dancing on ceiling tiles, an effort was made to evict them. Upon being served notice of the eviction, the elder Raccoon said he was quitting LHJC, citing that no one had thanked him for the time he had spent in the temple.

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### **Getting the Spam Out**

Gary Oppenheimer, our webmaster, has been informed that a number of members of LHJC have not been receiving the emails sent out weekly. Other temples have reported having similar problems.

After some research, it has been determined that the LISTSERV software, used by United Synagogue used to distribute official spam, has an overflowed bit bucket and is clogged with dust, having not been cleaned for some time. After reviewing the problem with the USCJ technical support employees in Bombay India, a decision was made to totally shut down the Internet for 24 hours to allow for a total cleaning.

If your computer has a dedicated Internet connection (DSL or cable or dental floss), you will need to shut off your computer, and cover it with a plastic bag during the cleaning. It is strongly suggested that you place a cookie tray or some other similar type container under the computer to catch any electricity that might drip out during the cleaning. We have been assured by United Synagogue that

they use non-toxic Windex to clean Windows. They also advise that if you use a Macintosh, this will not impact you.

When completed, a test message will be sent by the LISTSERV to all members of the temple with helpful information about what you should do if you continue to not receive emails. Again - if you do not get emails- please follow the instructions sent to you from the LISTSERV.. If you have any questions, Gary is available for consultation most Saturday mornings at LHJC.

### **This Weak Parsha**

As we read in last weeks Parsha, Moses came down from the mountain to see the Hebrews lined up to audition for American Idol.

So bad were most of the participants that in a rage of fury, he tossed down the ten commandments, saying "there is not in all of Israel, one worthy of being here".

At his side, Aron Abdul, tried to calm him down, encouraging him to give the Hebrews a second chance.

### **Wrist Bands**

LHJC has jumped on the wrist band craze and is proud to announce our new blue band emblazoned with the words "DREAM ON". Each band will cost \$2, with the funds going to the new membership committee. Only 500 were printed, so get yours soon – while supplies last

### **Grin**

A friend got some vinegar in his ear. Now he suffers from pickled hearing.

### **Purim in the rest of the World**

*{author unknown}*

King Achashverosh was Finnish with his disobedient wife Vashti. "You Congo now!" he ordered her.

After she had Ghana way, the king's messengers went Roman the land to find a new queen.

And India end, the beautiful Esther won the crown. Meanwhile, Mordechai sat outside the palace,

where the Chile Haman would Czech up on him daily

"I Haiti you because you refuse to bow to me!" Haman scolded Mordechai. "USA very stubborn man. You Jews are such Bahamas! If you keep this up, Denmark my words! I will have all your people killed! Just Kuwait and see,

Mordechai went into mourning and tore his clothes - a custom known as Korea. He urged Esther to plead with the king.

The Jews fasted for three days and grew very Hungary. Esther approached the king and asked, 'Kenya Belize come to a banquet I've prepared for you and Haman?'

At the feast, she invited her guests to a second banquet to eat Samoa.

The king asked, "Esther, why Jamaica big meal like this? Just tell me what you want. Unto half my United Kingdom will I give you."

Esther replied, "Spain full for me to say this, but Haman is Russian to kill my people."

Haman's loud Wales could be heard as he carried Honduran this scene.

"Oman!" Haman cried bitterly. "Iraq my brains in an effort to destroy the Jews. But that sneaky Mordechai - Egypt me!"

Haman and his ten sons were hanged and went immediately to the Netherlands.

And to Sweden the deal, the Jews were allowed to Polish off the rest of their foes as well.

"You lost your enemies and Uganda friend," the king smiled.

And that is why the Purim story Israeli a miracle. God decided to China light on His chosen people.

So now, let's celebrate! Forget all your Syria's business and just be happy! Serb up some wine and Taiwan on!