

Many, Many, Many Thanks!

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Thanks to Barb McGee for our **Shalach Manos** bags. Janet Stein-Larson, Lee Feinstein, Myra Stern-Thomas, and Leanne Schy helped Barb pack them. There is one for every Beth Ami member family; if you have not picked yours up yet, please do so. Some have been delivered by drivers Judy Stern, Joslyn Metzger, Michelle Zygelbaum, Fredrika Gross, Richard Kahn and Barb McGee.

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In the Bar...

HAMANHATTAN: can be made with bourbon or Rye served with a cherry

ESTHERITO MOJITO muddled mint, ginger syrup, soda water with either rum, vodka, or bourbon. Can be made Non-alcoholic

MORDE-CHAI served hot, can add liquor of choice also non-alcoholic

VASHTINI pomegranate martini

Shushan HaBEERa Pilsner and Death and Taxes donated by Moonlight Brewing Company

ROYAL WINE IN GOLDEN GOBLETS donated by David Kahn

Sweet and savory hors d'oeuvres by David Kahn, & **HAMENTASHEN**

purim piano bar



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BEHIND THE BAR

Brought to you by Friedman's Home Improvement, and
Terry & Russ Gurevitch of Veterinary Referral Surgical Service

with Mark Dierkhising of Dierk's Parkside Cafe, Dylan Cohen &
Judy Gunnar of Sonoma Cutlery, Jon & Rose Batzdorff of Prosthetika,
...and Anonymous

Musical DirectionNancy Hayashibara
SoundPhil Dwight
Text & Lyrics Leanne Schy, Norman Roth
Party Food David Kahn
Drinks.....SJ Stoelting, Jeff Sternfield
Decoration and Setup.....Bonnie Boren, Russ Gurevitch

PURIM PIANO BAR Musical Numbers

(and their sponsors— with thanks)

Piano, (Mel Decker & Judy Stern)Nancy Hayashibara
Narration, Leanne Schy
Help, *Beatles* (Myrna Morse) Andy and Nancy Fleming
Goodnight Irene, *Folk* (Evelyn Gurevitch)..... Russ Gurevitch
Respect, *Purim of Love* (Richard Kahn & Anne Brown)..... Jenny Levine-Smith,
Bonnie Boren, Joslyn Metzger, Judy Kupfer
Somebody to Love, *Love* (Evelyn Gurevitch, Judy Stern & Mel Decker).....Jenny
Levine-Smith, Russ Gurevitch
Can't Take My Eyes Off of You, *Jersey Boys*.....Michael Mundell
Stop in the Name of Love, *Motown*..... Ronnie Kaplan Rosenbach, Judy Kupfer,
Jane Rogan Dwight, Bonnie Boren, Joslyn Metzger, Susy Boimoil Starr
Brown-Eyed Girl, *Love* (Evelyn Gurevitch, Ivan Barta)SusyBoimoilStarr,RussGurevitch
Mack the Knife, *Vegas* (Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson)Phil Dwight, Jane Rogan Dwight
Folsom Prison Blues, *Nashville* (Sandi Shulkin & Ken Plattner).....Jeffrey Sheff
Every Breath You Take, *Back to the Future* Rabbi Mordecai Miller
Union Maid, *Folk* (Ethel & Stuart Schy, Terry & Russ Gurevitch).....Susy Boimoil Starr
'Til There Was You, *Broadway* (Ozlem Equils & Robert Watson)..... Russ Gurevitch,
Susy Boimoil Starr
Get Me to the Church, *Broadway*..... Phil Weil

The Story of Purim — Summarized

(Spoiler Alert)

King Ahasuerus ruled in ancient Persia, from his palace in Shushan. His queen, Vashti, refused to appear at his 180-day party, and was banished. Ahasuerus then ordered all young women to be presented to him, and chose an orphan named Esther to be his new queen, unaware that she was Jewish. Her cousin Mordecai accompanied her to the palace; he was given a position guarding the palace gates. One day, he overheard a plot by Palace eunuchs Bigthan and Teresh to assassinate the king. Mordecai reported the plan and saved the King's life. Meanwhile, the King appointed a new prime minister, Haman. When the Jews would not bow down to him, this evil man proposed that all of the Jews of Persia should be executed, telling King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom who keep themselves separate. Their customs are different from those of all other people, and they do not obey the king's laws; it is not in the king's best interest to tolerate them."

Mordecai pleaded with Esther to intervene. Going to the king unsummoned was punishable by death, unless he commuted the sentence by raising his golden scepter. Esther decided, "If I perish, I perish," and went to the king. When he raised his golden scepter, she invited him and Haman to two banquets.

After the first banquet, the king was told that Mordecai saved his life and asked Haman, "What shall be done for the man whom the king wishes to honor?" Thinking the king was referring to him, Haman said the honoree should be dressed in the king's royal robes and led around on the king's royal horse. To Haman's horror, the king instructed Haman to render such honors to Mordecai. That night, at the second banquet, Esther revealed that she was Jewish and that Haman was planning to exterminate her people, which included her. Haman tried to get Esther to pardon him but instead fell onto her couch, making the king even more angry. Ahasuerus ordered Haman's execution and allowed the Jews to defend themselves from Haman's execution militias — thus Esther saved her people and originated Purim.