

This year **Purim** will take place on **Thursday, March 24th** with the Fast of Esther taking place on Wed. March 23rd. Over the years our students and teachers have developed some wonderful customs to enhance the joy of this holiday in the school and this year we look forward to a memorable day.

The activities for our Middle school will include:

1. A costume contest
2. Purim Shpiel, (Purim skits)
3. A carnival run by the 8th graders with the PTO providing Humantashen and a DJ (Pure Energy) to provide the festive mood.
4. A traditional Megillah reading with the students preparing various sections.
5. Anti – BDS – Israel products *Mishloach Manot* (sending gifts to our friends) – see below for details.
6. Opportunities to give gifts to the poor (Matanot L'evyonim).
7. Purim Parade for the K-8
8. Grogger making and grogger competition (details to follow).

We encourage all of our students to come in a costume. Purim costumes need not be limited to the Purim figures; they can be homemade and should be as creative as possible. Roller blades, skateboards, and any like sporting gear will not be permitted for safety reasons.

*******IMPORTANT*****Israel Products only!*******

We will be giving ready-to-eat gifts to our friends called **Mishloach Manot** and will be preparing them in our classrooms. This year as a campaign against (BDS – Boycott Divest and Sanctions) we will be preparing a special “Klee” (vessel or dish) that can be displayed in a prominent place in your home and/or office, that should be filled with **Israeli products only**. Please send in Israeli products with your child/children, one treat that will be enough for each child in the classroom. These packages must be marked with acceptable Kosher supervision in their original packaging. **NO ITEMS SHOULD CONTAIN NUTS**. Israel products can be found but is not limited to the following stores in the Boca Raton area: Publix, Winn Dixie, Kosher Market, Glicks and Amazing Savings.

Another important Mitzvah on Purim is giving to the needy. Please have your child bring \$1 (or more) to be distributed to needy families in our community on Purim day.

Thank you for your cooperation. **Please note that Purim day is a half day (12:30) dismissal.** We are looking forward to this year’s Purim celebration.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Baruch Plotkin | Morah Sammy Lontok