

Shabbat Tetzaveh

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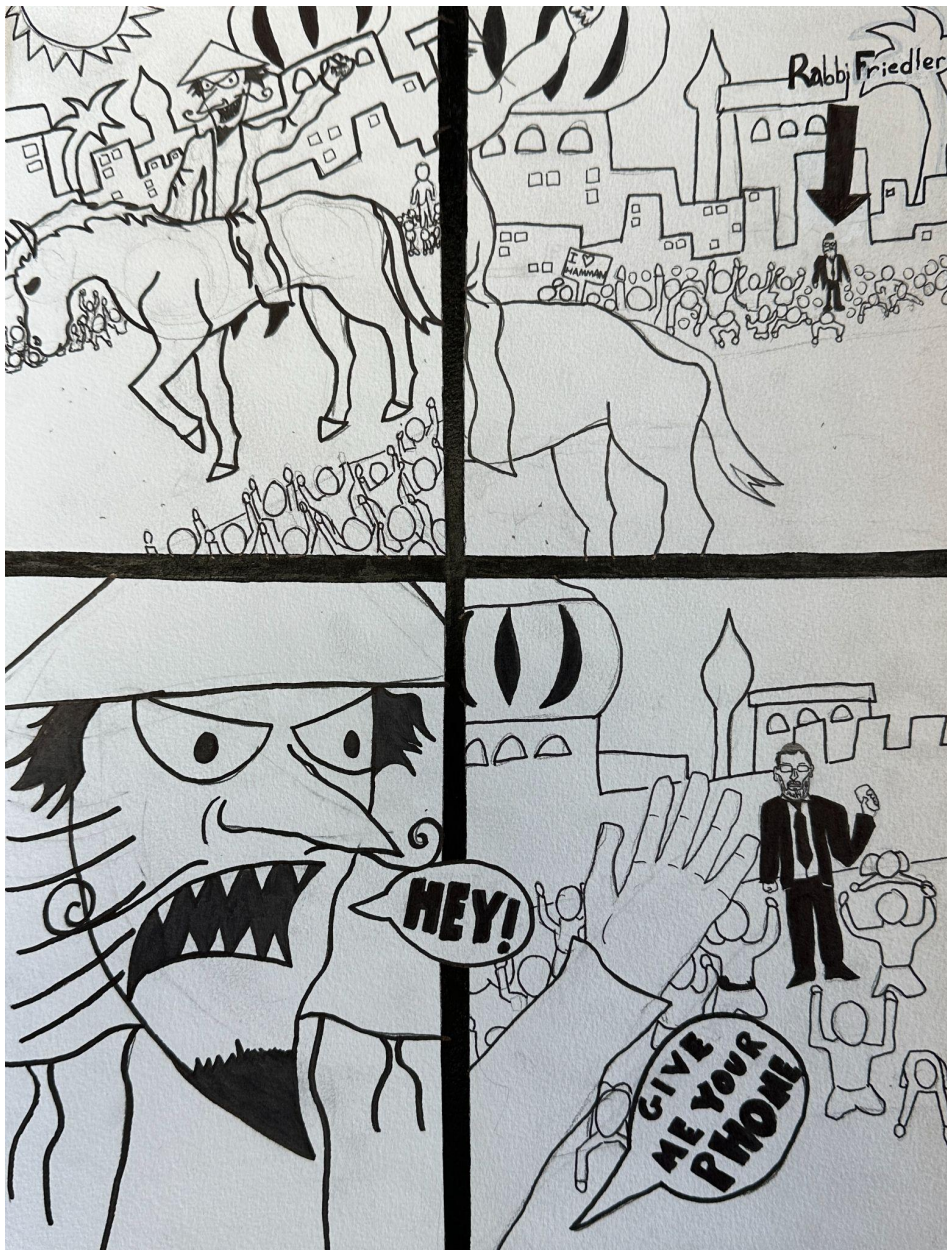
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SPECIAL PURIM EDITION

EZRA ART

By: Nathan Elnatanov



Dvar Torah

By: Hannah Shimunov

We dress up on Purim, a holiday we're about to celebrate, with the intention of revealing the person concealed behind the mask. In fact, this notion of "revealing the hidden" permeates all we do on this particular day. We demonstrate our feelings of warmth and friendliness for others by giving Mishloach Manot, food boxes to friends, and Matanot Le'evyonim, money to the needy. We also have the tradition to consume more alcohol than usual.

They claim that there are three ways which you can actually identify a person's true nature; "Kiso, "Ka'as," and "Koso". How they donate to charities is called kiso, or "their pocket." How they behave while angry is referred to as "their rage" or "ka'aso." Koso, or "their cup," refers to how individuals act when drunk. That way, whatever a person keeps hidden becomes revealed on Purim.

Even though we have so many distractions, Purim is the holiday that is known to stay during the time of Mashiach. Why? On Yom Kippur, we separate ourselves from our physical and materialistic pleasures, so it's much easier to develop a higher spiritual level on that day. On the other hand, when we drink alcohol and eat as much as we want, making a relationship with Hashem on Purim is a much greater achievement.

Therefore, Purim serves as a model of a day that we should follow throughout the year so that we might increase our levels of Kedusha, holiness, and spirituality, and experience Hashem's presence on all occasions. Chag Sameach!

Restaurant Review: Ezra Diner

By: Joshua Simahaef

I couldn't possibly review a restaurant in New York or a cafe' in France that has better ambiance, service or food than the restaurant known as Ezra Lunch. As soon as the first period bell rings the Ezra hallways are filled with the aroma of fresh baguettes (bagels), authentic Chinese cuisine (Annie's Kitchen), or the fine Italian pizza made by a Bukharian from Queens. Oh, but make sure you made your reservation because the best seats (the ones with your face pressed against the glass office window) are often taken quickly by the stampede of food connoisseurs. I could describe the aesthetics of the lunchroom or the sit-at-your-own-risk chairs in the lunchroom, but most of us devour our food during class.

But the Ezra lunch is not simply about the food, it never is; it's about the service. At Ezra Lunch you're greeted behind the window with a friendly smile, and a fierce: "WHAT'S YA' NAME?! WHAT'D YA' ORDER?!" It truly feels like home at Ezra Lunch. It's certainly all worth it when that first bite of room temperature pizza you bought on the second market or the leftover egg roll touches your lips, and you immediately ask yourself; "Have I died and gone to heaven?" If you haven't been to Ezra Lunch, you truly are missing out on one of the warmest, funniest, beautiful, and most delicious experiences in all of New York.



Entertainment: Megillat Esther

By: Liel Pinhasov



On Purim, there's no movie that has more tension, suspense, and heroism than the story of Purim. We celebrate the bravery of Queen Esther, the defiance of Mordechai, and we jeer the villainous Haman. In order to save her people, Esther had the bravery to inform the king of Haman's nefarious scheme when she discovered that he was plotting against the Jews. Any Ezra student who wants to learn more about this incredible story should watch The Shalom Sesame video which captures Esther's courage and bravery in all the right ways. Esther and Mordechai showed great faith and courage in standing up for their people and risking their lives to save them from destruction. The story of Purim reminds us of the importance of standing up for what is right, even in the face of great adversity. The video flawlessly portrays the action of this story's dialogue and setting and will keep you smiling for the duration of the film.



Faculty Interview with Oolu

By: Shushanna Pinhasov

- 1) What's the craziest thing you've seen at Ezra?
The guys playing too rough.
- 2) What's the funniest thing you've heard at Ezra?
I haven't heard anything funny.
- 3) Would you ever consider teaching a security class at Ezra?
Declined to comment.
- 4) What martial arts were you trained in?
Declined to comment.



Cooking Corner: Hamantaschen

By: Milena Abraham

A delicious and easy hamantaschen recipe is the perfect way to start all the holiday festivities. "Hamantasch" means "haman was weakened". We eat these pastries to remind us that G-d weakened Haman and we able to defeat our enemies!

Recipe:

- * 3 large eggs
- * 1 cup granulated sugar
- * 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- * 1/2 cup orange juice
- * 2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- * 5 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- * 1 tablespoon baking powder
- * 1 cup fruit preserves, any flavor

Steps 1: place wet ingredients into a bowl and beat

Step 2: combine flour and baking powder to the wet mixture.

Step 3 : roll out the dough and cut with a circle cookie cutter.

Add 1 teaspoon of preserve in the middle and pinch .

Step 4: bake at 350 for 12-15 min

Fashion Corner: Purim Costumes!

By: Milena Abraham



Although there are various ways we might choose to celebrate, dressing up is by far the most popular. Purim costumes can be anything from traditional Jewish costumes, such as rabbi or biblical character outfits, to modern costumes like superheroes, animals, and pop-culture icons. Some people choose costumes that have a connection to the Purim story, such as dressing up as Queen Esther, King Achashverosh, or Haman. This week's fashion column will you avoid a Purim faux pas.

Sports: The Ezra Eagles

By: Allan Rubin

The Ezra Eagles are back in action and have already played three basketball



games. In the last game, the team lost by a whopping 40 points because of their lack of shot-making, but there were definitely several areas of growth. As the games go on, they continue to show significant improvement on the court with an increase in ball movement and defense. As long as they do not continue to air ball wide-open layups, they are in good shape to win at least a few games this season. Hopefully, in the new month of Adar, we end up rejoicing and celebrating an Eagles victory!

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| Walter White | Ted Bundy |

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This Month Events

By: Natalie Gavrielov

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Ezra recites tehillim



Kollel Shabbaton



Rosh Chodesh Adar Games



Model U.N. in Connecticut



Inspiring Speaker - Ari Blau



Senior Seminary Acceptance Dinner with Ms. Zak