

# The Hourglass

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MARCH 2020

# HAPPY PURIM

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# March Services and Programs

## *Parashat Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor*

Exodus 27:20-30:10; Deuteronomy 25:17-19

6 Early Erev Shabbat Family Service, 6:00 PM  
Fri with Student Cantor Ella Gladstone-Martin

7 Shabbat Morning Svc, Sanctuary, 10:00 AM,  
Sat Torah Study, Rabbi's Study, Upstairs Office  
(above the Sanctuary), 11:00 AM

## Purim

8 Purim (Observed): A Very Beatles Purim  
Sun Purim Service and Schpiel, Sanctuary, 10 AM  
Magical Megillah Tour: Retelling the Tale  
Through Rewritten Lyrics of Beatles Songs  
Costume Parade, Magic, Comedy and  
Cookies, Lilienfeld House, with Jungle  
Josh Weinstein, 11:00 AM (approximately)

9 Erev Purim (The Eve of Purim)  
Mon Pizza,, Hamentashen Baking, Purim Songs  
at Rabbi Feshbach's home, 5:30 PM

## *Parashat Ki Tisa*

Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

12 Weekday Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah  
Thu of Jillian Cook (LCE), 10:30 AM

13 Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri with Talia Feshbach

14 Shabbat Morning Worship and Study,  
Sat Lilienfeld House, 10:30 AM

## *Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudai*

Exodus 35:1 - 40:38

20 Erev Shabbat Family Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri with Cantorial Soloist Luba Dolgopolsky

21 No Shabbat Morning Worship and Study  
Sat

## *Parashat Vayikra*

Leviticus 1:1-5:26

27 Congregant-led Erev Shabbat Svc, 6:30 PM  
Fri

28 No Shabbat Morning Worship and Study  
Sat



## Nazareth By The Sea Episcopal Church

## Jews at Church, on a Sunday afternoon in Red Hook

Come together with Nazareth By The Sea Episcopal Church, as Rabbi Michael Feshbach is the guest speaker at services, Sunday, March 8. The entrance is on the upper level, around back, above XO Bistro.

## Nazareth By the Sea Episcopal Church 6500 Red Hook Plaza, Red Hook Sunday, March 8, 2020, 4:00 PM

Rabbi Michael Feshbach will speak on  
*Tikkun Olam: Mending the World --  
Towards Healing, Wholeness and Peace"*

## Holiday Corner Purim



**There are four *mitzvot* (commandments) associated with the holiday of Purim.**

### 1. *Mikra Megilla: The Reading of the Scroll*

We are commanded to read/hear the Book of Esther on Purim.

### 2. *Shlach Manos (or: Mishloach Manot): Giving of Gifts*

Purim is the original gift-giving holiday of Judaism, not Chanukah. Today such gifts are usually baskets of candy and pastry, or fun trinkets.

### 3. *Se'udah: A Festive Meal*

We are Jews. There is a commandment to eat during most holidays!

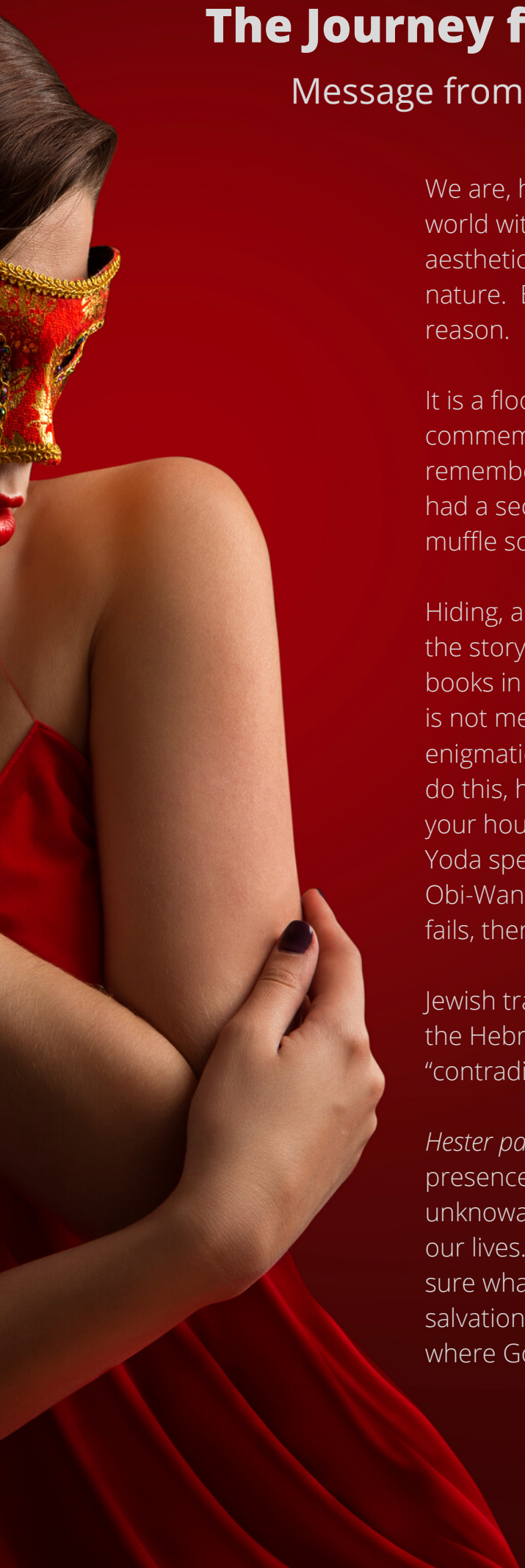
### 4. *Matanot L'Evyonim: Giving to the Poor*

*Tzedakah*, giving — supporting those in need in our midst



# From Covered Face to Open Door: The Journey from Purim to Pesach

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach



We are, here in St. Thomas, one of the five synagogues in the world with sand on the floor. The sand may come across as aesthetically pleasing, visceral and tactile, a connection with nature. But in intent, the sand is there for a different reason.

It is a floor that bears baggage, sand which tells a story. It is commemorative, and pedagogic. It is there to teach, and remember: once there was a time, and a place, where we had a secret, and we had to be careful. It was there to muffle sound, to hide what we did, and shield who we were.

Hiding, and keeping secrets. That is, of course, also part of the story of Purim. The book of Esther is one of only two books in the entire Hebrew Bible in which the name of God is not mentioned. (At least, not explicitly. There is the enigmatic line, which Mordecai cites to Esther: "If you do not do this, help will come from another source – but you and your household shall perish." That always reminded me of Yoda speaking about Luke with the shimmering image of Obi-Wan Kenobe, in one of the *Star Wars* movies: "If this one fails, there is no hope." "No, there is another.")

Jewish tradition says that the very name "Esther" comes from the Hebrew word "*seter*," or "secret." Or "*steira*," which means "contradiction." Or, even better, "*hester*," meaning "hidden."

*Hester panim* came to mean that God's face, God's active presence is hidden to us, unknown, perhaps even unknowable. In some ways, this echoes the experience of our lives. We are looking, we search for God, but we are not sure what we find. Certainly, in this story, unlike the direct salvation we witnessed earlier in the Bible, we do not know where God is, or from where help will come.

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Much is hidden here. Plots thicken; whispered words in darkened halls, discovered and revealed... only by accident. Esther does not reveal her identity; she hides who she is. And a king who wanted his first queen to "bare all" turns out to see very little. We shout, we drown out names. We drink: perhaps it is the only rational response to our fate hanging on such a string of chance. And: among the ways we observe Purim is with costumes. We "present" as "other" than what and who we are. And we wear... masks.



But life, and Judaism are about...learning, sharing... revealing. It is what we dis"cover." It is about growth.

And so the calendar moves us... from the hidden, to the revealed. From Purim, to Pesach (Passover.)

What, then, are some of the customs of Passover? We tell our tale, and share our story. We acknowledge who we are, we admit it. We mark our homes. We uncover the matza of our lives. And... we open a door.

That door. It is not just to let in Elijah. It is also to open up our homes, and our very selves.

Purim, to Pesach. Secrets will come out. That which is hidden will be revealed. We come to know ourselves, and be seen by others. An accident of chance becomes an identity of choice. And we... in our Jewish journeys, we invariably make our mark. We leave, in our lives, footprints in the sand.



# Purim 2020/5780

at The Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas

The St Thomas Synagogue, 2116 Crystal Gade, St Thomas (Synagogue Hill)



## Sunday, March 8, 2020

### MAGICAL MEGILLAN TOUR: THE BEATLES PURIM SPIEL

#### The Magical Megillah Tour:

Purim Service and Schpiel -  
The Story Retold With Music of  
The Beatles, Sanctuary, 10 AM

Includes classic hits such as:

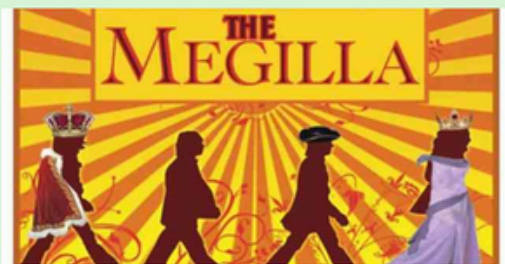
All the Jewish People (Eleanor Rigby)

Vashti Says Goodbye to Diamonds!

(Lucy In the Sky with Diamonds)

Esther's Day (Yesterday) and, of course,

"Hey, Jew!" (Hey, Jude!)



**Costume Parade for Tots and all other ages,  
with songs and sweets and games and goodies**

Lilienfeld House, after the Service/Shpiel, 11:00 AM (approximately)

followed by

**Carnival Magic: Entertainment for All Ages  
Magic Show, Balloons, Comedy and Cookies**

with Jungle Josh Weinstein,  
also at Lilienfeld Community House



## Monday, March 9, 2020

### Erev Purim (The Evening of Purim)

at the home of Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Julie Novick  
7730 Misgunst (across from "The Mafolie Church")

Pizza Dinner and Hamentashen Baking, 5:30 PM

Songs, Sweets and A Taste of Purim, 7:00 PM



## Ongoing Adult Learning Series:

Shalom Hartman Institute and  
Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas are proud to present:



Cutting edge conversations in the Jewish world;  
of interest to the general public as well.

## Together & Apart:

**What does it mean to be Jewish? Stateless for centuries, have we now found our place?**  
**What does it mean to be at home? Where is that home for us?**

Explore the puzzle of peoplehood, and the complexity of identity:

Who are we? Do you have to *do* anything to be a Jew? What does it mean to belong?

Examine contemporary challenges: nationalism, antisemitism,  
dual-loyalty and identity politics—and find new ways to face the future.

The Shalom Hartman Institute teaching method features short video presentations by some of the most creative thinkers in the Jewish world, personal grappling with traditional texts and other sources, and a dialog-based exploration of key topics and themes.

To participate in a Hartman iEngage course is an extraordinary experience.

Please join us as we bring  
the Shalom Hartman Institute tradition  
to St Thomas for the first time.

**Tuesday Evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM**

**March 3, 10, 17 and 31**

**April 14, 21 and 28**

**May 5, 12 and 26**

**Cost: Free (through subsidy from the Reform movement)**

**Suggested Donation: \$36 to cover drinks and snacks**

**Joining this ongoing series is still possible.**

**Meeting place will vary so registration is necessary.**

**Contact [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi) or 340-774-4312**



**Make every session, or come when you can!**

Central Themes include: The Meaning of Being at Home  
Universalism and Particularism, Nationalism and Fascism  
The Accusation of Disloyalty, Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism,  
The Moral Implications of Jewish Nationalism  
and Taking Responsibility for Tomorrow.





## Central Themes and Overall Outline

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM

### Unit 6: The Moral Implications of Jewish Nationalism

March 10, 2020

This unit continues the exploration of nationalism with a focus on the moral consequences of nationalism. What can constitute moral foundations for nationalism in general and Jewish nationalism in particular?

### Unit 7: The Israeli Nation-State Law

March 17, 2020

Much of the recent debate around Israeli nationalism has focused on the Nation-State Law. This session explores two differing perspectives on the law: one denouncing its moral failings and one embracing its significance for the future of Israel as a Jewish democratic state.

### Unit 8: Antisemitism as a Divisive Force

March 31, 2020

This unit explores the challenges to Jewish peoplehood posed by the internal debate around anti-Semitism. The goal of this session is to understand the causes and underpinnings of a new reality in which anti-Semitism, for the first time, has become a dividing force rather than a unifying force for the Jewish people.

### Unit 9: Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism

April 14, 2020

This unit delves more deeply into the meaning and definition of anti-Semitism and the relationship between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. We will analyze the differences between the manifestations of anti-Semitism from the far-Left to the far-Right and examine how a commitment to Jewish peoplehood impacts our discourse on this issue.

### Unit 10: The Accusation and Dilemma of Dual Loyalties

April 21, 2020

This unit explores the notion of dual loyalty and its impact on peoplehood. Does a commitment to Jewish peoplehood demand dual loyalty, and does that connote conflict? Can Israel and World Jewry maintain a sense of togetherness while fully aware of the loyalty demands of a people, each in their own distinct home?

### Unit 11: "What's Good for the Jews?" Identity Politics in North America

April 28, 2020

This unit explores the ways in which the current discourse around identity politics poses new challenges to Jewish peoplehood and a relationship with Israel. We will study the divergent historical strategies within the American Jewish community to advocate for Jewish interests to understand how these different strategies relate to debates today within the American Jewish community and between Israel and American Jewry.

### Unit 12: From Family to Consumer

May 5, 2020

This unit introduces five categories which shape the narrative of Jewish peoplehood: 1) family; 2) shared believers; 3) partners; 4) investors; 5) consumers. It then focuses on the categories of family and consumer and how a synergy between the two can strengthen the relationship between Israel and North American Jewry.

### Unit 13: Shared Believers, Partners, and Investors

May 12, 2020

This session focuses on the other models within our matrix which shape and define the nature of Jewish Peoplehood and the relationship between Israel and World Jewry: Shared Believers, Partners, and Investors. We will explore these categories to see if they can be helpful foundations for Jewish collective life today.

### Unit 14: At-Homeness

May 26, 2020

The Jewish people throughout history have always struggled with the tension of being "Together and Apart." However, the dual reality of at-homeness in North American and Israel poses new challenges to our sense of togetherness today. This concluding session reflects on both the Israeli and North American perspectives on how the Jewish people can envision and take responsibility for a future together.



# Passover 2020

at The Hebrew Congregation  
of St Thomas

## Community Seder for the First Night of Pesach

Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
Lilienfeld Community House,  
beginning at 6:00 PM

*Join us for  
a very special evening,  
with amazing food,  
a spirited Seder,  
and great company.*

Led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and  
Student Cantor Ella Gladstone-Martin

\$36 for members/children under 12: free  
\$54 for visitors/children under 12: \$18  
Please RSVP by Thursday, April 2  
to 340-774-4312 or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi)

### **Clergy Cook-Off:**

### **Matza Brei Like You've Never Had!**

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Lilienfeld House, 8:30 AM, followed by

### **Pesach Festival Morning Services**

Thursday, April 9, 2020,

Sanctuary, 10:00 AM

### **Surf N' Seder**

### **Our Annual Passover Experience at Magens Bay Beach**

Saturday, April 11, 2020, 11 AM

Details about Surf N'Seder and  
Services for the Seventh Day of Pesach,  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020,  
coming soon.





## Two Flags Fly: Statement on Loyalty, Patriotism and American Jewish Identity

Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach

In most North American synagogues I have served or seen, two flags fly in the Sanctuary. One is an American flag (or, north of the border, a Canadian one). The other was designed to evoke longing and resemble a tallit. It is the Israeli flag.

Vexillologists can tell you more about the symbols in each of these pieces of cloth. For now, I am interested in the fact that both are present, and that this poses no conflict or dilemma for me at all.

Obviously, though, this remains an issue for some people. Old games from 40 years ago (“so, which are you first, an American or a Jew?”) imply a zero sum game or a binary choice, and invented quandaries (“so, if Israel and the United States go to war with each other...”) are still out there.

Recently, the question of balance came up again. Do we -- i -- simply speak about Israel “too much?” Is it all I really care about?

I am hardly the only rabbi, nor the only progressive one, who has encountered this reaction. Or the claim that speaking about Israel is “political, not spiritual.”

My first response was a bit defensive. As if it is not a deeply spiritual and “Jewish” issue to explore the core question of what it means for Jews, after two thousand years of exile and homelessness, to once again be at the helm of a sovereign state. Or as if the emergence of an authentic and newly “thick” Israeli culture is not a deep and new wellspring of spiritual nourishment for Jews all around the world, whatever additional Jewish and general culture we may live in. (What makes a culture and experience “thick” or “thin” is for another time.)



But this claim that Israel is “too” important to some of us deserves attention. Frankly, I thought that such discussions had run their course decades ago. But they are, obviously, still active in some places. And just because I had these conversations repeatedly as a teenager does not mean that others did. So perhaps a clarification is in order. And it may be time to put forward in a straightforward way assumptions I had simply taken for granted. That which is commonplace and shared in some communities may be unexamined, even alien, in others.

These are beliefs I hold deeply but which, ultimately, I cannot “prove.” There are no words which can convince those who do not feel this way how powerful this can be. This is subjective and personal – although, look. I also do believe that this represents an authentic expression of Jewish communal values. And it is a consensus opinion in large parts of the Jewish world.

This is still true even though the reality of modern Israel is not making this any easier these days. The continued power of an inward-looking populist nationalism in Israel, and a view of Judaism there which flies in the face of many deeply held American and Jewish values of dignity, decency and democracy... yes, that makes these beliefs harder to hold on to.

Discomfort, then, may prompt many to distance themselves or lose interest in Israel. That may be an explanation. But that is hardly a justified excuse for disengagement. Especially given the level of... discord... about core questions of morality and identity in our own country at the moment.

And, despite distaste one might have for the current reality....remember... Remember that the anthem is called *HaTikva*, “the hope.” It is, perhaps, the 614th commandment: A Jews must never give up hope.

So I do still hold on to this, with hope, even as I fear red lines beginning to form on a distant shore.

### **1. I believe that one cannot fully understand Jewish history, destiny or identity without an active connection with Israel.**

The other day I mistakenly said that one *has* to visit there. While I believe going to Israel is deeply important, there are *many* factors which make this challenging, including timing, cost and competing priorities. It would be elitist as well as counterproductive to insist or assert - that all Jews *must* spend real time there

No, a “connection” can be from afar. It includes concern, knowledge and engagement. It involves being open to what Israel can offer to us, and how the reality of a new Jewish majority society can have an impact on our lives. Being there facilitates this; it makes it easier. But I misspoke, when I implied that it was required.

### **2. While I believe a relationship with Israel is an essential part of Jewish identity, I do not believe that it is all of it.**

Community, spirituality, text, Torah, study, celebration, building up our local Jewish life – these are pillars of equivalent importance. And if you pushed me to say what I thought the single most important element is, yes, I would say the unity of the universe and *Tikkun Olam*, the work we do to heal the universe, and make the world a better place. At its best, though, a “connection” to Israel strengthens, and deepens all of our local Jewish lives.

In this regard it is also worth noting that this is a two-way street. As many have observed, North American Jewry is not just here to learn from Israel. For the pluralistic, open, inclusive Jewish communities being built by Jews of many different streams and “flavors” in North America, we have a very great deal to offer, and to teach, Israelis about Judaism and Jewish life as well.



3. Finally, the single most controversial position I hold is, perhaps, this: given our history, given what has happened to us even in the recent past, given the closed borders even here, and given that there are dozens of countries in the world with a “special relationship” between a church and the state, and dozens more between Islam and the state, **I believe – I really do – that actual anti-Zionism is antisemitism.**

This is not being against a particular *policy* of Israel. It is opposition to the *polity* of Israel. I am opposed – often fiercely – to many policies of the state. No, anti-Zionism is not about criticism to improve the country, it is opposition to its existence, to the very concept it represents.

Please note that I view Israel as a state for the Jewish people in our communal and ethnic-national identity, as distinct from Judaism as an expression of religious entity. That would be a theocracy, and I would oppose it.

Nevertheless, to believe that there is no room in this world for one state with a special relationship with Jews and Judaism - unless you are actively involved in opposing all national borders, and unless you are very vocal in also calling for the abolition of Iran and Saudi Arabia... that is...well, it is anti-Jewish. It is, simply, in my view, anti-Semitic.

My American values are deeply important to me, and shape who I am, and how I see the world. I see Israel through the eyes of an American Jew.

But. I also believe that we are called to let ourselves be touched, shaped, and moved by the story that is Israel. That the melody from a distant land can yet and should play on the strings of our heart.

Two flags fly in our Sanctuary. Even with all the tension and nuance and complexity of that, these flags, each of them, speak to each other. Two flags fly.



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## March Birthdays

Jada Rose Chase	March 8
Maya Dawn Chase	March 8
Lindsey Eilon	March 9
Eva Cooper	March 18
Leigh Goldman	March 25
Bonnie Hammerschlag	March 26
Anna Paiewonsky	March 26
Samuel Steinberg	March 28

## March Anniversaries

Abe and Wendy Tarapani	March 23
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A complete  
recovery to:



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## **Week of March 1-12**

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## **Week of March 13-19**

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## **Week of March 20-31**

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## **Week of March 1-12**

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## **Week of March 13-19**

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## **Week of March 20-31**

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