The story of Purim with its theme of plots against God’s people brings to mind the Holocaust. Many people feel that history is history and now we should just forget. We believe that forgetting is tantamount to providing an opportunity for the repeat of history. For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm. Ephesians 6:12

Pray for Shalom in Jerusalem

Shabbat, day of holiness and rest observed by Jews from sunset on Friday to nightfall of the following day. The day follows the biblical story of creation: “And there was evening, and there was morning, one day” (Genesis 1:5). Weekly observance begins with candle lighting Friday evening before sunset & ends Saturday at nightfall. In Jewish homes the woman of the house lights white Sabbath candles before sunset on Friday evening and pronounces a benediction. The Sabbath meal that follows is preceded by the Kiddush (blessing of sanctuary) on which Purim is celebrated in Jerusalem.

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