Remembering Amaleik

All Jews, both men and women, must fulfill the commandment to remember what *Amaleik* did to the Israelites. The paragraph about that episode, called Parashat *Zachor* (found in Parashat Ki Teitzei: *Deuteronomy*/*Devarim* 25:17-19) is read on the *Shabbat* morning before *Purim* as a law established by *Chazal* (*takana*). The commandment is fulfilled whenever that episode in the *Torah* is read, even privately and at home, but there is special value in hearing it read in a *synagogue* on that *Shabbat* preceding *Purim*.

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