

PURIM 5713 (1953)

TIMELINE OF STALIN'S DEMISE

Night Going Into Purim

8 PM Sat Feb 28 (New York)
4 AM Sun Mar 1 (Moscow)

After a night of heavy drinking, Stalin goes to bed with strict orders given not to be disturbed until he wakes up on his own.



Day of Purim

3 PM Sun Mar 1 (New York)
11 PM Sun Mar 1 (Moscow)

After hearing no sounds coming from Stalin's room, the housekeeper finally enters to find him collapsed on the floor.



Night Following Purim

9 PM Sun Mar 1 (New York)
5 AM Mon Mar 2 (Moscow)

The Rebbe's Purim Farbrengen begins at 770 Eastern Parkway.



11 PM Sun Mar 1 (New York)
7 AM Mon Mar 2 (Moscow)

After a delay, doctors are called to treat Stalin who remains unresponsive.



4 AM Mon Mar 2 (New York)
12 PM Mon Mar 2 (Moscow)

The Rebbe tells the "hoorah" story followed by the second discourse of the farbrengen.



Three Days After Purim

12 AM Wed Mar 4 (New York)
8 AM Wed Mar 4 (Moscow)

Soviet news announces that Stalin is unconscious. News reaches President Eisenhower's staff within the hour.



Four Days After Purim

2 PM Thu Mar 5 (New York)
10 PM Thu Mar 5 (Moscow)

Doctors pronounce Stalin dead.



Five Days After Purim

8 PM Thu Mar 5 (New York)
4 AM Fri Mar 6 (Moscow)

Soviet news announces Stalin's death domestically while preventing foreign correspondents from reporting abroad for several more hours. The first American to intercept the encoded message is Air Force Staff Sgt. John R. Cash.



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