

Beit Rayim
Triennial Reading
Genesis 49:27 – 50:26
(Etz Hayim, p. 305)

Haftarah
1 Kings 2:1 - 12
(Etz Hayim, p. 312)

Candle Lighting
4:25 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, December 21
Services at Viva
5:00 p.m.

Shabbat Services
Saturday, December 22
9:00 a.m. (GCC)

Havdalah
after 5:33 p.m.

Sunday Minyan
Sunday, December 23
Resumes
Sunday, January 13, 2019

Rabbi

Joshua Corber

Cantor Emeritus

Eli Bard

Cantorial Soloist

Jaclyn Cepler-Klimitz

Founding Rabbi

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December 21 – 22, 2018
13 – 14 Tevet 5779

Parshat Va-y'hi
פרשת ויחי

Welcome to Beit Rayim

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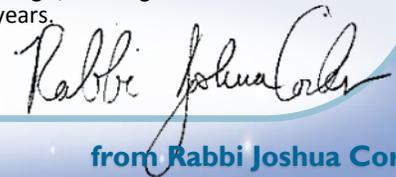
Rabbi's Spotlight

Last week, I wrote about the similarity between the Talmud and single-malt whiskey; both being composed of many layers and textures, full of richness and complexity. Both require a discerning *palette* to appreciate their three-dimensionality. In the course of this teaching, I touched on another similarity: that between Talmud and the Internet. The many layers of the Talmud, in particular those of the medieval scholars Rashi (1040-1105, Provence) and the Tosafits (12-13th centuries, Germania) create “links” to multiple other sources: scripture, *mishnayot*, *midrashot*, and between various sections and tractates of the Talmud itself. What arose from these links is something academics now call *intertextuality*, a state of relationality or entanglement between two texts; one text influences the interpretation of the other and vice versa.

Hyper-texting occurs at the earliest layers of the Talmud but becomes increasingly prolific in the late medieval or Renaissance period. With the advent of the printing press, the Talmud became widely published with commentaries in the margins in the fashion to which we are accustomed. Also widely published were the halakhic codes that developed from the latter layers of commentary. One shortcoming of the codes was that, by and large, they do not cite their sources in the Talmud. Eventually, one scholar by the name of Rabbi Yehoshua Boaz ben Shimon Barukh (d. 1557, Italy) created a gloss which cross-referenced every law stated in the Talmud to its corresponding location in three major codes of his time: the *Shulkhan Arukh*, the *Mishnah Torah*, and *Sefer Mitzot HaGadol*. This colossal project extended the Talmudic internet far beyond its borders. With the typical books found in a *Beit Midrash* or a *Yeshivah* one can “surf” the Torah by following links from one text to another and back.

The Torah is called a Tree of Life because it is alive; it is every growing and expanding with each generation adding its own commentaries and elements. It is also interconnected, the way all the leaves on the tree are connected through their branches and boughs. The internet is also similar to a tree, having pages that branch out from a main page. In terms of the internal structures and patterns the Talmud can be thought of as the world's first internet. Then again, following that logic, the original structure is laid out in a tree which predated humanity by millions of years.

Shabbat Shalom,



from Rabbi Joshua Corber

HONOURS:

If you are receiving an honour/*aliyah*, please introduce yourself to the *Gabbai* at the door.



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רפואה שלמה / We wish a *Refuah Shleimah*, a complete and speedy recovery:

Yita Rochel bat Feiga
Mordechai ben Shoshana
Shmuel ben Reizel
Yerachmeel Pinchas ben Tzipora
Yeched bat Sura
Arlene Sivakoff
Yaacov Leib ben Chana
Mitchell Thomas Weyrauch
Eliahu ben Luba - Eli Bard
Shalamas Chaya bat Golda

Chaya bat Tupsha - Charlotte Grad
Daniel Mordechai ben Tzila
Esther bat Miriam
Susan Dick-Goodman
Chaim ben Chavka
Shoshanah bat Fraida Rochel
Avraham-Leib ben Edel Faigie
Eda bat Etl
David ben Esther

To add a name to this list, please call the shul office or email admin@beitrayim.org

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Stephen & Janice Cohen in memory of her father, Joseph Sipper z"l
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Shelley & Jody Isenberg in memory of her mother, Evelyn Gardner z"l and grandmother, Anne Gardner z"l
Philip & Robin Perlmutter in memory of his father, Gordon Perlmutter z"l
Stephen & Tami Sher in honour of their son's engagement
Peter & Gilda Spitz in memory of Gilda's father, Sam Schein z"l
David Goodbaum & Candace Vogel in memory of David's father, Julie Goodbaum z"l

Announcements

Mazal tov to Rabbi Sol z"l and Elaine Tanenzapf on the recent marriage of Adina Tanen to Elan Stochel

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Mazal tov to Stephen & Tami Sher and Mark Peters & Riva Sorin-Peters on the engagement of their children, Garrett Sher and Arielle Peters

This week December 22 - 28, 2018 we remember the following *yahrzeits*:

Edith Auslander z"l, sister of Ted Benyovits
Joseph Adler z"l, father of Niki Rosenshein
Ester Bard z"l, wife of Eliahu Bard
Joseph Daides z"l, husband of Gloria Daides and father of John Daides
Miriam Friedman z"l, mother of Allan Friedman
Evelyn Gardner z"l, mother of Jody Isenberg
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Bert Silver z"l, father of Ruth Mandelman
Joseph Sipper z"l, father of Janice Cohen

תהא נשמתם צרורה בצרור החיים - *May their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life*

INVITES YOU TO TAKE PART IN OUR ANNUAL

Shabbat Shira

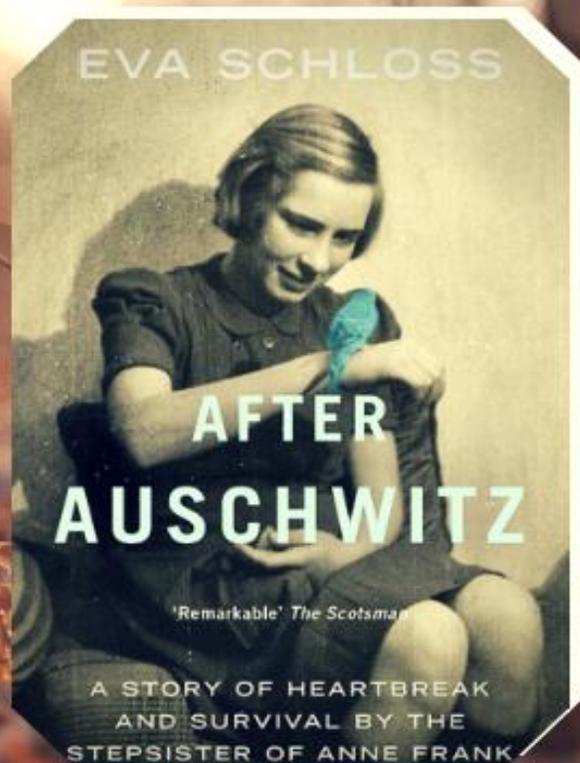
JANUARY 19, 2019

This year's presentation will be based on
After Auschwitz, by Eva Schloss

A story of heartbreak and survival by the step-sister of Anne Frank, Eva gives a searingly honest account of how an ordinary person survived the Holocaust.

This is also an exploration of what happened next, of Eva's struggle to live with herself after the war and to continue the work of her step-father Otto, ensuring that the legacy of Anne Frank is never forgotten.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICE, OR TAKE PART IN THE EVA SCHLOSS PRESENTATION, PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL AT BRHOOD@BEITRAYIM.ORG



BRHOOD

SAVE THE DATE

KABBALAT SHABBAT

WITH RABBI JOSHUA CORBER

January 11, 2019 • 5:45 PM

In the Goldhar Celebration Centre

BECOME A TORAH READER

On February 2nd, Beit Rayim will be holding a special *Shabbat* in honour of our beloved

Rabbi Chezi Zionce z"l.

If you are interested in reading Torah or *Haftorah* during this memorable *Shabbat*, please contact

Jaelyn Cepler-Klimitz at jaelyn.klimitz@gmail.com

Please do not engage in conversation in the kiddush area immediately outside our sanctuary. Any noise in this area disturbs the service. If necessary, please feel free to step out to the atrium.

Shabbat and Yom Tov Parking

Parking for Beit Rayim congregants is free on Shabbat and Yom Tov.

If you require assistance with your parking, please contact the information desk at the Schwartz Reisman Centre.



December Office Hours

Please note that our office will be closed **December 25th** through **January 1st**, inclusive.

In the event of a life or death emergency please call 416-420-9588

WORLD WIDE WRAP

We're in it for the tie!

BEIT RAYIM SYNAGOGUE & SCHOOL

Join Beit Rayim for our annual **World Wide Wrap**

Kids - bring your parents! Parents - bring your kids!

February 3, 9:15AM

in the Goldhar Celebration Centre

Breakfast to follow!

REMINDER

PLEASE PAY ANY OUTSTANDING BALANCE ON YOUR ACCOUNT BY **DECEMBER 28TH**

ONLY PAYMENTS MADE ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE ARE APPLICABLE TO YOUR TAX RECEIPT

NEW: PAY YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE

Log on to www.beitrayim.org and use the "My Billing" option under your account heading to view and pay your outstanding balance.

Please note, payments must be attributed to an already existing, open charge.

If you do not see the option on your account, please let the office know at admin@beitrayim.org

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BYTES

SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2019 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Beit Rayim's Alan Nusbaum will be holding a technological information seminar in March

Let Alan know what you'd like to learn: Phones, security systems, computers, operating systems, artificial intelligence, driverless cars, Internet bots, setting up a website, tv set top boxes—anything to do with technology!

Submit your questions to <https://tinyurl.com/y8cysnul>

