

Candle Lighting
7:24 p.m.

Mincha/Kabbalat
Shabbat

No services this week
due to seder

**Shabbat / Yom Tov
Services**
Saturday, March 31
9:00 a.m.(GCC)

Annual Torah Reading
Exodus 12:21-51
(*Etz Hayim, p.385*)

**Second Scroll
Maftir**

Numbers 28:16-25
(*Etz Hayim, p.931*)

Haftarah

Joshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 6:27
(*Etz Hayim, p.1300*)

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Havdalah
after 8:34 p.m.
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**Sunday
April 1**

Pesach Day 2
9:00 a.m. (GCC)

Torah Reading
Leviticus 22:26-23:44
(*Etz Hayim p.723*)

**Second Scroll
Maftir**

Numbers 28:16-25
(*Etz Hayim p. 931*)

Haftarah

2 Kings 23:1-9, 21-25
(*Etz Hayim p. 1304*)

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March 30 - April 1, 2018
14—16Nisan 5778

Pesach

ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to Beit Rayim

“Chezi’s Chochma” by Rabbi Zionce

Shalom,

As we gather at the Pesach seder, we celebrate our exodus from Egypt and the receiving of our Freedom. But we also celebrate something else. In the words of the Torah: “*vayehi sham l’goy* - it is there that we became a nation”. Ever since that moment 3500 years ago, our people have experienced a saga of homelessness and suffering unlike that of any other people. But we have survived. We have persevered...because we had one another! And because of that, we had another one – the one G-d who has stood by us.



With full hearts, at this historic time in the lives of our people, let us echo the words of our prayer: “*Attah echud v’shimcha echad u’mi k’amcha Yisroel goi echad b’aretz* - G-d is one and G-d’s name is one, and who is like Your people Israel– one nation in the land”.

Chag Pesach Sameach and Shabbat Shalom,

Chezi Zionce

rabbi@beitrayim.org

P.S. 3000 years ago we were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt. Today we are slaves to our smartphones in Canada. Do you think a smartphone should be treated like bread and everyone at the seder should hide it for one night? Wouldn’t that be nice? Isn’t face-to-face better than Facebook?

HONOURS:

If you are receiving an honour/aliyah, please introduce yourself to the *Gabbai* at the door. Please arrive early to ensure a *minyan* for kaddish at the beginning of the service.



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Yita Rochel bat Feiga

Bunim ben Shaina Fruma

Mordechai ben Shoshana

Shmuel ben Reizel

Yerachmeel Pinchas ben Tzipora

Yeched bat Sura

Rifka Sarah bat Tziporah

Howard Snobel - *Svi ben Nahama*

Arlene Sivakoff

Eli Bard - *Eliahu ben Luba*

Shalomas Chaya bat Golda

Yisrael ben Nachamah

Yaacov Leib ben Chana

Charlotte Grad - *Chaya bat Tupsha*

Peter Gold - *Pinchas Leib ben Sara Rochel*

Daniel Mordechai ben Tzila

Esther bat Miriam

Susan Dick-Goodman

Sarah Tziporah bat Golda

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

תודה / The Congregation thanks the following families for donating to Beit Rayim:

Hilda Fisher in memory of her mother, Gertrude Cooper z"l

David Goodbaum & Candace Vogel in memory of David's mother, Esther Goodbaum z"l

Nellie Miller in memory of her mother, Anna (Entza) Libstug z"l

Ruben Sajnovetzky & Nurit Moguilevsky in memory of Nurit's grandmother, Esther Kutner z"l

Claire Horowitz in memory of Barry Horowitz z"l

Alan & Sharon Kaplan in memory of Sam Litwack z"l

Harold Lusthouse & Cheryl Green in memory of Sam Litwack z"l

Irv & Isabel Siegel in memory of Percy Krochmalnek z"l

Irv & Isabel Siegel in memory of Ruth Ben Zeev z"l

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David & Lorraine Bloom

Announcements

We extend our condolences to Paul Litwack and family on the passing of his father, Sam Litwack z"l

We extend our condolences to Anat Avitzur and family on the passing of her mother, Ruth Ben Zeev z"l

Mazal tov to Jack and Beatrice Bishansky on the engagement of their granddaughter Samara Liane to Urie Barak

This week March 31 - April 6, 2018 we remember the following yahrzeits:

Esther Goodbaum z"l, mother of David Goodbaum

Barry Horowitz z"l, father of Adam Horowitz

Sam Kalmanovitch z"l, father of Sylvia Wein

Yoel Swersky z"l, father of Helen Bricker

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

A Message from our Co-Presidents



As we prepare to sit down at our *sedar* tables, whether it be at our own home or right here at Beit Rayim, and re-tell the story of our journey from slavery to freedom and from darkness to light, let us take a moment to also reflect on our journey this past year at Beit Rayim and where our journey will take us in the year to come. How has this year been different from other years? And how will next year be better and different from this one?

This year we have seen a full calendar of adult programs, including the addition of a Lunch-and-Learn series, the continuation of our movie nights, day time programs, and several special themed events, that have all connected with and engaged our adult members. Our adult programs continue through the end of June so please stay connected and stay informed.

This year we have also seen new and exciting youth and young family programs, events and activities that have sold out in what seems like a few minutes. You can see for yourself how our young members enjoyed these programs by visiting our photo galleries on our website or following us on Facebook.

This year we took steps to secure our future, we have engaged new board members and we actively recruited new volunteers. We invested in our professional staff and have committed to improving the support and service for our members.

This year we have seen more of our members out at programs. This year we have seen more members take part in services. This year we have seen more members actively be part of our *kehillah*. This year we have seen more smiles, heard more laughter, and truly experienced the strength and support that comes from being a member at Beit Rayim. How will next year be better and different?

Our story, which started more than 40 years ago, with a few families who had a dream of a synagogue in Richmond Hill, is now preparing for a new chapter and our journey continues... together. Let us know how next year will be better and different for you. How are you going to make this next chapter in our history the one that will be remembered?

From our families to yours, *Chag Sameach*,
Lawrence Janit and Bryan Gerson


יִזְכּוֹר
Yizkor

Join us
April 7

During Shabbat
morning services

9 a.m. GCC

Israel Day Festival


Volunteers Needed

Sunday, June 3rd 10 a.m - 5 p.m
We need 3 volunteers for a 2 hour shift
to help at our booth at the
Na'amat Israel Day Festival.
If interested please contact Avivit at
905-303-5471 x3721 or
avivit@beitrayim.org

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.

What it meant to our family to host a ShinShin...

By Lorraine Bloom

We were first asked several years earlier to host a ShinShin, and then many times since. Each time, not knowing very much about the program, we respectfully declined. We thought that with 3 active kids and their very busy schedule, our home was too hectic and could not possibly accommodate an additional person into the fold.

How wrong we were!

In November 2014, we hosted Noam, an outgoing, enthusiastic and spirited young woman from Jerusalem. From the very start she enriched all our lives, and she continues to do so even today!

We decided to become a Host Family because we wanted to provide one of these amazing kids with a safe space, a home-away-from-home, a place where they could relax and hang out with a warm Canadian family. What we got in return was so much more.

Noam brought a bit of Israeli culture into our home and into our hearts. She has become part of our family and has impacted our lives way beyond our expectations. We feel so much more connected with our Toronto Jewish community, with our Israeli heritage and with Noam. Our lives were enriched with her living in our home, and we are so grateful that we had that opportunity!

Today, I am the Lay Leader for Beit Rayim, and as such, I have had the opportunity to get to know Roni and Shahar, our current ShinShinim, who are both outstanding young Israeli emissaries! They bring so much to our Shul community, and I am so grateful for the relationship that I have developed with them.

Thank you, **Israel Engagement** for bringing this phenomenal program to Toronto!

Please contact me if you'd like more information about hosting a Shinshin: Lorraine.bloom@sympatico.ca



Tikkun Olam is a fundamental Jewish concept and an essential element of our school curriculum. We are excited that this year, for the first time, Beit Rayim teens will be participating in J-Serve.

This is an opportunity to earn volunteer hours and lend a hand in important community initiatives.

