

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Winter Oneg Shabbat — January 18

During the winter season come and revel in these monthly get togethers. Enjoy spirits and snacks as new and old friends delight in the warmth of Shabbat eve. • 8:00PM  
At The Home of Michael and Stacy Goldstein • 1867 Camborne Cres.  
RSVPs appreciated to [stacy@cmhottawa.com](mailto:stacy@cmhottawa.com)

### Tu B'Shvat Super Shabbat — January 19

Family Tu B'Shvat Seder • 10:30 AM • Ages 3-9 Lower Social Hall •  
Parents & Grandparents Welcome!  
Interactive Pre-Teen & Teen Tu B'shvat Seder • 10:30 AM • Ages 10 - 14 • Beit Midrash  
Special Tu B'shvat Themed Sermon • 10:45 AM By Rabbi Idan Scher  
Cholent Cook-Off Championship • Feel The Heat!

### L'Chaim Women's Torah Learning with Shifra Scher — January 21

An engaging learning series for women of all Jewish backgrounds.  
Shabbat Shalom: The Depth & Meaning of the Friday night Laws and Customs

- Why do we light Shabbat candles, and why have they become a woman's mitzvah?
- What's "Shalom Aleichem" all about. Are we really inviting angels into our home?
- The meaning and evolution of prayer service of the mystics - Kabbalat Shabbat.

Date: Monday, January 21st, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Shifra Scher  
For more information or to RSVP contact Stacy Goldstein at [stacy@cmhottawa.com](mailto:stacy@cmhottawa.com)

### Machzikei Superbowl Party — February 3

Come out to watch the big game on the big screen with good friends and great food!  
Featuring an amazing football feast! • Menu includes Shillow beer tent, beef and chicken sliders, wraps, hot appetizers and a return of Justin's chili! • Doors Open 6:00 PM  
Kickoff 6:30 PM • Pre-Registration: \$25 • At the door: \$35 • Event Chair: Justin Levine

### Community Gourmet Shabbat Dinner with Lt. Col. Jordan Herzberg – February 8

Get the behind the scenes story of the Syrian and Palestinian peace negotiations.  
Friday Night Services: 5:10 PM • Dinner: 6:00 PM • RSVP by February 6  
Members - \$40 • Non-Members - \$45 • Students - \$20 • Kids 6-12 - \$15 • 5 & under - \$8  
Lieutenant Colonel Jordan Herzberg (IDF Reserves) has been active in diplomacy and political and security affairs in Israel for over 20 years. Serving as a track two diplomat for several Israeli Prime Ministers, Jordan participated in hundreds of hours of back channel negotiations with neighboring Arab heads of state. As a soldier in the elite Paratrooper Brigade, Jordan served in several different combat theatres, including extensive military service in Lebanon and the West Bank. Jordan currently serves as a commander in a combined infantry/armored division.



## CONGREGATION MACHZIKEI HADAS

2310 Virginia Drive, Ottawa ON  
Tel: (613) 521-9700  
[www.cmhottawa.com](http://www.cmhottawa.com)  
[facebook.com/cmhottawa](https://facebook.com/cmhottawa)

Rabbi Idan Scher, Rabbi  
Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, C.M, Rabbi Emeritus  
Cantor Emeritus Pinchas Levinson  
Chani Bregman, President

SEDRAH BO

6 SHEVAT 5779

JANUARY 12, 2019

# SHABBAT | ITON

Torah Thoughts, from *Sermonic Wit* by Rabbi Bulka

### **NOT ON YOUR OWN**

Reb Yitzhak of Vorke once asked an influential member of the community to intercede with a certain official who was causing difficulty for the Jewish community.

Although he had great respect for his Rabbi, he was hesitant to undertake the mission. He claimed that the official had an evil temper, and was therefore likely to cause great harm.

Reb Yitzhak responded to this fear with the following retort. God did not say to Mosheh Rabbenu—Go unto Pharaoh. Instead, God said—*Come unto Pharaoh* (Exodus, 10:1). Come, let us go together, God said to Mosheh, and I will be there with you.

### **LEARNING FROM PHARAOH**

The Kotzker Rebbe remarked that even from Pharaoh one may learn something.

Anyone else in Pharaoh's position would have crumbled after the first plague visitation. But Pharaoh absorbed ten heavy duty plagues, and refused to change his mind.

Such strength of principle!

## POINTS TO PONDER

Why does the Torah reading begin with God asking Mosheh to “bo” (come) to Pharaoh as opposed to the more appropriate terminology “lekh” (go) (p. 377, 10:1)?

Why does Mosheh refuse Pharaoh’s offer to allow everyone to go except for the sheep and flock (p. 382, 10:24-26)?

What is the purpose and justification of God’s request to Mosheh that the Israelites borrow gold and silver from their neighbours (p. 383, 11:2)?

What is the significance of the prohibition, forbidding the breaking of a bone of the Passover sacrifice (p. 398, 12:46)?

\*\*\*\*\*

## HAFTARAH

The Haftarah, taken from the book of Yirmiyahu, is in your Humashim on page 404.

It concerns the word of God to Yirmiyahu, about the fate of Egypt that awaits it at the hands of the King of Babylon.

The obvious connection with the fate of Egypt in the Torah reading is the relevance of this Haftarah.

The Haftarah ends with the optimistic promise to Israel, that it should fear not, that it will be saved from afar and will once again live in peace and quiet, a promise which is quite appropriate in our present turbulent times.

### Quote of the week:

*We will go with our young and with our old...*

## Schedule of Services

### Saturday, January 12

8:45 a.m.: Shaharit  
3:45 p.m.: Rabbi Bulka’s Class  
4:15 p.m.: Minhah  
5:24 p.m.: Shabbat Ends

### Sunday, January 13

8:30 a.m.: Shaharit  
4:35 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

### Monday to Thursday

6:45 a.m.: Shaharit  
4:35 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

### Friday, January 18

6:45 a.m.: Shaharit  
Lighting: before 4:30 p.m.  
4:40 p.m.: Minhah & Kabbalat Shabbat

### \*\*OUT OF OFFICE ALERT\*\*

Rabbi Scher is away from the office starting Jan 9-16. Rabbi Bulka is available for all shul matters in Rabbi Scher’s absence.

SUPPORT OUR  
SHUL USING  
FUNDSCRIP

SHOP AT  
WWW.FUNDSCRIP.COM

SUPPORT OUR  
SHUL USING  
THE  
Tribute Cards  
PROGRAM

SHOP AT  
www.cmhottawa.com/  
contribute/tributecards

## A Congregational

**Kiddush** will take place in the Social Hall following services.



### WEEKLY CLASSES

**Sunday Morning Talmud**  
7:45-8:30, with Rabbi Bulka

**Rose Kravetz Ladies Class in Jewish Ethics**  
Tuesday Morning, 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Bulka.

**\*\*Not this week \*\***

### YAHREZITS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 20

<b>6 Shevat– January 12</b> Benjamin Levine Guenter Krebs	Abraham Kooperstock Clara Hassan Eliezer Lipnowski Elke Osterer
<b>7 Shevat– January 13</b> Abraham Shapransky	Estelle Barkun-Yaffe Jack Ballon Marcelle Uzan Rose Wakter
<b>8 Shevat– January 14</b> Anna Pepper David Cohen Harry Applebaum Jack Hymes	<b>12 Shevat—January 18</b> Albert Schaefer Ernie Gross Leon Levit Rela Kopel
<b>9 Shevat—January 15</b> Eva Honigman Nellie Schlessinger	

**10 Shevat—January 16**  
Gordon Froman  
Jack Barrett  
Shalom Fathi  
**11 Shevat—January 17**