

Ma Nishma

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DECEMBER 31, 2022 / 5783, 7 טבת

PARASHAT VAYIGGASH

SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

Torah

Genesis 44:18 - 47:27 בראשית
Etz Hayim pg. 274

Haftarah

Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28 יחזקאל
Etz Hayim pg. 291

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm
Candlelighting (December 30) 4:31 pm
Shaharit 9:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:20 pm
Havdalah 5:32 pm
All services are In Person and LiveStreamed

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

Morning Services @ Adath Israel:

Sunday to Monday 8:30 am
Tuesday to Friday 7:30 am

Evening Services @ Beth Tikvah:

Sunday 4:45 pm
Monday to Thursday 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, January, 3
is the Fast of Asarah B'Tevet**

Seudah is co-sponsored by:

Harvey Bitterman

A Celebration of Mother Nature

Sunday, February 5 | 2:30 PM | FREE OF CHARGE!

In person and live on YouTube | Registration Required!

Musica Beth Tikvah is inviting you to a concert of Israeli songs and Rabbinic thought on the preservation of the environment.



Light of the Torah

"Meant to Be"

by Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

If you were ever wondering how to translate the Yiddish word *Bashert* into English, Parashat Vayiggash gives you a great explanation. We are at the final, third part of Joseph's drama. Here it finally all comes together. After Judah protests about the way the brothers are treated, Joseph reveals himself. "Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still well?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dumbfounded were they on account of him." (Gen 45:3)

First, Joseph inquires about his father but seeing that his brothers are totally shocked and scared, he comforts them. "Come forward to me." And when they came forward, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, he whom you sold into Egypt. Now, do not be distressed or reproach yourselves because you sold me hither; it was to save life that God sent me ahead of you." (Gen

45:4-5)

Joseph doesn't take vengeance on them. He doesn't blame them for what happened. Instead, he explains everything through the will of God. Have you ever looked back at a past event of your life that at the moment felt like a mistake or failure but later realized that it was just meant to be this way? This is *Bashert*. After all the turmoils and tragedies of Joseph's life, he realizes that it was all a part of a larger plan. At the time when the brothers sold Joseph to slavery, they could not predict that this traitorous act would save the family and countless lives of other people from the famine. But it turns out it was meant to be.

This poses a great philosophical question that is persistent through the entire plot of the Torah — if everything is planned by God, what is our role in these events? Do we really make an independent choice, or are we just playing our roles in the biggest drama that is called life? Can we be held

accountable for our decisions if our destiny was already decided upon? In other words, do we have free will?

It was revealed to Abraham that his descendants were going to become slaves in Egypt and that they were going to become free again. If that was already planned, can we say that the brothers made a mistake by selling Joseph to Egypt? Or that the wife of Potiphar is guilty of putting Joseph in jail? Or that Yaakov should have never favoured his son by giving him a colourful garment?

This is where the word *Bashert* comes in handy. We know intuitively that we have a choice and that we are held accountable for our deeds, but we can't explain the marvels of our lives. So we say *Bashert*, and one simple Yiddish word encompasses the deep wisdom of our heritage passed on to us through generations. We believe that life is meaningful and everything happens for a reason.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

ASK THE EXPERT

with Infectious Disease Specialist,
DR. ISAAC BOGOCH

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th AT 7:45 PM

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS:

A BTW PROJECT
COME VOLUNTEER:
January 16th at
11AM

A BETH TIKVAH WOMEN PROJECT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With sky-high food prices and the rising cost of rental accommodation, many people are finding it extremely challenging to keep a roof over their heads. We recognize that the number of people living on the street is growing in our city, so during the coming months we will be providing the non-profit organization, **Ve'ahavta**, with much needed sandwiches and baked goods.



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The
WANDERING
Chew

Sunday Morning MONTREAL BAGEL WORKSHOP with the Wandering Chew

Sunday, January 15, 2023
11:00 am on Zoom

Learn to make authentic Montreal bagels with **Kat Romanow of The Wandering Chew**, for the full Montreal experience. We all know that St-Viateur and Fairmount make the best bagels in Montréal but did you know that you can easily make them too?!

With some minimal pantry ingredients, Kat will be teaching you how to roll, boil, and bake a classic Montreal bagel. It's easier than you think!

Once you sign up you'll receive the list of the ingredients and pre-workshop instructions you'll need to cook along with Kat.



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BOARD GAME NIGHT AT BETH TIKVAH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30PM - 9:30PM

ICE CREAM SUNDAE HAVDALLAH

And feel free to come
at 7PM
for Havdallah
& Ice Cream Sundaes



Learn new
games or try
your strategies
on games you
know!
Join Daniel &
crew for more
fun with Board
Games!

No Cost



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ICE CREAM SUNDAE HAVDALLAH



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00PM - 9:00PM

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Join us for a beautiful Havdallah Service
and then...

- Build your own ice cream sundae!
- Play board games
- Be a part of something special!

REGISTER TODAY!

FREE!

We'll be joined by:

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UJA's ShinShinim



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE
CLASSI LECTURES
A DIVISION OF CLASSI LEARNING

Beth Tikvah Synagogue & Classi Lectures Present:

The Mystery of the Bodies in the Well with Dr. Selina Brace

Principal researcher in ancient DNA,
at The Natural History Museum in London

No charge

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 12:30 PM ON ZOOM

In 2004, excavators discovered the skeletons of 17 bodies found in a medieval well in Norwich, England. Who were these people and how did they die?

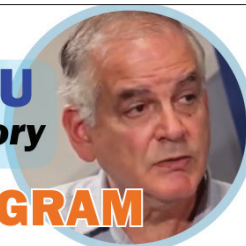
Join us to understand how Dr. Brace and her team were able to solve this historical cold case that has haunted researchers for close to 12 years and what it means for the Jewish community.



Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Israel Affairs Committee Presents:

IDDO NETANYAHU The Yoni Netanyahu Story

A TWO-PART PROGRAM



Part 1

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

AT 7:30 PM

(in-person or on Zoom)

Watch the film with us!

FOLLOW ME

THE YONI NETANYAHU STORY



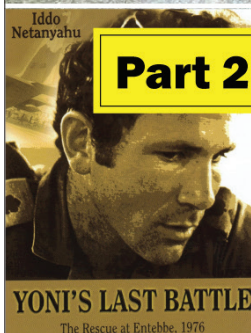
Part 2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

AT 11:00 AM

(on Zoom)

Our program continues with Iddo Netanyahu, live from Israel on Zoom to discuss the movie and his book *Yoni's Last Battle: The Rescue at Entebbe, 1976*



YONI'S LAST BATTLE

The Rescue at Entebbe, 1976



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Virtual LUNCH and LEARN

Winter Session

Join Evgenia Kempinski for a series of three lectures taking us for a virtual tour of Jewish Eastern Europe

**TUESDAYS ON ZOOM
at 12:30PM**

**COST:
\$18 for
3 sessions**

**JANUARY 31
EAST & SOUTH OF UKRAINE:
KHARKIV, MARIUPOL
& KHERSON JEWISH COMMUNITIES**

**FEBRUARY 7
THE JEWISH TOUR OF
CROATIA, DUBROVNIK,
SPLIT AND ZAGREB**

**FEBRUARY 14
PURIM IN EUROPEAN ART**



**EVGENIA
KEMPINSKI**



Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda
A World of Jewish Experience



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HEBREW READING CLASS LEVEL 2 with Mike Kinrys

ON ZOOM

No cost to participate!



TUESDAYS 7:30PM - 9:15PM

February 7, 14, 21, 28

March 14, 21

This course is designed to expand Hebrew comprehension skills.

It is targeted at those who can slowly read Hebrew and want to gain experience reading, singing and understanding some of the prayers we say on Shabbat morning.



YAHREZEITS

This week, we commemorate the yahrzeits of the following people

Friday, December 30

Herbert Chanock z"l, father of Glynis Jerusalem
Mollie Cleman z"l, mother of Goldie Ungar
Sandra Freedman z"l, sister of Helen Duclos
Louis Hahamovitch z"l, father of Charna Foxman
Ida Koven z"l, mother of Larry Koven
Gershon Mayman z"l, son of Shlomo & Marion Mayman
Robert Sharp z"l, step-father of Sasha Schaeffer
Moshe Tilayof z"l, father of BenZion Tilayof

Saturday, December 31

Miriam Grzeda z"l, mother of Maurice Grzeda
Joseph Kirshin z"l, father of Barry Kirshin
Edith Oretsky z"l, mother of Brenda Merrick
Saul Segal z"l, father of Carole Wolch
Martin Sheps z"l, brother of Pauline Sheps
Martin Sheps z"l, husband of Susan Sheps
Martin Sheps z"l, father of David Sheps

Sunday, January 1

Lotte Anthony z"l, mother of John Anthony
Zelik Brewda z"l, father of Joseph Brewda
Esther Haber z"l, mother of Harvey Haber
Lily Rosen z"l, mother of Sarah Grill

Monday, January 2

Esther Greenberg z"l, sister of Isaac Silverstein
Gertrude Mandell z"l, mother of Andrea Koven
Arnold Schwartz z"l, father of Veronica Zarek
Judy Shulman z"l, mother of Matthew Shulman

Tuesday, January 3

Hyman Goodman z"l, father of Lorraine Dicker
Anne Marcus z"l, mother of Arnold Marcus
Joe Miller z"l, brother of Albert Miller
Rose Rabovsky z"l, mother of Stanley Rabovsky
Betty Stern z"l, mother of Norman Stern

Wednesday, January 4

Grete Golombek z"l, mother of John Colomby
Jules Klagsbrun z"l, husband of Sylvia Klagsbrun
Ben Merson z"l, father of Doreen Levine

Thursday, January 5

Harry Chippin z"l, father of Arthur Chippin
Ernst Fettner z"l, brother of Liesa Collier
Louise Ghaltchi z"l, mother of Helen Rouhi
Tanny Globe z"l, father of Trudy Broude
Ernie Goodman z"l, husband of Hilda Goodman
Harry Kay z"l, father of Dr. Melvyn Kay
Nathan Lipkus z"l, father of Lorne Lipkus
Morris Sylver z"l, father of Allan Sylver

Friday, January 6

Jacob Bigel z"l, father of Dwora Pilc
Abe Bowman z"l, father of Michael Bowman
Israel Fruitman z"l, father of Harvey Fruitman
Abraham Grill z"l, father of Norman Grill
Frank Hoffenberg z"l, father of Joyce Harris
Peter Levine z"l, brother of Hannah Bellack
Michael Nurgitz z"l, brother of Daniel Nurgitz
Max Sieber z"l, husband of Helen Sieber

BETH TIKVAH ARCHIVES

We are looking for volunteers to put together a Committee to create the Beth Tikvah Archives.
Contact Rivka: rivka@bethtikvahtoronto.org



The Administrative Office
will be closed:
January 2, 2023

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Assistant Rabbi: Alisa Zilbershtein
Hazzan: Tibor Kovari
Ritual Director: Irv Kirshenblat
Executive Director: Rivka Campbell
President: Barbara Albert

TO HONOUR THE SANCTITY OF THE SYNAGOGUE
We ask that everyone coming up to the bimah cover their head and shoulders and be dressed respectfully. We do not permit smoking, photography, writing, use of beepers, cell phones or other wireless equipment in the synagogue throughout Shabbat and Yom Tov. At any time in the service when the congregation is standing in prayer, please refrain from moving about. Applause is not appropriate at any time during the service.

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Thurs. Jan. 5 • Restorative Yoga and Meditation Therapy with Orli Ziv (on Zoom) 10:00AM

A portion of funds raised at Bingo World Richmond Hill helps to support programs at Beth Tikvah Synagogue

