





JULY 23, 2022 / 5782 בממוז, 24 SHABBAT MEVAREKHIM HAHODESH PARASHAT PINEHAS

SHABBAT TORAH READINGS	SHABBAT SCHED	ULE	WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES	
Torah Numbers 25:10 - 30:1 במדבר Etz <u>H</u> ayim pg. 918	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Candlelighting (July 22) Sha <u>h</u> arit	6:00 pm 8:34 pm 9:00 am	Morning Services @ Ada Sunday Monday to Friday	th Israel: 8:30 am 7:30 am
Haftarah Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3 ירמיהו Etz <u>H</u> ayim pg. 938	Min <u>h</u> a & Ma'ariv Havdalah <i>All services are In Person and</i>	8:25 pm 9:33 pm <i>LiveStreamed</i>	Evening Services @ Beth Sunday to Thursday	Tikvah: 7:30 pm
Torah Study	Tisha B'Av at Beth Tikvah:	August 6-7	Rosh <u>H</u> odesh Av is on Fri	day, July 29th
	Volunteers Wanted: Those who c should contact Irv Kirshenblat: ir			
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Passion for God

by Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

This weekly portion opens with a story that might cause discomfort to a modern-day reader. Pinhas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron, gets rewarded for killing two people — Cozbi, daughter of the Midianite chieftain and Zimri, son of a chieftain of Shimon's ancestral house.

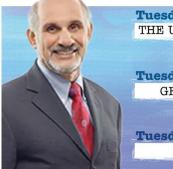
After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the Israelites reached the border of the land of Midyan. This led to interactions between the people, and some Israelites were "seduced" by the religious beliefs of Midianites. In the TaNaKh, spiritual faithfulness to God is often metaphorically described as the fidelity of a married couple; and forbidden relationships are associated with idol-worshipping. That is why Pinhas killed Cozbi and Zimri; not for their love affair but because it would lead to going astray from the Kadosh Baruh Hu.

Still, what Pinhas did was murder, and whatever reasons he had, the killing of two unarmed people is not something we can take as an example to follow. God says in the Torah that Pinhas "has turned back My wrath from the Israelites by displaying among them his passion for Me" (Num. 25:11). Nowadays, such religious zealotry is rightfully seen as religious fanaticism and extremism. This is not a behaviour we would want our children to emulate. Fortunately, our sages of blessed memory noticed that too.

Rabbi Elazar, son of the great tanna Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, teaches us that the Torah contains a number of rebukes and punishments that we should take seriously, but "The Holy One, blessed be He, has no greater joy other than with one who engages in Torah". It is more pleasing for God when we express our passion for Him by finding time to study the Torah rather than our destructive behaviour, and that is how God will grant us His pact of friendship (Num 25:12).

PROGRAMMING AT BT





Tuesday, July 19 at 10:00 am THE USSC ABORTION DECISION

Tuesday, July 26 at 10:00 am GENOCIDE IN UKRAINE

Tuesday, August 9 at 10:00 am GEOARCHAEOLOGY

Eric Gertner is a retired lawyer who was the Director of Research for McCarthy Tetrault for almost 30 years. He is a co-founder of The Supreme Court Law Review, the editor of a number of legal texts and author of numerous legal articles.



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NEXT WALK: THURSDAY, JULY 28TH @ 1:30PM

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SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, September 15th, 2022 THE BACK TO SHUL BARBECUE at Beth Tikvah Synagogue BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

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Yizkor Book Forms



The annual Beth Tikvah Yizkor book is a beautiful way to commemorate our departed family members and give Tzedakah in their memory. Add your loved one's name by filling out the form on our website.

Visit the Beth Tikvah website home page for more details: www.bethtikvahtoronto.org

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We have started putting together our annual Beth Tikvah Calendar so now is the time to get your family greeting or

business ad in! Visit the Beth Tikvah website home page for more details: www.bethtikvahtoronto.org



YAHRZEITS

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

Friday, July 22

Shirley Bar-el, Adela Sheila Birenbaum, Corinne Hammerschlag, Ellen Rosenthal, Irving Storfer, Simon Talsky, Aaron Wolkoff

Saturday, July 23

Earl Biderman, Roslyn Martz, Cynthia Menashy, Sydney Menashy, Coreen Robinson, Sandra Stern

Sunday, July 24

Barbara Albert, Ralph Cohen, Norman Kelman, Judith Rosen, Donald Sklar

Monday, July 25 Beth Kader, Sandy Kahn, Batia Lazarciuc, Tammy Lindover, Coreen Robinson

Tuesday, July 26 Emile Aufgang, Misha Lazarciuc, Morty Mamelak, David Martin

Wednesday, July 27 Marilyn Herman, Barbara Prince, Lil Stork, Tom Yarmon

Thursday, July 28 Jerry Cooper

Friday, July 29 Deanna Cohen, Sydney Klug, Zelda Safer



THIS WEEK AT BETH TIKVAH

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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.

=	UPCOMING EVENTS						
	Tues.	July 26	• Straight from the Headlines with Eric Gertner	10:00 AM			
	Wed.	July 27	• Learn with Bracha Feder (Zoom)	1:00 PM			
	Thurs.	July 28	• Outdoor Yoga & Meditation with Orli Ziv	10:00 AM			
	Thurs.	July 28	• Walk with Beth Tikvah (Bestview Park)	1:30 PM			

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