



Ma Nishma

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PARASHAT VAYERA

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SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

Torah

Genesis 18:1 - 22:24 בראשית
Etz Hayim pg. 99

Haftarah

2 Kings 4:1 - 4:37 מלכים ב'
Etz Hayim pg. 124

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm
Candlelighting (November 11) 4:38 pm
Shaharit 9:00 am
Shabbat Kids Club 10:00 am
Minha/Ma'ariv 4:30 pm
Havdalah 5:37 pm

All services are In Person and LiveStreamed

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

Morning Services @ Adath Israel:

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

Evening Services @ Beth Tikvah:

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

Mazel Tov to

Rabbi Jarrod & Carmela Grover on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter **Renee**. Grandparents are **Richard Grover** and **Joan & Larry Lieberman**. (*Kabbalat Shabbat*)

Yael Baruch & Ron Basch and **Evan Lewis** on the Bar Mitzvah of **Jack Lewis**. Grandparents are **Karen & Amnon Baruch**, **Sharyn & Tony Lewis**. Great-grandmother is **Susan Baruch**. (*Shabbat Minha/Ma'ariv*)

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

The Grover Family in honour of **Renee's Bat Mitzvah**.

Seudah is co-sponsored by:

Yael Baruch & Ron Basch in honour of **Jack's Bar Mitzvah**.

Gayle & Jeffrey Jackson and Family in memory of **Shelley Jackson z"l**.

MINDFULNESS WITH JASON WEIR

Join Jason this Shabbat for a wonderful Mindfulness session!

SAVE THE DATE: HANUKKAH PALOOZA!

DECEMBER 18TH, 3-5PM

Special Musical Guest,
Mark Weinstock



Light of the Torah

The Name of a Stranger by Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

In parshat Vayera, Abraham shows us a famous example of what it means to be a welcoming host. When he is visited by three strangers he demonstrates amazing hospitality by welcoming them, offering them food and a place to rest.

But in the same parsha, Abraham does something else which shows a different side of his character. When Sarah saw Ishmael, the son of Hagar the Egyptian playing, she ordered Abraham to banish them both. She said to Abraham, "Cast out that slave-woman and her son, for the son of that slave shall not share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." (Gen 21:10) And Abraham agreed. Though he was distressed he did not stand up to defend Hagar and Ishmael.

All names are meaningful and symbolic in the Torah. Because the Torah is written without vowels, it is possible to pronounce the words in multiple ways. Our sages read the name Hagar as "ha-ger", the stranger. So instead of "Hagar

hamitzrit," Hagar the Egyptian, we read "Ha-ger hamitzrit," the stranger from Egypt. She is the first stranger in the Torah and she is not treated kindly. She wandered about in the wilderness until she lost her hope and realized that she and the child were going to die. Eventually Hagar and Ishmael are going to be saved by God but as Rabbi Jonathan Kligler notes, "This is more than an ancient family drama with an inscrutable deity making capricious demands. The treatment that Abraham and Sarah perpetrate upon Hagar the Egyptian and her son Ishmael sets into motion the events that will eventually lead the descendants of Abraham's other son, Isaac, to become strangers and slaves themselves in the land of Egypt." It will take many more years and generations to learn the hard lesson of what it means to be a slave and stranger like Hagar and what it means to truly "love a stranger as yourself". (Lev 19:34)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

Every Shabbat starting at 10AM

THE NEXT BIBI-ERA

Understanding
the Outcome and Implications
of the Recent Israeli Elections

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WITH RABBI IDAN RAKOVSKY
(special guest scholar of Judaism and Contemporary Israel)
interviewed by Rabbi Jarrod Grover



Tuesday Nov 15, 2022

7:15pm – 8:15pm

In person in the Kulanu Room and on Zoom

HOLY PLACE:

WHAT DOES JEWISH LAW
HAVE TO SAY
ABOUT THE HOLINESS
OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL?

with Rabbi Jarrod Grover



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IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM

MONDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:45AM - 11:00AM

LEARNING WITH BRACHA FEDER

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CONVERSATIONS
IN JEWISH HISTORY

WEDNESDAYS @ 1PM:

Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00PM on Zoom

THE MIRACLE AT FARLESLEBEN

with author Rona Arato



Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30PM on Zoom

Virtual

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LUNCH
and
LEARN

Fall
Session

Tuesday Nov 15th at 12PM on Zoom

JASON GUBERMAN-PFEFFER

Passport to Jewish History: An Interactive Tour of the
Diarna Geo-Museum

FREE MASTERCLASS: SHOWCASING YOURSELF IN YOUR GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



WITH DR. ADRIENNE SHNIER
Tuesday, November 22 at
8:00PM on Zoom

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

A SPECIAL SHABBAT TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The weekend is open to the entire congregation!

Friday, November 18
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:00 pm Friday Night Dinner (casual dress)

Saturday, November 19
9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Services
10:00 AM Youth & Young Families Programming
11:00 AM Quick Pick Shabbat (Choose Your Own Learning Path)
Noon - Kiddush (sponsorships are available)

Dinner Pricing:
\$36/adult
\$25/Youth 17 and under
Children 3 and under are free

Special Family Rate:
\$100
for 2 adults
and 2 children (3-17)

Please note that there will be assigned seating for Shabbat Dinner and members will be seated with new members!

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

BOARD GAME NIGHT AT BETH TIKVAH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
7:30PM - 9:30PM

Daniel & Yossi Nurgitz will be teaching the group how to play two light and fun strategic games: **Machi Koro** and **Century: Spice Road**. This is not Monopoly or Scrabble or playing cards! No modern board game experience is needed, just be prepared for a fun and social evening out in a casual atmosphere. Games will be provided.

Musica BETH TIKVAH PRESENTS:
GABI EPSTEIN
STARRING IN:
DON'T RAIN ON MY PARADE
AN EVENING OF JEWISH BROADWAY

Sunday, November 27 at 7:30PM

Love the Stranger
October 13 - November 28
Holy Blossom Temple

Refuge Canada
Tent | Tente

Wednesday, November 23, 2022
1:30pm - 2:30pm
Meet at Holy Blossom

JIAS TORONTO
Jewish-Immigrant Aid Services

Join Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein for a private tour of the **Refuge Canada Tent & Love the Stranger** exhibits at Holy Blossom Synagogue.

Refuge Canada Tent is a travelling exhibit created by the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. It is designed to resemble a tent used in refugee camps today. The exhibit also investigates Canada's historical track record of responding to refugees.

The Ontario Jewish Archives has curated a complementary exhibit, **Love the Stranger**. The exhibit recalls that many Canadian Jews were refugees over the last century – we too were “strangers in a strange land” – and that JIAS has played a central role in welcoming and supporting Jewish refugees from around the world.

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

THE HIDDEN BOOKS: Reclaiming the Apocrypha as Jewish Texts

with Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

4-PART SERIES **Wednesdays 8PM to 9PM**
Zoom only

NOVEMBER 23, NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 7, DECEMBER 14

We are going to study non-canonical Jewish texts that did not make it to the Tanakh. Our sages have different opinions on whether these books are Kosher to study or not. We find statements in the Talmud that seem to prohibit one from even reading these works. On the other hand, the sages themselves do, on occasion, cite specific works of the Apocrypha. Come to study the selection of these texts together and discuss their meaning and importance.



YAHREZEITS

This week, we commemorate the yahrzeits of the following people

Friday, November 11

Dorothy Machtinger z"l, Sister of Miriam Beckerman
Dorothy Machtinger z"l, Mother of Gerald Machtinger
Edward Lipton z"l, Brother of Georgia Dennis
Helene Mayor z"l, Mother of Lisa Diner
Jack Goldberg z"l, Father of Morley Goldberg
Sam Shiff z"l, Father of Marilyn Tkatch

Saturday, November 12

Fannie Tanner z"l, Mother of Ruth Simon
Ignac Fisch z"l, Father of Edward Fisch
Max Wiseman z"l, Father of Susan Rabovsky
Nathan VanDelman z"l, Brother of Louis VanDelman
Sophie Goldenberg z"l, Sister of Gerald Garshon

Sunday, November 13

Bessie Crombie z"l, Mother of Greta Rabinowitz
Esther Bornstein z"l, Mother of Harriet Rice
Herb Rosenfeld z"l, Husband of Riva Rosenfeld
Irvine Usprech z"l, Father of Ellen Lewkowicz
Max Rosenberg z"l, Father of Sharon Fryer
Max Rosenberg z"l, Father of Marsha Goldstein
Murray Heifetz z"l, Father of James Heifetz
Shelley Jackson z"l, Father of Jeffrey Jackson
Shlomo Aronson z"l, Father of Yair Aronson

Monday, November 14

Barbara Orfus z"l, Wife of Harvey Orfus
Bill Todd z"l, Brother of Alice Roth
Ida Reich z"l, Mother of Dinah Kutner
Lillian Caplan z"l, Mother of Wilf Caplan
Marcia Wiseman z"l, Mother of Anne Arbour
Nathan Besharat z"l, Father of Leah Fruitman
Ron Blumer z"l, Father of Russell Blumer
Shayna Goldberg z"l, Mother of Mindy Cohen

Tuesday, November 15

Al Glass z"l, Father of Stanley Glass
Ben Miller z"l, Father of Meier Miller
Bertha Allen z"l, Mother of Kevin Allen
Bertha Allen z"l, Mother of Marlee Petroff
Betty Billinkoff z"l, Mother of Marcia Schnoor
Ida Abramson z"l, Mother of Marcia Phillips
Joseph Green z"l, Father of Jerry Green
Moshida Feldman z"l, Father of Bryna Garmaise
Samuel Levinson z"l, Father of Norma Weingarten

Wednesday, November 16

Luiza Fux z"l, Mother of Batia Lazarciuc
Sally Kaner z"l, Mother of Sam Kaner

Thursday, November 17

Elinor Heifetz z"l, Wife of James Heifetz
Gwen Holliday z"l, Sister of Ronald Morris
Lillian Gertsman z"l, Mother of Cynthia Wyman

Friday, November 18

Beatrice Ruth Zalev z"l, Mother of Arthur Zalev
Frank Krystal z"l, Father of Frieda Torkin
John Miller z"l, Father of Shirley Potashner
Magda Weisz z"l, Mother of Leslie Weisz
Marvin Maskowitz z"l, Husband of Toby Maskowitz
Melvin Fox z"l, Husband of Gertrude Fox
Rose Klein z"l, Mother of Esther Lefler
Sarah Rabinovitch Bialik z"l, Mother of Riva Rosenfeld



Senior Rabbi: Jarrod Grover
Assistant Rabbi: Alisa Zilbershtein
Hazzan: Tibor Kovari
Ritual Director: Irv Kirshenblat
Executive Director: Rivka Campbell
President: Douglas Millstone

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

Mon.	Nov. 14	Monday Morning Learning with Rabbi Jarrod Grover:	9:45 AM
		Holy Place: Jewish Law & the Holiness of the Land of Israel	
Mon.	Nov. 14	BTW: Help Feed the Homeless (at Beth Tikvah)	11:00AM
Tues.	Nov. 15	Lunch & Learn #4 with Jason Guberman-Pfeffer	12:00 PM
Tues.	Nov. 15	The New Bibi Era: Understanding the Outcome & Implications of the Recent Israeli Elections	7:15 PM
Wed.	Nov. 16	Learn with Bracha Feder	1:00 PM
Wed.	Nov. 16	Miracle at Farlesleben with author Rona Arato	7:30 PM
Thurs.	Nov. 17	Restorative Yoga with Orli Ziv (on Zoom)	10:00 AM
Thurs.	Nov. 17	Men's Floor Hockey	8:30 PM
Fri.	Nov. 18	Welcome New Members: Friday Night Dinner	6:00 PM
Sat.	Nov. 19	Quick Pick Shabbat	@ Morning Services
Sat.	Nov. 19	Board Game Night at Beth Tikvah	7:30 PM

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



UPCOMING
EVENTS