



# Ma Nishma

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7 אלול, 5782 / SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

PARASHAT SHOFTIM

## SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

### Torah

Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9 דברים  
Etz Hayim pg. 1088

### Haftarah

Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12 ישעיהו  
Etz Hayim pg. 1108

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm  
Candlelighting (September 2) 7:34 pm  
Shaharit 9:00 am  
Minḥa/Ma'ariv 7:25 pm  
Havdalah 8:32 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 to Thursday 7:30 pm

### Mazel Tov to

**Marnie & Marc Mednick** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Zachary** (Aug 28th). Grandparents are **Trudy & Jack Gelber** and **Barbara Mednick**.

**Gila Gabay & Corey Bloom** on their Aufruf. Parents are **Fay & Ely Gabay** and **Susan & Jeffrey Bloom**. Grandparents are **Gusty Schachter**, **Rubin Reisler** and **Barrie Reisler**.

**Emily Cohen & Joseph Schneider** on their Aufruf (*minḥa/ma'ariv*). Parents are **Fran & Jordan Cohen** and **Lili & Aby Schneider**.

### Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

**The Gabay Family** in Honour of the Aufruf of **Gila & Corey**.

**The Ziv Family** in Memory of **Joshua Ziv z"l**.

### Seudah is co-sponsored by:

**The Schneider Family** in Honour of the Aufruf of **Joseph & Emily**.

שבת שלום

### Please note:

*there will be no LiveStreams for Sunday and Monday evening services due to upcoming simḥas*



Please join Michael Bernstein this Shabbat for Torah Study in the Kulanu Room.

## Light of the Torah

### Shoftim and the Month of Repentance

by Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

"Appoint yourself judges and officers throughout your land." (Deut 16:18)

A Polish Hassidic master, Rabbi Yehud Leib Alter of Ger, teaches in the name of his grandfather Rabbi Yitzchak Meir Alter (1799 – 1866) that this verse is connected to the words of Psalms "Acknowledge that the LORD is God; He has made us and not we ourselves." (Ps. 100:3) What is the connection?

In the original Hebrew language, there are two ways to read this verse because there are words that are pronounced the same but have different meanings. Two of them are the words lo (לא) and the word lo (לו). The first word means "not." The second word means "to him."

In Psalm 100:3, the written Hebrew text or the Ketiv (the word

Ketiv means "what is written") reads lo, "not." However, scribal tradition notes in the margin of the text that the correct reading of the text should be lo, "to him." This marginal reading is called the Qere. The word Qere means "what should be read."

Therefore we can read the same verse differently. Instead of "He has made us and not we ourselves," we read, "He has made us and not we are His."

These two words make up together one word אלול — Elul, the months of Repentance that we are going through right now. And that is the connection with the text "Appoint yourself judges and officers" we need to be judges for ourselves in the month of Elul before we are judged by Ribono Shel Olam, for we are His. Wishing you all a meaningful season of Repentance in preparation for the High Holidays.



# PROGRAMMING AT BT



## BETH TIKVAH WOMEN TORAH FUND FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, September 7th at 2PM  
In person at Beth Tikvah and on Zoom



Join Beth Tikvah Women for a fundraising and learning opportunity about the importance of Conservative/Masorti Judaism. Find out how you can have a role in supporting and being a part of this vital Jewish movement. All are welcome.

Torah Fund supports the five institutions of higher learning of the Conservative movement and is the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League for Conservative Judaism and as such is supported by Beth Tikvah Women.

The cost for this program is a minimum of \$18 which will be donated to Torah Fund.



### HONOURED SPEAKER: RABBI ALISA ZILBERSHTEIN

Rabbi Zilbershtein will be speaking about her experiences at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and how Torah Fund has enriched her life.



## Restore Your Mind & Body

Restorative Yoga and Meditation Therapy  
with Orli Ziv

**NEXT SESSION: Thursday, September 8 at 10AM**



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Mitzvah  
Knitters

Next meeting: Monday, September 12th @ 1PM  
in the Beth Tikvah Assembly Hall

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## Townhall #10 MEETING

Next Town Hall: September 21st @ 8:15 PM  
on Zoom. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

# BACK To SHUL

END-OF-SUMMER BBQ

THURSDAY,  
SEPT 15,  
2022  
5:00 PM TO  
7:00 PM

BETH TIKVAH PARKING LOT  
(RAIN PLAN - SOCIAL HALL)

Please bring  
non-perishable food items  
to be donated to the  
North York Harvest Food  
Bank.

- Meet our new Assistant Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein
- Engage with clergy, lay leadership and professional staff
- Pick up your High Holiday Package
- Fun activities with our Youth & Young Families Coordinator - Revi Laufer
- Enjoy great food and entertainment
- Stay for evening services following the BBQ

\$7 FOR MEMBERS

\$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS

REGISTER ONLINE BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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Classi Lectures  
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## Terrific Tales of the Theatre

AN INTIMATE CONVERSATION WITH  
AVERY SALTZMAN AND DAVID EISNER,  
CO-FOUNDERS OF THE HAROLD GREEN JEWISH THEATRE  
September 19th, 2022 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm on Zoom

This is a chance to meet a very  
dynamic duo, Avery & David, actors  
who formed the first Jewish theatre in  
Toronto.

Hear the history, stories of past plays,  
actors, and directors as well as lots of  
"behind the scenes" gossip!

**\*\*FREE DRAW  
FOR TWO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS  
TO A SHOW! \*\***

Contributions to the Speaker Fund are  
appreciated!





## MORE AT BETH TIKVAH

# Selihot

September 17th 2022



**Selihot Lecture hosted by  
Professor Alex Green**  
Is Repentance Possible Today?  
Reflections from  
Maimonides' Laws of  
Repentance

Saturday Night at 8:30pm



### Selihot Service at 10:15pm

Lecture followed by the dedication of  
memorial plaques, and Beth Tikvah's  
magnificent, solemn Selihot service  
featuring Cantor Tibor Kovari,  
the Beth Tikvah Choir and  
The Wellington String Quartet.  
Registration is not required.



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## PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS



JOIN US FOR INSPIRATION, PRAYER & LEARNING

SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 6PM



**THE MAHZOR:  
A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW**  
with Rabbi Jarrod Grover

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 8PM



**THE BOOK OF CONTRADICTIONS:  
WHY DO WE STUDY JONAH  
ON YOM KIPPUR?**  
with Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 17 AT KIDDUSH



**WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER?  
MAIMONIDES' LESSONS  
ON LEADERSHIP**  
with Professor Alex Green

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Israel Affairs presents...



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**Canadian-Israeli  
Journalist Lauren Izso  
returns with special  
guest, Gil Hoffman.**



### The Upcoming Israeli Election and Other Topics Making the Headlines



Gil Hoffman is the Executive Director of  
HonestReporting, which fights for  
Israel in the international mainstream  
and social media; a lecturer on political  
strategy at Israel's College of  
Management and served as chief  
political correspondent and analyst for  
The Jerusalem Post for 24 years.

**Sunday, September 18 @ 11:00 AM on Zoom**

CELEBRATING A BAT/BAR MITZVAH IN 2022/2023?

## B'NOT/B'NAI MITZVAH Program 2022/2023

Join with our  
YYF Team  
to learn about  
Judaism  
and tikkun olam  
through fun and  
social activities!

- Mitzvah projects
- Meet new friends
- Fun & Interactive social programs



### EVENT DATES

**INFORMATION SESSION:**  
Wednesday, October 19th, 2022  
7:30 PM on Zoom

#### SAVE THESE DATES:

- Sunday, October 30th, 2022
- Sunday, November 13th, 2022
- Wednesday, November 30th, 2022
- Thursday, December 15th, 2022
- Thursday, January 19th, 2023
- Thursday, February 16th, 2023

For Further Information Contact [revi@bethtikvahtoronto.org](mailto:revi@bethtikvahtoronto.org)



# YAHREZEITS

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

## Friday, September 2

Abraham Birenbaum, Isaac Birenbaum, Claudia Blumberger, Wilf Caplan, Aileen Frydrych, Jack Frymer, Sylvia Kestenber, Lisa Lipowitz, Eileen Chetner Wunch, Orli Ziv, Talia Rivkah Ziv

## Saturday, September 3

Stanley Adelson, Louis Chelin, Margo Gewurtz, Shalom Gewurtz, Shirley Greenbaum, Andrew Kerekes, Marion Kirsh, Susan Rosenstein, Claude Sassoon, Marilyn Seltzer, Sonia Weinreb

## Sunday, September 4

Hannah Bellack, Arie Chaimovitch, Heather Feldman, Abraham Friesner, Harvey Kestenberg, Miguel Roger

## Monday, September 5

Michael Black, Mervyn Mingail, Edward Rosenberg, Joy Segal, James Wolch

## Tuesday, September 6

Heather Bill, David Bloomberg, Elaine Bloomberg, Stephen Bloomberg, Larry Fruitman, Anne Lieberman, Carolyn Rose, Rochelle Thompson

## Wednesday, September 7

Sidney Barish, Judith Swirsky, Hersh Zeifman, Samuel Zeifman

## Thursday, September 8

Larry Crystal, Samuel Druck, Joseph Glass, Shirley Potashner, Sorena Swartz, Manny Tward

## Friday, September 9

Solomon Belmont, Rose Kamnitzer, Greta Rabinowitz, Irving Storfer

### Corner Office



Starting September 15th, High Holiday packages will be available for pickup on the following dates and times:

#### Thursday, September 15th:

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Remember to register for the BBQ!

**Friday, September 16th:** 10:00 am - Noon

**Monday, September 19th - Thursday, September 22nd:**  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Friday, September 23rd:** 10:00 am - Noon

Each package contains: the BT Calendar, Yizkor Book, Hakol, Yahrzeit Candle and sweet gift for the New Year.

Please contact the office if you need delivery of your bag (if you are physically unable to travel to the Synagogue).

You can also drop off non-perishable food during these times for the North York Harvest Food Bank.

Please note that bags cannot be given out on Shabbat or the Yom Tov as they contain Yahrzeit candles.

**Reminder: the BT Office will be closed on Monday for Labour Day**

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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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed.	Sept. 7	• Beth Tikvah Women: Torah Fund Fundraiser	2:00 PM
Thurs.	Sept 8	• Outdoor Yoga & Meditation with Orli Ziv (Zoom)	10:00 AM
Sat.	Sept 10	• Preparing For The High Holidays: Inspiration, Prayer & Learning with Rabbi Grover	6:00 PM
Mon.	Sept 12	• Mitzvah Knitters (at Beth Tikvah)	1:00 PM
Wed.	Sept 14	• Learning with Bracha Feder (new session on Zoom)	1:00PM

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



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