





# Ma Nishma SYNAGOG



27 SHEVAT, 5782 / JANUARY 29, 2022

# PARASHAT MISHPATIM

#### SHABBAT MEVAREKHIM HAHODESH



## SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

#### Torah

Exodus 21:1 - 24:18 Etz Hayim pg. 456

#### Haftarah

Jeremiah 34:8 - 22; 33:25 - 26 Etz Hayim pg. 482

# SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candlelighting (Jan 28) 5:05 pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom) 4:00 pm Shaharit (RSVP Required) 9:00 am Havdalah 6:06 pm

# WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

Sunday-Thursday 8:30 am/7:00 pm Friday 8:30 am/4:00 pm

Please note:

The services listed above are on Zoom



A fun and relaxing evening you won't want to miss: Deadline to register to receive art supplies is February 3rd!

There will be no Torah Study this Friday afternoon. Please refer to the semi-weekly email for the link or contact daniel@bethtikvahtoronto.org.

# Torah on '

# **Choosing Responsibility**

by Rabbi Jarrod Grover

Parashat Mishpatim opens with the laws of the eved Ivri (Hebrew slave), a thief or debtor who became indentured to another, in order to work off what they owe. They work for however long it takes, but no more than six years, because in the Sabbatical year, all debts are forgiven and Hebrew slaves are freed. But, the Torah tells us, when the time came for manumission, the eved *Ivri* could choose to remain a slave in perpetuity:

"But if the servant declares: I love my master, my wife, and my children; I do not wish to go free; his master shall take him before God. He shall be brought to the door, or the door-post; and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall remain his slave for life." (Exodus 21:5-6)

The rabbinic sages found the very idea that someone might want to remain a slave highly distasteful.

In the Talmud, they connect the two symbols - the ear and the lintel - to our two primary ways of knowing hearing and seeing - and the two seminal moments in Israelite history - the Sinaitic revelation and the Exodus from Egypt. At Sinai, the ear heard the voice of God ordaining God as our one true master. At the exodus from Egypt, the doorpost served as the symbol of God wanting us to be free.

The absolute wrongness of the eved Ivri should be obvious to us all, and yet, paradoxically, we have the God-given freedom to enslave ourselves to another. It is not forbidden, and one who chooses it is not punished; the piercing ceremony is just a lesson to drive home the stunning significance of the choice.

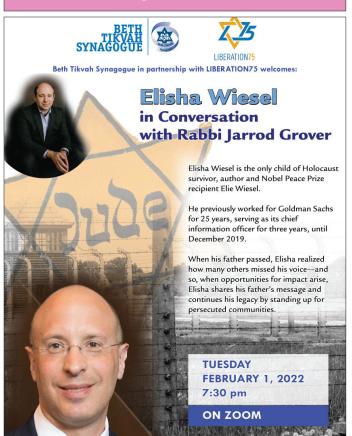
On a certain level, all choices mean relinquishing some of our freedom. The deeper question is whether we are relinquishing our freedom just to be comfortable, or to make a better world. Are we abdicating responsibility or embracing it? For a people who experienced Sinai and the Exodus, the choice should be clear.

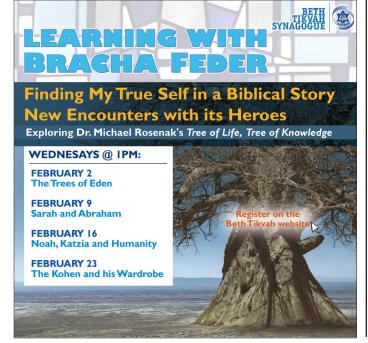
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# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

# Baby & Me

Fridays at 10 AM on Zoom January 28 - February 18 Register Online





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# **UnOrthodox:**

The Shaping of Conservative Judaism with Rabbi Sachs

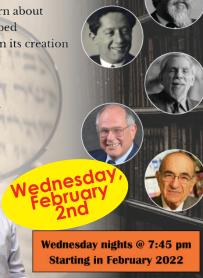




Join Rabbi Sachs for a series of classes diving into the lives and teachings of some of the greatest minds of the Conservative movement.

In each session we will learn about influential rabbis who shaped Conservative Judaism from its creation until today. Rabbis like:

- · Solomon Shechter
- · Abraham Joshua Heschel
- Harold Schulweis
- · Saul Lieberman
- Louis Jacobs
- Elliot Dorff and more...



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# Restorative Yoga and Meditation Therapy with Orli Ziv

Refresh your mind and your body!

**Next session:** 

Thursday, February 3rd at 10:00 am







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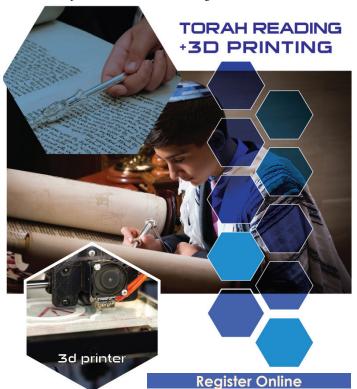
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# B'NOT/B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM 2022

# Wednesday, February 9th at 7:00 PM:

Join us at our upcoming B'not/B'nai Mitzvah session as we delve into the practice of reading from the Torah and make a special keepsake for your own bat or bar mitzvah: a personalized 3D printed Yad! Teens will need to be at a computer. **It is not too late to register** 





# Gender Equality and Inclusion in Israeli Society Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 11:00 AM on Zoom

What are your first thoughts when you hear the word "bridge", "driver" or "husband"? Hebrew, like all Semitic languages, doesn't make it easy for people who desire gender equality. Some linguists and sociologists believe that the structure of a language affects its speakers' worldview.

During our gathering we'll talk about some of the burning issues Israelis deal with nowadays when gender equality is a significant demand in both private and public spheres:

Join Noa with special guest, fellow shinshin, Yaniv Cohen.

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Next session: Sunday, February 13th @ 4pm
Physical Health & Judaism with Bonnie Schwartz Nolan
Register on the Beth Tikvah website

# Beth Tikvah Synagogue presents Townhall #7 MEETING

For members only: Tuesday, February 15th @ 7:45pm



Want to Volunteer? We are looking for people to help deliver our Mishloah Manot!

If you are interested in helping out and are available for pick up on March 13 (and delivery on March 16), please e-mail ellie@bethtikvahtoronto.org for more information.



# **YAHRZEITS**

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

# Friday, January 28

Stanley Appel, lan Birnbaum, Ian Black, Yoav Kaplun, Victor Morais, Lorne Pollock

### Saturday, January 29

Fran Caplan, Arnold Goldman, Linda Mamelak, Howard Michaels, Melvin Perlmutter, Norman Rosenberg, Arlene Sylver

# Sunday, January 30

Andre Belaiche, Shirley Coleman, Gertrude Fox, Hilda Goodman, Eileen Landau, Sheryl Simon, Reeva Solomon

#### Monday, January 31

Rhona Birenbaum, Stanley Gelman, Merle Goldman, Lin Judelman, Joshua Mendelsohn, Jerry Nesker, Howard Rose, Mira Rotsztain, Elaine Sone, Ruthanne Wasserman

# **Summer Internship Opportunities in Israel for College Students**

Rabbi Grover met this week with the leaders of "Forum Jewish Leadership," an 8-week summer experience in Israel where select college students can intern a variety of sectors of the Israeli economy.

This summer they are running a fantastic program which accommodates the Canadian college academic calendar. The program is highly recommended - you build your CV while engaging with some of the greatest Israeli/Jewish leaders. Please speak to Rabbi Grover or visit the website:

www.jewish-leadership.com if you're interested.

# Tuesday, February 1

Beryl Brewda, Yehuda Danzig, Marlene Flicht, Patricia Friedland Jeff Mandlsohn, Susan Roadburg, Brian Saxe, Anita Shore, Bruce Waters

#### Wednesday, February 2

Elaine Bloomberg, Toby Brotman, Maya Burkes, Charna Foxman, Robert Frimet, Morris Norman, Richard Rodney, Phillip Seltzer

## Thursday, February 3

Gerald Devins, Raizie Jacobson, Albert Miller, Alan Roadburg, Ronda Roth, Allan Sandler, Isaac Silverstein, Howard Szigeti

## Friday, February 4

Barbara Ash, Ronald Greenwood, Ettie Hailman, Howard Michaels, Herman Miller, Gwen Orriell, Ralph Rabinowicz, Joy Segal, David Steidman, Anna VanDelman,

# Bat and Bar Mitzvahs at Beth Tikvah

Bookings have opened for member and non-member Bar/ Bat Mitzvahs for 2023, 2024 & 2025. Select dates are also available in 2022.

If you have a child or grandchild born between 2010-2012, it is time to secure your date. Throughout the pandemic we have been able to continue with our lifecycle events and can accommodate families and guests in-person and virtually.

Please e-mail Gayle Kertzman for more information: gayle@bethtikvahtoronto.org

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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.





Fri.	Jan 28	• Baby & Me (Zoom)	10:00 AM
Tues.	Feb 1	Elisha Wiesel in Conversation with Rabbi Jarrod Grover (Zoom)	7:30 PM
Wed.	Feb 2	• Learn with Bracha Feder (Zoom)	1:00 PM
Wed.	Feb 2	• Unorthodox: The Shaping of Conservative Judaism with Rabbi Sachs (Zoom)	7:45 PM
Thurs.	Feb 3	• Restorative Yoga with Orli Ziv (Zoom)	10:00 AM
Fri.	Feb 4	• Baby & Me (Zoom)	10:00 AM
Fri.	Feb 4	• Torah Study with Michael Bernstein (Zoom)	1:00 PM
A portion of funds raised at Bingo World Richmond Hill helps to support programs at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.			











