





# Ma Nishma SYNAGOGUE

MARCH 12, 2022 / 5782 ,'ב 9

PARASHAT VAYIKRA SHABBAT ZAKHOR





#### SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

#### SHABBAT SCHEDULE

## WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

#### Torah

Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26 ויקרא Etz Hayim pg. 585

#### Haftarah

Samuel I 15:2 - 34 שמואל אי Etz Hayim pg. 1281

Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom) 5:00 pm Candlelighting (March 11) 6:01 pm Shaharit (RSVP Required) 9:00 am Havdalah 7:02 pm

Sunday-Thursday Friday

8:30 am/7:00 pm 8:30 am/5:00 pm

Please note:

The services listed above are on Zoom

## **JOIN US EREV PURIM: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16** Music from the BT Band following the Megillah Reading! Registration required







## **Dont Forget:**

Clocks move forward 1 hour this Sunday at 2 AM



We invite you to join Morley Goldberg on Friday, March 11th at 1 PM on Zoom for a virtual Torah Study on Vavikra.

Please refer to the semi-weekly email for the link or contact daniel@bethtikvahtoronto.org.

## **Assimilated Jews**

by Rabbi Jarrod Grover

We think of Purim as a quintessentially Jewish holiday. To every little boy and girl who masquerades on Purim, Mordecai and Esther are arch-heroes of Jewishness. But a good case can be made that Mordecai and Esther may have been quite integrated in Persian life and that Purim is a holiday brought to you by assimilated Jews.

There is the matter of our heroes' names. Esther's name is probably derived from Ishtar, a Babylonian goddess, and Mordecai's name from Marduk, a Babylonian god. Equivalent names today might well be Mary and Christopher.

Then there is that Miss Persia contest. Esther was entered into a competition to become queen by marrying a Gentile king. At Mordecai's request, Esther did not reveal her identity or her origins while she lived at the king's court. What did she eat? Did she go to the mikvah? The Rabbis of the Talmud recognized the problem, and while some claim Esther had secret arrangements to keep Shabbat and kashrut, others conclude that she did not act very Jewishly.

Assimilated Jews come out of the historical closet in the greatest crises and when they are least expected. After the Holocaust and in defense of Israel, thousands of hitherto marginal Jews rallied to fight for Jewish survival. There's a lesson here: never write off assimilated Jews!



# PROGRAMMING AT BT

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS









#### WEDNESAYS @ IPM:

MARCH 16 Bil'am and his Donkey

MARCH 23 Reuven and Gad: The Two Lost Tribes





## PURIM AT BETH TIKVAH



# **SCHEDULE**

**EREV PURIM: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH** 

4:45PM Children's Super Science Purim Celebration 8:00 PM Ma'ariv & Complete Megillah Reading

After the Megillah Reading, enjoy refreshments, dancing and the musical talents of the Beth Tikvah Band and special guest performer, Roman Kekhman, world-renowned klezmer clarinet artist!

**PURIM: THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH** 

7:30 AM Shaharit

8:00 AM Megillah Reading (Breakfast to follow)

Next Session: Thursday, March 17th @ 4pm

BUILDING CONNECTIONS: SUPPORT GROUP



Back by popular Demand: SUNDAY MARCH. 20 on Zoom



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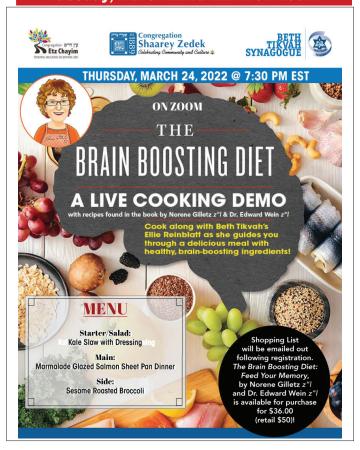


Israeli-Arab Relations, Israel on the World Stage and the Impact of the Abraham Accords



Ruth Wasserman Lande is an Israeli politician, diplomat and activist. She is currently a member of the Knesset for the Blue and White party and the Co-chair of the Pro-Abraham Accords' Caucus.

Tuesday, March 22nd 11AM on Zoom



## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**









Matti Friedman discusses his new book LEONARD COHEN: WHO BY FIRE The little-known story of Leonard Cohen's concert tour to the front lines of the Yom Kippur War

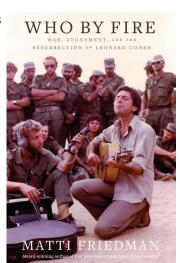
Israel Affairs Committee Welcomes Matti Friedman, Canadian- Israeli Journalist and Author.

Matti Friedman will join us to talk about his new book, Leonard Cohen: Who By Fire.

Books will be available for purchase and signing for \$32.95+tax.

Join us for this in-person program and enjoy an individually boxed Deli lunch, catered by F+B Kosher caterers.

Register on the Beth Tikvah Website





## YAHRZEITS

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

Friday, March 11

Jack Bick, Stanley Glass, Allan Krett, Cyril Shenker

Saturday, March 12 Gerald Fryer

Monday, March 14

Sheryl Marcus, Renee Raubvogel

#### Tuesday, March 15

Alisa Feldbloom, Gerald Garshon, Ruby Kreindler, Rhonda Mackenzie, Ron Weintraub

Wednesday, March 16

Harvey Dale, Rose Lavine, Anna VanDelman

Thursday, March 17

Sharon Katz, Mervyn Mingail

Friday, March 18

Yair Aronson, Earl Biderman, Madeline Lobel, Brian Sachar

#### THOUGHTS ON UKRAINE

As Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein of South Africa reminds us, we can harness the power of tefilah and tzedakah to support our brothers and sisters in this time of desperate need. Some ways you can do this:

Support emergency relief funds through UJA and United Hatzalah, and you can recite Tehillim on behalf of those in need.

Click here to read the full article.

## THANK YOU TO OUR PURIM **BREAKFAST SPONSORS:**

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### **REOPENING UPDATE:**

We are grateful and gratified to be able to make the following announcements related to the reopening of worship services at Beth Tikvah.

- (1) Beginning Purim, we will host evening minha/ma'ariv services in-person from our sanctuary, including Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Minha. Services will be livestreamed, but please make an effort to join us and help make the minyan. Morning services will continue to be hosted on zoom for the time-being.
- (2) Beginning Shabbat Tzav (March 19th), we will be serving food at Shabbat morning kiddush, and a meal at seudah shlishit as well. All those who are comfortable staying to eat are welcome.
- (3) Beginning Shabbat Tzav (March 19th), the Torah service will revert to the pre-pandemic normal with Ark openers, hakafot, gabbaim, and aliyot taken next to the reader,

We look forward to sharing more positive announcements in the coming months. All our services are open to all, though we ask that you continue to register your attendance at Shabbat morning services.

	S WEEK AT BETH TIKVAH  EVEN	
Fri.	Mar 11 • Torah Study with Morley Goldberg (Zoom)	1:00 PM
Sat.	Mar 12 • Skate Night Havdallah (Paramount Ice Rink)	6:45 PM
Sun.	Mar 13 • Teen Fellowship Program (Zoom)	4:00 PM
Mon.	Mar 14 • Monday Morning Learning with Rabbi Grover	10:30AM
Wed.	Mar 16 • Learning with Bracha Feder (Zoom)	1:00 PM
Wed.	Mar 16 • Super Science Purim Celebration (lower foyer)	4:45 PM
Wed.	Mar 16 • Erev Purim Complete Megillah Reading	8:00 PM
Wed. Mar 16 • Post-Megillah Music & Entertainment from the BT Band		
Thurs	Mar 17 • Sha <u>h</u> arit, Purim Megillah Reading and Breakfast	7:30 AM
Thurs	Mar 17 • Building Connections Support Group (Zoom)	4:00 PM
Sun	Mar 20 • Poetry from the Pandemic with Ari Satok (Zoom)	7:45 PM
A portion of funds raised at Bingo World Richmond Hill helps to support programs at Beth Tikvah Synagogue		

We no longer require vaccine certificates to enter the building, but we are maintaining social distancing in the Sanctuary. There are no longer capacity limits in place



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.









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