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AUGUST 19, 2023 / 5783, אלול, 2

PARASHAT SHOFTIM

Shabbat Shalom!

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/Ma'ariv	6:00 pm
Candlelighting (Aug. 18)	7:59 pm
Shaharit	9:00 am
Study with Rabbi Zilbershtein	6:50 pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:50 pm
Havdalah	8:58 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:

Monday to Thursday	7:30 pm
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Mazal Tov to:

Allie Middlestadt & Aaron Fisch on their Aufruf. Parents are **Jocelyn Levine-Middlestadt & Jorey Middlestadt, Michelle & Darryl Fisch;** and grandparents **Sharyn & Marty Middlestadt** and **Sylvia & Ed Fisch.** (Thursday)

Naomi Wyman & Steven Barwin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Tyler.** Grandparents are **Cynthia & Michael Wyman,** and **Sandra Barwin.** (Friday)

Stephanie Abbott & Trevor Kirsh on their Aufruf. Parents are **Felice & Wayne Kirsh** and grandparents **Sabrina & Al Green.** (Shabbat Shaharit)

Gayle & Stephen Kertzman in honour of their 25th Wedding Anniversary



Please join **Allan Cooper** this Shabbat for Torah Study on Parashat Shoftim in the Kulanu Room.

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

Warren Cohen in honour of his **80th birthday.**

Felice & Wayne Kirsh in honour of the Aufruf of **Trevor & Stephanie.**

Seudah is co-sponsored by:

Gayle & Stephen Kertzman in honour of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Rosalie Nepom in memory of her husband, **Moshe Dlin z"l.**



Judicial Reform by Rabbi Jarrod Grover

Among other things, Parashat Shoftim sets up three seats of power: a king, a judiciary and a sort of proto-legislature. In the first words of the portion, Moses says: "You shall appoint magistrates and officials for your tribes, in all the settlements that your God is giving you, and they shall govern the people with due justice." The executive branch comes next. The people are given permission to set a king over themselves, "one chosen by your God." It's not a democracy, but there is at least a presumption that the people can decide if they want a king in the first place.

The portion doesn't explicitly describe what we would call a legislature, but various commentators say it is implied by the creation of a priestly class. Rabbi Lawrence

Hoffman notes that the priests were "a legislature of sorts," who could interpret old laws to derive new ones, much as the rabbis of the Talmud would derive new laws based on biblical precedents.

This is the three-legged stool described in Shoftim: an independent judiciary, a divinely sanctioned king and a class of lawmakers. And because the portion is keenly aware of the potential for the abuse of power, it immediately puts limitations on all three: "You shall not judge unfairly," the magistrates and officials are told. "You shall show no partiality; you shall not take bribes, for bribes blind the eyes of the discerning and upset the plea of the just."

The king can't keep a stable of horses, a harem of wives or a trove of silver and

gold. Perhaps most importantly, he can't sit on his throne without a copy of the Torah close by—a reminder that a king's authority derives from somewhere beyond and higher than himself. The priests too are constrained. Their whole tribe, Levi, is the only one not given a territory within Israel, and is essentially supported by a system of tithes imposed on the other tribes.

Judaism, wrote the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, "is an argument for the limitation, secularization and transformation of power." The genius of this week's portions lies in its pragmatic cynicism: It understands how power corrupts, how easily judges might be swayed, how kings might put self-interest ahead of the will of the people, how lawmakers are vulnerable to special interests. It not only sets up a system of checks and balances, but reminds all of the stakeholders that they answer to a higher authority.

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SHABBAT
BEIT MIDRASH
AT BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

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Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein presents:
**You Shall Serve God
with Your Whole Heart:
The Meaning and Laws
of Prayer in the
Babylonian Talmud
Part 2**

SHABBAT, AUGUST 19 AT 6:50 PM
(before evening services)
at Beth Tikvah Synagogue

Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein will continue leading us on an intellectual & inspiring journey through the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Brachot, exploring the deeper meaning and laws of prayer.

REGISTRATION OPEN!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10



@ **BETH TIKVAH**

PJ Library

SHORESH

BINGO WORLD
+ GAMING



Adath Israel
Congregation

BETH DAVID

BETH
TIKVAH
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Beth Torah
Congregation

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd @ 7:45 PM
AT BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE



As They Made Us

is a 2022 American drama film written, directed, and produced by Mayim Bialik in her feature directorial debut. The film stars Dianna Agron, Simon Helberg, Candice Bergen, Dustin Hoffman, Julian Gant, Charlie Weber, and Justin Chu Cary. The plot follows a divorced mom of two, Abigail (Agron) and she struggles to balance the dynamic forces within her dysfunctional family during the last moments she and her family spend with her dying father (Hoffman).

TICKETS:

Members of the 4 Shuls: \$5 per person
Non-members: \$10 per person
Refreshments will be served



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**OUR DAYS OF AWE
AND ME**

AUGUST 9

Rosh Hashana
and Good Will Hunting



AUGUST 16

Shawshank Redemption and Hope



AUGUST 23

Pfeiffer, Denzel,
Poitier, Streep
and Creating Change



SEPTEMBER 6

"The Art of Forgiving and Asking For Forgiveness"

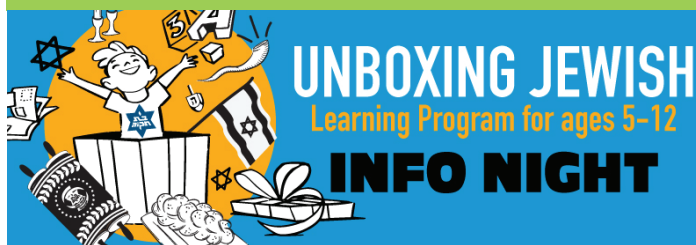
SEPTEMBER 13

"Yom Kippur: Why The Five Afflictions?"

Members: Free | Non-Members: \$50

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REGISTER FOR THESE TWO INFORMATION NIGHTS!



AUGUST 29TH @ 8:00 PM ON ZOOM



AUGUST 29TH @ 8:30 PM ON ZOOM

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COMPOSITION IN PHOTOGRAPHY with Rick Bornstein

In the Kulanu Room at Beth Tikvah Synagogue

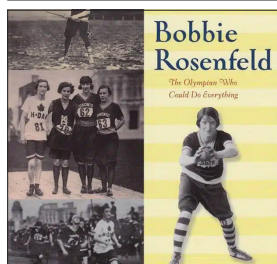
Thursdays 10AM-12PM

Starting
AUGUST 31
10 SESSIONS

Course Content

The curriculum for this course will include:

- An understanding of the seven basic elements
- Learning technical aspects of photography; using your camera to its full potential
- An exploration of the concept of visualization,
- Creation of technically sound images,
- Compositions that tell a story & create an emotional response
- Building confidence to experiment, take the risks & move to 'the next level'.
- Skills to self critique & the work of the fellow photographers.



Beth Tikvah and Classi Lectures Present:

A Conversation with Anne Dublin &
Trudee Romanek: BOBBIE ROSENFELD
THE OLYMPIAN
WHO COULD DO EVERYTHING

Thursday, August 24, 2023
4:00PM on Zoom

HIGH HOLIDAYS at Beth Tikvah

TICKETS, MEMBERSHIP & MORE

We are looking forward to meaningful High Holiday services with you! Remember to contact the shul to renew your Membership! Make sure to order your High Holiday tickets so they can be mailed to you in time.

Visit www.bethtikvahtoronto.org and click the High Holiday banner or click here to order tickets.

Selihot

September 9, 2023

LECTURE AND SELICHOT SERVICES

Selihot lecture hosted by
Rabbi Kayley Romick @ 8:45 PM



Embracing Atonement: The Inner Pathway to Forgiveness

Can we forgive others and seek forgiveness without first forgiving ourselves?
Delve into sources about forgiveness and the role that introspection and self-compassion play during the Yamim Nora'im.



Services will follow at
10:15PM @ Beth Tikvah
Featuring Cantor Tibor Kovari,
the Beth Tikvah Choir and
The Wellington String Quartet

HIGH HOLIDAY LEARNING

with Rabbi Jarrod Grover

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Monday, September 11 @8PM



The Expulsion of Ishmael

NEW DATE



Yahrzeits

This week, we commemorate the yahrzeits of the following people

Friday, August 18

Lillie Bernstein z"l, mother of Michael Bernstein
Max Bricks z"l, father of Harry Bricks
Srul Grynberg z"l, father of Fela Miller
Lily Hoffenberg z"l, mother of Joyce Harris
Nellie Klemensberg z"l, mother of Linda (Lea) Bernofsky
Morris Richman z"l, father of Jack Richman & Shae Eckler
Harry Herberman z"l, husband of Susan Herberman

Saturday, August 19

Annie Benson z"l, mother of Cynthia Suissa
Susan Beverly Green z"l, sister of Rosalind Feinstein
Gaye Levine Schachter z"l, sister of Hannah Bellack
Sarah Rusonik z"l, mother of Milton Rusonik
Beatrice Zarnett z"l, mother of Gerald Zarnett

Sunday, August 20

Benjamin Goodes z"l, father of Betty Perlman
Arnold Hochberg z"l, father of Lillian Benson
Calvin Kader z"l, husband of Beth Kader
Joe Minarsky z"l, father of Gail Chencinski,
husband of Shirley Minarsky
Benjamin Swirsky z"l, husband of Marsha Swirsky
Betty Pepper z"l, mother of Nathan Pepper
Elliot Nathaniel Yarmon z"l, father of Tom Yarmon
Moshe Dlin z"l, father of Marlene Dlin
husband of Rosalie Nepom

Monday, August 21

Mary Grossman z"l, mother of Doreen Manly
Sydney Z. Lipman z"l, father of Nancy Grad
Israel Rosenberg z"l, Step-father of Harvey Dolman
Jack Tyle z"l, father of Francine Mendelson
Kenneth Karp z"l, husband of Rita Karp
Annabelle (Bubbles) Sherman z"l, sister of Marvin Ellison
David Nitkin z"l, husband of Etta Kaner

Beth Tikvah Men's Baseball Team Season Update



Beth Tikvah's Baseball Team finished the regular season atop the standings in the Inter-Synagogue Baseball League (ISBL). Our 6-2 record was just enough to edge past Beth Emeth and Holy Blossom who tied for 2nd place. Next, we compete for the 32nd ISBL Championship. The eight teams in the league play a 3-game round robin tournament to advance to the semi-finals. Beth Tikvah's first game against Pride of Israel begins Sunday, August 13th at 9:30 am at Bayview Reservoir Park.



Is your child or grandchild turning 12 or 13 soon?

We are accepting member and non-member Bar & Bat Mitzvah bookings for 2024 & 2025. We now can Live Stream your simcha from both the Sanctuary and Chapel! Please contact Gayle to reserve your date: gayle@bethtikvahtoronto.org

Tuesday, August 22

Jan Ament z"l, father of Lloyd Ament

Wednesday, August 23

Sylvia Birenbaum z"l, mother of Abraham & Isaac Birenbaum
Melvyn Bernard Caplan z"l, brother of Wilf Caplan,
father of Lisa Lipowitz
Mischa Frymer z"l, father of Jack Frymer
Mayer Kurlender z"l, father of Claudia Blumberger
Edith Miller z"l, mother of Eileen Chetner Wunch
Esther Rabinowitz z"l, mother of Aileen Frydrych
Harry Zborowski z"l, father of Sylvia Kestenber
Joshua Ziv z"l, father of Talia Rivkah Ziv & husband of Orli Ziv

Thursday, August 24

Freda Sarah Adelson z"l, mother of Stanley Adelson
Benjamin Chelin z"l, father of Louis Chelin
Abram Faigan z"l, father of Marion Kirsh
Judith Gewurtz z"l, daughter of Margo & Shalom Gewurtz
Rose Ginsberg z"l, mother of Sonia Weinreb
Max Goldkind z"l, father of Marilyn Seltzer
Gloria Izraelski z"l, sister of Shirley Greenbaum
Clara Kerekes z"l, mother of Andrew Kerekes
Selim Sassoon z"l, father of Claude Sassoon
Mitchell Klein z"l, brother of Susan Rosenstein

Friday, August 25

Rose Friesner z"l, mother of Abraham Friesner
Anne Kestenber z"l, mother of Harvey Kestenber
Louis Levine z"l, father of Hannah Bellack
Howard Lerner z"l, brother of Heather Feldman

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Sat.	Aug. 19 • Shabbat Study with Rabbi Zilbershtein:	6:50 PM
	You Shall Serve God with Your Whole Heart: The Meaning and Laws of Prayer in the Babylonian Talmud - Part 2	
Mon.	Aug. 21 • BTW: Sandwich Making for Ve'ahavta (at BT)	10:30 AM
Wed.	Aug. 23 • Learning with Bracha Feder (on Zoom)	1:00 PM
Wed.	Aug. 23 • Inter-Shul Film Series: As They Made Us by Mayim Bialik (at BT)	7:45 PM
Thur.	Aug. 24 • Yoga & Meditation with Orli Ziv (at BT)	10:00 AM
Thur.	Aug. 24 • Classi Lectures: Conversation with Anne Dublin & Trudee Romanek: Bobbie Rosenfeld (on Zoom)	4:00 PM

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



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Hazzan: Tibor Kovari
Executive Director: Rivka Campbell

Assistant Rabbi: Alisa Zilbershtein
Ritual Director: Irv Kirshenblat
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