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SYNAGOGUE**



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JANUARY 21, 2023 / 5783, 28 טבת

PARASHAT VA'ERA

SHABBAT MEVAREKHIM HAHOESH



Rosh Hodesh
Shevat is
on Monday,
January 23

SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

Torah

Exodus 6:2 - 9:35 שמות
Etz Hayim pg. 351

Haftarah

Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21 יחזקאל
Etz Hayim pg. 370

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm
Candlelighting (January 20) 4:54 pm
Shaharit 9:00 am
Shabbat Kids Club 10:00 am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:45 pm
Havdalah 5:56 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 5:05 pm
Monday to Thursday 7:00 pm

The Israel Affairs Committee Presents:

IDDO NETANYAHU The Yoni Netanyahu Story

A TWO-PART PROGRAM

Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29. More details inside!



Do you
have a
special
moment
or lifecycle

event you would like to
commemorate?

Would you like to honour
this event with an Aliyah?
Please contact our Ritual
Director, Irv Kirshenblat:
irv@bethtikvahtoronto.org



Light of the Torah

Testing a Hardened Heart by Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

In the portion of Va'era, we read about the story of the Israelites being enslaved in Egypt and God sending Moshe to free them. One aspect of this story that is often discussed is the idea that God "stiffened Pharaoh's heart."

One interpretation is that God caused Pharaoh's heart to become hardened, making him resistant to Moshe's pleas to release the Israelites. This can be seen as God's way of testing Pharaoh's faith and determination to keep the Israelites as slaves. Another interpretation is that Pharaoh's heart was already hardened, and God simply allowed him to act on

his own stubbornness. It means that we are responsible for our own actions and choices and that God does not control our free will.

Pharaoh is a symbol of oppression and tyranny. In the story, Pharaoh represents the forces of evil and injustice. In our modern-day world, we also see the oppression of marginalized groups such as people of colour, immigrants, and the LGBTQ+ community. These groups, like the Israelites in Egypt, often face discrimination, violence, mistreatment and struggle for equality and liberation. We also see many examples of dictators

and authoritarian leaders around the world who rule with an iron fist, oppressing their own people and denying them basic human rights.

The idea that God stiffens Pharaoh's heart can be interpreted as a powerful reminder that even the most oppressive forces can be overcome with the help of God. Refusing to listen to Moshe's pleas and to God's command, Pharaoh brings about his own downfall and the downfall of Egypt. May the names of the modern tyrants be blotted out and may we all enjoy the fruits of liberation from the exile, both physical and spiritual.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

JOIN US: SHABBAT, JANUARY 21, 2023
AT 10AM IN THE CHAPEL

MITZVAH KNITTERS

AT BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

JANUARY 23
@ 1:30PM
Downstairs in
the Assembly
Hall

CLASSI LECTURES
A DIVISION OF CLASSI LEARNING

BEIT RAYIM
JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TORONTO
BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

The Mystery of the Bodies in the Well with Dr. Selina Brace

Principal researcher in ancient DNA,
at The Natural History Museum in London

No charge

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 12:30 PM ON ZOOM

In 2004, excavators discovered the skeletons of 17 bodies found in a medieval well in Norwich, England. Who were these people and how did they die?

Join us to understand how Dr. Brace and her team were able to solve this historical cold case that has haunted researchers for close to 12 years and what it means for the Jewish community.



Restore Your Mind & Body

Restorative Yoga and Meditation Therapy

with Orli Ziv

THURSDAY,
JANUARY 26
@ 10:00 AM on Zoom

WALK WITH BETH TIKVAH

Meet at York Cemetery (Western Section)

NEW DATE:
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 26
@ 1:30 PM

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS:

A BETH TIKVAH WOMEN PROJECT

A BTW PROJECT
COME VOLUNTEER:
January 30th at
11AM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With sky-high food prices and the rising cost of rental accommodation, many people are finding it extremely challenging to keep a roof over their heads. We recognize that the number of people living on the street is growing in our city, so during the coming months we will be providing the non-profit organization, Ve'ahavta, with much needed sandwiches and baked goods.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Israel Affairs Committee Presents:

IDDO NETANYAHU The Yoni Netanyahu Story

A TWO-PART PROGRAM

Part 1

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

AT 7:30 PM

(in-person or on Zoom)

Watch the film with us!

FOLLOW ME

THE YONI NETANYAHU STORY



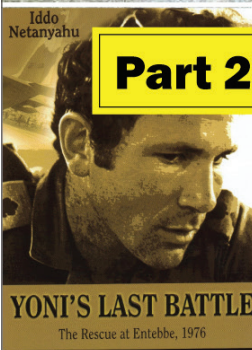
Part 2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

AT 11:00 AM

(on Zoom)

Our program continues with
Iddo Netanyahu, live from Israel
on Zoom to discuss the movie
and his book *Yoni's Last Battle:
The Rescue at Entebbe, 1976*



YONI'S LAST BATTLE
The Rescue at Entebbe, 1976

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH GENEALOGY

Learn how to research, organize,
and create your genealogy
story/family tree

Hands-on experience
in using genealogy websites
and resources

Membership in the Jewish
Genealogical Society of Toronto
and full access to all programs,
services, and resources



FAMILY

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Beth Tikvah website

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Winter Session

Join Evgenia Kempinski for a series of three lectures taking us for a virtual tour of Jewish Eastern Europe

TUESDAYS ON ZOOM at 12:30PM

COST: \$18 for 3 sessions

JANUARY 31
EAST & SOUTH OF UKRAINE: KHARKIV, MARIUPOL & KHERSON JEWISH COMMUNITIES

FEBRUARY 7
THE JEWISH TOUR OF CROATIA, DUBROVNIK, SPLIT AND ZAGREB

FEBRUARY 14
PURIM IN EUROPEAN ART



EUGENIA KEMPINSKI



Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda
A World of Jewish Experience



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HEBREW READING CLASS LEVEL 2 with Mike Kinrys

ON ZOOM



TUESDAYS 7:30PM - 9:15PM
February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 14, 21

This course is designed to expand Hebrew comprehension skills.

It is targeted at those who can slowly read Hebrew and want to gain experience reading, singing and understanding some of the prayers we say on Shabbat morning.



LEARNING WITH BRACHA FEDER

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AN EXPLORATION OF YORAM HAZONY'S "GOD AND POLITICS IN ESTHER"



FEBRUARY 1
Sex, Violence and Political Intrigue: Its Surprising Biblical Role

FEBRUARY 8
Esther: Independent Political Agent Part 1

FEBRUARY 15
Esther: Independent Political Agent Part 2

FEBRUARY 22
Just War and Murder: Understanding the Tale's Ending

JOIN US ON ZOOM
Wednesdays at 1PM



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BETH TIKVAH
PRESENTS:

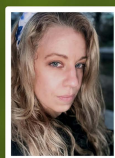
ISRAEL AT 75

A CELEBRATION OF MOTHER NATURE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 @ 2:30PM

In honour of Shabbat Shira & Tu B'shvat

Featuring



Orly Borovitch



Kati Szabo Kovari



Tibor Kovari



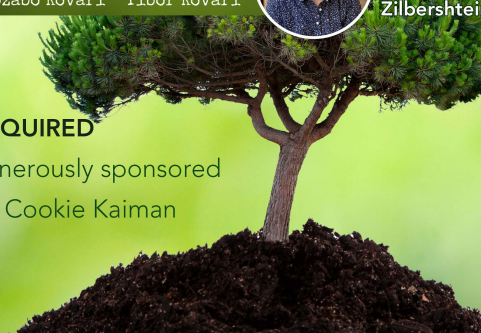
Rabbi Jarrod Grover



Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This program is generously sponsored by the Nathan and Cookie Kaiman Endowment Fund



Yahrzeits

This week, we commemorate the yahrzeits of the following people

Friday, January 20

Theodore Greenberg z"l, brother of Vivian Greenberg
Patricia Sigal z"l, wife of Norman Kelman
Joseph Talsky z"l, brother of Simon Talsky
Glenora Todd z"l, mother of Alice Roth

Saturday, January 21

Lajos Danzig z"l, father of Yehuda Danzig
Morris Gold z"l, father of Jackie Friedman
Earl Grill z"l, brother of Norman Grill
David Rakoff z"l, father of Riva Levick
Shirley Resnick z"l, mother of Diane Miller
Ezra Silverstein z"l, brother of Isaac Silverstein
Charles Springer z"l, father of Marsha Klerer

Sunday, January 22

Matilda Behar z"l, mother of Yosi Behar
Hilda Cohen z"l, mother of Norman Cohen
Albert Kochen z"l, father of Helene Talsky
Rose Kroch Revich z"l, mother of Murray Kroach
Florence Lokash z"l, mother of Nancy Wise
Henry Silverstein z"l, brother of Isaac Silverstein
Aaron Urman z"l, father of Helen Daniels

Monday, January 23

Arthur Baine z"l, father of Ina Lofsky
Leona Feder z"l, mother of Bracha Feder
Zelda Jonas z"l, sister of Lillian Benson
Alexander Pollock z"l, father of Lloyd Pollock
Sayre Weinerman z"l, mother of Robert Weinerman

Tuesday, January 24

Annie Chastkofsky z"l, mother of Perry Chasson
Frank Epstein z"l, father of Ian Epstein
Sam Rimler z"l, father of Rona Arato
Ida Freda Rubin z"l, mother of Gwen Orriell
Walter Wagner z"l, father of Dorothy Wagner
Bucky Jacobson z"l, father of Marsha Swirsky
Daphne Zarenda z"l, mother of Marc Zarenda

Wednesday, January 25

Michael Danzig z"l, brother of Yehuda Danzig
Harvey Rosen z"l, brother of Marilyn Starkman
Morris Schechter z"l, father of Menasche Schechter
Ian Weinberg z"l, brother of Denise Shenker
Jacob Zarek z"l, brother of David and Harry Zarek
Jacob Zarek z"l, Husband of Veronica Zarek

Thursday, January 26

Abigail Baimel z"l, mother of Neil Baimel
Clark Hyman Neuringer z"l, brother of Myrna Levy
Yitzchok Rumack z"l, father of Minda Tward

Friday, January 27

Margaret Blank z"l, mother of Hilary Edwards
Norman Greenspoon z"l, Husband of Joanne Greenspoon
Lottie Lerman z"l, mother of Sheldon Lerman
Lila Maron z"l, mother of Trudy Sassoon
Annie Nightingale z"l, mother of Paul Nightingale
Bracha Nimni z"l, mother of Ben Nemani
Sidney Pinkus z"l, Husband of Gloria Pinkus
Norman Segalowitz z"l, father of Harold Segalowitz

UJA HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTRE
Presents a special
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
Featuring the premiere screening of
The Legacy Portrait Project
Thursday, January 26, 2023 | 7:00 PM EST
Leah Posluns Theatre
4588 Bathurst Street, Toronto, ON

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.

Senior Rabbi: Jarrod Grover

Assistant Rabbi: Alisa Zilbershtein

Hazzan: Tibor Kovari

Ritual Director: Irv Kirshenblat

Executive Director: Rivka Campbell

President: Barbara Albert

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

Sat.	Jan. 21	• Shabbat Kids Club	10:00AM
Sat.	Jan. 21	• Ice Cream Sundae Havdallah	7:00PM
Sat.	Jan. 21	• Board Game Night at Beth Tikvah	7:30PM
Mon.	Jan. 23	• Mitzvah Knitters (Downstairs in Assembly Hall)	1:00PM
Tues.	Jan. 24	• Classi Lectures: Mystery of the Bodies in the Well	12:30PM
Tues.	Jan. 24	• B'not/B'nai Mitzvah Program: Yad Making Workshop	7:00PM
Thurs.	Jan. 26	• Restorative Yoga & Meditation with Orli Ziv	10:00AM
Thurs.	Jan. 26	• Walk with Beth Tikvah (York Cemetery-West Section)	1:30PM
Sat.	Jan. 28	• Iddo Netanyahu: The Yoni Netanyahu Story Part 1	7:30PM
Sun.	Jan. 29	• Iddo Netanyahu: The Yoni Netanyahu Story Part 2	11:00AM

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

UPCOMING
EVENTS

