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JANUARY 28, 2023 / 5783 (שׁבט, 6 PARASHAT BO

SHABBAT TORAH READINGS	SHABBAT SCHEDULE WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES	
Torah Exodus 10:1 - 13:16 שׁמוֹת Etz <u>H</u> ayim pg. 374 Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28 ירמיהו Etz <u>H</u> ayim pg. 395	Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv6:00 pmCandlelighting (January 27)5:03 pmSha <u>h</u> arit9:00 amShabbat Kids Club10:00 amMin <u>h</u> a/Ma'ariv4:55 pmHavdalah6:05 pmAll services are In Person and LiveStreamed	Morning Services @ Adath Israel:Sunday8:30 amMonday to Friday7:30 amEvening Services @ Beth Tikvah:Sunday5:15 pmMonday to Thursday7:00 pm
Seudah is co-sponsored by: Harvey Bitterman	Celebrating Together at Beth Tikv Celebrate special moments together as a con at synagogue! Contact us to learn more!	THE WE have a special memory
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#### Darkness and Light by Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

The theme of darkness is an important one in Parshat Bo. The ninth plague that God brings upon Egypt is a thick darkness that covers the land for three days. This darkness is described as being so thick that one could not see one's own hand in front of one's face and could not move.

Most people are afraid of darkness to some extent. The fear of not being able to see is one of the most terrifying. Rabbi Ismar Schorsch notes how this fear is reflected in our daily prayer. We begin evening Ma'ariv service only after the appearance of three stars. It begins with Barekhu, the call to praise God. Yet before that summons us to prayer, we softly recite for ourselves "Vehu Rahum" — a verse from Psalm 78: "But he, the compassionate one, would expiate sin, and not destroy; he would, again and again, turn back his anger, and would not arouse his full wrath..." The verse is there to offset our anxiety with the onset of night. It is the opposite of what we fear.

It is said in the Torah, "People could not see one another, and for three days, no one could move about; but all the Israelites enjoyed light in their dwellings." (Ex 10:23).

The light that kept shining in the Israelites' houses during the three days of darkness serves as a powerful symbol of their trust in God because at that stage they did not know yet if they were going to be liberated. Despite the darkness and uncertainty around them, the Israelites were able to maintain their faith in God. The light in their homes was a visible reminder of God's protection, and it would have been a source of comfort and hope for the Israelites during this difficult time. And until today, it reminds us that the light of God's presence is always with us. It teaches us that even in the midst of hardship, uncertainty and darkness, we can trust in God's guidance and protection and that his light will guide us through the darkest of times.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**



JOIN US: SHABBAT, JANUARY 28, 2023 **MEET DOWNSTAIRS AT 10AM** 

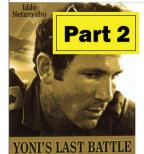
#### DON'T MISS THIS WEEKEND'S **AMAZING PROGRAM!**

**Beth Tikvah Synagogue Israel Affairs Committee Presents:** 

**IDDO NETANYAH** The Yoni Netanyahu Story

# **A TWO-PART PROGRA**





#### **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

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COME VOLUNTEER:

January 30th at

11AM

# HELP FEED **THE HOMELESS:**

A BETH TIKVAH WOMEN PROJECT

### UNTEERS 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.

ntual and 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

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EVGENIA **KEMPINSKI** 





AN EXPLORATION **OFYORAM HAZONY'S "GOD AND POLITICS** IN ESTHER"

FEBRUARY I 1PM on ZOOM Sex, Violence and Political Intrigue: Its Surprising Biblical Role



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## YAHRZEITS

#### This week, we commemorate the yahrzeits of the following people

#### 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

#### Saturday, January 28

Charles Cohen *z''l*, father of Clive Cohen Ralph Cohen *z''l*, father of Carol Hacker Shonna Goldenthal *z''l*, sister of Shirley Weinstein Ine Hofstee *z''l*, mother of Jet Sachar Garry Rosen *z''l*, brother of Fred Rosen Charles Brandman *z''l*, father of Stephanie Smith

#### Sunday, January 29

Esther Baylin *z''l*, mother of Lois Demone Bernice Bleichman *z''l*, sister of Albert & Harold Lewkowicz Sophie Dunkelman *z''l*, mother of Beverley Breslow Wilhelm Friesner *z''l*, father of Abraham Friesner Claude Habert *z''l*, father of Brian Habert Molly Kaminker *z''l*, sister of Eleanor Markovitz Myer Kirsh *z''l*, father of Gary Kirsh Samuel Klein *z''l*, father of Esther Lefler Sidney Levy *z''l*, father of Edward Levy Muriel Reingold *z''l*, mother of Beverley Winnick Cynthia Small-Wallet *z''l*, sister of Barbara Roberts Marcus Young *z''l*, father of Cherry Rubin

#### Monday, January 30

Joseph Kreindler z''l, father of Simon Kreindler Joseph Rothberg z''l, father of Norman Rothberg Gertie Sinai z''l, mother of Stanley Sinai



Senior Rabbi: Jarrod Grover Assistant Rabbi: Alisa Zilbershtein <u>H</u>azzan: Tibor Kovari Ritual Director: Irv Kirshenblat Executive Director: Rivka Campbell President: Barbara Albert

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.

#### Tuesday, January 31

Joseph Bleviss *z*''l, brother of Diane Sobel Rose Cayne *z*''l, mother of Barbara Hendelman Louis Cohen *z*''l, father of Eric Cohen Max Hager *z*''l, husband of Shirley Hager Jack Lipsky *z*''l, brother of Georgia Dennis Philip Persyko *z*''l, father of Larry Persyko Pearl Schwartz *z*''l, mother of Cecil & Leon Schwartz Sam Stern *z*''l, father of Janet Sherman Albert Stevens *z*''l, father of Howard Stevens

#### Wednesday, February 1

Eric Exton z''l, father of Lennie Exton Roma Grynberg z''l, mother of Fela Miller Iser Lokiec z''l, father of Faye Minuk Hymie Pozner z''l, father of Sylvia Cooper

#### Thursday, February 2

Ernie Dicker *z''l*, father of Stuart Dicker Ernie Dicker *z''l*, husband of Lorraine Dicker Henry Frydrych *z''l*, husband of Aileen Frydrych Edward Kaplan *z''l*, father of Janis Aberman Norman Rochwerg *z''l*, father of Cecil Rochwerg Sarah Swirsky *z''l*, mother of Marvin Swirsky

#### Friday, February 3

Phillip Daniels z''l, husband of Helen Daniels Martin Gelbstein z''l, father of Rose Lavine Nathan Mogil z''l, father of Reene Katz Eze Torkin z''l, father of Larry Torkin

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COM	IING U	JP AT BETH TIKVAH <b>EV</b>	ENTS	
Sat.	Jan. 28	Shabbat Kids Club (Meet downstairs)	10:00AM	
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	
Mon.	Jan. 30	• BTW Making Sandwiches for Ve'ahavta	11:00AM	
Tues.	Jan. 31	• Lunch & Learn Winter #1 with Evgenia Kempinski	12:30PM	
Wed.	Feb. 1	• Learning with Bracha Feder (New Session!)	1:00PM	
Thurs.	Feb. 2	eb. 2 • Walk with Beth Tikvah (York Cemetery-West Section) 1:30PM		
Sat.	Feb. 4	• Shabbat Shirah with the Beth Tikvah Choir	9:00AM	
Sun.	Feb. 5	• Tu Bishvat Celebration of Mother Nature Concert	2:30PM	
A portion of funds raised at Bingo World Richmond Hill helps to support programs at Beth Tikvah Synagogue				