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MAY 13, 2023 / 5783, איר 22

PARASHAT BEHAR-BEHUKKOTAI

Shabbat Shalom!

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SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

Torah

Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34 ויקרא
Etz Hayim pg. 738

Haftarah

Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14 ירמיהו
Etz Hayim pg. 763

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm
Candlelighting (May 12) 8:15 pm
Shaharit 9:00 am
Shabbat Kids Club 10:00 am
Rabbis' Discussion following Kiddush
Minha/Ma'ariv 8:05 pm
Havdalah 9:16 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 to Thursday 7:30 pm
We welcome you to join our minyan

Mazal Tov to:

Marlee Vinegar & David Warshafsky on their Aufruf. Mazel Tov to their parents Risa Awerbuck, Alan Vinegar & Barbara Albert and Naomi & Neil Warshafsky.

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

Barbara Albert & Alan Vinegar in honour of Marlee & David's Aufruf.

Dinah & Cory Kagan and Robert Feldgaier in commemoration of the first yahrzeit of Joseph Deckelbaum z"l

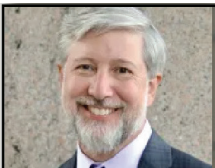
THIS SHABBAT!

RABBI DANNY NEVINS

CHALLENGES OF MODERN JEWISH LIFE

In Conversation with
Rabbi Jarrod Grover
& Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

D'var Torah by Rabbi Nevins
and Rabbis' Discussion following kiddush



SPECIAL GUEST D'VAR TORAH with Rabbi Danny Nevins

Walking Upright by Rabbi Danny Nevins

Just before the Torah switches from blessing to rebuke in our second portion, Behukotai, God reminds the people that they were removed and liberated from Egyptian servitude in order to walk upright and without restraint (Levit. 13:13). The word for "upright" קוֹמְמִיּוֹת is unusual and ambiguous. As Rashi comments, it means "standing straight," which is a posture of strength—but is that an entirely good thing?

In tractate Brakhot 43b., Torah sages are warned to avoid various behaviours, including "walking upright." This is explained by Mar: "One who walks even four cubits with upright posture is as if they knock out the legs of the Shekhinah, for it is written (in Isaiah 6) that God's glory fills the entire world." I understand Mar to

mean that when a sage adopts a position of confidence, even of insolence, they somehow undermine the divine presence.

However, elsewhere in rabbinic literature, standing upright is seen as a state of redemption, not just from Egyptian slavery but from the sorrows of this world altogether. The word קוֹמְמִיּוֹת is read as a plural form—two heights—to mean that future humans will be twice as tall as Adam the First, who himself was a giant. If we are virtuous, then our children will stand taller than we do (Sanhedrin 100a; Bereshit Rabbah 12:6). Height and posture are indications of our status. When we are burdened by sin, then we are weighed down and reduced in stature. When we act virtuously, then we are lifted up and elevated. Standing upright is not necessarily

a sign of arrogance; it is also a promise of redemption.

The ambiguity surrounding upright posture is a constructive tension, I think. It is good to be humbled, and it is good to be dignified. A person who is so humble that they cannot walk properly and accomplish their work in the world is not living up to their potential. And a person who proudly prances about denies the assistance upon which they depend from God and other people.

We signify the ambiguity in our worship by bending our knees and bowing four times during the Amidah but standing up straight at the divine Name. Humble we are, but dignified too, even before God. Posture indicates our internal state; both humility and confidence are required to partner with God to make the entire world truly reflect the divine glory.

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

JOIN US: MAY 13, 2023
MEET DOWNSTAIRS AT 10AM



PARASHAT
HASHAVUAH
WITH RABBI GROVER

MONDAY, MAY 15
2:15PM-2:45PM on Zoom

MITZVAH KNITTERS

AT BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE



MAY 15
@ 1:00PM
Downstairs in the
Assembly Hall



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IN PERSON

LUNCH
and
LEARN



Spring
Session

LAST SESSION: Nathan Greenfield - MAY 16 @ 12PM

QUICK PICK SHAVUOT

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023

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Services will end at 11AM
and our speakers will
each be giving a class for
45 minutes.

Select the class
that you are most
interested in.

Dairy Kiddush
following classes.

SETH GOLDSWEIG

It's not in the heavens:
a look at one of the
more surprising texts
in the Talmud

LYNNE RAXLEN

Mussar & Gratitude
Recognizing the Good

RABBI JARROD GROVER

Marking the Age When Torah is Received:
The Origins of the Bar Mitzvah

YOUR CHOICE OF SPEAKER! JOIN US ON SHAVUOT!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SHAVUOT
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**

SHAVUOT, MAY 26. AT 1:00 PM

(following the morning service)
at Beth Tikvah Synagogue

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

TOWNHALL MEETING

NEW DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 27 @ 8:15 PM
Registration Open: Members Only

WITHOUT PRECEDENT

THE SUPREME LIFE OF
ROSALIE ABELLA

Exclusive Beth Tikvah Film Screening:
Monday, June 19 at 7:30PM at Cineplex Yorkdale

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

2023 Inter-Shul Film Series



FEATURED FILM: A RADIANT GIRL
BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
@ 7:30 PM
See website for Tickets



Members are invited to:

DONOR APPRECIATION EVENING

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

Minha/Ma'ariv at 7:00 PM

Dessert Reception at 7:30 PM

AN EVENING FEATURING:

- ★ **Jordana Talsky & Band** - Beth Tikvah alumnus, jazz, soul, pop singer and songwriter
- ★ **Ben Train** - strolling magician/mentalist
- ★ **Beth Tikvah Photography Group** - Curated Exhibit



We reached our goal of raising \$1M between 2020-2022 and our matching donor would like to "thank" the congregation for reaching this milestone with a dessert reception. *Catered by PRC Caterers.*
Register early, space is limited.

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LEARNING WITH BRACHA FEDER



In the Tradition of Studying Pirkei Avot Between Pesah & Shavuoth

NEXT SESSION: Wednesday, May 17 at 1PM:

OUR SAGES ON PLURALISM

This class is sponsored by:

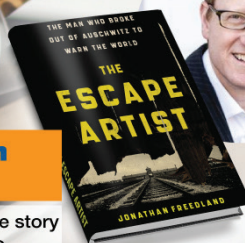
Edda & Ron Laxer & Family in honour of **Bracha & Batya.**

SPRING-SUMMER READING SERIES



Wednesday, June 7th
4:00 pm on Zoom

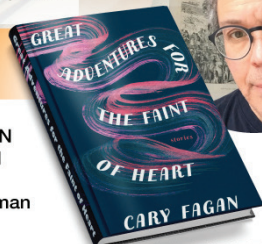
JONATHAN FREEDLAND tells the story of a young man with a mission to expose the chilling reality of Auschwitz and the Holocaust. Rudolf Vrba and his friend, Fred Wetzler, make a daring escape. Their testimony reaches Churchill, Roosevelt and the Pope, saving the lives of 200,000 Hungarian Jews.



Author: Jonathan Freedland
The Escape Artist

Tuesday, July 18th
8:00 pm on Zoom

In ten compelling and delightful stories, **CARY FAGAN** highlights ordinary people and how hope and their stories expand our acceptance of human frailty and our unpredictable capacity for change. He is an award-winning author of novels, short stories and children's books.



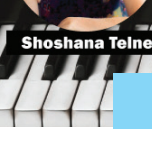
Author: Cary Fagan
GREAT ADVENTURES FOR THE FAINT OF HEART



Jewish Classics

featuring the **Toronto Jewish Camerata Orchestra**
May 30, 2023 | In-Person & Online

8:00 PM at Beth Tikvah Synagogue



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Yahrzeits

This week, we commemorate the yahrzeits of the following people

Friday, May 12

Gitla Friedland z"l, mother of Allan Friedland
Carol Gottesman z"l, sister of Frances Barish
Carl Max Herlick z"l, father of David Herlick
Harry Jerusalem z"l, father of Jack Jerusalem
Esther Levy-Bencheton z"l, sister of Guigui Haiat
Esther Levy-Bencheton z"l, sister of Violette Cohen
Henry Rice z"l, father of Edward Rice
Irving Wunch z"l, father of Philip Wunch
Robert Schneider z"l, father of Kathleen Schneider
Robert Schneider z"l, husband of Jolan Schneider

Saturday, May 13

Martin David Applebaum z"l, brother of Pamela Webber
Lottie Dolman z"l, mother of Harvey Dolman
Isidore Fogel z"l, father of Terry Lipkus
Miksa Lazarovits z"l, father of Katalin Lazarovits
Debi Organ z"l, sister of Lorne Pollock
Izzie Presman z"l, father of Etty Danzig
Meyer Rotmensh z"l, father of Marsha Raubvogel
Samuel Salisbury z"l, father of Pamela Krett
Morton Tanner z"l, brother of Ruth Simon

Sunday, May 14

Trudy Heimann z"l, wife of Paul Heimann
Irving Roth z"l, father of Norman Roth

Monday, May 15

Ernest Billinkoff z"l, father of Marcia Schnoor
Saidy Blonder z"l, mother of Marion Mayman
Mel Finkelstein z"l, father of Sue Ellen Torok
Mel Finkelstein z"l, husband of Mindy Finkelstein
Luba Heiber z"l, mother of Ruth Rose
Sam Klein z"l, father of Susan Rosenstein
Clara Levy z"l, mother of Edward Levy
Aaron Mandlsohn z"l, son of Linda & Jeff Mandlsohn
Sylvia Teblum z"l, sister of Freda Gottesman-Brender

Tuesday, May 16

Fradel Davis z"l, mother of Sandra Miller
Morris Goldstein z"l, father of Raizie Jacobson
David Greenspoon z"l, father of Dorothy Abrams
Molly Rotman z"l, mother In Law of Jerry Lev

Wednesday, May 17

Dorothy Sherman z"l, mother of Annette Sherman Segal

Thursday, May 18

Herman Davidson z"l, father of Alex Davidson
Maurice Miller z"l, father of Herman Miller
Sadie Moranis z"l, sister of Betty Dale
Sydney Rifkin z"l, husband of Ilse Braude
Peter Broude z"l, brother of David Broude

Friday, May 19

Arthur Cytrynbaum z"l, father of Louis Cytrynbaum
Lillian Josephs z"l, mother of Judi Maltz
David Joseph Salsberg z"l, father of Sandi Silverman
Eugene Strauss z"l, father of Deborah Strauss
Sarah Wingold z"l, mother of Evelyn Zeifman



Meal Train®

Hesed Alert: Our member Barbara Levitt is recovering at home from major surgery. You can show her some love during her recovery by joining the "Meal Train" at this link:

www.mealtrain.com/trains/g6y633

For more information please contact Rabbi Grover:
rabbigrover@bethtikvahtoronto.org

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

Sat.	May 13	• Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Danny Nevins	9:00AM
Sat.	May 13	• Shabbat Kids Club	10:00AM
Mon.	May 8	• Mitzvah Knitters (Beth Tikvah Assembly Hall)	1:00 PM
Mon.	May 8	• Weekly Parashat HaShavuah Class with Rabbi Jarrod Grover (Zoom)	2:15 PM
Tues.	May 16	• Photography with Rick Bornstein (at BT)	10:00 AM
Tues.	May 16	• Lunch & Learn: Nathan M. Greenfield (at BT)	12:00 PM
Wed.	May 17	• Intro to Jewish Genealogy (at BT)	10:30AM
Wed.	May 17	• Learning with Bracha Feder (Zoom)	1:00PM
Wed.	May 18	• Film Screening: A Radiant Girl (Beth David)	7:30 PM
Thurs.	May 11	• Yoga & Meditation with Orli Ziv (at BT)	10:00 AM

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



Beth Tikvah extends a *yasher koah* to Rivka Campbell, our executive director for the attainment of the Fellow in Synagogue Administration (FSA) certification from the North American Association of Synagogue Executives. This program recognizes

recipients' leadership, professionalism, experience, competence and knowledge of the field

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Senior Rabbi: Jarrod Grover
Hazzan: Tibor Kovari
Executive Director: Rivka Campbell

Assistant Rabbi: Alisa Zilbershtein
Ritual Director: Irv Kirshenblat
President: Barbara Albert