



# Ma Nishma

מה נשמע

MAY 20, 2023 / 5783, איר 29

PARASHAT BEMIDBAR

SHABBAT MEVAREKHIM HAHOODESH

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Rosh Hodesh Sivan is on  
Sunday, May 21

## SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

### Torah

Numbers 1:1 - 4:20 במדבר  
Etz Hayim pg. 769

### Haftarah for Erev Rosh Hodesh

1 Samuel 20:18 - 20:42 שמואל א'  
Etz Hayim pg. 1216

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm  
Candlelighting (May 19) 8:22 pm  
Shaharit 9:00 am  
Shabbat Kids Club 10:00 am  
Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:15 pm  
Havdalah 9:23 pm  
*All services are In Person and LiveStreamed*

## WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

### Morning Services @ Adath Israel:

Sunday & Monday 8:30 am  
Tuesday to Thursday 7:30 am

### Evening Services @ Beth Tikvah:

Sunday to Wednesday 7:30 pm  
Thursday (Erev Shavuot) 6:45 pm  
*See Shavuot Schedule on the back page*

### Mazal Tov to:

**Laura & Jonathan Adam** on the B'not Mitzvah of their daughters **Claire and Julie**. Grandparents are **Judy & Bernard Verbeeten and Paul Adam**.

**Shirley Anne Haber** on her 85th Birthday.

### Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

**The Mlotek Family** in memory of **Ethel Mandel and Allen Mlotek, z"l**.

**Harvey Haber & Family** in honour of **Shirley Anne's 85th Birthday**

**Laura & Jonathan Adam** in honour of the B'not Mitzvah of **Claire & Julie**.

### TORAH STUDY

Please join **Morley Goldberg** in the Kulanu Room this Shabbat for a Torah Study session about Parashat Bemidbar. All are welcome!

### Seudah is co-sponsored by:

**Jack Bick** in memory of **Janet Bick z"l**.



### PLEASE NOTE:

The Beth Tikvah office will be closed on **Monday, May 22** for **Victoria Day**

**UJA WALK WITH ISRAEL**

DiamondCorp LATNER, COOPER & BEKHOR FAMILIES RIO+CAN yogen früz

**Monday, May 22, 2023 | 9:30 AM**

Earl Bales Park to UJA's Sherman Campus



## Light of the Torah

### In the desert by Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein

This week, we are reading Parshat Bemidbar, the first Parsha in the Book of Numbers. The name "Bemidbar," meaning "in the desert" or "in the wilderness," sets the scene for the wandering of the Israelites but also has deep symbolic significance in our spiritual journey as people and as individuals.

At the very beginning of the Parsha, God commands Moshe to take a census of the Israelite nation. This is where the English title of the book, "Numbers", comes from. Counting is a recognition of individual worth, acknowledging each and every person's

unique contribution to the community. As Rabbi Yosef B. Friedman writes, "In a census, each individual is counted for one—neither more nor less." Each person is essential to the collective, and everyone matters. However, it's not just the census but the context in which it occurs—the desert—that holds vital lessons for us. Why does the Torah specifically mention that this census took place in the desert?

In the vast emptiness and silence, one can hear the still, small voice within. It is a place where distractions are minimized, and one's character can truly be tested and forged. It also evokes

humility, reminding us of our reliance on God for sustenance and survival.

Moreover, it is a levelling place. In the desert, all are equal. Just as every grain of sand in the desert is vital for the landscape to be what it is, every single Israelite counted in the census was essential in shaping the nation.

Parshat Bemidbar teaches us about the importance of each individual in the community, the value of empty spaces that allow for growth, and the humbling equality that reminds us of our common humanity. May we find the strength and wisdom to incorporate these lessons into our lives as we continue our own journeys through the deserts of life.



## COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

# SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

JOIN US: MAY 20, 2023  
MEET DOWNSTAIRS AT 10AM

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.



On the second day of Shavuot (Saturday, May 27, 2023), families along with their new additions are welcomed up to the bimah to join us at the conclusion of the service for Adon Olam. May we continue to share in Simḥot with your family in the future!

## 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!**

## WITHOUT PRECEDENT

THE SUPREME LIFE OF  
ROSALIE ABELLA

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



PARASHAT  
HASHAVUAH  
WITH RABBI GROVER

MONDAY, MAY 22  
2:15PM-2:45PM on Zoom

**YYF  
Breakfast  
& SHAVUOT  
Tikkun  
with Nadia!**

**SHAVUOT**  
Friday, May 26th  
10AM - 12PM

Young children are welcome to  
join us for a cereal breakfast  
bar at 10:00 am followed by  
an engaging program with  
Nadia for Shavuot.




## COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH




# TOWNHALL MEETING

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



# LEARNING WITH BRACHA FEDER



## In the Tradition of Studying Pirkei Avot Between Pesah & Shavuoth

**NEXT SESSION: Wednesday, May 24 at 1PM:**  
**OUR SAGES ON FINDING THE BALANCE BETWEEN STUDY & PRACTICE**



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.

**PRC CATERERS**

# SPRING-SUMMER READING SERIES




**Wednesday, June 7th 4:00 pm on Zoom**

**Author: Jonathan Freedland**  
**The Escape Artist**

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.



**Tuesday, July 18th 8:00 pm on Zoom**

**Author: Cary Fagan**  
**GREAT ADVENTURES FOR THE FAINT OF HEART**

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.





# Jewish Classics

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

**8:00 PM at Beth Tikvah Synagogue**



**Michael Berkovsky**



**Hazzan Tibor Kovari**



**Moshe Hammer**



**Shoshana Telner**



**Coral Solomon**



**Guy Mannheim**

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# Yahrzeits

This week, we commemorate the yahrzeits of the following people

## 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

## Saturday, May 20

Arthur Alpert z"l, father of Jeffrey Alpert  
Janet Bick z"l, mother of Stephanie Bick  
Janet Bick z"l, wife of Jack Bick  
Paul Martin Held z"l, father of Doreen Diner  
Pepi Kaufman z"l, mother of Halina Levitt  
Norman Levine z"l, brother of Hannah Bellack  
Norman Levine z"l, father of Dayle Ann Levine  
Allen Mlotek z"l, father of Stuart Mlotek  
Allen Mlotek z"l, husband of Bernice Mlotek  
Hyman Waxman z"l, father of Clifford Waxman

## Sunday, May 21

Max Barak z"l, father of Barbara Barak  
Sam Hartzman z"l, brother of Miriam Sapiro  
Ezra Kadouri z"l, father of Louisa Hostick  
Fanny Lapkin z"l, mother of Shirley Ross  
Sylvia Niloff Niloff z"l, sister of Riva Rosenfeld  
Salah Rotsztain z"l, mother of Jack Rotsztain  
Cynthia Sinai z"l, sister of Stanley Sinai  
Howard Tward z"l, brother of Manny Tward  
Howard Tward z"l, husband of Renee Tward  
Mary Brown z"l, mother of Adrienne Katz

## Monday, May 22

Leib Frenkiel z"l, father of Pauline Goldberg  
Harry Greenspan z"l, father of Beryl Brewda  
Irving Honickman z"l, father of Howard Honickman  
Sherman Kirshner z"l, brother of Reva Waldman  
Ethel Mandel z"l, mother of Bernice Mlotek  
Victoria Rumack z"l, mother of Rochelle Berg  
Louis Starkman z"l, father of Norman Kelman

## Tuesday, May 23

Anna Cadesky z"l, mother of Zelda Fram  
Bertha Cozman z"l, mother of Rhoda Kirshin  
David Goldberg z"l, father of Marvin Goldberg  
Lilyan Gutmann z"l, mother of Gary Gutmann  
Harold Landis z"l, brother of Debby Solomon  
Min Mandel z"l, sister of Sylvia Cooper  
Min Mandel z"l, mother of Rochelle Norris and Ronald Mandel

## Wednesday, May 24

Sam Birnbaum z"l, father of Alan Birnbaum  
Jack Levine z"l, father of Rick Levine  
Joe Schwartz z"l, husband of Rosalind Schwartz

## Thursday, May 25

Kevin Druck z"l, son of Desiree and Samuel Druck  
Moses Flam z"l, father of Ron Flam  
Abraham Mudrik z"l, husband of Marilyn Mudrik  
Sam Reitelman z"l, father of Shirley Bar-el  
Ethel Roth z"l, mother of Norman Roth  
Deenie Abella z"l, sister of Errol Abella

## Friday, May 26

Morton Greenspoon z"l, husband of Belle Greenspoon  
Robert Sklar z"l, son of Corinne and Donald Sklar

## SHAVUOT

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

Minha/Ma'ariv.....6:45PM

### FRIDAY, MAY 26 – 1ST DAY OF SHAVUOT

Morning Services.....9:00AM  
Youth Programming.....10:30AM  
Quick-Pick Shavuot Featuring Torah Lectures  
by Clergy and Volunteers.....from 11AM-12PM  
Special Dairy Kiddush.....12:00PM

Minha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45PM  
Candle Lighting.....8:29PM

### SHABBAT, MAY 27 – SHABBAT AND 2ND DAY OF SHAVUOT

Morning Services.....9:00AM  
Megillat Ruth.....9:45AM  
Yizkor Sermon by Rabbi Grover  
Yizkor (approx.).....10:30AM  
Youth Programming.....10:00AM

Minha.....8:30PM  
Havdalah.....9:41PM

### SUNDAY, MAY 28 (ISRU HAG)

Minha.....7:30PM

## COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

Sat.	May 20	• Shabbat Kids Club	10:00AM
Mon.	May 22	• Weekly Parashat HaShvua Class with Rabbi Jarrod Grover (Zoom)	2:15 PM
Wed.	May 24	• Intro to Jewish Genealogy (at BT)	10:30AM
Wed.	May 24	• Learning with Bracha Feder (Zoom)	1:00PM
Thurs.	May 25	• Photography with Rick Bornstein (at BT)	10:00 AM
Fri.	May 26	• YYF Cereal Bar & Shavuot Tikkun (at BT)	10:00 AM
Fri.	May 26	• Quick Pick Shavuot (at BT)	11:00 AM
Fri.	May 26	• Shavuot Study with Rabbi Zilbershtein (at BT)	1:00 PM

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



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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