





Ma Nishma

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MAY 20, 2023 / 5783 איר, 29 PARASHAT BEMIDBAR SHABBAT MEVAREKHIM HAHODESH



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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 8:22 pm Candlelighting (May 19) Shaharit 9:00 am Shabbat Kids Club 10:00 am Minha/Ma'ariy 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 & Ionathan 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.

TORAH STUDY

Please join Morley Goldberg in the Kulanu Room this Shabbat for a Torah Study session **Jack Bick** in memory of **Janet Bick** *z*"*l*. about Parashat Bemidbar. All are welcome!

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.

Seudah is co-sponsored by:



PLEASE NOTE: The Beth Tikvah office will be closed on Monday, May 22 for



Victoria Day

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



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

QUICK PICK SHAVUOT FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE



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





RABBI JARROD GROVER

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

YOUR CHOICE OF SPEAKER! JOIN US ON SHAVUOT!

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







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.



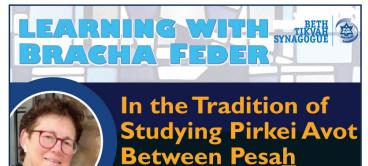
On the second day of Shavuot (Saturday, May 27, 2023), families along with their new additions are welcomed up to the bimah to join us at the conclusion of the service for Adon Olam. May we continue to share in Simhot with your family in the future!



COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH



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



Shavuoth

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







Register early, space is limited.

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

SHAVUOT

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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 Volunteersfrom 1	1AM-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	
Yizkor Sermon by Rabbi Grover	
Yizkor (approx.)	10:30AM
Youth Programming	10:00AM
Minha	8:30PM

SUNDAY, MAY 28 (ISRU <u>H</u>AG)

 $Min\underline{h}a......7:30PM$

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

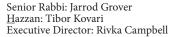
Kevin Druck z''l, son of Desiree and Samuel Druck Moses Flam z''l, father of Ron Flam Abraham Mudrik z''l, husband of Marilyn Mudrik Sam Reitelman z''l, father of Shirley Bar-el Ethel Roth z''l, mother of Norman Roth Deenie Abella z''l, sister of Errol Abella

Friday, May 26

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

CON	IING UP AT BETH TIKVAH		
Sat.	May 20 • Shabbat Kids Club	10:00AM	
Mon.	May 22 • Weekly Parashat HaShavuah Class with Rabbi Jarrod Grover (<i>Zoom</i>)	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			





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