

Ma Nishma

מה נשמע

BETH
TIKVAH
SYNAGOGUE



Rosh Hodesh
Heshvan is
this Sunday
& Monday

OCTOBER 14, 2023 / 5784 תשרי 29

PARASHAT BEREISHIT

SHABBAT MEVAREKHIM HA^HODESH
(SHABBAT MAHAR HODESH)

SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

Torah

Genesis 1:1 - 6:8 בראשית
Etz Hayim pg. 3

Haftarah for Shabbat Mahar Hodesh

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

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Solidarity with Israel (Oct. 13) 5:15 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat (Oct. 13) 6:00 pm
Candlelighting (Oct. 13) 6:20 pm
Shaharit 9:00 am
Minha/Ma'ariv 6:10 pm
Havdalah 7:18 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:

Monday to Thursday 7:00 pm

All services are In Person and LiveStreamed

Mazel Tov to:

Robin Waxer & Shaul Gorelik on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jonah Mordechai Waxer Gorelik**. And to the grandparents **Susan & Harley Waxer** and **Dalia & Josef Gorelik**. (Shabbat)

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

Ron Morris in honour of his Birthday.

Robin Waxer & Saul Gorelik in honour of **Jonah's Bar Mitzvah**.

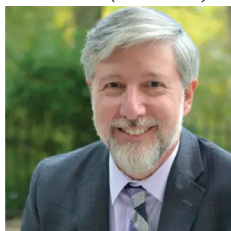
AM ISRAEL CHAI



Torah Study



Please join
Morley Goldberg
this Shabbat
for Torah Study
on Parashat Bereishit
in the Chapel.



SPECIAL GUEST D'VAR TORAH with Rabbi Danny Nevins

Freewill to Know Good & Evil by Rabbi Danny Nevins

God places Adam in the Garden of Eden and invites the first people to taste any fruit in the garden, except for the fruit of one tree: The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Why not?

A disturbing answer comes from the Torah's first villain, the snake. He says to Eve that eating this fruit won't really kill her. God prohibited it only because it will somehow make them like God, knowing good and evil (Genesis 3:5). In other words, God is jealous or insecure, and this is why God bans the best fruit in the garden.

Ramban is most convincing (Gen. 2:9) in arguing that the fruit somehow conveyed the power of freewill. Adam and Eve could be trusted to obey God's command until the snake tricked them into gaining this ability. That is why the tree could be left unguarded in the middle of the garden, and that is why their eyes were opened—to the possibilities

of both obedience and disobedience. But isn't this freedom ultimately a good thing?

This story reads like a parable of education. Parents and teachers want their children to become wise and independent. They also worry that "a little knowledge is dangerous," and that smart children may make decisions that displease their elders. Adults may exhibit ambivalence, taking pride in the growing independence of youths, but worrying where they will take things. Much like God in the garden, we want simultaneously to empower and control our children, while also protecting them and ourselves from rash and dangerous decisions.

This story introduces a broader paradox of our lives. By our nature, we strive for knowledge and power, to conquer our surroundings, to become masters of our world. We celebrate ambition and accomplishment; we reward high achievement. At the same time, we recognize that there is a dark side to ambition and mastery. Hubris is the route to ruin. Humanity has become extraordinarily

powerful, conquering the land, skies, and seas, and probing space, too. In discovering and exploiting the laws of nature, we seem to have sown the seeds of our own destruction. The Tree of Knowledge is a parable for this paradox—knowledge makes humanity powerful, but also fragile, because we cannot anticipate, much less control the consequences of our actions.

Perhaps the problem is that the tree offers only neutral knowledge of good and evil, not guidance on the path to goodness. True education is not only about information transfer, but about learning to understand complexity, and to do the right thing. Here in the first Torah portion, we recognize the yearning for freedom, knowledge and power. The rest of the Torah will teach humanity to harness that power for good—to take responsibility for other people and for the planet itself, so that we can become true partners with God in making the world "very good."

Shabbat Shalom!

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

Kids Club will meet this Shabbat in the KULANU ROOM at 10AM

THREE GREAT REASONS TO COME TO BETH TIKVAH ON MONDAY OCTOBER 16th:



Monday Morning Learning with Rabbi Grover

9:45 AM

TALMUDIC PASSAGES
Every Jew Should Know

Gain a deeper understanding of Judaism's approach to the world



מה יפה וירושנו
BETH TIKVAH
WOMEN

SANDWICH MAKING

11:00 AM

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS

MITZVAH KNITTERS

AT BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

1:00 PM

HEBREW READING CLASS
LEVEL 1 with Mike Kimrys

ON ZOOM

This course is targeted at beginners with little or no background in Hebrew.

Students will learn the Hebrew letters and vowels so that by the end, they can slowly read Hebrew and understand some Hebrew words.



TUESDAYS 7:30PM - 9:15PM
October 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7

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Fall Session



IN PERSON LUNCH and LEARN



October 17:
NANCY McDONALD
The Kindness of Strangers:
Memorializing the Past,
One Stone at a Time



November 14:
KATHY KACER
Book Banning
and the Holocaust,
A Dangerous Trend



October 24:
DAVID EISENSTADT
Under The Radar
36 Notable Canadian
Jewish Musicians



November 21:
JOSEPH GILBERT
Medicine & Health Care
in the Shtetl



October 31:
JACOB STEINBERG
The Lost Army
Their only Survivor's
Personal Story



November 28:
RABBI ALISA ZILBERSHTEIN
Birobidzhan: The Jewish
Land Far, Far Away

A new IN-PERSON Lunch & Learn Series:
6 sessions beginning October 17th

Come to Beth Tikvah for 12PM and enjoy lunch with your friends.
Then hear the featured speaker at 12:30 PM for an hour lecture!

TICKETS:

Advance RSVP required.

6 Pack:

Members: \$150
Non-members: \$180

Individual Session:

Members: \$30
Non-members: \$35

This series has been generously sponsored by Helen Stollar

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE



LIVE PANEL DISCUSSION
WITH FORMER UJA SHINSHINIM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
12:00PM - 1:30PM on Zoom

Join our community on Zoom for a live, on the ground, discussion about the current events and life in Israel. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

We will recite the prayers for Israel and for our soldiers as well.

Content is suitable for ages 15 and up.

REGISTER ONLINE

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

Join Rabbi Alisa Zilbershtein at the Koffler Gallery for a private Beth Tikvah tour of the world-premiere exhibition

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Special Guest: Canadian historian and curator Robert Jan van Pelt



**Sunday, October 29 @11AM
LIMITED TO 28
BETH TIKVAH MEMBERS**

**The Synagogue
at Babyn Yar**

Turning the Nightmare of Evil
into a shared Dream of Good

**Meet at the Koffler Centre for the Arts
180 Shaw Street, Toronto**

**LEARNING WITH
BRACHA FEDER**

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THE LAST WORDS OF MOSES

by Micah Goodman

An original reading of Moses' Final Address to his People Then and Now



OCTOBER 25

Moses' Religious Revolution

NOVEMBER 1

Monarchy Without Power

NOVEMBER 8

Defying the Dangers of Power

NOVEMBER 15

Moses' Concerns & a New Moment

**JOIN US ON ZOOM
Wednesdays at 1PM**

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 4-5

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

RABBI PAUL PLOTKIN

**SHABBAT
NOVEMBER 4th**

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5th**



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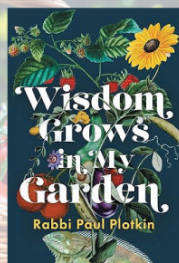
On Shabbat morning, Rabbi Plotkin will deliver a sermon and following Kiddush, a lecture:

**COR KOSHER
VS. CONSERVATIVE KOSHER
PROS AND CONS**

How did organizational supervisions come to be and how have they changed over the years?

A look at kashrut in the Orthodox and Conservative worlds.

Adath Israel
Congregation



On Sunday morning Rabbi Plotkin will be at Adath Israel for breakfast and will deliver a lecture about his new book, *Wisdom Grows From My Garden*. He will be selling the books for \$20 cash and will be signing them.

JEWISH PRIORITIES

sixty-five proposals for the future of our people

RABBI GROVER IN CONVERSATION

WITH EDITOR & AUTHOR

DAVID HAZONY



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023
7:30 PM ON ZOOM**



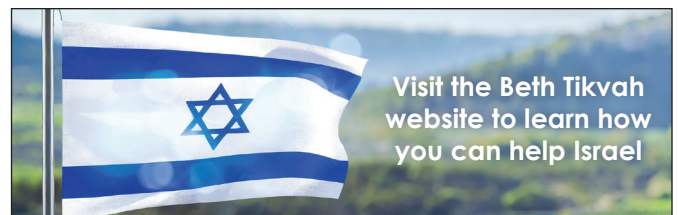
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YAHREZEITS

This week, we commemorate the yahrzeits of the following people

Friday, October 13

Diane Feldman z"l, mother of Gary Feldman
Irvine Israel Glass z"l, father of Vivian Felsen
Ken Labovitz z"l, brother of Vivian Miller
Gertrude Lester z"l, mother of Rochelle Thompson
David Louis Perlman z"l, father of Roy Perlman,
father of Hilary Schneeweiss & Malcolm Perlman
Jennifer Piltz z"l, sister of Elaine Zuck,
daughter of Victor Zuck
Irving Resnick z"l, father of Diane Miller
Marjorie Rothman z"l, sister of Harriet Sternberg
Fanny Steinberg z"l, mother of Wilfred Steinberg

Saturday, October 14

Rachael Cooper z"l, mother of Allan Cooper
Sam Fruitman z"l, father of Larry Fruitman
Albert Stewart z"l, father of Kenneth Stewart
Fred Diamond z"l, brother of Rhonda Newman

Sunday, October 15

Samuel Cooper z"l, father of Jerry Cooper
Betty Kirshin z"l, mother of Barry Kirshin
Murray B Spiegel z"l, father of Lynn Spiegel
Ruth Waters z"l, mother of Bruce Waters

Monday, October 16

Leon Chodorcove z"l, father of Edith Cantor
Ifa Demon z"l, mother of Brian Demone
Joseph Freeman z"l, father of Beverly Devins
Mannie Judelman z"l, father of Alan Judelman
Selma Kleinberg-Zalman z"l, mother of Lisa Foxman
Lionel Renard z"l, father of Brian & Stephen Renard
Morris Wagman z"l, father of Linda Garshon

Tuesday, October 17

Morris Berliner z"l, father of Suzanne Tepper
Gertrude Goldfarb z"l, mother of Elaine Blackstien
Maurice Moren z"l, father of Rhoda Caplan
Samuel Weinstock z"l, father of Lillian Hoffman
Robert Zeidenberg z"l, husband of Myrna Zeidenberg

Wednesday, October 18

Carl Greenwald z"l, husband of Lena Greenwald
Israel Joffe z"l, father of Arlene Silver & Beulah Esakov
Sarah Orfus z"l, mother of Harvey Orfus
Simon Zinnmann z"l, father of Boris Tsinman
Manny Manis z"l, father of Esther Nadler & Lisa Goldfarb
Robert Basch z"l, father of Ron Basch

Thursday, October 19

Eli Goldberg z"l, father of Nathan Goldberg
and husband of Pauline Goldberg
Hyman Mendelson z"l, father of Aaron Mendelson
Reuben Ostfield z"l, father of Michael Ostfield
Mannie Leon Rootenberg z"l, father of Abraham Rootenberg
Cydney Sherman z"l, mother of Kellie Saltzman
Ruth Warsh z"l, mother of Amy Goldsweig
Max Shapiro z"l, father of Michelle Cohen

Friday, October 20

Paula Finder z"l, mother of Helen Guttman
Esther Shapiro z"l, mother of Harold Shapiro
Fanny Luna Srouf z"l, mother of Salomon Srouf
Macey Schwartz z"l, brother of Cecil Schwartz

FRIENDS OF YIDDISH

Yiddish Concert & Chai Tea

Sunday, October 22nd at 2:00PM
at Beth Tikvah Synagogue
www.friendsofyiddish.ca

Featuring:

Janie Resnitz



Janie has delighted audiences throughout the world with her vast repertoire of Yiddish songs and lectures.

COMING UP AT BETH TIKVAH

Thur.	Oct. 11	• Yoga & Meditation with Orli Ziv (at BT)	10:00 AM
Sat.	Oct. 14	• Shabbat Kids Club (in the Kulanu Room)	10:00 AM
Mon.	Oct. 16	• NEW! Monday Morning Learning with Rabbi Grover Talmudic Passages Every Jew Should Know (at BT)	9:45 AM
Mon.	Oct. 16	• BT Women: Making Sandwiches for the Homeless	1:00 AM
Mon.	Oct. 16	• Mitzvah Knitters (at BT)	1:00 PM
Tues.	Oct. 17	• Lunch & Learn Session #1 (at BT)	12:00 PM
Tues.	Oct. 17	• B'nai Mitzvah Program #1 (at BT)	6:00 PM
Wed.	Oct. 18	• Learning with Bracha Feder (on Zoom)	1:00 PM

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



SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING:

BE AWARE: Listen, look and pay attention to the people around you.

TRUST YOUR GUT: If you feel uncomfortable, confer with someone to determine the facts.

SHARE: There is a difference between reporting and gossiping.

Go to security and share your information.



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

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