

# Ma Nishma

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2ND ADAR 23, 5779 / MARCH 30, 2019

PARASHAT SHEMINI - SHABBAT PARAH

## TORAH READINGS

Torah  
Leviticus 9:1-11:47  
Etz Hayim pg. 630

Haftarah  
Ezekiel 36:16-38  
Etz Hayim pg. 1287

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candlelighting (March 29) 7:23 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm  
Shaharit (Sanctuary) 9:00 am  
Minha / Ma'ariv 7:15 pm  
Havdalah 8:32 pm  
Candlelighting (April 5) 7:31 pm

## UPCOMING SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am/7:35 pm  
Monday-Thursday 7:15 am/7:00 pm  
Friday 7:15 am/6:00 pm

Our Springtime Hakol is now available to download on our website.



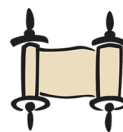
Beth Tikvah is pleased to welcome **Ismat Othman and Carmiel Frutkoff**, from the organization Kids4Peace.

Kids4Peace brings together Jewish, Christian, and Muslim youth to build trust, bridge divides, and create justice in the city they share.

**Ismat and Carmiel** will be speaking during Seudah Shilishit (7:30 PM) about this program initiative.

There will be no community Pesach Seder this year at Beth Tikvah. If you are looking to host a Seder, please contact the Rabbi's Assistant at [yardena@bethtikvahtoronto.org](mailto:yardena@bethtikvahtoronto.org).

## TORAH STUDY



We invite you to join Allan Cooper this Shabbat morning, in the Multi-purpose Room, from **10:00 - 11:00 AM** during the Torah portion of the service, for his interpretation of Shemini.

## Mazal Tov to:

- **Mark & Alexandra Edelstein** on the Naming of their daughter **Tali Rose Edelstein**. Grandparents are **Barry & Brenda Edelstein** and **Eitan & Susan Brenda Oren**. Great Grandparents are **Albert & Ruth Edelstein**.

## Thank you to our Sponsors: Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

- **Jason & Debra Rakowsky**, in support of organ donation.
- **Ruth & Albert Edelstein & Family** in honour of the Naming of their Great-Granddaughter, **Tali Rose Edelstein**.

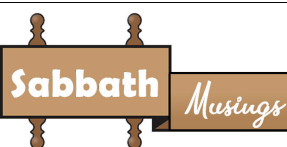


## Israel Votes: Post Kiddush in Kulanu Room.

Join the Shinshinim from this year's kommuna for a simulation of Israel's 2019 elections. An experience not to be missed!



Join **Rabbi Sachs** this Shabbat morning, immediately following the sermon for a Jewish mindfulness group meeting in the Multi-purpose room, led by **Jason Weir**.



With Rabbi Louis Sachs

## Parsha Shimini: Kashrut Cares About Your Feelings

This week, Israel's chief Sephardi Rabbi, Rabbi Yitzchak Yosef put a last minute hold on publishing the annual Passover kashrut guide produced by the Rabbinat. He was upset that the authors had made it overly stringent and burdensome, explaining, "They followed the rule of 'the more stringent the better,' and made up many, many chumrot (stringent rules)." He further complained, "They are looking to make matters more stringent for the people of Israel..."

In doing so, Rav Yosef, upheld a very important principle in Jewish law, of not placing an excessive burden on a community, (tircha d'tzibur.) The Rabbinic Sages of the Talmud, understood that halakhah was meant to uplift our lives, and not to make them excessively difficult to live.

In our parsha, we find this week the foundations for kashrut, the laws of which animals are permitted to eat and which are not. The rabbis of the Talmud developed these laws into the complex system we have today, but they never lost sight of their purpose. Kashrut, like every other mitzvah, is meant to help bring us close to God. Living a Jewish life is not easy, it takes commitment, but too many today forget that it is not meant to be unduly difficult.

Today, we hear the phrase, "facts don't care about your feelings." Regardless of that truth, Jewish law does. Or as my teacher Rabbi Elliot Dorff always taught us, "the kashrut of a chicken, is not just about the chicken." The person inquiring about its status is just as important to the question. If you forbid it, will they have food on their table for dinner? That is the real question. That is the essence of the halakhic process. - RLS

# PROGRAMMING AT BT

## WHAT'S NOW

**TGIS:** Youth services are available this morning beginning at **10:30 AM**. Children up to age 6 are invited to join Hannah Orriell in the Youth Room for an amazing drop-off service. Featuring tots tefillah, circle time, snacks, berahot and more. Youth Services are the place to be for kids grades 1-6! Join us as we pray, play and learn our way through the morning at Beginyan starting in the ShinShinim's room.

### Pre-Passover Learning with STAR Lecturer, Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

The Other Villains of Passover?  
Judah, Lavan, & Datan.  
April 1, & 8 @ 10 am.



## WHAT'S NEXT

### Beth Tikvah Connects in Many Ways: April 23

The Beth Tikvah Connects (Hesed) Committee is aware that there are members of the congregation who are experiencing various degrees of memory and cognitive difficulties. Beth Tikvah Connects wants to assist, and is therefore exploring what kinds of support would be helpful to our members who are carers/caregivers. We are planning an exploratory meeting on **Tuesday, April 23 at 1:30 PM** at Beth Tikvah.



Please RSVP by calling or emailing the synagogue office at **416-221-3433 ext. 312**, or [yardena@bethtikvahtoronto.org](mailto:yardena@bethtikvahtoronto.org).

## CONVERSATION WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR KATHY KACER

On, **Sunday, April 28, at 5:30 PM**, in commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), renowned Canadian author and Beth Tikvah member, Kathy Kacer will be speaking about her recently released, young adult books.



Signed copies of her latest books will be available for purchase. **This program is open to teens (10+) and adults.**



**Cost: \$10 per person / Light dinner with be served**  
**RSVP by April 24: 416-221-3433 or**  
**visit [www.bethtikvahtoronto.org](http://www.bethtikvahtoronto.org)**  
**Co-sponsored by the Adult Education Committee**

### Winter Clothing Collection: Aaron Weissberger Bar Mitzvah Project

Are you getting ready for Pesach? A little Spring Cleaning maybe?

Hello, my name is Aaron Weissberger and this coming October I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah. As part of my Mitzvah Project, I will be collecting used or new adult winter clothing (ie: jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, boots etc.). I would really appreciate the Beth Tikvah community contributing to this project. From now until the end Passover, please bring to the synagogue any items you can donate. A donation box will be set up in the cloak room.

The donations will be given to Ve'ahavta - A Jewish Humanitarian Organization here in Toronto.  
Thank you for your support, Aaron.



**Ve'ahavta**  
A Jewish Humanitarian Response to Poverty

### Adult Education presents 'Medical Learning Series'



Join the Adult Education Committee for a four-part series on various medical issues affecting our Jewish community.

**Sunday April 7 at 7:30 PM:** Dr. Michael Weinstein - "Can Stomach Pain be all in your Head?"

**Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 PM:** Dr. Russell Goldman - "What do I need to know about Palliative Care and End of Life Care?"

**Sunday, June 2 at 7:30 PM:** Dr. Mark Silverberg - "Living Jewish with Crohn's and Colitis".

**Members: Free - RSVP to the office - 416-221-3433**  
**Community Members: \$10 per lecture.**

*This series is sponsored by the Dr. Lionel Weinstein Endowment*

## Intersectionality & Israel:

**I'm a gay Jew of colour  
who supports Israel.  
Why the left hates me**

Join us on **Monday, April 1 at 7:30 PM**, as **Hen Mazzig** joins **Rabbi Grover** in conversation.



**Hen Mazzig** is a top influencer for young Jews & Israeli's around the world. He is a political commentator, international speaker, social media activist, and advocate for Israel.

# PROGRAMMING AT BT

## APRIL WEEKEND WITH

### BINYUMEN SCHAECHTER

Friday, April 12, 2019 at 6 PM

Join us for Friday night services lead by Hazzan Tibor Kovari followed by "Hametz Fest". Join us for a delicious, traditional pre-Passover catered Friday night dinner. This will be an entertaining night out: a break from the heat of the Passover cleaning.

Our Guest Musical Scholar-in-Residence, **BINYUMEN SCHAECHTER**, will teach during the dinner on the topic of:

#### Raising Yiddish-speaking children in the 21st century: How and Why

In this century, Yiddish has become an endangered language. Binyumen Schaechter is a member of a leading family in Yiddish language and cultural studies. He and his sisters speak almost exclusively Yiddish with their children, and 16 grandchildren.

#### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

During the Binyumen Schaechter lecture, children of all ages are invited to join Ellie Reinblatt in the Kulanu room for Shabbat friendly activities.

**Members - Adults \$40; Children \$15**  
**Non-members - Adults \$50; Children \$18**  
**Reservation Required by April 5, 12 PM!**

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9 AM

**For the Young Families:** At Ruach Shabbat (10:30 AM), **Binyumen Schaechter** will teach a fun Yiddish song the children can sing/teach the guests around their Seder table. Handouts and (after Shabbat) audio help online will be provided.

### SHABBAT HAGADOL QUICK PICK SHABBAT

Join us for Shabbat Hagadol services in our Main Sanctuary from 9-11 AM, followed by our popular Quick Pick Shabbat sessions. Musica Beth Tikvah is pleased to offer you an informative and humorous session with Binyumen Schaechter, who will be speaking about: **Ashkenazic Family Names**

What they mean, and where did they come from? This interactive session will spark your curiosity and may answer some of your questions from your past without using Ancestry.com Congregational Kiddush to follow at noon.

## SPRING PROGRAMMING

Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 2 PM

### LOMIR ALE ZINGEN! AN AFTERNOON OF YIDDISH SONG AND HUMOUR

Join Binyumen Schaechter as he takes you on a nostalgic sing-a-long of your favourite Yiddish gems.

Sunday program tickets:

**RSVP: Synagogue (416) 221-3433**

**\$15 in advance; \$20 at the door; Reserved seating \$36.**



**Phyllis Angel Greenberg** - April 30  
Behind the Scenes at Toronto Jewish Film Festival

**David Lipovitch, PhD** - May 7  
King David: Ancient Israel's Answer to Tony Soprano?

**Joe Gilbert** - May 14  
Shostakovich, Stalin and Jews

**Mike Daley** - May 21  
The Story of Al Jolson

**Prof. Eric Jennings** - May 28  
Escape from Vichy: The Refugee Exodus to the French Caribbean

**Rabbi Ronald Weiss** - June 4  
Jewish Chaplaincy in Correctional Institutions

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**BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE  
LUNCH & LEARN SPRING 2019**

Lunch 12:00—Learn 12:40

**3-pack:**  
**Early Bird Price (til April 16)**  
Beth Tikvah Member – \$45  
Community Member – \$53  
**Regular Price**  
Beth Tikvah Member – \$50  
Community Member – \$56

**6-pack:**  
**Early Bird Price (til April 16)**  
Beth Tikvah Member – \$75  
Community Member – \$90  
**Regular Price**  
Beth Tikvah Member – \$90  
Community Member – \$105

By reservation only: 416-221-3433  
or [renee@bethtikvahtoronto.org](mailto:renee@bethtikvahtoronto.org)

Single Tickets – \$20/session  
Pay-At-The-Door – \$25/session



# Yahrzeits

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

## Friday, March 29

Sonya Mingail, Nurith Safir, Joan Singer.

## Saturday, March 30

Charles Blum, Anita Zelcer, Gary Gutmann, Irving Zelcer.

## Sunday, March 31

Eva Stal.

## Monday, April 1

Ron Morris.

## Tuesday, April 2

Joel Clamen, Irwin Davis, Freda Brender-Gottesman.

## Wednesday, April 3

Brian Gelade, Lisa Foxman, Daniel Kohn, Pearl Babins, Elliot Weidman.

## Thursday, April 4

Sheila Rodney, Sheila Birenbaum, Faye Minuk, Linda Chodos.

## Friday, April 5

Clara Rose, Ana Holland, Gail Schwartz, Sheldon Lerman, Fela Miller, Arlette Schulman.

## QUICK PICK

Join us on **Shabbat, April 13 at 11 AM**, for a special Quick-Pick. Speakers include our Scholar-in-Residence, **Binyumen Schaechter**, who will be speaking on Ashkenazi Family Names, **Michael Bernstein**, who will be speaking on the Parsha Metsora, and **Rabbi Grover** who will be talking about 'Spoils at the Seder: Contemporary Lessons Based on the Israelite's Plundering of Egypt'.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

### Docents Needed

Do you have mornings free and looking to stay involved in our community? We are looking for docents to lead school tours at Beth Tikvah for high school students interested in learning about Judaism at our shul!

Please contact Yardena at **416-221-3433 ext. 312** or [yardena@bethtikvatoronto.org](mailto:yardena@bethtikvatoronto.org) for more information and to sign up.

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Executive Director: Doris Alter  
Program Director: Sigal Tuch  
Choir Director: Alexander Veprinskiy  
President: Douglas Millstone

### TO HONOUR THE SANCTITY OF THE SYNAGOGUE

We welcome the presence of children at our services, but we do ask that they be taken outside if they are being disruptive. 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.

### Chai Lifeline Presents 'Restoring Hope', featuring Masters of Illusion

**Monday, April 1st, 2019 at 7:30 PM**  
**Roy Thomson Hall**

Beth Tikvah Members and friends can purchase tickets using the code **bethtikvah** to receive 10% off Main Floor and Mezzanine seats.

### Canadian Friends of Hebrew University Lecture

Innovation Nation: The Science and Culture of Israeli innovation.

Featuring Special Guest Professor Gad Yair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. **Thursday, April 4th, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Location: Beth Tikvah Synagogue.** Free to attend.

## THIS WEEK AT BETH TIKVAH

All evening meetings and programs begin with services at 7:00 pm unless otherwise listed:

Sun	Mar 31	• PJ Library	10:00 am
		• BTW Brunch with Judie Oron	11:00 am
Mon	Apr 1	• Monday Morning Learning with Rabbi Torczyner	10:00 am
		• Rabbi Grover in Conversation with Hen Mazzig	7:30 pm
Wed	Apr 3	• Drop-in Bridge & Maj	12:30 pm
Thurs	Apr 4	• Photography with Rick Bornstein (Off-site)	10:00 am
		• Writers Club	1:30 pm
		• Choir Rehearsal	8:00 pm
		• Floor Hockey	8:30 pm
Sat	Apr 6	• Camp Shabbat	9:30 am

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