

Ma Nishma

מה נשמע



IYYAR 27, 5779 / JUNE 1, 2019

PARASHAT BEHUKKOTAY

SHABBAT MEVARKHIM HA^HODESH

TORAH READINGS

Torah

Leviticus 26:3-27:34
Etz Hayim pg. 747

Haftarah

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

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candlelighting (May 31)	8:34 pm
Minḥa / Ma'ariv	7:00 pm
Shaharit (Sanctuary)	9:00 am
Minḥa / Ma'ariv	8:25 pm
Havdalah	9:43 pm
Candlelighting (June 7)	8:30 pm

UPCOMING SERVICE TIMES

Sunday	9:00 am/7:30 pm
Monday	7:15 am/7:30 pm
Tuesday	7:00 am/7:30 pm
Wednesday-Thursday	7:15 am/7:30 pm
Friday	7:15 am/7:00 pm

Our 5780 Yizkor & Calendar ad forms
are now available at the office.

Erev Shavuot: Tal Keinan

Is There A Future For The Jewish People?

American, Israeli, entrepreneur, IDF fighter pilot, and investor. Tal shares his diagnosis of Israel and the Jewish People. A must-see presentation for anyone concerned with Jewish continuity.

Lecture: Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 8 PM

Lecture sponsored by Leah & Howard Price and Family.

Shavuot Seudah following, co-sponsored by Sasha and David Schaeffer & Family.

Important Notice

On **June 4 at 7 PM**, the City is holding a community consultation meeting for the application of **3072, 3078, & 3080 Bayview Avenue, 7 Lawnsview Drive and 182 McKee Avenue**. You can learn more about this application, ask questions and share your comments. It will take place at St. Gabriel Catholic School, **Gymnasium - 396 Spring Garden Avenue**.

We are inviting everyone to attend a 30-minute **Safety and Security Forum** at the synagogue on **Saturday, June 8, following kiddush at 12:45 PM**. Our security consultant will discuss our safety and security initiatives in broad terms and will answer questions and concerns.

Our Condolences to:

- **Mindy Finkelstein & Sue Ellen Torok** on the passing of their husband, and father **Mel Finkelstein** ^{z"l}.

Mazal Tov to:

- **Barbara & Paul Lebo** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Braeden Lebo**. Grandmother is **Pearl Lebo**. Minḥa/Ma'ariv Service.
- **Naomi Wyman & Steven Barwin** on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah of their children, **Jordan & Alisha Barwin**. Grandparents are **Michael & Cindy Wyman and Sandra Barwin**. On Thursday, May 30.

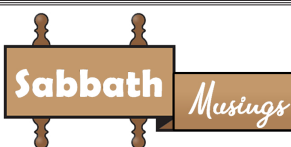
Thank you to our Sponsors:

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

- **Caren Ludwig Shoychet & Ryan Shoychet** and **Margaret Ludwig** in honour of the birth of their Granddaughter and Great-Granddaughter.

Seudah is co-sponsored by:

- **Barbara & Paul Lebo** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Braeden Lebo**.



With Rabbi Louis Sachs

Behukotai: Pirke Avot 4:1- Preach Ben Zoma, Preach!

The German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, claimed that Judaism's gift to the world was, "slave morality." What he meant was that before Judaism was on the scene, societies valued attributes such as power, beauty, and wealth. Judaism, the "counterculture" of its time, instead raised up attributes such as humility, learning, and charity.

These values are emphasized in the teaching of Ben Zoma from Pirke Avot. Here our tradition tells us that a wise person is one who learns from everyone; a mighty person is someone who can overcome their own inclinations; a rich person is someone happy with their lot, and an honoured person is one who honours others.

Each year, from Passover to Shavuot we study Pirke Avot. This teaching may never have been more important than it is today. As the outside culture places more and more importance on materialistic things, how one dresses, how they look, what they own, we need to remember this teaching and push back.

Nietzsche saw this flipping of values as a negative, but as we see what goes on in the world around us when the prevailing culture chases power, beauty, and wealth for their own sake, it is time for us to proudly proclaim ourselves part of the countercultural revolution begun at Mt. Sinai. It is time for us to proclaim the wisdom our tradition offers, and this teaching of Ben Zoma. - RLS

PROGRAMMING AT BT

WHAT'S NOW

Tot Shabbat Services: Are available this morning beginning at **10:30 AM**. Children up to age 6 are invited to join Nurit Trachtemberg in the Youth Room for an amazing drop-off service. Featuring tots tefillah, circle time, snacks, berahot and more. **Camp Shabbat begins at 9:30 AM in the Kulanu Room with Kati Szabo Kovari.**



The Ruth Goldberg Kasher Food Drive
Sunday, June 2, 2019
 AT THE PRIDE OF ISRAEL (59 Lissom Crescent, Toronto)
 CALLERS, DRIVERS, SORTERS AND DONATIONS ARE NEEDED
 To get involved or for more information contact the synagogue office 416.221.3433

BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE

The Ruth Goldberg Beth Tikvah Kasher Food Drive is on **June 2, 2019** for The Pride of Israel.

If you are donating non perishable goods or a cheque, please remember to leave it at your front door or with your concierge on **Sunday, June 2 from 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM**.

Remember, a monetary donation yields a tax receipt. Pride of Israel Kasher Food Bank thanks you for your generosity.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Rabbi Grover is currently dealing with several cases of severe financial need in our community. He is reaching out to request contributions to his discretionary fund. He is only able to help as much as he can based on donations received. All donations greater than \$10 are tax-deductible. Thank you for your generosity.



Rabbi Ronald Weiss - Tuesday, June 4 - LAST ONE
 Jewish Chaplaincy in Correctional Institutions

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BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE
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Advanced Single Tickets – \$20/session
 Pay-At-The-Door – \$25/session

By reservation only: 416-221-3433
 or renee@bethtikvahtoronto.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

History's Leading Philo-Semites
 Who helped us and why?!



June 5: Cyrus the Great

June 12: King Casimir

June 19: Napoleon Bonaparte

A 3-part series featuring STAR scholar, Rabbi, and teacher
 Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

Wednesday, June 5, 12 & 19
10 AM - 11 AM
 Kulanu Room




Jewish Law & Gay Marriage

Is Gay Marriage Permitted by Jewish Law?

What wisdom does our tradition offer us to help navigate this complex topic?

8:00 PM
Thursday, June 6

Join Rabbi Sachs for an in-depth look at some of the views on both sides of this issue.

While each session will address topics from the previous, people are welcome to join for a single session to examine this important issue.

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Summertime Learning

With Rabbi Groven & Rabbi Sachs

Join our Rabbis' for
Summer Talmud
Class, 1 hour before
Minḥa on Shabbat.



Beginning Saturday, June 15




*The Great
Shinshinim
Debate*

Join our Shinshinim, Yael and Omri, as they debate:

**Should Jews living in the
Diaspora be allowed to vote in
Israeli elections?**


June 15
Post Kiddush
Lower Foyer

SHAVUOT



Erev Shavuot

TAL KEINAN
Author of 'God is in the Crowd'




"Enthralling, searching, profound, an extraordinarily powerful work on Jewish identity in the twenty-first century." – Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

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Lecture: 8:00 PM
Ma'ariv/Candle Lighting: 9:52 PM
Seudah Refreshments: 10:15 PM



June 8, 2019
3080 Bayview Avenue



Tikkun Leil Shavuot – All Night Learning for Adults

Beginning at **12:45AM, on June 9**, stay up all night in celebration of receiving the Torah. Join us for exciting classes, stimulating discussions and delicious refreshments led by Rabbi Grover! Come for a class or stay the whole night – you won't regret it.

The Topic: "Conversion to Judaism"

Shavuot is regarded as the holiday that celebrates conversion. But where does the idea of conversion to Judaism come from? How has it evolved? And what are the true requirements for a valid conversion?

Special early morning Shavuot service at 4:30 AM.

Shavuot Service Times

Sunday, June 9 – 1st Day of Shavuot

Late Morning Services	9:00 AM
Minḥa	7:00 PM

Monday, June 10 – 2nd Day of Shavuot (Yizkor recited)

Morning Services	8:45 AM
Minḥa	8:50 PM





Yahrzeits

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

Friday, May 31

Esther Helfenbaum, Annette Segal.

Saturday, June 1

Alex Davidson, Coreen Robinson, Merle Gottlieb, Rita Ralston, Herman Miller, Eleanor Steidman, Betty Dale, Ilse Braude.

Sunday, June 2

Louis Cytrynbaum, Eileen Lewis, Sandi Silverman, Evelyn Zeifman.

Monday, June 3

Jeffrey Alpert, Jack Bick, Stephanie Bick, Doreen Diner, Halina Levitt, Hannah Bellack, Dayle Ann Levine, Bernice Mlotek, Stuart Mlotek, Clifford Waxman.

Tuesday, June 4

Barbara Barak, Howard Feldberg, Miriam Sapiro, Louisa Hostick, Shirley Ross, Riva Rosenfeld, Jack Rotsztein, Joe Schwartz, Stanley Sinai, Zelda Harris.

Wednesday, June 5

Pauline Goldberg, Beryl Brewda, Howard Honickman, Reva Waldman, Bernice Mlotek, Rochelle Berg, Donna Gelman, Norman Kelman, Lillian Tolensky.

Thursday, June 6

Zelda Fram, Rhoda Kirshin, Marvin Goldberg, Gary Gutmann, Debby Solomon, Galila Chaimovitch, Alex Raubvogel.

Friday, June 7

Alan Birnbaum, Rick Levine.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

BTW Presents: The Band's Visit

The Band's Visit is an Israeli musical and the winner of 10 Tony Awards. Join BTW on **Wednesday, October 16 at 8 PM** at the Mirvish Theatre. Bus leaves BT at 7 PM. **Price: \$120 - Beth Tikvah Members ONLY**
Register: 905-881-4830 or 416-512-8448
Please note: Payment is needed to hold seat.

Spin for chai

Sunday, June 2, 2019
1 PM & 2 PM (Co-ed) 3 PM (Ladies only)
\$250 minimum fundraising goal per session.
Student Special: \$180 minimum raise.

Spinco Uptown: 2577 Yonge St.
Register: spinforchai.org

Camp Ramah Special Rate

Opportunity for special rate for new campers to Camp Ramah in Canada, for second session, **July 22- August 15**. Please contact Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell, Director of Camp Ramah in Canada.
For more information:
jordan@campraham.com

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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.

THIS WEEK AT BETH TIKVAH

All evening meetings and programs begin with services at 7:30 pm unless otherwise listed:

Sun	June 2	• Ruth Goldberg Food Drive at Pride of Israel	10:00 am
Tues	June 4	• Lunch & Learn: Rabbi Ronald Weiss	12:00 pm
Wed	June 5	• Morning Learning with Rabbi Torczyner • Drop-in Bridge & Maj	10:00 am 12:30 pm
Thurs	June 6	• Writer's Club • Choir Rehearsal • Jewish Law & Gay Marriage with Rabbi Sachs	1:30 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm
Sat	June 8	• Safety & Security Forum following Kiddush • Erev Shavuot - Tal Keinan	12:45 pm 8:00 pm

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



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