

Ma Nishma

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BETH
TIKVAH
SYNAGOGUE



1 TEVET, 5782 / DECEMBER 4, 2021

PARASHAT MIKKETS

ROSH HODESH TEVET

SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

Torah

Genesis 41:1-44:17
Etz Hayim pg. 250

Haftarah

Zekharyah 2:14 - 4:7
Etz Hayim pg. 1270

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candlelighting (Dec. 3) 4:23 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm
Shaharit (RSVP Required) 9:00 am
Minhah/Ma'ariv 4:15 pm
Havdalah 5:23 pm
Vaccinated members and guests are welcome to join us in-person for all Shabbat and weekday evening services.

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

Sunday-Thursday 8:30 am/7:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am/6:00 pm

Please note, Sunday-Thursday morning services are only on Zoom. Please see our semi-weekly email for exact coordinates.

Mazal Tov to:

- **Isabela Kovari** and our **Hazzan, Tibor**, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Daniel Kovari**. Grandmother is **Ana Vera Kovari**. (*Shaharit*)
- **Meira Rubin** and **Richard Scherer** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Riley Scherer**. Grandparents are **Cherry Rubin** and **Brenda & Marty Scherer**. (*Minhah/Maariv*)
- **Allison Blatt** and **Neal Solomon** in honour of the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Alexander Solomon**. Grandparents are **Debby & Stan Solomon** and **Linda & Ralph Blatt**. (*Sunday-Shaharit*)

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

- **Isabela & Hazzan Kovari** in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Daniel**.

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

- **Debby & Stan Solomon** in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Alexander Solomon**.

Seudah is co-sponsored by:

- **Meira Rubin & Richard Scherer** in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Riley**

Torah on Tour

With Rabbi Grover



Seudah is co-sponsored by:

- **Harvey Bitterman** in honour of the 50th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

Swimming Against the Tide

Rabbi Menachem Nachum of Chernobyl asserts that the celebration of Hanukkah was prophetically foreseen by Joseph. In Parashat Mikkets, Joseph gives a special wish to Benjamin when he was brought to Egypt, "Elokim yohnekha beni" – "God shall grant you favor, my son" (43:29). The final three letters of the word "yohnekha" are h.n.kh – the root of the word "Hanukkah."

What connection might there be between Hanukkah and the story of Joseph and Benjamin's reunion in Egypt?

Joseph's special affection for Benjamin stemmed not only from his being Joseph's only full brother, but also from Benjamin being the only brother who did not participate in the sale of Joseph as a slave. Benjamin represents the dissenting minority, the individual who refuses to be led astray by the majority. He serves as the symbol for those heroic figures who have the courage to swim against the tide and who listen to their conscience instead of their peers.

Thus the Rabbi of Chernobyl pointed to Benjamin as an early symbol of the struggle waged by the Hasmonians who resisted Hellenism and heroically upheld Jewish beliefs and practices. Like Benjamin, they were the small "jug" that remained "pure" when the rest was "defiled."

This teaches us that we must remain true to our principles even when they are unpopular, and muster the strength, courage and confidence to do the right thing even when the majority of the people around us aren't.

VIRTUAL
TORAH
Study

We invite you to join
Morley Goldberg,

Friday, December 3 at 1 PM
on Zoom for a virtual Torah
Study on Parashat Mikkets.

Please refer to the semi-weekly
email for the link or contact
daniel@bethtikvahtoronto.org.

PROGRAMMING AT BT

WHAT'S NOW

Morning Learning with Rabbi Grover

**Monday Mornings at 9:45 AM
in-person & on Zoom**

Using the Haggadah as our blueprint, we review the rituals and the readings of the Passover seder to reveal the ancient truths and wisdom found inside.

No RSVP Required.



VIRTUAL TOURS OF SYNAGOGUES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Virtual Tours of Synagogues From Around the World

Final session of the year: Tuesday, December 7 at 11 AM
The Historic Synagogue in Mexico City

Register by sending an e-mail to Renee:
renee@bethtikvahtoronto.org

Learning with Bracha Feder - Join us!

Healing Society through our Children

Join us for the next session on
December 8 at 1 PM.

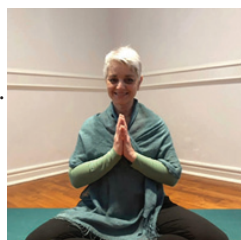
**For Zoom coordinates, please
see our semi-weekly email.**



Restorative Yoga and Meditation Therapy with Orli Ziv

Join Orli on Thursday, December 9
at 10:00 am, in-person at Beth Tikvah.

To register, e-mail Gayle:
gayle@bethtikvahtoronto.org



WHAT'S NOW



With Noa Voss

Noa was born and raised in Jerusalem. A former Toronto shinshin, Noa served for almost 4 years as an officer in the technology sector of the IDF's intelligence corps. After the army, Noa taught at the high school level and began working as a facilitator and program developer at ITTLG. Noa is also studying business and sociology/anthropology at Hebrew University.

LIVE on Zoom!

Israel Through the Looking Glass

Session #2 : Thursday, December 9 at 11 AM

Tsitsulei Paamonim: Join us for 100 years of Hebrew music and the role it played in shaping the Israeli society!

To RSVP, visit the BT website.

BETH TIKVAH TEEN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Teens will meet once a month with Rabbi Sachs and a special guest expert to discuss topics selected BY teens and FOR teens.

Topics Include:

- Can we critique Israel and still love it?
- How Can Jews be Allies for Social Justice (looking at mental health, physical health, and supporting the LGBTQ+ community)?
- How to become a Changemaker in our community and beyond



Teens: Earn a Scholarship!

We are now offering \$360 to Teens who attend all 6 of the sessions, and \$180 to teens who attend minimum 4 sessions. If Teens attend 3 sessions they will have their names added to a raffle draw at the end of the program.



**Questions? Contact Rabbi Louis at
rabbisachs@bethtikvahtoronto.org**

Dates:

Sundays @ 4:00-5:30 pm

January 9, April 10,

February 13, May 8,

March 13, June 12

Register now for Zoom details;
we look forward to meeting in
person in the Spring

PROGRAMMING AT BT

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Beth Tikvah Welcomes Award-Winning, Canadian Artists, Jennifer Podemski, Tamara Podemski and Sarah Podemski!

Monday, December 13 at 7:30 pm
(In-person and Virtual)



From left to right (Sarah, Jennifer and Tamara)

Tamara, Jennifer and Sarah Podemski are film and television actresses, producers, and content-creators who are of Anishinaabe/Ashkenazi descent. Having grandparents who are both Holocaust survivors and Residential School survivors, the sisters will speak openly about issues of intergenerational trauma, reconciliation, inherited legacies and the importance of creating safe spaces for dialogue, education and collaboration.

Rabbi Louis Sachs will lead a moderated discussion, followed by an audience led Q&A session.

This program has been generously co-sponsored by Marcia & Arthur Zalev & Family



BETH TIKVAH AND BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUES PRESENT

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 18 AT 7 PM**

FEATURING
HAZZANIM:
**TIBOR KOVARI &
MARSHALL LOOMER**
AND THE BETH TIKVAH BAND

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GREETINGS FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

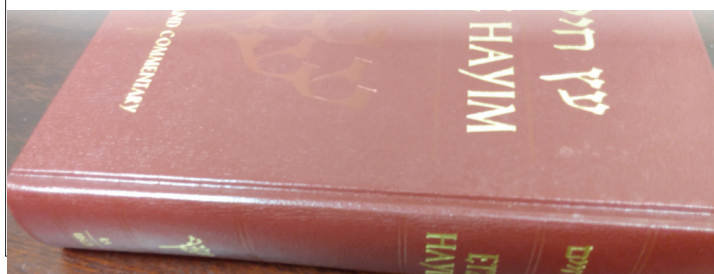
I would like to introduce myself. I am Barbara Levitt and I have been a member of Beth Tikvah for more than 15 years. Both my children celebrated their Bnei Mitzvot here. Many of you have seen me actively participating in services at Beth Tikvah for the last number of years. This was not always the case. I started attending services daily when my father passed away 5 years ago. I thought I would say Kaddish and then move on. Instead I found a community and an interest in the ritual workings of Beth Tikvah. I am now the new chairperson of the Ritual Committee.

The first order of business as chairperson is to extend a Yasher Kochechem to Steve Weinstein and Gladys Isenberg who are stepping aside as co-chairs of the committee. They have accomplished an amazing amount over the last few years. They have helped guide the committee and the synagogue through ritual changes around same sex marriages and live streaming services, as well as significant ritual challenges posed by a global pandemic. On behalf of the Ritual Committee and the synagogue I thank them for their hard work and dedication and I look forward to continuing to work closely with both of them.

The second order of business is to thank all the members of the Ritual Committee and the clergy for the many hours spent discussing and debating the many issues and challenges that have come before us over the past few years. It is a testament to all the committee members and clergy that our services have continued (either virtually or in person) with meaning throughout the pandemic.

As we move ahead I look forward to working with the clergy, the committee and our members as we face new challenges and adapt to ever changing circumstances. Beth Tikvah has shown a great deal of spiritual resilience over the past few years. I hope that the Ritual Committee will continue to play an active and pivotal role in the community that is Beth Tikvah.

If you are interested in being a part of this dynamic committee please feel free to contact me in person (after services) or by e-mail barbara.levitt@rogers.com. Our next meeting will be held virtually on December 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm.



YAHREZEITS

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

Friday, December 3

Ronna Birnboim, Ian Epstein, Jackie Friedman, Gerald Garshon, Abraham Gelbloom, Sara Wunch Glick, Rhonda Newman, Marvin Obar, Beverly Schaeffer, Gershon Sone, Nina Srour, Jack Steiner, Jack Urowitz

Saturday, December 4

Doreen Diner, Linda Lerner, Ruth Simon, Bruce Simon, Jerry Somer

Sunday, December 5

Roy Birnboim, Shirley Coleman, Nathan Goldberg, Pauline Goldberg, Itzhak Pilc, Norman Rothberg, Marilyn Starkman, Susan Steinberg

Monday, December 6

Joseph Deckelbaum, Allan Friedland, Freda Gottesman-Breder, Martin Hoffman, Fagel Mitgang, Shirley Ross, Anita Shore

Tuesday, December 7

Shae Eckler, Helene Jacobs, Jessica Jerusalem, Ron Kashin, Marvin Lavine, Aaron Mendelson, Francine Mendelson, Vivian Miller, Karen Rabinowicz, Barbara Roberts, Roberta Steinberg

Wednesday, December 8

Cheryl Bernknopf, Linda Burrows, Jack Jerusalem, Howard Shanfield

Thursday, December 9

Phillip Beale, Robert Cohen, Mindy Finkelstein, Cory Freed, Aileen Frydrych, Rose Greisman, Sandy Kahn, Danny Kornhauser, Eileen Landau, Ruth Narvey, Helene Obar, Milton Rusonik, Tita Srour, Laya Weissberger

Friday, December 10

Helen Duclos, Charna Foxman, Ettie Hailman, Glynis Jerusalem, Larry Koven, Marion Mayman, Shlomo Mayman, Sasha Schaeffer, Diane Sobel, BenZion Tilayof, Goldie Ungar

Beth Tikvah's Youth and Young Family Team is looking for ECEs!

As we prepare to bring back our Youth Programming in 2022, we are looking for responsible, caring, and fun-loving ECEs to assist us in running our Tots Playroom and Camp Shabbat Programming on Saturday Mornings.

If you are interested in the position, kindly send your resume to our Youth & Young Family Coordinator at ellie@bethtikvahtoronto.org.

Thank you!

Living Donor Needed for Kidney Transplant

Sander has been on dialysis for nearly four years and his family is asking the Jewish community for assistance to help him find a donor.

Please visit Sander's website to see how you can help:
<https://kidney4sander.com>



Beth Tikvah Endowment Funds

We have Endowment Funds for the 2022 year that may be available for you to help offset the cost of Jewish experience programs. To apply, please request an application form by emailing the BT office at adminoffice@bethtikvahtoronto.org or by calling us at 416-221-3433.

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Hazzan: Tibor Kovari
Ritual Director: Irv Kirshenblat
Executive Director: Doris Alter
President: Douglas Millstone

TO HONOUR THE SANCTITY OF THE SYNAGOGUE
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



Mon	Dec 6	• Morning Learning with Rabbi Grover (In-person & Zoom - no rsvp required)	9:45 AM
Tues	Dec 7	• Virtual Tours of Synagogues (Zoom)	11:00 AM
Wed	Dec 8	• NYGH Vaccination Clinic @ Beth Tikvah • Learn with Bracha Feder (Zoom)	10:00 AM 1:00 PM
Thurs	Dec 9	• Restorative Yoga & Meditation Therapy with Orli Ziv (In-person) • Israel Through the Looking Glass with Noa Voss (Zoom)	10:00 AM 11:00 AM
Fri	Dec 10	• Torah Study with Morley Goldberg (Zoom)	1:00 PM

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