

Ma Nishma

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BETH
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SYNAGOGUE



14 TEVET, 5782 / DECEMBER 18, 2021

PARASHAT VAYHI



SHABBAT TORAH READINGS

Torah

Genesis 47:28 - 50:26
Etz Hayim pg. 293

Haftarah

Melakhim 2:1 - 12
Etz Hayim pg. 313

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candlelighting (Dec. 17) 4:23 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm
Shaharit (RSVP Required) 9:00 am
Minhah/Ma'ariv 4:15 pm
Havdalah 5:24 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.

Join us
Saturday
Night

**Shabbat
Unplugged** Dec 18
@ 7pm

Beth Tikvah and Beth David Synagogues present an evening of music featuring Hazzanim Tibor Kovari & Marshall Loomer and the Beth Tikvah Band.

Register on the website for the live-streamed YouTube link

Mazal Tov to:

Shirley and Al Weinstein in honour of their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Linda & Gerry Garshon in honour of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Kiddush is co-sponsored by:

Shirley and Al Weinstein and family in honour of Al & Shirley's 65th Anniversary.

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Sabbath Musings

WITH RABBI LOUIS SACHS



Vayhi, Unexpected Redemption:

In our parasha this week, near the end of the book of Bereshit, Jacob calls out to his children to gather together, "that I may tell you what will happen to you at the end of days." This is an interesting moment; our tradition has never been particularly focused on the end of times, so how should we understand this which brings about messianic images?

The Baal Shem Tov, the 18th century founder of the Hasidic movement, has a unique take on this. He teaches, that yikreh, "what will happen," in Hebrew, carries a connotation of a happenstance, or something that simply arises unexpectedly. He connects this verse with a Talmudic teaching, which asserts that the Messiah will only come when people do not expect it.

It is a striking contrast with our brothers and sisters of different faiths who have a much greater focus on matters of the Messiah or the end of times. Here, our tradition teaches that it is in precisely the moments we least expect, or least plan on, that salvation will be found.

There are all sorts of crazy things happening in the news, at times it may feel like the world is falling down around us. This is on top of all the different personal problems we may face privately. But the lesson is, no matter how bad things may seem, don't let that bring you down—you never know what may happen next. Salvation comes when you least expect it!

-RLS

VIRTUAL TORAH Study

We invite you to join
Morley Goldberg, on
Friday, December 17th at 1 PM
on Zoom for a virtual
Torah Study on Parashat Vayhi.

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

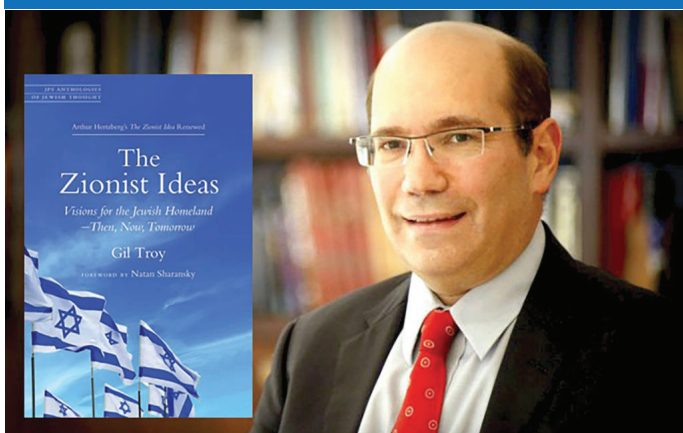
PROGRAMMING AT BT

WHAT'S NOW

Professor Gil Troy

Why I Am a Zionist

Progressive Zionism in a Post-Zionist World



Sunday, 19 December, 2021 @ 4:00 pm on Zoom
Register on the Beth Tikvah Website

Walk with Beth Tikvah!

Come out, schmooze and get some exercise with Beth Tikvah members on our next walk, happening **Thursday, December 23rd, at 1:30 PM at Earl Bales ravine**. Meet in the parking lot off of Sheppard at the bottom of Don River Road

If weather looks unpredictable, please call Merle Goldman to confirm that walk is taking place.
416-722-2151



Looking for Year-End Tax Savings?

Pay your 2022 contribution (dues) in December, 2021 2022 statements were issued last week. If you pay your 2022 contribution in full before December 31st, you will qualify for a 2021 tax receipt. Contact the office for more details.

Make a donation before December 31st

It's a great way to reduce taxes at year's end.

COMING IN JANUARY

Restorative Yoga and Meditation Therapy with Orli Ziv
Refresh your mind and your body!

Orli Ziv starts a new 6-week session
Thursday, January 6 at 10:00 am.

NOTE:
These sessions will now be on Zoom.

Register on the Beth Tikvah website



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LEARNING WITH BRACHA FEDER

Finding My True Self in a Biblical Story
Exploring Dr. Elliott Rabin's *The Biblical Hero: Portraits in Nobility & Fallibility*

ALL
CLASSES
ON
zoom

Join Bracha for a year-long course exploring...

JANUARY 5
Our Need for Heroes: Biblical vs Classical Models

JANUARY 12
Moses: Heroic or Unheroic?

JANUARY 19
Samson and Esther: Alien to our Biblical Ethos?

JANUARY 26
Two Kings: David and God

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MENTAL WELLNESS SERIES

Judaism as a Mindfulness Practice
with Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell

Wednesday, 26 January, 2022

Zoom and Q&A

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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

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

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



B'NOT/B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM 2022

This program is for families who will be celebrating a bat/bar mitzvah in 2022, and anyone who had a bar or bat mitzvah in 2021

Register Today!

Free for members,
\$50 for non-members

January 16, 2022 @ 1-30PM - 3:00 PM:
Let's Kick The Year Off With A Mitzvah!

Meet our Clergy and Young Family team, learn about the B'not/B'nai Mitzvah Program, and start the year off on a positive note, making sandwiches for those in need through Ve'ahavta.

Special Guest Jeremy Reinblatt, MSW, RSW from CAMH will join us as we build an understanding of how to destigmatize those experiencing homelessness.

Register on the Beth Tikvah Website



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!

Session #3: Thursday, 13 January, 2022

Join us for a session about innovative Israeli start-ups and what it takes to be successful. Learn about a unique Covid experience that turned an army intelligence unit into medical engineers. And discover how psychological thinking patterns are used in leading hi-tech startups in Israel.

Register on the Beth Tikah Website



Anti-Semitism & Anti-Zionism in Canadian Politics

Rabbi Sachs and Noah Zatzman will dive into Noah's own experience working in Canadian politics. In particular the relationship between Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism, and the recent rise of both in liberal political circles.



Noah Zatzman is an experienced public affairs and PR professional, and political strategist. Most recently, Noah served as a top aide to Federal Green Party Leader Annamie Paul.

Zatzman is deeply involved in the international climate movement, and is a well-known advocate, lay leader, and activist in Canada's Jewish and queer communities. He is currently the Co-Chair of UJA Federation's new LGBTQ+ Division.



**Wednesday, January 19, 2022
7:45 pm
(on Zoom)**

YAHREZEITS

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

Friday, December 17

Hannah Bellack, Michael Bowman, Harvey Fruitman, Norman Grill, Joyce Harris, Dwora Pilc, Coreen Robinson, Helen Sieber

Saturday, December 18

Hannah Bellack, Marsha Feldberg, Shyrna Goldberg, Charles Greenberg, Bryna Harris, Murray Kroach, Molly Quitt, Cecil Rochweg, Juliette Rochweg, Marcia Schnoor, Mark Teeger, Goldie Ungar

Sunday, December 19

Rona Arato, Elaine Batcher, Elaine Blackstien, Ruth Grossman, James Heifetz, Susan Herberman, Stanley Lefler, Gloria Pinkus, Helen Sieber, Holly Vengroff, Judith Wineberg

Monday, December 20

Arie Chaimovitch, Mona Cytrynbaum, Jerry Green, Stephen Kamnitzer, Bernice Mlotek, Isaac Silverstein

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!

Tuesday, December 21

Shae Eckler, Robert Frimet, Stephen Gotlieb, Norman Kelman, Beryl Kofman, Mireille Nahman, Martin Rochweg, Steven Stein, Frances Stephan, Victor Zuck

Wednesday, December 22

Helen Black, Daniel Edwards, Alisa Feldbloom, Ester Gabay, Ronald Miller, Rosalind Schwartz, Harold Segalowitz, Susan Sheps, Alan Vinegar, Patti Weinstein

Thursday, December 23

Linda Bernofsky, Frances Caine, Ruth Hanick, Rita Hoffman, Reene Katz, Gloria Kohn, Fern Silver, Steve Weinstein, Adele Weinstein, Sylvia Wineberg, Jo Anne Zeidenberg, Michael Zeidenberg

Friday, December 24

Jeffrey Armel, Rona Armel, Janice Baryshnik, Edda Laxer, Ronald Mandel, Shlomo Mayman, Rochelle Norris, Miguel Roger, Donald Sklar, Arthur Zalev

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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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



Sat Dec 18	• Shabbat Unplugged with Hazzanim Tibor Kovari and Marshall Loomer (In-person/Zoom)	7:30 PM
Sun Dec 19	• Why I Am A Zionist with Professor Gil Troy (Zoom)	4:00 PM
Fri Dec 24	• Torah Study with Morley Goldberg (Zoom)	1:00 PM

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



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