

Ma Nishma

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6 SHEVAT 5779 / JANUARY 12 2019

PARASHAT BO

TORAH READINGS

Torah
Exodus 10:1-13:16
Etz Hayim pg. 374
Haftarah
Jeremiah 46:13-28
Etz Hayim pg. 395

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candlelighting (January 11) 4:43 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm
Shaharit (Sanctuary) 9:00 am
Minha / Ma'ariv 4:40 pm
Havdalah 5:52 pm
Candlelighting (January 18) 4:52 pm

UPCOMING SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am/4:55 pm
Monday - Thursday 7:15 am/7:00 pm
Friday 7:15 am/6:00 pm

Step up to make a Minyan!

Call Irv Kirshenblat at

416-221-3433

or by email at

irv@bethtikvahtoronto.org

Our condolences to:

- **Marilyn Starkman**, on the passing of her brother, **Harvey Rosen** ז"ל.

Mazel Tov to:

- **Ayala Revah & Mark Silverberg** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Eden Silverberg**. And to the Grandparents **Ludmila & Isaac Revah** and **Laurie & Suzanne Silverberg**, and **Cecile Silverberg**. And to the Great-Grandmother **Sara Valentina Lincer**. Minha Ma'ariv Service.
- **Jacob & Laura Kerekes** on the Bris Milah of their son, **Samuel Martin Kerekes**. And to the Grandparents **Ronda & Andrew Kerekes**. On Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

**Beth Tikvah Welcomes
Back Matthew Goldberg
This Shabbat!**

January or September?

**Jews Invented
New Years
Resolutions**



January 1st is not a Jewish holiday, but many of us make New Years resolutions anyway – after all, what's the harm?

In fact, making New Years resolutions is a holy - and even required - act! Encouraged in the Torah, as well as by rabbis, scholars, and commentators of our tradition, Jews just have a different name for resolutions: **teshuva**.

Please join Rabbi Grover & Rabbinical Student Matthew Goldberg, in the Chapel, after Kiddush for a discussion on 'Is there a future for large Synagogues in North America?'

TORAH STUDY



We invite you to join Michael Bernstein this Shabbat morning, in the Kulanu Room, from **10:00 - 11:00 AM** during the Torah portion of the service, for his interpretation of Bo.

Sabbath

Musings

With Rabbi Louis Sachs

Bo - Free Will

Our parsha begins with a Divine promise that God will "harden" Pharaoh's heart. It is a curious phrase, one that the rabbis discuss in depth, because its meaning is somewhat unclear. The obvious implication seems to be that God is removing Pharaoh's ability to choose to release the Israelites; God is taking away his free will. This is troubling to the rabbis, because of the moral and ethical implications it brings, for if Pharaoh is unable to release the Israelites, his punishment hardly seems fair.

While many have offered answers to this question, Nahum Sarna offers us an answer with an important lesson for our day. Sarna notes that the language of the Torah begins with Pharaoh hardening his own heart, and it later switches to God as the cause. He teaches that God made human beings in such a way that our traits can become engrained so deeply that they eventually become nearly impossible to change. After living for so long, not caring about others and inflicting such misery, Pharaoh essentially forgets how to relate to another person, how to feel empathy.

The lesson for us today is that it is easy to put off the work we need to do until tomorrow. But, when it comes to the work we must do on ourselves, we must be wary, because each day it becomes more and more difficult to change those traits and habits in ourselves that we would prefer to be rid of. The longer we wait, the harder it becomes to be who we wish we were. Don't wait. -RLS

PROGRAMMING AT BT

WHAT'S NOW



Join us for our annual winter movie program, 'Tuesdays with Larry'. Shows begin every **Tuesday at 1:30 PM. Cost is \$5.00 at the door.** (second film below).

January 15 SAMMY DAVIS JR: I'VE GOT TO BE ME - 100 mins.

This is the first major film to examine Sammy Davis Jr.'s vast talent and his journey for identity through the shifting tides of civil rights and racial progress during 20th-century America.

BT Connecting (Doing Hesed)



Designed to nurture and assist Beth Tikvah Congregants at moments of sorrow, transition and joy, BT Connecting will enhance our caring community. It will provide support, when needed, to our members and their families during times of crisis – illness and loss. Members of the Committee will try to reach out to you whenever we can. We have volunteers who will visit, will accompany you to Shul, will supplement meals if needed. And in times of joy – we would like to add the voice of Beth Tikvah to the chorus of Mazel Tovs received.

You can let us know how we can assist you or volunteer to become part of this endeavour by calling Yardena at the Beth Tikvah office at **416-221-3433**.

PJ Plus – Bringing Jewish Books to Life

The Winter session for PJ Plus Library is **NOW OPEN** at Beth Tikvah!

Sundays, starting January 13, from 10 AM – 11 AM
PJ Library: <http://jewishtoronto.com/pjplus>.



Book Club

BOOKCLUB

Our next Beth Tikvah book club will be on **Monday, January 14th, 2019 at 1:30 PM.** We will be reviewing the book "The Friendly Fire : A Duet", written by A.B. Yehoshua. Sarah Laiken has graciously offered to lead this review.



WHAT'S NEXT

RUAH Shabbat

Saturday, January 19 at 6:30 PM
Tu B'Shevat Havdalah Night

The Little Mermaid
Cost: \$5.00 per Child / Free for Adults

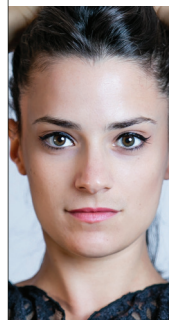


Register: 416-221-3433 or go online
at www.bethtikvahtoronto.org

Musica Presents Passport to Canada

Saturday January 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM –
Passport to Canada – Shabbat Shira

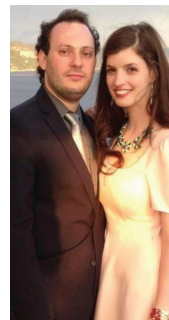
We're featuring a cast of very talented musicians who have immigrated to Canada and enriched our musical landscape. Join us for Havdalah followed by song and instrumentals with the international flare of the presenters.



Nofar Yacobi



Kati Kovari



Michael &
Coral Solomon



Guy
Mannheim



Roman
Kekhman



Jose Aguirre



Joo Hyung
Kim



Viatcheslav
Chakhnevitch

\$15 with advance reservation through the synagogue office,
416-221-3433 or \$20 at the door. \$36 for reserved seats.

PROGRAMMING AT BT

WHAT'S NEXT

Photography with Rick Bornstein

Commencing Thursday, January 24, 2019 and running for 10 weeks, until March 28, 2019.

Call 416-221-3433. \$25 Member / \$75 Non-Members



This award-winning docudrama produced by Nancy Spielberg, tells the rarely heard story of a clandestine group of journalists, scholars, and community leaders in the Warsaw Ghetto who vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda not with guns or fists but with pen and paper.

Sunday, January 27 at 7:00 pm at Beth Tikvah Synagogue

Members/High School & University Students: Free

Community Members: \$5 at the door

Advance registration is required as space is limited.

To register, call 416-221-3433

This program has been generously sponsored by Louis & Shirley Greenbaum, Garry & Shirley Greenbaum, Children and Grandchildren.

NIGHT ON THE TOWN: CURLING

For 40-60 year olds!

FEBRUARY 2, 2019

8:30 PM

Cost:
\$20 per person

Registration deadline: January 29

Leaside Curling Club
1075 Millwood Road, Toronto

Call the office at 416-221-3433 to register,

Monday Morning Learning with Rabbi Grover

Kontemporary Kohanim

An introduction and source-based exploration to the role of the Kohen in Biblical and modern Judaism. Is the Kohen a relevant figure in the modern period, and how does gender complicate the discussion.

Monday mornings at 9:45 AM

Part One - February 4 and February 11

Part Two - February 25 and March 4



UPCOMING EVENTS



Casual • Interactive • Family-led Friday Night

For extended families with kids 10 +

Our first Mishpaha Friday Night Dinner will be on

February 22 at 6:00 PM, beginning in the Kulanu Room.

Our guest speaker will be three-time Sledge Hockey Paralympic Champion, Paul Rosen.

Price: Members: \$20 Adult / \$15 Child (17 and under)

Non-Members: \$25 Adult / \$20 Child (17 and under)

For more info, contact Sigal at sigal@bethtikvahtoronto.org

Paris to Normandy Tour: 75th Anniversary of D-Day

An Unforgettable Voyage with
Prof. Ellin Bessner and Rabbi Grover.



We are organizing a Jewish veterans and family (and others) trip to Normandy for June 2019 for the 75th anniversary commemorations of D-Day. Our bus will tour Normandy with expert local guides and learn from Canada's foremost expert on Jewish participation in the Allied Campaign. Our trip will coincide with the June 6 official ceremonies at Juno Beach, and we will pay our own visits to the important battle sights. We will also be liaising with the local French Jewish community for programming and Shabbat. Would you be interested in coming? Perhaps bring your friends/ families? Prices are still to be confirmed. Date of the trip is **May 30-June 7, 2019.**

Please let Rabbi Grover know if you are interested by emailing his assistant at yardena@bethtikvahtoronto.org.



We are very excited to welcome the newest addition to our professional team, Ellie Reinblatt. As our new Youth and Young Family Coordinator, Ellie will be working closely with Sigal and Rabbi Sachs organizing and implementing various programming for our Youth and Young Families. Ellie has synagogue work experience in event planning and programming as well as experience working with kids and families. Please join us in welcoming her to our Beth Tikvah mishpaha. Ellie we wish you be'atzlaha in your new position and are excited for all the amazing things that lie ahead.

Yahrzeits

The following members are observing Yahrzeits this week:

Friday, January 11

Hilary Edwards, Maxine Beale, Joanne Greenspoon, Sheldon Lerman, Trudy Sassoon, Paul Nightingale, Ben Nemani, Gloria Pinkus, Harold Segalowitz, Sam Singal.

Saturday, January 12

Clive Cohen, Carol Hacker, Shirley Weinstein, Jet Sachar, Fred Rosen.

Sunday, January 13

Lois Demone, Albert Lewkowicz, Harold Lewkowicz, Beverley Breslow, Abraham Friesner, Brian Habert, Eleanor Markovitz, Gary Kirsh, Esther Lefler, Edward Levy, Esther Helfenbaum, Marvin Obar, Beverley Winnick, Barbara Roberts, Cherry Rubin.

Monday, January 14

Simon Kreindler, Norman Rothberg, Stanley Sinai.

Tuesday, January 15

Diane Sobel, Barbara Hendelman, Eric Cohen, Shirley Hager, Georgia Dennis, Larry Persyko, Cecil Schwartz, Leon Schwartz, Janet Sherman, Howard Stevens.

Wednesday, January 16

Lennie Exton, Fela Miller, Faye Minuk, Sylvia Cooper.

Thursday, January 17

Lorraine Dicker, Stuart Dicker, Aileen Frydrych, Janis Aberman, Cecil Rochweg, Marvin Swirsky.

Friday, January 18

Helen Daniels, Rose Lavine, Esther Litz, Reene Katz, Larry Torkin.



Bereavement Support Group: This support group is for BT members who have suffered the loss of a loved one, and are looking to gain strength as they pass through the stages of mourning. These sessions are free of charge and for members only, but pre-registration is required. First session starts on **Sunday, January 20, from 10-11 AM. For information, or to register, call the office at 416-221-3433.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help people get to Shul on Shabbat. Are you able to bring someone along with you? Are you looking to come to Shul on Shabbat, but need help getting here? **If so, call us at 416-221-3433 so we can help you connect.**

Raoul Wallenberg Day Film Screening - Rescue in the Philippines

An untold story of rescue during the Holocaust. 'Rescue in the Philippines: Refuge from the Holocaust' recounts a fascinating, yet seldom-told, chapter in history. **In honour of Raoul Wallenberg Day 2019, join the Neuberger on January 17.**

'Rescue in the Philippines: Refuge from the Holocaust' Showtime & Location:

Cineplex Cinemas Empress Walk
5095 Yonge Street
3rd Floor
Cost: \$11.00
7:30 PM

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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.

What's Happening

THIS WEEK AT BETH TIKVAH

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

Sun	Jan 13	• PJ Library	10:00 am
Mon	Jan 14	• BT Women Book Club	1:30 pm
Tues	Jan 15	• Tuesdays with Larry: Sammy Davis Jr.	1:30 pm
Wed	Jan 16	• Drop-in Bridge & Maj	12:30 pm
Thurs	Jan 17	• Writers Club	12:30 pm
		• Choir Rehearsal	8:00 pm
		• Floor Hockey	8:30 pm
Sat	Jan 19	• Shabbat Shira	
		• Ruah Shabbat presents Havdalah Movie Night	6:30 pm
		• Passport to Canada	7:00 pm



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