



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

# Shabbat Bulletin

כ"ו תשרי התשפ"ב  
שבת פרשת בראשית  
Shabbat Parshat Breisheet  
October 1 - 2, 2021 / 5782

Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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## SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Rosh Chodesh Marcheshvan is on Wednesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 7

Molad is on Wednesday, October 6 at 12:11pm and 12 chalakim

### Shabbat Parshat Breisheet

Haftara: Yeshayahu 42:5 - 43:10

When davening at home, it is preferable to do so at the same time as the rest of the community.

#### Friday, October 1

5:22pm Plag Hamincha  
6:15pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv - Main Sanctuary  
6:17pm Candle Lighting  
6:35pm Sh'kiah

#### Shabbat, October 2 / 26 Tishrei 5782

8:00am Shacharit - Upper Social Hall and Tent  
9:30am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary  
9:49am Sof Zman Kriyat Shma  
10:00am Kef Club for Kids - tent  
4:30pm Snif Bnei Akiva group leaves for BIBA - back at TBDJ by 6:30pm  
5:20pm Daf Yomi - Upper Social Hall  
5:21pm Plag Hamincha  
6:10pm Mincha and Maariv - Sanctuary  
6:10pm Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet and Maariv - Tent  
6:33pm Sh'kiah  
7:17pm Havdala

### SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mincha is at 6:10pm Sunday to Thursday

#### Shacharit

8:00am Sunday to Friday  
and

9:00am on Sunday

6:50am on Monday

7:00am on Tuesday and Friday

6:45am on Wed. & Thurs. (Rosh Chodesh)

Candle Lighting is at 6:04pm  
on Friday, October 8

For our full schedule,  
go to [tbdj.org/calendar](http://tbdj.org/calendar).

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Loni & Jeff Kupferberg** and their families on the engagement of their son Ari to Rachel Butterfield of Yerushalayim, originally of Los Angeles.

Condolences to **Terry Kaspi Reiss & Moshe Reiss** and their families on the loss of Terry's beloved father Dr. Joseph Kaspi who passed away on Monday, September 27. Funeral took place on Monday, September 27.

Condolences to **Libby Singer Ratner** and her family on the loss of her beloved husband **Leo Ratner z"l** who passed away on Wednesday, September 29. Funeral is scheduled for Friday, October 1.

### SPONSORSHIPS

Drashot by Rabbi Freundlich and Kiddush and Seudah Shleesheet are sponsored by **Adrian Grinberg** and Lilian Grinberg Bergel and their families to mark the first yahrzeit for their beloved mother Marica Tuvel Grinberg z"l (Miriam bat Moshe Yisrael v'Rivka Eidl - 29 Tishrei).

### UPCOMING SHIURIM, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Tues., Oct. 5, 12:00pm *Lunchtime Halacha Shiur* with the Rabbi (Zoom)

Wed., Oct. 6, 12:15pm *Lunch & Learn Parsha Shiur* with the Rabbi (Zoom)

Thurs., Oct. 7, 12:30pm *Parsha Shiur for Women* with Rifki Freundlich - TBDJ Library and on Zoom



Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem wishes a hearty *Mazal Tov* to our  
**5782 SIMCHAT TORAH CHATANIM!**

Mark Eisenberg, Chatan Torah

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Lawrence Rudski, Chatan Torah

Ron Schondorf, Chatan Breisheet

Murray Vasilevsky, Chatan Breisheet

David Zukor, Chatan Maftir

## INCOMPLETELY COMPLETE

With the holiday of Rosh Hashanah a few weeks ago, we marked the beginning of our Hebrew new year of 5782. I always found it interesting that the beginning of our Torah reading cycle is not synonymous with the beginning of our Hebrew year. In fact, our annual Torah reading cycle began a little over three weeks after Rosh Hashanah with the Torah reading of Breisheet on Simchat Torah. The question is: why doesn't our annual Torah reading cycle commence with the reading of Breisheet on Rosh Hashanah?

In the book *הקריאה בתורה והלכותיה*, Rabbi Mordechai Jaffe (1530-1612) is quoted as saying that the cycle should really begin and end around Rosh Hashanah. His view is that it logically makes sense to commence the Torah reading cycle at the beginning of the year. However, in order to "trick the Satan" about when Rosh Hashanah is, we push the cycle off until after Rosh Hashanah. And once we push it off and it's no longer exactly Rosh Hashanah, we push it off a bit more until the first Shabbos after all the holidays are completed so that we don't have a situation where we begin the new Torah portion cycle and then immediately interrupt it with the appropriate special Torah readings on the Shabbatot that fall within the holiday season.

Interruptions. We don't want to interrupt our Torah reading sequence. Interruptions are an unwelcome part of our daily life and we are more than used to dealing with our many kinds of interruptions. We are interrupted in conversations. We begin our tasks striving to complete them within a designated time frame and it seems, more often than not, that something keeps us from getting them done. We have lofty long-term goals and smaller short term ones, some complex, others mundane. It seems that things get in the way at a rather high frequency, interruptions which keep us from completing what we need to get done.

Long-term goals are important in our lives. They are family-related, career-related, achievement-related and more. Our long term goals are not realized in a day, a week, a month, and sometimes even in a year or more. These goals require intense, consistent and constant dedication. In the Torah's final portion of *V'zot Habracha* which we read a few days ago on Simchat Torah, we recalled the long-term goal and wish of Moshe Rabeinu to enter Eretz Yisrael following the forty year sojourn through the desert with Bnei Yisrael. Before Moshe Rabeinu dies, Hashem shows him Eretz Yisrael, our coveted land. The verse preceding that of Moshe's passing ends with the words of Hashem: *...I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you shall not cross over to there* (Devarim 34:4). Every year, when I have the privilege to learn commentary on these verses, as well as read aloud the verse cited above preceding Moshe's passing, I ruefully think to myself how I wish that the verses would have a different outcome, resulting in Moshe entering the land.

On the holiday of Shmini Atzeret a few days ago, Moreinu Harav Rabbi Freundlich spoke about the unfinished work of the eminent Rabbi and Torah scholar Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l (1948 – 2020), connecting it with Moshe Rabeinu's death and the closing theme in the Torah concluding portion of *V'zot Habracha*.

Rabbi Freundlich cited the foreward message of Israeli journalist Sivan Rahav-Meir in Rabbi Sacks' final book *Studies in Spirituality* which was released following Rabbi Sacks' passing. Rahav-Meir wrote that Rabbi Sacks' commentary on the Torah - which should have concluded with the final portion of *V'zot Habracha* - was left unfinished before his death.

Rabbi Freundlich spoke about Moshe not to being able to enter the land. He was not allowed to walk into the land even for a few moments, to feel the earth of the holy land under his feet! Our Rabbi taught us that, similar to Rabbi Sacks' almost complete Torah commentary on all of the portions of the Torah except the final one, Moshe's mission was almost complete in that he made it to the borders of the land of Israel, but incomplete as he could not enter the land.

Our Rabbi brought forth a wonderful and, I dare say, comforting thought: *We aren't always meant to complete what we work on.* Rabbi Freundlich quoted the words of the Mishnah from Pirkei Avot: *You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it* (2:21).

It is important for us to begin the work. It is important for us to do the work. While the work may not be completed by us in our lifetime, it may be passed on to the next in line, our children etc.

Rabbi Freundlich's words were both inspiring and comforting for me. I am the kind of person who likes to get things done. I do not like leaving stones unturned. However, when I look at my ultimate and long term goals in Jewish learning, I sadly fear that my learning will not be realized to its full capacity. When at home and in the shul's library, I take in the sight of the ספרי קודש, the holy books on the shelves, and I say to myself that there is so much that I haven't been able to learn and I lament that I would love to learn much more and know only a small percentage of everything in these books, but I realize that this is improbable. I think about the many interruptions causing improper use of my time that could and should have been dedicated to learning, time that has passed me by. True, with a large family, Baruch HaShem, and many pursuits in life there has been plenty for me to do besides my learning and I am blessed that my work at TBDJ and that my music in the Jewish day schools is לשם שמים - for the sake of heaven and well utilized. Still, I feel that even with the time that I devote to my learning, I will never cover the lost ground.

Rabbi Freundlich's words on Shmini Atzeret were encouraging. I learned to appreciate the value of what I can and have continued to achieve in my life. In reality, there is a sense of completion in everything we do, even when we do not finish the job. While the idea of completion is important and significant and work must be done towards the completion of the final product, it is important to understand the words of the Mishnah that we are not always obligated to finish everything that we do. While the completion of my learning may seem out of reach, the gems of Torah that are learned during my lifetime accumulate within me. I grow with these gems, I share them with others, I write about them, and through these precious gems of Torah, I learn new perspectives which lead me to understand our Torah in wonderful and enlightening ways. I have learned that even without reaching my learning capacity, the process of learning - a little bit at a time - makes my learning *incompletely complete* in many ways.

Shabbat Shalom,

*Rev. Amiel*





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# Thoughts on the Parsha

with Rebbetzin  
Rifki Freundlich

Thursdays

12:30-1:00

TBDJ Library

Or join on zoom in TBDJ Zoom  
Library





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## Introducing a new program for the Year 5782, a year of Shmitah in Israel.

Congregation TBDJ is proud to partner with **Keren Hashviis**, an organization dedicated to furthering the understanding and observance of Shmitah in Israel.

- Contribute to a special Shmitah Fund, aimed at supporting individual farmers and communities during Shmitah.
- Explore the mitzvah of Shmitah through lectures, shiurim, and special sessions. *See opposite side for details.*
- Connect with the farmers of Israel observing Shmitah, to better understand their view of its blessings and challenges.



**Visit <https://TBDJ.org/Shmitah> to participate in the Mitzvah of Shmitah!**

**Do you own agricultural land in Israel? Have you ever observed the mitzvah of Shmitah?**

In all likelihood, the answer is no. Until now!

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