



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

בס"ד
ל כסלו התשפ"ב / שבת פרשת מקץ
א' דראש חודש טבת / ו' דחנוכה
Shabbat Parshat Mikeitz
Shabbat Chanukah
Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day One
December 3 - 4, 2021 / 5782

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שבת שלום, חודש טוב וחג חנוכה שמח!

Jeremy Ethan Rozansky, Bar Mitzvah

Ethan Moshé Sabbah, Bar Mitzvah

Rosh Chodesh Tevet is on Shabbat, December 4 and Sunday, December 5

Eighth Day of Chanukah is on Monday, December 6

Shabbat Parshat Mikeitz Rosh Chodesh Tevet - First Day Sixth Day of Chanukah Haftara: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

Friday, December 3

- 2:30pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
- 3:16pm Plag Hamincha
- 3:50pm Minha - Minyane Sépharade
- 3:54pm Candle Lighting
- 3:55pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv - Main Sanctuary and Upper Social Hall -
Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich after Kabbalat Shabbat
- 4:12pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, December 4 / 30 Kislev

- 8:00am Shacharit - Upper Social Hall
- 8:40am Chumash Shiur - Main Sanctuary
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary and Minyane Sépharade
- 9:31am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:00am Kef Club for Kids - Lower Level
featuring special Chanukah games!
- 3:16pm Plag Hamincha
- 3:30pm Minha et Seouda Sh'leesheet - Minyane Sépharade
- 3:50pm Mincha and Maariv - **Main Sanctuary only - masks required at all times**
- 4:12pm Sh'kiah
- 5:01pm Havdala
- 5:05pm Daf Yomi - Main Sanctuary
- 5:50pm Musical Havdala on Facebook with Rev. Amiel Bender
- 6:30pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
- 6:30pm Programme Avot U'Vanim - Minyane Sépharade
- 6:30pm Volunteer Program for TBDJ Teens at MADA - 6875 Decarie**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Jeremy Ethan Rozansky** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Proud parents are **Ryva & Scott Rozansky**. Sharing in their simcha are Jeremy's siblings **Lea** and **Ben**, his grandparents Rona Rozansky, Eleanor Schechter and Wigdor Schechter and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time is Jeremy's grandfather Stephen Rozansky z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Ethan Moshé Sabbah** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Proud parents are **Lee & Edouard Sabbah**. Sharing in their simcha are Ethan's brother **Liam**, his grandparents **Sylvie & Maurice Sabbah** and **Haya & Asher Omer** and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are Ethan's great aunt and uncle Lisette & Albert Amor z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Reverend Amiel & Cheryl Bender** on the occasion of their son Dr. Uri Bender receiving a Master of Science Degree in Experimental Medicine from McGill University.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush-To-Go is sponsored by **Ryva & Scott Rozansky** and their family in honour of their son Jeremy becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Kiddush and Seudah Shleesheet in the Minyane Sépharade are sponsored by **Lee & Edouard Sabbah** and their family in honour of their son Ethan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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Rifki Freundlich's *Tehillim Class for Women* on Monday, November 29 was sponsored by **Linda & Jack Lehrer** in memory of Jack's beloved grandmothers Miriam Lehrer z"l (Miriam bat Menachem Mendel - 28 Kislev) and Mary Steingart z"l (Masha bat Moshe - 2 Tevet).

Mark your calendars!

TBDJ welcomes the following Scholars-in-Residence!

Rabbi Ari Cutler of Yeshivat HaKotel

Shabbat Parshat Va'yigash, December 10 and 11

Rabbi Seth Grauer of Bnei Akiva Schools of Toronto

Shabbat Parshat Sh'mot, December 24 and 25

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mincha: 3:55pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am & 9:00am / Monday: **6:45am** & 8:00am / Thursday: 6:50am & 8:00am
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am & 8:00am

Candle Lighting is at 3:53pm and **Mincha** is at 3:55pm on Friday, December 10

For our full schedule, go to tbdj.org/calendar

One Flickering Flame: So Small Yet So Large

Is there anything like the Chanukah flame? This tiny little fragile light is filled with meaning and significance, it illuminates our rooms, it touches our souls and it lights up our lives. Our Chanukah candles evoke deep thinking within us and they connect us in the most beautiful way with Jews around the world as they light Chanukah candles wherever they live. I like to imagine that all the millions of Chanukah lights and flames around the world join together as one bright light which unites us and strengthens our continuity spanning the generations as the glorious עם סגולה - Hashem's chosen people.

Similarly to the modest dimension of the Chanukah flame, we - the Jewish people - are a small group within the big world but our light shines bright. Just as the small lights of our Chanukah candles fill our rooms, we, a comparatively small nation in a big world, shine our light making our mark upon the world at large in many ways - in scholarship, sciences, the arts and more.

Our beautiful little Chanukah flames also give us a bright light in the dead of our cold winter. Several years ago I was in Israel a few days before Chanukah. The sun was bright and I was walking in twenty degree Celsius weather. Strangely, something wasn't right. At that point in my life, after almost thirty years in the cold Canadian Chanukah weather, I was used to the bare trees and the snowy background outside my window - a stark contrast to the magic of the warmth and beauty of the Chanukah candles which give us a warm feeling inside our homes.

Last week I learned a song that one of my younger classes was preparing for their school Chanukah presentation. The words of the song paint the panoramic portrait that we are used to seeing outside our Chanukah winter windows in Montreal:

*In the window where you can see the glow from my menorah on newly fallen snow
I will light you one little candle on this the first night of Chanukah*

There is indeed so much embedded in our Chanukah flames. Consider this account of Chanukah candle lighting in the concentration camps during the terrible holocaust years.

It was the first night of Hanukkah in the Janowska concentration camp and the future Bluzever Rebbe, Rabbi Yisrael Spira, was desperate to light the Hanukkah candles for the 500 people in his barracks. He managed to quickly collect strands of uniform fabric to be used as wicks as well as shoe polish to be used as oil.

That night, Rabbi Spira gathered everyone together from his barracks. He lit the menorah and made the first blessing on the kindling of the Hanukkah lights, followed by the second blessing of, "She'asah nissim l'avoseinu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh" - that G-d made a great miracle for our ancestors in those days and at this time. Rabbi Spira paused for a moment and then proceeded to make the third and final blessing, "She'hecheyanu v'kiyimanu vihigyanu lazman hazeh" - that G-d has kept us alive, has sustained us and brought us to this time. The entire group sang Maoz Tsur together with tears streaming down their cheeks.

After the singing, a young man came up to Rabbi Spira and said: "Rabbi, something is bothering me. I understand that you could make the blessing over the Hanukkah lights and on the miracles that G-d performed for our ancestors. But how could you recite the blessing of 'Shehechyanu' with such passion as you utter the words, 'G-d has kept us alive and has sustained us'? Look at us! Look at where we are. This is how he has sustained us?" Rabbi Spira turned to him and replied, "I asked myself this very same question, which is why I paused before reciting that blessing. But as I looked up, I saw that the eyes of every person in this barrack were filled with hope and faith as they stared at the flickering candle. And I thought to myself, if during such times of darkness, these people could be filled with hope, then I can confidently say 'She'hechyanu' - that we are grateful to be living. Because it is precisely our faith and hope that has kept us alive throughout our nation's journey.

One flickering flame... so small yet so large. One flickering little flame that weighs nothing and is short lived, but while it is with us it burns upwards, takes us to majestic spiritual highs.

I marvel that the candles are lit after sunset. It's as if Hashem wants us to see the contrast between the frail little lights inside and the immense darkness outside. The light of day is a security blanket of sorts. Night time and darkness bring a sense of insecurity and uncertainty. The verse from Psalm 92 tells us:

להגיד בבוקר חסדך ואמונתך בלילות

**To declare in the morning your kindness
and your faith at night**

During the day the light strengthens our comfort zones, but it is with the unknown perils of night when the world darkens that we feel the strength of our faith in the way that Hashem watches over us and safeguards us.

In a very deep way we are all Chanukah candles in Hashem's great menorah of life. Look at the candles and imagine that you are that little spark that is lighting up the world for those around you. You, among the other countless millions of global sparks, are lighting the way to navigate the darkness - ultimately meeting with, and accommodating, the challenges in your life.

May our Chanukah lights continue to burn brightly and illuminate Hashem's world!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel





CALLING ALL STUDENTS GRADES 9,10,11

HELP US TO HELP MADA BRING
LIGHT TO OUR COMMUNITY

JOIN US TO MAKE CALLS FOR
MADA'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 4th

6:30-8:00 PM

MADA 6875 DECARIE BLVD

Snacks, drinks and
Chesed hours!

UPCOMING SHIURIM, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Saturday 12/04 at 5:50pm

Saturday 12/04, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday 12/05, 8:00am-10:35am

Sunday 12/05, 12:00pm

Monday 12/06 at 10:00am

Monday 12/06 at 7:45pm

Tuesday 12/07 at 12:00pm

Wednesday 12/08 at 12:15pm

Thursday 12/09 at 12:30pm

Musical Havdala with Rev. Bender - TBDJ Facebook Page

TBDJ Teens help raise funds at MADA, 6875 Decarie Boulevard

Kollel Yom Rishon - Special Chanukah Edition - see flyer on page 5

Online *Rosh Chodesh Tevet Shiur* with Rifki Freundlich

- register at www.ou.org/women/kt

Tehilim Class with Rifki Freundlich - Zoom

Jewish History Lecture with Rabbi Freundlich - Upper Social Hall and on Zoom

Lunchtime Halacha Shiur with the Rabbi - Zoom

Wednesday Parsha Shiur with the Rabbi - Upper Social Hall and on Zoom

Parsha Shiur for Women with Rifki Freundlich - TBDJ Library and on Zoom

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IDEAS & inspiration

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and Sara Anne Lehmann, מוסקוויץ, חנה איידל

Tuesday, November 30
1pm EST—LIVE



Mrs. Rivka Maron

Queen of Peace in Turbulent
Times: Shlōmtzion Hamalka

Sunday, December 5
12pm EST



Rebbetzin Rifki Freundlich

Rosh Chodesh
Lunch 'N Learn

Tuesday, December 14
1pm EST—LIVE



Mrs. Elana Kaplan

Kingdoms of Jewish Exile:
Virtual Tour of the Ancient
Art Collections at the
Metropolitan Museum of Art

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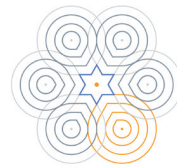


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NEW Learning Opportunities

TBDJ is proud to
launch two
new programs
in partnership with
Kollel Torah MiTzion!



Friday Night Shiur

A program for our (early) winter Friday nights at shul. On alternating weeks, Rabbi Freundlich and Rav Gateno will deliver a short 10-15 minute shiur after davening for those wishing to stay.

Sunday Morning Kollel - כולל יום ראשון

Led by Rabbi Freundlich and Rav Gateno. A systematic and concise learning method from the Talmudic source through modern day Halachic application.

8:00 AM 1st SHACHARIT MINYAN

Followed by a 20-minute shiur on Hilchot Shabbat.

9:00 AM 2nd SHACHARIT MINYAN

Followed by some nosh and coffee, chavruta learning from 9:45-10:15, and a short 20-minute shiur tying everything together. You can come with your own chavruta, or we'll set you up. The KTM bachurim will also be leading small learning groups.

Location: Congregation TBDJ, 6519 Baily Road

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MODERN JEWISH HISTORY

PART II

with
Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Mondays at 7:45pm
LIVE IN TBDJ SOCIAL HALL
and available on Zoom



- BRITISH MANDATE OVER PALESTINE
- THE THIRD ALIYAH
- JEWISH EUROPE BETWEEN THE WARS
- THE RISE OF HITLER י"א

- AMERICAN JEWRY BEFORE WORLD WAR II
- THE HOLOCAUST AND THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY
- POST-WAR PRE-STATE PALESTINE
- DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
- WAR OF INDEPENDENCE