



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

ב אדר ב התשפ"ב
שבת פרשת פקודיShabbat Parshat Pekudei
March 4 - 5, 2022 / 5782

Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Shabbat Parshat Pekudei

Haftara: Melachim Alef 7:51 - 8:21

Face masks must be worn properly - covering nose and mouth - in all areas in and around the TBDJ building.

Friday, March 4

- 3:15pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
4:35pm Plag Hamincha
5:20pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabbat -
Minyane Sépharade - Lower Hall
5:27pm Candle Lighting
5:30pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat -
Main Sanctuary and Upper Hall
5:46pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, March 5 / 2 Adar Bet

- 8:00am Shacharit - Upper Hall
8:40am Chumash Shiur
with Rabbi Freundlich
9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
9:00am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade -
Lower Hall
9:16am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for
Kids - Lower Level Classrooms
4:36pm Plag Hamincha
5:00pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet et
Arvit - Minyane Sépharade
5:20pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
and Upper Hall
5:30pm Snif Bnei Akiva at TBDJ
- walking group from HA at 5:00pm
5:47pm Sh'kiah
6:31pm Havdala
7:15pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
7:25pm Musical Havdala on Facebook
with Rev. Amiel & Cheryl Bender

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mincha: 5:30pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

Candle Lighting is at 5:36pm
and Mincha is at 5:40pm (Seph. is at 5:25pm)
on Friday, March 11.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Vera Honigwachs, Bracha & Mordy Shizgal, Vicky & Jimmy Shizgal** and Karina & Shneur Herman and their families on the birth of a great grandson and grandson on Wednesday, March 2. Proud parents are Sarah & David Herman. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's big sisters Aliyah and Aura and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time is the baby's great grandfather Leo Honigwachs z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Susan Lieberman, Blossom Wachsberg, Nadine & Ben Lieberman** and Hannah & Steve Vago and their families on the birth of great grandson and grandson Avery (Aharon Yosef) Vago on February 17 in New York. Proud parents are Mimi & Ben Vago of New Jersey. Sharing in their simcha are Avery's siblings Serena and Elliot and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Isabelle & Moishe Punski** and their families on the engagement of their son Eric to Shani Danino. Sharing in their simcha are Shani's parents Miriam & Yossi Danino, Eric's grandparents Henya Punski and Mireille & Albert Hamaoui and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families. Lovingly remembered at this time is Eric's beloved grandfather Aryeh Leib Punski z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Freundlich** on his birthday! Ad 120!

Kol Hakavod to **Samuel Kloda** on the recent publication of his new book *The Atomic Bomb in Images and Documents*, published by McFarland & Company.

Condolences to **Ross & Selena Paperman**, Joseph & Heather Paperman and Laurence & Kerry Paperman and their families on the loss of their beloved mother and mother-in-law Leila Weinrauch Paperman z"l who passed away on Monday, February 28. Funeral took place on Wednesday, March 2. Strictly private shiva.

Condolences to the family of TBDJ Member **Doris (Dora) Zuckernick Glickman z"l** who passed away on Shabbat, February 26. Funeral took place on Tuesday, March 1. Shiva has been observed.

Refu'a Sh'leima to:

לייב בן רבקה

מאיר משה בן חיה פריידיא **Monty Hutman**

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Phyllis & Michael David** and family in memory of Phyllis' beloved father Harry Kranc z"l (Yisroel Tsvi ben Yoel v'Miriam Tsirl - 29 Adar).

Kiddush is sponsored by Hannah Alper and Sheila Alper Kleiman and families in memory of their beloved parents Sara Alper z"l (Chaya Sarah bat Rafael Tzvi Hersh v'Chana - 15 Kislev) and John Alper z"l (Yitzchak Zeev ben Shlomo v'Rivka - 18 Adar Alef).

Rifki Freundlich's *Parsha Shiur for Women* on Thursday, March 10 is sponsored by **Dorothy, Steve and Sean Howard** in memory of their beloved daughter and sister Lauren Melissa Howard z"l (Leah Miriam bat Shlomo HaLevi v'Devorah - 7 Adar Bet).

TBDJ's *Héma-Québec Blood Drive* on Tuesday, March 1 was sponsored by **Sarah & Michael Bybelezer** along with **Michele & Brian Cale** and **Rivka & Alex Guttman**.

Rifki Freundlich's *Rosh Chodesh Program for Women* on Thursday, March 3 was sponsored by **Sari Newman** and family in memory of Sari's beloved grandmother Annie Stern z"l (Chana Leah bat Yosef - 29 Adar).

A Special "Toda Raba"!

TBDJ extends a special "thank you" to **Yakov Lev and Jonah Cadiogan** for their invaluable assistance during our recent Hema-Quebec Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 1! Their efforts helped make the program a great success!

UPCOMING SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS

Monday, March 7, 10:00am.....*Tehilim Shiur* with Rifki Freundlich on Zoom

Monday, March 7, 7:45pm.....*History Lecture* with Rabbi Freundlich - Upper Hall & Zoom

Tuesday, March 8, 12:00pm.....*Lunchtime Halacha Shiur* with Rabbi Freundlich on Zoom

Wednesday, March 9, 12:15pm.....*Parsha Shiur* with Rabbi Freundlich - Library & Zoom

Thursday, March 10, 12:30pm.....*Women's Parsha Shiur* with Rifki Freundlich - Library & Zoom

Wednesday, March 16, 6:45pm.....*Megillah Reading & Purim Extravaganza* - see flyer on page 4

Sunday, March 20, 10:00am.....*Spring Gardening Event* - see flyer on page 5

בְּקַע לְגִלְגֶּלֶת

מַחְצִית הַשֶּׁקֶל בְּשֶׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ לְכָל הָעֵבֶר עַל הַפְּקָדִים מִבְּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה

A beka for every head,

a half shekel in the sacred shekel for everyone who passed through the census takers from twenty years of age and up...

(Shmot 38:26)

In our Torah portion of Pekudei the above verse refers to a spiritual tax, the annual donation of the *השקל מחצית* - the half shekel initially mentioned in the Torah reading a few weeks ago in Parshat Ki Tisa. Last Shabbos, Parshat Shekalim also mentioned the mitzvah of the half shekel. This reading was instituted in order to remind the entire People of Israel to donate the yearly half-shekel contribution - a contribution used to purchase the communal sacrifices which were to be offered up in the Beit Hamikdash.

This contribution may be understood as an indication that every Jew was equal when it came to the most fundamental act carried out in the Temple - the offering of sacrifices. Even if money was left over from the previous year, the sacrifices for the coming year would not be bought with it; the Torah demands that each year's sacrifices be purchased from the donations of the new year.

The new year, as far as sacrifices are concerned, begins on the first of the month of Nisan. Therefore, each year on the first of Adar - the month preceding Nisan - the courts would make an announcement reminding people of the half-shekel offering so that during the month of Adar everybody would bring their contribution. With the beginning of Nisan, the communal sacrifices would be bought from the new contributions. In order to strengthen the court announcement, it was instituted that Parshat Shekalim be read on the Sabbath before the first of Adar.

With the destruction of the Temple, our sages enacted the continued reading of Parshat Shekalim, in remembrance of the Beit Hamikdash and the mitzvah of the half-shekel. We still observe this Mitzvah and in a little less than two weeks, before the Megillah reading on Purim evening, we will make our annual half shekel donations. This commemorative act is performed before the reading of the Megillah, since we all gather in our synagogues to hear the Megillah reading. We raise three symbolic half-shekel coins and we make our contribution. The reason for the custom of three half-shekels is that the Hebrew word *terumah* - donation - and the words *half a shekel* are mentioned three times in the Torah portion of Ki Tisa, where the mitzvah of the half-shekel is recorded.

And so, in practice we are observing an annual, spiritually-oriented tax. While we aren't crazy about paying taxes, this is a good tax as the half-shekel donations are used for the welfare of our shul and community. As a matter of fact, in our big world out there, we are also in tax season. It is the time of year when the T4 slips pop up in my mailbox and on my desk in shul and every year, as I observe the merging of my spiritual tax season with my secular one, I wonder if, maybe, this is Hashem's way of telling us that not only do we merge our Jewish world with the big world outside in many ways as we journey through life, we merge our Jewish and secular financial worlds as well.

Taxes. In our working world, we are familiar with the taxing pattern. We earn a gross amount of money minus the taxed amount which leaves us with our net amount. We sometimes tend to view taxes as money that is earned and lost. However, taxes are a positive thing. Sometimes they are a bit high - something that should be corrected at certain levels - but, in general, the money that we contribute to taxes is essential.

We are used to our taxes being taken away from us. We have learned in the past two years that taxes refer to more than money, as thoughts of taxing Covid-19 restrictions occupy my mind. In a similar way to our taxing system, Covid-19 taxed us heavily, taking away a meaningful percentage of our functioning lives. On a personal professional note, upon returning to my music work in the Jewish day school system, I sadly realized how much the children missed in-person Jewish music classes during the pandemic.

As I was writing this message, the email from our shul came with the difficult news that our beloved Rabbi Freundlich and his family will be leaving us. *מורינו הרב* - our Rabbi, our teacher - and Rifki have enhanced our personal and communal lives in countless ways. At the risk of getting political, our community has been unfairly taxed by questionable and unresolved government directives which have influenced their difficult decision. We certainly have not had enough of Rabbi Freundlich's Torah and leadership due to the heavy viral tax of Covid-19 which limited interactions with him for many months on a personal and communal level, and we will miss our Rabbi dearly!

So, here we are. All of a sudden we turn around and two years of our lives have been spent in a pandemic where time seemed never-ending yet in retrospect passed us by. I know that this viral and global tax of Covid that challenged the world caught us all off guard - causing us all to lose valuable time in many aspects of our lives.

Maybe this is the message of those half-shekel donations: that the surplus in the funds from the past year are not to be used towards the expenses of the new year. The half-shekel donation being renewed every year teaches us to look ahead to the future and not into the past. Yes, the pandemic taxed us in many ways, however this difficult period in our lives gave us the opportunity to also recharge our batteries in many ways, to catch up on things, to think and reflect and prepare for the future.

Why a half-shekel? Why not a whole shekel? There are plenty of explanatory commentaries which teach us about the denomination of the half-shekel. As I come out of the pandemic and its restrictions and I donate my half-shekel this year, I will think about the completing half of the coin: the half-shekel that isn't in my hand. I will remember the time in my life when we were taxed beyond our normal capacity. I will remember the lives that were lost in this terrible viral interlude and I will look ahead to a time where our half-shekel will complete itself as our world slowly returns to normalcy, B'Ezrat Hashem.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel

בס"ד



Shabbat Parashat Pekudei

Grades K-6

**March 5th 5:30 at TBDJ (6519 Baily)
walking group from Hebrew Academy @5pm
(Pick up after Havdala)**



**NOTICE LOCATION
CHANGE FOR THIS
SHABBAT!**

שבת שלום ומבורק!



**COME ONE, COME ALL
TO A CLASSIC TBDJ**

**PURIM
EXTRAVAGANZA**

6:45 PM Mincha followed by

**Megillah Reading
&
Carnival**

Food, Music, Games & Kids Activities

Don't forget your costume!



**WEDNESDAY MARCH 16th
FREE ADMISSION**



TORAH תורה
מִצִּיּוֹן MITZION
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Congregation TBDJ and Kollel Torah MiTzion
invite you to roll up your sleeves!



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SPRING GARDENING EVENT

Sunday, March 20, 2022
10:00am



A Special “Hands-On” Program LIVE IN-PERSON AT TBDJ

(Zoom option also available)

Led by the *Backyard Planting Montreal* group
With special remarks from Rabbi Freundlich & Sarah Gateno

All proceeds will go towards planting trees in Israel

REGISTER AT: [TBDJ.ORG/PLANTING](https://tbdj.org/planting)

Learn the basics of planting... compare the different seeds for different plants... gain an appreciation for the beauty of dirt... and start your own mini garden!

If you have any questions,
please email
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\$18 PER KIT - INCLUDES GARDEN POT, SOIL,
AND 1 SEED TYPE (PEPPERS, TOMATO, PEA,
BASIL / MINT) - OR ALL FOUR FOR \$65
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SPECIAL BONUS
FOR ORDERS
BEFORE MARCH 11
PICKUP
BY MARCH 13