



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

ט אדר ב התשפ"ב
שבת פרשת ויקרא / פרשת זכור
Shabbat Parshat Vayikra
Parshat Zachor
March 11 - 12, 2022 / 5782
Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Zac Levy, Bar Mitzvah

Daylight Saving Time begins the morning of Sunday, March 13 - "spring" forward one hour

Ta'anit Esther is on Wednesday, March 16 - fast begins at 5:50am and ends at 7:31pm

Purim is on Thursday, March 17 / Shushan Purim is on Friday, March 18

Shabbat Parshat Vayikra Parshat Zachor

Haftara: Shmuel Alef 15:2 - 15:34

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

Friday, March 11

3:30pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
4:42pm Plag Hamincha
5:25pm Mincha et Kabbalat Chabbat -
Minyane Sépharade - Lower Hall
5:36pm Candle Lighting
5:40pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat -
Main Sanctuary and Upper Hall
5:55pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, March 12 / 9 Adar Bet

8:00am Shacharit - Upper Hall
8:40am Chumash Shiur
with Rabbi Freundlich
9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
Second Reading of Parshat Zachor
following services, before Kiddush
9:00am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade -
Lower Hall
9:09am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for
Kids - Lower Level Classrooms
4:43pm Plag Hamincha
5:10pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet et
Arvit - Minyane Sépharade
5:30pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
and Upper Hall
5:30pm Bnei Akiva Purim Carnival at BIBA
- walking group from TBDJ at 5:00pm
5:56pm Sh'kiah
6:40pm Havdala
7:20pm Musical Havdala on Facebook
with Rev. Amiel & Cheryl Bender
7:30pm Daf Yomi on Zoom

PURIM 5782 AT TBDJ!

FOR FULL SCHEDULE OF MINYANIM,
SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS, SEE PAGES TWO
AND THREE OF THIS BULLETIN.
MACHATZIT HASHEKEL WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE MAIN SHUL STARTING SUNDAY.
RABBI FREUNDLICH WILL ALSO COLLECT
MATANOT L'EVYONIM AND MAOT CHITIM.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Zac Levy** on his *Bar Mitzvah 2.0*. Proud parents are **Jordana & Morrie Levy**. Sharing in their simcha are Zac's siblings **Maayan, Eitan and Tal**, his grandparents **Judy & Gary Pekofsky**, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are Zac's paternal grandparents Sara & Yitzchak Levy z"l.

Condolences to **Keila Prutschi & Billy Finkelstein, Stephanie Finkelstein & Sharon Koifman** and **Audrey Finkelstein & Mark Gross** and their families on the loss of their beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Clara Pliam Prutschi z"l who passed away on Shabbat, March 5. Funeral took place on Monday, March 7. Shiva continues until Sunday, March 13; for details write stephanie.finkelstein@gmail.com or call 514-941-1010.

Refu'a Sh'leima to:
יהודית מרים בת מלכה

לייב בן רבקה

מאיר משה בן חיה פריידא
Monty Hutman

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush is sponsored by **Jordana & Morrie Levy** in honour of Zac's *Bar Mitzvah 2.0*.

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Estie & Steven Fiter** in memory of Steven's beloved father Leib Fiter z"l (Aryeh ben David HaLevi - 9 Adar).

TBDJ's Purim Party on Wednesday, March 16 is sponsored by **Sylvia & Ted Quint** in honour of **Alyssa & Yair Meyers** "with heartfelt thanks for all the acts of chesed they do for the TBDJ community."

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mincha: 6:40pm Sunday to Wednesday
5:00pm on Thursday (Maariv at 8:00pm)

Shacharit:

Sunday at 8:00am / Monday at 6:50am
Tuesday and Friday at 7:00am
Wed. at 6:30am / Thurs. at 6:25 & 8:00am

Candle Lighting is at 6:46pm
on Friday, March 18.

UPCOMING SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS

Sunday, March 13, 9:45am *Kollel Yom Rishon - Special Purim Edition* - Upper Social Hall
Monday, March 14, 10:00am *Tehilim Shiur* with Rifki Freundlich on Zoom
Monday, March 14, 7:45pm *Purim Lecture* with Rabbi Freundlich on Zoom
Tuesday, March 15, 12:00pm *Purim Halacha Shiur* with Rabbi Freundlich on Zoom
Wednesday, March 16, 12:15pm *Purim Shiur* with Rabbi Freundlich on Zoom
Wednesday, March 16, 8:30pm *5782 Purim Carnival* - Upper Social Hall
Thursday, March 17, 6:30pm *Mishté de Pourim*, pre-registration required - see flyer on p. 6



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WEEK TO GET INTO PURIM!



SHIURIM

Sunday, March 13, 9:45 am – Kollel Yom Rishon - Purim Edition - Upper Social Hall

Monday, March 14, 7:45 pm – Purim Lecture with Rabbi Freundlich –
Zoom – Know Thine Enemy: What Made Haman Tick?

Tuesday, March 15, 12:00 pm – Lunchtime Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich –
Zoom – A Review of the Laws of the Four Mitzvot of Purim

Wednesday, March 16, 12:15 pm – Lunchtime Purim Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich –
Zoom – The partnership of Haman and Acheshverush's against the Jews

CHESSSED

Tuesday March 15, 2:30-5:30 pm at Federation building, Zera Cafe
Hamentashen orders being picked up (They have approx 250 dozen!)

Wednesday March 16, Deliveries of ready-to-eat meals.

Pick up at Federation between 1pm and 4pm and deliver 5-6 orders
(1 hour of deliveries)

Please contact Alissa for more information, alissa.anzarut@gmail.com

Thursday, March 17 at 12:00 pm In front of Maison Shalom
(4927 Av Carlton)

Let's bring the Purim spirit to the Maison Shalom!

Come dressed in costume and ready to sing!

March is SUDC awareness month. Give a kindness card as you complete random acts of Chessed in memory of Ronnie Joy Hollander and help spread awareness about Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood.

Email dahlia.guttman@gmail.com or text 514-833-6323 to collect your kindness cards!

A HAPPY PURIM TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES!





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SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 16 March, 2022 • 13 Adar II 5782
Ta'anit Esther - Erev Purim

- 5:50 am Fast Begins - Ta'anit Esther
- 6:30 am Shacharit
- 12:15 pm Purim Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich on Zoom –
"The Partnership of Haman and Achashverosh Against the Jews"
- 6:40 pm Mincha/Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 7:02 pm Shkiah
- 7:15 pm Maariv and Megillah Reading - Library / Adults Only / Limited Seating
- 7:15 pm Maariv and Megillah Reading - Main Sanctuary
- 7:31 pm Fast Ends
- 8:30 pm TBDJ Purim Carnival - Upper Social Hall
- 8:45 pm Second Megillah Reading - Lower Social Hall / Adults Only /
Distancing Required

Thursday, 17 March, 2022 • 14 Adar II 5782
Purim Day

- 6:25 am Shacharit / Megillah Reading at approximately 7:05 AM
- 8:00 am Shacharit / Megillah Reading at approximately 8:40 AM
- 10:30 am Megillah Reading
- 5:00 pm Mincha
- 6:30 pm Minyane Sepharade - Mishte de Pourim 5782 -
Preregistration Required at tbdj.org/mishte5782
- 7:03 PM Shkiah
- 8:00 PM Maariv

The Small Aleph

The letter *aleph*, as it is shown in the word *Vayikra* - the first word of this week's Torah portion of *Vayikra* - is written smaller than the other letters. Why is this? Why is the aleph smaller in the very first word of the Book of *Vayikra*?

Rabbi Avi Weiss brings the *Ba'al Turim's* suggestion that the small letter *aleph* points to Moshe Rabbeinu's humility - and from this he derives an ethical lesson. Moshe preferred the text to read ויקר - *vayikar* - without a final aleph, as *vayikar* means "by chance." Rather than state that Hashem called Moshe: ויקרא - *vayikra* implying a constant close relationship, Moshe in his modesty wished the text to read that on occasion Hashem spoke with him - *vayikar*. Moshe, of course, adheres to Hashem's command that the *aleph* be included, but does so humbly and writes a small *aleph*. Our sages also point to Moshe's trait of humility in connection with the small *aleph* with an appropriate midrash that explains that, as Moshe wrote down the Torah, he wanted to minimize his own importance. He shrunk the letter *aleph* to minimize the fact that Hashem called out to him. Indeed, a verse in the book of Bamidbar (12:3) teaches us about Moshe's humility in no uncertain terms: *Now the man Moshe was exceedingly humble, more than any person on the face of the earth.*

There is, however, another way to understand the small *aleph*. In an article titled *A Little Aleph Amid a Pandemic* (March 26, 2020), Rabbi Joel Pitkowsky wrote the following about the small *aleph* of *Vayikra* - citing Rabbi Jonathan Sacks Zt"l, who connected the small *aleph* to Hashem's presence. Rabbi Sacks wrote that the letter in question is not only the last letter in the word *Vayikra*, but it is also the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet, and the first letter of the Ten Commandments. That first letter, the first letter of the word אנכי - *anochi* - introduces Hashem's statement about Hashem's presence in the world: *I am the Lord your G-d.* Rabbi Sacks teaches that maybe the *aleph* is written extra small to emphasize that Hashem's presence is not always felt in big, grand gestures, like the splitting of the Red Sea. Sometimes, Hashem's presence is felt in the quiet gestures, and in the day-to-day tasks that take up the vast majority of our lives, but his presence never gets the attention that those rare and yet dramatic moments get - like the splitting of the sea, for example. Perhaps the *aleph* is small to teach us to look out for those small moments. Maybe it's there to teach us that there are actually no small moments in life, to paraphrase the idiom about actors and the roles they inhabit. Every moment, no matter how small, can exhibit Hashem's presence - we just have to be aware that it might be there, hidden deep within that moment.

Rabbi Pitkowsky adapted Rabbi Sack's idea to the challenges of Covid-19: *Now let's go from a small aleph in a Torah scroll, a scroll that few if any of us will get to see this Shabbat because of the global pandemic, to the situation raging around us. For me, and I believe for many of you as well, Hashem's presence in this situation is felt in the small gestures that do not make the news, the moments that enrich one person's life at no cost to your own, the gesture that makes a difference and that a person never will forget. The challenge, of course, is to realize that those gestures and moments are up to each one of us. They aren't created on their own. For every cancelled date and dinner party, make phone calls and send emails to the people you would have seen. Connect in ways that you might not have done before. Create moments of beauty and serenity where none existed before. Not because most of us will have a hand in curing this global pandemic. But because by making these gestures, moment after moment and day after day, we all will help make living through this dark period not only a question of survival, but a testament to the human spirit and our ability to rise above what has been placed before us.*

My personal understanding about the small *aleph* connects with the idea of Moshe Rabbeinu's humility. The numerical value of the letter *aleph* is one. Each and every one of us is one small yet unique *aleph* in Hashem's big world. No two of us are alike. Our very existence in Hashem's world is one of humility. Our *aleph* existence is not on the level of the other letters of the word. The Torah's letters are large as are the rest of the letters in the word *Vayikra*, and the Torah in general - symbolizing that our Torah is eternal - is passed down from generation to generation - into the years of Mashiach. Yet, in the face of Hashem's eternal world and eternal Torah, we are not eternal, we are humble small *alephs* who come and go with the passing of the generations. Though our individual existence is but a humble episode in a busy and continuous world, we all have the opportunity to shine and set an example for those around us as well as for future generations through our actions and behavior.

At different intervals in the past few weeks I have chanced upon the importance of the small *aleph*, the individuals in our world. Following the morning minyan this past Sunday morning, I briefly taught one of my favourite Mishnayot (Ethics of the Fathers 6:9). *Said Rabbi Yosi Ben Kisma: I was once walking on the road, when a certain man met me. He greeted me, "Shalom," and I responded: "Shalom." He said, "Rabbi, from which place are you?" and I said to him: "I am from a great city of scholars and sages." He said: "Rabbi, if you will live with us in our place, I will give you a million dinars, gold, silver, precious stones and pearls." I replied: "Even if you give me all the silver and gold, precious stones and pearls in the world, I will dwell only in a place of Torah..."* While there is much to learn from this Mishnah, it is apparent that the erudite Torah knowledge of one individual, a small *aleph*, Rabbi Yosi Ben

Kisma, would have changed and influenced another city, elevating it in Torah scholarship and observance.

In the past week, at one of the Jewish day schools in the city, we became aware of the plight of a Jewish woman stuck in Ukraine who is the mother of one of our colleagues. The woman spent several days hiding in the "relative safety" of the subway system, eventually returning to her home. Though her adamant wish was to stay in Ukraine her daughter succeeded in persuading her to get on a bus to Poland, where she is - Baruch Hashem - at the present time. A small *aleph*, this woman is a symbol of heroism and patriotism.

A few days ago I got a text from a cousin in Israel, that she was able to arrange for her mother's remains to be brought from the interment location in New York to be reinterred next to her father who passed away in Israel a few months ago. A small *aleph*, our cousin honoured her deceased parents with an amazing act of *חסד של אמת* - *true kindness* - bringing her deceased mother to the Holy Land and placing her with her husband together for eternity.

A Torah scholar, a woman running from tyranny, an act of kindness by a daughter... Small *alephs* that shape the world around us. The small aleph is different from the other letters in the word *Vayikra*. We are all different and we can all make a difference. The difference that one person can make in our world may at times seem small and humble but is significant.

It seems that the Torah is linked with Moshe Rabbeinu's humility in an interesting way. This past week we marked the Hebrew date of the birth and death of Moshe Rabbeinu, which falls on the seventh day of the month of Adar. We are presently in a Jewish leap year where we add the extra month of Adar Bet (the second month of Adar). It is believed that the date of Moshe's birth was on the seventh day of Adar Aleph (the first month of Adar), while his passing, 120 years later, was on the seventh day in Adar Bet. The weekly Torah reading on a non leap year which falls on the week before or after the seventh of Adar is the portion of Tetzaveh. Tetzaveh is the only portion of the Torah where Moshe's name is omitted. This is connected to his beseeching Hashem to forgive Bnei Yisrael for the sin of the golden calf. In an inspirational act of humility, we learn that Moshe stated if Hashem wouldn't forgive them, he did not want to be named in the Torah! As Hashem honours the words of the righteous, we are taught that Moshe's name was omitted from that portion! The weekly Torah reading on a leap year which falls on the week before or after the seventh of Adar is the portion of *Vayikra* where we recognize Moshe's humility with the small *aleph*. How appropriate is this connection between the Torah portions and Moshe's birth and passing! It seems to fit in with his humble beginnings and later on, his passing. When he was born, he was hidden in an ark on the Nile river for three months. When he passed away, he was buried by Hashem in a place where "no one knows his burial place to this day." (Devarim 34:6)

The small *aleph*. The Hebrew word *aleph* means לאלף - to teach. Through this small, humble and yet meaningful letter we are taught powerful lessons to incorporate into our lives. The small *aleph* is you. It is me. It is the people of the past, the present and the future and it is a springboard to growth if only acted upon with the proper midah: that important trait of humility.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel





**Come
in your
Costume!**



**Come celebrate Purim
with Bnei Akiva**

Purim Carnival

**Stations, prizes, raffle, games,
and lots of fun!!**



**Shabbat Parashat Vayikra, March 12th
5:30 PM | At BIBA
Grades K-6 welcome!**

**Walking
group from
TBDJ @
5pm**





Pourim 5782
Minyan Sepharade TBDJ

Mishté de Pourim

Minha 18h15
Suivi du Mishté

Reservations obligatoires
sur le site web de tbdj.org

Apportez votre vin et alcool
Date limite d'inscription lundi 14 Mars



Jeudi 17 Mars
Enfants: 20\$ Adulte: 35\$



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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
WITH PROCEEDS DIRECTED TO
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SPECIAL BONUS
FOR ORDERS
BEFORE MARCH 11
PICKUP
BY MARCH 13



Sip in the City: A Wine Tasting Evening

March 31, 2022, 8:00 pm

\$40 per person

**Come taste wines from around the
world with wine connoisseur**

Rabbi Yisroel Bernath

Music, wine, desserts, grazing boxes (dairy)

Order wine in advance for Pesach
Have it delivered to the event
(wine list to follow)

Cases of the sampling wines will be available
for purchase at the event (limited quantities)

RSVP by March 22, 2022
[TBDJ.org/wine5782](https://tbdj.org/wine5782)

