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Shabbat Bulletin

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Shabbat Parshat Emor
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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Shabbat Parshat Emor

Haftara: Yechezkel 44:15 - 44:31

Friday, May 13

- 4:30pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
- 6:30pm Early Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - Main Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabbat - Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 6:43pm Plag Hamincha
- 7:00pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - Main Sanctuary
- 7:57pm Candle Lighting
- 8:16pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, May 14 / 13 Iyar

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
Please note that the Hashkama Minyan currently requires masks to be worn by all daveners. This policy will be re-evaluated in a few weeks.
- 8:40am Chumash Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 9:00am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 9:08am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for Kids - Lower Level Classrooms
- 5:00pm Snif Bnei Akiva walking group leaves for BIBA - returns by 7:00pm
- 6:44pm Plag Hamincha
- 7:05pm Pirkei Avot Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich - Main Sanctuary
- 7:35pm Minha et Seudah Shleesheet - Minyane Sépharade
- 7:50pm Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 8:17pm Sh'kiah
- 9:09pm Havdala
- 9:45pm Daf Yomi on Zoom

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mincha/Maariv: 8:00pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am and 9:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am and 8:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am and 8:00am

On Friday, May 20

Candle Lighting is at 8:05pm

and **Mincha** is at 7:00pm (M. Sépharade is at 6:30pm)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Annie & Gerry Cartman** and their family on the birth of a grandson on Monday, May 9 in Toronto. Proud parents are Liat & Zack Garelick. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's paternal grandparents Carole & Steve Garelick, his great grandmother Andrée Scemama, his siblings Yona, Eli, Kovi, Ashy, Yosef and Avigail, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Pnina & Kopel Osher** and their family on the upcoming wedding of their grandson Jonah Osher to Yuval Chriki on Friday, June 3 in Israel. Proud parents are Elaine & Benny Osher and Revital & Asher Chriki. Sharing in their simcha are Jonah's maternal grandparents Helen & Bernie Ceifets, his great grandmother Hannah Fisher, Yuval's grandmother Yaffa Afrimi and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Rabbi Freundlich's Shabbat Sermon is sponsored by **Allan, Mark, Jack, and Steven Schachter** and their families in memory of their beloved mother Bluma Kleinberg Schachter z"l (Blima Dobrish bat Natan - 15 Iyar).

Seudah Shleesheet is sponsored by **Malca & Louis Drazin** and **Adrianne & Shlomo Drazin** and families in memory of Malca's beloved father and Shlomo's beloved grandfather Mayer Sand z"l (Meir ben Bentzion - 14 Iyar - Pesach Sheini).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Helen & Harry Liberman, Sandra Zelikovic & David Barzilay and Allan Zelikovic** and their families to mark the first yahrzeit for their beloved mother and mother-in-law Esther Rosman Zelikovic z"l (Esther bat Avraham v'Chaya - 2 Sivan).

TBDJ WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS!

Karen Djoury & Moshe Yalovsky and their children **Jonah** and **Cecilia**

Elizabeth Jacob-Goldman & David Gans

Tania Wihl & Jonathan Etcovitch and their daughter **Jade Shoshana**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Shabbat Parshat Bechukotai, May 27 and 28
Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem welcomes
Rabbi Zolly & Rebbetzin Penina Claman
Come and join us for a weekend
filled with divrei Torah, shiurim and
social gatherings to get to know the Clamans.
PLUS a special
Yom Yerushalayim lecture on Sunday, May 29!

UPCOMING SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS

- Mon., May 16, 10:00am.....Tehilim Shiur with Rifki Freundlich on Zoom
- Tues., May 17, 12:00pm.....Lunchtime Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich - Zoom
- Wed., May 18, 12:15pm.....Wednesday Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich - Zoom
- Wed., May 18, 7:00pm.....Lag B'Omer Unity Concert with KTM at Sydney Shoham Park in front of Beth Zion
- Thursday, May 19, 12:30pm.....Parsha Shiur for Women with Rifki Freundlich - TBDJ Library and on Zoom
- Wednesday, May 25, 8:00pm.....An Evening with United Hatzalah featuring Guest Speaker Gavriel Friedson - TBDJ Social Hall and Zoom Social Hall
- Shabbat, May 27 & 28.....Shabbat Probeh with Rabbi Zolly Claman
- Monday, June 6.....Bailly Road Diner Shavuot Lunch
- Fri., June 17 and Shabbat, June 18.....Special Farewell Shabbat for the The Freundlich Family

Toiling in Torah: Living Modestly While Balancing Materialism and Spirituality

In accordance with the custom of learning *Pirkei Avot* - *The Ethics Of The Fathers* - during the weeks of Sefirat HaOmer between Pesach and Shavuot, I would like to share one of my favourite mishnayot. Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz writes that the custom of learning these chapters is appropriate at this time as the Omer period is traditionally a time when we focus on our character traits, our *middot*, which is the primary ethical purpose of *Pirkei Avot*.

כך היא דרכה של תורה, פת במלח תאכל ומים במשורה תשתה ועל הארץ תישן
וחיי צער תחיה ובתורה אתה עמל אם אתה עשה כן אנשיך וטוב לך אנשיך
בעולם הזה וטוב לך לעולם הבא

Such is the way [of a life] of Torah: you shall eat bread with salt, and rationed water shall you drink; you shall sleep on the ground, your life will be one of privation, and in Torah shall you labour. If you do this, "Happy shall you be and it shall be good for you" (Psalms 128:2):

*"Happy shall you be" in this world,
"and it shall be good for you" in the world to come.
(Pirkei Avot 6:4)*

I believe that this mishnah reflects the simplicity of Jewish life and its main goal: *Toiling in Torah*. We learn the way of life of a person who is totally dedicated to the study of Torah. So much so, that he neglects his worldly, material needs. His life will be one of privation. He will eat little and sleep on the hard floor. Paradoxically this seemingly poor life, will be one of great happiness and reward. The materially deprived Torah scholar will be happy in this world for he will fall so in love with the study of Torah that nothing else will matter. In the world to come he will be justly rewarded for his efforts.

Yehuda Ruben writes: *A person who has a meager livelihood may think that he does not have a duty to engage in Torah and he must devote his time and energy to increase his livelihood and be saved from a life of distress and scarcity. That is why the Mishnah says to him: "This is the way of the Torah" - even in your current situation you are obligated to engage in the Torah. As long as you have the basic necessities of existence - "Eat a mouthful of salt, and drink water sparingly, and sleep on the earth - and in the Torah you toil" - you must be content with little and engage in the Torah.*

Ruben adds that we are in this world to learn and study Torah. If a person turns to material goals to please his existence in this world and which may lower his level of Torah study, he may leave the world without using his time to realize his purpose. The Mishnah brings to the poverty-stricken scholar words of consolation: Know, that if you fulfill your basic duty of toiling in the holy Torah, even though your material needs will be compromised, you are guaranteed spiritual happiness already in this world, for you will know that you have fulfilled your duty and achieved the purpose for which you live. Moreover, over time, the more one tastes the taste of Torah and sees that it is good, the more one will despise the vanities of this world and its pleasures.

Rav Moshe Taragin writes about the reality of this mishnah and its relation to poverty in the European yeshiva world: For the past few hundred years – and especially the past two centuries, this image became the hallmark of the yeshiva experience and the yeshiva movement in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. As the Jewish community was faced with unrelenting penury, yeshivot certainly did not merit significant investments of financial resources. The legions of yeshiva bochurim who laboured and studied under almost intolerable conditions looked to this mishnah for emotional reinforcement.

The late Rabbi Aryeh Levine Zt"l (1885-1969), known as the *Tzaddik of Jerusalem*, is an inspirational contemporary example of this mishnah. The following description of how he lived is presented by his grandson: *"My grandfather owned very little in a physical sense and lived extremely modestly. In the center of his one room was a small table covered with an oilcloth with a few rickety chairs alongside it. There was a bed on each side of the room as well as two old bookcases with his Sefarim - Jewish holy books – and a wooden closet which held his frockcoat and shirt...Finally, there was a battered, green, painted desk with drawers containing paper, bottles of ink, and dip pens, at which he would write notes in his very compact and very beautiful handwriting. At the back of the room was a tiny alcove that served as a kitchen and an even tinier bathroom".*

This mishnah is thought provoking. It is certainly a romantic thought to try to survive on little in the material sense, in conjunction with a sacred dedication to a life of spirituality. It is rather understandable though, that the Mishnah speaks of a setting that is difficult for us to comprehend since the way we live with today's comforts of life does not compare to the way people lived back in the third century when Rabbi Yehuda Hanasi was editing the Mishnah. Still, this graphic description of living in material poverty - albeit with spiritual wealth – is an evocative eye-opener to so many of us who began building our future as we pursued our professional pursuits. Many of us made our way to where we are today following modest beginnings. In nostalgic conversations over the years I have discovered, that if we started all over again, many of us would opt - with a few changes - to grow in the same way that we have developed and formed our lives over the years.

As Jews we sustain ourselves by feeding our bodies physically and by feeding our souls spiritually. I connect to this mishnah because it reminds us about what is important in life. We don't need to overindulge ourselves with everything that we do. Even the most modest elements of food sustain us when necessary. With that, we need to recognize and remember that the main element of our Jewish existence is our spiritual sustenance. I believe that we learned that same lesson from the recent pandemic. Even as we were forced to compromise our physical way of living during this challenging time, I found that I gained support from the spiritual element - toiling in Torah!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel



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**SHABBAT PARASHAT
EMOR**

**GRADES
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**May 14th at BIBA
5:30-6:30 pm**

**Walking group will leave TBDJ at 5pm
and return at 7pm**

Shabbat Shalom!!



From the Ukrainian Border to Israel: An evening with United Hatzalah

Israel's leading volunteer Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Network
committed to saving lives 24/7/ 365

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
AT 8:00 PM

TBDJ Social Hall & Zoom Link available



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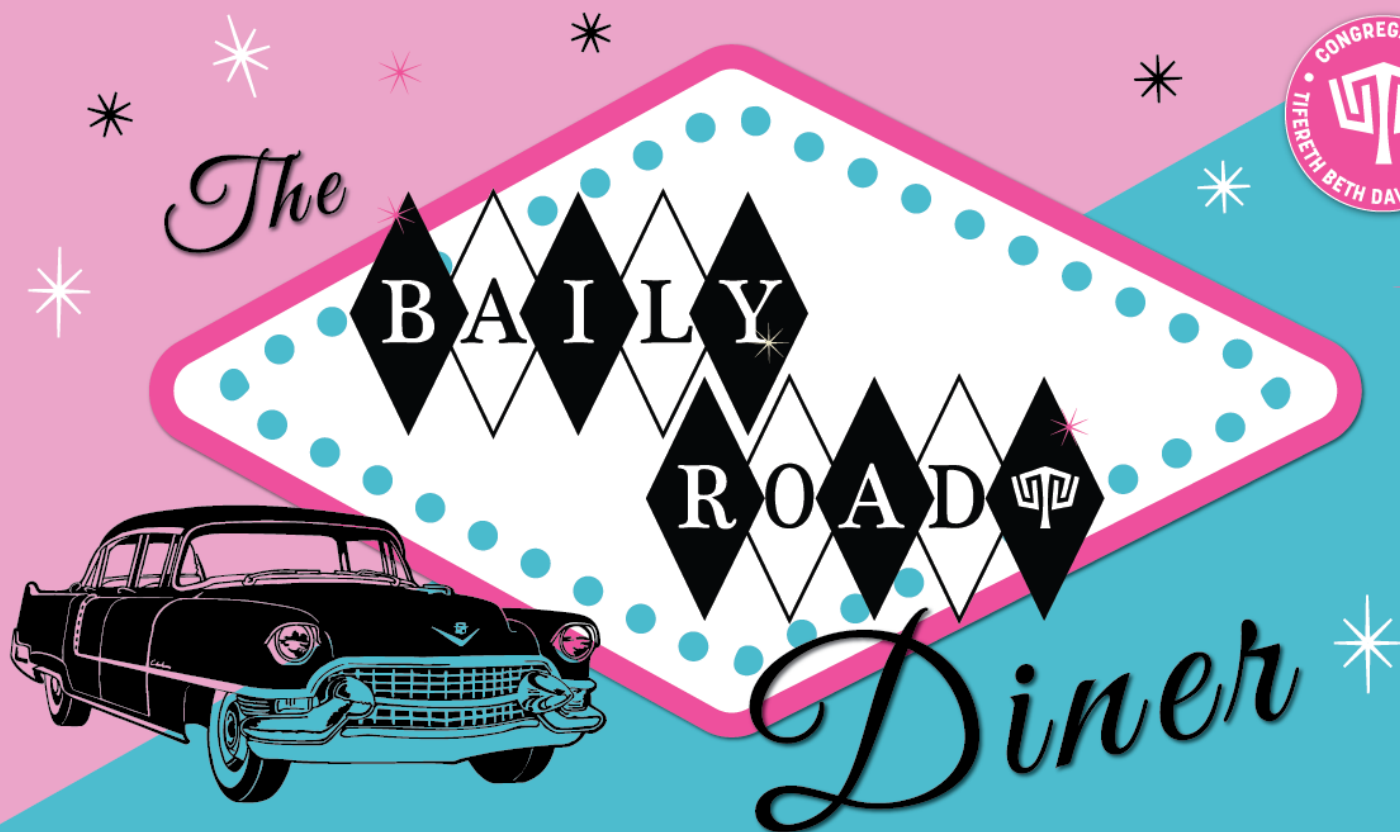
Guest Speaker
GAVRIEL FRIEDSON

Director of International
Emergency Management and
Global Ambassador

Gavriel Friedson has been saving lives since the age of fifteen. Over the course of nineteen years on the job, Friedson has distinguished himself through more than 10,000 emergency calls, ranging from acute medical crises to multiple casualties and catastrophic events. He has been the first medic on the scene at a number of terrorist attacks during his years as a first responder. This year, Gavriel assisted with medical rescue flights helping evacuate Ukrainian refugees to Israel.

EVENT PARTNERS





IT'S BACK! SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY | JUN 6 | IN-PERSON
LIMITED SEATING

🎵 Ice Cream • Soda Floats • Delicious Food 🎵

Celebrate 2nd day Shavuot at your favourite diner.
Check back in next week's bulletin for more details!



SAVE *the* DATE

as we say thank you & l'hitraot to

The Freundlich Family

Join us for a special Shabbat in honour of our beloved
Rabbi and Yoetzet Halacha, Yechezkel & Rifki,
and their beautiful family!

June 17 & 18, 2022

Shabbat Parashat Beha'alotcha

More details to follow

