



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

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שבת פרשת תולדות

Shabbat Parshat Tol'dot

November 25 - 26, 2022 / 5783

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Aufruf of Zachary Steinlauf

Shabbat Parshat Tol'dot

Haftara: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

Friday, November 25

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

- 3:50pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabbat
- Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 3:58pm Candle Lighting
- 4:00pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
- Main Sanctuary
- 4:16pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, November 26 / 2 Kislev

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:30am Shaharit - Minyane Sépharade
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 9:25am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 9:30am Youth Minyan - Youth Chapel
- 10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for Kids - Lower Level Classrooms
- 3:45pm Minha et Seoudah Shleesheet
- Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 3:50pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 4:16pm Sh'kiah
- 5:04pm Havdala and Melave Malka
- 5:25pm Daf Yomi

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Marcia & David Steinlauf** and their family on the upcoming wedding of their son **Zachary Steinlauf** to Davina Josepovici on Sunday, November 27. Sharing in their simcha are Davina's parents Ronit & Denny Josepovici and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families. Lovingly remembered at this time are, zichronam livracha, Zack's grandparents Eva & Fred Steinlauf and Zelda & Marvin Naimar and Zack's uncles Michael Naimar and Barry Naimar.

Mazal Tov to **Debbie & Chaim Feldman** and **Ella & Ernest Ehrmann** and their families on the birth of a grandson and great grandson in New York on Thursday, November 23 - Rosh Chodesh Kislev. Proud first-time parents are Paige & David Feldman. Sharing in their simcha are Paige's parents Candy & Arthur Blumer and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Lori & David Diner**, **Eleanor Diner** and **Lynne Seidman** and their families on the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter Talia Diner to Yakir Magence of Toronto. Sharing in their simcha are Yakir's parents Shawna Magence and Jeremy Magence and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins in both families. Lovingly remembered at this time are Talia's beloved grandfathers Mel Diner z"l and Harold Seidman z"l.

Kol Hakavod to **Irwin Cotler** on receiving the 2022 *Churchill Society Award for Excellence* due to his ongoing efforts and accomplishments as "a vocal and effective champion of human rights both in and out of parliament."

Kol Hakavod to **Raphaella Etienne-Krief** for spearheading the recent *Type 1 Diabetes Leadership Development and Awareness Month* at Royal West Academy.

Refu'a Shleima to **Michael Goodwin** - מאיר זלמן בן רחל

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush is sponsored by **Marcia & David Steinlauf** in honour of the aufruf and upcoming wedding of their son Zachary.

Rabbi Claman's Shabbat Sermon is sponsored by **Malca & Louis Drazin** and by **Shlomo & Adrienne Drazin** in memory of their beloved mother and grandmother Bertha Sand z"l (Bryna bat Menachem Mendel - 3 Kislev).

Kiddush in the Hashkama Minyan is sponsored by **Veeta & Ralph Engel** in memory of Ralph's beloved father Myer Engel z"l (Meir ben Chaim Ya'acov - 6 Kislev).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Monica & Joe Gauze** in memory of Monica's beloved mother Regina Irene Weisz z"l (Sarah Rivka bat David HaLevi - 2 Tishrei) and Joe's beloved mother Rivkah Peshe Gauze (Rivkah Peshe bat Yosef - 15 Elul).

Kef Club's Kids' Kiddush is sponsored by **Tali & Sami Heymann** in honour of the sixth birthday of their son Benjamin.

Seoudah Shleesheet in the Minyan Sepharade is sponsored by Amalia & Morris Zeitouni in memory of Amalia's beloved mother Tsivia Gazali Berebi (Ts'via bat Binyamin v'Millie - 5 Kislev).

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha/Maariv: 3:55pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am - **followed by "Daf Dive" In-Depth Gemara Class**

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am / Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00pm

Friday, December 2

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 15h40 / Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 3:55pm

Candle Lighting is at 3:54pm





Kef Club Toldot

November 26th
2 Kislev

Grades 1-6:



10:00 - Welcome and games!
10:30 - Tefilla
10:50 - Parasha Questions - Register
here to get the questions
11:05 - Program - "The Avot Jeopardy!"
11:20-11:30 - Kef Club Kiddush
(sponsored by Tali and Samy Heyman)

Nursery:

10:00 - Welcome and free play!
10:45 - Tfilla and Songs with
Madrichot!
11:00 - Story time!
11:20 - Kef Club Kiddush
(sponsored by Tali and Samy
Heyman)



Earn your Shabbos Shekels and
get prizes!!!



Kislev in Kef club (November-December)



Parashat Toldot
November 26th
ב' כסלו

**The Avot
Jeopardy!**



Parashat Vayishlach
December 10th
טז' כסלו

**Wheel of FOUR
Imahot**

Parashat Vayetze
December 3rd
ט' כסלו



Snakes & Jacob's Ladder!

Parashat Vayeshev
December 17th
כג' כסלו



**Edible Josef's coat of
many colours!**

**Kef Club rooms will be open from 10 am*



HALACHA, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND YOU.

A Special 2-Part Lecture Series

In-person at Congregation TBDJ
6519 Baily Road, Cote Saint-Luc, QC H4V-1A1

For question submission, please email brian@tbdj.org.

Refreshments will be served.

PART #1

Reducing our Ecological Footprint

Monday, November 28, 2022
8:00pm

SPEAKERS

● Lyndia Dernis, MD

Lyndia Dernis is an Anesthesiologist since 2004 and Assistant Clinical Professor at McGill University. Aware of the operating room's part in generating waste and GHG emissions within a hospital, she created and assumes the leadership of an action group to actively reduce the carbon footprint at St Mary's Hospital.

● Isabella Pietracupa, CPI

Isabella Pietracupa is a Sustainable Development Technician in the Public Works department for the City of Côte Saint-Luc.



PART #2

Halachic Perspectives on Climate Change and Pollution

Monday, December 5, 2022
8:00pm

SPEAKERS

● Rabbi Zolly Claman

Rabbi, Congregation TBDJ

● Rabbi Michael Edery

Rabbi of TBDJ's Minyane Sepharade





Shabbat Shalom
Shabbat שבת קודש
התשפ"ג 5783



TBDJ's Kef Club
invites you to a
Family Shabbat Dinner
Friday, December 2 at 5:00pm



Mincha and Musical Kabbalat Shabbat at 3:55pm

followed by dinner at 5:00pm
featuring family games and youth programs!

\$45 per adult and teen over 14 yo
\$30 per child 3 to 14 yo inclusive
no charge for toddlers under 3 yo

Pre-registration required!
Go to tbdj.org/kcshabbat to register online now!



"The Daf Dive"

Weekly Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Claman

SUNDAY MORNINGS
Following Shacharit
(Approx. 8:40am)

Each shiur based on a topic that comes up in the week's Daf Yomi.

Note: You don't need to learn Daf Yomi to take part and gain from the shiur.

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Weekly camaraderie, lunch, and Parsha!

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Claman

WEDNESDAYS
Lunch at 11:30am
Class from 12:00-12:30pm

We're thrilled to bring back our popular Lunch & Learn program each week.

\$10 per person for lunch
Everyone is welcome!

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A Dinner of Destiny

The stories in the *Book of Breisheet* are captivating, and there are many ways in which we can access a wealth of Torah commentary to enhance our understanding of these stories. These commentaries are accessible through printouts in shuls worldwide, as well as through enlightening websites on the internet. Enlightening answers to scriptural questions can be found through many internet search engines - especially Hebrew ones. Every so often, however, there is a question which preoccupies my searches, and the answer is not always easily found. One of these questions is in this week's parasha of Toldot.

We are all familiar with the story of Yaakov and Esav, which opens with the pre-natal conflict in Rebecca's womb between the two "nations-to-be." Commentary teaches that the two sons were not that distinctive from each other in their younger years, but, at the age of thirteen, they went their separate ways: Yaakov to the house of study and Esav to idolatry and other immoral pursuits. We read about Yaakov's purchase of the birthright from Esav for a serving of lentil soup, which he was cooking for their father Yitzchak who was sitting shiva for their grandfather Avraham. Later in the portion, we read the story of Yitzchak's blessing, meant for Esav, being given to Yaakov.

This is where my question comes: did Yitzchak know about the sale of the birthright? Had he known about the sale, would he have given the blessing to Yaakov - who now possessed the birthright - and not to Esav? The Torah does not tell us the answer. I have investigated this question extensively in the commentaries and I have asked rabbis and educators for ideas on these questions. Most agree with the following statement written by Rabbi Aryeh Klapper: *Either Yitzchak knew that Esav had sold the birthright, or he did not.* The closest I have gotten to an answer is the following medieval commentary of Rabbi Yosef Bekhor Shor (12th century), cited by Rabbi Klapper, which offers a powerful reading and interpretation of the following verses in which he presents an opinion that Yitzchak knew about the sale of the birthright:

It happened when Yitzchak was old, and his eyes had dimmed beyond seeing, that he called Esav, his older son, and said to him: "My son!" He said to him: "Here I am." He said: "Indeed I have aged - I do not know the day of my death. So now - please lift up your equipment, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt me a hunt, and make me delicacies such as I have loved, and bring them to me, and I will eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die." (Breisheet 27:1-4)

The *Bechor Shor* focuses on two parts of Yitzchak's request to Esav:

I do not know the day of my death - and, if I die, you will have lost everything, as Yaakov your brother has acquired the birthright from you, and he will take all the authority and the key properties.

So that my soul may bless you before I die - because he - Yaakov - can make no objection to the gift I will give you, as the law of the birthright does not apply to gifts, and I will give you all the authority... as the law of the birthright only applies to inheritance... and therefore he said 'Make me a feast', as you have given your birthright for the sake of one eating, and I will return it to you for the sake of a feast and there I will give you dominion . . .

Rabbi Klapper explains the *Bekhor Shor's* words: Yitzchak is an active conspirator who fully understands what he is doing and who he is doing it for. He knows that Esav has sold the birthright for a serving of soup, considers the sale valid, and nonetheless

seeks to evade the implications of that sale. Yitzchak is saying that with food Esav relinquished the birthright, and with food Yitzchak will make it up to him through the blessing!

Here, though, Ramban unintentionally provides us with an opening: The words of Hashem's prophecy *the elder shall serve the younger*, may also grammatically mean *the elder will be served by the younger*. So even if Rivkah had told Yitzchak of the prophecy, he might have heard only what he wished to hear, and perhaps that is why the prophecy was given with classical oracular ambiguity - so that Yitzchak could hear only what he wished to hear.

Why did Yaakov insist on selling a serving of soup for the birthright? The answer is that Hashem's blessing to Avraham specified that only one of Yitzchak's children would be heir to the mission of Israel (Rambam, Hilchot Melachim 10:7) meaning that the Torah would go to Yaakov or Esav but not to both. Therefore, Yaakov wanted to purchase the birthright. Commentary explains that this episode gains clarity considering the circumstances in which Yaakov was cooking the soup. On that very day, Esav's sinfulness became public knowledge. This made the birthright more precious to Yaakov as the spiritual mission of Avraham was at hand and because Esav's unsuitability to carry out Avraham's mission became obvious due to his sinfulness. The Midrash teaches that the sacrificial service was performed by the firstborn in those days. Yaakov said, *"Shall this wicked man stand and bring the offerings?"*

Isaac Abarbanel (1437-1508) wrote about Yaakov's commitment to his household. Immediately after sealing the birthright sale with his brother, he served Esav the lentil soup, symbolizing that the older brother - which he had just become - prepares for and is responsible for the younger brother. Regarding Esav's sale of the birthright, Abarbanel adds that the Torah makes it very clear that Esav had no second thoughts or regrets about the deal. Rather, the Torah tells us that Esav ate and drank and spurned the birthright. Abarbanel wrote that not once did Esav complain or feel cheated by the sale and the reason for this is obvious - he didn't care in the least bit. As Esav did not care or believe in the importance of the birthright, Yaakov felt that not only was the birthright permissible to him, but it was his obligation to wrest it away from him, provided that it was done in a proper and honest way which included compensation, even if it was a bowl of soup.

In fact, the first time that Esav complains about the birthright deal is to his father Yitzchak, forty-eight years later at the age of sixty-three, at the time that he was to have been blessed by the blessings that his brother Yaakov received:

And he said, "Is it for this reason that he was named Yaakov? For he has deceived me twice; he took my birthright, and behold, now he has taken my blessing." And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" (Breisheet 27:36)

We could say regarding Esav: *Sorry buddy - too much, too little, too late! What were you thinking when you spurned your birthright for some soup? Did you not realize that there would be consequences?* We realize however, that in Hashem's world, when it comes to the future of our nation, it was more than a precious, birthright-related, serving of soup. It was a dinner of national destiny.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel