



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

ט כסלו התשפ"ג
שבת פרשת ויצאShabbat Parshat Va'yeitzei
December 2 - 3, 2022 / 5783

Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Shabbat Parshat Va'yeitzei

Haftara: Hosheya 12:13 - 14:10

Friday, December 2

- 3:40pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabbat
- Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 3:54pm Candle Lighting
- 3:55pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
- Main Sanctuary
- 4:13pm Sh'hiah
- 5:00pm Kef Club Family Shabbat
Dinner - *preregistration for this event is now closed.*

Shabbat, December 3 / 9 Kislev

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:30am Shaharit - Minyane Sépharade
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 9:30am 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
- 3:45pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 4:12pm Sh'hiah
- 5:02pm Havdala and Melave Malka
- 5:20pm Daf Yomi

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Pascale & Jack Hasen** and Robin z"l & Andrew Schwartz and their families on the upcoming wedding of their children Daniella Hasen & Evan Schwartz on Sunday, December 4. Sharing in their simcha are Daniella's grandparents Berri & Michel Abeserra, Evan's grandfathers Stanley Schwartz and William Alexander and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families. Lovingly remembered at this time are, zichronam livracha, Daniella's grandparents Dora & Moritz Hasen and Evan's grandmothers Evelyn Alexander and Eleanor Schwartz.

Mazal Tov to **Barbie & David Zukor** and their family on the birth of granddaughter Romi Jane Kestenbaum on Thursday, November 10 in New York City. Proud parents are Riva & Jordan Kestenbaum. Sharing in their simcha are Romi's siblings Leo, Ruby and Noah, her paternal grandparents Debbie & Alan Kestenbaum, her great-grandparents Edith Zukor, Anita Beretz and Gloria & Sandy Kestenbaum, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Condolences to **Noa & Steven Kohl** and their family on the loss of Noa's beloved mother Maria de la Riva Linal who passed away in Mexico.

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

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kef Club's *Family Shabbat Dinner* on Friday, December 2 is co-sponsored by **Estee & Eric Rosseutscher** "in honour of Yakov Lev and the TBDJ office for all their efforts in making this event a great success."

Kef Club's *Family Shabbat Dinner* on Friday, December 2 is co-sponsored by a **Friend of TBDJ** "with a warm, heartfelt welcome to Rabbi Zolly & Penina Claman and their family, and with hakarat hatov to Tamar & Dror Yechieli."

Kef Club's *Family Shabbat Dinner* on Friday, December 2 is co-sponsored by **Karine & Laurent Tordjman** in honour of the eleventh birthday of their son Moshe Aryé on Kislev 3, coinciding with his future Bar Mitzvah Parasha of Va'yeitsei, b"eH.

Kef Club's *Family Shabbat Dinner* on Friday, December 2 is co-sponsored by **Erin & Alex Halpern** in memory of Erin's beloved grandmother Czarna Kimelman Stermer z"l (Czarna bat Shabtai - 8 Kislev), and in memory of Alex's beloved grandparents Bertha Pencer Richler z"l (Bracha bat Raphael Ya'acov - 8 Kislev) and David Halpern z"l (David ben Chaim - 8 Kislev).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Sharon & Robert Hecht** in memory of Robert's beloved mother Rebecca (Betty) Hecht z"l (Rivka bat Moshe - 13 Kislev) and in memory of Sharon's beloved grandmother Dina Goodin z"l (14 Kislev).

Kiddush in the Minyane Sepharade is sponsored by Loly Benmergui and her family in memory of her beloved brother Raymond Eljarrat z"l (Maimon Avram ben Yitshak v'Clara - 27 Sivan).

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

We begin saying "v'ten tal umatar livracha" in the weekday Amidah from Maariv on December 4 until Pesach.

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: 7:00am

Friday, December 9

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 15h50 / Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 3:55pm

Candle Lighting is at 3:53pm

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





Kef Club

Vayetzei

December 3rd
9 Kislev

Grades 1-6:

10:00 - Games
10:30 -Parasha questions
(Register here to get the questions)
10:45 - Tefilla
11:05 - Snakes and Jacob's ladder
11:20 - Kef club kiddush.



Nursery:

10:00 - free play
10:45 - songs and tefilla
with madrichot
11:00 - Story time
11:20 - Kef club kiddush

**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*

LE MINYANE SÉPHARADE DE

TBDJ



VOUS INVITE À PARTICIPER À UN
MAGNIFIQUE SHABBATON
AVEC LE

RAV SHIMON GOBERT

SHABBAT 9-10 DÉCEMBRE PARACHAT VAYISHLAH

SUR LE THÈME:

UNE VIE DE FAMILLE RÉUSSIE

TARIFS:

VENDREDI SOIR (REPAS SERVIS)

- 55\$ PAR ADULTE

- 30\$ PAR ENFANT DE 3-12 ANS

SHABBAT MIDI (BUFFET)

- 45 \$ PAR ADULTE

- 30\$ PAR ENFANT DE 3-12 ANS

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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

ACHDUT אחדות

SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEISHEV
SHABBAT MEVARCHIM CHODESH TEVET
DECEMBER 16-17, 2022

Join us on this special Shabbat
when we come together as ONE amazing community!

*Rejoignez-nous pour ce Shabbat spécial
quand nous nous réunissons comme UNE communauté incroyable !*



FRIDAY NIGHT / VENDREDI SOIR

Minyan Sepharade together with main minyan
for Kabbalat Shabbat

*Minyan Sepharade avec le minyan principal
pour Kabbalat Shabbat*



SHABBAT MORNING / MATIN

Minyan Sepharade and main minyan together
for Mussaf and Drasha, followed by a special
kiddush featuring **Tastes of the World!**

*Minyan Sepharade et le minyan principal
ensemble pour Mussaf et Drasha, suivi d'un
kiddouch avec les **Saveurs du Monde** !*



SHABBAT AFTERNOON / APRÈS-MIDI

Everyone together for Mincha and
Seudah Shleesheet

*Tous ensemble pour Mincha et
Seudah Shleesheet*



Bnei Akiva Montreal parents and community are all invited to...



SHABBAT IRGUN 5783!

Parents and siblings are all invited to join us as we conclude our Chodesh Irgun Colour-War and present our Chanichini's Shevet performances!

MOTZEI SHABBAT, DEC 3, 5:15-6:30PM
@ HEBREW ACADEMY (LIEBERMAN BEIT MIDRASH)

5:15-6:15 Banner presentations and Shvatim Performances!

6:15-6:30 Snacks sponsored by Camp Moshava Ennismore



**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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When a Tzaddik Leaves Town

One of the most beautiful Rashi commentaries explains a passage found at the beginning of our Torah portion, Parashat Vayetze. We read the opening words: ויצא יעקב מבאר שבע - Yaakov departs from Beer Sheva and takes leave of his family as he runs from his brother Esav. Rashi wrote:

שיציאת צדיק מן המקום עושה רושם; שבזמן שהצדיק בעיר, הוא הודה, הוא זיוה, הוא הדרה. יצא משם, פנה הודה, פנה זיוה פנה הדרה
A righteous person's departure from a place leaves a void. As long as he lives in a city, he constitutes its glory, its splendor, and its beauty. When he departs, its glory, its splendor and beauty depart with him...

A city, a place of Torah, a school, a shul, is a different place without a revered, a righteous person. This certainly opens our eyes - as we consider the importance of having great people in our midst.

About five years ago, one of our members here at TBDJ celebrated his own *Siyum Hashas*, his own completion of the seven-and-a-half-year cycle of completing the learning the 2711 pages of the Talmud. At the celebration's *Seudat Mitzvah*, there was a table of rabbis - including our own rabbi - which featured not only the greatest minds and learned *talmidei chachamim* from Montreal, but possibly from well beyond the confines of our city. I was in awe of the divrei Torah that were delivered, the way the rabbis conducted themselves and the way they rejoiced in the simcha of our host. The following day, looking at the empty table where they had sat in the upstairs Social Hall, memories of the previous evening of Torah that I experienced, contributed to an empty feeling of sorts as the scholars were no longer physically among us, rather, in their respective locations, even though there were in our city. Months later when I learned that one of these rabbis left our city for Lakewood, a brilliant center of Torah learning, I felt a void of sorts in our city.

The *Kli Yakar* and *Siftei Chachamim* understand Rashi's commentary in different ways:

The *Kli Yakar* (Shlomo Ephraim Luntschitz 1550-1619) made a comparison between ויצא יעקב - Yaakov's departure, and Avraham and Yitzchak's departures. When Avraham and Yitzchak left town, the Torah does not use the word ויצא as they took their families with them, leaving behind only wicked people who didn't care that the righteous people were leaving. The *Kli Yakar* wrote that the residents were relieved to see them go as they did not share in their righteous ways and were at odds with them and argued with them and their ideologies. Contrarily, Yaakov left righteous people upon his departure and those people shared in the life of the tzadik. A tzadik leaving good people makes an impression and he is sorely missed. Those left behind are sorry to see him go. They realized that their merit as fewer people without Yaakov, the resident tzadik, among them was diminished.

Shabbethai ben Yoseph Bass, the author of *Siftei Chachamim* (1641-1718) wrote on Rashi's commentary:

רצה לומר בעוד שהצדיק בעיר האנשים והעם ג"כ צדיקים, לפי שמתביישין מן הצדיק וגם הוא מוכיח

Rashi intended to say that when a righteous person is in the city, the people are also righteously oriented. They uplift themselves as they are uncomfortable in the tzadik's presence, and he reproves them. Our behaviour tends to be affected and influenced when we find ourselves among people of status. In many ways, these respectable people help us to raise ourselves and our behaviour to higher levels.

In our Jewish world It is common, that when we reminisce about our synagogues and communities, especially those that are gone, we recall the special people in the communities who made those places what they were. And... we lament the fact that those days have passed.

A righteous, notable, special or scholarly person, tends to change the fabric of the place that he or she is in. These people positively influence their environment and society, uplifting them in many ways with their brilliance, role modeling and example.

Yaakov Avinu made a difference upon his departure. Be'er Sheva just wasn't the same place without him. Traditionally communities seek out leaders, people that make a difference, the special people that lend of themselves to enhance the vibrancy of the community and to enhance the community members' lives.

The mishnah in *Pirkei Avot*: 6:9 illustrates the importance of a key person in the city. Rabbi Yose ben Kisma got a rather complimentary career opportunity as he was recognized as an influential and learned man who could make a difference in a city:

Rabbi Yose ben Kisma said: Once I was walking by the way when a man met me, and greeted me and I greeted him. He said to me, "Rabbi, where are you from?" I said to him, "I am from a great city of sages and scribes". He said to me, "Rabbi, would you consider living with us in our place? I would give you a thousand thousand denarii of gold, and precious stones and pearls." I said to him: "My son, even if you were to give me all the silver and gold, precious stones and pearls that are in the world, I would not dwell anywhere except in a place of Torah..."

The commentary on Yaakov Avinu's departure is an example for all of us. We all feel the departure of special people, people that are close to us, people that make a difference in the fabric of our lives. These people make our lives special when they are among us, and when they are not among us, they are missed and there is an emptiness that comes with their absence.

Who are these people? They aren't only the righteous people or the big-name people in the news and the media. These people are you and me - actually anyone who has people around them who are close to them. We are instrumental in other peoples' lives, and they are instrumental in ours. When we depart or when they depart, it truly makes a difference.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel



MAKING A DIFFERENCE, TOGETHER.

MONTREALERS NEED OUR HELP
TO STAY WARM THIS WINTER.

Be a part of this incredible chesed opportunity, as we visit downtown Montreal for a special opportunity to give back and care for the homeless.

WE ARE COLLECTING:

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- Gift Cards (i.e. Tim Hortons, McDonald's)
- New and gently used winter gear
- Toiletry items

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EVERY LITTLE BIT GOES A LONG WAY!**

**SUNDAY
DEC 11**

AT 01:00 PM

Cabot Square

(corner Tupper St. & Atwater Ave.)

TO JOIN OR FOR DROP-OFF

LOCATIONS,

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