



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

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Shabbat Parshat Va'yeishev
December 16 - 17, 2022 / 5783
Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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שבת שלום וחג חנוכה שמח!

Welcome to TBDJ's First Annual Shabbat Achdut!

Chanukah 5783 is from Monday, Dec. 19 to Monday, Dec. 26 / First candle is lit after 4:13pm on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Rosh Chodesh Tevet is on Shabbat, Dec. 24 and Sunday, Dec. 25 / Molad is on Friday, Dec. 23 at 11:12am and 9 chalakim

Shabbat Parshat Va'yeishev

Haftara: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

Friday, December 16

- 3:54pm Candle Lighting
3:55pm **Shabbat Achdut Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat** - *Minyane Sépharade joins the Main Sanctuary Minyan upstairs*
4:12pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, December 17 / 23 Kislev

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
8:30am Shaharit - Minyane Sépharade
8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman
9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
Minyane Sépharade and Main Minyan gather together upstairs for Mussaf and Drasha
9:40am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for Kids - Lower Level Classrooms
Special Shabbat Achdut Kiddush featuring "Tastes of the World" delicacies!
3:45pm **Shabbat Achdut Minha et Seoudah Shleesheet** - *Main Sanctuary Minyan joins the Minyane Sépharade in the Lower Level Chapel*
4:12pm Sh'kiah
5:02pm Havdala and Melaveh Malka
5:20pm Daf Yomi

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Lessy & Earl Kimmel** and their family on the occasion of their granddaughter Lily Eden (Leah Eden) Silverstein becoming a Bat Mitzvah in South Orange, New Jersey. Proud parents are Amy & David Silverstein. Sharing in their simcha are Lily's brothers Caleb and Asher, her paternal grandparents Marjorie Mann and Lester Silverstein, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lily is lovingly named after her great-grandmother Lily Kimmel z"l (Leah bat Chaim Leib - 27 Kislev).

Condolences to **Elaine & Howard Vineberg** and to **Laurie & Mark Buch** and their families on the loss of Elaine's beloved mother and Laurie's beloved grandmother Clara Katz Silver z"l who passed away on Wednesday, December 14. Funeral is scheduled for Friday, December 16 at 12:30pm at Paperman & Sons. Shiva at Elaine's home from Friday, December 16 to Tuesday, December 20; from burial until 3:00pm on Friday, 7:00pm-9:00pm on Saturday and 2:00pm-4:00pm and 7:00pm-9:00pm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday; Maariv services at 7:30pm.

Condolences to **Brian & Chaviva Smith** and their family on the loss of Brian's beloved brother Dr. Stanley Smith z"l who passed away on Wednesday, December 14 in London, Ontario. Funeral is scheduled for Friday, December 16 at 11:00am in London. Shiva details to follow.

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

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Melaveh Malka is sponsored by **Gabrielle & Isaac Bendayan** "in honour of Shabbat Achdut and TBDJ's continued success as a community!"

Kef Club's Kids' Kiddush is sponsored by **Lessy & Earl Kimmel** in honour of their granddaughter becoming a Bat Mitzvah and in memory of Earl's beloved mother Lily Kimmel z"l (Leah bat Chaim Leib - 27 Kislev).

Rabbi Claman's "Lunch and Learn" Program on Wednesday, December 14 was sponsored by **Susan Lieberman** and her family in memory of their beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather Aron Lieberman z"l (Aharon ben Eliezer v'Reizl - 20 Kislev).

Rabbi Claman's Shabbat Morning Parsha Shiur is sponsored by **Gina Rubinsky** in memory of her beloved father Chaim Rubinsky z"l (Chaim ben Pinchas v'Leah - 20 Kislev).

Kiddush in the Hashkama Minyan is sponsored by **Marcy & Lawrence Rudski** and family.

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Bonnie & Alex Spira** in memory of Bonnie's beloved brother Professor Martin Rudner z"l (Menashe ben Moshe - 16 Kislev) and in memory of Alex's beloved father Abraham Spira z"l (Avraham Eliezer ben Yeshaya Tsvi - 22 Kislev).

Thank you to all our generous sponsors who came together to make this Shabbat Achdut happen! Toda Raba et Merci Beaucoup!

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha/Maariv: 4:00pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am - followed by "Daf Dive" In-Depth Gemara Class
Monday to Friday during the week of Chanukah: 6:45am

Friday, December 23

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 15h55 / Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 3:55pm
Candle Lighting is at 3:56pm

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

*Please note that
Rabbi Claman will be on vacation
from Wednesday, December 21
until Wednesday, January 4.*



SHABBAT

ACHDUT אַחְדוּת

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*





Kef Club

Vayeshev

December 17th
23 Kislev

Grades 1-6:

10:00 - Games
10:30 -Parasha questions
(Register here to get the questions)
10:45 - Tefilla
11:05 - Edible Art- Joshef's cote of many colours!
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!**





CONGREGATION
BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Chanukah CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

1:30 - 2:30pm
STARTS AT TBDJ

THE AMAZING RACE

REGISTER BY
FRIDAY DEC 16 NOON
@ [TBDJ.ORG/CHANUKAHRACE](https://tbdj.org/chanukahrace)



FAMILY CHANUKAH CHALLENGE

For Parents &
Children Ages 5-12

Drive around
the neighbourhood
performing challenges!

2:30 - 4:30pm

CHANUKAH PARTY AT TBDJ!!!

WITH SHUL-WIDE
CANDLE LIGHTING AT 4:15pm

BOUNCY CASTLE
AIR BRUSH TATTOOS
GAMES & MUSIC
LATKES & SUFGANIYOT

SPREAD THE LIGHT!

CHANUKAH
CHES
ACTIVITIES



Moments That Make a Difference

As we progress with the weekly Torah readings in the Book of Breisheet, we read the captivating stories of our patriarchs and their families. The rich commentaries and midrashim on these stories teach us that human nature hasn't changed in the three thousand years since the birth of the first Jew, Avraham Avinu. Our ancestors, like us, were human beings with feelings and emotions. The Torah tells us interesting anecdotes about our patriarchs and their wives. We can relate to many of the stories and biblical narratives in a contemporary sense and picture and see ourselves in our ancestors' shoes.

For example, we find that: Sarah laughed, Avraham fought in a war, Rivkah helped Yaakov deceive his father, Yitzchak loved his son Esav's cooked fleishik delicacies, Yaakov's life was at times an emotional rollercoaster, Leah cried, Rachel was jealous of her sister, Yosef was his father's favourite son and he ratted on his brothers and his brothers conspired to get rid of him. I always marvel at these narratives which teach us that it is okay to be "ourselves." The stories in the Book of Breisheet are interesting and enjoyable to read and speak volumes about the similarities of biblical and contemporary lifetime challenges, situations and family dynamics.

I love stories, and in my work as a ba'al tefilla and educator I have heard many stories which could fill the pages of many large books. The past three decades of my professional life have been blessed with stories of mitzvah opportunities, heartwarming activities and feel-good moments - enjoying many good times with congregants and students of all ages. Unfortunately empathizing and offering support in somber times and more difficult moments is also part of my occupation. I was privileged to prepare two Holocaust grandfathers for Bar Mitzvahs that they couldn't celebrate when they turned thirteen years old. I was instrumental in helping a young man find his way back to Yiddishkeit in a very meaningful way. I have enjoyed being on the giving end as well as on the receiving end, appreciating gestures towards myself from so many people over the years.

At this point in my life, I had thought that I had seen and experienced everything in my thirty-two years of community service - so many moments that *make a difference*. Until last week - when two interactions assured me that there are always more *moments* out there.

I was running - like usual - through Cavendish Mall when I ran into TBDJ members Joyce and Michael Leitman. The Leitman name was always a familiar word in my grandparents' home when I was a young child, as Michael's parents were very close friends with my grandparents. I even have had the privilege to teach their grandchildren at Hebrew Foundation School, and have always felt a certain sense of joy that the connection between our two families has now extended down another few generations.

Whenever I chat with Joyce and Michael, his late parents always come up in conversation. That day in Cavendish Mall, Joyce informed me that they had something special for me, and this past Sunday, they delivered it to me at TBDJ. It was a beautiful silver-covered siddur with a dedication from my grandparents to Michael's late mother Muriel on the inside cover:

*Dear Muriel, May all your prayers always be answered.
Love, Belle and Rabbi Z.*

In the bag with the siddur there was a touching note from Joyce and Michael Leitman to me:

Amiel, please enjoy this for many years. We enjoyed it and now it is going home to you!

Here is another moment that made a difference. Last Friday afternoon, I was standing at the door of our Main Sanctuary just before Shabbat when two women summoned me into the hallway. I quickly went out to speak to the women who were guests of the special shabbaton of our Sephardic minyan. One of the women frantically told me that she had just arrived and needed to light Shabbos candles. I assured her that there was a place to light in shul, and I pointed her in the direction to go downstairs. She was worried however about the quick onset of Shabbos and not finding the room to light on time. She hurriedly asked if maybe I knew of someone whose door she could knock on to light candles in their home. I told her to follow me quickly. We ran to my house and as I opened the door, I called to my wife that we had a Shabbos candle lighting emergency! We were instrumental in helping this woman light her Shabbos candles on time in our home. We soon realized that she was an old Beth Ora friend whom we haven't seen in years!

We all have these special moments. Moments that make a difference - for ourselves and for others. And sometimes the most amazing things that happen in our world are personal and not publicized. Nobody knows about them. These are moments that aren't shared on the street, by phone, or in social media on the internet. They don't need to be. These moments are significant to the people that are involved in the moment. Anything more is unnecessary.

In this week's Torah reading of Va'yeshev, there is a story that develops behind the scenes - one that begins with an account of an incredible mitzvah. This story continues through the next two portions of Mikeitz and Vayigash. The story climaxes with *moments that make a difference*. This story is not written in the Torah. The name of the main character in the story has her name mentioned twice in the Torah, which directs the midrashim and commentaries to teaching us about this special person and why her name merited to be in the Torah. The woman is Serach, the daughter of Asher - our patriarch Yaakov's granddaughter. Parashat Vayeshev tells of the disappearance of Yosef. We learn from commentary that while Yaakov thought that Yosef was dead and mourned him for twenty-two years, it was Serach, his special granddaughter, who proved to be an important source of consolation for her grandfather.

When the brothers eventually found out that Yosef was alive in Egypt and that he had remarkably become the viceroy of the country, they were faced with the difficult task of sharing the news with their father Yaakov. Most importantly, they were worried about the effect that this news would have on Yaakov's health. *Sefer Hayashar*, a medieval Hebrew midrashic work, teaches that Serach was the one who told Yaakov that his son Yosef was alive. Serach received Yaakov's blessing in return.

The midrash brings us the brothers' thoughts: *And they said to one another; What shall we do in this matter before our father, for if we come to him suddenly and tell him the matter, he will be very frightened by our words...* The midrash continues: *And they will find Serach the daughter of Asher coming out to meet them and the girl is very good and very wise and knows how to play the stringed instrument (some say harp, some say violin). And they called her, and she came to them and took the instrument and sat with Yaakov and she let the instrument play and play and she said in a pleasant way: "Yosef my uncle is alive and he is the ruler of all the land of Egypt and he is not dead." And she continued to play and say these things. And Yaakov heard her words... and joy came to Yaakov's heart because of her words and the spirit of Hashem came upon him and he knew that her words were true. And Yaakov blessed Serach for saying these words before him and said to her: "My daughter, let not death rule over you forever, for you have revived my spirit."* The Midrash goes on to teach that Serach never died - she entered paradise while alive.

What an amazing story! Serach treated her aging grandfather to the first music therapy sessions in the world, reassuring him that his beloved son was alive! She took her instrument which she had not played in her grandfather's presence during all those years, and she began to play and sing. These meaningful strains of her music reached her grandfather, during his mourning. For twenty-two years no sound of joy had been heard in his house. Serach changed that with her concern and devotion for her grandfather's well being as she delivered the news to him about his beloved son, news that revived his spirit and brought him joy in his old age. Why isn't this feel-good story in the Torah? I don't know. Maybe because it doesn't need to be. It is a story of human nature. The Torah does not need to list all of the little things, significant as they may be. Maybe because Serach's behaviour - though special - is an expected norm. People should do "nice" things for others. Maybe because we should all be out there looking to do good things - to share moments that make a difference.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel

The end of the 2022 Tax Year is fast approaching! Charitable donations for 2022 must be submitted by end of day on Sunday, December 25.

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If you have never logged in before, write to brian@tbdj.org to receive



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CHANUKKAH CARNIVAL!

Parashat Vayeshev

December 17th

4-5pm

K-6

at BIBA

walking group from TBDJ at 3:30pm

NO WALKING GROUP BACK!

FUN
GAMES!

PRIZES!

RAFFLE!

BNEI
AKVA
STORE!



bring your Shekels!