

Shabbat Bulletin

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שבת שלום, חודש טוב וחג חנוכה שמח!

Chanukah 5783 is from Monday, December 19 to Monday, December 26 / Eighth candle is lit on Sunday evening

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

Shabbat Parshat Mikeitz
First Day of Rosh Chodesh Tevet
Sixth Day of Chanukah
Haftara: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Friday, December 23

- 3:40pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -
Minyane Sépharade - Lower Level
Chapel
- 3:56pm Candle Lighting
**Chanukah Candles are lit before
lighting Shabbat Candles.**
- 4:00pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and
Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 4:15pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, December 24 / 30 Kislev

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:30am Shaharit - Minyane Sépharade
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur
with Rabbi Eric Grossman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
Sermon by Rabbi Eric Grossman
- 9:44am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for
Kids - Lower Level Classrooms
- 3:45pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet et
Arvit - Minyane Sépharade
- 3:50pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet and
Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 4:16pm Sh'kiah
- 5:06pm Havdala and Melaveh Malka
- 5:25pm Daf Yomi

**The end of the 2022 Tax
Year is fast approaching!
Charitable donations for
2022 must be submitted by
the end of day on Tuesday,
December 27.**

Save time! Log into your TBDJ
Account on ShulCloud and pay
any outstanding charges with your
credit card online!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Condolences to **Ahuva Katzman-Shostak & Rabbi Eddie Shostak** and their families on the loss of Ahuva's beloved father Avraham Katzman z"l who passed away on Monday, December 19 in Toronto. Funeral took place on Tuesday, December 20 in Toronto. Burial took place on Wednesday, December 21 in the Eretz HaChaim Cemetery in Beit Shemesh, Israel. Shiva continues until Tuesday, December 27 at the Katzman home, 58 Corwin Crescent, Toronto, Ontario M3H 2A1. Shacharit at 7:30am on Friday and Tuesday, at 8:00am on Sunday and Monday; Mincha at 2:00pm on Friday, Mincha/Maariv at 4:30pm on Sunday and Monday.

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

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This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Dorothy, Steve and Sean Howard** in memory of their beloved brother, brother-in-law and uncle Dr. Steven S. Zalzman z"l (Shmuel Shlomo ben Yitzchak Meir v'Chana Lieba - 29 Kislev).

Kiddush in the Minyane Sépharade is sponsored by **Lee & Edouard Sabbah** and their family in honour of their son Ethan's 14th birthday and Ethan's chanting Torah and Haftara from the bima today.

Kiddush in the Hashkama Minyan is sponsored by **Susan & Ron Schondorf** and by **Rena Schondorf** in memory of Ron's beloved father and Rena's beloved husband Mayer Schondorf z"l (Yisrael Meir ben Yechezkel Shraga HaLevi - 30 Kislev).

Toda Raba et Merci Beaucoup!

Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem extends heartfelt thanks to the following generous donors who made last week's *Shabbat Achdut* such a great success!!!

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TBDJ WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS! ברוכים הבאים!

Judith & Patrick Benhamou
and their children **Noah** (12), **Olivia** (11) and **Benjamin** (10)

Judith & David Elmechaly
and their children **Meir** (14), **Yossef** (12), **Aaron** (10) and **Chana** (8)

Sari & Joshua Friedman
and their children **Daniella** (3) and **Brody** (7 months)

Jason Moschella

Rabbi Daniel & Avigail Salter
and their children **Ezzy** (4), **Emma** (3) and **Manny** (2)

Shoshana & Joseph Shaffer
and their children **Adon** (18), **Zeva** (12), **Zohar** (4) and **Ella** (2)

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha/Maariv: 4:00pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday and Monday: 8:00am / Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am / Thursday: 6:50am

Friday, December 30

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 15h45 / Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 4:05pm
Candle Lighting is at 4:01pm



Kef Club

Miketz

December 24th
30 Kislev

Grades 1-6:



- 10:00 - Games
- 10:40 - Tefilla
- 11:00 - Parsha questions
(register here to get the questions in advance)
- 11:15 - Channukah activity!
- 11:40 - Kef club kiddush.



Nursery:

- 10:00 - free play
- 11:00 - songs and tefilla with madrichot
- 11:20 - Story time
- 11:40 - Kef club kiddush

Earn your Shabbos Shekels and get prizes!





Shabbat Shalom
Shabbat שבת קודש
התשפ"ג 5783



STAYCATION SHABBAT LUNCH 5783!!!!
SHABBAT PARSHAT VA'YIGASH
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
AFTER MORNING SERVICES!!!!



Will you be in town during this year's Winter Break?
Join us for a warm and fun Shabbat Lunch
featuring tons of games for everyone!
Go to tbdj.org/staycation2022
to register online now!
Who wants to cook on vacation?????

\$45 per adult and teen over 14 years old
\$25 per child 3 to 14 years old inclusive
no charge for toddlers under 3 years old

Preregistration required

by end of day on Wednesday, December 28.

Minimum of 50 registrants required for lunch to take place.

Chanukah "Reflections"

Our rabbis and sages share many insights into the holiday of Chanukah. There are beautiful thoughts and ideas about the light of the Chanukah candles and the small jar of oil which was found in the Beit Hamikdash after the Maccabean victory and the rededication of the Second Temple. Our rabbis expound on the various interpretations of the divine meaning of "eight" days - the number of days that the small amount of candelabra oil miraculously lasted. They view this as מעל הטבע - above nature, and that Hashem blessed the rededication of the Temple by the divine act of extending the light of the holy menorah long enough - eight days - to allow our ancestors to prepare a new supply of oil.

At a kindergarten chagigah late last week, I heard a wonderful quote from a teacher while offering her short words of welcome: *A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.* The teacher attributed these words to the idea of sharing knowledge. While you are enhancing others knowledge by sharing your wisdom, you aren't losing anything. In fact, just as the light of another candle adds to and enhances the light in the room, when we share our wisdom and information with others, we enhance the knowledge of students and other listeners at no cost or loss to our own knowledge. It is a lesson of sharing - learned from a small flame.

Finding the small ceramic jar of oil symbolizes the opportunity to continue what was almost lost and to build from that as a new beginning. The small vessel of oil was the source of light that rekindled the luminosity of our nation which had been dimmed by Antiochus and his oppressive rule over Judea. Many beginnings are modest ones, originating from something that may be compromised quantitatively yet high in quality. Throughout our lives we continuously search for those small vessels of oil which are the sources of new beginnings and continued growth. The idea of a small amount of oil acting as the source of a great revival can also be applied to someone looking to bring more Judaism into their lives. I always tell people that they should start in a small but qualitative way, taking their current connection to Yiddishkayt and building on it. The small vessel of oil symbolizes not to give up hope, you will find what you are looking for. In times of disconnection or despair, we need to keep looking for those figurative *small vessels of oil* in our lives in order to feel optimistic about the future.



Ceramic pottery from the Second Temple Period

Chanukah seems to be a unique Jewish festival by the fact that so many Jews around the world light Chanukah candles, regardless of their level of observance or religious affiliation. All of Klal Yisrael is united through that small Chanukah flame, a flame which burns upwards to our Creator in heaven. This tiny flame is a strong source of unity for our people. Imagine the darkness of our world's globe within the darkness of the universe as the first night of Chanukah begins. Sixteen hours before we light our chanukiyot in North America, Australian Chanukah lights begin to illuminate the globe, one light at a time. As the first day makes its way across the times zones, Chanukah lights start popping up all over the globe at thousands of locations....in Peru, in Budapest, in Abu Dhabi... as the light of Chanukah increasingly shines light and enlightenment in our dark world! What a beautiful and majestic sight!

There are different ways to understand the miracle of the Chanukah oil. You may say that it is a cumulative miracle, where the oil lasted for seven more days - as there was enough oil in the vessel for the first day, we calculate another seven days of miraculous oil, which gives us eight days in total. Or you may see the miracle of the oil as a daily miracle - one day at a time - where the oil lasted another unexpected extra day beyond the first day, and then another unexpected day, and so on for the subsequent following days. I like the latter idea of the oil miracle, one day at a time. This is the way that our lives work. We

recite the *Modeh Ani* upon awakening every morning and we thank Hashem for restoring our souls within us and giving us a new day of life. With similarity to the miracle of the oil lasting those extra days, every day in our lives is another miracle of existence.

The day-to-day survival of the light of the Temple's menorah can also be seen as a metaphor for our Jewish survival through centuries of persecution. It is as if Hashem is telling us that our Jewish nation will continue to be a miracle of existence within the nations of the world, many of whom often seek to take challenge our physical and philosophical presence among them. We are indeed, as Hashem ordained us, a light unto the nations. The miracle of our Jewish existence is constant, and every new day of our existence is a show of Hashem's eternal love to us, His chosen nation, even under the most dire circumstances. This well known picture of a Chanukiah in a window in pre-World War II Germany exhibits this idea:



At our daily morning Chanukah services, except on Shabbat where this is not permitted, we have the Chanukah candles for that day kindled in our synagogue chanukiah. At the end of services, we put out those candles so as not to leave a burning hazard in shul. On every day of Chanukah at Mincha services, we replace what is left of the morning candles as we kindle the new candles for the next day. However, at the last Mincha prayer of the holiday, there are eight candles which have not burned to completion, left in the Chanukiah. I have my own meshugeneh custom of relighting the eighth day morning candles at Mincha, and as we daven the last Mincha prayer of the holiday, the candles slowly burn out.

I posted the picture below on my Facebook page last year, as the lights of the holiday faded away:



A simple but beautiful sight:
The final Chanukah Mincha at TBDJ - the fading lights of Chanukah.

My lighting of the leftover Chanukah candles at Mincha on the last day of Chanukah was started years ago at Congregation Beth Ora, and now I have continued to do this at TBDJ. It's a way of not letting the holiday leave us too quickly. I feel that these are much needed lights that give us a little bit of hope and optimism as we head into the cold of winter.

May the Chanukah candles continue to inspire us, light up our lives and infuse us with religious and national pride.

Shabbat Shalom and Chanukah Sameach!

Rev. Amiel