

# Shabbat Bulletin

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## משכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה

Rosh Chodesh Adar is on Tuesday, February 21 and Wednesday, February 22

Molad is on Monday, February 20 at 12:40pm and 11 chalakim

### Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim Parshat Sh'kalim

Haftara: Melachim Bet 12:1 - 12:17

#### Friday, February 17

- 4:55pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -  
Minyane Sépharade -  
Lower Level Chapel
- 5:06pm Candle Lighting
- 5:10pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat  
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 5:24pm Sh'kiah

#### Shabbat, February 18 / 27 Shvat

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary and  
Minyane Sépharade
- 9:31am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs  
for Kids - Lower Level
- 4:50pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet  
et Arvit - Minyane Sépharade
- 5:00pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet  
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 5:26pm Sh'kiah
- 6:11pm Havdala
- 6:30pm Daf Yomi

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Jack & Linda Lehrer** and **Bella Lehrer** and their family on the occasion of their grandson and great-grandson Dutch Lehrer becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Proud parents are Moish & Tiffany Lehrer of West Hartford. Sharing in their simcha are Dutch's grandparents Dorene Schwartz-Weitz & Arnie Brown and Allan & Laini Weitz, his great-grandparents Mike & Lisa Leb, and his siblings Prielle, Manny and Sylvia.

Mazal Tov to **Eva & Abe Ludvig** and their family on the birth of a grandson on Tuesday, February 14 in Chicago, Illinois. Proud parents are Jessica & Daniel Ludvig. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's big brothers Jacob and Max, his maternal grandparents Heather & Alan Dick, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Condolences to **Francine Bloome Adelson** and her family on the loss of her beloved husband TBDJ member **Dr. Edward Adelson z"l** who passed away on Wednesday, February 15. Funeral will take place on Friday, February 17 at 1:00pm. Private shiva ends the evening of Monday, February 20.

Condolences to **Stan & Celia Nattel** and **Irene Nattel** and their families on the loss of their beloved mother and mother-in-law TBDJ member **Julie Zwirek Nattel z"l** who passed away on Tuesday, February 14. Funeral took place on Thursday, February 16. Shiva continues until the morning of Wednesday, February 22 in Suite #903 at 5950 Cavendish Boulevard, Cote Saint-Luc, QC H4W 3H1; Maariv at 7:30pm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday; Shacharit at 8:00am on Sunday and at 7:00am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Rabbi Claman's Parsha Shiur on Shabbat morning is sponsored by **Ruth Drazin, Shlomo & Sari Drazin** and **Ami & Aviva Drazin** and their families in memory of beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother Gitel Wolfe Fried z"l (Gitel bat HaRav Elimelech v'Faiga - 2 Adar).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Keila & Billy Finkelstein** to mark the first yortsayt for Keila's beloved mother Clara Pliam Prutschi z"l (Chaya bat Nachum v'Udel - 2 Adar Bet) and in memory of Keila's beloved father Jaime Prutschi z"l (Chaim ben Menachem Mendl v'Keila - 10 Nisan).

Rabbi Claman's Sermon on Shabbat is sponsored by **David & Marcia Steinlauf**, Esther & Jakob Melamed and Adeena & Volvi Bergman in memory of their beloved mother and mother-in-law Eva Kraus Steinlauf z"l (Sarah Rochel bat Yisrael Avraham - 2 Adar).

Kiddush is sponsored by Moishe Weiss and Deli 365.

Breakfast on Tuesday, February 21 is sponsored by **Rabbi Alexander Zushe & Chaya Rochel Halperin** and their family in memory of their beloved father and father-in-law Rabbi Benjamin Halperin z"l (HaRav Binyomin Ya'acov ben Aryeh Leib HaKohen - 30 Shvat / Rosh Chodesh Adar).

### UNVEILING

A monument in memory of TBDJ Member **Jerrold Aspler z"l**  
beloved husband of **Baila Aspler**,  
beloved father and father-in-law of  
**Aviva & Ami Drazin, Judah & Rachel Aspler** and **Jacob Aspler**  
will be unveiled at **11:00am on Sunday, February 19**  
in the Eretz Hachaim Cemetery, Beit Shemesh, Israel.

### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Mincha/Maariv:** 5:10pm

**Shacharit**

Sunday: 8:00am

Monday & Thursday: 6:50am

Tuesday & Wednesday (Rosh Chodesh): 6:45am

Friday: 7:00am

**Friday, February 24**

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 17h05

Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 5:20pm

Candle Lighting is at 5:16pm

For our full schedule, go to [tbdj.org/calendar](http://tbdj.org/calendar).



# Kef Club

## Mishpatim

February 18th  
27 Shvat

**Grades 1-6:**



### Nursery:

10:00 - free play  
10:50 - songs and tefilla  
with madrichot  
11:10 - Story time  
11:32- Kef club kiddush

10:00 - Games  
10:30 - Tefilla  
10:40- Parsha questions  
(register here to get the  
questions)  
10:50 - Human Jungle  
Speed  
11:20 - Kef club kiddush.



**Earn your  
Shabbos Shekels  
and get prizes!**







HOSTS



# *A Night at the Museum*

TBDJ INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF ART & MASQUERADE.  
EXPLORE NEW ARTISTS, EAT AND DRINK IN GOOD COMPANY,  
AND WELCOME THE ARRIVAL OF PURIM

**MARCH 2, 2023 | 7 PM**  
**SALON RICHMOND**

\$180 PER PERSON  
\$150 EARLY BIRD UNTIL FEB 15

COCKTAIL DÎNATOIRE, OPEN BAR, LIVE MUSIC, ART EXHIBIT &  
VALET PARKING INCLUDED

[www.tbdj.org/artgala](http://www.tbdj.org/artgala)



# PURIM IN THE STADIUM

**POPCORN! MAÏS SOUFFLÉ!  
TAKE ME OUT TO THE TBDJ PURIM PARTY!**

**MONDAY  
MAR 6**

- 6:10 PM** Ma'ariv & Community Megillah Reading  
Megillah Reading for Adults (in Library)
- 7:00 PM** Ultimate **PURIM IN THE STADIUM** Party
- 7:45 PM** Late Megillah Reading (in Library)

**TUESDAY  
MAR 7**

- 6:25 AM** Early Shachris & Megillah Reading
- 8:00 AM** Late Shachris & Megillah Reading
- 10:15 AM** Megillah Reading
- 5:00 PM** Mishte Purim
- 5:30 PM** Mincha

**FREE ADMISSION**

**COSTUMES • CONCESSION STANDS • LIVE DJ  
INFLATABLES • AIRBRUSH TATTOOS • PHOTOBOOTH**





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# Purim Seudah

**TUESDAY**  
**MARCH**  
**7TH**  
**at 5:00PM**

*DJ / Photo Booth /  
Candy Bar /  
Contest for best costume*

OPTION TO PURCHASE WINE  
OPTION OF GLUTEN FREE  
OPTION OF KIDS TABLE

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**  
BY 9:00 AM FRIDAY, FEB. 24, 2023

**\$60**  
ADULTS

**\$30**  
CHILDREN  
4-12 (Under 4 Free)

AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2023

**\$65**  
ADULTS

**\$35**  
CHILDREN

To Register and choose options - Register Online at: [tbdj.org/mishte5783](http://tbdj.org/mishte5783)



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# Seoudat Pourim

LE MARDI  
7 MARS  
à 17h

*DJ / Photobooth /  
bar à bonbons / concours du  
meilleur déguisement*

- OPTION SANS GLUTEN
- OPTION D'ACHETER DU VIN
- OPTION DE TABLE POUR ENFANTS

PRIX SPECIALE  
AVANT 9H, VENDREDI LE 24 FÉVRIER 2023

**\$60**  
ADULTES

**\$30**  
ENFANTS

PRIX APRÈS LE 24 FÉVRIER, 2023

**\$65**  
ADULTES

**\$35**  
ENFANTS

Pour s'enregistrer et choisir les options- enregistrement en ligne sur : [tbdj.org/mishte5783](http://tbdj.org/mishte5783)





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**PJ Library**  
**Parent Connectors**

ונטעתם כל עץ מאכל  
**SPRING  
GARDENING  
EVENT**

Sunday March 19, 2023  
10:00am at TBDJ



## A Special "Hands-On" Program

Led by the *Backyard Planting Montreal* group  
with special remarks from Rabbi Zolly Claman & Rav Eitan Maazari

Learn the basics of planting... compare the different seeds for different plants...  
gain an appreciation for the beauty of dirt... and start your own mini garden!

**LOCATION: CONGREGATION TBDJ, 6519 BAILY RD, COTE ST-LUC**

**REGISTER AT: [TBDJ.ORG/PLANTING](https://tbdj.org/planting)**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE  
DIRECTED TOWARDS JNF**

*If you have any questions, please  
email [mtlgardening@gmail.com](mailto:mtlgardening@gmail.com)*

- \$15 PER KIT - INCLUDES GARDEN POT, SOIL, BASIL SEEDS... PLUS 1 SEED TYPE OF YOUR CHOICE: PEPPERS, TOMATOES, PEA/BEAN, MARIGOLD, OR EGGPLANT
- \$65 PER SUPER KIT WHICH INCLUDES ALL SEED TYPES!

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY MARCH 10**





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**Programming**  
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TBDJ invites everyone to  
come and learn how to perform  
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 19 at TBDJ**

**2:00PM-5:00PM**

**\$50 per person**

**Register before Thursday, March 9  
at [tbdj.org/CPR](http://tbdj.org/CPR)**



*Course given in English by Claude Scherrer and his professional team from CardioScience. Go to [www.cardioscience.ca](http://www.cardioscience.ca) for more information.*

*For adults and teens over 11 years old  
who are physically able to perform cardio massage.  
Those over 14 years old who pass the course  
will receive an official CPR certificate.*

LE COURS CARDIO-SECOURS RCR ET DEA  
ABORDE LES THÈMES SUIVANTS:

COMMENT LA RCR DE HAUTE QUALITÉ  
AMÉLIORE LA SURVIE

LES CONCEPTS DE LA CHAÎNE DE SURVIE

RECONNAÎTRE LES SITUATIONS OÙ LA RCR EST  
NÉCESSAIRE

LA RCR CHEZ L'ADULTE ET UTILIZATION D'UN DEA

LES SECOURS AUX VICTIMS D'ÉTOUFFEMENT  
(ADULTES)

THE HEARTSAVER  
CPR AED COURSE COVERS:

HOW HIGH-QUALITY CPR IMPROVES SURVIVAL

THE CONCEPTS OF THE "CHAIN OF SURVIVAL"

RECOGNIZING WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS CPR

ADULT CPR AND THE USE OF AN  
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

HOW TO HELP AN ADULT WHO IS CHOKING



## Hakarat Hatov: A Tribute to Man's Best Friend

Perek Shira, the universe's songs, is a beautiful collection of verses believed to have been authored by Kings David and Solomon. Eighty-five of Hashem's creations sing out their praises to our creator in their own unique way. Even though animals and inanimate creatures have no mouths with which to sing, their natures and functions are expressions of Divine praise. The praises are divided into six chapters in accordance with the six days of the week. On each day a different chapter is said.

Rabbi Shmuel Kraines writes: *However, the full manifestation of these songs is only when we - as intelligent mankind - comprehend them and voice them. Our praise is one of the primary reasons for the universe's creation, as the Midrash relates: "Hashem fashioned man with a mouth, saying, 'If not for the praises and songs that the Jewish nation say before Me every day, I would not have created the heavens and the earth.'" Moreover, the Kabbalists teach that each creature - even every blade of grass - has its own angel in heaven, and only when we recite the world's songs is each angel empowered to sing in harmony. The beings themselves are sustained only in the merit of these songs.*

*Therefore, when one recites Perek Shira, it is as if he is conducting an unfathomably powerful orchestra of cosmic proportions, creating Divine music too beautiful for the human ear to hear. Understandably, the sages speak at length of the immense reward for its recital. Many have a custom to recite it every morning, while the world awakens and begins its song anew.*

*Perek Shira opens a new way to look at the world. You will perceive that birds chirp not only to mark their territory. They are singing sweetly to the Creator, incessantly reminding us that every day is filled with goodness and pleasantness. Perek Shira will also illuminate your view of other people, and of yourself. You will obtain the tools to contemplate how each person has his or her own unique purpose and an immutable song in Hashem's universe. A person sings not only through specific life-accomplishments, but even with day-to-day life, with all its ups and downs, like the rising and falling of a beautiful melody. This Song of Existence has been playing since the dawn of time, adding layer upon layer of meaning, converging steadily towards its climatic culmination, with the coming Redemption.*

The verse in Isaiah 43:7 states: *Everyone who is called by My name and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have fashioned, even perfected...* Hashem has many partners in creation. Everything in our universe was created so people would be able to elevate themselves by recognizing the glory of the One who created everything.

In Parashat Mishpatim we read of a reward given to dogs: *People of holiness you will be to Me, you will not eat flesh of an animal that was torn in the field, to the dog you will throw it.* (Shmot 22:30). Why were the dogs rewarded? The verses in Shemot, 11:6-7 describe the reactive scene of the plague of the firstborn in Egypt and the dogs part in it: *There will be a great outcry in the entire land of Egypt, such as there has never been and such as there will never be again. But against all the Children of Israel, no dog will whet its tongue, against neither man nor beast, so that you will know that Hashem will have differentiated between Egypt and Israel.* The Torah relates that during the Plague of the Firstborn, the dogs that were in the vicinity of the Jewish people did not bark at all. The commentaries explain that this was considered miraculous, because in general, dogs bark wildly when the Angel of Death is present. Moreover, the dogs that were among the Egyptians did bark constantly. The Midrash teaches that as a reward for the silence of the dogs in the vicinity of the Jews, for the entirety of history, if a Jew owns a piece of non-kosher meat, he should give it to a dog, rather than anyone else.

Rabbi Yehonasan Gefen writes that a number of questions arise with regard to this idea: Firstly, what exactly was the great benefit that the dogs did not bark - if they would have barked, what would have been so problematic? Secondly, why did the dogs receive such great reward for their silence, and what was the nature of the specific rewards that Hashem gave them?

He writes the answer to the second question: The greatness of what the dogs did is that they acted in a way that was totally contrary to their nature - they broke their nature. Gefen cites the words of Rabbi Frand:

*The explanation is that nothing is more precious to the Master of the Universe than a person or animal or creature breaking its nature. That is what Divine Service is all about. A person overcoming his natural instincts and his innate personality traits is more beloved and dearer to the Almighty than anything else. Dogs bark! ... It is an amazing accomplishment in the Eyes of Hashem for the dogs in Egypt to conquer their inclinations and not give in to their natural tendencies.*

Because the dogs went against their nature, they received a number of rewards. The first was that they will receive non-kosher meat for eternity: They went against their natural desire to bark, and as a reward, their lust for meat will be satiated when Jewish people go against their nature and do not eat

tasty meat because it is not kosher.

The dogs also merit to sing praise to Hashem, because they were silent when that was necessary, so as a reward, they have the opportunity to speak when that is the correct way to behave - in praising the Creator. Finally, they also merit to have a part in the creation of Scribes, because controlling oneself and overcoming one's nature is the height of holiness and consequently, they have a part in writing of holy writings.

Gefen concludes that we can now answer the first question and understand the significance of the silence of the dogs. On a simple level, the commentaries explain that the barking of the dogs would have scared the Jewish people, and their silence enabled the Jews to experience that night with serenity. However, on a deeper level, the silence of the dogs was such an unusual event, that it contributed to the supernatural character of that fateful night and demonstrated to the Jewish people how Hashem was controlling nature. The Torah is teaching us a beautiful lesson about our relationships as humans with Hashem's other creatures. By giving the non-kosher meat to the animal we are expressing our eternal Hakarat Hatov to the dogs, who were in their own unique way, a part of our becoming Hashem's eternal nation.

The song of the dog is offered in the sixth chapter of Perek Shira, which is recited on Friday mornings. The verse connected with the song of the dog is found in Tehillim 95:6 - *Come let us prostrate ourselves and bow, let us kneel before Hashem, our Maker...* Commentary teaches that dogs are bold creatures which do not give in to other creatures and who have the tendency to attack larger creatures. With their masters however, the dogs behave differently. They are fiercely loyal to their owners.

In his book, *Nature's Song*, Rabbi Natan Slifkin highlights the Hebrew word for dog - כלב - with an acronym: כולו לב - all heart, representing the dog's allegiance to the wishes of his master. He writes that the song of the dog is the song of loyalty and allegiance to his master, and that it is a lesson to us all.

Rabbi Nosson Sherman writes that *in the animal kingdom, the dogs epitomize loyalty. They are man's best friend displaying gratitude and obedience to the master who treats them well.* Rabbi Sherman points out that this is an example for us to show gratitude to Hashem who gives us everything: life, health, resources, potential, the ability to grow and come close to Hashem and earn eternal reward and to become of Hashem's exclamation: *You are my servant Israel, in whom I glorify myself* (Isaiah 49:3).

A dog is a wonderful pet who forms a connection with those who take care of him. Sad coincidence or not, where this week's Torah mention of the dog is concerned, I am writing about dogs in my message because this Shabbos, will be our family's first Shabbos in fifteen years without our yorkie-bichon Charlie. In this big and sometimes challenging world that we live in, we need good things in our lives - easy relationships that give us pleasure and contentment and unconditional love. Charlie was that. A member of our household, a lovable innocent pet, and a wonderful companion, Charlie connected with all of us and we, with him.

About eleven years ago we published a YouTube clip called *Charlie The Kosher Dog*. Charlie learned the difference between kosher and non kosher treats and enjoyed cholent and other Shabbos and holiday foods. He even learned how to shake his paw to the greeting of *Good Shabbos!* In the early mornings Charlie would quietly come upstairs, take a drink from his bowl, and settle down on the couch in the living room as my quiet companion while I was saying my Psalms and daily Perek Shira. Every Friday morning when I would recite the verse symbolizing dog's song to Hashem, I would look at him as if to say - *This is your song, Charlie.*

Through Charlie, we learned to appreciate Hashem's creations on another level. On Wednesday morning, following Tuesdays difficult and untimely farewell, Cheryl wrote: *I learned something new from the vet yesterday who told us that dogs, unlike humans do not plan for the next day, they really live in the moment. This means that they do not worry about what might happen. How awesome is that? How can we as humans emulate this trait? If we were only able to learn how to do this from our furry friends, then the anxiety and stress in our lives would be significantly reduced!*

There is much to learn from Hashem's creations and we were fortunate to have our little buddy with us for so many years. Maybe it is significant that the last weekly verse in Perek Shira which is recited on Fridays is the one which refers to the dog's praise of Hashem. The dog's allegiance to his master is a wonderful example for us to follow in our allegiance to Hashem. That verse has now become that much more meaningful to me.

Shabbat Shalom,

*Rev. Amiel*