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Shabbat Bulletin

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Shabbat Parshat Terumah
February 24 - 25, 2023 / 5783
Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה

Yossef Itshak Edery, Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Parshat Terumah

Haftara: Melachim Alef 5:26 - 6:13

Friday, February 24

- 5:10pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -
Minyane Sépharade -
Lower Level Chapel
- 5:16pm Candle Lighting
- 5:20pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 5:34pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, February 25 / 4 Adar

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary and
Minyane Sépharade
- 9:24am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs
for Kids - Lower Level
- 4:50pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet
et Arvit - Minyane Sépharade
- 5:10pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 5:36pm Sh'kiah
- 6:20pm Havdala
- 6:40pm Daf Yomi

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Yossef Itshak Edery** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Proud parents are **Rabbi Michael & Karen Edery**. Sharing in their simcha are Yossef's siblings Rina, Avraham, Kayla and Noa, his grandparents Georgette & David Edery and Renee & Samuel Benoualid and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Carolyn & Arnold Steinman** and **Marla & Peter Veres** on the birth of great granddaughter and granddaughter Ruth Naava (Ruth Belle) on Monday, February 13 in Skokie, Illinois. Proud parents are Alyssa & Eytan Veres. Sharing in their simcha are Ruth's siblings Gabriel and Libby, her maternal grandparents Judy & Michael Daniels, her great-grandfather Michael Nussbaum and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Ruth is named for Peter's beloved mother Huguette Veres z"l (Ruth bat Ze'ev v'Rivka).

Condolences to **Freda & Irwin Browns** and their family on the loss of their beloved daughter Maureen Browns z"l who passed away on Thursday, February 16. Funeral took place on Sunday, February 19. Shiva has been observed.

Condolences to **Brian Harris** and his family on the loss of his beloved father Stanley Harris z"l who passed away on Wednesday, February 22. Funeral is scheduled for 12:00pm on Sunday, February 26 at Paperman & Sons. Shiva information to follow by email.

Condolences to **Ryva & Scott Rozansky** and their family on the loss of Ryva's beloved father Wigdor (Victor) Schechter z"l who passed away on Thursday, February 23. Funeral is scheduled for 11:00am on Sunday, February 26 at Paperman & Sons. Shiva information to follow by email.

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

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush in the Hashkama Minyan is sponsored by **Mitchell Axelrad** in memory of his beloved brother Dr. Robert Axelrad z"l (Ze'ev ben Tzvi v'Reizl - 9 Adar).

Kiddush in the Minyane Sépharade is sponsored by the **Edery Family** and the **Benoualid Family** in honour of **Yossef Itshak Edery** becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Seoudah Shleesheet is sponsored by **Phil & Edie Friedman** and **Ruby & Adele Friedman** in memory of their beloved father and father-in-law Bernard Friedman z"l (Chaim Baruch ben Avraham v'Pesia - Adar Alef 6).

Seoudah Shleesheet in the Minyane Sépharade is sponsored by **Nathaly & Jacques Hazot** in memory of Jacques' beloved mother Simone Aknine Hazot z"l (Rachel bat Esther - 3 Adar Alef).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Dorothy, Steve and Sean Howard** in memory of their beloved daughter and sister Lauren Melissa Howard z"l (Leah Miriam bat Shlomo HaLevi v'Devorah Gitl - 7 Adar Bet).

Breakfast on Tuesday, February 28 is sponsored by the **Lieberman Family** in honour of TBDJ's clergy.

Breakfast on Wednesday, March 1 is sponsored by **Karen & Lionel Dubrofsky** to mark the conclusion of shloshim for Lionel's beloved father Reuben Dubrofsky z"l (Reuven ben Falik v'Miriam - 8 Shvat).

Rabbi Claman's *Lunch & Learn* Program on Wednesday, March 1 is sponsored by **Mitchell Axelrad** in memory of his beloved brother Dr. Robert Axelrad z"l (Ze'ev ben Tzvi v'Reizl - 9 Adar).

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha/Maariv: 5:20pm

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

Friday, March 3

Mincha - Minyane Sépharade: 17h15

Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 5:30pm

Candle Lighting is at 5:26pm

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



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

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

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** Purim Seudah
- 5:30 PM** Mincha

Pre-Registration for
Seudah required!
Go to
tbdj.org/mishte5783
for pricing details.

FREE ADMISSION

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

**Sponsorship Call for TBDJ's 5783 "Purim in the Stadium" Party!
Monday, March 6 at 7:00pm!**

**TBDJ has the best Purim celebration in the city because.....
YOU make it happen!!!**

**Three levels of sponsorship to choose from:
\$500 Golden Grager, \$360 Silver Sceptre or \$180 Megillah Friend.
Please see Amiel for more details or write amiel@tbdj.org.**

Thank you in advance to all of our donors!!!



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TBDJ Minyan Sepharade
Kollel Torah Mitzion Montreal

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



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TBDJ Minyan Sepharade
Kollel Torah Mitzion Montreal

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



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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*

- \$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**



Course given in English by Claude Scherrer and his professional team from CardioScience. Go to 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

The Shul - Heart, Structure and More

וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכְנָתִי בְתוֹכָם
***They shall make a sanctuary for Me -
 so that I may dwell among them...***
 Shmot 25:8

In this week's Torah portion, Terumah, we read about Hashem's innovative idea to create a Mishkan - a tabernacle - a place of holiness for our people. Hashem gives specific instructions about erecting the Mishkan, and in the next five weeks our weekly Torah readings will teach us about the holy vessels within the Mishkan as well as the materials that will make up the structure and framework of Hashem's sanctuary. The above seemingly timeless verse has been homiletically explained and interpreted by our sages - old and contemporary - over the years, and in general, it would seem that this verse serves as a source for synagogue and shul building in communities around the world.

The *Meam Loez*, initiated by Rabbi Yaakov Culi in 1730, brings forth a famous question on the wording of the verse: *Hashem literally said that if the Israelites make the tabernacle, "I will dwell inside them". Since Hashem was speaking about the tabernacle, he should've said "I will dwell inside it".* The *Meam Loez* explains: *This teaches that the main element of the tabernacle was not the boards and the other materials out of which it was built. The main element was the purity of the heart on the part of the Israelites, who built the tabernacle. They had to be good G-d-fearing Jews, and spiritual people. Then they would be able to cause the divine presence to dwell inside them - literally - since they would be closely attached to God. Therefore, the main place where the divine presence would rest would be inside the Israelites, and not in the wood and metal of the tabernacle, which were secondary to the heart.*

The *Meam Loez* adds that the only reason for the physical building to be built was to motivate the people spiritually. *When a person enters the tabernacle, the holy temple, or a synagogue, that act in itself is not sufficient. The building is made of mere wood and stone. The main thing is the people who are in the building, who must be immersed in the holiness of the Divine Presence, sanctifying their hearts and standing in awe of G-d, so that they will not do anything against his will. Such a structure is then called a sanctuary, a tabernacle, a holy congregation, or a holy temple. It does not depend on the lumber out of which it is made, but on the hearts of the people who congregate in the place. The only purpose of the physical structure is to awaken people from their spiritual asleep, and to direct their consciousness toward G-d. The person says to himself: since I am in this holy place, where the divine presents dwells, I must behave with awe and reverence. I must not engage in idle chatter. In general, then, the people themselves are the true tabernacle. Therefore, after G-d said "make me a sanctuary," he said, that must you do. This teaches that the people must work on themselves to make the tabernacle, and they accomplish this by purifying their hearts.*

To summarize the *Meam Loez*, this verse teaches us the importance of the actual synagogue venue in connection with, and as an extension of, the devotion and dedication within our hearts to the service of our Creator. It is easy to build an edifice, a building, and it is easy to designate that building for holy purposes. If you do not however, have the proper intent which is a prelude to entering the structure, is it not merely a regular building for you? The idea is, that Hashem dwells within you, and if you have this in mind before and as you enter the synagogue, the building will serve its primary purpose as far as your devotion to Hashem is concerned.

The importance of Hashem's dwelling within us became more than apparent during the pandemic, when we were locked out of our shul building. Hashem's dwelling within us was a major factor in keeping us not only connected with our synagogue, but with each other as well, through our affiliation with the synagogue. Who can forget the first round of prayers that we had together on Zoom, where we were confined to our homes, yet connected as a group - though without a minyan - praying together at the same time, as we would have under normal circumstances. Hashem dwelled within us as we initially left our synagogue for our homes, later on as we left our homes for the uplifting spirituality of our tent in the parking lot, and finally as we re-entered the synagogue building.

It is true that without the proper intent, devotion and dedication, a synagogue, a shul building, may be for many just a structure - a building without a religious orientation. It is important however, to note that there are many who need to physically be in the synagogue to gain inspiration in their devotion and their connection to Hashem. Just being in the shul and hearing the sound of prayer around us is a catalyst in our joining in and expressing our devotion and pouring our hearts out to Hashem.

Let us consider praying at a venue outside the shul, for example, on the street or in a random place like an airport, where it is hard to put ourselves in the proper praying mood, in contrast to praying in the synagogue, seated in a pew with the ark housing the Torahs in front of us, accompanied by the sound of prayer. How can you not be uplifted spiritually?

For me, the shul is a wonderful place not only to daven, but to sit and learn. The serenity and tranquility of sitting in our shul with an open sefer has no equal. During the pandemic, I adapted my synagogue habits to our outdoor tent, placing my laptop on my davening table and enjoying my learning and my shul work amidst the beauty of Hashem's outside world. I always consider myself fortunate with my career choice which affords me the privilege of the shul being my prime occupation, a second home and a source of constant spiritual growth.

The shul is a venue of camaraderie in prayer and in general, a place of togetherness with fellow friends and Yidden, sharing in davening, and even in conversation, all of which enhances our shul experience. The talking, of course, takes place outside the sanctuary! The congregants become a special, even tightly knit, group and if one of us doesn't show for services one morning we inquire after his welfare. It is amazing to observe how the shul building comes alive with prayer, social activities and more. The *Meam Loez* spoke about the spiritual emptiness of a building made of construction materials if Hashem wasn't dwelling in the congregants' hearts. I like to think that sometimes the connection between the congregant and his/her shul exceeds the *Meam Loez's* spiritual connection - in that the congregant is a part of the shul in other ways. There was a president at my former shul, Beth Ora, who in his inaugural speech proclaimed that the shul's members functioned in varying ways of commitment and devotion to Beth Ora and that they were the very bricks in the walls of the shul's building and foundation.

The sanctuaries in shuls around the world are unique in their beauty. No two shuls are alike and when I am out of town I enjoy visiting as many shuls as possible. Each shul carries its own charm and beauty. I especially enjoy surfing the net and exploring the many shul websites which are complete with pictures and community histories.

In my many clergy years, I have observed much in the goings-on in the shuls that I have served. Besides clergy work, youth work and more, I have been involved in fundraising, which is rewarding in a special way. In addition to loving my shul, my place of work and my spiritual home, I am able to raise money to support my shul. Every extra dollar that I raise is an increased blessing of supporting Hashem's sanctuary.

One day this past week between the Mincha and Maariv services, I spoke about the idea of donating to the shul in connection with the verses in the beginning of our Torah portion *Terumah*, where Hashem requests that Bnei Yisrael will contribute to the Mishkan building campaign. I shared some of my fundraising anecdotes over the years. There was a gentleman at Beth Ora who was fundraising for the annual bazaar. I overheard him blow up at a businessman on the phone: *You don't want to donate to the shul's bazaar? OK! I'm coming right over now!* The gentleman returned an hour and a half later with three boxes of merchandise. Another gentleman was selling tickets for our annual raffle: *You don't want to buy any raffle tickets for the shul? How many tickets don't you want to buy?* He ended the telephone conversation by selling the client two tickets. The point is, people connect to their shul in a unique and special way and many will work hard at contributing to and raising funds to keep their place of prayer solvent and vibrant.

There is the joke about a Jewish couple on a plane. One by one the engines fail and the fear of the plane going down becomes very real. The wife says to the husband: *How is it that you aren't worried? Everyone is panicking around us!* The husband smiles and answers: *This plane isn't going down... I made a Kol Nidrei appeal pledge of \$3000 to our shul which I haven't paid yet!*

One of my dreams is to have my very own synagogue in the basement of my house, complete with a few pews, an Aron Kodesh and Torah scroll to go along with my shtender, which I love learning on. To have Hashem dwelling within me and within my own shul 24/7! Who knows? Maybe one day....

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel