

CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

כט אייר התשפ"ג ערב ראש חודש / שבת פרשת במדבר Erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan Shabbat Parshat Bamidbar 44th Day of the Omer May 19 - 20, 2023 / 5783

Rabbi Zolly Claman Chazan Sheini Rev. Amiel Bender President Josh Orzech Executive Director Stephanie Nagus

6519 Baily Road, Côte Saint-Luc, Québec H4V 1A1 Canada • 514-489-3841 • www.TBDJ.org • stephanie@tbdj.org

SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Joshua Isaac Fine, Bar Mitzvah Eli Moses Kohl, Bar Mitzvah

Rosh Chodesh Sivan is on Sunday, May 21 / Molad is on Shabbat, May 20 at 2:52am and 14 chalakim Shavuot 5783 is on Friday, May 26 and Shabbat, May 27

Erev Rosh Chodesh Sivan Shabbat Parshat Bamidbar

Haftara: Shmuel Alef 20:18 - 20:42

Friday, May 19

6:35pm

6:30pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -

Minyane Sépharade - Chapel Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat -

Main Sanctuary

6:49pm Plag Haminchá

7:00pm Later Mincha and Kabbalat

Shabbat - Main Sanctuary

8:04pm Candle Lighting

8:23pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, May 20 / 29 Iyar

8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman
9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
and Minyane Sépharade
9:05am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma
9:30am Youth Minyan - Youth Chapel
10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs
for Kids - Lower Level

10:15am *The Zone* for Kids - library

6:50pm Plag Hamincha

7:25pm Shiur with Rabbi Claman - Letters

from the Rambam - Library

7:45pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet

et Shiour - Minyane Sépharade

7:55pm Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet

and Maariv - Main Sanctuary

8:24pm Sh'kiah 9:17pm Havdala

TUESDAY BREAKFAST MINYAN SHACHARIT AT 7:00AM BREAKFAST AND FRESH COFFEE EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AT THE TBDJ SHACHARIT TO STAY OR TO-GO

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Joshua Fine** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, May 20. Proud parents are **Sandra & David Fine**. Sharing in their simcha are Joshua's brothers Nathaniel and Adam, his grandparents Noni Zeitoune, Ilana Horn Fine and Phillip Fine, his great-grandmother Yvette Battat and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are Joshua's grandfather Leon Zeitoune z"l and his uncle Joseph Zeitoune z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Eli Kohl** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Rosh Chodesh Sivan - Sunday, May 21. Proud parents are **Noa & Steven Kohl.** Sharing in their simcha are Eli's siblings Ari, Ani, Ezi and Ozi, his grandparents Liliane & Allan Kohl, Miguel Angel Cachon Escamilla and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are, zichronam livracha, Eli's grandmother Maria De La Riva Pinal and his great grandparents Moses Kohl, Sylvia Lobel, Aniela Danziger Fink and Ludwik Wajdenfeld.

Mazal Tov to **Vicki & Howie Steinberg** and their family on the wedding of their granddaughter Adee Steinberg to Yuval Edan on Sunday, May 21 in Ramat Aviv, Israel. Proud parents are Ronit & Stuart Steinberg of Israel and Aliza & Herzel Edan of Israel. Sharing in their simcha are many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Condolences to the family of TBDJ Member **Germaine Bitton Elbaz z"I** who passed away on Shabbat, May 13. Funeral took place on Monday, May 15. Shiva has been observed.

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

Refu'a Shleima to Edward Sacher - יהודה בן צביה

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush for the Main Sanctuary is sponsored by **Sandra & David Fine** in honour of their son **Joshua** becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and in memory of Joshua's beloved uncle Joseph Zeitoune z"l (Yosef ben Yehuda v'Mazal - 30 Nisan).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Linda Levitt Saks**, **Mirielle & Jason Bowen**, **D'vorah & David Miller**, and **Alana & Joshua Saks** and their families in memory of their beloved husband, father, father-in-law and zaida Jay Saks z"l (Yosef ben Ze'ev v'Leah - 28 lyar).

Rabbi Claman's Parsha Shiur on Shabbat Morning is sponsored by **Jack & Linda Lehrer** in memory of Jack's beloved grandfather Moshe Lehrer z"l (Moshe Eliezer Lipa ben Refael - 29 Iyar).

Rabbi Claman's Shabbat Sermon is sponsored by **Marcia & David Steinlauf** in memory of Marcia's beloved mother Zelda Schwartz Naimer z"l (Zelda bat Shmuel v'Chaya - 2 Sivan) and in memory of David's beloved father Fred Steinlauf z"l (Avraham Shlomo ben Yosef v'Ita - 5 Sivan).

Rabbi Claman's *Lunch and Learn* Program on Wednesday, May 17 was sponsored by **Roslyn & David Guttman** and by **Mendy Dalfen** in memory of Roslyn and Mendy's beloved mother Netty Tennenhaus Dalfen z"l (Sheindl bat Yisroel v'Sheiva Esther - 26 lyar).

Breakfast on Tuesday, May 23 is sponsored by **Aviva & Ami Drazin** and **Rachel & Judah Aspler** in memory of Aviva and Judah's beloved grandmother Rita Aspler z"I (Rivka bat Yosef Yehoshua v'Leah - 3 Sivan).

Rabbi Claman's *Lunch and Learn* Program on Wednesday, May 24 is sponsored by **Helen & Harry Liberman** and family in memory of Helen's beloved mother Esther Zelikovic z"I (Esther Malka bat Avraham v'Chaya - 2 Sivan).

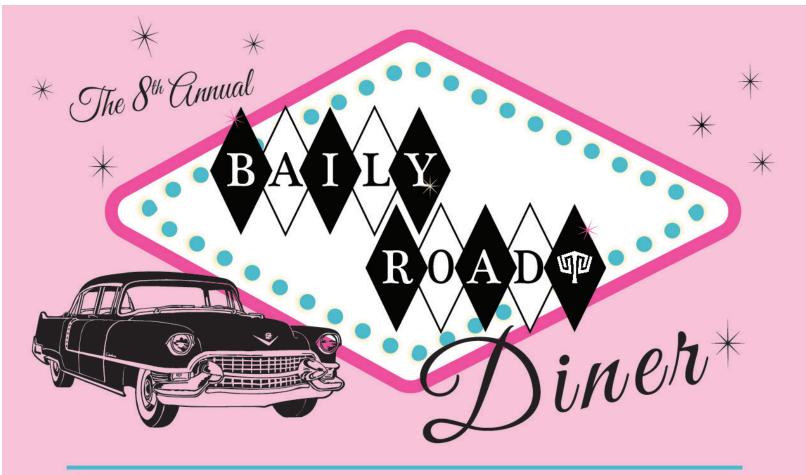
NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha/Maariv: 8:10pm

Shacharit

Sunday and Monday (Victoria Day): 8:00am Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00am / Thursday: 6:50am

Our full schedule of minyanim, shiurim and programs for Shavuot will be available in next week's bulletin.



FRIDAY | MAY 26 | 12 PM

1950's Dairy Lunch • 1st day of Shavuot • Following Services



Ice Cream • Soda Floats • Delicious Food





\$40 ages 16+ | \$25 ages 4-15 | 3 & under are free

Registration is first come, first served. Assigned seating.

REGISTER TODAY www.TBDJ.org/BRDINER5783





TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT AT TBDJ

LEIL SHAVUOT - THURSDAY NIGHT - MAY 25

11:00PM | Rabbi Claman

Ed Sheeran V Marvin Gaye: The Fascinating Debate of Intellectual Property in Halacha

11:30PM

Dr. Michelle Levine Into the Wilderness: The Journey from Egypt to Har Sinai - Lessons in Emunah

All-Night Learning Program continues at KTM
1:05AM - Dr. Michelle Levine: Moshe Rabbenu at Ma'amad
Har Sinai - Ascending and Descending the Mountain

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: DR. MICHELLE LEVINE

SHAVUOT DAY I - FRIDAY AFTERNOON - MAY 26

5:45PM

PUBLIC LECTURE

AT TBDJ

Zachor v'Shamor b'Dlbbur Echad: The Mitzvah of Shabbat, A Taste of Gan Eden

SHAVUOT DAY 2 - SHABBAT AFTERNOON - MAY 27

4:00PM

WOMEN'S LEARNING
AT HOME OF BRENDA & SAM GEWURZ
Redemption, Restoration,
and Royalty in the Book of Ruth

LEARNING WITH RABBI CLAMAN

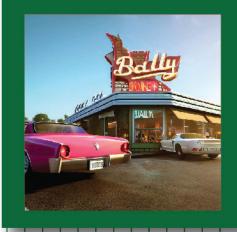
SHAVUOT DAY 2 - SHABBAT AFTERNOON - MAY 27

7:15PM

Lot V Ruth: The Fascinating Generational Connection that led to King David

BAILY ROAD DINER

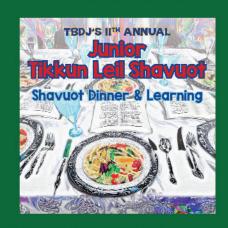
I2:00PM SHAVUOT
DAY ONE
FRIDAY MAY 26



JUNIOR TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

5:45PM

SHAVUOT DAY ONE FRIDAY MAY 26

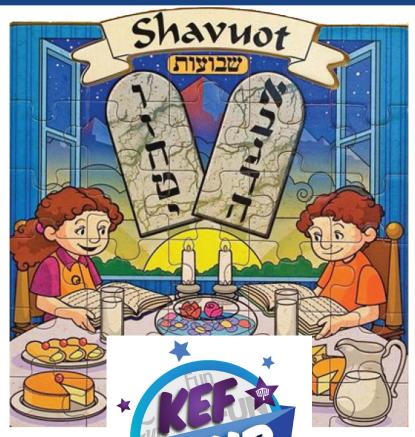


















All kids in Grades One to Six and their parents are invited to this year's

Junior Tikkun Leil Shavuot Shavuot Night Dinner & Learning

SHAVUOT DAY ONE - FRIDAY, MAY 26
IN TBDJ'S YOUTH LOUNGE ON THE LOWER LEVEL

5:45pm Shavuot Learning Program with Parents 6:45pm Special Shavuot Dairy Dinner for Kids 7:30pm - 8:00pm Pick up by Parents

No charge to attend, but preregistration is required! Go to tbdj.org/tikkun5783 to register now!

חג שבועות שמח!





Sponsored by the Gewurz Family Foundation Scholarship Fund for Montreal Jewish Day School Graduates



KOLLEL TORAH MITZION MONTREAL

ALL NIGHT SHAVUOT LEARNING



THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 - 11:45PM-7:30AM ENTRANCE WILL BE FROM THE FRONT DOOR: 5700 KELLERT AVE

	SEPHARDI BEIT MIDRASH	ROOM 052		STUDENTS ONLY/ART ROOM
12:15 _{PM} 1:00 _{AM}	"WHEN WE MUST DRIVE ON SHABBAT" Rabbi Michael Whitman	"ITHINK THEREFORE I AM" THE TORAH'S TAKE ON DESCARTES' STATEMENT OF CERTAINTY Rabbi Moshe New	12:15 _{РМ} 12:45 _{РМ}	DID YOU HEAR THE VOICE? Rabbi Eliyahu Gateno
1:05 _{AM} 1:40 _{AM}	MESIRAH: "MAY A JEW ASSIST IN THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF A JEW?" Rabbi Reuben Poupko	MOSHE RABBENU AT MA'AMAD HAR SINAI: ASCENDING AND DESCENDING THE MOUNTAIN Dr Michelle Levine Prof. of Tanach at YU/Stern	12:50 _{AM} 1:20 _{AM}	THE INNER DIMENSION OF SPORTS Rabbi Eddie Shostak
1:45 _{AM} 2:25 _{AM}	ED SHEERAN V MARVIN GAYE : THE FASCINATING DEBATE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN HALACHA. Rabbi Zolly Claman	IS SHAVUOT A DAY OF TESHUVAH? Rabbi Eliyahu Gateno	1:25 _{AM} 2:00 _{AM}	FROM AUSCHWITZ TO SINAI. THE LIFE OF SHLOMO PIEPRZ. Rabbi Avraham Swartz
			2:05 _{AM} 2:35 _{AM}	BIG QUESTIONS Rabbi Danie Salter
2:25 _{AM} + 2:40 _{AM}	הפסקה		2:35 _{AM} 2:45 _{AM}	הפסקה
2:40 _{AM} 3:20 _{AM}	CLARIFICATION OF THE HALACHA: MOABITE AND NOT A MOABITESS AMONITE AND NOT A AMONITESS FROM THE MEGILLAH RUTH. Rabbi Eitan Maazari	NO, REALLY, YOU MUST: UNDERSTANDING OUR LOVE STORY WITH HASHEM AND TORAH Rabbi David Wallach	2:45 _{AM} 3:15 _{AM}	NOTHING LIES LIKE MEMORY: THE COMPLICATED REALITY OF OUR ZACHOR COMMITMENT Ms. Eliana Rohr
3:25 _{AM} 4:10 _{AM}	THE BEAUTIFUL STUBBORNNESS OF THE JEW Rabbi Eddie Shostak	THE CONSTANT JOURNEY FROM A TO B. Rabbi Avraham Swartz	3:20 _{AM} 3:50 _{AM}	HASHEM, THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE - A RELATIONSHIP KTM Bachurim
			3:50 _{AM} 4:20 _{AM}	HASHEM AND AM ISRAEL PRESENT: - WELCONE TO THE ENGAGEMENT PARTY!! Dror Yechieli
		ערורים 4-20 _{0M} . ערורים		

INDIVIDUAL AND CHAVRUTA LEARNING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LIEBERMAN BEIT MIDRASH - LEARNING SESSIONS FOR HS STUDENTS IN THE LIEBERMAN BEIT MIDRASH















Everyone Counts

In this week's Torah reading of Parashat Bamidbar, we read about the first of the two census', the countings of Bnei Yisrael listed in the Book of Bamidbar. According to the Midrash (Tanchuma, Ki Tisa 9), Hashem counts his people ten times. Why were they counted? Rashi's commentary in Bamidbar 1:1 spells it out clearly:

Because they (the Israelites) are precious before Him (Hashem), He counts them all the time; when they went out of Egypt He counted them, and when they fell because of (the sin of) the Golden Calf, He counted them to know the number of those who remained after the sinners died, and now when He came to cause His Presence to rest upon them, He counted them.

The Ramban's three reasons for the count are explained in the ArtScroll commentary. Firstly, the nation had grown miraculously after Yaakov's family of only seventy souls arrived in Egypt more than two centuries earlier. This showed conclusively that Hashem loved his people. Hashem also felt the need to count them after every significant loss of life. The second reason for the count is that every member of Bnei Yisrael had the right to benefit from the personal attention of Moshe and Aharon. The census was a great opportunity for every Jew to come before the leaders, to tell his name and to be counted as a person of individual worth. Lastly, since the nation would eventually enter the Land of Israel, a census was needed in order to prepare the military campaign and to know how many were eligible to receive portions of the land once it was conquered.

We are presently in the season of counting. Next week we will complete ספירת העומר, our annual counting of the Omer which is done from the second day of Pesach until Shavuot. Currently our children are eagerly counting the days until the end of the school year, our graduates are counting down the days to receiving their elementary, high school and college diplomas, and even teachers are looking forward to the upcoming summer break.

Counting is a major part of our journey through life. We count everything. We count the weeks and days towards events in our lives, and we count the time following the special days and occasions as we recall and remember when and what took place. The idea of counting figures in various ways in our Jewish world and, on occasion, counting connects us to degrees of קדושה - holiness. We progress in holiness with the counting of ספירת העומר as we climb the sefira ladder, adding the new days until we reach the magic number of forty-nine. We count a new candle each day during the eight days of Chanukah as we progress from one to eight candles. Both are examples of rising and progressing in holiness. The Omer count takes us one day at a time towards the holiday of Shavuot and our receiving the Torah. The Exodus from Egypt found our ancestors in a deep state of impurity from which they rose in holiness, one day at a time for forty-nine days, to be worthy of receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai on the fiftieth day, the holiday of Shavuot. The Chanukah candles teach us the principal of - the idea of progressing in holiness one day at a time with every new candle that is lit.

Maybe it isn't a coincidence that we read the Torah portion of Bamidbar before Shavuot. The counting of Bnei Yisrael is a lesson in holiness as each unique holy soul is an important and integral part of the complete count of our holy nation. A suggested connection of the census to Shavuot is that the Torah was given not only to Bnei Yisrael as a nation, but to all the individuals within our nation. In the same way Bnei Yisrael were counted as a whole number composed of the numbers of people in the tribes, but they were also counted as individuals. The complete count of the nation of Israel must equal the sum of all its people. If but one person is missing, we are not complete. Yes, the census is about numbers, but more importantly, the census is about the people who make the numbers.

Rabbi Dr. Asher Meir writes about the uniqueness of each human being:

A person's unique qualities can never be reduced to some numerical quantity. So two human beings are not in any meaningful sense

"twice as much" as one. Reuven plus Shimon do not "sum together" to equal two, rather they remain the same Reuven and Shimon as before.

The Ramban wrote that the census was intentionally personal and individual as the Torah writes: according to their head count (Bamidbar 1:2). This impresses the idea that each soul is a unique specimen of divine creativity, and as such contains infinite value and worth.

R. Yitzchak Arama also focused on the importance of the individual within the census:

They were not just like animals or material objects, but each one had an importance of his own like a king or priest and that indeed G-d had shown special love towards them and this is the significance of mentioning each one of them by name and status - for they were all equal and individual in status.

It should be noted that, as Jews, we are prohibited to count people. The privilege of counting people is a divine one, reserved for Hashem himself. When we count the people for the desired amount of ten for a minyan, we count them not by number, but by words, using a verse from Tehillim 28:9, which numbers ten words:

הוֹשִׁיעָה אֶת עַמֶּךְ וּבָרֵךְ אֶת נַחֲלָתֶךְ וּרְעֵם וְנַשִּאֵם עַד הָעוֹלָם

Rabbi Dr. Meir referred to the well-known Jewish-based prohibition to count people. He noted that there is a paradox because, ultimately, we are interested in the number of people:

No matter how unique each individual is, it takes a certain number of men to man a tank, and ten adult Jewish men constitute a minyan. Counting people directly fails to take account of each person's uniqueness; refraining altogether from counting fails to acknowledge the importance of sheer numbers. The indirect counting which we affirm for a mitzva perfectly balances the two aspects.

Rabbi Meir therefore praises the concept of using the verse for counting purposes: *This is a very beautiful way, because each word in a sentence is unique and without it the sentence would lose its meaning.* In the same way, when we are missing only one person, we are a different group of people.

The beauty of these commentaries is that, even within a counted group, Judaism focuses on the individual within the group. The Ramban's idea of the opportunity of each person being able to greet Moshe and Aharon as the census was taken is a beautiful one. It reflects the interest of the leaders in their people, and it give each member of the nation the chance to feel important and to have his special moment with his revered leaders.

It is told that, following davening on Friday and holiday evenings in pre-Holocaust years in the Polish town of Piacesna, the men - accompanied by sons and grandsons - would approach the holy Piacesna Rebbe H"yd for a Shabbos or a Yomtov greeting. The Rebbe would give a greeting to the elders but would then take special care to focus his attention and interest on every child. Imagine the wonderful feeling of importance this gave the children!

There is another connection between the census and the holiday of Shavuot. On Shavuot we celebrate the giving and receiving of the Torah. If but one letter in the Torah is damaged, or if there is even the smallest imperfection in the scroll, the Torah may not be used until the it is repaired. The whole Torah may be dependant on the smallest letter. In the same way, the census focused on the individual within the group. There is a lot to learn from this and it lends itself to the way we should see and appreciate every individual's personal worth in our world.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel





ALL CLASSES AT TBDJ - WITH RABBI CLAMAN 7:00PM FOLLOWED BY MINCHA/MAARIV

TUE. MAY 2 KARAITE JEWS: THE IMPACT THEIR BREAKAWAY HAD

& WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

TUE. MAY 16 KSAV IVRI: WAS THE TORAH WE RECEIVED AT HAR SINAI

WRITTEN IN THE SAME BLOCK LETTERS WE HAVE TODAY?

IF NOT, WHY DID WE CHANGE?

TUE. MAY 30 THE BET-DIN OF YESTERYEAR: SAME OR DIFFERENT THAN

THE BET-DIN OF TODAY? WITH RAV EDERY

TUE. JUNE 13 THE ARK: IF INDIANA JONES DIDN'T FIND IT – WHERE IS IT?

TUE. JUNE 27 TCHEILET: THE GOOD 'OL BLUE FRINGE THAT THE GUY

NEXT TO YOU IN SHUL HAS ON HIS TALLIT - WHAT'S WITH THAT?

ON

AIR

DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF LUCY, MAIA AND RINA DEE HY"D

SERIES AND SESSION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



TBDJ YOUTH PRESENTS....

SHABBAT
MAY 13

THE

ZONE

Led by Dror Yechieli and Madrichot with Rabbi Daniel Salter

Come enjoy good food, meaningful tefillah, Parsha games, and a chance to win prizes!!!

• 10:15-10:45am

Program for Grades 1-3 in the library

• 10:45-11:15am

Program for Grades 4-6 in the library







BETH DAVID SER

BRIDGE AT BAILY

IS BACK!

STARTS ON MONDAY, JUNE 5!!!!

EVERY MONDAY AT 12:30PM LIGHT BUFFET LUNCH BEGINS AT 11:30AM

\$20 ADMISSION FEE INCLUDES LUNCH

TO REGISTER, SEND AN EMAIL TO LINDA: I.schmaltzbridge@gmail.com



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!



LA FONDATION COMMUNAUTAIRE JUIVE DE MONTRÉAL / THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MONTREAL

BOURSES D'ÉTUDES SCHOLARSHIPS



Êtes-vous un étudiant au cégep ou à l'université qui aurait besoin d'aide financière ?

Are you a CEGEP or University student who could use some financial help?



Grâce à nos donateurs, plus de 50 bourses d'études sont offertes. Thanks to our donors you can apply to over 50 scholarships of your choice

CÉGEP / CEGEP

PREMIER CYCLE UNIVERSITAIRE / UNDERGRADUATE

CYCLE SUPÉRIEUR UNIVERSITAIRE / GRADUATE

ÉTUDIER EN ISRAËL / STUDY IN ISRAEL



FAITES UNE DEMANDE AUJOURD'HUI!
APPLY TODAY!



Date limite: 31 mai 2023 / Deadline: May 31st 2023 jcfmontreal.org/grants/scholarships