# **Shabbat Bulletin**

ה תמוז התשפ"ג שבת פרשת קרח **Shabbat Parshat Korach** June 23 - 24, 2023 / 5783

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### SHABBAT SHALOM • שלום ה

#### **Shabbat Parshat Korach**

Haftara: Shmuel Alef 11:14 - 12:22

#### Friday, June 23

6:30pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -Minyane Sépharade - Chapel 6:55pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat

- Main Sanctuary

7:09pm Plag Hamincha 8:29pm **Candle Lighting** 

Sh'kiah 8:47pm

#### Shabbat, June 24 / 5 Tamuz

8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan 8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary and Minyane Sépharade 9:02am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma 9:30am Youth Minyan - Youth Chapel **Kef Club Shabbat Programs** 9:30am for Kids - Lower Level

7:09pm Plag Hamincha

7:50pm Shiur with Rabbi Claman in the

Library - Letters from the Rambam

Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet

et Shiour - Minyane Sépharade Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet

and Maariv - Main Sanctuary

8:47pm Sh'kiah 9:45pm Havdala

#### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Please note that the TBDJ Office will be closed on Monday, June 26 for La Fête Nationale.

Mincha / Maariv: 8:30pm

8:15pm

8:20pm

Sunday and Monday (Fête Nationale): 8:00am Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

Thursday: 6:50am

Friday, June 30

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 18h30 Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 6:55pm

Plag Hamincha: 7:09pm Candle Lighting is at 8:29pm

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Kol Hakavod and Mazal Tov to all of TBDJ's students who are graduating this **summer!** For a full list of our graduates, go to Page Two of this bulletin.

Mazal Tov to Maxine & Stephen Jacobson and their family on the occasion of their granddaughter Ma'ayan Jehudit Dickman becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Monday, June 19 - Rosh Chodesh Tamuz - in New York. Proud parents are Elka & Eitan Dickman of Brooklyn, NY. Sharing in their simcha are Ma'ayan's sisters Leila and Yakira, her paternal grandmother Ilana Dickman and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to Bonnie & Alex Spira and their family on the wedding of their granddaughter Daphna Esther Spira to Eliyahu Levy on Thursday, June 15 in New Rochelle, NY. Proud parents are Dena Zyroff & Dan Spira of Sharon, Massachusetts and Dvora Levy and Rabbi Yamin & Afsanah Levy. Sharing in their simcha are many delighted siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Condolences to Alison & Daniel Gal and their family on the loss of Alison's beloved grandmother Albertine Mooallim z"l who passed away on Thursday, June 22. Funeral will take place at Paperman and Sons on Sunday, June 25 at 12:00pm.

#### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush for the Minyane Sépharade is sponsored by Amanda & David Ettedgui in memory of David's beloved uncle Emile Ettedgui z"l (Haim ben David v'Esther -9 Tamuz).

Kef Club's Kids' Kiddush is sponsored by Sarah & Ari Schwartz in honour of their daughter Liana's fifth birthday.

Seudah Shleesheet for the Main Sanctuary is sponsored by **Karen & Murray Vasilevsky** in memory of Murray's beloved parents Bessie & Samuel Vasilevsky z"l (Bashe Raizel bat Simcha David - 13 Sivan and Shmuel ben Yehoshua - 8 Tamuz).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by Reesa & Ephriam Kandelshein in memory of Ephriam's beloved father Morris Kandelshein z"l (Mordechai Yosef ben Simcha v'Hinda - 28 Sivan).

Rabbi Claman's Parsha Shiur on Shabbat Morning is sponsored by Shirley & Marvin Small in memory of their beloved son Tzvi Small z"l (Tzvi ben Moshe Reuven v'Sara -

Rabbi Claman's Lecture on What Ever Happened to The Ark? on Tuesday, June 27 is sponsored by Annie & Gerry Cartman in memory of Gerry's beloved father Sol Cartman z"l (Shneur Zalman ben Mordechai HaLevi - 6 Tamuz).

#### UNVEILING

A MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF TBDJ MEMBER

ELCA PENCER TARAS Z"L חיה עלקא בת אברהם ומרים ז"ל

WILL BE UNVEILED ON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 AT 12:00PM

IN THE TIFERETH JERUSALEM #3 SECTION (C-21) OF THE BARON DE HIRSCH CEMETERY ON DE LA SAVANE.

## Kol Hakavod and Mazal Tov to the following students who have graduated this spring!

#### CPE, KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Charles Assaraf, son of Melissa & Michael Assaraf, Solomon Schechter Academy

Abigail Yehoudit Benmergui, daughter of Jessica & Alex Benmergui, Hebrew Academy Elementary School

Valentine Livia Regina Cale, daughter of Michele & Brian Cale, Hebrew Academy Elementary School

Oliver Garber, son of Tova & Scott Garber and grandson of Nadine & Benny Lieberman and great-grandson of Susan Lieberman, Hebrew Academy Elementary School

Ethan Gobert, son of Lyndia & Quentin Gobert, Azrieli Talmud Torah

Emma Greenspon, granddaughter of Malvina Greenspon, Royal Vale Elementary School

Carly Michelle Gross, granddaughter of Keila & Billy Finkelstein, Westpark Elementary School

Amiella Rae Koifman, granddaughter of Keila & Billy Finkelstein, CPE Narnia

Tobias Lieberman, son of Chaya & Lorne Lieberman and grandson of Susan Lieberman, Hebrew Academy Elementary School

Noa Ludvig, daughter of Keren & Jason Ludvig and granddaughter of Eva & Abe Ludvig, Hebrew Academy Kindergarten

Shia Ludvig, son of Keren & Jason Ludvig and grandson of Eva & Abe Ludvig, Hebrew Academy Elementary School

Hallel Spitzer, daughter of Avi Spitzer, Hebrew Academy Elementary School

Isaac Samuel Tamarchak, grandson of Joan & Harold Lackman, Posluns Education Centre, Associated Hebrew Schools, Toronto

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Lieba Bacher-Spitzer, daughter of Avi Spitzer, Bialik High School

Daniel Dahan, son of Leah & Michael Dahan, Hebrew Academy High School

Leila Dickman, granddaughter of Maxine & Stephen Jacobson, Midwood High School at Brooklyn College, New York

Reuven Drazin, son of Aviva & Ami Drazin and grandson of Baila Aspler and Ruth Drazin, Hebrew Academy High School

Raphaëlla Etienne-Krief, daughter of Michaëlla & Guilad Krief and granddaughter of Natania Etienne, Royal West Academy

Max Grossman, son of Rabbi Eric & Karynne Grossman, Hebrew Academy High School

Emma Israel, daughter of Elizabeth & Meir Israel, Hebrew Academy High School

Sadie Jenna Jacobson, daughter of Ronit & Avi Jacobson and granddaughter of Rachel & Issie Shanfield and Maxine & Stephen Jacobson, Bialik High School

Avi Paul Kalin, grandson of Pearl Orenstein, Herzliah High School

Tali Sarah Kalin, granddaughter of Pearl Orenstein, Herzliah High School

Charlotte Anne Kanee, granddaughter of Bea & Hershie Schachter, Robbins Hebrew Academy, Toronto

Eryn Margolese, daughter of Tanya & Howard Margolese and granddaughter of Haviva & Brian Smith, Bialik High School

Jacob Rabinovitch, son of Jennifer & Daniel Rabinovitch, Hebrew Academy High School

Liela Silbiger, daughter of Jacqui & Michael Silbiger and granddaughter of Gerti Silbiger, Hebrew Academy High School

Ashley Steinberg, daughter of Jennifer & Jeffrey Steinberg, Hebrew Academy High School

Zachary Steinberg, son of Jennifer & Jeffrey Steinberg, Bialik High School

Pailey Vas, granddaughter of Mary Vas, Hebrew Academy High School

#### **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY**

Jack Baranoff, grandson of Malvina Greenspon, Diploma of Collegial Studies - Commerce, Marianopolis College
Chagit Bender, daughter of Reverend Amiel & Cheryl Bender, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Touro University, New York
Dr. Uri Bender, son of Reverend Amiel & Cheryl Bender, Residency in Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University
Roey Borsteinas, son of Vera & Mark Potechin, Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering, McGill University
Tziona Chernoff, granddaughter of Maxine & Stephen Jacobson, Master's in Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education,
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Noa Drazin, daughter of Aviva & Ami Drazin and granddaughter of Baila Aspler and Ruth Drazin, Bachelor of Arts in Speech Therapy, Stern College, New York

Doni Herskowitz, son-in-law of Aviva & Ami Drazin, Juris Doctor, New York University School of Law, New York

Sarah Jacobson, daughter of Natasha & Morris Jacobson and granddaughter of Maxine & Stephen Jacobson, Diploma of Collegial Studies - Science, Dawson College

Raquel Lazarowitz, daughter of Ruth & Steven Lazarowitz and granddaughter of Mona Lazarowitz, Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Science - Occupational Therapy, McGill University

Maayan Levy, daughter of Jordana & Morrie Levy and granddaughter of Judy & Gary Pekofsky, Master of Arts in Special Education, Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University, New York

Jason Moschella, PhD in Management - Accounting Specialization, Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill University Gita Margolese, daughter of Tanya & Howard Margolese and granddaughter of Haviva & Brian Smith, Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Science - Occupational Therapy, McGill University

Alexia Rena Rachel Skierka, daughter of Lorette & Peter Skierka, Diplome d'études collégiales - Commerce, Dawson College Dr. Rachelle Zipper, daughter of Marla & Richard Zipper and granddaughter of Shelley & Michael Goodwin and Esther Zipper & Harry Klumak, Residency in Pediatric Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York

#### Minyanim and Kaddish

It is a community within a community. The daily minyan is a vibrant venue where friendships are formed through prayer, through camaraderie in mourning and more. There is pre-minyan, post minyan and even *in-minyan* banter. The daily minyan is a place to catch up on community, city and world news, sports, politics, Israel and more. Early Monday morning conversations at TBDJ during the NFL season are intensely analytical among the NFL fans as our long-distance NFL coaches offer their postmortems on Sunday's games. There is a wonderful measure of humour and jokes are friendly and tactfully passed around along with friendly "ribs" among members of the minyan.

The davening is meaningful and enjoyable, and atmosphere is relaxed. Conflict is non-existent. One touchy subject is the air conditioner and the temperature in the room during the summer months. Some like it cooler than others. As the person who is responsible for the air conditioning remote control, I joke that the most difficult among my responsibilities in shul is to keep everyone "temperature happy."

In Tehillim Chapter 100, we read the words: עבדו את ה' בשמחה - Serve the Lord with joy. In fact, TBDJ's minyanim are venues where serving Hashem with joy and purpose is a given. We take care to welcome newcomers and we make phone calls about our regulars who for some reason miss a few days. Besides the learning of our sages which teaches that ten men are necessary for a minyan, I like to think that Hashem channeled the idea of ten men for a minyan with a purpose: Hashem wants to see people of different observant denominations mixing with each other as we rise to offer our prayers on a higher level of holiness which is only possible with a minyan. Hashem wants the people to join in joy and purpose as they pray together as one unit.

Rabbi Shmuel Kogen has written an online article about the importance of any Jew participating in and completing a minyan: *Upon pondering this concept for a moment, one comes to realize a great truth: the power of each individual Jew. There can be a group of nine of the greatest Jews, men who complete all of the commandments and understand the depths of the Torah's secrets, yet they do not have the ability to complete a minyan on their own. However, add to the group the simplest Jew, someone who perhaps cannot properly read his prayer, nor does he really understand what he is saying, yet when he walks into the room he has now transformed to entire group and made them complete - a minyan. It is because of him that they are now able to recite those parts of the prayer that can be read only with a minyan. Never underestimate the potential of the individual Jew.* 

Where does the idea of the minyan come from? In last week's Torah portion, Shlach, we read that Moshe Rabeinu sent twelve spies to scout the Land of Canaan. Ten of them returned and issued a report concluding that it was not a conquerable land. Hashem was disappointed with their lack of faith in His abilities. Hashem asked Moshe and Aaron: How long for this evil assembly - עדה - that provokes complaints against me? (Bamidbar 14:27). From this verse our sages learned that an assembly - an עדה - is comprised of ten men because the evil assembly were the ten spies who spoke badly of the Land of Canaan. Our sages utilized a method of biblical exegesis known as Gezeirah Shavah, wherein two verses with identical terminology are compared to each other, where similar words in different contexts clarify each other. In Vayikra 22:32 Hashem says: I shall be sanctified amidst - בתוך - the children of Israel. This verse in Vayikra is matched up to another verse which is found in this week's Torah portion, Korach. Hashem tells Moshe to separate from Korach's assembly: Remove yourselves from amidst - מתוך - this assembly... (Bamidbar 16:21) The Gezeirah Shavah teaches us that an assembly must be present when Hashem is being sanctified. We need a minyan to sanctify Hashem on a higher level in our prayers. Such sanctification in our prayers is the recitation of Kaddish, Kedushah and Barchu, or the public reading of the Torah.

Indeed, the magic number of ten minyannaires is essential. We need a minyan for those who are saying Kaddish. Our minyanim are essential for our mourners who come to say this Mourner's Prayer. Over the

years I have learned - and sadly from personal experience - that Kaddish minyan camaraderie is an uplifting boost for our mourners who need it the most. It is of great importance for a mourner to stand and say Kaddish among other mourners in an inviting and relaxed environment where there is comfort and support. A relationship develops not only between the mourner and the members of the minyan but between the mourners themselves. Our mourners divide the privilege of leading the services and they cover Kaddishs' for each other when for some reason one of them cannot make it to shul. It is common for mourners to discuss when the recitation of Kaddish for their beloved is completing, how many more months, weeks, or days until they will complete their Kaddish. They share anecdotes about saying Kaddish under dire circumstances, in different venues and at times when they made it just in time to a minyan to catch a Kaddish. A group of mourners once came up with the term "Kaddish stress" relating to the sometimes-difficult challenge of getting absolutely every Kaddish said over the term of mourning.

Kaddish is significant in many ways. Here is an idea from the late Rabbi Maurice Lamm which demonstrates the importance of saying Kaddish: Indeed, the rabbis declare that one is obligated to honor parents in death as well as in life. The Kaddish is the verbal demonstration of the deep and abiding honor that Jews were bidden to give parents since the day the fifth commandment was pronounced on Sinai. The very duration of the Kaddish recitation for parents is ample testimony to that respect. Because the wicked soul is said to undergo judgment for a full year, the child, in reverence for his parent, ends the Kaddish at eleven months, bearing witness, in one month's eloquent silence, to the goodness of those who bore him.

Rabbi Lamm cited an enlightening story from Rabbi Akiva in his article: The fundamental and most frequently recorded incident regarding Kaddish is the mystical vision of the great sage, Rabbi Akiva. This incident is found in numerous sources the Talmud, Midrash, Zohar, and other literary works, which attests to its wide acceptance and its popularity. Rabbi Akiva had a vision of a well-known sinner who had died and was condemned to intolerable punishment. The sinner informed the rabbi in the vision that only if his surviving son would recite Borchu and Kaddish would he be redeemed. The rabbi proceeded to teach the youngster these prayers. When the youngster recited the Kaddish, he saved his father from perdition. The child endows the parent!

It has been touching and heartwarming to be able to assist Kaddish sayers and to witness their in-minyan Kaddish-saying experiences. Years ago, there was a gentleman who attended the early morning minyan at Beth Ora to say kaddish for his late mother. On the last day of the kaddish towards the end of the service he called me over. "This is the last kaddish" he told me. I stood by him as he intoned the words of the holy prayer and answered with my amens. Upon completing his final kaddish, he blew a kiss to the heavens, a farewell Kaddish kiss, symbolising his connection to his late mother and his performing his final ritual rite for her.

Rabbi Lamm concluded his article with the following message about the spirit and influence of the deceased as well as the continuity of our people which is supported by the recitation of Kaddish: When death stalks our homes it brings an end to physical life. The current is cut off. That is all. But the spirit is mightier than the grave. The thoughts and emotions, the ideals and attitudes of the heirs attest to the undying influence of the dead. The recitation of the Kaddish is a public demonstration that a parent's life was not lived without furthering, in some sense, the cause of the good. It is no exaggeration to say that the spiritual hands clasp of the Kaddish has helped assure the continued survival of the Jewish people, the Jewish religion, the synagogue, and its major institutions.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel





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