

SHABBAT BULLETIN

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Shabbat Parshat Lech Lecha
Haftara: Yeshayahu 40:27 - 41:16

This Shabbat, Rabbi Eric Grossman gives the morning Parsha Shiur and Drasha in the Main Sanctuary.

Friday, October 27

- 5:25pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat - Minyane Sépharade
- 5:31pm Candle Lighting
- 5:35pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - Library
- 5:50pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, October 28 / 13 Cheshvan

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:30am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Eric Grossman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 9:30am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for Kids - Lower Level
- Please note that there are no "Zone" programs this Shabbat.**
- 9:30am Youth Minyan - Lower Social Hall
- 10:03am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma
- 4:43pm Plag Hamincha
- 5:05pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet et Shiour - Minyane Sépharade
- 5:25pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 5:48pm Sh'kiah
- 6:33pm Havdala

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha / Maariv: 5:25pm

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

Friday, November 3

Mincha - Minyane Sépharade: 17h15

Candle Lighting is at 5:21pm

Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 5:25pm

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



מי שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב הוא יברך את חילי צבא הגנה לישראל העומדים על משמר ארצנו וערי אלהינו. מן הלבנון ועד מדבר מצרים ומן הים הגדול עד לבוא הערבה ביבשה באויר ובנים. יתן ה' את אויבינו הקמים עלינו נגפים לפניהם. הקדוש ברוך הוא ישמר ויצייל את חילינו מכל צרה וצוקה ומכל נגע ומחלה וישלח ברכה והצלחה בכל מעשה ידיהם. ידבר שונאינו תחמיקם ויעטרים בכתר ישועה וברעטרת נצחון ויקים בהם הכתוב: כי ה' אלהיהם ההלך עמם להלחם להם עם אויביהם להושיע אתהם נאמר אמן

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Sari Newman** and her family on the occasion of her grandson Michael Oliver Newman becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Parshat Noach - October 21 - in Miami Beach, Florida. Proud parents are Erica & Ari Newman. Sharing in their simcha are Michael's great-grandmother Miriam Stern, his grandparents Perry Newman and Rita & Robert Galbut, his sisters Lillian, Eva and Bessie and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Condolences to **Brenda Urman Gewurz** and her family on the loss of her beloved husband TBDJ Member **Samuel Gewurz z"l** who passed away on Sunday, October 22. Brother-in-law of **Brian & Laurie Urman**. Funeral took place on Monday, October 23. Shiva continues until Sunday morning at 6 Applewood Rd., Hampstead H3X 3W6; 8:00am-2:00pm on Friday and 7:00pm-10:00pm on Saturday evening; Shacharit at 8:30am on Sunday.

Condolences to **Shelley Friedman Goodwin** and **Marla & Richard Zipper** and their families on the loss of beloved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather TBDJ Member **Michael S. Goodwin z"l** who passed away on Sunday, October 22. Funeral took place on Tuesday, October 24. Shiva continues until Sunday evening in the Reception Room at 5850 Marc Chagall Ave., Cote St. Luc H4W 3H2; 1:00pm-3:00pm on Friday, 7:00pm-9:00pm on Saturday, 2:00pm-4:00pm and 7:00pm-9:00pm on Sunday; Maariv at 7:30pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Condolences to **Pascale & Jack Hasen** and their family on the loss of Pascale's beloved mother Berouria Botbol Abessera z"l who passed away on Friday, October 27. Funeral scheduled for Friday, October 27 at 2:00pm. Shiva details to follow.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddouch et Seoudah Chleesheet pour le Minyane Sépharade est offert par **Olivia & Laurent Oiknine** le'ilouy nishmat Nissim ben Djamila z"l.

Seoudah Shleesheet for the Main Sanctuary is sponsored by **Talia & Naftoli Jacobs** in memory of Naftoli's beloved grandfather Rabbi Boruch Saks z"l (Boruch ben Dovid - 12 Cheshvan).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Annie & Gerry Cartman** in honour of Mark Eisenberg's special birthday "with our best wishes to you! Biz 120!"

TBDJ WATCH is the name of our new, in-house Emergency and Security Team - team members can be identified by their special badges. We are looking for more volunteers to take shifts during Shabbat or weekly davening times - if interested, please contact the office at 514-489-3841.



The Montreal Jewish Communities come together in

Prayer & Unity

for our brethren in Israel

Motzei Shabbat for the duration of the war.

8.00pm sharp: Musical Havdalla

Brief Remarks

Tehillim

Concluding by 8:40pm

At Kollel Torah MiTzion - The Lieberman Beit Midrash
5700 Kellert

security at entrance





BRING THEM HOME

RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 12:00 PM
 📍 VICTORIA SQUARE | 📍 SQUARE-VICTORIA - OACI

Calling on all Montrealers to come together to demand the immediate release of the 220 hostages—men, women, and children being held by Hamas. Together, let's pray and call on the world and our leaders to ensure the safe and immediate release of these hostages.

**HELP US
BRING THEM HOME!**





THURSDAY, NOV. 9 AT 7:30PM

FIGHT! FOR THE LOVE OF G-D:
A SHIUR ON
MILCHEMET MITZVAH

DELIVERED BY RABBI ZOLLY CLAMAN

A special shiur to commemorate the 11th yartzheit of
OSHER GOODMAN
 אשר בן שלום הכהן ז"ל
 Father and Father-in-law of Rachel & Judah Aspler

L'HISTOIRE DE LA FAMILLE CYTRYN RACONTÉE À TRAVERS LEURS LETTRES
THE STORY OF THE CYTRYN FAMILY TOLD THROUGH THEIR LETTERS



Musée Holocauste Montréal
Montreal Holocaust Museum

LE 85^e ANNIVERSAIRE DE
THE 85th ANNIVERSARY OF
KRISTALLNACHT

9 NOV | 19H00 | AU MUSÉE
5151 chemin Ste Catherine Rd
NOV 9 | 7 PM | AT THE MUSEUM



on the basis of a decision
of the Bundestag

WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY SUPPORTED BY THE
 FOUNDATION REMEMBRANCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND FUTURE AND BY THE GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE





Join us for an evening of

Learning, Music, and

Prayer

in honour of the Yahrtzeit of

RACHEL

IMMENU

Facilitated by Danielle Weinberg and Tamar Yechieli,

music with Shirly Arnstein

In this event we will be

launching project

“Mothers to Mothers”

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 PM

AT KTM-LIEBERMAN BEIT MIDRASH

5700 KELLERT

The event is for women only

Avraham Avinu - A Pioneer of Jewish Outreach

**אתה הוא ה' האלקים אשר בחרת באברם והוצאתו מאור כשדים ושמת שמו
באברהם ומצאת את לבו כאמן לפניך**

***It is You, Hashem the G-d, Who selected Avram, brought him out
of Ur Kasdim and made his name Abraham. You found his heart
faithful before you...***

(Nechemiah 9:7-8)

We read the above words in our Shacharit prayers every morning where we are reminded that Judaism started with one person who was selected by Hashem to be the father of our faith: Avraham Avinu. This is the focus of the opening verses of Parashat Lech Lecha which we read this Shabbos where Hashem promises Avram blessings and that he will make him a great nation.

At the end of last week's Torah portion Noach, we read that Avram's father Terach took him and his family towards the land of Canaan. Terach died on the way, and in the beginning of this week's Torah portion, Lech Lecha, Hashem appears to Avram and commands him to continue the journey *to the land that I will show you* - Eretz Yisrael. The Torah tells us that Avram married Sarai and that they joined Terach on their journey from Ur Kasdim, but doesn't tell us why Avram merited to be the chosen recipient of Hashem's attention and prophecies and, in short, the first Jew and father of our nation.

I am privileged to be able to share one of my late great-grandfather's thoughts on Parashat Lech Lecha in my message this week. Harav Yehoshua Halevi Zambrowsky z"l asked the following question: *In the beginning of the portion Hashem tells Avram that He will make him a great nation and that he will bless him. At this point the Torah doesn't yet tell us if Avram was a Tzaddik, a Chassid, or a person who was wholesome with Hashem. This is something that we don't find in the Torah. Noach is written in the Torah as a righteous person, and this merited him to survive his evil generation. Yaakov Avinu is described in the Torah as a wholesome person who spent his time in the study hall and merited to be one of our patriarchs. Why didn't the Torah tell us about Avram's merits and good deeds that would enable us to understand why he was chosen to be the father of our faith? Avram was chosen to be the first Jew and the father of our nation and there are no descriptive qualities written about him in the Torah. Why didn't the Torah say even one word in praise of Avram?*

Though space limitations here do not allow me to detail his lengthy answer, Harav Yehoshua mentions that later on in the portion, Malchitzedek, the king of Shalem, blessed Avram: *Blessed is Avram, of G-d, the Most High, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And blessed is G-d, the Most High, Who has delivered your foes into your hand;* (Breisheet 14:20,21). These blessings were obviously given due to Avram's virtues which are highlighted in the way he conducted himself.

Ramban wrote that Hashem did indeed pick Avram because of his good deeds but explains that the Torah does not speak of Avram's good deeds because, at his chosen time, he was the only one who publicized the idea of monotheism and faith in Hashem, and it was up to him to shatter the idea of idolatry that was an accepted form of worship among the people. If the Torah wanted to explain how Avram attracted Hashem's attention, the Torah would have also had to write about the different ideas of idolatry and why they didn't apply to Avram's thinking and belief, and focusing on different forms of idolatry is not what our holy Torah is about.

Hashem was setting an example for all of us with the choice of Avraham. Rav Aharon Lichtenstein wrote that *we can see expressions of Avraham's kindness in the two facets of his personality, in the practical as well as in the spiritual sphere. He serves and fears G-d and, as a practical man, he spreads G-d's name far and wide wherever he travels. He remains a humble, modest person despite his material wealth, and tries to influence his surroundings without expectation of any personal gain.* In Pirkei Avot (1:15) we learn the words of Shammai: *...say little and do much.* Avraham Avinu was a humble and an accomplished doer. People like Avraham don't need accolades or fame. Maybe that is why Hashem chose a person with Avraham's character traits while not mentioning them in the Torah – to teach humility to us, even at the

highest level of leadership and accomplishment.

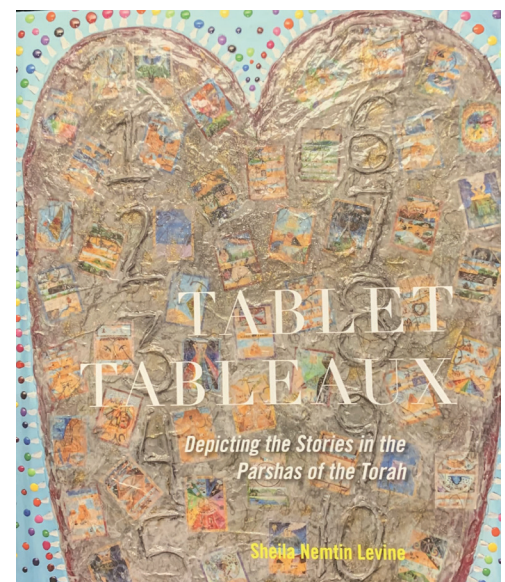
As the first Jew, Avraham Avinu became the pioneer of practicing what is commonly known in our synagogues and organizational circles as *outreach*. Avraham was a man of action who spread the word of monotheism near and far. He actively broke idols that were worshipped by the people of his society and vigorously spread his view that the only being worthy of worship was Hashem, that all should destroy the other forms they worshipped, so that others do not make the mistake of following them. Avraham, through his hospitality, brought people closer to Hashem. He loved his guests and took care of their needs, relating to them with true concern and escorting them when they left. He also taught them about Hashem and encouraged them to bless and thank Him for the food and drink that was given them. When Avraham was circumcised, he took care to have all the members of his household circumcised as well.

Jewish outreach is practiced in many ways and a rich variety of events, classes, and activities are geared to bring people into shuls and Jewish organizations. This past week I witnessed a unique form of Jewish outreach through Jewish art. I had the privilege to attend an extraordinary opening night VIP exhibition at Congregation Beth Tikvah on the West Island. This exhibit, truly one of a kind, depicts our fifty-four Torah portions in fifty-four paintings rich with colour, interpretation, messages, and ideas. The accomplished artist, Montreal's very own Sheila Nemtin Levine, spent seven years bringing her labour of love - her ideas and ingenuity for the most incredible portrayal of Torah through art - to eyes that will take in and enjoy the rich detail of our holy Torah's text, stories, and even commentary with utter amazement. As someone who has been learning Torah ever since I can remember and leining the Torah for the community for most of my thirty-three years as clergy in the city, I was stunned into speechless admiration for this not to be missed exhibit. As the artist guided us through a tour of her work, there was much interest expressed through the questions of her guests. The questions were for many, the beginning of a thirst for Torah knowledge, to understand the concepts and ideas in the paintings, to go beyond the paintings to the source – to the Torah. This exhibit is a wonderful eye-opener to a unique pictorial depiction of Torah, and you can bring this exhibit home in a beautiful hard cover book published by the artist. The exhibit continues at Beth Tikvah until November 1st and will display at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue from November 6-8. Accompanying these canvasses is an audio guide which is available with the purchase of the book. While viewing the exhibit in person it is advised to bring a smartphone and headphones to access the audio musically accompanied commentary.

And finally... I experienced a milestone in my outreach this past week! I began to teach the son of a former Bar Mitzvah student - my first 2nd-generation student! I may be getting old, or... my former student had children at a young age... your call!

Shabbat Shalom,

Reu. Amiel





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COMMUNITY
SECURITY
NETWORK

Community safety has always been a top priority for Federation CJA, but our role has significantly expanded in recent years with the increase of antisemitic incidents and violent hate crimes both worldwide and close to home. **Our Jewish community has prioritized our safety**, ensuring that Jewish life in our institutions, synagogues, and Jewish day schools can continue to operate with a sense of security and normalcy.

The **Community Security Network (CSN)** was created four years ago for these exact reasons. Federation CJA is able to deal effectively with the current rise of antisemitism in our own backyard. Our CSN has served as a **point of contact for critical incident coordination, information and intelligence sharing, as well as safety and security training**. In partnership with experts in the field and over 33 local Jewish institutions, we have developed best practices to enhance the safety, security, and resilience of our schools, synagogues, and agencies.

The **CSN volunteer program** has been training community volunteers to **act as the eyes and ears of our community**. Both the war in Israel and the recent spike in antisemitism has shown just how important community volunteers are in such situations.

We are looking for volunteers to join our Community Security Network!
To become a member, please note the following commitments:

- **8-WEEK MANDATORY TRAINING COURSE THAT MEETS ONCE A WEEK**
- **TRAINING SESSIONS TWICE PER MONTH**
- **SECURITY SHIFTS TWICE PER MONTH**

We understand that this is a big commitment. Especially now with Israel at war, but also in our everyday lives as Jews when things are not as tense. We are grateful to have this dynamic team protecting the Montreal Jewish community and empowering us to be proactive about our own safety. Nobody knows our community institutions better than its members, so who better to secure them than you?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT JOINING THE CSN, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY RESPONDING TO THIS EMAIL.

Thank you!

For more information, please email Coby Dykler at

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