

Shabbat Parshat Va'yeishev
Second Day of Chanuka
December 8 - 9, 2023 / 26 Kislev 5784

שבת פרשת וישב
ב' דחנוכה
כו כסלו התשפ"ד

SHABBAT BULLETIN

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בעזרת ה'
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נמצא

TBDJ Welcomes Special Guest Ronit Glaser, MDA Paramedic from Israel
Chanukah 5784: Friday, December 8 to Friday, December 15
Rosh Chodesh Tevet is on Wednesday, December 13.
Molad is on Tuesday, December 12 at 8:01pm and 3 chalakim.



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Haftara: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

Friday, December 8

3:16pm Plag Hamincha
3:35pm Mincha et Kabbalat Chabat -
Minyane Sépharade - Lower
Level Chapel
3:53pm Candle Lighting
3:55pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat -
Main Sanctuary
4:11pm Shkiah

Shabbat, December 9 / 26 Kislev

8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
8:30am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade
8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman
9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
9:30am Kef Club Shabbat Programs
9:30am Youth Minyan - Youth Lounge
9:35am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma
10:15am The Zone - Kids in Gr. 1-3 - Library
10:45am The Zone - Kids in Gr. 4-6 - Library
3:16pm Plag Hamincha
3:30pm Bnei Akiva Walking Group
leaves TBDJ for HA - pick up
after Shabbat
3:30pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet et
Shiour - Minyane Sépharade
3:50pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
5:01pm Havdala

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Erica & Zac Grunstein** and to **Rohna Sonnenschein Grunstein** on the birth of a daughter and granddaughter on Tuesday, December 5. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's big brother Harry, her maternal grandparents Chani & David Friedman, her great grandparents Rose & Joseph Grunstein and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time is Zac's beloved father Harry Grunstein z"l and his beloved grandparents Terry & Joseph Sonnenschein z"l.

Condolences to **Rhoda Margolick Wise** and her family on the loss of her beloved brother Lionel Margolick z"l who passed away on Friday, December 1. Husband of Naomi Silverman. Funeral took place on Monday, December 4. Shiva has been observed.

Condolences to **Elizabeth & Meir Israel** and their family on the loss of Meir's beloved grandmother Rosa Garzon Israel z"l who passed away on Tuesday, December 5. Wife of the late Miguel Meir Israel z"l. Funeral took place on Thursday, December 7. Shiva continues at 118 Finchley, Hampstead H3X 3A2 until Wednesday, December 13; Mincha / Arvit at 15h50.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush in the Hashkama Minyan is sponsored by **Susan & Ron Schondorf** and by **Rena Schondorf** in memory of Ron's beloved aunt and Rena's beloved sister Tola Leinkram Wehrman z"l (21 Kislev) and in memory Ron's beloved father and Rena's beloved husband Mayer Schondorf z"l (Yisrael Meir ben Yechezkel Shraga HaLevi - 30 Kislev).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Michaela & Guilad Krief** in memory of Guilad's beloved mother Tamara Yunessi-Krief z"l (Tamara bat Yonatan v'Esther - 1 Tevet).

Rabbi Claman's Parsha of the Week *Lunch and Learn* Program on Wednesday, December 13 is sponsored by **Maxine & Stephen Jacobson** in memory of Maxine's beloved mother Sadie Neamtan z"l (Chaya Sara bat Avrum Mordechai - 1 Tevet).

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha / Maariv: 3:55pm

We begin saying "v'ten tal umatar livracha"
in the weekday Amidah from Maariv on
December 4 until Pesach.

Shacharit during Chanuka

Sunday: 7:45am

Monday to Friday: 6:45am

Friday, December 15

Mincha - Minyane Sépharade: 15h40

Candle Lighting is at 3:53pm

Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 3:55pm

Sh'kiah: 4:12pm

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

THIS SHABBAT, TBDJ WELCOMES SPECIAL GUEST RONIT GLASER

Ronit is a Magen David Adom Medic in Israel and a 101 Emergency Call Dispatcher. She was on duty on October 7th when terrorist hordes attacked southern Israel and emergency calls began flooding MDA's call centres. Ronit was instrumental in saving lives that day, responding to dozens of emergency calls and guiding ambulance teams to treat the wounded. She will be sharing her story with us on Shabbat morning.



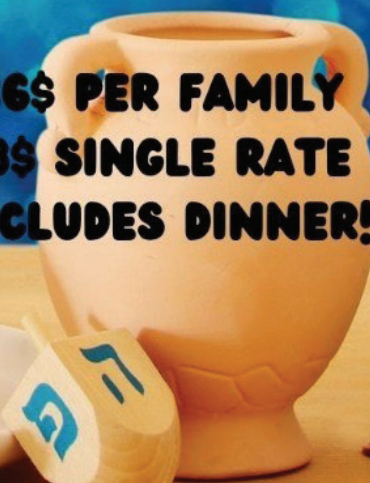


Chanukah Crafts & Chesed Fair for Israel!

**JOIN KEF CLUB & BNEI AKIVA FOR
CANDLE LIGHTING, CHANUKAH TREATS
AND BOUNCY CASTLES , AS WE DO
ACTS OF CHESED FOR ISRAEL AND
ENJOY CHANUKAH CRAFTS!**

**Wednesday, Dec 13
5-7pm at TBDJ**

**36\$ PER FAMILY
18\$ SINGLE RATE
INCLUDES DINNER!**



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THURSDAY NIGHT, DEC 14TH
8:00 PM



8TH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH
זאת חנוכה

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Charitable donations for 2023 must be submitted by the
end of day on Wednesday, December 27.***

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Sharing the Flame

Is there anything like the flame of the Chanukah candle? This fragile little flame which is so vulnerable and may be extinguished at any moment, is at the same time, strong and magnificent as well. In my opinion, one of Hashem's finest creations! One small fragile wick gives light to and spiritually warms up the room. In our part of the world the beauty of this small flame stands in contrast to, and I dare say, helps us deal with the physical chill of our Canadian winter which annually coincides with this holiday season.

Kindling the Chanukah candles is an easy mitzvah to perform. Set up your Chanukiah, arrange your candles and strike a match. The candles burn serenely and quietly with their soft glow, and they are an impressive yet an unimposing presence in the room all at once. While the flames of our Shabbos candles symbolize שלום בית - peace in the home, the flames of our Chanukah candles symbolize the perseverance of our nation. There is unity in the candles as their flames come together on our chanukiot and from the first night of this glorious holiday - the Shamash plus candle #1 - there is never a candle that stands alone. The unity gets stronger with each succeeding night as more candles are lit by the Shamash and a stronger light, fills the room. In general, the Chanukah candles teach us of our nation's strength and unity as a nation. Similarly, there is unity in the way that we light the Chanukah candles as everyone lights Chanukah candles the same way - irrespective of their level of Jewish observance. Sadly, our nation was lacking this unity as of late and following a conflict-ridden year in our nation's history, unfortunate circumstances have closed the divide within of our people as, similarly to the way the Chanukah flames glow in harmony, we unite once again as a nation, through the tensions and sorrows of war.

The Shamash which is used to kindle the candles teaches us about the uniqueness of the Chanukah - and for that matter any - flame in that it will unselfishly give of itself to the other candles on the Chanukiah without diminishing its own flame in any way. There are lessons to be learned from the noble job of the Shamash. One lesson is to unselfishly give of ourselves without considering the cost of our efforts as there are times when a mitzvah is at hand, and we consider it an inconvenience or, that performing the mitzvah will result in a loss to ourselves. The words of Pirkei Avot 2:1 encourage us to concentrate on the power of the mitzvah and not the loss: *Consider the loss of a mitzvah against its reward...* Indeed, our Rabbis teach that the reward for the mitzvah is so much greater than a possible loss. Years ago, I had an 8:00 AM doctors' appointment on busy Cote Des Neiges. Following morning services at Congregation Beth Ora in St. Laurent, I quickly drove to my appointment knowing that I would probably be late because I would not find a good parking place. Wonder of wonders! I found a parking place right outside the building at 7:55 PM! As I straightened out the car in the coveted parking place, I heard a knock on the front passenger window. I turned to see an older woman standing outside motioning for me to open the window. She asked me to help her: *I was in the emergency room all night and I am so tired, could you please drive me home?* I knew that if I took the woman, I would lose my parking place and then it would be impossible to find another one in the vicinity of the doctors' office. I respectfully told her that I had a doctor's appointment that I had waited a long time for and that if I took her, I would possibly be late and even miss the appointment. The woman continued her plea: *Please, I am a two-minute ride from here...* I told her to join me in the car and I drove her home. It was a very short ride. Following the drop off, I quickly returned to my appointment knowing that I would have to circle the medical building for a good 15 minutes if I was lucky enough to find any parking, when, lo and behold... my original parking place was still available! While I was happy that I could perform the mitzvah by taking the woman to her home, I realized at that moment that Hashem was either rewarding me for performing the mitzvah and risking the loss of my appointment my good deed, or that Hashem was scolding me: *You considered not helping this tired older woman by taking her home... here is your coveted parking place! Feel guilty about your poor thinking priorities! Next time I won't be so generous... I learned a lot from that small episode that morning.*

Regarding the importance of performing a mitzvah in the proper way, we learn further from the Mishnah from which words were cited above:

Rebbe says: Which is a straight path that a person should choose? One that is both praiseworthy - harmonious - for the doer and praiseworthy - harmonious - from other people... And calculate the cost of a Mitzvah against its reward, and the reward of a sin against its cost. (Pirkei Avot 2:1)

We are presently celebrating the holiday of Chanukah. The Divrei Bina, Rabbi Yitzchok Yaakov Rabinowicz (d.1905) connected this Mishnah with a beautiful verse from the book of Proverbs which talks about the significance of the candle:

"The soul of man is the candle of G-d, searching all his innermost being" (Mishlei 20:27)

The Divrei Bina wrote:

It is written: "The soul of man is the candle of G-d, searching all his innermost being", i.e. just like for one who goes to a dark place and takes out a candle to illuminate it, so too the candle of G-d. For a mitzvah is a candle. In truth, a mitzvah is like a candle which illuminates a man... This is the meaning of "Whatever is harmonious" - Tiferet - for the one who does it", that the mitzvah becomes harmonious and beautiful through its' doer. And through this - "and harmonious to other people", that he rouses others also to do the mitzvah and inspires inside them a desire for Torah and Mitzvot.

The Divrei Bina is teaching us that the person who performs a mitzvah with the proper intent and gives beauty to the mitzvah, has the potential to influence others. This person, through his deeds, kindles the inspiration within others to perform mitzvot. This is the power of the Shamash which lights our Chanukah candles as it harmoniously gives of its light to the other candles.

The Shamash... I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a member of our community who was honoured at TBDJ this past Sunday. Mrs. Linda Lehrer served as the executive Director of Hebrew Academy for 36 years. With extreme Derech Eretz and promoting the schools' ideals of גמילות חסדים and אהבת תורה, אהבת ארץ ישראל, Linda shared the flame of Yiddishkeit, her vision for the school and her enthusiasm with all who came through Hebrew Academy's portals: Executive and board members, parents, teachers, dignitaries, donors, visitors from other countries, and last but not least she shared her empathy and love with the students. Linda was the Shamash for Jewish education in greater Montreal, as she kindled the working enthusiasm and goodwill of her many colleagues in building and developing a school which has become a prominent institution in North America. All this, without diminishing her own light and without compromising any of her own work, always completing her work with devotion and excellence.

We should all aspire to be Shamashim, to share our light through performing mitzvot and acts of kindness. This Chanukah let us aspire to unselfishly share our light with those around us and to understand and realize that the sharing of our light with others comes at no cost to us and it will not diminish our own light.

Our nation has suffered greatly in the past two months. Lighting the Chanukah candles are the soul of Chanukah. This year as we remember the precious קדושים - the holy souls of our people recently lost; the candles may also remind us that... *The soul of man is the candle of G-d.* Our martyrs are shining brightly in the ultimate menorah of the שכינה - Hashem's presence. As we perform the beautiful and meaningful mitzvah of נרות חנוכה, let us pray and comfort ourselves with the words of salvation that we recite during the holiday: בימים ההם בזמן הזה - may we merit Hashem's miracles now as we did at the time of the Chanukah miracles...

Shabbat Shalom, Chanukah Sameach, and may our hostages continue to return home, please G-d safe and sound...

Rev. Amiel



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PARASHAT VAYESHEV

DEC 9TH 4PM

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