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SHABBAT BULLETIN

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Shabbat Parshat Ki Tisa

Haftara: Melachim Alef 18:1 - 18:39

Friday, March 1

- 4:33pm Plag Hamincha
- 5:20pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -
Minyane Sépharade
- Lower Level Chapel
- 5:24pm Candle Lighting
- 5:25pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
- Library
- 5:43pm Shkiah

Shabbat, March 2 / 22 Adar Alef

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:30am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur
with Rabbi Claman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 9:18am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma
- 9:30am Kef Club Shabbat Programs
- Lower Level Youth Rooms
- 9:30am Youth Minyan - Youth Lounge
No "Zone for Kids" in the library this Shabbat.
- 4:34pm Plag Hamincha
- 5:00pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet et
Shiour - Minyane Sépharade
- 5:20pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 5:44pm Shkiah
- 6:28pm Havdala

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha / Maariv: 5:30pm

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

Friday, March 8

Mincha - Minyane Sépharade: 17h30

Candle Lighting is at 5:34pm

Mincha - Library: 5:35pm

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Hessa & Donald S. Davis** and their family on the upcoming wedding of their grandson Yair Amitai Haber to Shira Habshush in Israel on Tuesday, March 5. Delighted parents are Adeena & Marc Haber of Efrat and Yokda & Shalom Habshush of Mercaz Shapira.

Mazal Tov to **Karen & Lionel Dubrofsky** on the birth of a grandson on Sunday, February 25 in Toronto. Proud parents are Lisa & Jordan Korenzvit. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's sister Charlotte Frances, his paternal grandparents Bonnie & Igor Korenzvit and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are Lisa's grandparents Dora & Allan Korzinstone z"l and Frances & Reuben Dubrofsky z"l.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush for the Minyane Sépharade is sponsored by **Lyndia & Quentin Gobert** "with heartfelt gratitude to the TBDJ Community for welcoming Ethan as a Bar Mitzvah."

Seudah Shleesheet for the Minyane Sépharade is sponsored by **Judith & David Elmechaly** in memory of David's beloved father Meyer Elmechaly z"l (Meir ben Simha - 25 Adar Alef).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Joseph Mendel** and his family to mark the first yahrzeit for his beloved wife Anna Spiegel Mendel z"l (Chana bat Nachum v'Miriam - 17 Adar).



Weekly camaraderie,
lunch, and Parsha!

Lunch & Learn

with Rabbi Claman

WEDNESDAYS

Lunch at 11:30am

Class from 12:00-12:30pm



RAFFLE DRAW

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:00pm

**Ticket
\$136**

1st prize	\$4000
2nd prize	\$ 1800
3rd prize	\$ 1000
4th prize	\$ 500

Tickets can be purchased online
tbdj.org/raffle2024
or by calling the office 514-489-3841

A portion of the proceeds will go to Israel



Melava Malka with Survivors of October 7th



Please join TBDJ for a special opportunity as we host four survivors of the October 7th Massacre. Hear directly from them about their experiences and survival on the day that changed everything. Rotem Holin and Batia Holin of Kfar Aza, Assaf Artel of Kibbutz Assufim and Lior Shitrit who was at the Nova Festival will describe their experiences and share their stories. Come to this special Melava Malka to hear directly from them and as a show of solidarity.

Light refreshments will be served <> registration is required.

Register at TBDJ.org/specialmelavamalka

Motzei Shabbat March 9th @ 7:30 pm

At TBDJ - 6519 Baily Road



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SAVE THE DATE



Purim Seudah / Mishteh **ISRAEL** **STYLE**

SUNDAY | MARCH 24, 2024 | 5PM

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

COLLECTE DE SANG **BLOOD DRIVE**

3rd Annual TBDJ Blood Drive
Give from the Heart

En collaboration avec
In collaboration with



Mardi 12 mars - 13 h 30 à 19 h 30

Tuesday, March 12 from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - By appointment

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HÉMA-QUÉBEC

Parashat Ki Tisa: Spiritual Dividends

Our Torah portion opens with the donation of the half-shekel. In the desert, rich and poor alike were called upon to contribute a half-shekel each for the construction and the upkeep of the Mishkan. The status of our people was elevated by its contributions to these causes. The contribution of their half-shekel constituted an immediate spiritual dividend as their contribution went towards a holy cause and they were uplifted spiritually as they were counted as part of our holy nation.

Another purpose of the half-shekel was to take a census of the people. We learn that it was forbidden to count Jews in an ordinary manner, and that for the purpose of a census, the counting was done through the people contributing items which would then be counted and summing up the number of contributors.

It is certainly special to have the entire nation join in the contributions and it seems that our joining together in prayer and charity for Israel in contemporary times mirrors the dedication and unity of our ancestors in the desert.

The equal participation of each person donating a half-shekel symbolizes that everyone should share in achieving the nation's goals, and that everyone should pass through the census by giving up one's selfish needs and personal interests for the sake of the nation.

Another idea about the half-shekel is that it is an incomplete status of the denomination while a full shekel is a complete amount made up of two halves.

HaRav Moshe Alshich (1507-1600) cited the words of the author of the beautiful *Lecha Dodi* prayer HaRav Shlomo Alkabetz (1505-1584):

שמעתי שהוא להורות את בני ישראל יחס אחדותם, כל יעלה על לב איש מהם שהוא נפרד מחברו, כי אם כאילו כל אחד חצי, ובהתחברו עם כל אחד ואחד מישראל נעשה אחד שלם, על כן כל אחד יביא מחצית

I heard that this - the half-shekel - is to teach B'nei Israel the idea of unity, lest any one of them think that they are apart from their friend, because it is as if each one of them is a half, and when he connects with his counterpart in Israel, he becomes complete. Therefore, each person brings a half.

Thus, we learn that no one in Israel is complete when standing alone and the above words strengthen the idea of the social responsibility that we have for those around us. In Klal Yisrael the whole of the community must equal the sum of its parts. This is the strength of our people, togetherness - unity.

Indeed, when we symbolically give our half-shekel donations before Purim, we raise the half-shekel. While the idea of raising the coins is in accordance with the acceptance and sealing of a transaction, this simple gesture symbolizes that we are raising ourselves in spirituality, thereby attributing to this symbolic transaction a much higher value than what the money is worth, as this act serves to elevate ourselves. The half-shekels are spiritual dividends and in our materialistic world, it is refreshing to refer to a spiritual gain - an Avodat HaKodesh dividend, if you will - when using our money.

Using the term *spiritual dividends* which come our way through Avodat HaKodesh connects me to the dividends of my work in the shuls and in the Jewish day schools. While these dividends are not always immediately enjoyed and they are certainly not monetary ones, they are priceless, and I am fortunate that they are a part of my life. Here are a few examples of spiritual dividends which I was blessed with in the past few weeks:

Dividend One - At times it happens that I am in a classroom on the day of a student's *yahrzeit* for a grandparent or a great-grandparent. I know about these special memorial days because I have access to the TBDJ *yahrzeit* lists. Last week I was in a Grade One class at Hebrew

Academy, and it was the *yahrzeit* of a girl's great-grandmother. I dedicated the class to her memory, and I asked the children to repeat a memory dedication after me, word for word:

**לעילוי נשמת רבקה רחל בת מי-ירים
In memory of Rivka Rachel bat Meirim**

The class was on a Wednesday afternoon and at this class I always begin with a Parashat Shavua song followed by a Carlebach-style sing-song story about an idea from the Torah portion. So, there I am sitting on a chair at the front of the classroom, singing the story of Moshe Rabeinu coming down from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments, and I hear a young boy singing, Carlebach style: *and he broke them on the ground*. I stopped my story, and I looked up and asked: *Who did that?* The child sang again: *and he broke them on the ground...* I got all excited, and I called out: *This is brilliant!* I called out to the young man: *Come stand next to me and finish telling the story!* So, the little guy came up there and stood next to me and he sang his version of the story, while I was strumming on the guitar. Baruch Hashem(!) I cannot count the thousands of students that I have had the privilege to sing-song with over the years and I cannot describe the thoughts that went through my mind as this little guy was the first one to ever do this. At the end of the lesson, I asked the young girl what she was going to tell her parents that evening. She answered: *That we learned today in memory of my great-grandmother*. I then asked my young Carlebacher what he was going to tell his parents: He called out: *I'm going to tell them that I was Amiel!*

Dividend Two - Our youngest grandson was born a few Fridays ago. Upon arriving at the Jewish General Hospital to see him for the first time, I was stopped by a young woman in the lobby who called my name. She said to me: *Remember me? My name is Gaby, and I grew up in your youth groups at Beth Ora*. I smiled and I told her that of course I remembered her. Gaby then told me that the previous Friday night at the Shabbos table they had spoken about the Beth Ora youth groups that they attended, how much they learned from them and how much they enjoyed them. She said she would never forget those times. I told her that I was so happy to see her and that her words really warmed my heart. I asked her why she was at the hospital that afternoon and she told me that she is part of a mitzvah group that goes around the hospital doing acts of chesed on Friday afternoons. I told her that my daughter-in-law had just given birth and she excitedly put her hand in the bag that she was carrying and gave me challah and two battery-operated Shabbos candles for my daughter-in-law.

Dividend Three - I was at a wedding this past Sunday night and a young, bearded man in a black hat approached me. I noticed his tzitzis flowing from under his jacket. *Amiel, do you remember me, you were my music teacher at Hebrew Foundation School*. He gave me his name and of course I remembered him. He told me that my teaching was an influence on what he has become. He is currently studying towards his smicha - his rabbinical ordination - and I had such nachas seeing what a fine young man my former student has become.

Dividend Four - I recently had the privilege to work with and prepare a wonderful young man for his Bar Mitzvah. What made this Bar Mitzvah unique was not only did the young man have respect for his parents, but his parents also treated him with the utmost respect as well. The Bar Mitzvah was special and unique with much holiness and love in the shul and I was honoured to be a part of it.

These are but a few of the spiritual dividends that have come my way after privileged time invested with the community in my rewarding careers. While some dividends are immediate and others come along years later, they all serve as precious half-shekels as they complete what my life in the shuls and the Jewish Day Schools is all about.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel



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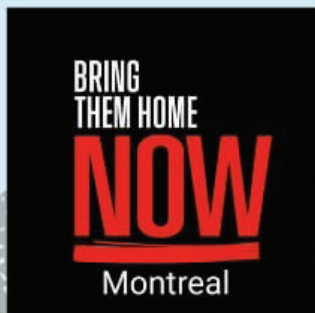
WE WALK TOGETHER

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

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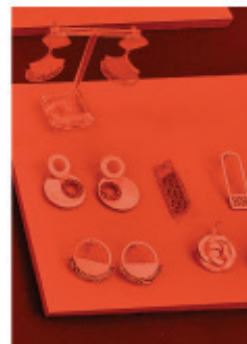
11:30 MEET-UP
11:45 WALK TO THE "Y"
12:20 GATHERING, SPEECHES

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