

CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

**PROGRAMMING - SPRING/SUMMER 2018** 

## IN CELEBRATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S 70<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

70 שנה למדינת ישראל



## **Introduction**Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

#### Dear friends.

In a few weeks the Jewish world will celebrate the momentous occasion of the modern State of Israel's 70th anniversary. I write these words just several days before the Pesach Seder, which as we are all familiar, is bookmarked by our yearnings for our Homeland. The section of Maggid begins with the phrase: "This year we are here in exile; next year may we merit to be in the Land of Israel." The Seder concludes with the familiar refrain of "Next year in Jerusalem." Indeed, for 2000 years, every Seder, every wedding, every Yom Kippur all include references to our return to Jerusalem.

How blessed are we to live in a generation where that dream has become a reality. It is now part of the fabric of the world's consciousness - whether they like it or not - that there is such a thing called the State of Israel. And how amazing is it that in her brief 70 year history, nearly half of the world's Jewish population already call Israel home.

The past 70 years have been nothing short of miraculous. One of the core values we share as a shul is the steadfast and unequivocal support of Israel and all she stands for. So it is with great pride that our shul community will be adding our voice to those of Jews around the world in singing and celebrating the return of our People to our national, spiritual and religious Homeland

It is therefore with great excitement that we present to you this series of Torah, cultural, and educational programs, arranged to help us celebrate this special occasion throughout the coming year. Join us as we mark Israel at 70.

לשנה הבאה בירושלים הבנויה!

Next year in Jerusalem!





# Greetings David Levy Consul General of Israel for Ouebec and the Atlantic Provinces

#### Shalom dear friends,

I am deeply honoured in my capacity as Consul General of the State of Israel in Québec and the Atlantic Provinces to join the congregants of Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem in celebration of the State of Israel's 70th anniversary of independence.

The many gatherings that are taking place in honour of the land and the culture that unites us all are yet another resounding demonstration of the Jewish community of Montréal's love and warmth towards Israel.

For many decades, the leadership and members of your synagogue have stood shoulder to shoulder with the people and State of Israel, in good times and in times of sorrow, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your staunch solidarity over the years.

As we mark our 70th anniversary of independence, we can all take pride in the creative and dynamic country that Israel has become. From its humble beginnings as a parched and baron land, Israel transformed itself into a flourishing democracy with a vibrant economy and pluralistic society; a true light unto the nations-

This milestone, which comes on the coattails of a historic year in Québec-Israel relations which included the first-ever mission to Israel by an acting Premier and the launch of two direct flights linking Montréal with Tel Aviv, also presents itself with a wonderful occasion to renew and strengthen the deep bond between our two societies.

I look forward to seeing you all in Israel this year!

מזל טוב וחג עצמאות שמח!





## Monday Night Lecture Series

with Rabbi Freundlich





Join Rabbi Freundlich for a look into a seminal work by Rav Yisacher Shlomo Teichtel, one of Hungary's great Chassidic leaders (1885-1945). Rav Teichtal wrote a masterful, passionate treatise on his absolute conviction that resettling the Land of Israel was the solution to Jewish suffering and the harbinger for our ultimate Redemption.

Titled "Eim Habanim Semeicha" this unique work was written in the midst of the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust, often without books and always in hiding. It ventures into the unanswerable question of "Why?" and provides a fascinating formula for lifting the Jewish people out of their despair and restoring them in our Ancient Homeland.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 16 - 8:00PM

#### Introduction: The Land of Israel is Our Heritage

The historical context of this work, the unanswered call of Aliya, and the destruction of European Jewry.

#### Persecution and the Birth Pangs of Mashiach

Why must afflictions precede the Redemption? Where does the desire to return to the Land of Israel come from? What will "the sound of my beloved knocking" sound like?



#### MONDAY, APRIL 23 - 8:00PM

#### **Deliverance and Redemption**

Must we be worthy to merit Redemption and the hidden miracle of the "natural" process and its unlikely agents.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 30 - 8:00PM

#### Settling the Land of Israel

The mitzvah of living in Israel and the role of resettlement in the unity of the Jewish people and the Redemptive process.



## Featuring Head Chef Zakai Hodja

Jacko's Street offers an eclectic, vibrant kosher menu in a relaxed and fun environment. Opening a restaurant together had always been a dream for childhood friends Rafi Revivo, Yotam Nissim and Zakai Hodja. For Hodja, the streets around the shuk are the logical location for his first restaurant, as he grew up in the market, helping his father at the family fish stand. Zakai makes his way through the shuk every morning to choose the freshest and tastiest produce that he will serve that evening to his diners.

Chef Hodja formerly worked as a chef at some of Jerusalem's leading restaurants including Canela, Angelica and Lara, and worked with esteemed chef Shalom Kadosh.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 6:30pm

**DETAILS AND RESERVATIONS AT TBDJ.ORG/JACKOS** 



JACKO'S<sup>ST.</sup>



**Shabbat of Inclusion** 

To raise awareness and sensitivity to the special needs community, and to celebrate **Yom Yerushalayim**, Congregation TBDJ is proud to host **Rabbi Menachem Penner** of Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Penner will speak on the topic of:
"How Jerusalem Has Saved the Jewish People"

Rabbi Menachem Penner is the Max and Marion Grill Dean of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University and the Men's Undergraduate Torah Studies programs at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Penner also serves as the spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Holliswood in Queens. The parent of a child with special needs, he speaks across the country on issues of children with disabilities.



#### Jerusalem "block kiddush"

Join us for a special outdoor kiddush. We can't provide the fresh air of Yerushalayim, but we can provide some of its delicacies!





## STEVE GAR



#### **TOPICS**

- Friday Night for Students: "Get to know Israel's Jack Bauer"
- Counter-Terrorism Fighting the Enemy From Within. Understanding Israeli counter-terrorism from a personal perspective. Challenging the media's perception of Israeli soldiers.
- From a Defenseless Nation to our Defensive Shield - An Israeli Counter-Terrorism Perspective. How far Israel has come as a nation can be seen through our unique contribution to the world.

### SHABBAT PARSHAT SHELACH JUNE 8-9, 2018

Steve Gar was born into a traditional Jewish family in Johannesburg, South Africa. He joined a communal counter-terrorism reaction unit and was part of the protective detail for the Chief Rabbi of South Africa.

At the age of 22 he joined the Hesder Yeshiva program and served in the Golani infantry unit "Battalion 13", specializing in sub-machine gun and receiving an award for 'Soldier of Excellence'.

He completed his training as a combat instructor, specializing in counterterrorism, and is now responsible for training military units through the Central Command of the Gush Etzion. Steve currently serves on a counterterrorist unit while completing his rabbinical studies. In addition, he is one of the directors of a special needs program, Yeshivat Darkaynu. Steve lives in Elazar (Gush Etzion) with his wife Natalie and their five children.

## לקרושים

Siyum Shas · Siyum Tanach · Siyum Mishnayot Yom HaZikaron April 17–18, 2018 / 3 Iyar 5778 שבת עירובין פסחים שקלים יומא ביצה סוכה

Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem participates once again in a worldwide 24-hour learning project in the merit of our fallen soldiers and victims of terror in Israel.

On Yom HaZikaron, thousands of people all over the world will learn in a coordinated effort in the merit of IDF soldiers who perished in the defense of Israel, and victims of terror.







As a shul, we will commit to learning a section of gemarah, mishnayot, and Tanach. We will designate 90 minutes (8:00-9:30pm) in our library for all participants to join together to learn in merit of those who fell. Contact Rabbi Freundlich if you would like to participate or would like a chavrusa.

From more information, visit: http://lekedoshim.com



### **CONSIDERING BUYING A HOME IN ISRAEL?**





# AIPAC POLICY 2019 CONFERENCE



MARCH 24-26 • WASHINGTON, D.C.













## JOIN TBDJ IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Rabbi Freundlich will be leading a delegation to next year's AIPAC Policy Conference!

TBDJ is proud to be sending a delegation to next year's AIPAC Policy Conference.

Through demonstrations of groundbreaking Israeli innovations, keynote speeches by Israeli and American leaders, inspiring moments on stage, and intimate educational sessions, Policy Conference delegates experience the full scale of pro-Israel activism in three powerful days.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

TBDJ PRESENTS

## NARKIS

### COMING THIS FALL!

LIVE IN CONCERT

2018





#### NARKIS





#### THE ARTIST

Narkis, singer and creator. In her voice and sound, she tells the story of a strong woman who stands before the world, daring to reveal the journey of her life through music. Love, disappointment, hope, despair and great joy are all in the sounds of her powerful voice.

Narkis performs her own original material. Her music is an inseparable part of the life experiences she has encountered and overcome through observing and learning from her journey.

"Narkis is a rare musical flower... She manages to bridge between the secular and religious world, with a moving personal story and stage performance bursting with charisma."

-Assaf Nevo, Yisrael Hayom

"Her voice resonates strongly and leaves no doubt that this is a special gift."
-Chen Zamir, Noise









## GIVE YOUR OLD TORAH SCROLLS A NEW HOME IN ISRAEL







#### THE NEED

The Israel Defense Forces are equipped with some of the most advanced combat systems in the world. What distinguishes the IDF from other armies is a Torah Scroll on each base that strengthens their fighting spirit and reminds them what they are fighting for. Unfortunately, there are not enough Torah scrolls to meet the growing needs of the IDF.

#### SOLUTION

The Israeli Ministry of Defense is reaching out to Jewish Communities across the world to rededicate Torah Scrolls that have over the years have become unfit. Mizrachi Canada has decided to help communities across

Canada connect with the Ministry of Defense and find new homes for the Torah Scrolls in the IDF. The Torah Scroll will go through a thorough check, followed by a process of meticulous proofreading and hundreds of hours of editing, including a computerized scan to ensure accuracy. The next step is to determine which army base will receive the Scroll, and to hold a re-dedication ceremony, organized by the IDF.

#### REDEDICATION

The communites will then be invited to dedicate a the Torah to an army unit at a ceremony in the presence of the unit commanders, soldiers, rabbis and family members.







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