



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

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Shabbat Parshat Eikev
 August 7 - 8, 2020

Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

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Shabbat Parshat Eikev

Haftara: Yeshayahu 49:14 - 51:3

When davening at home, it is preferable to daven at the same time together as a community. All services listed in bold are outdoor minyanim in the TBDJ tent.

Friday, August 7

- 4:00pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat on Facebook with Rev. Bender
- 5:00pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
- 6:30pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat
- 6:43pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:45pm Minha & Arvit - Minyane Sépharade Tent - ends at 8:00pm
- 7:55pm Candle Lighting
- 8:13pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, August 8 / 18 Av 5780

- 7:00am Shacharit
- 8:30am Shaharit - Minyane Sépharade Tent - ends at 10:30am
- 8:45am Shacharit - begins with *Nishmat*
- 9:24am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:15am Shacharit - begins with *Nishmat*
- 6:00pm Rabbi's Parsha Shiur
- 6:30pm Mincha - followed by Halacha Shiur: *Catering to the people in halacha - good or bad for the Jews?*
- 6:42pm Plag Hamincha
- 7:35pm Minha & Arvit - Minyane Sépharade Tent - ends at 9:15pm
- 8:12pm Shkiah
- 8:55pm Maariv
- 9:02pm Havdala
- 9:45pm Daf Yomi on Zoom

TBDJ's Roving Minyan

If you have any special minyan needs, whether *yahrzeit* or other, and are either unable to or uncomfortable joining the outdoor minyan for any reason whatsoever, please let us know. We'll do our best to bring an early Mincha/ Maariv minyan to you! Send an email to community@tbdj.org. If you'd like to join our group of rovers who make up this early Mincha & Maariv minyan at its various locations, also email community@tbdj.org and we'll set you up on our WhatsApp group for notification.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Debbie & Howard Feldman** and **Ella & Ernest Ehrmann** on the engagement of their son and grandson David Feldman to Paige Blumer. Sharing in their simcha are Paige's parents Candy & Arthur Blumer, her grandmother Esther Blumer and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Yechezkel & Rifki Freundlich** on the marriage of the Rabbi's sister Dena Freundlich to Yehuda Rock on Tuesday, August 4 in Israel.

Mazal Tov to **Shirley & David Shapiro** on the aufruf of their son Jacob and his upcoming marriage to Jennifer van Amerongen of Woodmere, NY. Sharing in their simcha are Jen's parents Susan & Robert van Amerongen, Jacob's grandparents Lois & Bill Shubert and Kati Egett, Jen's grandparents Erika Schoenfeld and Dorothy & Jacques van Amerongen, and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Mazal Tov to **Marla & Peter Veres, Carolyn & Arnold Steinman** and **Huguette Veres** on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter and granddaughter Daniella Bayla Veres to Abie Ringelheim on Sunday, August 9 in New York. Sharing in their simcha are Abie's parents Nicki Appleman and Julius Ringelheim, his grandparents Ruda Fiedler and Rabbi David Ringelheim and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Condolences to **Helen Rothbart Vigderhous** and her family on the loss of her beloved husband Gideon Vigderhous z"l who passed away on Wednesday, August 5. Funeral was held on Friday, August 7. Shiva continues until Thursday, August 13 in the backyard of the home of their son Dan; 2:00pm-4:00pm on Sunday, 7:00pm-9:00pm Sunday through Wednesday.

SPONSORSHIPS AND THANK YOUS

Thank you to **Rivka & Alex Guttman** for sponsoring TBDJ's new outdoor audio system in memory of their beloved granddaughter Ronnie Joy Hollander z"l and in memory of Rivka's beloved father Aron Friedman z"l.

We thank all of our tent sponsors who are helping us set up comfortably for outdoor minyanim and shiurim.

Friday, August 7 Helen & Harry Liberman, in memory of Harry's mother Esther Schwartzberg Liberman z"l

Shabbat, August 8 Celia & Stan Nattel, in memory of Celia's father Herman Reich z"l
 Shirley & David Shapiro, in honour of the aufruf of their son Jacob and his upcoming marriage to Jennifer van Amerongen
 Carolyn & Arnold Steinman, in honour of the forthcoming marriage of their granddaughter Daniella Veres to Abie Ringelheim on Sunday, August 9

Sunday, August 9 Helene & David Donath
 The Drazin Family, in memory of their grandfather and great grandfather Reb Aharon Drazin z"l

Monday, August 10 Jane & James Rogozinsky, in honour of Rabbi Yechezkel & Rifki Freundlich "with gratitude for their wonderful leadership of our TBDJ community"

Tuesday, August 11 Jennifer & Stuart Miller

Wednesday, August 12 Morrie, Jordana, Maayan, Eitan, Tal and Zac Levy, in memory of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Sara Rivka Levy z"l

Thursday, August 13 Naomi & Issie Fishman, in memory of Naomi's mother Haya Raanani z"l and in memory of Issie's father Joseph Fishman z"l
 Frances Yagod and family

DAILY SCHEDULE: AUGUST 9 - 14

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Shacharit 8:00am	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am
Mincha 7:50pm	Mincha 7:50pm	Mincha 7:50pm
Shkiah 8:10pm	Shkiah 8:09pm	Shkiah 8:07pm
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am
Parsha Class 12:15pm	Mincha 7:50pm	Mincha 6:25pm
Mincha 7:50pm	Shkiah 8:04pm	Mincha-Sefardic 6:45pm
Shkiah 8:06pm		Candle Lighting 7:44pm
		Shkiah 8:03pm

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A THOUGHT FOR SHABBAT FROM REV. AMIEL BENDER: MODEH ANI - THE ULTIMATE WAKE-UP CALL

מודה אני לפניך מלך חי וקיים, שהחזרת בי נשמתי בחמלה, רבה אמונתך

I gratefully thank You, O living and eternal King, for You have returned my soul within me with compassion – abundant is Your faithfulness!

In the pre-Covid world, my physical wake up call began with my alarm clock ringing at 5:30am. My spiritual wake call began with the above words thanking Hashem for restoring my soul within me. I would hop out of bed, wash, dress, recite early morning brachot and Tehillim and a Perek Shira for the day, take a quick glance at the Gazette, grab a cup of coffee and walk to TBDJ to begin my early morning synagogue routine. I would then enter the daily chapel at around 6:15am, arrange a few important things, go to the dairy kitchen to get juice, schnapps and cake for the tikun cart, enjoy a good morning “schmooze” with the guys, put on my tallis and tefillin and prepare myself for davening.

Since the epidemic and lockdown began, my basic routine has not changed that much. My alarm clock still rings in the morning, albeit a few minutes later, and my pre-prayer routine at home is very much the same. However, I now put on my tallis and tefillin at home before going to shul. It is an amazing feeling to be able to walk on the street to TBDJ in tallis and tefillin and it takes me back to the “good ol’ days.” The Shulchan Aruch, written in the early 1560’s, mentions that, though Jews used to put on tefillin at home and then walk to shul, the practice eventually stopped for a variety of reasons. The most important reasons were to minimize confrontations with anti-Semitic neighbors and to avoid an inappropriate “walking to shul” experience through sources of uncleanness on the streets which would be disrespectful for a person clad in tallis and tefillin. As a result, it became customary to put on tallis and tefillin in the entry of the shul building, before entering the room or hall in which the davening is to take place. Arriving at TBDJ, my routine has definitely changed. I quickly walk through the synagogue collecting prayer essentials to take outside, turn on the lights in the tent and prepare the tent for the morning prayers. Our lonely tikun cart is relegated to remaining inside the darkened building - will we ever have schnapps and cake together after davening again? At least the pre-davening chats among the regular attendees continues and will probably remain forever.

Another thing that the Covid world will never change is my recitation of *Modeh Ani* immediately after I open my eyes for the first time in the morning. “Modeh ani” - I am grateful. Imagine! The first thing a Jew does upon waking up is saying thank you to his creator, the source of all of the goodness in his or her life! In these Covid times our gratitude is multiplied with “hakarat hatov” for the fact that we are well and that Hashem, with His abundant goodness, spared us from the perils of this terrible virus which is relentlessly attacking our world. “Modeh Ani – Thank you Hashem!” Twelve words uttered in *Lashon HaKodesh* – Hebrew - words which have been on my palate ever since I can remember.

Indeed, we are blessed with so much good in this world and it is incumbent upon us to be mindful about appreciating the good. A section of verses in this week’s Torah portion of Ekev suggests that when things are good, we tend to be forgetful about how “we got there”. The verses warn about Israel becoming arrogant about their prosperity and success in future times. They will build houses, amass livestock, gold and silver, increasing their possessions, but “.....your heart will become haughty and you will forget Hashem, your G-d, who took you out of Egypt from the house of slavery...” Moshe Rabaynu cautions the people about forgetting Hashem as the source of goodness and attributing their success to themselves. “And you may say in your heart, my strength and the might of my hand made me all this wealth!”

There is a story about a brilliant scientist who brings home yet another Nobel Prize. His wife, dismayed, wails: “Give it up already! You have more awards than we have place to put them! You’ve more than contributed to the world of science!” The scientist smiles. “I will do one more act of science tomorrow and then I promise I will retire. I have cloned animals in the past and tomorrow I will conclude my career with my most awesome feat: I will create man...” His wife’s face turns white. “You are a religious man! Surely you know that only the Creator can create man. You were blessed with a gift from G-d for the sciences, but you are not G-d! It is wrong!!!” The scientist replied that it was “too late, all the major networks will be on our lawn at 10:00 AM tomorrow morning and as we speak a stage is being constructed in front of our house...” The next morning, amid the buzz of media and press, the arrogant scientist announced to the large crowd that had gathered: “I have achieved much in my storied career and now I will take of this earth in the pail beside me and as our Creator did at the beginning of time, I will... CREATE MAN!” As the scientist picked up a handful of earth, a voice boomed out from above: “Don’t you think that you should create your own earth first?”

Moshe’s message to Bnei Yisrael was a “Modeh Ani” wake-up call for the generations. As Jews, we are taught to live life with a sense of humility and gratitude. Without the Almighty’s constant watching over us as a nation and as individuals, we would never be where we are today. We have to remember where we came from and how we got there. Everything we have is a precious gift from above: Our families, our possessions, our health and so much more. One of my favorite prayers is *Nishmat Kol Chai*, which we recite at the end of Psukei D’Zimrah on Shabbos and holidays. The words relating to gratitude are majestic, and to me, this is what it life as a Jew all about:

Were our mouths as full of song as the sea, and our tongue as full of jubilation as its myriad waves, if our lips were full of praise like the spacious heavens, and our eyes shone like the sun and moon, and our hands as outstretched as eagles of the sky, and our feet as swift as hinds – we still could not thank You sufficiently, Lord our God and God of our ancestors or bless Your name for even one of the thousand thousand, thousands of thousands, and myriad myriads of favors You did for our ancestors and us...

Hashem does so much for us – much that we know about and much that we will never know. An amazing collection of words in the prayer states: *אין אנחנו מספיקים להודות לך ה' אלוהינו* *We still cannot thank you sufficiently HaShem, our G-d...*! When I recite these words I always wonder at the fact that we can never catch up in thanking Hashem for all that he does for us! Even as we say the words of gratitude in this beautiful prayer, Hashem is doing us favors at that very moment.

Shabbat Shalom,