



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

# Shabbat Bulletin

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Shabbat Parshat Shoftim  
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## SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

### Shabbat Parshat Shoftim

Haftara: Yeshayahu 51:12 - 52:12

When davening at home, it is preferable to daven at the same time as the rest of the community.

#### Friday, August 21

- 4:00pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat on Facebook with Rev. Bender
- 5:00pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
- 6:15pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - also broadcast on Zoom
- 6:25pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:45pm Minha et Arvit - Minyan Sépharade Tent
- 7:32pm Candle Lighting
- 7:25pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:51pm Sh'kiah

#### Shabbat, August 22 / 2 Elul 5780

- 7:00am Shacharit
- 8:30am Shaharit - Minyan Sépharade Tent
- 8:45am Shacharit - begins with Nishmat
- 9:31am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:15am Shacharit - begins with Nishmat
- 6:00pm Rabbi's Parsha Shiur
- 6:23pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:30pm Mincha - followed by Halacha Shiur: *Must a wife accept Shabbos at the same time her husband does?*
- 7:10pm Minha et Arvit - Minyan Sépharade Tent
- 7:49pm Shkiah
- 8:35pm Maariv
- 8:36pm Havdala
- 9:30pm 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](mailto: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](mailto:community@tbdj.org) and we'll set you up on our WhatsApp group for notification.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Yakov Lev** and Sivane Aflalo on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Chanel to Mickael Cohen on Sunday, August 23. Sharing in their simcha are Mickael's parents Yaffa & Henri Cohen and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Mazal Tov to **Joseph Salem** on the upcoming marriage of his granddaughter Leora Eisenstat to Josh Stern on Monday, August 24 in New Jersey. Proud parents are Amanda & David Eisenstat of Toronto and Alicia & Larry Stern of Silver Spring, Maryland. Sharing in their simcha is Leora's paternal grandfather Haim Eisenstat of Toronto, and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Mazal Tov to **Ketty Haboucha Salem** on the upcoming marriage of her granddaughter Leora Eisenstat to Josh Stern on Monday, August 24 in New Jersey. Proud parents are Amanda & David Eisenstat of Toronto and Alicia & Larry Stern of Silver Spring, Maryland. Sharing in their simcha is Leora's paternal grandfather Haim Eisenstat of Toronto, 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 birth of a grandson and great grandson on Sunday, August 16 in Tel Aviv, Israel. Proud parents are Tamar & Assaf Halperin. Sharing in their simcha are paternal grandparents Aviva & Eitan Halperin and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time is Tamar's grandfather Andre Veres z"l.

### SPONSORSHIPS AND THANK YOUS

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

- Friday, August 21
  - The Silbiger Family, in honour of Max Daniel Silbiger
  - Susan Wainberg, in honour of the graduation of her granddaughter Eliana and the birth of her great niece Talia
- Shabbat, August 22
  - Susan & Kenny Corber, in honour of Kenny's 75th birthday, in memory of Susan's mother Edith Fridhandler z"l and in memory of Kenny's grandmother Esther Shapiro z"l
  - Roz & David Guttman, in honour of Hudi Aspler "with appreciation for everything he is doing for TBDJ and for bringing Rabbi Freundlich to our community"
  - Yakov Lev and family, in honour of the upcoming marriage of Yakov's daughter Chanel to Michael Cohen
  - Shirley & Reuben Spector, in memory of Reuben's father Alex Spector z"l who passed away 40 years ago
- Sunday, August 23
  - Estelle & Saul Deitcher, in memory of Estelle's parents Anne & Saul Steiber z"l
  - Brenda & Jeffrey Friedman, in memory of Jeffrey's father Shulom Friedman z"l
  - Josie & Arthur Roskies, in honour of Rabbi Freundlich "with appreciation for all the work he is doing during Covid-19"
- Monday, August 24
  - Baila & Jerrold Aspler, in memory of Baila's father Reuven Salit z"l
  - Malca & Louis Drazin, in honour of Rev. Amiel Bender "with appreciation for his compassionate dedication to our shul and its members"
- Tuesday, August 25
  - Carole & Mayer Diamond, in memory of Mayer's father Hyman Diamond z"l
  - Esther & Michael Rozenek, in honour of "all the healthcare workers working on the front lines as they fight for people's lives"
- Wednesday, August 26
  - Andree & Ian Ellbogen, in memory of Ilay Ellbogen z"l
  - The Hollander Family, in memory of Sara Herscov Hollander z"l
- Thursday, August 27
  - Ella & Ernest Ehrmann, in honour of Rabbi Freundlich "with heartfelt gratitude for all the support he offers our family"
  - Anat Kemp, in honour of Anat's birthday and Avigail's birthday

## DAILY SCHEDULE: AUGUST 23 - 28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Shacharit 8:00am Mincha 7:30pm Shkiah 7:47pm	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am Mincha 7:30pm Shkiah 7:46pm	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am Mincha 7:30pm Shkiah 7:44pm
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am Parsha Class 12:15pm Mincha 7:30pm Shkiah 7:42pm	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am Mincha 7:30pm Shkiah 7:40pm	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am Mincha 6:15pm Mincha-Sefardic 6:45pm Candle Lighting 7:20pm Later Mincha 7:25pm

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Seats  
Taken

26%  
Member  
Participation

## A THOUGHT FOR SHABBAT FROM REV. AMIEL BENDER

### Wholehearted Spiritual Crunch Time

This Shabbos, in the portion of Shoftim, I will have the privilege to chant one of my favourite verses as I read the Torah:

“תמים תהיה עם ה' אלקיך”

The Art Scroll Stone Chumash translates the verse as follows: *Be wholehearted with Hashem*. Merriam Webster's dictionary defines “wholehearted” as: *completely and sincerely devoted, determined, enthusiastic, marked by earnest commitment, free from all reserve and hesitation*. The word תמים appears early in the book of Breisheet when we are introduced to Noach:

איש צדיק תמים היה בדורותיו את האלקים התהלך נח

*Noach was a righteous man, perfect in his generations, Noach walked with G-d*

We find the word תמים again in Hashem's instruction to our Patriarch Avraham Avinu: “התהלך לפני והיה תמים” - *Walk before me and be perfect*.

תמים is translated by the Art Scroll Chumash as “perfect” with reference to the relationships Noach and Avraham had with Hashem, yet “wholehearted” is the translation used for תמים with regard to our - Bnei Yisrael's - relationship with Hashem.

The Webster dictionary defines “perfect” as: *Being entirely without fault or defect, flawless, satisfying all requirements*. Both Noach and Avraham Avinu are role models for us in different ways in the perfection of their relationships with Hashem. Indeed, Noach satisfied the requirements of perfection in his relationship with Hashem and his devotion to the Almighty while living amongst the exceedingly wicked generation of people that was ultimately destroyed by the flood. Hashem required the same of Avraham as the first Jew, as the first person in the world to recognize and realize Hashem as the Omnipresent, as the king of kings and creator of the world. The Ramban explains that Noah was “complete” in his righteousness and was thus saved from the flood, a person without any deserving punishment. Rashi writes that Avraham was “complete” in facing all the tests that Hashem put before him. The B'chor Shor adds that Avraham was “complete” in his righteousness and that nothing was lacking in him.

While the words “perfect” and “wholehearted” seem to be adjectives for behavior that is to be emulated, I would like to differentiate between the two and why I think the Art Scroll translation of the word תמים varies when translated in different instances.

Perfection is something that is seen and evaluated by all. Take the perfect game in baseball. Everyone watching the game witnesses the pitcher's and team's excellence in retiring 27 straight batters, not letting anyone reach a base. Noach and Avraham had a degree of perfection that was an example to, and witnessed by, the people in their generation and to all of us as history progresses. They showed us how to develop a relationship with Hashem under difficult and uncertain circumstances. Noach stood up against his generation of sinners and Avraham broke ground by becoming the first Jew in a world drowning in idolatry, and advocating something revolutionary at the time - monotheism. While our wholeheartedness in our relationship with Hashem may be witnessed by our peers, it is really something that we have to realize on our own. Perfection in a relationship is a definite term, while wholeheartedness is something that is indefinite because it is an individual value that can only be determined the person himself/herself. The quality of תמים - wholeheartedness - for one person is unique to him or her. We all maximize our potential for being wholehearted on different levels, however it is up to us to maximize those levels as we seek our ultimate spiritual goals.

Wholeheartedness comes from deep within us. We call out to Hashem from the depths of our heart. The first verse of Psalm 130 is said in our morning prayers during the Ten Days of Repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and it epitomizes this thought: ממעמקים קראתיך ה'.

We have ushered in the month of Elul and I believe that it is not coincidental that the following beautiful, short, but loaded, verse is read annually at this time: תמים תהיה עם ה' אלקיך. It is the beginning of the season of repentance. It is our spiritual “crunch time”. Is there a better time to look deep within ourselves to find and achieve our desired degree of “wholeheartedness” with Hashem?

Shabbat Shalom

Rev. Amiel