



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

שבת פרשת כי תצא
ט אלול ה'תש"פ

Shabbat Parshat Ki Teitzei
August 28-29, 2020 / 5780

Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

Rabbi
Yechezkel Freundlich

Chazzan Sheini
Rev. Amiel Bender

President
Jonathan Gal

6519 Baily Road, Côte Saint-Luc, Québec H4V 1A1 Canada • 514-489-3841 • www.TBDJ.org • director@tbdj.org

SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Shabbat Parshat Ki Teitzei

Haftara: Yeshayahu 54:1 - 54:10

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

Friday, August 28

- 4:00pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat on Facebook with Rev. Bender
- 5:00pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
- 6:05pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - also broadcast on Zoom
- 6:14pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:45pm Minha et Arvit - Minyane Sépharade Tent
- 7:15pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:20pm Candle Lighting
- 7:38pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, August 29 / 9 Elul 5780

- 7:00am Shacharit
- 8:30am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade Tent
- 8:45am Shacharit - begins with *Nishmat*
- 9:34am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:15am Shacharit - begins with *Nishmat*
- 6:00pm Rabbi's Parsha Shiur
- 6:13pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:30pm Mincha - followed by Halacha Shiur: *Hatarat Nedarim During Covid - Can you use Zoom or appoint an agent to come to shul for you?*
- 7:00pm Minha et Arvit - Minyane Sépharade Tent
- 7:37pm Shkiah
- 8:20pm Maariv
- 8:22pm Havdala
- 9:15pm Daf Yomi on Zoom

Come on in!

TBDJ is excited to announce that our first indoor Shabbat service since the start of the pandemic will be next week, **Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo, September 5** starting at 9:15am!

Wearing of face masks is mandatory, and physical distancing must be maintained at all times.

Additional details on our setup will be communicated next week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Miriam Blit-Deitcher** and her family on the upcoming marriage of her granddaughter Maxine Silverman to Ben Wenger on Sunday, August 30. Proud parents are Rochelle & Derek Silverman and Barbara & Fred Wenger. Sharing in their simcha are grandmothers Cecile Silverman and Zees Wenger and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Mazal Tov to **Heather & Sam Shuldiner** on the birth of a grandson in Toronto on Shabbat, August 22. Proud parents are Jenn Shuldiner & Ian Zeifman. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's siblings Noa and Adir, his paternal grandparents Sue & Larry Zeifman and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Condolences to **Shirley & Marvin Small** and their family on the loss of Marvin's beloved brother Rabbi Leonard Small z"l who passed away in Boca Raton, Florida on Shabbat, August 22. Husband of Molly Kranz. Father of Alvin Small, Alice Small and Sharon Kolb. Funeral was held in Boston on Tuesday, August 25.

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 28

- Malca & Louis Drazin, in honour of Rabbi Yechezkel & Rifki Freundlich "for their dedication, mesirus nefesh, continual concern and compassion for all of us during this difficult time of COVID"

- Leon Serruya and family, in memory of Leon's mother Rachel Serruya z"l

- Sandee & Paul Weinstein, in memory of Sandee's parents Mollie & Moe Aspell z"l and in memory of Paul's parents Esther & Reuben Weinstein z"l

Shabbat, August 29

- Abba & Karen Brodt and Abraham & Pnina Brodt, in memory of their father and brother Reb Sholom Brodt z"l

- Brian, Michele, Friderika, Shireen, Tina and Ruby Cale, in honour of the first anniversary of Michele's 50th birthday, and in honour of "the whole TBDJ team who are working tirelessly to maintain our wonderful synagogue life in these difficult times"

- Miriam Blit-Deitcher, in honour of the upcoming marriage of her granddaughter Maxine Silverman to Ben Wenger

- Amanda & David Ettedgui

Sunday, August 30

- Jessica & Alex Bernmergui, in appreciation of Jon Gal and all of TBDJ's leadership

Monday, August 31

- Elizabeth & Meir Israel

Wednesday, Sept. 2

- Judy and Gary Pekofsky and family, in memory of Gary's father Jack Pekofsky z"l
- Leon Serruya and family, in memory of Leon's father Salomon Serruya z"l

LULAVIM AND ETROGIM

Due to the effects of the pandemic on shipping and other logistics, Rev. Bender is asking that you submit your orders for lulavim and etrogim early this year. Please write amiel@tbdj.org with the details of your order as soon as possible. Sukkot 5781 begins on the evening of Friday, October 2.



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5:30pm

All members of Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem are cordially invited to attend the next Annual General Meeting of our synagogue, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the coming year.
All adult members are requested to attend.

Due to the extraordinary pandemic circumstances we face, the meeting will take place online through Zoom, rather than in person.
You can join the meeting by clicking on the link provided in the email message sent on Thursday, August 27.

You will be asked to register with your name and email prior to being admitted.

Note: If you register in advance now, you will receive an email from Zoom containing the link to join on Sept. 10 at 5:30pm.

For those members unable to join by internet, please call the office and leave a message by pressing 3.

You will receive instructions on how to join the meeting by telephone on Thursday, September 10.

The following people have been proposed by your Nominating Committee:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Josh Orzech
Vice President: Michael Hollander
Vice President: Aviva Drazin
Treasurer: Alex Halpern
Treasurer: Mitchell Cobrin
Secretary: David Ettedgui
Religious Services Committee Chair: Frank Fried
Immediate Past President: Jonathan Gal

Past Presidents' Council Co-Representatives (elected by the Council):
Judah Aspler and Howie Steinberg

Youth Committee Chair (appointed by the President):
Keren Ludvig

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Seth Abbey
Isaac Bendayan (Minyane Sepharade Representative)
Jessica Benmergui
Jason Bowen
Gabriel Cohen (Minyane Sepharade Representative)
Saul Deitcher
Shlomo (Sam) Drazin
Ami Drazin
Ruby Friedman
Meir Israel
Maxine Jacobson
Alan Katznelson
Keren Ludvig
Yair Meyers
Lionel Rabinovitch
Zachary Steinlauf
Shira Vasilevsky
Morty Yalovsky
Sharon Hecht and Esther Hutman (Sisterhood Co-Representatives)

In addition to those people proposed by the Nominating Committee, other nominations may be submitted. These must be submitted in writing, setting forth the name of the member nominated and the office for which he is nominated, and bearing the signature of the member proposing the nomination, and of ten (10) members in good standing seconding the nomination. Nominations must be delivered to the Secretary of the Congregation at least ten (10) clear days before the date of the meeting.

Hatzlacha Raba to the following students who will be learning in Israel in 5781!!!

Nediva Aspler, daughter of Rachel & Judah Aspler and granddaughter of Baila & Jerrold Aspler, Midreshet HaRova
 Talia Diner, daughter of Lori & David Diner and granddaughter of Ellie Diner, Tiferet Center
 Mia Belle Drazin, daughter of Adrienne & Sam Drazin and granddaughter of Malca & Louis Drazin, Midreshet HaRova
 Noa Drazin, daughter of Aviva & Ami Drazin and granddaughter of Baila & Jerrold Aspler and Ruth Drazin, Shalavim for Women
 Yoni Drazin, son of Sari & Shlomo Drazin and grandson of Ruth Drazin, Yeshivat HaKotel
 Binyamin Freundlich, son of Rabbi Yechezkel & Rifki Freundlich, Yeshivat Shalavim
 Eitan Levy, son of Jordana & Morrie Levy and grandson of Judy & Gary Pekofsky, Yeshivat HaKotel
 Nathan Lieberman, son of Chaya & Lorne Lieberman and grandson of Susan Lieberman, Yeshivat Lev HaTorah
 Coby Mendelson, grandson of Deanna & David Mendelson, Bar Ilan University
 Yaacov Neuer, grandson of Shoshana & Moshe Neuer, Yeshivat HaKotel
 Benjamin Raksi, son of Martine Cohen and grandson of Jeannine Lombroso, Yeshivat Lev HaTorah
 Adeev Segal, great grandson of Irene Romer, Yeshivat Har Etzion
 Yonah Suissa, son of Lauren & Alvin Suissa and grandson of Jacob Suissa, Yeshivat Lev HaTorah
 Kiki Witt, daughter of Deena & Lawrence Witt, Midreshet Amit

Thank you to all those who responded to our request and submitted names. We regret any errors or omissions.



Please visit <http://www.TBDJ.org/RH5781> for complete details. Registration opens on Sunday at 10:00am.

One person can register for their entire family. For each family member, you will be asked to enter their name, and to select a preferred minyan ('1st choice') along with a 2nd choice. If the family would like to all remain together in the same minyan, please select the same 1st and 2nd choices for all individuals entered.

Seats will be allocated according to availability, with priority given to TBDJ members. When capacity is reached in a given minyan, additional requests for seats in that minyan will be routed to the seat holder's 2nd choice. We will do our best to satisfy all requests and to keep families together when that is requested. We thank you for your understanding as we work with the limited capacities that are in place to meet strict safety requirements.

Details for our Minyan Sepharade will be published shortly.

Minyan 1

Time: **6:45am - 9:45am**

(Total: 3:00)

Location: **Tent A**
 Masks: **Required**
 Capacity: **90**

Shacharit: **David Zukor**
 Sermon: **Rabbi Freundlich**
 Shofar: **Ronnie Schondorf**
 Mussaf: **Murray Vasilevsky**

Minyan 2

Time: **7:45am - 10:30am**

(Total: 2:45)

Location: **Tent B**
 Masks: **Required**
 Capacity: **100**

Shacharit: **Rabbi Freundlich**
 Sermon: **Rabbi Freundlich**
 Shofar: **Judah Aspler**
 Mussaf: **Josh Orzech**

Minyan 3 - Indoors

Time: **8:30am - 12:00pm**

(Total: 3:30)

Location: **Main Sanctuary**
 Masks: **Required**
 Capacity: **140**

Shacharit: **Gershon Sacher**
 Sermon: **Rabbi Freundlich**
 Shofar: **Gershon Sacher**
 Mussaf: **Tovi Berk**

Minyan 4

Time: **10:00am - 12:45pm**

(Total: 2:45)

Location: **Tent A**
 Masks: **Required**
 Capacity: **90**

Shacharit: **Avi Guttman**
 Sermon: **Rabbi Freundlich**
 Shofar: **Judah Aspler**
 Mussaf: **Rev. Amiel Bender**

Minyan 5

Time: **10:45am - 1:30pm**

(Total: 2:45)

Location: **Tent B**
 Masks: **Not Required**
 Capacity: **100**

Shacharit: **Yehonatan Haimovici**
 Sermon: **Rabbi Freundlich**
 Shofar: **Gershon Sacher**
 Mussaf: **Josh Orzech**

Minyan 6 - Abridged

Time: **1:00pm - 2:00pm**

(Total: 1:00)

Location: **Tent A**
 Masks: **Required**
 Capacity: **90**

Abridged: Shofar & Mussaf only
 Sermon: **Rabbi Freundlich**
 Shofar: **Rabbi Freundlich**
 Mussaf: **Rev. Amiel Bender**

DAILY SCHEDULE: AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 4

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Shacharit 8:00am Mincha 7:15pm Shkiah 7:35pm	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am Mincha 7:15pm Shkiah 7:33pm	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am Mincha 7:15pm Shkiah 7:31pm
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am Parsha Class 12:15pm Mincha 7:15pm Shkiah 7:29pm	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am Mincha 7:15pm Shkiah 7:27pm	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am Mincha 6:05pm Mincha-Sefardic 6:45pm Candle Lighting 7:07pm Later Mincha 7:15pm

We're Taking Our Seats

5781 High Holiday Campaign

www.TakingOurSeats.com

Please read about our important campaign and join us in matching your High Holiday Seats pledge from previous years.

Results, as of August 27

502

Seats Taken

36%

Member Participation

A THOUGHT FOR SHABBAT FROM REV. AMIEL BENDER: COVIDIKEH BEHAVIOUR

In Parashat Ki Teitzei we find 74 (12%!) of our Torah's 613 mitzvot, commandments. 27 of the 74 are positive mitzvot while 47 of them are negative ones. We gain closeness to Hashem by observing the positive mitzvot. We also come close to Hashem by not transgressing the negative mitzvot. Another classification of the commandments in the Torah which we are evident in our parasha are the mitzvot between us and Hashem - בין אדם למקום and the mitzvot between us and those around us בין אדם לחבירו. The foundation of the commandments that are between us and our peers, is that we treat those around us with honour and respect with concern for their welfare.

It seems that the many diverse commandments in Ki Teitzei do not follow a set pattern. Rather they are mixed up and not under separate categories. Maybe this is to teach us that if we observe all of these commandments it will lead us to building a good and healthy society.

In these COVID-19 times, healthy is a resounding word. If we ever needed a good and healthy society to support the medical challenges that we are facing, now would be a perfect time to advocate it. As Jews we are concerned with treating each other with honour and respect and we all know the word well: kavod / כבוד. In Yiddish this is known as kovidikeh / כובדיקע behaviour. Our concern for others is paramount during this terrible pandemic.

As we are all painfully aware, COVID-19 has presented a challenge to society when considering our interactions with those around us. It is ironic, but in a social sense, Covid is a virus with limitations and implications that have become a part of our lives. Our new necessity is our conscious need to protect ourselves as well as those around us. It is clear that disregarding social and health related directives can be harmful in the wake of this virus and we have sadly witnessed people going "anti-mask" and not maintaining their social distancing.

Here are some Torah related thoughts that are worth keeping in mind which may lend an idea to proper "kovidikeh behaviour."

The Torah tells us: "Venishmartem me'od lenafshoteichem" (Devarim 4:15). Literally, the verse means "Be very careful about your lives". Many teach that this mitzvah is referring specifically to our health. It is interesting to point out that it is the only mitzvah which uses the word "meod," meaning "very." We can learn from this that we are to take our health very seriously and do our best to prevent and, when necessary, cure illnesses or ailments. The word "nafshoteichem" is in plural, which implies that we should not only be conscious about our own health, but the health of others around us. In our times, wearing a mask and keeping physical distances speak volumes towards this idea.

Indeed we should care for ourselves. Here is an 800-year-old idea from Maimonides written in *Hanbagot Habriyot* - The Regimen of Healthcare: If a person cared for himself the way he cares for his horse, he would avoid many serious illnesses. You won't find a person who gives his horse too much fodder. But he himself eats to excess. He makes sure his animal gets proper exercise to keep it healthy. But when it comes to himself, he neglects exercise even though this is a fundamental principle in health maintenance and in the prevention of most illnesses.

We must care for others as well. The Talmud relates that when Rabbi Eliezer fell ill, his disciples came to visit him. They said to him: "Rabbi, teach us the correct manner of living so that we merit entering the World to Come." He replied: "Make sure to show respect for others, prevent your sons from excessive review of the scripture, seat them between the knees of Torah scholars, and when you pray, know before whom you stand; follow this advice and you will merit entering the Word to Come" (Berachot 28b). Sensitivity towards others, then, is one of the behavior traits through which a person comes to merit a portion in the World to Come.

There is a halachic principle called *dina d'malchuta dina* / דינא דמלכותא דינא, which means that Halacha demands obedience to the laws made by civil authorities. Though the principle of *dina d'malchuta dina* is accepted as the halacha, halachic authorities codify it in different ways. It is important to note that this principle is limited and is discussed at length by the modern day rabbinic authorities. Many assume that *dina d'malchuta* is binding from the Torah, while others say it is rabbinic in nature. The worldwide government-based social directives that have been implemented in order to protect society during COVID-19 are for halachic authorities an example of our obligation to observe the law of the land.

In a yeshiva directive issued in Jerusalem in March as the lockdowns began, the following was written:

"*Dina d'malchuta dina* – There is an absolute obligation to maintain the authorities instructions to social distance in order to prevent the spreading of the virus, ...because these directives are based on medical authorities." It is further written in the directive that a person endangering himself is, according to the Gemara in Brachot transgressing "venishmartem me'od lenafshoteichem."

The following thought occurred to me while looking at the many mitzvot in our parasha. We are commanded about השבת אבדה, returning a lost object to the rightful owner. In these times, I would stretch it a little to stress that, a person who is not careful about the preventative measures put in place by our governments and supported by our rabbinic authorities may cause a loss of health or, G-d forbid, a loss of something worse that can never be returned.

This kind of kovidikeh behaviour is something to think about...

Shabbat Shalom

Rev. Amiel