



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

# Shabbat Bulletin

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Shabbat Parshat Lech Lecha  
 October 30-31, 2020 / 5781

Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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## SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Benjamin Ruben Hutman, Bar Mitzvah

### Shabbat Parshat Lech Lecha

Haftara: Yeshayahu 40:27 - 41:16

*Minyanim on Shabbat are restricted to those who have pre-registered. When davening at home, it is preferable to do so at the same time as the rest of the community.*

Friday, October 30

- 7:00am Shacharit - Tent - no preregistration required
- 8:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary - no preregistration required
- 8:20am Daf Yomi on Zoom
- 3:45pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
- 4:00pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat on Facebook with Rev. Bender
- 4:40pm Plag Hamincha
- 5:20pm Minha et Kabbalat Shabbat - Minyane Sépharade - Lower Social Hall
- 5:25pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - Tent and Main Sanctuary
- 5:25pm Candle Lighting
- 5:44pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, October 31 / 13 Marcheshvan 5781

- 7:00am Shacharit - Tent
- 8:45am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade - Lower Social Hall
- 8:45am Shacharit - Indoor
- 8:50am Shacharit - Tent
- 10:06am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma
- 10:15am Shacharit - Indoor
- 10:20am Shacharit - Tent
- 4:39pm Plag Hamincha
- 5:10pm Minha et Arvit - Minyane Sépharade - Lower Social Hall
- 5:15pm Mincha, Shiur and Maariv - Tent and Indoor - featuring shiurim on the parsha and halacha by Rabbi Freundlich and Rabbi Eliyahu Gateno
- 5:42pm Sh'kiah
- 6:28pm Havdala
- 7:30pm Daf Yomi on Zoom

**TBDJ welcomes our four guest bachurim from Kolllel Torah MiTzion who just arrived from Israel, finished quarantine and are joining us for Mincha on Shabbat.**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Benjamin Hutman** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Proud parents are **Rosaleen & David Hutman**. Sharing in their simcha are Benjy's brothers Joshua and Zachary, his grandfather **David Rinzler**, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are Benjy's grandparents Sarah Rinzler z"l and Donna & Harry Hutman z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Helene & David Donath** and to **Susan Lieberman** on the birth of grandson and great grandson Dov Donath on Sunday, October 18. Proud parents are Sarah & Moshe Donath. Sharing in their simcha are Dov's brothers Yaakov and Aron, his maternal grandparents Wendy & Jack Hakoun, great grandparents Rhona & Henry Shub and Genette & Georges Hakoun and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Helen Vigderhous** on the occasion of her grandson Charlie Brookman becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Proud parents are Lisa & Lorne Brookman. Sharing in their simcha are Charlie's paternal grandparents Myrna & Murray Brookman and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time is Charlie's beloved grandfather Gideon Vigderhous z"l.

Mazal Tov to **TBDJ President Josh Orzech** on his 40th birthday! Ad 120!

Condolences to **Marcy & Michael Gurberg** and their families on the loss of Marcy's beloved mother Leah Costom Siegel z"l who passed away on Sunday, October 25. Funeral was held on Tuesday, October 27.

### SPONSORSHIPS AND THANK YOUS

Rabbi Freundlich's Divrei Torah and Shiurim on Shabbat are sponsored by **Ruth Drazin** and family in memory of beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather Avrum Drazin z"l (Avraham Yitzchak ben Shmuel Shlomo v'Gitel - Marcheshvan 17).

Rabbi Freundlich's Shabbat Sermon is sponsored by **Rosaleen & David Hutman** in honour of their son Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Dorothy, Steve and Sean Howard** in memory of their beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother Anna Zalzman z"l (Chana Lieba bat Shlomo HaCohen v'Devora - Marcheshvan 21).

**TBDJ thanks the following Tent Sponsors for their support -**

**Shabbat, Oct. 31:** Lisa & Lorne Brookman, in honour of their son Charlie becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

**Shabbat, Oct. 31:** Adele & Ruby Friedman and Rosie Goldstein & Mark Hardy, in memory of Adele and Rosie's mother Hala Kleiner Goldstein z"l

**Monday, Nov. 2:** Heather & Sam Shuldiner, in memory of Sam's mother Guta Shuldiner z"l

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS AT 2:00AM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**"FALL BACK ONE HOUR"**

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR TO SET THEM FOR EASTERN STANDARD TIME.**

### DAILY SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 1 - 6

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Shacharit	8 & 9am	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am
Mincha	4:15pm	Mincha 4:15pm	Mincha 4:15pm
Shkiah	4:41pm	Shkiah 4:39pm	Shkiah 4:38pm
	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Shacharit	7:00 & 8:00am	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am
Parsha Class	12:15pm	Mincha 4:15pm	Mincha-Sefardic 4:10pm
Mincha	4:15pm	Shkiah 4:35pm	Mincha 4:15pm
Shkiah	4:37pm		Candle Lighting 4:15pm
			Sh'kiah 4:34pm

## The Unique Book of Man זה ספר תולדות אדם

The Torah reading at this time of year from the book of Breisheet introduces us to our patriarchal ancestors and many other biblical characters. The stories of their lives are richly enhanced by commentaries and Midrashim. In the Torah portion of Breisheet, just before the Torah lists, by name, the generations preceding the flood, these words appear: זה ספר תולדות אדם – this is the account of the descendants of man, the genealogy of mankind... The account commences with Seth the son of Adam and continues until the birth of Noah.

I like to translate these words in contemporary spoken Hebrew: This is the book of man... The Mishnah in the tractate of Sanhedrin teaches us about the uniqueness of each and every one of us as Hashem's creation: לפיכך נברא אדם יחידי - each and every one of us is created individually. We are unique. Each and every one of us, Hashem's creations, is one of a kind, different from everyone else. Professor Israel Levin explains: No one person is like his peers. Each person has a G-dly spark which differentiates him from his friend.

The Mishnah continues and explains that this teaches us Hashem's greatness.

**שאדם טובע כמה מטבעות בחותם אחד, וכולן דומין זה לזה, ומלך מלכי המלכים הקדוש ברוך הוא טבע כל האדם בחותמו של האדם הראשון, ואין אחד מהן דומה לחברו. לפיכך כל אחד ואחד חייב לומר: בשבילי נברא העולם**

Man makes several coins in one seal, and they are identical. The Holy King of Kings created all of man in the seal of the first man, and none are similar to each other. Therefore each and every one must say: For me the world was created.

Imagine that the world is created exclusively for each and every one of us! We all have the potential to contribute to and enhance Hashem's world with our own special and exclusive special ingredient(s), given to us by our Hashem, which is ours alone! I am referring to uniqueness in our lives, gifts of talent in different areas, which showcase our uniqueness, our individuality – the ultimate gift from our Creator – Baruch Hu!

What is that ingredient(s) and when are we conscious that we have it? I would like to imagine that we eventually find the answer to that question at some point in our lives during our sojourn here on earth in Olam Hazeh. Some are lucky and find it earlier, others later on. I would even go so far as to say, that more than it being a privilege for us to enhance and contribute to the world, Hashem's world, with our uniqueness... it is our obligation! This gift from the Creator was given to us for a reason! This uniqueness, among other things is the Book of Man, the book of our lives, which exclusively belongs to each and every one of us, with new chapters written not only by the day, but by the moment...

How do we implement our uniqueness? An example from my own life – I began to play piano at the age of 9. My lessons and aptitude progressed nicely and at the age of 12 my teacher informed me that I could be a stage pianist at the age of 15-16. As I entered my teen years, I discovered that I was able to play by ear and little by little I stopped reading music when playing. Eventually, I abandoned classical music all together. As I grew older I looked back on my early piano years with regret. Hashem gave me a gift and I didn't use it. I had a chance to share something unique with the world and I didn't maximize that potential. I ended up pursuing a hobby / career in Jewish music, davening in Shul, composing and arranging music, entertaining, teaching and leading school choirs. I felt that I was obligated to use what Hashem graciously shared with me. Today, Jewish music is my life in many ways and I am quite content that I am using the precious gift that Hashem graciously gave me – how can I not?

I like to think that our uniqueness defines who we are. Here's a thought - Do you know who you are? We are all unique in our own special way. The sad thing is that many times we see uniqueness in others but we do not recognize it in ourselves. Maybe it is such due to us racing through our routines in the rat race of life - we just take things for granted and never stop to think about what sets us apart from others or what we can contribute to the world in our own special way... It may be an idea to every so often take a good look in our personal mirror of life - look at the image staring back at you and say to it: I know you, but what makes you unique? What can you do to enhance Hashem's world?

Our individual and unique books of life are important. Last year, Cheryl and I were in a bookstore in Albany where we picked up two books titled Grandma and Grandpa's story respectively. The books are filled with memory provoking questions designed to bring out the stories of our lives in writing so that our grandchildren will be able to know about us, where we came from and more. This is what made Baba and Zaidy unique! These are their books of life... In reality, our lives are more than a single book – our lives fill volumes...

Years ago, in Cleveland, on a trip to the doctor with one of our children, we were entertained with the content posted on the pediatrician's office door. It was a fun biography of the doctor himself, pieces from his book of life where he shared his favorite number, favorite color and more. Our child was enthused as he shared one of the doctor's favorite things as one of his own. I was impressed with this and upon returning home, I as youth director, posted my favorite things on my office door at Shul, much to the delight of our congregants, young and old alike.

From the book of Amiel's life - Favorites: Torah Verse: תמים תהיה עם ה' אלוך... Chapter in psalms: 104... Scriptures verse: הגיד לך אדם מה טוב ומה השם דורש ממך... City: Tzefat... Tanach Story: David & Jonathan... Color: burgundy... Number: 8... Sports teams: Habs-Reds-Suns-Bengals... Prayer: Hallel... Time of day: Early morning davening as dawn breaks... Time of week: Friday and Yom Tov evening dinners... Special time spent: Learning Torah-Reading Jewish history-Everything about Jewish music-All sports... Favorite Shul activities: Layening the Torah and schmoozing with the people... Place I would love to have been: Hearing Rabbi Goren ZT"l blow the Shofar at the Kotel in 1967... Time in history I would love to go back to: The city of Tzefat in the days of the Kabbalists welcoming Shabbos outside in nature with the sun setting over the mountains... Food: Spaghetti and meatballs (meat sauce)... Favorite car: 1967 Ford Mustang... Vices: Dipping (actually – soaking) Challah in gravy on Friday nights... Getting impatient at traffic lights... Impatiently standing on line at the bank in Israel... Future dream: Jamming with David Hamelech and Shlomo Carlebach at the Zion gate in Yerushalayim with coming of Mashiach! All of the above besides, obviously, time spent with my wonderful wife and family!

COVID-19 has certainly afforded me the time to take a look at my book of life. Confined at home during the early lockdown days of the pandemic, I started looking through old pictures, documents and heirlooms. I put Torah thoughts on paper and dug up old musical compositions. I thought about things that I never had time for and reconnected with family and friends around the world through Whatsapp and social media engines. To quote the old ad from the 70's: Try it. You'll like it! You will find that your ספר תולדות אדם, your book of life, is guaranteed to be your ultimate bestseller!

Shabbat Shalom,

*Rev. Amiel*