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Shabbat Bulletin

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Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo
August 27 - 28, 2021 / 5781

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo

Haftara: Yeshayahu 60:1 - 60:22

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

Friday, August 27

4:00pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
6:05pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and
Maariv - Tent
6:17pm Plag Hamincha
7:10pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and
Maariv - Main Sanctuary
7:23pm Candle Lighting
7:42pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, August 28 / 20 Elul 5781

8:00am Shacharit - Upper Social Hall
and Tent
9:30am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
9:33am Sof Zman Kriyat Shma
10:00am Kef Club Programs for Kids
- Tent
6:16pm Plag Hamincha
6:25pm Daf Yomi - Upper Social Hall
7:20pm Mincha and Maariv - Sanctuary
7:20pm Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet and
Maariv - Tent
7:40pm Sh'kiah
8:26pm Havdala
9:45pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
10:45pm Musical Selichot led by
Rev. Bender - Upper Social Hall
and on Zoom
Midnight Selichot - Tent

SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Mincha is at 7:15pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

8:00am Sunday to Friday
and

9:00am on Sunday

6:50am on Monday & Thursday

7:00am on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Candle Lighting is at 7:11pm
on Friday, September 3

Schedule of Selichot Services is on right:

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Sari Newman** and Diana & Robert Friedman and their families on the wedding of their children Daniel Newman and Rachel Friedman on Thursday, August 26 in New York. Sharing in their simcha are Daniel's father Perry Newman, his grandmother Miriam Stern, Rachel's grandmothers Hedy Heller and Hannalee Friedman, and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families. Lovingly remembered at this time are, zichronam livracha, Daniel's grandfather Lou Stern, and Rachel's grandfathers Joseph Heller and Sol Friedman.

Mazal Tov to **Linda Levitt Saks** and to **Sylvia & Ben Levitt** on the occasion of their granddaughter and great granddaughter Maya Juliet Miller becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Proud parents are D'vorah & David Miller. Sharing in their simcha are Maya's brother Aaron, her grandmother Evy Miller, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are Maya's grandfathers Jay Saks z"l and Arnie Miller z"l.

SPONSORSHIPS AND THANK YOUS

Kiddush is sponsored by **Friends of Estelle & Saulie Deitcher** in their honour "with best wishes for an easy move and many opportunities to continue to daven and celebrate together in the years to come!"

UPCOMING SHIURIM, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Mon., Aug. 30, 10:00am *Tehilim Study Group for Women* with Rifki Freundlich (Zoom)
Mon., Aug. 30, 8:00pm *The Shofar - A Simple Sound Piercing Through a Complicated World* with Rabbi Freundlich (Social Hall & Zoom)
Tues., Aug. 31, 12:00pm *Lunchtime Halacha Shiur* with the Rabbi (Zoom)
Wed., Sept. 1, 12:15pm *Lunch & Learn Parsha Shiur* with the Rabbi (Zoom)
Wed., Sept. 1, 3:00pm *Jewish Music Shiur* with Rev. Bender (Zoom)
Thurs., Sept. 2, 8:00pm *Rosh Hashana Women's Program: Challa Making Demonstration* (Zoom)
Thurs., Sept. 2, 8:00pm *Gemarah Shiur on the Mitzvah of Hidur* with the Rabbi (Upper Social Hall & Zoom)

SCHEDULE OF SELICHOT SERVICES

Please note that face masks must be worn at all times
when attending these services.

Motsa'ei Shabbat, August 28

Musical Selichot with Rev. Amiel Bender in the Upper Social Hall and on Zoom at 10:45pm
Selichot in the Tent at midnight

Monday, August 30, Main Sanctuary

Selichot at 6:25am, Shacharit at 6:50am, Later Shacharit at 8:00am starting with Selichot

Tuesday, August 31, Main Sanctuary

Selichot at 6:35am, Shacharit at 7:00am, Later Shacharit at 8:00am starting with Selichot

Wednesday, September 1, Main Sanctuary

Selichot at 6:35am, Shacharit at 7:00am, Later Shacharit at 8:00am starting with Selichot

Thursday, September 2, Main Sanctuary

Selichot at 6:25am, Shacharit at 6:50am, Later Shacharit at 8:00am starting with Selichot

Friday, September 3, Main Sanctuary

Selichot at 6:35am, Shacharit at 7:00am, Later Shacharit at 8:00am starting with Selichot

Sunday, September 5, Main Sanctuary

Selichot at 7:30am, Shacharit at 8:00am, Selichot at 8:30am, Later Shacharit at 9:00am
Selichot at 10:45pm

Hayom Hazeh! Today is the Day! Sieze the Day!

In our Torah portion of Ki Tavo we are advised about our daily obligation of keeping the commandments.

היום הזה ה' אלקיך מתוך לעשות את החקים האלה והמשפטים ושמרת ועשית אותם בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך
*This day Hashem your G-d commands you to perform with these degrees and the statutes,
and you shall observe and perform them with all your heart and with all your soul.*

This verse is written in the present tense. Rashi teaches us a wonderful insight about the eternity of Torah. This day, every day, we should accept the commandments of the Torah anew as if they were given to us today. As Jews, we live our lives anew on a daily basis, beginning our days with the recitation of *Modeh Ani* as we open our eyes anew every morning, thanking Hashem for restoring our faculties. This prayer connects to the belief that when we sleep our soul detaches from our bodies and is entrusted to Hashem who compassionately returns our souls to us renewed and fresh in the morning. The reference to this idea is found in the verse *In your hand I will entrust my spirit* (Psalms 31:6).

היום הזה - This day... Every new day in our lives is an extraordinary gift from heaven. New things are exciting and are embraced with enthusiasm. We devote special attention to the things that we are enthused by. It seems that the Torah is teaching us to make the most of the valuable moments of each day, to utilize our time in drawing closer to the Creator and to approach our Avodat Hashem and the observance of the commandments with renewed enthusiasm. I sometimes wonder if I use my days to the maximum and accomplish all that I set out to do in my Avodat Hashem and in my other daily tasks. It seems that we all look at days passed and sometimes we balance this collection of days against our achievements and we find that we fall short of what we may have been able to accomplish. The Torah is telling us that today is the day, the moment is now, and quite possibly, not tomorrow. We learn from our scriptures and our rabbis about the importance of the value of the day in getting things done. Here are a few of the teachings.

... - ואל תאמר לכשאפנה אשנה, שמא לא תפנה, שאלה הן דברי תורה: *and do not say, when I am free I will study, for perhaps you will not be free.*

Rabbi Eliezer teaches us the importance of not putting off the act of repentance: *repent one day before your death* (Pirkei Avot (2:15). In the tractate of Shabbos (153a), the Talmud relates the obvious question of the students of Rabbi Eliezer: *But does a person know the day on which he will die?* Rabbi Eliezer answered them: *All the more so this is a good piece of advice, and one should repent today lest he die tomorrow; and by following this advice one will spend his entire life in a state of repentance.*

Rabbi Menachem Hameiri teaches us to seize the day for important things, and among them is the need to repent:
הן בענין התשובה - שלא יאחר מה שבידו לעשות היום עד למחר, כי זמן מחר אינו בידו
Regarding repentance one should not put off what should be done today until tomorrow as tomorrow's time is not in our hands

The Talmud relates the wisdom of Shlomo Hamelech: *At all times your clothes should be white, and oil shall not be absent from upon your head* (Ecclesiastes 9:8), meaning that a person always needs to be prepared. Rashi teaches the following regarding this verse:
התקן עצמך כל שעה במעשה טוב, שאם תמות היום, תכנס בשלום
Make it a practice to do good things every hour, that if you pass on today, you will enter in peace.

We learn about the significance of היום הזה - the day at hand - from a verse in Mishlei 27:1 -
אל תתהלל ביום מחר כי היא לא תדע מה ילד יום
Do not boast for tomorrow, for you do not know what the day will bear.

Rashi teaches us not to be boastful about what may happen tomorrow as the events of today may bring negative things which will put off tomorrows plans.

Our sages of the Mussar Movement have reflected on the passing of time:
וחכמי המוסר אמרו - הזמנים שלושה. העובר כבר עבר ולא ישוב אליך עוד
העומד והנה הוא הולך; העתיד לא תדע אם תגיע אליו
There are three intervals - what has passed has passed and will not return to you; what is present is passing; the future is indefinitely attainable.

היום הזה - With these ideas, the Torah and our rabbis are teaching us an important lesson. It is important to seize the day at hand and not to slack off. Qualitative use of our precious time will ensure our quantitative tasking. We have all experienced moments in our lives where we may have fallen short of our goals and personal expectations due to laziness or setting questionable priorities in doing what we needed to be done. Benjamin Franklin said it over 200 years ago: *Don't put it off until tomorrow what you can do today.*

Years ago I was searching online for the *yahrzeit* of my great grandfather Rabbi Yehoshua HaLevi Zambrowsky's - intending to recite Kaddish on that day. My zaide was a rabbi and a moreh in Warsaw and, following his immigration to the United States, he became the rabbi of a shul in Buffalo, New York. Searching online, I found a book in Hebrew which recorded the news of the times and there was a paragraph which recorded his passing titled: *A great loss in Buffalo*. I printed the article and set it aside to read the next day. A few days later I got around to reading the article and to my dismay I found that the *yahrzeit* was a few days earlier, on the day after I printed the article! I chose not to read the short paragraph which resulted in my missing the Kaddish date.

The word היום - today appears in our portion several times. The message is for us to seize the day - every day - with all of the opportunities that the day has to offer. Heeding the words of our sages, we should make proper use of these days which lead us to the High Holiday season and not put off our prayers, thoughts and reflections regarding repentance.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel

TRIBUTE TO SAUL AND ESTELLE DEITCHER

ON BEHALF OF TBDJ AND THE ENTIRE TBDJ FAMILY

There has been an outpouring of appreciation, love and emotion in the TBDJ community, as people have learned that the Deitchers are moving. We will all miss them terribly, and we take this opportunity to summarize some of the emotions that people have expressed.

We write these words with mixed feelings, as, understandably, we are saddened to see the Deitchers moving out of walking range of TBDJ, but, on the other hand, overjoyed that they are well and moving on to the next phase in their lives.

Saul and Estelle have been pillars of our shul and our community for over fifty years, and during that time, have endeared themselves to every one of us. Be it by their warmth, their presence at almost all TBDJ events, lectures, daf yomi, tefilla services, or through their dedication to community, their upbeat attitude, through Saulie's opening of the building early every morning, through his important function as Shabbos/Yomtov Candy Man, or through many other connections too numerous to mention, they have exemplified the best of the best for decades. They continue to serve as role models for us.

No description of the Deitchers would be complete without honourable mention of Saul's career as chairman of the Va'ad for over six decades. A record that is filled with sincere dedication and worthy of inclusion in the Book of World Records! In every significant area of Jewish life and leadership, be it Va'ad, shul, kashrus, eruv, hospital visits or so many others, the Deitchers have always been front and centre.

During this past year, since the onset of Covid, it has been very difficult for the Deitchers to physically be with us in shul. Nonetheless, Saulie has devised various ways to attend as often as possible, and we are enriched by his presence. When he and Estelle are not in attendance, their absence is noticeable.

Their children Susan (Zev), Howard (Chana) and Monty (Miriam) are the beneficiaries of having received the love and wisdom that Saul and Estelle always provided in abundance. However, we, as friends and congregants of TBDJ, have also been exceedingly fortunate to have the Deitchers in our midst.

To our dear friends, Saul and Estelle, and your wonderful family: May Hashem grant you many more happy and fulfilling years together, in good health, and may we have many occasions to connect with you in the future.

With love, from the TBDJ Family

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 5782 begins on the evening of Monday, September 20.





ROSH HASHANA COOKING DEMO

Thursday September 2

8 PM

TBDJ Zoom Social Hall



Put a new twist on your challah this year with tips and tricks from
Michelle Cola ~ Erin Grunstein ~ Yael Alt
Make or buy your own dough in advance or just watch and enjoy!





Programming

אלול Elul

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As we enter the Year 5782
TBDJ is your home for
preparation and inspiration.
We're back in shul. Join us!

Elul Inspiration Monday Night Lecture Series

with Rabbi Freundlich // Upper Social Hall & Zoom

August 16
8:00pm

For the Love of Mitzvot: Exploring the connections between the month of Elul, Shmitah and the question of should we all be buying a parcel of land in Eretz Yisrael to fulfill this mitzvah.

August 23
8:00pm

Journey Through the Machzor: A historical and philosophical study of *U'netaneh Tokef*, the frightening and powerful prayer that doesn't seem to belong.

August 30
8:00pm

A Simple Sound Piercing Through a Complicated World: What the shofar teaches us about ourselves and our relationship to Rosh Hashanah.

Tuesday Lunchtime Halacha Shiur on the High Holidays

with Rabbi Freundlich // Zoom

August 24 at Noon

What's the deal with....*simanim* foods on Rosh Hashanah night?
Do I really need to eat the head of a fish?

August 31 at Noon

What's the deal with...how many shofar blasts do I really need to hear?

September 14 at Noon

What's the deal with...wearing white and other Yom Kippur customs?

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Thursday Night Gemara Shiur on *The Mitzvah of Hidur*

with Rabbi Freundlich // Upper Social Hall & Zoom



August 26
8:00pm

September 2
8:00pm

September 9
8:00pm

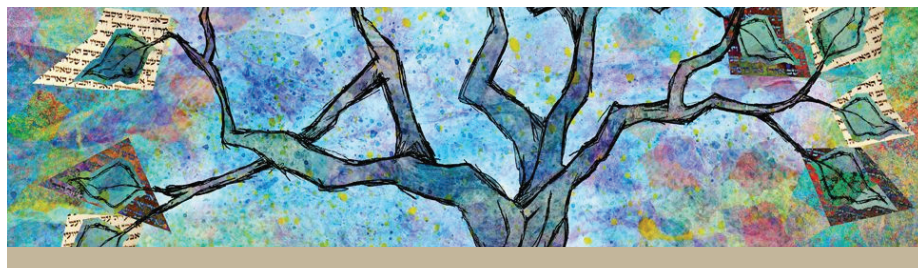
Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder: the mitzvah of
Hidur – beauty - as it relates to the Etrog.

Shabbat Shuva Drasha

with Rabbi Freundlich

Monday, September 13, 8:00pm

Main Sanctuary & Zoom



Wednesday
August 25
8:00pm

A Pre-Rosh Hashanah Class for Women
Upper Social Hall & Zoom

Channeling Our Inner Chana:

How Chana set the stage for
our Rosh Hashanah tefila.

with Rebbetzin Rifki Freundlich

Wednesday
September 1
8:00pm

Rosh Hashanah Cooking Demonstration
Upper Social Hall & Zoom

Bring something new to your holiday table this year! Join this interactive demonstration featuring Erin Grunstein, Michelle Cola and Yael Alt, and learn creative ways to put a new twist on your challah for Rosh Hashanah.

Monday Morning Women's Shiur on Sefer Tehillim

with Rebbetzin Rifki Freundlich // Zoom

Mondays at 10:00am

A weekly study group for women which explores our biblical king David HaMelech and his writings in Sefer Tehilim.

For more about Rifki Freundlich and TBDJ's Women's Initiative, please visit <https://yoetzet.TBDJ.org>.



BACK TO SHUL
SHANA TOVA



WOMEN'S INITIATIVE
& YOETZET HALACHA

Monday Morning
Tehillim

WITH

RIFKI FREUNDLICH



EVERY MONDAY

AT 10:00 AM

HOSTED IN
TBDJ'S ZOOM SOCIAL HALL



Shdeior Avrahami
Moshav Masill

Oded Corkin
Ramat Hasharon

David Abergil
Moshav Ravaya

Shimon Chazot
Moshav Ginzat

Ira Zimmerman
Moshav Safesof

Eliyahu Shikutaal
Moshav Tzofar



Together we stand proud among heroes of the field, giants with a steadfast commitment to upholding the Mitzvah of Shmitah. Join them side-by-side ascending above nature to support their sacrifice and share the abundant bracha.

Partner with a farmer and give above your nature.

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One people. One heart. One mitzvah.

Introducing a new program for the Year 5782, a year of Shmitah in Israel.

Congregation TBDJ is proud to partner with **Keren Hashviis**, an organization dedicated to furthering the understanding and observance of Shmitah in Israel.

- Contribute to a special Shmitah Fund, aimed at supporting individual farmers and communities during Shmitah.
- Explore the mitzvah of Shmitah through lectures, shiurim, and special sessions. *See opposite side for details.*
- Connect with the farmers of Israel observing Shmitah, to better understand their view of its blessings and challenges.



Visit <https://TBDJ.org/Shmitah> to participate in the Mitzvah of Shmitah!

Do you own agricultural land in Israel? Have you ever observed the mitzvah of Shmitah?

In all likelihood, the answer is no. Until now!

Our fundraising program will provide you with an opportunity to partner on a piece of agricultural land and the observance of Shmitah together with your farming partner in Israel.

You'll receive a special **shtar** (contract) that confirms your participation.

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THE JOURNEY OF MENACHEM BEGIN

The incredible story of former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin comes to life in this new, captivating documentary. Menachem Begin's story is modern Israel's story. Driven by a passion for his people, this former prime minister of Israel dedicated his life to the survival and safety of Israel and the unity of the Jewish people. Rarely seen archival materials and revealing interviews showcase Begin's life in this compelling new film.



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