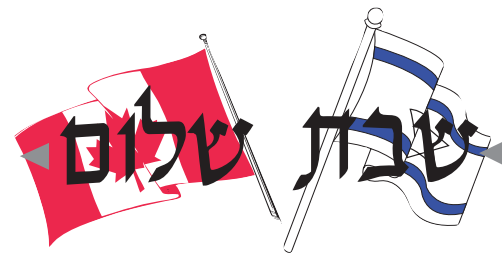


Shabbat Shalom



WEEKLY SHABBAT BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14-20

Friday Candle Lighting: 7:04 pm
Shabbat Day: March 15, 2020 | 18 Adar 5780

SHABBAT TIMES AND SERVICES

Friday Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm - Main Sanctuary
Hashkama Minyan: 7:30 am - Arback Hall
Main Service: 8:45 am - Main Sanctuary
Teen Shabbat: CANCELLED
Gan Shabbat Nursery: - CLOSED
Mini Minyan (Jr Cong): - CANCELLED
Tish and Torah: CANCELLED
Study Group: CANCELLED
Shabbat Mincha: 7:10 pm - Main Sanctuary
Seudah Shlisheet: CANCELLED
Maariv - 7:55 pm - Main Sanctuary
Havdalah/Shabbat Ends: 8:06 pm

KI TISA

Hertz Chumash Parsha: 352-368 Haftarah: 369-372	Etz Hayim Parsha: 523-546 Haftarah: 548-551
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Sefer Haftarah Dedication Parshat KI TISA

In honour of Jerry Loterman's Bar Mitzvah, by his wife Janet, and his daughters Elise, Michelle and Jessica Loterman and in memory of Jerry's parents Saul and Sonya Loterman

Weekly Services: March 15-20

Shacharit:

Sunday: 8:00 am
Monday-Friday: 7:15 & 8:15 am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday-Thursday: 7:15 pm
Friday: 7:00 pm

Please note all services will take place in the Main Sanctuary

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue

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~ WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO ~

- The family of our beloved colleague, Razy Stolberg
- Irving Levine and family on the loss of his wife, Anne Levine
- Denise Rouben and family on the loss of her mother, Sarah Azerad
- Joseph Cowen and Mindy Kleinberg and family on the loss of their wife and mother, Sidia Cowen

PLEASE NOTE ALL SYNAGOGUE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO THE BEBY COMMUNITY

Dear Beth Emeth Family and Community,

The religious, administrative, and lay leadership of Beth Emeth has been reviewing best practices and procedures in view of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. We are incredibly fortunate that there are no known cases in our community. Of course, we are aware that we must remain vigilant in order to ensure that this remains the status quo.

The precautionary measures we take as a community to protect ourselves from this outbreak will evolve as we consult with experts and take guidance from government health officials. The purpose of this message is to give you a sense of where things stand now, and how Jewish values frame this matter.

Firstly, all places of gathering have an obligation at this time to slow the spread of this outbreak so that the healthcare system can keep up with increased demand. For us, that means the frequency of our gatherings should be reduced as much as possible. Thus, effective, March 13th, **most of our in-person events, meetings and programs are cancelled**, and will remain cancelled for the foreseeable future. Where possible we will change these events to an online/virtual space, and we will let you know as we are able to do so.

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We will still conduct services on weekdays and on Shabbat. We will be moving services to large spaces in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. There will be no kiddushim, seudot, or breakfasts. No youth or childcare programs will be available. As we have stated elsewhere, if you are in a category of "elevated risk," you should think carefully before deciding to attend. Those who exhibit any symptoms of illness, who have knowingly been in contact with someone with the virus, or who have recently traveled internationally, should please stay home.

In addition, we will be implementing the following changes to our regular procedures:

- As noted above, services will take place in the main sanctuary or in the case of the Hashkama minyan, the Arback Hall. Please leave open spaces between occupied seats (with the exception of your immediate family) in accordance with social distancing guidelines
- Please refrain from hand-shaking, kissing, fist-bumps or hugging.
- Additionally, please refrain from kissing prayer books, Torahs, mezzuzot etc.
- For those who are healthy and able, please continue to attend services. Times are listed, as always, on our homepage

Communal prayer, while important, is not halakhically mandated (OH 90:9). The Shulhan Arukh rules that a person should make an effort to pray in a minyan, but may pray alone if there are "compelling circumstances." Pikuah nefesh, saving a life, is a compelling circumstance. In our tradition it is permitted to refrain from communal prayer to protect oneself from great risk to one's health.

Medical professionals have advised the clergy to take extra personal precautions because of the role they play in the community. At this time, the clergy are avoiding visiting people in the hospital or retirement homes, and at shivas. They are still available by phone or e-mail.

With these measures, we are hoping to seriously curb the impact and the spread of this illness. We deeply appreciate your help and patience as we continue to assess.

Our clergy and staff will be working, as usual, and will be available by phone or email to assist you.

We will keep you updated as this situation evolves and appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep our community healthy.

Wishing good health to all,
Malcolm Weinstein, President
Steven Greenwood, Chairman
Rabbi Howard Morrison, Senior Rabbi
Candace Vogel, Executive Director

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Rosen Judaica Gift Shop:

Wednesdays - 10 am -12:30 pm Call Sonia Hender at 416-633-3838 x 224 for after-hours appointments

Going to Israel Soon?

Bring hats for soldiers made by our Chesed Knitters! Please contact the office for more information

Haftarah Readers Wanted:

Haftarah reading is open to qualified men and women of our shul. Please contact ritual@beby.org

Hosts Needed

- For our ShinShinim from February- June 2020 email dale.gold@gmail.com
- Israeli Heroes for Beit Halochem. Call 905-695-0611 or beithalochem.ca

SHABBAT PROGRAMMING - CANCELLED

Sam Kotzer Shabbat & Festival Gan Program

10 am - end of Services | BEBY Babies Room (lower level). Weekly for kids SK and younger. Tefilot, songs, games, and healthy snacks.

Mini Minyan (Jr. Congregation) 10 am - End of Services. Inwentash Centre. Weekly for Grades 1+. Tefilot, snack, and fun!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND NEWS

TODAY - Teen Shabbat - CANCELLED

March 21: Mindfulness Minyan. Chapel. 10 am

March 22: National Council of Jewish Women
Passover Food Drive Packing. 9:15 am

April 4: Family Shabbat and Chocolate Seder.
Chapel. 10 am

ONLINE REGISTRATION for all programs under
"Upcoming Next-Gen/Youth to Young Family Programs" at beby.org
Please contact Rabbi David Grundland at rabbidavid@beby.org

BEBY THEATRE TRIPS

2020 TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

STRATFORD FESTIVAL
Musical: CHICAGO

Monday, May 11

Members: \$130
Non Members: \$145

SHAW FESTIVAL
Musical: GYPSY

Tuesday, August 25

Members: \$120
Non Members: \$135

First come, first served. 2PM matinee includes seats and transportation.
Bus departs from Beth Emeth at 9AM sharp. No refunds or exchanges.
CALL THE OFFICE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS! 416-633-3838

YIZKOR BOOK

To honour your loved ones in our annual Yizkor Book, please call Freda at 416-633-3838 x233.

PURIM/PASSOVER 2020 KESHER IS NOW AVAILABLE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO READ IT!

GREENING COMMITTEE TIPS

- WASH YOUR HANDS
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Hilda Swirsky, RN, BScN, MEd, Chair, hswirsky@hotmail.com

We hold in our hearts the memory of our community's loved ones whose Yahrzeits are being observed this week from March 14-20

Ida Ashrow	Bella Frysh	Lillian Levitt	Aaron Rozenon
Benjamin Axelrod	Ben Garten	Meyer Levy	Jean Rudd
Bas Sheva	Mania Gitter	Evelyn Levy	Shura Schatz
Barenholtz	Jack Goldberg	Sonya Laterman	Minnie Schwartz
Tillie Binder	Marvin Goldfinger	Elizabeth Majer	Edith Sefton
Charles Bishinsky	Erno Gondor	Krajndla March	Janie Seider
Ida Blum	Lillian Goodwin	Esther Martin	Charlotte
Alter Tzvi Brener	Morris Grafstein	Stanley Mervin	Shainbaum
Zelik Cegelnicki	Ruthie Greenspoon	Bernice Mestel	Ada Shapero
Mervyn Cohen	Morris Gruda	Sally Milstein	Saul Sherman
Rebecca Cowen	Bella Heller	Melvyn Morris	Charles Sherman
Michael Crystal	Oskar Hochman	Pauline Muroff	Tillie Shubinsky
Anita Connie Davis	Frances Hoffman	Evelyn Nefsky	Sandor Siklos
Eli Davis	Sam Isakson	Annie Nidelman	Marvin Starr
Alexander Deutsch	Sharon Isenberg	Sara Opatovsky	Gerald Steiner
Irving Dobkin	Gaston Israel	Fayga Orzech	Helen Strassler
Anita Duke	Harry Jacobs	Rose Plener	Ruth Strauss
Meta Echt	Irving Jacobson	Goldie Plotkin	Mike Sumner
Anita Eidelman	Theresa Jacobson	Mary Prashker	Barry Abraham
Victoria Rose Ellis	Moshe Kachuck	Rose Raider	Tobe
Clara Evenstein	Jack Kaye	Rebecca Rapoport	Mitchell Jack
Max Fagan	Carol Kazman	Zelig Rauchschnal	Tozman
Arthur Felson	Helen Klesmer	Alex Reznick	Rachel Wadowski
Alexander Fisher	Sam Kotzer	Yakov	Michael Weinper
Rose Fishman	Saul Kravetz	Constantinovich	Jennie Weisdorf
Helen Fogel	Bessie Kushner	Reznick	David Witchel
Toby Freedman	Samuel Land	Zvi Gadalia Rosen	Peter Woolfson
Bernard Freedman	Murray Lazer	Fanny Rosen	Bernice Wygodny
Sol Freeman	Mabel Levin	Barbara Gloria Ross	

Please notify the office for any errors or omissions

KI TISA *by Rav Yitz*

I Know It's Just Another Trick She's Got Up Her Sleeve (Jerry Garcia - "Cream Puff War")

Our university daughter made an unscheduled return home this week. She should be in the middle of midterms and watching college basketball in New York where she attends university. Because of the Coronavirus, U.S. universities have closed for the two weeks including Columbia, Princeton, Ohio State, Stanford, Washington St. and a variety of others totaling approximately 100,000 students. Our daughter's school is one of them. So we flew her home and we will wait and see if the school re-opens as scheduled. Earlier this week, Israel declared that anyone, Israeli or non-Israeli, entering the country will automatically enter a 14 day quarantine period before resuming their time in Israel. Italy has essentially closed down. There is a genuine concern about the spread of this virus. Yet information remains scant, there seem to be too few tests and the number of tests given has been compared to South Korea, another hard-hit area has been minuscule. The concern has been that widespread testing would mean that far more people are infected than currently reported. However without having all the information, without knowing who may or may not be infected, then diminishing the intensity of the virus' spread becomes more and more difficult. This lack of information, this lack of transparency has become a snare or a trap that has paralyzed universities, school systems, numerous public events as well as financial markets.

This week's Torah portion is entitled Ki Tissa. Parsha Ki Tissa is divided into several parts. The first part being the commanded to take a census of the population and collect a half-shekel for each person counted. The second part is the final blueprints for the Mishkan, the spices that are to be used, as well as the oil that is to be processed prior to burning. God then designates two men, Betzalel ben Uri from the tribe of Judah and Ahaliav ben Achisamach from the tribe of Dan to be the Master Builder and Designer of this national project. God reiterates the commandment of the Shabbat and reminds Moshe that anyone who violates it will be put to death and his/her soul will be cut off from the people. The next part B'nai Yisroel commits the sin of the Eigel Zahav (Golden Calf): they built and then worshipped

an idol. God wants to wipe out the people but Moshe urges God to reconsider. Moshe then descends the mountain and becomes just as upset as God, and he throws down the Shnei Luchot HaBrit - the Two Tablets of the Covenant. After a day or two when calm has been restored, Moshe re-ascends the mountain in order to pray for national forgiveness. Moshe then has an opportunity to experience another personal revelation even more powerful than the Burning Bush; Moshe has the opportunity to witness God's passing before him. Dictated by God, Moshe chisels the Aseret Diberot into two new Tablets. He then goes back down the mountain. This time he descends with light and glory of God emanating from him.

During the moment when Moshe re-ascends the mountain seeking forgiveness for the people and Moshe experiences a personal revelation and watched God pass by; God re-iterates the covenant. VaYomer Hinei Anochi Koreit Brit Negeed Kol Amcha E'eseh Niflaot Asher Lo Nivre'u V'Chol Ha'Aretz U'VeChol HaGoyim - God said, 'Behold, I seal a covenant: Before your entire people I shall make distinctions such as have never been created in the entire world and among all the nations; and the entire people among whom you are will see the work of Hashem - which is awesome - that I am about to do with you. HiShameir Lecha Pen Tichrot Brit L'Yosheiv Ha'Aretz Asher Atah Ba Aleha Pen Yiheyeh L'Mokeish B'Kirbecha- Be vigilant lest you seal a covenant with the inhabitant of the land to which you come, lest it be a snare among you. (Ex. 34:11-12) The lesson of the Eigel Zahav, (the Golden Calf) was that B'nai Yisroel mimicked the indigenous idolatrous people that were living in B'nai Yisroel's covenanted land. God reminded Moshe and by association reminded the people that they must not weaken the nature of the covenant. They must not deal with these nations for fear that B'nai Yisroel becomes ensnared (L'Mokeish), trapped, and weakened. How could these idol-worshipping nations ensnare B'nai Yisroel? The fact is these nations cannot trap or ensnare B'nai Yisroel unless B'nai Yisroel ceases its vigilance, if they start dealing with these nations, or if they think that peace with these nations will lead to the perpetuation of B'nai

Yisroel. From God's perspective is to remind Moshe that the desire to make peace with those who want to destroy B'nai Yisroel, is not peace but rather will lead to B'nai Yisroel's destruction.

Yes, it has been wonderful having our daughter home for this past week. However, the circumstances for her return raise troubling concerns. We are a highly interconnected society. Individuals are incredibly connected but institutions are also highly connected to each other. The strength of that connection is only as strong as there are immutable facts, trust, and transparency. The snares and the traps are clear and obvious. Financial markets, public health, and welfare can easily be trapped when trust and transparency diminish. While such concern may seem too distant, the concerns are quite immediate. The lack of trust affects all those who have been advised to stay home, all those who have been quarantined, all those university and high school students who will now have to take classes online, all those who have lost portions of their retirement to the market decline and all those who have a loved one at risk. The result is that numerous aspects of daily life will become snared and trapped. In the meantime, we behave responsibly.

Peace,
Rav Yitz *Rabbi Leslie Lipson*

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