

# Shabbat Shalom

# שבת שלום



Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am  
An Egalitarian Conservative Community  
Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

December 15 2018

7 Tevet 5779

## VaYigash ויגש

Parashah: 274  
Haftarah: 291

Mazal Tov to Ytai Udokang-Stopnicki and his family, on his Bar Mitzvah Aufruf and on celebrating becoming Bar Mitzvah in Israel.

This issue of the Shabbat Shalom is sponsored in honour of Jack Pollock's 80th birthday by his wife Nina, his children and grandchildren.

This issue of the Shabbat Shalom is sponsored by Tena & Larry Lexchin in honour of their 45th Wedding Anniversary

### SERVICE TIMES

Evenings: (December 14 to December 20)  
Friday..... 4:30 PM  
Friday Candle Lighting..... 4:23 PM  
Shabbat Mincha ..... 4:15 PM  
Sunday - Thursday..... 4:45 PM

### Mornings:

Shabbat .....9:00 AM  
Sunday..... 8:30 AM  
Monday-Thursday .....7:00 & 8:00 AM

### December at Beth David

Club Chaverut - "An Elvis Presley Review"  
Sunday, December 16th 1:30 PM

Sisterhood - Craft Group  
Tuesday, December 18th 7:30 PM

Seniors' Exercise Classes will be cancelled  
Tuesday December 25th through Tuesday January 1st.  
Classes resume Thursday January 3rd.

**HAVE YOU MAXIMIZED  
YOUR 2018 INCOME  
TAX DONATIONS YET?**



*It's not too late to reduce your 2018 taxes payable to Revenue Canada.*

Your year-end financial commitment to Beth David will help to ensure that our Shul remains a pillar in the Jewish Community, honouring our traditions, cherishing the present and securing our future. And, at the same time, save the amount of Income Tax you have to pay.

**No amount is too small.** You have many choices including. . .

Torah Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Adult Education, Youth and Family Programmes plus others

**Or you may wish to inscribe . . .**

Rabbi Scheim's Torah Dedication-Eitz Hayim \$180 or Shema Yisrael \$54; A Leaf on the Tree of Life \$360; Plaques, Sanctuary Seat \$750 or Chapel Bench \$ 2,500; Ganz Family Social Hall Stained Glass Window \$15,000

For further information on the Beth David Year End Tax Saving programme contact Ian at 416 633 5500 ext. 22



**All Youth Shabbat morning programs are on hiatus December 22nd, 29th and January 5th**

**PROGRAMS WILL RESUME ON OR AFTER JANUARY 6, 2019**

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## THIS WEEK'S SPONSORS

### Enhanced Kiddush Sponsor

Mark Federman & Marina Gutman, in honour of Al Federman's 90th birthday

### Kiddush Sponsors

Jeff Cooper and Brenda Cooper-Geffen, commemorating the yahrzeit of their mother Rose Cooper  
Avital Stopnicki & Essien Udokang, in honour of their son Ytai's Bar Mitzvah aufruf

### Enhanced Seudah Shlishyt Sponsor

Harvey Bitterman, commemorating the yahrzeits of his uncles Elazar Lipa Bitterman and Yitzhak Ya'akov Bitterman

### Seudah Shlishyt Sponsor

Steven Hacker & Jennifer Lazar, commemorating the yahrzeit of Steven's mother Esther Hacker

### Enhanced Breakfast Sponsors

Joey, Shelli and Jessi Pollock, commemorating the end of the eleven month recitation of Kaddish for  
Shelli's mother Miriam Wise and the yahrzeit of Joey's father Melvin Pollock  
Aviva Silverman & Mark Smiley, commemorating the yahrzeit of Aviva's mother Tobie Kelman Silverman  
Amnon & Janice Fischer, in honour of Rabbi Scheim, Cantor Loomer and Michael Rubin

### Breakfast Sponsors

Gary Lipton, commemorating the yahrzeit of his mother Sylvia Lipton  
The Perlmutter Family, commemorating the yahrzeit of Marshall Perlmutter  
Jerry Rosenbloom, commemorating the yahrzeit of Jerry's father Max Rosenbloom  
Gary Feldman & Sharon Day Feldman, commemorating the yahrzeit of Gary's mother Anne Feldman  
Solomon & Ann Samson, commemorating the yahrzeit of Solomon's brother Daniel Samson  
Coleman & Evelyn Bernstein, commemorating the yahrzeit of Coleman's brother Michael Bernstein

## Adult Education



Adult Education presents...

**Rabbi Wayne Allen**

2 part series

Thursdays 7:30-9:00 pm

February 7, 2019

"The Ten Most Important Ideas in Judaism"

February 21, 2019

"Prescription for an Ailing World"

Please register at [www.bethdavid.com](http://www.bethdavid.com) or 416-633-5500



### TUESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

with Rabbi Scheim and Michael Rubin

**Trends and Challenges in Jewish History**

8 Sessions

Tuesdays 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

October 16 & 30, 2018

November 20 & 27, 2018

December 11, 2018

February 12 & 26, 2019

March 12, 2019

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## Youth

•JOIN• **CANTOR MARSHALL** •FOR•  
**SHUL IN 30**

**A SUPER FUN & FAST  
SERVICE FOR YOUTH**  
(Recommended for ages 4-12 but  
everyone is welcome)  
**January 12th, 10:15 - 10:45 AM**  
**THE BETH DAVID CHAPEL**

## Sisterhood

Next Craft Night: Tuesday December 18th at 7:30 PM



Beth David Sisterhood in conjunction  
with Shabbat Unplugged Presents



Back by Popular  
Demand!  
**THE  
MILK BAG  
PROJECT**



**Sunday, January 27, 2019 3PM to 5PM**

Turn clean 4 litre milk bags into sleep mats

Save your bags and bring them to the bin in the lobby.

For more information, please visit [www.bethdavid.com](http://www.bethdavid.com) or call the office at (416) 633 5500.

## Nosh N' Drosh



## Congregation Wide Nosh 'n Drosh

**Beth David In-depth Israel**

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Will take place **mid-service** with  
an enhanced Kiddush and discussion  
with the participants of the recent Israel trip

WITH REVERENCE WE REMEMBER  
THESE LIVES ON THE APPROACHING  
ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Meyer Abraham  
William Abrams  
Steven Terrance Adler  
Max Ambrose  
Esther Asher  
Edward Baker  
William (Bill) Baker  
Max Balarsky  
Michael Bedder  
William Bedder  
Jay Berlove  
Masha Berman  
Elazar Lipa Bitterman  
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Samuel Gold  
Samuel Goldman  
Leah Goltzman  
Esther Greenblatt  
Henry Gruneir  
Esther Hacker  
Howard Hacker  
Anne Hoffman  
Harry Hoffman  
Bengt Jonsson  
Fanny Joseph  
Ruth Kadish  
Mildred Kaminsky  
Nate Kaminsky  
Edith Kates  
Eddie Kazdan  
Tobie Kelman Silverman  
Jacob Klein  
Joseph Kurz  
David Benjamin Kushnir  
Freda Laba  
Salomea Lichtblau

Marsha Litvack  
Gertrude F. Mainster  
Thekla Mayer  
Bea Mechlovics  
Nathan Menkes  
Joseph Meretsky  
Joseph Mest  
Samuel Mirsky  
Judith Mosoff  
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Irma Pappenheim  
Jonas Pappenheim  
Frances Phillips  
Melvin Pollock  
Ann Quarter  
Edna Ratner  
Marian Reisman  
Esther Rosen  
Max Rosenbloom  
Max Ross  
Shelly Saltzman  
Daniel Samson  
Harry Samuels  
Samuel Schaenfield  
Jack Schnoor  
Evelyn Schwartz  
Gertrude Schwartz  
Ann Shelson  
Max Sherman  
Murray Sherr  
Louis Shinwell  
Molly Shour  
Maurice Shugar  
Maurice Shugar  
Nathan Silver  
Marion Small  
Sadie Solomon  
Benjamin Sonshine  
Abraham Spizaizen  
Leah Spring  
Saul Starr  
Ida Steinberg  
Jacob Steindler  
Sadie Strominger  
Matilda Swartz  
Fanny Swimmer  
Hinda Liba Tepperman  
Isaac Turner  
Max Walters  
Gitla Waltman  
Samuel Weinberg  
Otilie Wilchfort  
Alex Zalkin

Thank you to this week's sponsors!  
What a beautiful way to commemorate  
a Yahrzeit, Birthday, Anniversary or any  
other special occasion in your family's life!

## Club Chaverut

Club Chaverut presents...  
**Kevin Mills**  
**Las Vegas Entertainer**  
**"An Elvis Presley Review"**  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 1:30 PM**

RSVP to Rose Haspel at 905-764-8141  
by December 10, 2018  
Club Chaverut Members \$8.00 Non Members \$12.00

## Shul Wide



Saturday, January 26, 2019  
2 - 6pm

Recharge and reconnect with Beth David

Details to follow

Register at [www.bethdavid.com](http://www.bethdavid.com) or call 416-633-5500

## Membership

### Beth David Book Club

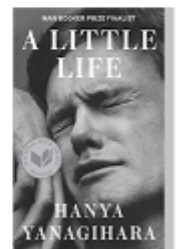
Read the book & join the discussion

Date: **Monday, February 4th** at 7:45 pm

Place: Beth David. Please provide a copy of the book

#### ***A Little Life* by Hanya Yanagihara**

The novel tells the story of four classmates who move from a small Massachusetts college to New York, looking for better opportunities of success and prosperity, "an epic study of trauma and friendship".



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## THIS WEEK'S TORAH READING:



# VaYigash וַיִּגַּשׁ

Parashah: 274 Haftarah: 291

The strength and beauty of Jewish family life is eloquently expressed in the Sidra of Vayigash. Judah, the spokesman for the brothers, drew near to Joseph, and pleaded on behalf of young Benjamin. While the phrase to “draw near” refers to physical proximity, it carries with it the deeper implication that Judah drew closer to Joseph in a spiritual sense. The man who became ruler of ancient Egypt could not help but be moved by Judah’s touching plea on behalf of his brother.

When Judah volunteered to become a slave in place of Benjamin, Joseph surely realized that here was genuine devotion on the part of Judah. The jealousy of younger days and the sibling rivalry of their adolescent years was now resolved. There were strong ties that held the family close together. Judah was not ashamed to admit that his main concern was his aged father back home. Judah confesses that he cannot face the possibility of causing his father untold grief. “For how shall I go up to my father, if the lad be not with me, lest I look upon the evil that shall come on my father?”

Generation after generation read this moving tale of Joseph and his brothers. Both young and old identified with the dreams of Joseph and were moved by the vivid events, which befell the entire household of Jacob.

Together with it, there was also the strong impact upon family loyalties. Younger children fought and quarreled, as did Joseph and his brothers. But they outgrew their petty squabbles as the bonds of devotion, nurtured by parental care, outweighed all other emotions.

No doubt the brothers saw the grief their father endured when Joseph disappeared. Life’s experiences drew the family closer together, and children learned to reciprocate and be equally concerned about the safety and well-being of aged parents. Joseph’s first message to the father was that he and the entire family join him, and he will provide for them.

Loyalty to the family has remained a marked characteristic of Jewish life. We want to do everything in our power to cultivate this sense of family solidarity. The virtues of the Jewish home must be maintained, so that the beauty and strength of family devotion will continue to be a determining force in Jewish life.

**Rabbi Zev K. Nelson**

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## Ritual



# TORAH TROPE

WITH MICHAEL RUBIN

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.

February 19, 26

March 5, 12, 19, 2019

Contact Michael Rubin at

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## Singles50Plus

BETH DAVID SINGLES50PLUS

# “BEATLEMANIA”

THE BEATLES (1962-1966)

with

MIKE DALEY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Doors open at 7:30 pm

Admission cash only: \$15 includes refreshments

### ALLERGY ALERT!!

Many of our members suffer from asthma or other breathing difficulties. Please be considerate of those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances. Your discretion in applying scented products when attending Shul is

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