



From the Desk of the Rav

LOVELY LAND



The descendants of Levi have a special role as leaders and teachers of Israel. Consequently, the Levites were not given a standard portion of land in Eretz Yisrael like the rest of the nation. Nevertheless, the tribes of Israel were told to set aside 48 cities for them. The cities of the Levites were not only to provide accommodation for the descendants of Levi, but by situating them throughout the land, they became centres of spiritual guidance.

The Torah notes that an open space must be placed surrounding these cities. This land was kept vacant and undeveloped for the beautification of the town.

Keeping Eretz Yisrael appealing and pleasing to the eye is important. We must view every inch of the land as our home. When it is graced with beauty, it is alluring to the heart and soul. Aesthetics indeed have importance, especially in areas of education and inspiration.

Yet at the same time, the family of Levi, as teachers of Am Yisrael, must remind the nation that the land, its development and beautification is not an end in itself, but a means to fulfill the destiny of Klal Yisrael.

Shabbat Shalom,
 Yirmiya Milevsky

Z'manei Tefillah

Friday, July 13, 2018	
Candlelighting (not before 7:24 p.m.)	8:40 p.m.
Mincha	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 14, 2018, Matot-Masei	
Shacharit, Shabbat	7:30, 9:00 a.m.
Latest Shema	9:36 a.m.
Daf Yomi	7:35 p.m.
Pirkei Avot	8:15 p.m.
Mincha	8:40 p.m.
Shkiya	8:58 p.m.
Motzaei Shabbat	9:43 p.m.
Sunday-Friday, July 15-20, 2018	
Earliest Talis & Tefillin, Sunday-Friday	4:45-4:51 a.m.
Shacharit, Sunday,	8:00 a.m.
Shacharit, Monday, Thursday,	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday,	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Sunday-Thursday	8:45 p.m.
Friday, July 20, 2018	
Candlelighting (not before 7:20 p.m.)	8:35 p.m.
Mincha	7:00 p.m.

**2018 - 2020 B'nai Torah Board of Directors ~
 Proposed Slate (Partial):***

- Co-Presidents:** Paul Forman & David Green
- First Vice-President:** Jack Saunders
- Second Vice-President:** Ken Kantorowitz
- Treasurer:** Stephen Silver
- Immediate Past Co-Presidents:** Murray Miskin & Alan Zuck

*All appointments pending Board approval.

OFFICE CLOSED

The B'nai Torah office will be closed from **Friday, July 20**, through **Friday July 27, 2018**. The office will reopen on **Monday July 30, 2018**. All calls and emails will be returned at that time. For Chevra Kadisha, please call Eli Honig, 416-221-9899. In case of emergency, please contact Paul Forman or David Green.

B'nai Torah Shiurim

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Paul Forman.

Weekday Daf Yomi, Nir Lifshitz
Sunday @ 7:00 a.m., Beit Midrash/ New time
 Monday-Friday @ 6:00 a.m., Beit Midrash

Daily learning between Mincha and Maariv
 Rabbi Milevsky

Pareshat HaShavua - Rabbi Milevsky
 Will resume in the fall

Rabbi Gemara Navi Shiur
 Will resume in the fall

Minchas Chinuch - Rabbi Hochman
 Men, Tuesdays @ 8:00 p.m., Library

Chumash & Rashi - Yitzchak Deutsch
 Men, Tuesdays @ 8:00 p.m., Beit Midrash

Gemarah Yoma In depth - Rabbi Milevsky
 Men, Thursdays @ 8:00 p.m.

Lifecycle

We Thank Our Sponsors

The enhanced foyer Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by:

- George and Malka Adler, to commemorate the Yahrzeit of their daughter, Bracha Ahuva Leah bat Shmaye, z"l.
- B'nai Torah, in honour of Joe Epstein on the occasion of his upcoming retirement as Shammos of B'nai Torah.

Halacha Corner

THE NINE DAYS

On Motzei Shabbat, July 21, the Bracha recited over the candle is made in Shul before the reading of Eicha.

On Sunday night, July 22, after the fast, the Havdalah is recited with two blessings: the Bracha on the beverage and "Hamavdil". The introductory verses are omitted, as are the blessings over the spices and candle.

A person who for health reasons is not fasting on Tisha B'Av should make Havdalah before eating.

B'NAI TORAH SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

"The Destruction of Yerushalayim and its Rebuilding"

Rabbi Milevsky, Wednesday, July 18 & 25 @ 10:15 a.m., Beit Midrash,

David Cymerman, Shabbat, August 11 & 18, Time & Topic T.B.A.

Sharon Shore, Date, Time & Topic T.B.A.

Rabbi Benjamin Hecht, Date, Time & Topic T.B.A.

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Synagogue Notes

Joe Epstein is Retiring!

Mazal Tov to Joe Epstein (and Netta!) on his upcoming retirement as Shammos of Congregation B'nai Torah! Joe has served us well for the past 6+ years and we wish him well on his retirement and well-deserved rest. Please join us this Shabbat for an enhanced Foyer Kiddush in Joe's honour to celebrate his retirement.

Shammos Job Vacancy:

Any male member interested in the job of Shul Shammos, or any member who is aware of a suitable candidate, should contact Paul Forman or David Green for further details, including job description and remuneration.

Appeal for Kosher Food Bank:

B'nai Torah has received an urgent request from the kosher food bank at Pride of Israel. They are badly in need of funds to meet the needs of Kosher Jews who need help putting food on the table. B'nai Torah members are encouraged to help out with this worthy cause. Please see letter from Rabbi Gorman below. To donate, please call: 416-226-0111. Weekday mornings speak to Frieda at Ext. 201. Tuesday to Thursday afternoons, speak to Susan at Ext. 203. Volunteers for packing are also needed.

Board Meeting:

There will be a Board of Directors meeting on **Wednesday, July 18, @ 7:15 p.m.**

Save the Date

Annual Shul BBQ

Wednesday, August 8th

More information to follow

Appeal to B'nai Torah for help with Kosher Food Bank

You are aware likely that the Pride of Israel runs a kosher food bank. The Pride of Israel kosher food bank serves more than 150 people a week from all over the northern reaches of Toronto and the southern reaches of Thornhill. Our numbers have risen steadily over the years.

As we approach Tisha B'Av, much of the Jewish community will fast as part of the ritual of the day. While we regard this fast as a hiyyuv, ultimately, God has granted us autonomy. We can choose to fast. We can choose to eat. The food bank at the Pride of Israel is there for those who do not have the luxury of such a choice. The food bank at the Pride of Israel provides a necessary resource for those who are faced with the reality of not eating not just a few days a year, - but on a constant basis.

I am contacting you today to ask for your help. We are short on quality food. We are short on funds. Many of the city's congregations have really stood up for us over time. We thank those people. We are also asking everyone else to join in this important endeavour.

Any help your congregation can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

[Rav Sean C. Gorman](#)

🕯️ Those interested in engaging in non-stop conversations during davening, layning or the Rabbi's speech are asked to please step outside the Main Sanctuary, so that those who wish to daven with kavanah can do so. Shabbat Shalom!

Kaylim Mikvah 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, other times by appointment with the Shammos, Joe Epstein. Kaylim Mikvah is not available Erev Shabbos or Yom Tov. **Ladies' Mikvah.** Friday nights and Yom Tov nights, by appointment. Call Hanna Katz by Wednesday at 416.225.6483. **Sisterhood Donations,** Elaine Tanenzapf, lainny@rogers.com or call 416.665.2182; **Tree of Life, Dedications, Memorial Plaques.** Contact the office.

Visit us at our Donations page at www.bnaitorah



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A SPECIAL SUMMER MINI LECTURE SERIES



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Wednesday July 25 @ 10:15am

by Rabbi Milevsky