



From the Desk of the Rav

TORAH WELL



Over the last few weeks, we read in the Torah many stories about the Patriarchs and wells. On a basic level it appears that as they were settling and expanding their influence in the Land of Canaan, they needed to create sources of water. Commentators add that the well symbolizes Torah. Just as a person needs water for physical survival, so too Torah is needed for a person to survive spiritually. Thus, the information given to us regarding the wells that were dug by Avraham and Yitzchak, teaches us that they were involved in spiritual education and were attempting to guide a pagan society onto the path of Hashem.

Later, as the family of Israel turned into a nation, a shift occurred and the focus of our nation was to work on its own development.

Nevertheless, we must always remember that ultimately we are to follow the path of the Patriarchs and in the words of Isaiah, "Become a light unto the nations."

Shabbat Shalom,
Yirmiya Milevsky

Z'manei Tefillah

Friday, November 17, 2017

Candlelighting 4:32 p.m.
Mincha 4:35 p.m.

Saturday, November 18, 2017 Pareshat Toldot, Machar Chodesh

Shacharit, Shabbat 7:30, 9:00 am
Latest Shema 9:39 a.m.
Daf Yomi 3:50 p.m.
Mincha (no Kel Maleh) 4:30 p.m.
Shkiya 4:50 p.m.
Motzei Shabbat, 5:35 p.m.

Sunday-Friday, November 19-24, 2017

Earliest Talis & Tefillin, Sunday-Friday 6:21-6:26 a.m.
Shacharit, Sunday, **Rosh Chodesh** 7:00, 8:00 a.m.
Shacharit, Monday, Thursday 6:45, 7:10 a.m.
Shacharit, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:00, 7:20 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Sunday-Thursday 4:40 p.m.

Friday, November 24, 2017

Candlelighting 4:27 p.m.
Mincha 4:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED

The B'nai Torah office will be closed on Friday, November 17, 2017 and Monday, November 20. The office will reopen on **Tuesday, November 21, 2017**. All emails will be answered at that time.

Chanukah Lecture

By Rabbi Milevsky

**"A Puppy for Chanukah:
A Jewish Perspective on Pet Ownership"**

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 @7:45 PM

Free of charge / All welcome

No reservation required for lecture, free and open to all

Pre-Lecture Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sam Ferman Hall

\$25/pp. Members ◆ \$30/pp. ~ Non-Members

RSVP no later than Friday, November 24, 2017. No Walk-Ins

For more details on the dinner, see page 2.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Paul Forman.

B'nai Torah Shiurim

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Weekday Daf Yomi, Nir Lifshitz

Sunday @ 7:30 a.m., Beit Midrash

Monday-Friday @ 6:00 a.m., Beit Midrash

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Daily learning between Mincha and Maariv

Rabbi Milevsky

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Pareshat HaShavua - Rabbi Milevsky

Mondays, @10:15 a.m.

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Minchas Chinuch, - Rabbi Hochman

Men, Tuesdays @ 8:00 p.m., Library

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Chumash & Rashi - Yitzchak Deutsch

Men, Tuesdays @ 8:00 p.m., Beit Midrash

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Gemarah Yoma In depth - Rabbi Milevsky

Analysis of the text and context of the treatise

Will not meet this week

Lifecycle

Celebrations

- Mazal tov to Rabbi Asher and Barbara Frankel on the birth of a granddaughter, daughter to Yisroel and Hadassah Frankel of N. Y.
- Mazal tov to Rebbetzin Faigie Frankel on the birth of a great-granddaughter.

We Thank Our Sponsors

Seudah Shlisheet this week is sponsored by:

- Morty and Pat Gelber to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Morty's mother, Sarah bat Yaakov, z"l.

The Rabbi's Paresha Shiur on November 20 is sponsored by:

- Anonymous

Halacha Corner

If a person hears a Beracha or the Kaddish in the middle of Pesukei d'Zimra, he should not answer "Baruch Hu u'varuch Shemo" however Amen is answered. If one hears the Kedushah he should stand.

Chanukah Pre-Lecture Dinner

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Sam Ferman Hall

MENU

Caesar Salad or Green Salad
 Salmon Teriyaki
 Green Beans and Baby Carrots
 Potato Latkes and Apple Sauce
 Fruit Platters
 Sufganiyot
 Soft Drinks, Coffee/Tea

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Catered by Taam Tov Catering

Followed by

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Ladies Tehillim

There will be a Ladies' Tehillim gathering on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM. There are many cholim in our Kehillah who can benefit from this act of chesed.

Synagogue Notes

Gemara Yoma Class:

Rabbi Milevsky's Gemara class will not meet this Thursday, Nov. 23.

Midreshet Yom Rishon – Save the date:

The YU Torah MiTzion Zichron Dov Beit Midrash Midreshet Yom Rishon program will hold its special Chanukah themed class here in B'nai Torah on **Sunday, December 10, at 10:00 AM** in the Beit Midrash. Light refreshments will be served. As always, this program is free of charge. All women are invited to attend. Stay tuned for more information on topics and speakers.

Board Meeting:

There will be a board meeting on **Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM.**

Mattamy Homes Information Session Follow-up:

Further to Wednesday's information session with Mattamy Homes and City Councillor James Pasternak, **all** members are encouraged to call Councillor Pasternak's Constituency Office at (416)395-6407, and/or, e-mail him at councillor_pasternak@toronto.ca, to express your concerns about increased traffic flow on Patricia Avenue and, in particular, lack of development parking, with particular emphasis on the anticipated impact that this will have on Congregation B'nai Torah and our already strapped parking lot situation. Assuming that the 31 homes are built with single car garages and driveways, with no added development parking, there is a major concern that parking overflow will end up in our parking lot, especially if they ban parking on Patricia, (as was suggested), to appease concerns of local area residents. This will create a huge headache for us and place an added burden and strain on our Office staff, membership, and tenants. The more opposition that Councillor Pasternak receives, and the louder, the better. It is important that as many people as possible voice their concerns, otherwise they will assume no opposition to the existing plans and they will be approved accordingly. This will have negative traffic flow and parking consequences for our Shul and impact the overall value of our property. Please be sure to let the Office know if you've voiced your concerns either over the phone or by way of e-mail, (can Cc Shul Office at office@bnaitorah.ca), so that we can track the number of complaints/concerns lodged. Your attention to, and support with, this matter would be greatly appreciated!

STRINGS ATTACHED ORCHESTRA
4th Annual Family & Friends Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2017

At 2:00 pm

In the Sam Ferman Hall

Refreshments to follow

\$10 per person

Tickets available from the shul office

☞ Those interested in engaging in non-stop conversations during davening, layening, 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.

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Presents



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A Jewish Perspective on Pet Ownership



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