



From the Desk of the Rav

THE "METHUSELAH DELAY"



In the beginning of this week's Paresha, we find Noach occupied- for a very long time- in a construction project. The project was to build an ark for the purpose of saving and rebuilding the world. Eventually, Noach and his family were told to enter the ark. Yet, we find one last delay as Hashem tells Noach: "For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights." The rabbis share with us a tradition that the holdup was due to the seven days of mourning for Methuselah the righteous.

Noach, for a period of 120 years, tried to warn humanity that if they do not change their behaviour, the world will come to an end. Noach did not succeed in his mission over the extended period of time, so Hashem decided to give the dwellers of the planet one more week to change. However, this was no ordinary week: this was the week of Shiva.

Shlomo Hamelech wrote: "It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart." The week of mourning is intended to be a time of reflection and meditation for all beings. Hashem took the soul of Methuselah the righteous, to grant the human race the opportunity of Teshuva. Unfortunately, the great potential of the occasion was not utilized.

Shabbat Shalom,
Yirmiya Milevsky

Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 pm

Please join us as we welcome **Sharon Hart-Green**.

We will hear from the author of **Come Back for Me** as she shares her writing journey:

'My Journey from Judaic Scholar to Novelist: Writing my Debut Novel, Come Back for Me'

Sharon Hart-Green's debut novel **COME BACK FOR ME** is a gripping story of trauma, loss and the redemptive power of love, set in the aftermath of World War II. It was chosen as the inaugural fiction offering of The New Jewish Press and was released on June 1, 2017.

Sharon received her Ph.D. in Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and has taught Hebrew and Yiddish literature at the University of Toronto.

Z'manei Tefillah

Friday, October 12, 2018	
Candlelighting	6:21 p.m.
Mincha	6:25 p.m.
Saturday, October 13, 2018, Pareshat Noach	
Shacharit, Shabbat	7:30, 9:00 a.m.
Latest Shema.....	10:16 a.m.
Daf Yomi	5:40 p.m.
Mincha	6:20 p.m.
Shkiya.....	6:38 p.m.
Motzaei Shabbat	7:23 p.m.
Sunday-Friday, October 14-19, 2018	
Earliest Talis & Tefillin	6:39-6:44 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	6:20 p.m.
Friday, October 19, 2018	
Candlelighting.....	6:09 p.m.
Mincha	6:10 p.m.

B'nai Torah Shiurim

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Paul Forman.

Weekday Daf Yomi, Nir Lifshitz

Sunday @ 7:00 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

New Time! Tuesdays 10:15 a.m.

Sponsored this week by Susan Jurkowitz

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Rabbi Gemara Navi Shiur

Restarts this Monday @ 7:15 p.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

Men, Thursdays after Maariv

Lifecycle

Celebrations:

- Mazal Tov to Fran and Eric Balofsky on the birth of a granddaughter, daughter to Daniel and Shawna Balofsky.
- Mazal Tov to Tommy and Susan Jutovich on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Yechiel, son of Leora and Shalom-Meir Waldman of Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel.
- Mazal Tov to Anshel and Penina Rosenblum on the birth of a great-grandson, grandson to Sandy Gross, son to Esther and Noson Nota Gross in Yerushalayim.
- Mazal Tov to Anshel and Penina Rosenblum on the birth of a great-granddaughter, granddaughter to Nomi and Chaim Akuka, daughter to Yehuda Aryeh and Rivka Feiga Rosenblum of Lakewood, N.J.
- Mazal Tov to Anshel and Penina Rosenblum on the birth of a great-grandson, grandson to Nomi and Chaim Akuka, son to Ori and Naomi Akuka of Toronto.

Nachas Notes:

- Mazal Tov to Sharon Shore, daughter of Jack and Yvonne Martell, on her appointment as a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Nichum Aveylim:

- Sincere condolences to our member, Joe Mammon, on the passing of his brother, David. Shiva has concluded.

Unveiling:

Please note time change.

- There will be an unveiling of a matzeivah for our late member, Pearl Weinles, z"l, at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, October 14, at the Pardes Shalom Cemetery, original B'nai Torah section.

We Thank Our Sponsors:

Seudah Shlisheet on Shabbat, October 6, was sponsored by:

- Les and Judy Scheininger, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Les' mother, Esther Gittel bat Tzvi Elazar Scheininger, z"l.

The foyer Kiddush this week is sponsored by:

- John and Ruth Grosz, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Ruth's mother, Mazal bat Eliyahu, z"l.

Rabbi Milevsky's Paresha Shiur this week is sponsored by:

- Susan Jurkowitz, to commemorate the yahrzeit of her husband, Eugene, Yitzchak Elazar ben Mordechai, z"l.

Halacha Corner

The Talmud notes that when praying, one should align his feet next to each other, as a single foot, in order to model oneself after the angels, with regard to whom it is stated: "And their feet were a straight foot" (Ezekiel 1:7).

Synagogue Notes

Simchat Torah Kiddush:

If you would still like to be a sponsor of our Simchat Torah Kiddush and have not already done so, sponsorships are still being accepted. Please contact the Shul Office about sponsoring this event. Minimum sponsorship is \$50. The assistance of all our sponsors allowed us to conclude the High Holy Day season with a wonderful communal Kiddush! A list of sponsors to date is on page 3 of this bulletin.

Pledges:

If you made a Yizkor Appeal pledge, received an Aliyah, purchased a last-minute guest ticket, successfully bid for a Simchat Torah honour(s), etc., please contact the Shul Office ASAP to honour your pledge and fulfill your commitment. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated!

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Special occasion cards are available through the Sisterhood to mark special occasions and let recipients know that you are thinking of them. To donate, please call the shul office or Elaine Tanenzapf.

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Monday to Thursday 9 am – 5 pm & Friday 9 am – 3 pm

Please note our upcoming Sunday and late Wednesday hours:

Sundays:

10 am to 3 pm

November 11, 18, 25

Wednesday Evenings:

5 pm to 7:00 pm

November 14, 21, 28



Coffee & pastries on us
on Sundays and
Wednesday Evenings!

☛ 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, Mark Breslow. 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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