



SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT VAYAKHEL - SHEKALIM

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SHABBAT AT BETH JACOB FRIDAY NIGHT

Candle Lighting 5:38 pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:40 pm

SHABBAT DAY

Rabbi Topp's Chumash Shiur 8:00am in Eisenstat BM
Hashkama Minyan 7:30 am Rubin Hall Benny's Minyan 8:30 am Eisenstat BM
Main Service 9:15 am Shapell Sanctuary YP Minyan 9:30 am Rubin Hall
SPARK Minyan 9:45 am Jacobs Garden Teen Minyan 9:45 am Ives Youth Lounge
Kiddush - Jacob's Garden

Mincha5:20 pmSeudah Shlishit with R' Chaim Eisen5:40 pmHavdalah6:39 pm

MAZAL TOV

- ► To Rebecca & Jeremy Mittman, Drs. Jacqueline & Hiri Etessami, Eva & Jonny Berger, and Chief Mark G. Stainbrook on being honored at our Tiferet Gala this Sunday.
 - ▶ To Paloma & Eric Chotguis on the bith of a baby boy!
- ► To Shelley & Dr. Phil Fleshner on the birth of a grandson, born to Niki & Jordan Dickman.

 Mazal Tov to great grandmother, Rosalie Zalis and the extended family.
- ► To Abigail Shrier on the release of her new book Bad Therapy: Why the Kids Aren't Growing Up.

 We wish Abigail continued success and look forward to gaining from the book's insights!







PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPONSORSHIPS

Rabbi Topp's Chumash Shiur - Sponsored by Rachelle & Mark Berger in memory of the yahrzeit Rachelle's mother, Bea Olivestone and Mark's mother, Vivian Berger z"l.

Shapell Kiddush - Sponsored by Ann Hornblass & Alan Jacobs in memory of Alan's parents, Fannie & William Jacobs z"l, Alan's late wife, Ruth Jacobs and in memory of Ann's parents, Eva & Hugo Herman z"l and Ann's late husband, Jerome Hornblass z"l.

YP Kiddush - Sponsored by Eva & Jonny Berger in honor of the upcoming Beth Jacob Gala.

SPARK Kiddush - Sponsored by Farnaz & Abraham Zilkha in honor of the birth of their daughter.

CONDOLENCES

- ▶ To Madeleine Isenberg on the loss of her beloved husband, our member, Dr. Jerrold Isenberg, z"l.
- ▶ To Dr. Joe Kamelgard on the loss of his beloved mother, Paulette Kamelgard z"l.
- ▶ To David Traum on the loss of his beloved father, Sydney S. Traum z"l.
- ► To Dr. Steven Ohsie on the loss of his beloved step-father, Donald Hand z"l.

IN APPRECIATION

- ▶ The Hellman and Remer families extend their deep gratitude and appreciation to Rabbi Topp, Rabbi Posy, Chazan Wollheim, and the Beth Jacob Community for the care, support, and compassion shown to us upon the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Bryce Hellman.
- ▶ To our Parsha Puppetier Adam Silver for putting on putppet shows every week for our youth!
- ▶ We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Howard and Helen Szabo for their dedication of the Beth Jacob Women's Club-Sisterhood's programming this year, in loving memory of Howard's mother, Lydia Szabo z"l. We're pleased to be able to honor the memory of a beloved and wonderful woman in this meaningful way.
- ▶ To our Beth Jacob security for volunteering for Shabbat Security this week.

REFUAH SHLEIMA

If you or someone you know is ill and you would like the name included, please call the shul office. May each of the individuals on this list be granted a complete refuah. When the choleh has recovered, b'ezrat Hashem, please contact us so we can remove the name from our list. Please note, after 3 months we will remove the choleh off our list.

Yishai Meir ben Naftali Aziza bat Esther Yisrael Meir ben Sarah Leah David (Chaim) ben Yocheved Chaim Dovid ben Fayga Baila Yenta bat Haska

Sara Zlata bat Guta
Yona Michael ben Adina Sima
Avner Moshe Mordechai ben Sara Rochel
Mee'cha'el Moshe ben Frimmet Ziporah
Shimon Aryeh ben Chana
Yonatan Boruch ben Devora Yehudit
Alexander Asher ben Freidel Chaya
Chaim Zvi ben Necha Rivka

Sarah Elisheva bat Miriam
Deborah bat Rivka
Steven ben Natalie
Yitzchak ben Mirel
Yehudit bat Faiga Perl
Dov Yosef ben Rivkah Tova
Sara Esther bat Mirel Pessel
Moshe Eliyahu ben Sarah
Shabtai ben Masha
Shoshana bat Rochel Miriam
Miriam bat Saadona (Edna).
Asher Zelig HaCohen ben Neche
Dovid Yaakov ben Nora
Yisroel Shimon ben Maya Zeecil

Shulim Feivel ben Shana Sheindal
Avigdor Yisroel ben Shana Sheindal
Yehudit bat Yudel
Nechama bat Fruma Riva
Sara Yenta bat Esther
Akiva ben Yosef
Esther bat Ylse
Yosef Yitzchak ben Tzila
Gabriel ben Alisa
Alexandra Rachel Bat Shauna
Natanel Avraham ben Tehiya
Henry ben Bernice
Dina bat Chaya Sarah

YAHRZEITS

Kenneth Markson for his mother Natalie Markson z"l.

Marvin Goldsmith for his sister Thelma Goldsmith z"l.

Simon Kaplan for her father Alec Kaplan z"l.

William Goldstein for his mother Sylvia Goldstein z"l.

Gisele Wine for her father Elias Obadia z"l.

Liebe Geft for her mother Doreen Bik z"l.

Judy Pollick for her father Nathaniel Rishover z"l.



Collective Tefillah for the wounded, for the hostages and for the Israel Defense Forces

מִי שֶׁבֵּרַדְּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְּרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, יוֹסֵף מֹשֶׁה אַהֲרֹן דְּוִד וּשְׁלֹמֹה, הוּא יְבָרֵדְ וִירַפֵּא אֶת נִפְּגְעֵי פְּעֻלּוֹת הָאֵיבָה שָׁאֵרְעוּ בְּחַג שִׁמְחַת תּוֹרָה וּבְעִקְבוֹתָיו וְיִשְׁלַח לָהֶם מְהֵרָה רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם בְּתוֹדְ שְׁאַר חוֹלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; שְׁלֵמָה מִן הַשָּׁמַיִם בְּתוֹדְ שְׁאַר חוֹלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל;

וִיבָרֶךְ וְיִשְׁמֹר וְיִנְצֹר אֶת הַנֶּעֱדָרִים וְהַשְּׁבוּיִים בְּתוֹךְ שְׁאַר אַחֵינוּ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל הַנְּתוּנִים בַּצָּרָה וּבַשְּׁבִיָּה וִישִׁיבֵם מְהֵרָה לְחֵיק מִשְׁפַּחוֹתֵיהֶם בִּרִיאִים וּשְׁלֵמִים בִּגוּף וּבִנֵפֵשׁ;

וִיבָרֶדְּ וִיחַזֵּק אֶת חַיָּלֵי צְבָא הַהְגְנָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְכוֹחוֹת הַבִּּטְּחוֹן וְיִשְׁמְרֵם וְיַצִּילֵם מִכָּל צָרָה וְצוּקָה וְהַנְחִילֵם אֱלֹקֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה וַעֲטֶרֶת נִצָּחוֹן תְּעַטְרֵם;

ּוְנָתַתָּ שָׁלוֹם בָּאָרֶץ וְשִּׁמְחַת עוֹלָם וְאַחְדוּת לְיוֹשְׁבֶיהָ שֶׁנֶּאֱמֵר ײכִּי לֹא יִטֹשׁ הי עַמּוֹ וְנַחֲלָתוֹ לֹא יַעֲזֹבײ

וְכֵן יְהִי רָצוֹן וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן!



Israel at War Community Response

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CONTRIBUTE

FEDERATION EMERGENCY FUND

The Federation has established an Israel Emergency Fund, through which your contribution makes a direct impact for those in Israel who need it most.

To contribute, go to https://www.jewishla.org/

BJC/OFAKIM PARTNERSHIP

Beth Jacob is proud to partner with the city of Ofakim and its Garin Torani, Afikei Orot, led by Rav Shachar Butzchak and Avishag. Recently, we were able to deliver 52 Tu Bishvat packages sourced from local merchants to bereaved families. Join us in this compassionate journey of solidarity and collaboration, bringing our communities closer together. For details or to get involved, please contact Rabbi Topp or Jess Dolgin.

ADVOCATE

Contact Your Elected Officials:

Currently, \$14.3 billion of US Aid to Israel is stalled in Congress.

Urge our members of Congress to move quickly to get these much needed funds to Israel and to continue speaking out and standing with our ally as it acts to defeat Hamas. Visit p2a.co/10HUkdv to be connected with your elected officials and send them a message.

2 a Day 4 Israel

2 a day 4 Israel is a locally founded grass roots movement to counter the anti-Israel rhetoric coming in to many congressional offices. Learn more and take part at www.2aday4israel.com.

CONNECT

Our Mishloach Manot Project at Beth Jacob will be benefiting evacuees from Sderot in the South of Israel and Kiryat Shmona in the North. Northern Israeli Communities have been informed that they will be displaced at least through the summer and possibly longer. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can help these heroic families and show them that they are constantly in our hearts and minds. Please see Rabbi Topp's letter below for more information.

HOSTAGE SPOTLIGHT- BRING THEM HOME NOW!

Agam Berger - By Lunny Melmed

Private Agam Berger was last seen in a Hamas Telegram video being dragged to a car at gunpoint still wearing her bloodied pajamas. After five months, aged 19, Agam is one of the youngest female hostages still being held in the clutches of depraved monsters. Agam was at her army post in Nahal Oz on that fateful Simchat Torah morning. In the final few minutes before being snatched away, Agam barely had time to call her father, Shlomi, and tell him she and her comrades were under fire. In those same terrifying moments, many of her fellow female soldiers, were brutally killed. These brave young women were our 'tatzpetaniot' or observers who had reported seeing Hamas terrorists and vehicles preparing for the oncoming slaughter prior to Black Saturday. Agam and her family are from Holon where she graduated from Kiryat Sharet school which has seen ten of its graduates killed on October 7th. Agam has been playing violin since age four and is an accomplished violinist with a promising career ahead. A fellow hostage (of the same name) Agam Goldstein, released during the partial truce, immediately called Agam's father, Shlomi, to relay birthday wishes to him from Agam as she had been held in the same terror tunnel. Shlomi learned that his daughter was the one "who calms everyone down. She braids all the girls' hair and I slept next to her last night." They had also been held in hidden apartments. Goldstein told Agam's observant parents that their daughter prays a lot, recites blessings before eating and tries to keep Shabbat. The terrorists knew she observed Shabbat and when ordered to cook and clean on that day, Agam courageously refused. Goldstein told Agam's parents that they had access to a watch which enabled them to keep track of Shabbat. In January, a video was released showing Agam and three other terrified young women, hands bound and bruised faces, apparently filmed shortly after their abduction. The U.K.Daily Mail featured a similar heart-wrenching picture of the four girls, all wounded and terrified. "We heard about the physical violence and as a father I can't imagine what my daughter is forced to endure. Our families are tormented." The parents of the captive girls have been travelling, appealing to parents and leaders world-wide to expedite their childrens' release and end the ongoing nightmare which is creeping into its 6th month.

IN THE KNOW Jacob

At this time of crisis, all our shiurim and programs are dedicated in support of Israel, Tzahal and all achenu Bnai Yisrael.

SYLVIA & DAVID KELLERMAN BEIT MIDRASH PROGRAM

Please join us for one or more of these great learning opportunities:

Zoom Meeting ID: 456 894 0056 Passcode: 456B

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Shabbat

On the Parsha Inspiration for the Week Ahead 11am with Rabbi Topp **Bridging the Gap** 11am with Chazan Arik

Navigating the
Culture Wars through
Jewish Ethics
7:30pm with Rabbi Topp

Interactive Parshat Hashavua 12pm with Rabbi Elias

Gemara Bava Metzia 8pm with Rabbi Topp Inspiration Through Halacha:

Practical Questions & Uplifting Answers 11am with Rabbi Posy via Zoom Shabbat Morning Chumash Shuir 8am in Eisenstat BM

Other Classes

Daily Daf Yomi

Sunday - Friday at 6:50 am in the Schoenfeld Beit Midrash and online 1-669-900-6833, meeting id 873-177-0556

Halacha Yomit with Rabbi Eli Morell M-Th mornings after the 6:45/7am minyan in Schoenfeld

The Olamot Shiur with Rabbi Posy Mondays at 7:30pm in Eisenstat

Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Langer Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Schoenfeld Beit Midrash

Rabbi Topp's Weekly Thought on Parsha

Available on WhatsApp - Visit bethjacob.org/whatsapp to subscribe.

Parasha & Tefillah with Chazan Arik

Available on WhatsApp - Visit bethjacob.org/whatsapp to subscribe.

Daily Rambam with Chazan Arik

Available on WhatsApp - Visit bethjacob.org/whatsapp to subscribe.

Thursday Night Beit Medrash - Men & Women Welcome Chabura with Dr. Ivor Geft 7pm-On hiatus until April

Weekday Davening Schedule Shacharit:

8:00 & 9:00am Sunday - Rosh Chodesh 5:45,6:30,7:30am Monday - Rosh Chodesh 6:15, 7:00 & 7:40am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 6:00, 6:45, 7:40am Thursday

Mincha/Maariv for the week of March 10 at 6:45pm

Areivim Committee Dedicated in memory of Estelle & Sam Samson, z"l

If there's a Shabbat meal when you could have extra guests, please email frontdesk@bethjacob.org.

Bikur Chaverim

Would you, or someone you know appreciate a call or visit? Please call the shul office or contact bikurchaverim@bethjacob.org. If you are interested in joining the Bikur Chaverim volunteer team (even if just for phone calls), please contact Rabbi Topp.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Beth Jacob Congregation offers a wide array of learning opportunities and classes. Please consider supporting Beth Jacob Congregation while also marking a life-cycle event (births, birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, etc.)

Rabbi Topp's Shabbat Morning Chumash Shiur **\$250**Daf Yomi Class **\$100**

Parshat Hashavua: A Fresh Look with Rabbi Topp - recommended donation \$150

Tuesdays with Chazan Arik - recommended donation \$150

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Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Elias \$150

Inspiration Through Halacha with Rabbi Posy - $recommended\ donation\ \$150$

YP Shiur with Rabbi Robbie - recommended donation \$150

SPARK 2.0 with Rabbi Broner \$250

Women's Parsha Club \$250

Weekday breakfast: Basic for \$150, Expanded for \$225

Seudah Shlishit \$350

All sponsorships will be mentioned during the classes themselves.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

On Sunday morning, March 10, please remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour.

MISHLOACH MANOT SITE IS LIVE

Our Mishloach Manot site is now active! Visit bethjacob.org/mishloachmanot to send a hearty food package, sourced from local Israeli businesses, to displaced families in Israel. These packages aim to support communities impacted by the ongoing conflict. Sign up by Monday, March 11 at 12pm.

SIMCHA PACKAGES

Now offering special Bris and Simchat Bat all inclusive packages. To learn more, please visit bethjacob.org/bris. We look forward to being part of your simcha and creating lasting memories together.

SAFETY & SHUL DECORUM

For everyone's safety and to maintain proper decorum in shul, please make sure that your children are either next to an adult in shul, or in youth groups. If your intention is for them to come to groups, please make sure a parent brings them directly to the appropriate classroom. Many children have been running around the shul and it is a security concern as well as a disruption to the minyanim. We appreciate you having this conversation with your child prior to coming to shul.

YAHRZEIT OBSERVANCE IN A LEAP YEAR:

This year is a leap year, which means we have 2 months of Adar, Adar Rishon and Adar Sheni. Regarding the observance of a Yahrzeit, the rabbinic authorities debate which month is considered the "real Adar," with Sephardim and Ashkenazim differing in practice. Based on the Shulchan Aruch (568:7), the following is the procedure that people who have Yahrzeit in Adar should follow:

- 1. If your relative died in a leap year in Adar Rishon, then the Yahrzeit is in Adar Rishon.
- 2. If your relative died in a leap year in Adar Sheni, then the Yahrzeit is in Adar Sheni.
- 3. If your relative died in a regular year (non-leap year), if you are Ashkenazi, the main Yahrzeit is observed in Adar Rishon, but as a stringency, you would observe the Yahrzeit in Adar Sheni as well. As such, kaddish should be recited and a candle should be lit on both dates. However, since the main Yahrzeit is in the first Adar, a man's rights to lead the davening would be in Adar Rishon only and he is entitled to an Aliyah on the Shabbat prior to the Adar Rishon Yahrzeit only.

If you are Sephardic, then the Yahrzeit is observed in Adar Sheni only, with all the associated practices.

You are welcome to email <u>rabbitopp@bethjacob.org</u> if you have any questions.

In Memoriam Donations

We are grateful to those who made in memoriam donations this week:

Michelle & Barry Cohen in memory of Harry Kleinman z"l Sylvia & Jerry Katz in memory of Rosie Mannheimer z"l Ruchama & Richard Van Allen in memory of Ralph Baum z"l Ruth & Robert Rosenfeld in memory of Moritz Rosenfeld z"l Monique & Phillip Yankofsky in memory of Mollie Yankofsky z"l Esther Dula in memory of Jacob Kramer z"l

MISHLOACH MANOT

Dear Beth Jacob Family,

This year, for our Shul's Mishloach Manot project, we'll be embarking on a special initiative which I'd like to explain and extend an invitation for you to participate.

The purpose of Mishloach Manot is to enable fellow Jews to fulfill their mitzvah of a Seudah (meal) on Purim and also "l'harbot ahava v'achva" to nurture our bonds of friendship and unity.

Recognizing the ongoing crisis in Israel and our deep connection to our Am Yisrael family, Beth Jacob has chosen this year to redirect our Mishloach Manot. Instead of receiving the packages ourselves, we'll be delivering them to Israeli families from displaced communities. The hearty food packages will be sourced from Israeli businesses. Thus, in multiple ways, these packages are sure to uplift achenu Bnei Yisrael, as they consider that Jews from thousands of miles

away are thinking of them, supporting them and inspired by their resilience.

Here's how it works: Upon signing up, you will indicate whether you want to include the whole Beth Jacob community or individual recipients in this mitzvah. On Purim (or in the days prior) members will receive a letter informing them of which fellow Shul members contributed in their honor.

This project epitomizes the loftiest ideals of Purim, supports our Beth Jacob community, while giving incredible love and support to our Israeli family. We hope this format will be a model for other communities to follow. Your generosity and participation are deeply appreciated, and we encourage you to participate so we can make a meaningful difference this Purim.

Layehudim Hayta Ora V'simcha V'sasson V'yikar!

Rabbi Topp

GOOD THINGS HAPPEN AT Beth Jacob Congregation

As our hearts and minds are constantly connected with Israel and the IDF. please note that each program will either contain Tehillim, a special Tefillah/song, and/or activity related to Israel, depending on the program and age group.



Guest Speaker Rabbi Chaim Eisen Shabbat, March 9

R. Chaim Eisen, Founder and Dean of Yeshivath Sharashim will be speaking after Benny's Minyan and on Shabbat afternoon after Mincah



BJC Tiferet Gala

Sunday, March 10 at 5pm at Seventh Place Located in LA's Arts District Honoring: Rebecca & Jeremy Mittman, Drs. Jacqueline & Hiri Etessami, Eva & Jonny Berger and Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark G. Stainbrook



Navigating Culture Wars Through Jewish Ethics with Rabbi Topp

Tuesday, March 12 in Rubin Hall at 7:30pm See flyer for more details. Series sponsored by Nehama & Lawrence Samson



Rosh Chodesh Shiur with Josh Katzin

Sunday, March 17 at 8pm on Zoom "Inspiration for Chodesh Adar 2" A monthly series to provide focus for each new month. Meeting ID: 253 487 8987

Passcode: Beth



Purim Shiur with Rabbi Topp

Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 in Rubin Hall Topic: Jewish Destiny and the Eternal Message of the Megillah



Yoetzet Halacha Community-wide Shabbaton

Shabbat, April 6
Yoetzet Halacha Nechama
Price, Our LA Yoetzet
Rebbetzin Topp and others
will be sharing Torah
over Shabbat.
Stay tuned for more details



Scholar In Residence

Rabbi Dov Lipman Shabbat, April 13 Elected to the 19th Knesset, making him the first American-born MK in 30 years. He founded Yad L'Olim, an organization that advocates for Olim in Israel, their families and global Jewry.



Kashering Day

Sunday, April 14
8:30am-11:30am
Bring your utensils
to Beth Jacob & we will
kasher them for you.
\$20 - members
\$40 - non-members





Fiesta de Purim:

A YP Community Seudah
Sunday, March 24, 4-6pm
in Jacob's Garden
Grab your sombrero and
join the fiesta!
Moon bounce, playtime with
bunnies and a fabulous
purim seudah.
Register at

bethjacob.org/ypfiesta

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



SPARK Minyan

Join us in Jacob's Garden at 9:45am for our family minyan. Enjoy learning, prizes, fun & kiddush! And of course Tefillah for the whole family.



Shabbat Youth Groups

- · Baby group, ages 0-2
- · Toddler group, ages 2-3
- · Big Kids group, ages 4-6
- · Tween group, ages 7-9
- · Junior Congregation 8-12 All youth groups take place on the lower level in clearly marked rooms.

Parsha Puppet Show! 10am & 10:30am with Adam Silver "better to stay idle than build an idol"



Purim JAM

Motzei Shabbat, March 23
Score big this Purim!
Join us for an electrifying Dunk
Show featuring basketball
players defying gravity.
Megillah reading at 8:15pm
followed by Dunk Show at 9pm
RSVP at bethjacob.org/purimjam
Sponsorship opportunities available



The Great Chametz Treasure Hunt

Coming to your home soon!
Embark on the ultimate quest.
Uneleash the thrill of a hunt with our exclusive Bedikat Chametz kit - filled with exciting treats & instructions on how to set up the hunt around your home for your family to uncover the chametz, one clue at a time.

Stay tuned for registration.



WITH ISRAEL

Israel is our HOME. FAMILY. COMMUNITY

Your Purim gift will include hearty food packages sourced from local Israeli businesses and delivered to Israeli families who have been displaced.

These packages aim to support communities impacted by the ongoing conflict.

Support your Israeli Mishpacha at BethJacob.org/MishloachManot Sign up by: Monday, March 11 at 12pm

