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November 10 - 16, 2018
2 - 8 Kislev 5779
Parshat Toldot

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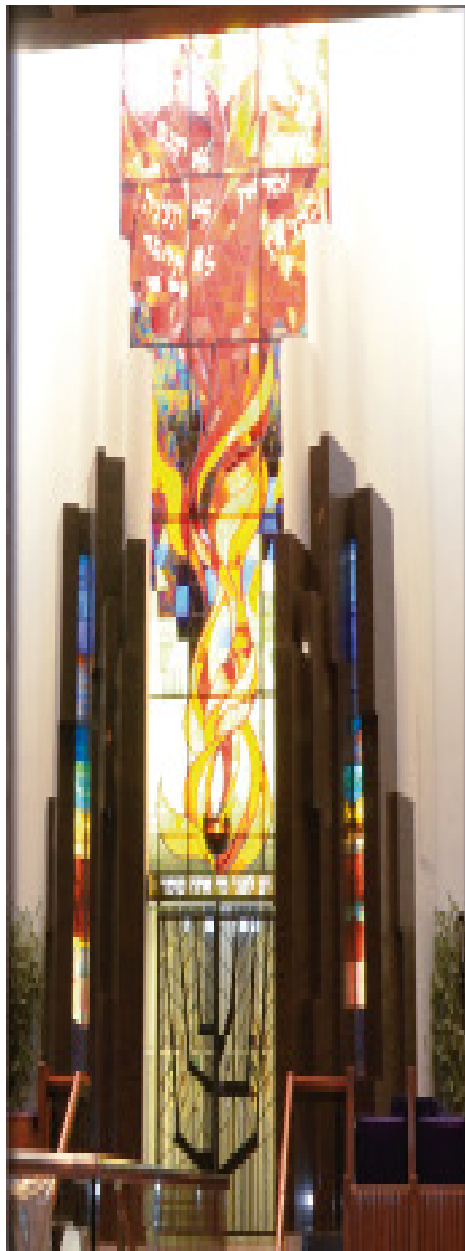
Friday, November 9

Candle Lighting
4:12pm

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
4:20pm

Earliest Shema Friday night
5:18pm

Latest Shema Shabbat morning
9:12 am



IN APPRECIATION

Steve Farkas
for leading Shabbat services

Bobby Shaul
for leining

MAZAL TOV

Roz & Marvin Agulnik
on their 50th anniversary

Barbara & Morrie Fogelbaum
on their 45th anniversary

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Jill & Peter Dascal
in memory of his mother
Clarita Dascal Z"l

Judy & Frank Garber
in memory of his brother
Alvin Garber Z"l

Sponsor of the Day

Tuesday, November 13

Paula & Morris Trefler
in honour of their anniversary

BULLETIN SPONSORS

ROZ & MARVIN AGULNIK
IN HONOUR OF THEIR
50TH ANNIVERSARY

Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
November 10 2 Kislev	November 11 3 Kislev	November 12 4 Kislev	November 13 5 Kislev	November 14 6 Kislev	November 15 7 Kislev	November 16 8 Kislev
5:49 am Earliest Talit	5:51 am Earliest Talit	5:52 am Earliest Talit	5:53 am Earliest Talit	5:54 am Earliest Talit	5:56 am Earliest Talit	5:57 am Earliest Talit
8:00 am Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	8:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit
9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi
9:00 am Shacharit Smiley Auditorium	8:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit
9:30 am Youth Minyan						
10:00 am Youth Groups						
3:40 pm Hilebot Tefillah Rabbi Michael Wolff		1:00 pm Knitting Class				4:04 pm Candle Lighting
4:10 pm Mincha Seudat Shlishit	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:10 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
5:07 pm Maariv	8:00 pm Parshat Hashavua Shiur Yebuda Kops	7:00 pm Duplicate Bridge	7:30 pm Fall lecture series Rabbi Perton	7:30 pm Noach Class Ora Rubinstein		
5:17 pm Shabbat ends		8:00 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat		8:00 pm Shiur Rabbi Gimple		

TOLDOT

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HERTZ P. 93 HAFTARAH P. 102 ~ ~ STONE P. 124 HAFTARAH P. 1137

In this week's parshah, we read of the selling of the birthright of Esau to Jacob. One day, after Esau returns from the woods, he encounters Jacob, who tells him: "Sell as of this day, etc..." (Genesis 25:31). The Or Hachayyim explains that the words "as of today" need amplification. There are aspects of the birthright which do not become effective until after the death of the father, and as such they are legally considered as *davar shlo ba leolam* – something the eventual existence of which is still subject to doubt. The claim to such things cannot legally be established on an "if and when" basis. Jacob added the words "as of this day" in order to make the sale legal at this time. This, in accordance with Baba Metzia 16 and Choshen Mishpat 211:2. When someone who is poor and does not have what to eat goes hunting and offers the proceeds of his hunt for sale, adding that such sale be effective 'today', the sale is valid. The reason for this is that the poor man desperately needs the proceeds from such a sale. The Geonim write that the word 'today' is not critical to the effectiveness of such a sale. Even if the sale were to be effective the day after, it would still be valid. The decisive criterion is the critical need for the proceeds of the sale. The only reason the Talmud mentions the word 'today' is to exclude dates such as "after thirty days or longer." The time stipulated for the sale to take effect must be within one day so that the seller can assure his survival during this space of time he has met the important criterion. When Jacob said 'kayom', he did not mean 'today', but "in accordance with the rule applying to sales that take effect within a day. He saw Esau was very tired and weak and providing this food for him at that time was a matter of survival. Had Esau not been in a temporarily desperate situation, the sale would not have been legal.

With regard to the issue of Esau deserving the birthright, many commentators have been surprised by Isaac's seeming lack of discrimination in his insistence on blessing Esau. The Malbim asks why Isaac was so insistent on blessing Esau? Some commentators take the view that Isaac did not know what was going on at home and was unaware of the gulf separating Jacob from Esau. Abravanel offers the following insight into the situation: There is no doubt that Isaac should have given thought to Esau's character, his wickedness and that of his wives, and the likelihood that his children would follow his father's bad example. He should have prayed to God for guidance as to whether he should bless the eldest or the most deserving. Affection, however, ruins one's power of judgment. His affection for Esau blinded him to his faults. This is the implication of the phrase: "When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim." His powers of judgment grew dim and he was not able to see reality.

The Midrash says that when Isaac was about to be sacrificed, tears dropped from the ministering angels' eyes and fell into Isaac's eyes as he lay on the altar. This caused his eyes to be dim. The author of Hamidrash Vehama'aseh explains that Isaac's purity of heart was so far removed from falsehood that he was unaware of it's existence. It never occurred to him that it was possible for a person to be hypocritical. Those angelic tears allude to his otherworldly purity that left an indelible impression on him, dimmed his sight so that he was unable to discern iniquity in Esau's behavior. This led, in his old age, to his gullibility and his believing that Esau was more deserving of blessing than Jacob.

Prepared by Devorah Abenheim

Rabbi Perton's Fall Lecture Series

Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 pm - The Development of Contemporary Jewish Law

Navi Class

Friday nights during the winter months.

Resumes November 16, at the home of Raizie and Rabbi Boruch Perton 5623 Melling Ave.

Taught by Rabbi Perton

November 16 is sponsored by Dana & Moshe Guttman in memory of her cousin
A \$36 sponsorship per class may be made to commemorate a yahrtzeit, a life cycle event, etc.

The Great Cholent Cook Off

This is your chance to wow everyone with your culinary creativity.
Compete alone or make a team. Winner to be awarded the Golden Ladle.

Not up to cooking but love cholent?

Join us for Kiddush and cast your vote on November 17 and 24.

Finals December 1.

Teams must sign up by November 13

<https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/cco>

\$18 per team. Participants must provide their own ingredients

Ingredients must be Kosher and Sealed. All preparation must be done at Beth Zion.



Romanian Holocaust Memorial Service

Sunday, November 25

Ceremony at 10:30 am followed by brunch

"Tragedy, Triumph and Reconciliation"

Pre - Chanukah Dinner with KTM

Learning sessions with KTM
Zmirot and Chanukah songs
Chocolate Chanukah Gelt

Friday, November 30
Family Style, BYOB
Volunteers Needed

Annual Draydl Spinning Contest
Separate Rounds for Children,
Twins, Teenagers and Adults
Bring Your Own Draydl

Members: Adults \$25 Children 3-12 \$12

Non-Members: Adults \$29 Children 3-12 \$15

Hebrew Day School Students: Adults \$25 Children 3-12 \$12 Family Rate \$74

RSVP by Monday, November 26 <https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/prechanukahktm.fall2018>

Bowling Tournament

Sunday, December 9 at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meet at Laurentian Lanes 222 Montee de Liesse, Saint Laurent

2 Rounds ~ Special Bumper Pads for Children ~ Prizes

Members \$12 a person ~ Non-Members \$15 a person

<https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/bowling.winter2018>

1st Annual Latke Festival

Sunday, December 9 at 4:45 pm at BZC

Featuring our own Culinary Chef Marshal Chazan - Lavigne

Chanukah Menorah Lighting ~ Light Dairy Buffet ~ Gourmet Latkes and Toppings ~ Music

Members: Adults \$10 Children 3-12 \$8 ~ Non-Members: Adults \$12 Children 3-12 \$10

<https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/latkefestival.winter2018>