



# Beth Zion <sup>ב"ה</sup> Congregation

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January 12 - January 18, 2019  
6 Shevat - 12 Shevat 5779  
Parshat Bo

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**Friday, January 11**

Candle Lighting  
**4:14pm**

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat  
**4:20pm**

Earliest Shema Friday night  
**5:22pm**

Latest Shema Shabbat morning  
**9:47 am**



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Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 12 6 Shevat	January 13 7 Shevat	January 14 8 Shevat	January 15 9 Shevat	January 16 10 Shevat	January 17 11 Shevat	January 18 12 Shevat
<b>6:34 am</b> Earliest Talit	<b>6:33 am</b> Earliest Talit	<b>6:33 am</b> Earliest Talit	<b>6:32 am</b> Earliest Talit	<b>6:32 am</b> Earliest Talit	<b>6:32 am</b> Earliest Talit	<b>6:31am</b> Earliest Talit
<b>8:00 am</b> Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	<b>8:00 am</b> Shacharit	<b>6:15 am</b> Shacharit	<b>6:25 am</b> Shacharit	<b>6:25 am</b> Shacharit	<b>6:15 am</b> Shacharit	<b>6:25 am</b> Shacharit
<b>9:00 am</b> 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
<b>9:00 am</b> Shacharit Smiley Auditorium	<b>8:45 am</b> Shacharit	<b>8:00 am</b> Shacharit	<b>8:00 am</b> Shacharit	<b>8:00 am</b> Shacharit	<b>8:00 am</b> Shacharit	<b>8:00 am</b> Shacharit
<b>9:30 am</b> Youth Minyan						
<b>10:00 am</b> Youth Groups						
<b>10:00 am</b> Women's Lounge						
<b>3:40 pm</b> Hilbot Tefillah Rabbi Michael Wolff		<b>1:00 pm</b> Knitting Class				<b>4:22 pm</b> Candle Lighting
<b>4:10 pm</b> Mincha Sendah Shlissbit	<b>4:25 pm</b> Mincha/Ma'ariv	<b>4:25 pm</b> Mincha/Ma'ariv	<b>4:25 pm</b> Mincha/Ma'ariv	<b>4:25 pm</b> Mincha/Ma'ariv	<b>4:25 pm</b> Mincha/Ma'ariv	<b>4:30 pm</b> Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
<b>5:13 pm</b> Maariv	<b>8:00 pm</b> Parshat Hashavua Shiur Yehuda Kops	<b>7:00 pm</b> Duplicate Bridge		<b>8:00 pm</b> Shiur Rabbi Gimple		
<b>5:23 pm</b> Shabbat ends		<b>8:00 pm</b> Shiur Gmara Shabbat				

# BO

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In Parshat Bo, as the Jews prepare for the Exodus from Egypt, God designates Nissan as the first month of the Jewish calendar. This is difficult to understand, given that we commonly refer to Rosh Hashana - the first day of Tishrei - as the new year, marking the Creation of humanity.

The explanation is as follows: Often people accept the idea of God as Creator. But they figure that after Creation, God sat back to let nature run its course. The Exodus, however with all its open miracles - teaches us that God's role as Director of History, is even greater than His role as Creator. And that's why at the Exodus, the order of the months changed - to commemorate this new relationship between God and humanity.

Rabbi Shraga Simmons comments: "This helps explain another question: If Shabbat is a commemoration of the Six Days of Creation, then why are only Jews commanded to observe Shabbat? The answer is found in the text of the Friday night Kiddush, where we declare that the purpose of Shabbat is "to remember Creation and to remember the Exodus." Because while God created the entire world, it was through the Jewish Exodus from Egypt that mankind came to appreciate God as the guiding hand of history. Let's read the words of Prof. Nicholai Berdysev, writing in Moscow in 1935: "The survival of the Jews, their endurance under absolutely peculiar conditions, and the fateful role played by them in history - this people is governed by a [mystical] predetermination, transcending the norms of history." "

A warning is given to Pharaoh that there will be a plague of locusts. What is this and why is it a plague? Rabbi Arnold Saltzman comments: "I remember as a young boy spending the summers in New York State and having the experience of seeing grasshoppers. Usually, there was a solitary grasshopper in a vast field, not threatening, yet very special in the sense that this was something I did not encounter in Brooklyn. In reading the section on locusts, my first thought used to be, "How exciting! Grasshoppers!" It turns out that grasshoppers can be useful, and the Torah teaches us that some species are kosher, in Leviticus 11:20-23. In the Mishnah of the Talmud of Kedoshim 59a, it states that grasshoppers may be eaten. The Hebrew language has at least four words for locusts or grasshoppers, arbeh, chargol, chagav, and sal'am. Rabbi Joseph Hertz says that since we do not really know which of these locusts existed in biblical times, he declares them to be nonkosher. Jews in Djerba and Yemen had a legitimate custom, however, of eating kosher grasshoppers. The Egyptians also ate them as food for the poor. A midrash tells us that the Egyptians ate pickled grasshoppers. When they heard that there would be a plague of locusts, they were excited and they sought to capture the locusts for food. What a gift! Instead, God brought the western wind and none were left. Even those that were already pickled in jars, pots, and barrels disappeared. A commentary by Ramban indicates that the remarkable nature of this plague, which darkened the sky of Egypt, was not a natural occurrence; rather, it was a miracle. The locusts consumed everything that was growing that had been left by the hail, which had previously beaten down branches and vegetation. The locusts came and left nothing growing."

Prepared by Devorah Abenheim

## Navi Class

Friday nights at 7:15 pm  
at the home of Raizie and Rabbi Boruch  
Perton, 5623 Melling Ave.

Taught by Rabbi Perton.

January 18  
Sponsored by  
**Sandra & Nathan Elberg**  
in memory of his mother  
**Tehila Elberg Z"l**

A \$36 sponsorship per class may be made to  
commemorate a yahrtzeit, a life cycle event, etc.

## Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 3

Come join us for our eighth annual  
Super Bowl party!  
Experience the big game on a large screen  
with a high quality HD feed!  
Enjoy some great Super Bowl food like,  
wings, chili, hot dogs, beer and more!!!  
Play Super Bowl games like squares for a  
chance to win CASH!!!  
You don't want to miss it.  
Get your tickets today!!!

Early Bird Rate \$25

Up to January 31

At the door \$35

Student Rate \$20

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## Chinese Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 8

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00 pm  
Chinese Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm

price to be determined

## Tu B'Shevat Seder

A Taste of Israel

Sunday January 20, 5:30 pm

Rabbi Perton is inviting you  
to a celebration of  
Tu B'Shevat.

Seder and Israeli style Dinner  
Menu to include:  
Shawarma, Falafel, Various Salads,  
Bourekas and Assorted Dried Fruit  
**BYOB**

Special Video Presentation

Volunteers Requested

### Adults

Members \$18 Non Members \$20

### Children under 12

Members \$10 Non Members \$12

RSVP by Wednesday, January 16

Sign up online

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### Book Launch and Signing

"Quantum Cannibals"

by Nathan Elberg

## Speed Dating

Thursday, February 14 7:30 pm

Open Bar and Light Snacks

Cover up to January 31:\$25

Thereafter: \$36

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