



Shabbat Behar-Bechukotai

Friday May 15th: Candle Lighting: 8:09 pm

Saturday May 16th: Shabbat ends: 9:27 pm

Friday May 22nd: Candle Lighting: 8:17 pm

Mazel tov to Sara and Les Breiner on birth of a granddaughter

**Mazel tov to Shifra and Eliyahu Ioschikhes on the engagement of their son, Benny,
to Tova Kviat of Israel**

A virtual Kiddush has been sponsored by Joy and Eric Weisbloom in commemoration of the yahrzeits of Eric's mother, Martha Weisbloom, z"l and Joy's father, Louis Rosen, z"l

CBTO Covid Relief Fund:

CBTO has been made aware of members who have been experiencing severe

financial hardships due to a loss of job or income during this Pandemic.
Thanks to a generous donation, we will be offering Loblaws and Metro gift cards for those who are in need.

If you need help, please reach out to Rabbi Finkelstein,
at rabbihoward.finkelstein@gmail.com or, call him at 613-225-7087.

We welcome all donations to our Relief Fund. Please [email Neri in the office with your contributions.](#)

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Parashat Behar-Bechukotai

It is a bit disconcerting to think that we will have missed the public reading of the entire book of Vayikra, Leviticus, come this Shabbat. We will be beginning the book of Numbers, or more appropriately called 'Bemidbar' in Hebrew, which is defined as being in the wilderness, the desert. We are still in the wilderness of the Covid-19 plague, not knowing when it will end, and when we can resume normal day to day activities.

But I take heart in the opening section of our Torah reading this coming Shabbat morning which relates that people forced to sell their ancestral land will indeed return to it in the Jubilee year. In that regard, Hashem declares the land of Israel to be His, and that it shall never be sold forever.

I think of our own situation here in Ottawa, a scene repeated innumerable in all other areas of the Jewish world, of our isolation from our communal institutions, schools and synagogues. I think of our inability to gather together to have a minyan, and I bemoan the fact that we are unable to read the Torah publicly. Obviously, these feelings are inconsequential and meaningless, in light of the tragedies of the losses of so many hundreds of thousands of people to Covid-19 around the world.

However, on a small and perhaps insignificant scale, we have hope for the future resolution of Covid-19 with the advent of a vaccine or cure, and we plan to return to our shuls, schools, offices, and regular daily routines. Our communal institutions will not forever remain closed, they shall indeed reopen again. We shall return to them as those before us returned to their ancestral land.

On the one hand, taking rabbinic license, we are witness to the biblical phrase in Leviticus 25:26 of G-d's sending a plague among us, but we are also cognizant of the

promise of G-d in Leviticus 25:6 to send us peace. Though the context of the above quotes is in reference to the land and the people of Israel during the First Temple period according to the Ramban, we as a people are referred to as 'nachalah', which on the one hand refers to land and inheritance, and on the other, is symbolic of our relationship to G-d as His Chosen People. G-d's promise to us is not land based, but universal.

Most importantly, the words that we would say at the end of the Torah reading this week, 'Chazak, Chazak, Venitchazek, be strong, be strong, and we will be strong,' are messages of inspiration and hope for us as we pray to Hashem for a speedy end to this medical crisis. We remain strong in our commitment to our faith and to its tenets, and we will once again return to our synagogues and our schools.

Shabbat Shalom

SPECIAL THANK YOU-to fellow rabbis in the community, Rabbi Idan Scher and Rabbi Menachem Blum who organized a communal Lag Baomer event involving the orthodox congregations in Ottawa as a symbol of unity, of Achdut. The program was very successful, and I was personally pleased to enjoy the music of our member, Isaac Muzikansky, who is now living in Toronto.

Also, I want to thank Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn who organized a Lag Baomer car parade to honour those who stand on the front lines combatting Covid-19 at our city's hospitals and long term care facilities. It was moving to see the appreciation expressed by many staff members of these facilities in response to seeing this parade of support.

CBTO Classes

Buildings may be closed, but classes continue

If you have trouble connecting to Zoom for the following classes, please contact the instructor directly.

CLASSES WITH RABBI FINKELSTEIN

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES BY RABBI FINKELSTEIN

Sunday morning May 14 at 11 AM- Pirkei Avot, chapter 5. Zoom address: 941-7285-5022 Password: BeitTikvah ([Link](#))

Sunday evening, May 14 at 8 PM. Contemporary Issues and Parashat Hashavua- Topic: Medical Malpractice and Covid-19- A Halachic Analysis. Zoom address: 812-7935-5667 Password: BeitTikvah

Thursday evenings at 8:30 PM: Zoom address: 892-0099-7154 and

Friday mornings at 10:00 AM: Continuing class in Massechet Ketuvot Zoom address: 982-1270-5134 Password: BeitTikvah

CLASSES WITH RABBI NIMCHINSKY

Please join us for two new classes with Rabbi Nimchinsky:
Classes are open to everyone

Monday May 11 at 8:00 PM -- Navi class in Sefer Melachim Zoom code: 822-8116-3332 password: BeitTikvah. ([Link](#))

Wednesday, May 13 at 8:00 PM -- Selected Topics in Chumash Zoom code: 822-8116-3332 password: BeitTikvah. ([Link](#))

[For more classes check out our calendar](#)

Stay Connected with our Upcoming Virtual Events

YOM YERUSHALAYIM- May 21, 2020 Our congregation will be participating in a joint celebration of Yom Yerushalayim with the Orthodox Union, Rabbinical Council of America, Yeshiva University and the Mizrahi Organization. More details to follow.

We are also pairing up with a congregation in Israel to celebrate Yom Yerushalayim simultaneously as we did on Yom Haatzmaut. Over 125 families

participated in that event, and we are looking forward to another successful event. More details to follow.



VIRTUAL SHAVUOT @CBT:

10:45 AM	Grade 1 Siddur Celebration Celebrating Gavriel Kaiserman, Rivky Listerman, Nissim Rotenberg and Aryeh Scharf.
11:00 AM	Isru Chag Yizkor Program Remembering our loved ones, and prayers for members of our shul who have passed on, as well as for the six million kedoshim, soldiers and citizens of Israel who were killed by terrorist attacks and war, members of the Canadian Forces who lost their lives defending Canada and freedom for all
11:15 AM	Shavuot Sermon with Rabbi Finkelstein: "How do we resume our lives once the Covid-19 has passed us?"

Sunday May 31, 2020
<https://bit.ly/3fOsh93>

Yahrzeits To Be Observed Next Week: May 17 - May 23, 2020:

(Yahrzeits commence on the evenings prior to the dates listed below)

- Beatrice Abramovitz z"l, observed on Sunday May 17
- Joe Shapero z"l, observed on Sunday May 17
- Gordon Dankner z"l, observed on Monday May 18
- Sam Gordon z"l, observed on Monday May 18
- Vera Rose Rubenstein z"l, observed on Monday May 18
- Martha Weisbloom z"l, observed on Tuesday May 19
- Hilda Gennis z"l, observed on Wednesday May 20
- Rudy Kanigsberg z"l, observed on Thursday May 21
- Morris Kimmel z"l, observed on Saturday May 23

[CBTO Donations](#)

Please note that we are still accepting donations at this time, but will only be sending out e-cards. All donations will still be listed in the Shabbat Flyer.

Mazel Tov to Sara and Les Breiner on the birth of their granddaughter

Annie and David Garmaise

An ongoing donation to Rabbi Finkelstein's Pirkei Avot class has been donated by

Jackie Sitwell and Bessie Segal

In commemoration of the yahrzeit of Maureen's father, Sam Gordon, z"l

Maureen and Clary Ottman

In honour of Rosalie and Harold Schwartz's anniversary

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Mazel Tov to Rosalie and Harold Schwartz on the birth of their grandson

Roz and Steve Fremeth

Sophie and Neil Frenkel

Annie and David Garmaise

Mazel Tov to Sol Rauch in honour of his 80th birthday

Maxine and Arthur Rabinovitch

Mazel Tov to Howard and Joyce Nadler on the birth of their grandson

Roz and Steve Fremeth

Sophie and Neil Frenkel

Guidelines for Yahrzeits in the absence of a Minyan

During this difficult period as our shul is closed to services, it is recommended that those who have yahrzeit should follow these suggestions in place of kaddish which can only be said in the presence of a minyan.

- Mishnayot study in memory of the deceased- As the word, mishna and neshama (soul) have the same Hebrew letters, it is very meaningful to recite mishnayot. In regard to Mishnayot study, one can read Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) in the Artscroll Siddur or recite the mishnayot from the tractate of Mikvaot also found on page 802 in the Artscroll Siddur followed by the special prayer in memory of the deceased on page 808. For those who are advanced, one may read mishnayot that begin with the letters of the deceased's Hebrew name. (Rabbi Finkelstein can provide the list.)
- Kel Maleh Rachamim- can be said without a minyan except during certain times of the year such as the month of Nisan. However, one can recite the Kel Maleh Rachamim on the eighth day of Pesach along with Yizkor which also does not require the presence of a minyan.
- Tzedaka- One gives charity in memory of the deceased. ([Make a donation to CBTO's Chesed Fund here](#))
- Lighting a Yahrzeit candle
- Fasting- Some fast on the yahrtzeit.
- Visiting the gravesite (as permitted)



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VISITATION AT THE BANK STREET & OSGOODE CEMETERIES

The Province of Ontario has released the following policy:

Provincial gathering restrictions during COVID-19 means that only five people are permitted to be together while practising physical distancing of at least two metres (six feet) apart.

Being private property, cemeteries have the right to control access and may limit numbers even further. They can also opt to close the cemetery to the public outright for safety concerns, as many cemeteries have already. The Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) cannot order cemeteries to stay open to the public.

We know how difficult this is on families but unfortunately, these are necessary restrictions for everyone's safety. We hope families can find alternate ways to remember and celebrate their loved ones, such as on the phone, or video calls and conferencing available online.

COVID-19 VISITATION RULES:

1. All visitors must wear gloves and masks.
2. The washrooms will remain closed.
3. Only 2 groups of five can be in one section of the cemetery at a time, and only if they are 6 metres (20 feet) apart.
4. If you arrive and see two groups in the section where you wish to visit, please wait in your car until the groups have left.
5. If there is cemetery staff working in the section, please stay 6 metres (20 feet) away at all times.
6. As there are restrictions on the numbers of people in each section, please be brief so others may enter.
7. We highly recommend those over the age of 65 or are vulnerable, stay home.
8. There is no entry to those in quarantine or suffering from COVID-19 like symptoms.
9. Visitation is at your own risk. Jewish Memorial Gardens (JMG) will not be liable for any sickness caused due to visitation.
10. Jewish Memorial Gardens reserves the right to close the Bank Street and Osgoode cemeteries at any time for any health or safety concerns whatsoever.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavua Tov!

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