



# Happy Chanukah

## From the Desk of the Rav



### JEWISH PROTECTION

After Yosef becomes the second-in-command in Egypt, Pharaoh declares that “no man will lift a hand or foot in all of the land” without Yosef’s permission. According to the translation of Onkelos, the verse is actually telling us that “no one will be allowed to carry weapons or use any means of transportation without Yosef’s explicit permission.” My father gave the following explanation as to why Yosef desired to control “gun” permits and transportation licences throughout Egypt.

Yosef foresaw that the Jewish people would one day descend to Egypt and live in the ghetto of Goshen. To prevent the Egyptian populace from launching pogrom-style onslaughts against the Jewish enclave, he enacted strict weapons-control laws.

In addition, to prevent the Jews from fraternizing with the locals and assimilating into the Egyptian culture, he severely restricted transportation throughout the country. In this manner, he effectively isolated the Jewish settlement and minimized its potential exposure to Egyptian culture.

Jewish continuity faced no danger as long as the Jews remained committed to their culture in Goshen. Only later, when they ventured out of the walls of their traditions, and interacted with society at large, did antisemitism rear its ugly head in Egypt.

Chanukah Sameach and Shabbat Shalom,  
 Yirmiya Milevsky

### Z'manei Tefillah

Friday, December 3, 2021	
Candlelighting .....	4:23 p.m.
Mincha .....	4:20 p.m.
Saturday, December 4, 2021, Miktetz / Rosh Chodesh	
Shacharit .....	8:45 a.m.
Latest Shema.....	9:51 a.m.
Mincha .....	4:20 p.m.
Shkiya .....	4:41 p.m.
Motzai Shabbat .....	5:26 p.m.
Sunday-Friday, December 5-10, 2021	
Earliest Tallit & Tefillin .....	6:38-6:42 a.m.
Shacharit, Sunday, <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> .....	8:00 a.m.
Shacharit, Monday, Thursday .....	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Sun. – Thurs. ....	4:30 p.m.
Friday, December 10, 2021	
Candlelighting.....	4:22 p.m.
Mincha.....	4:25 p.m.



Rabbi Milevsky is inviting you to a Zoom Pareshat HaShavua  
 Thursday, December 9 @ 8:00 PM  
<https://zoom.us/j/4020243792>  
 Meeting ID: 402 024 3792  
 Passcode: 18

Sponsored by:  
 Steve and Leah Roth  
 Jochanan & Sheba Sanders  
 Asher and Barbara Frankel  
 Ruth and David Cyerman

## Lifecycle

### Celebrations:

- Mazal Tov to Steve and Leah Roth on the birth of a grandson, son to Yoni and Bailey Roth of Toronto.
- Mazal Tov to Sylvia Slomovits on the birth of a great-grandson, son to Yoni and Bailey Roth of Toronto.
- Mazal Tov to David and Ruth Cymerman on the recent marriage of their granddaughter, Sara Miriam Cymerman, daughter of Menachem and Liora Cymerman, to Shlomo Bleich, in Kiryat Sefer.

### Refuah Sheleimah:

- Refuah Sheleimah to Tommy Jutovich. Tefillot and tehillim on behalf of Aryeh ben Yehudis are much appreciated.
- Refuah Sheleimah to Rabbi Benjamin Hecht, Binyamin Chaim ben Zeld.
- Refuah Sheleimah to all the cholim who are suffering at this time.

### Unveiling:

- There will be an unveiling of a matzeivah for our late member, Goldie Eisenberg, z"l, wife of our member Eugene Eisenberg, on **Sunday, December 12 at 12:00 pm.**, at the Pardes Shalom Cemetery, B'nai Torah Section CCCCC. Pardes Shalom asks that attendees complete a screening form. It can be found at [https://thebao.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/COVID\\_screening\\_BAO\\_A3poster.pdf](https://thebao.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/COVID_screening_BAO_A3poster.pdf).

### We Thank Our Sponsors:

The foyer Kiddush this week is sponsored by:

- Rosemary and Allen Katz, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Bena and Irving (Rougie) Lands. Bena bas Yakov Schmuel, z"l, and Yisroel ben Chaim Bynish, z"l.

Rabbi Milevsky's Pareshat Hashavua Shiur this week, is sponsored by:

- Steve & Leah Roth, Asher & Barbara Frankel and Jochanan & Sheba Sanders, to commemorate the yahrzeits of Steve & Barbara's father, Leon Roth, Yehuda Aryeh ben Yisroel Yoel, z"l, and Sheba & Asher's father, Rabbi Dr. Israel Frankel, HaRav Yisroel Aryeh ben HaRav Asher Yeshayahu, z"l.
- Ruth and David Cymerman, to commemorate the recent yahrzeits of Ruth's parents, Sarah Miriam bat Binyamin Hacohen, z"l, and Yosef ben Avram Abba, z"l, as well as the recent wedding of their granddaughter, Sara Miriam Cymerman, to Shlomo Bleich.

Rabbi Milevsky's Zoom shiur on **Thursday, December 2**, was also sponsored by:

- Ken and Lisa Kantorowitz, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Lisa's grandmother, Marian Swersky, Miriam bat Simcha Don, ז"ל,
- Tommy and Susan Jutovich, to commemorate the yahrzeits of Tommy's father, Isadore Jutovich, Yisrael Tzvi ben Aryeh, ז"ל and Susan's father, Elias Silverman, Eliyahu Aryeh ben Dov Hacohen, ז"ל.

## B'nai Torah Website

### Zoom Shiurim and Rabbi's Messages:

Past Zoom shiurim, as well as Rabbi Milevsky's video messages, are available on the B'nai Torah website, [www.bnaitorah.ca](http://www.bnaitorah.ca). Click on the media link to access these shiurim and messages. Previous Zoom shiurim and Rabbi Milevsky's messages are also available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/I9jeremy69/videos>.

### Other Resources:

The Beit Midrash Zichron Dov weekly paresha sheet can be accessed online at <http://tiny.cc/torontotorah>.

### Israel News may be found at:

<https://images.shulcloud.com/I48/uploads/news/20321.pdf>

## Synagogue Notes

### Parking in the B'nai Torah Parking Lot - Where NOT to Park:

Parking spots labeled "**Reserved for TTC**" are not available **from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Sunday – Friday**. They can be used in the evenings **only**, after 6:00 PM. **Other parking spots marked "reserved" are not available for member parking at any time**. The parking lot on the south side of the fence is the property of TTC. Parking there is not permissible. Drivers do so at their own risk.

### Toronto Torah: Weekly Parshah Podcast:

Beit Midrash Zichron Dov has a new podcast, "The Toronto Torah: Weekly Parshah Podcast!" In each episode, two rotating members of the Beit Midrash will have a 20-minute open discussion regarding one topic from the weekly Torah Portion. The first episode, **Pareshat Miketz**, featuring Idan Rakovsky & R' Steven Gotlib, is available now on Spotify and Apple Toronto Torah: Weekly Parshah Podcast (Spotify link: [tiny.cc/spodcast](https://tiny.cc/spodcast), Apple Podcasts link: [tiny.cc/apodcast](https://tiny.cc/apodcast)) New episodes launch every Monday.

Dear Member,

Statements are going out to those members who have a balance. If your account is paid in full, we thank you for your ongoing support. It is truly appreciated!

If you have a balance owing, please note that any amounts that you wish to be included in your 2021 tax-deductible donation receipt must be received in the Shul office no later than **December 31, 2021**. Payments can be made by cheque or credit card or E-transfer to [marinagershtein@gmail.com](mailto:marinagershtein@gmail.com).

There is also still time to make a donation to B'nai Torah in the 2021 tax year. Those wishing to make a year-end tax donation to Congregation B'nai Torah should contact our shul office about the different ways you can maximize your donation tax credit, while at the same time supporting Congregation B'nai Torah. All donations will be happily received to the full extent permitted.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions about your statement or account balance, please contact the shul office during regular business hours.

### Halacha Corner:

There is a custom to eat dairy food on Chanukah in commemoration of a woman by the name of Yehudit. According to a tradition mentioned in the Midrash, Mattityahu had a daughter by the name of Yehudit who was engaged to be married. Before her wedding date, a Syrian-Greek official came to defile her. She presented him with a lavish dairy feast during which wine was consumed. While he was drunk and asleep, she killed him. Thus, we celebrate the salvation that Yehudit brought to all women by eating dairy during the holiday.

### V'ten Tal Umatar:

On Motzaei Shabbat, December 4th in the Maariv prayer, we begin asking for rain in the Amidah in the *Bracha of Barech Aleinu*, by adding the words - V'ten Tal Umatar. Although the request for rain in Eretz Yisrael begins two weeks after Sukkot, outside of Israel the date is based on the solar calendar and thus we commence in early December.

Yahrzeits for the Week of December 5-11, 2021Daf Yomi

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member Name	Day
Isadore Jutcovich	father	Tommy Jutcovich	Sunday
Leon Roth	father	Barbara Frankel and Steve Roth	Sunday
Sara Kaplan	mother	Abe Kaplan	Monday
HaRav Israel Frankel	father	Asher Frankel Sheba Sanders	Thursday
Elias Silverman	father	Susan Jutcovich	Thursday
David Zichermann	father	Agi Dunec	Friday
HaRav Yerucham Uziel Milevsky	father	Rabbi Milevsky	Shabbat

Please consider making a donation to B'nai Torah or sponsoring a Zoom shiur in memory of your loved one.

Dec. 4, 2021	Shabbat	30 Kislev	Ta'anis 22
Dec. 5, 2021	Sunday	1 Tevet	Ta'anis 23
Dec. 6, 2021	Monday	2 Tevet	Ta'anis 24
Dec 7, 2021	Tuesday	3 Tevet	Ta'anis 25
Dec. 8, 2021	Wednesday	4 Tevet	Ta'anis 26
Dec. 9, 2021	Thursday	5 Tevet	Ta'anis 27
Dec. 10, 2021	Friday	6 Tevet	Ta'anis 28

**Kaylim Mikvah** Open by appointment only, for members only. Kaylim Mikvah is not available Erev Shabbat 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, or call 416.665.2182: **Tree of Life, Dedications, Memorial Plaques**, Contact the office. Visit us at our Donations page at [www.bnaitorah.ca](http://www.bnaitorah.ca)

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