



Yahrzeits: December 29-January 4, Parshat Shemot

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Ha Makom Yinechem

KEHILLAT BETH ISRAEL WELCOMES ALL !!

- **BABYSITTING** in the Nursery each Shabbat Morning from 9:30 a.m. until end of services.
- **NO KEHILLATEINU ON DECEMBER 29TH!** Our excellent programming will resume on January 5th

For all information regarding any **KBKids** program, please contact **Rabbi Deborah Zuker** rabbizuker@kehillatbethisrael.com or 613-728-3501 x 238



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Update from the Shalom Group!

Firstly, the Alshahar family, along with the Shalom Group, would like to extend a sincere thanks to all shul members who have been so generous in purchasing gift certificates for Shadi, Asmaa and their three children - Doha, Tuqa, and Oday. Everyone now has good quality winter boots and warm clothing. As mentioned in the earlier update, the clothing drive was very successful, but there were certain items that the family had to purchase on their own. There is no further need for clothing donations or gift certificates at this time.

Since our last update in September, the Alshahars have had many exciting and uniquely Canadian experiences here in Ottawa. Shadi (Dad) and the children, along with some Shalom Group members, visited the Museum of History in Gatineau. They were astounded by the totem poles in the spectacular Grand Hall, and had a terrific afternoon in the Children's Museum. Asmaa (Mom) is taking "learn to swim" classes at the Carleton pool and is enjoying the classes very much. We brought her to see the nearby skating rink and as it turned out, there were two womens' hockey teams playing on the ice in full gear. This was a first for Asmaa - to see women roaring up and down the ice after the puck.

The children are doing very well in school, and Shadi and Asmaa continue to improve in their English language skills, attending classes daily. Shalom Group members continue to work with Shadi and Asmaa on a regular basis (finance, medical, dental, education) to ensure an easy transition to their new life in Canada.

We will be sure to update you again in the near future. If you have questions or would like to volunteer your time with us please contact Shari Silber at shari.silber@gmail.com or at 613-769-9308

KBI WEEKLY PROGRAM TIMES

BRIDGE: Every Monday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
MAHJONG: Every Thursday from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
MALCA PASS LIBRARY: Every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

SHABBAT SHALOM NEWSLETTER



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Friday, December 28, 2018 ■ 20 Tevet 5779

Shacharit	7:30 a.m.
Ma'ariv/Kabbalat Shabbat	4:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	4:10 p.m.
Next week: January 4, 2019 ■ 27 Tevet 5779	
Candle Lighting	4:16 p.m.

SERVICE TIMES: (WEEKLY)

Shacharit (Monday - Friday)	7:30 a.m.
Shacharit (Sunday & Statutory Holidays)	8:30 a.m.
Shacharit (Rosh Chodesh)	7:15 a.m.
Shacharit (Shabbat)	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv (Sunday - Thursday)	6:00 p.m.

Shabbat, December 29, 2018

21 Tevet 5779

Parshat Shemot

Torah Reading: Shemot (Exodus) 1:1-6:1; Etz Hayim p. 317; Hertz p. 206

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23; Etz Hayim p. 343; Hertz p. 225

Ralph Anzarouth will be chanting the Haftarah

Shabbat Services begin at 9:00 a.m.

Mincha and Learning & Leftovers with Rabbi Eytan Kenter: 4:00 p.m.

Havdallah - 5:10 p.m.

Would you like to host a Kiddush? Do you have a celebration coming up in the family, or would you like to honour the memory of a loved one? Or do you just feel it is "your turn"? If you would like more information on sponsoring a Kiddush, please contact the office at (613) 728-3501 x225

Rabbi Kenter's D'var



Shannah Tovah! Happy New Year!
 As we approach 2019, it is a time of self-reflection. We make commitments that we hope to keep and assess what is most important in our lives. When George Bailey is toasted as the richest man in town in *It's a Wonderful Life*, it is because he has come to realize over the course of the movie that he possesses all of the most valuable things that one could ever desire. In this week's Torah portion, Moses abandons life in the palace to take his place with the slaves, acknowledging that it is a greater honour to be a part of the Israelites than be amongst the leaders of Egypt.

This process of introspection also comes into play as many of us engage in end of year giving. It is an opportunity to assure that we end our year on the right note, prioritizing those values that are most dear to us. Representing the idea that our true wealth is about what it is we are able to share rather than what it is we are able to spend.

As I do my giving, I continue to be inspired by a piece from a colleague of mine, Rabbi Adam Cutler who wrote, "Why I Stopped Ear-Marking Donations and Give to the General Fund" (<https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/why-i-stopped-ear-marking-donations-and-give-to-the-general-fund/>). I try to give to organizations in the way that is most helpful to them rather than simply in the way that is most meaningful for me. The flexibility that the General Fund provides allows the institution to use the funds not only for programs but also for unanticipated repairs or to compensate for elevated costs. While all donations to all organizations are helpful, I'd ask you to consider making a gift to our shul's General Fund as we end the year to assure our ability to continue to be the amazing community that we aspire to be. To make a gift to KBI, please visit: <https://kehilatbethisrael.shulcloud.com/payment.php>. Thank you so much for your continued support.

December/ January at a glance

Please note that there will be no drop-in Bridge on December 31st

December 31		New Year's Eve - office closes at 2 p.m.
January 1		New Year's Day - office closed
	8:30 a.m.	Note time change for Shacharit on statutory holidays
5	10:30 a.m.	Family Shabbat service
7	7:30 p.m.	Caregiver support group
8	6:30 p.m.	Chesed committee meeting and training
9	7 p.m.	Grief support group

**Join our new
 CHESED COMMITTEE**

A new group serving those most in need within our community.
 This committee will focus on three core need areas:
 Visits, meals, and transportation.

Dinner and Planning meeting: **Tuesday, January 8th, 6:30 p.m.**
For more info or to RSVP: rabbi@kehilatbethisrael.com

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A GROUP DESIGNED TO CARE FOR THOSE CARING FOR OTHERS

INTRO SESSION

FEATURING AN INTRODUCTORY CONVERSATION FOLLOWED BY CHAIR MESSAGES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH
 AT 7:30 PM
 KEHILLAT BETH ISRAEL**

**TO RSVP, E-MAIL
 RABBI@KEHILLATBETHISRAEL.COM**

SPECIAL BREAKFASTS & KIDDUSHES

Shabbat, January 5th
 Congregational Kiddush sponsored by Irv Solman in memory of his parents Gus and Esther Solman z"l

Tuesday, January 8th
 Special Breakfast sponsored by Thomas and Sandra Greenberg in observance of the Yahrzeit their daughter, Dara Lee Greenberg z"l