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CAMILLE PISSARRO 'Garden Pontoise' (Détail)

Jacob Abraham Camille Pissarro (1830 – 1903) the child of Sephardic Jews from Bordeaux, was born and raised on the Caribbean Island of St. Thomas, which was Danish at the time.

Camille Pissarro was the only Jewish Impressionist painter and was the only artist to have shown his work at all eight Paris Impressionist exhibitions, from 1874 to 1886. He "acted as a father figure not only to the Impressionists" but to all four of the major Post-Impressionists, Cézanne, Seurat, Gauguin, and van Gogh.

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The July and August issues of the Kibbitzer will be combined this year.



From the Rabbi's desk...



Two trains that were on parallel tracks pulled out of the station, one headed east and the other west. As they picked up speed, the distance between them became greater and greater. Although they had been side by side, with time, the gap between them became huge.

This is true of people as well. We often see people who seem to be very different from one another in their attitudes. They may have started together. However, at some early stage in their lives, they began to head along tracks that led in opposite directions. While early on the differences between them seemed minor, with time the distance becomes astonishing.

When people came to the Temple in Jerusalem on Yom Kippur, the day of forgiveness, they were taught about educating their children. While two children may initially seem the same, their direction in life will depend on how they set out.

A child who follows the right path is headed toward a good life. If, however, a child takes even small steps in another direction, they run a much higher risk of ending up in the wrong direction. The slightest difference, in the beginning, can make all the difference later on.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Lefkowitz



To all the kitchen volunteers:

I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me in the kitchen, either preparing the food, setting up, or on clean up detail. I truly appreciate all the time you've spent working. Our events wouldn't be the same without your help. Thank you!

Julie Shienbaum

Congratulations to Neil Spindel

For accepting the position of Board Secretary for CBS!

The President's Corner

Shalom Everybody



Steve Billor

We put together our budget for the upcoming year, which starts June 2023. It was an unfortunate situation that after signing our Rabbi to a five-year contract and looking at the increasing bills due to national inflation going on, we had to raise our membership dues. Our dues had not been raised in over 16 years and we were trying to avoid it. We kept the membership dues increase to a bare minimum and are still negative a few thousand dollars for the year. We are hoping to make that up and be financially even with some fundraisers and the generosity of our members. We are still very frugal with the funds being brought in. For example, we still do not have a trash collection service and bring the daily trash to our houses to dispose of. We also raise the temperature of the air conditioning when we don't use the facility. I hope we can attract new members and help our Congregation grow. The Board and I are always looking for new ideas to make our Congregation a better place, so please forward me your suggestions.

As always, Todah Rabah (Thank you very much) for being a part of the Beth Shalom Family and your time in reading this article.

Steve Billor

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Friday, June 2	7:50 PM
Friday, June 9	7:53 PM
Friday, June 16	7:56 PM
Friday, June 23	7:57 PM
Friday, June 30	7:58 PM



Oneg Schedule

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Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

June 2	Neil Spindel	In memory of his mother, Margie Spindel
June 9	CBS Congregation	Please bring a dish to share
June 16	CBS Congregation	Father's Day Potluck
June 23	Anna and Stephen Feldman	Temple Mitzvah - Juneteenth
June 30	CBS Congregation	Please bring a dish to share

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Judith Pliner at (856)816-2174**

CBS Business

Shabbat Services

Meeting ID: 897 3400 8923

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Our Shabbat services will take place Friday Nights at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as well as online. Our livestream feed is available on Zoom and Facebook. For outdoor services, the Zoom link will not work, so please sign in to Facebook. Join us in the celebration of Shabbat and you are welcome to like, comment, and share.

We established a new Zoom link. You will be able to login from our weekly eNews. The process has not changed, just the link. For your information here is the new link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89734008923?pwd=WEtGZXN1UVVNM0lCa3BoTzJyZUcoUTo9>

We are glad that you enjoy our shabbat services and hope to see you on the Zoom screen this Friday.

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CBS Office Hours

The administrative office is currently open by appointment only. We can be reached at [cbs-brandon@outlook.com] and 813-681-6547 or you may contact Rabbi Lefkowitz directly at 407-222-6393 or rlefkowi@bellsouth.net. Rabbi Lefkowitz will be available for in person meetings on Fridays. Call him at 407-222-6393 to schedule an appointment.



Although our hours are limited, we are always here for you. Do not hesitate to reach out with any needs, concerns or questions.

SHARE A MAZEL TOV!

Do you have a family member, friend, spouse or congregant you would like to wish Mazel Tov to in our Kibbitzer? You can send an email to thekibbitzer@hotmail.com with their name and accomplishment, engagement or birth. It's important during these times to see



Food Bank

An Amazing Food Gift

By: Stephen Feldman

We were blessed recently with another extremely generous donation of food from ECHO of Brandon (Emergency Care Health Organization), a local social service agency that helps people with food, clothing, and resources. This organization received groceries from the recent postal carrier food campaign and shared them with us.

A truckload of over 1500 pounds of food arrived at our synagogue on May 15th. Thanks to 15 volunteers from CBS and Faith Family Church who were on hand for the next two busy days, we managed to sort and put away the bevy of food we received. By the time we were finished storing all the food we received, we ended up using our kitchen food pantry, a new storage room, and another adjacent classroom.

Thanks to your donations and those of ECHO, we will have enough sustenance for our next several donation days. We have a need for personal items and toiletries, and for household cleaning. Thanks so much to everyone who helped, so we can continue to carry out this wonderful mitzvah.



Tikkun HaOlam

Repairing the World



Building and Grounds



Gabe Lifschitz

This is a call for students off for the summer to contribute to Congregation Beth Shalom. Universities and High schools in the Tampa Bay area ended the semester and students are back home. I am exploring for students in the local area to participate in projects to support the temple. The greatest skill sets needed are the time to dedicate to a project, the willingness, and spirit to do so. Other necessary skill sets are below.

- Speak, read, and write English.
- Able to lift at least 10 pounds.
- Able to climb a ladder.
- Able to use a screwdriver, pliers, shovel, or other hand tools.
- Reads music and is skilled in piano, violin, viola, or cello. This is only for students who are actively learning music and the skill may not be needed for other projects.

Project sets

- Spruce up the temple grounds in specific areas that require clearing. See safety instructions below.
- Come up with a plan to renovate the bimah.
- Minor interior electrical work to restore specific functions in the temple. See safety instructions below.
- Create a plan to develop the wooded area behind the temple.
- Fix the tool shed behind the temple. See safety instructions below.
- Participate in several meetings to provide ideas for youth social activities and run a social activity at the temple.

I will provide training on safety, what personal protective equipment to use, and oversight on projects that require electrical work skills, work that requires climbing on ladders, or work around the temple grounds.

If at least five students respond, I can set up a meeting and create a schedule that will work around a student's availability for the summer.

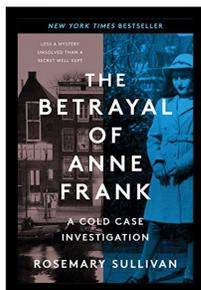
Deadline: Please send your interest in helping by no later than June 2nd 2023, and send an email to: cbs-building@outlook.com, or call me at (571) 277-1416.

Thank you!

Gabriel Lifschitz



Page Turners



Monday, July 10 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

The link will be sent at a later date.

We will be discussing the New York Times best seller “The Betrayal of Ann Frank” by Rosemary Sullivan

“Using new technology, recently discovered documents and sophisticated investigative techniques, an international team—led by an obsessed retired FBI agent—has finally solved the mystery that has haunted generations since World War II: Who betrayed Anne Frank and her family? And why?”

Bar Mitzvah

Gabe Semovitz



Gabe Semovitz will be called to the Torah on Saturday, July 15th. Gabe will be leading us in the Havdalah service which begins at 7:00 PM. Parents are JoAnn and Harvey Semovitz. Gabe's grandparents, Seema and Neal Semovitz, will be hosting a dessert party following the service. All are welcome to attend.

Gabriel Sernovitz will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, July 15, here at CBS.

Gabe is a rising 8th grader at Randall Middle School. His favorite subjects are civics and science. Born in Milwaukee, he came to Florida via Washington, D.C.; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Beijing and Hong Kong, China; and Fort Collins, Colorado.

Not surprisingly, Gabe is a world traveler and aviation enthusiast. He has already visited 17 countries. Gabe has a YouTube channel with nearly 50,000 views. He also enjoys sports (watching and playing), especially his Packers, Brewers, Bucks, and Wisconsin Badgers.

Gabe wants to pursue a career as a lawyer.

He has two older siblings, Jack and Zoe.

Gabe would like to thank Rabbi Lefkowitz for his support and guidance in preparing for his Bar Mitzvah.



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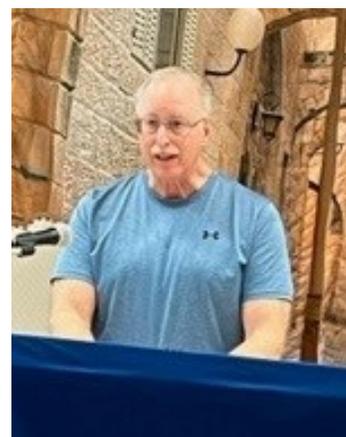
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Annual Meeting

Our annual CBS congregational meeting was held on Sunday, May 21st.





Mazel Tov, Sandy!
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At the Annual Meeting May 21st, Sandra Santucci was presented with a plaque to honor her years of service to CBS. The plaque reads: "With much Gratitude and Love In Recognition of 30 Years of Outstanding Service, Presented to Sandra Santucci - Cantorial Soloist, Religious School Teacher, 1993-2023."

Our Congregation

Yahrzeits



6/1	Robert	Hirshenson	Father	Of	Steve	Billor
6/9	Oliver	Workman	Father	Of	Anna	Feldman
6/11	Ed	Bang	Friend	Of	Bill	Kalbas
6/11	Irwin	Shaw	Cousin	Of	Toby	Koch
6/17	Chaya	Pliner	Grandmother	Of	Gerald	Pliner
6/18	Michael	Plesur	Father-In-Law	Of	Carol	Plesur
6/20	Clare	Beth	Friend	Of	Gail	Verlin
6/21	Agnes	Antonak	Grandmother	Of	Lee	Schwartz



Birthdays

Anniversaries



6/11 William & Jacqueline Kalbas

6/4	Gail	Verlin
6/10	Caren	Magdovitz
6/12	Sandy	Santucci
6/23	Lee	Schwartz
6/25	Sheryl	Finke
6/26	Jo Ann	Sernovitz



A Small Light

This ‘ordinary’ woman hid Anne Frank—and kept her story alive

The miniseries ‘A Small Light’ tells the story of Miep Gies, a courageous young woman who risked her life to defy the Nazis.

By Jacqueline Cutler, Published April 27, 2023

[Miep Gies](#) was a recently married young office worker living in Amsterdam in 1942. As German occupiers tightened their grip on the city, Gies’s boss, Otto Frank, asked her to hide him and his family from the Nazis, who were sending Jews to concentration camps. For the next two years, Gies risked her life daily to smuggle food to the Franks and four others concealed in secret rooms above Otto’s business.

When she could no longer protect the family—when the Nazis finally came and took them away in 1944—Gies kept their story alive by saving [Anne Frank](#)’s journals. She’s the reason the world has *The Diary of a Young Girl*.

[\(A cold case team is searching for who betrayed Anne Frank\)](#)



Miep Gies answered customers’ questions and did general office work at Opekta, Otto Frank’s business. The native Austrian had been sent to the Netherlands as a starving 11-year-old, and her experiences as an immigrant, loyalty to her employer, and fury over the genocide motivated her to try to save those in the attic.

Margot, Otto, Anne, and Edith Frank in Merwedeplein in Amsterdam, May 1941. Just over a year after this photo was taken, Margot was ordered to report to a labor camp. The family hid and didn’t leave the building again until the Nazis arrested them there.

The series includes eight episodes. It will premiere with a two-episode drop on May 1, then release two episodes a week until May 22, when the penultimate and series finale drop. Each episode will debut on National Geographic and be stream able the next day on Disney+ and Hulu.

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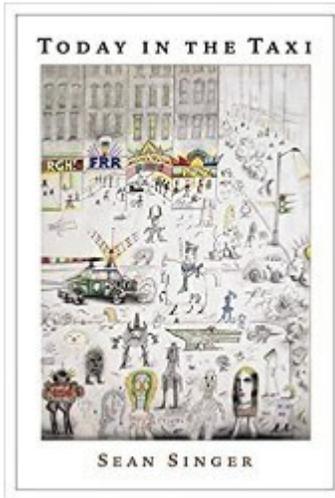
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Books



Poetry

Today in the Taxi

By Sean Singer

Review by Allison Pitinii Davis

In his remarks on a 2022 pan-el about Jewish working-class poetics, Sean Singer described the importance of spreading power horizontally instead of vertically. This idea informed my reading of *Today in the Taxi*, which takes us on his daily treks across New York City as he picks up passengers, experiences snippets of their lives, and drops them off. In lieu of narrative closure, these poems often end on teachings from Jewish thinkers including Hillel, Franz Kafka, Jerimiah, Kabbalists, a female Lord, and Charlotte Solomon. Each poem begins with a variation of the phrase “today in the taxi,” challenging the concept of a central “title poem.” Further, each poem is written in prose and less than a page in length — no ride is given more space than

another. The repetitive form reflects both the mundane nature of driving a cab and an aesthetic equality. Every poem challenges the hierarchical economy from which it springs.

This is a profoundly Jewish book, and not only because it is constantly quoting Jews. In her 2011 essay “Midrashic Sensibilities: Secular Judaism and Radical Poetics,” Rachel Blau DuPlessis writes that her “Midrashic sensibility...resists epiphany, which, as a narrative structure, is to some degree associated with Christianity.” Most of Singer’s poems are structured so that the passenger leaves the car just at the climax of their story. We are jolted into the realization that for these passengers, the taxi is just a vehicle to a destination, not the destination itself. So the riders leave, taking the narrative momentum of the poems with them. Right at the apex of each poem, there is a sharp drop to the emptiness of the cab. Narrative climax is replaced by the interiority of the typically invisible driver. These moments, in all of their understatement and discursiveness, are a masterpiece of contemporary Jew-ish literature.

Of these moments, the most profound perhaps come in “Glossed Over” and “Dirt.” In the former, a passenger forgets a bag in the taxi. The driver backtracks a long way over streets he just traveled to return the bag, and the passenger provides neither tip nor thanks. The driver curses humanity before remembering — in a Charles Reznikoff-like turn — that many in this city have faced much worse inequality: “Then I remembered the poor fellows on Catherine Slip who would skin eels and have to dance in order to get one to eat.” He then transforms his wasted labor by reclaiming agency over the situation: “I read that eels can swim backwards by reversing the direction of the wave.”

It is a moment that frees the worker’s value from his progress: he is not driving back but rather “reversing the direction” of the power dynamics around him. In “Dirt,” the relationship between value and progress is again dismantled. The driver says, “When Jeremiah asked for a solution to stopping the Golem who was destroying Prague, he was told...*Do not meditate in the sense of building up, but the other way around*” (25). This is commentary on the collection’s aesthetics as much as its themes. *Today in the Taxi* is radically Jewish in that it does not “build up” to revelation but the “other way around” — Singer’s poems reject traditional power structures and instead return back to the work-er and his streets.

Excerpt: ‘Today in the Taxi’

Poetry winner for 2022 for the National Jewish Book Awards

By Sean Singer

April 25, 2023

Schism

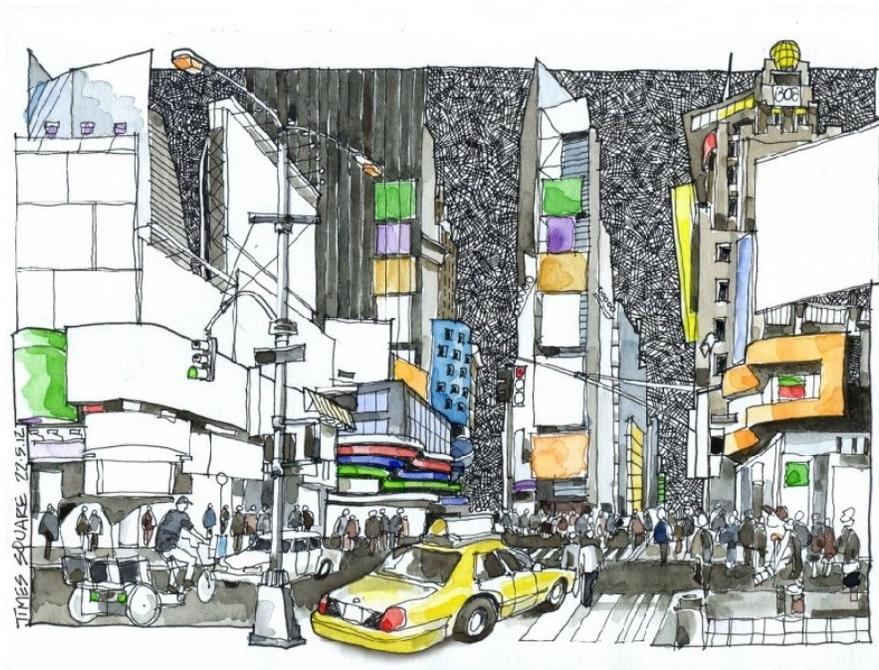
Today in the taxi a passenger got in and she was crying. I don't know why. We left Astoria for Williamsburg. I gave her a little package of tis-sues and she went on her way.

Kafka said crying is especially alarming for me. I cannot cry. When other people cry, it seems to me like a strange, incomprehensible natural phenomenon.

I thought maybe she was going through a breakup, or perhaps it was a passage in a novel.

Some people think of Williamsburg as the “hipster apocalypse” and others, the Orthodox, know the Lord is there with them. She's pushing a shopping cart full of plastic bottles rescued from trash cans.

Crying literally means “to ask for loudly.” She mumbles through a drop of salt-water, but She's really saying: You are worthy of asking and having your question heard.



Mother's Day Blessings



The Hebrew Language

BYALLIE YANG

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Hebrew wasn't spoken for 2,000 years. Here's how it was revived.

The religious language that lay dormant for millennia is now global, used by millions of people around the world—including in China.

Today, Hebrew is a thriving language—used by millions of speakers around the world to communicate all their thoughts and desires. That may have seemed almost impossible less than 150 years ago, when the language was thought to exist only in ancient religious texts.

For some two thousand years, Hebrew laid dormant as Jewish communities scattered across the globe, and adopted the languages of their new homes. By the late 1800s, Hebrew vocabulary was limited to archaic and religious concepts of the Hebrew Bible—and lacked words for everything from “newspaper” and “academia” to “muffin” and “car.”

Here's a look at the bumpy road to modernizing Hebrew and the debates that surround its continuing evolution today. The Jewish people were once known as Hebrews for their language, which flourished from roughly the 13th to second centuries B.C.—when the Hebrew Bible, also known as the Old Testament, was collected. Hebrew was used in daily life until the second century B.C. at latest, experts believe.

But beginning in the second century B.C., Jewish people became increasingly ostracized and oppressed. Through the rise and fall of Rome, the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and beyond, they were forced to migrate around Europe and adopted the language of the country they were in. They also formed new languages like Yiddish, which mixed Hebrew, German, and Slavic languages.

Still, the Jewish people were known as “People of the Book.” As part of traditions like studying the Torah and reading it aloud, Jews continued to learn Hebrew to read from the Bible and written Hebrew lived on for more than a millennium mostly through religious practice.

There were exceptions: more educated Jews exchanged messages in Hebrew, sometimes between merchants for records of business, says Meirav Reuveny, a Hebrew language historian at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. A 10th-century trove of documents showed that some women, a group generally confined to domestic duties at the time, also wrote letters, exchanged legal documents, and recorded business in Hebrew. From the 10th to 14th centuries, there was an explosion of secular Hebrew poetry in Andalusia, Spain.

In the 19th century, most Jews in Europe were still second-class citizens when a new movement emerged that looked to Hebrew as a way to inspire hope through the Jewish people's glorious past, Reuveny says. Hebrew revivalists wanted to expand the language beyond the abstract concepts in the Bible—they wanted to use it to talk about modern events, politics, philosophy, and medicine.

Among the leaders of the movement was Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, credited as the father of Modern Hebrew.

“One person cannot invent a language,” Reuveny says. “But he makes a good hero, something important for a social movement.”

The Hebrew Language pg 2

Ben-Yehuda was born in 1858 in Lithuania, where Jews were heavily discriminated against and violent pogroms terrorized Jewish communities regularly. When Ben-Yehuda traveled to Paris in 1878, he was empowered by the growing Jewish nationalist movement he witnessed there.

He believed Jews needed a country and language to flourish. He moved to Jerusalem in 1881, where he and his wife made the decision to only speak Hebrew—despite missing words for essential modern

items and concepts. They raised their son Itamar Ben-Avi to be the first native Hebrew speaker in almost 2,000 years. In the beginning, Hebrew went through growing pains: the language needed many new words. Ben-Yehuda made a dictionary of new Hebrew words (including מילון, *milon*, the word for dictionary). Hebrew newspapers across Europe invented their own words, too, Reuveni says.

Many people saw this as an unwelcome change—swapping an ancient and sacred language to a new and strange one. Hebrew revivalists chose a difficult way of life by speaking only Hebrew, before it could meet the needs of modern life. Gradually, the language was standardized in the early 20th century. The first Modern Hebrew dictionary was released in its completed form in 1922. Hebrew language schools were opened, then Hebrew became the language of instruction of all subjects in Jerusalem schools (the first in 1913).

After the state of Israel was established in 1948, people flocked from all over the world. Many young adults learned Hebrew through the young nation's mandatory military service, though most families in Israel became Hebrew speakers over one to two generations.

Today, of the 9.5 million people in Israel aged 20 and over, almost everyone uses Hebrew, and 55 percent speak it as their native language. Around the world there are around 15 million Hebrew speakers; in the U.S., there are 195,375. Modern Hebrew has changed significantly but still shares clear ties with Biblical Hebrew.

“King David and I could probably understand each other,” says Mirit Bessire, Hebrew language program director at Johns Hopkins University, who points out that it's not all that different from modern English speakers attempting to understand someone using Shakespearean English.

The growing pains Hebrew experienced as it modernized during Ben-Yehuda's time are echoed in controversies today. Inclusive language such as non-binary adaptations have proven difficult to adopt as Hebrew is significantly gendered, Reuveni says. Modern words and concepts like “gaslighting” also stir debate about how much outside cultures are affecting the language.

“Language does naturally evolve and grow. It's inevitable. It's not in our hands what our language does,” Bessire says. Language fills the needs of its users, she adds—and today we have more needs than ever as social media and email connect communities of Hebrew speakers far beyond Israel. For example, Bessire says, there are Hebrew communities in China that are not Jewish but have become fluent in the language for business purposes.

“Hebrew is a language of proficiency,” Bessire says. “It's a language that you use for your everyday life, from technology to medicine.”



The Codex Sassoon, the oldest and most complete Hebrew Bible, is set to go to auction this year. Religious texts like this one were a major factor in keeping Hebrew alive for two thousand years.

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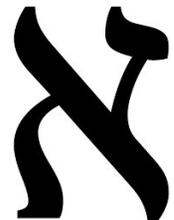
Eliezer Ben-Yehuda reads at his desk shortly before his death in 1922. Historian Cecil Roth famously said, “Before Ben Yehuda, Jews could speak Hebrew; after him, they did.”

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Girls learn ancient Hebrew in Samaria, a region in modern day Palestine, in the early 1900s.

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"Tzedakah weighs as much as all the other commandments combined" - Talmud

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Time for a Nosh

ISRAELI COUSCOUS SALAD WITH SUMMER VEGETABLES

An easy, zesty summer salad with a Mediterranean flair featuring Israeli couscous and chopped summer vegetables.



INGREDIENTS:

1 cup of Israeli couscous
 1 cup of water
 1/2 veggie bouillon cube - roughly chopped
 1/4 red bell pepper - finely diced
 1/2 cucumber - peeled and seeded, finely diced
 1 cup of cherry tomatoes - sliced in half
 2 tablespoons red onion - minced
 1 handful of parsley - minced
 10 olives - roughly chopped
 2 ounces of feta - diced
 3 tablespoons olive oil plus 1 teaspoon olive oil
 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
 1 tsp honey
 salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Heat a sauce pan over medium heat and add one tsp of olive oil. Once the oil is warm – about 30 seconds – add Israeli couscous and stir for a minute or two until Israeli couscous is slightly toasted.

2. When couscous is toasted – add 1 cup of water and chopped up bouillon cube. Be careful, the pan is hot and the water will probably instantly come to a boil, pour carefully so it doesn't splash up.

3. Turn heat down to low and simmer couscous for the amount of time on package instructions.

4. While couscous is cooking, dice red pepper and cucumber – you want the dice to be roughly the same size for both. Add to a large bowl.

5. Next, slice cherry tomatoes in half and add to the other vegetables in the bowl.

6. Mince parsley and red onion. Add to the vegetables in the bowl.

7. Roughly chop olives and add to the bowl.

8. Dice feta cheese and set a side.

9. Whisk olive oil, red wine vinegar, honey, black pepper and salt together.

10. When Israeli couscous is ready, add to a fine mesh sieve and rinse so that the couscous cools. Shake the sieve until the couscous is fairly dry.

11. Add Israeli couscous to the bowl of vegetables. Add the dressing and toss to combine.

12. Add feta cheese to couscous and vegetables and toss gently to combine.

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