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Shanah Tovah u'M'tukah • שנה טובה ומתוקה

Wishing our Shaar family a happy, healthy, and sweet new year.

Nous souhaitons à notre famille Shaar une nouvelle année heureuse, saine, et douce.



RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

RABBI ADAM SCHEIER

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Recently, we received a powerful message from the past. As the demolition crews worked on the Côte-St. Antoine plaza renovation, they unearthed a time capsule from October, 1967. The capsule contained a letter from Rabbi Shuchat zt"l, addressed to the "Rabbi and President of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Many Years Hence." The letter describes the time capsule's contents, such as materials related to Canada's centennial and to the Pavilion of Judaism at Expo 67.

The missive also contained a powerful prayer: "May God grant that these words be read in a world at peace and that there may be the blessings of fellowship and brotherhood for Canada, Israel, the Jewish people, and Mankind."

At the conclusion of this typewritten letter, the Rabbi added a Hebrew verse in his handwriting. The verse is Psalm 69:14, which translates, "As for me, may my prayer come to You, O Lord, at a favorable moment; O God, in Your abundant faithfulness, answer me with Your sure deliverance."

This verse, *v'ani tefilati*, is recited at a number of occasions in our liturgy, including at the Shabbat mincha service before the Torah reading. The reason for its inclusion in our prayers is explained by Rashi in his commentary on Siddur (section 513). He explained that King David said to God,

"The way of the world is that people, in their moment of great celebrations, turn to drink and feast, and they don't mention Your name. But I strive to be different. When You increased joy for Israel and the day of rest and happiness arrives, after I am sated and satisfied, I don't forget you! When the time for prayer comes, I leave my feast and jump at the opportunity to pray and offer gratitude for my portion in life."

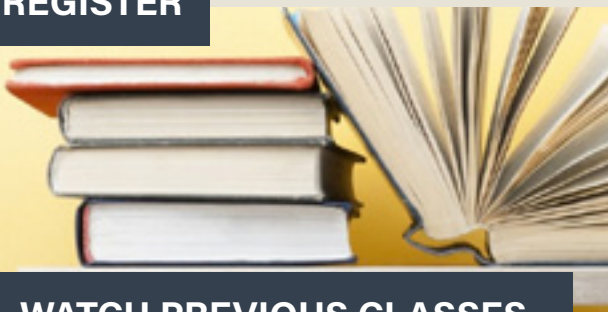
This, wrote Rashi, is the reason we include this verse on Shabbat afternoon. Following a joyful and relaxing lunch, after we rest on the Sabbath day, we turn to God to offer our gratitude. In our joyous moments, we remember our spiritual obligations.

PARASHAH INSIGHTS WITH RABBI SCHEIER

Thursdays - 2:00 PM; Online classes resume on September 22

A look at the weekly portion, with a focus on Midrashic interpretations. Open to all, and to all levels of Jewish knowledge. Zoom link available after registration

REGISTER



WATCH PREVIOUS CLASSES

We are hopeful that this High Holy Day season be one of celebration. The return to "normal life" after these years of pandemic restrictions, together with the centennial rededication of our sanctuary, will – with God's help – create an atmosphere of joy, relief, and pride in our endurance and achievement. I imagine similar feelings of pride as the 1967 cornerstone was laid, after the uncertainties of the Six Day War and as the congregation met the expanded needs of a thriving community. Rabbi Shuchat's writing this verse in his cornerstone letter is a poignant reminder to remain focused on the essential purpose of our lives – to strive for a relationship of closeness with God, and at all points in life to make space for prayer, holiness, and growth.

The question remains: Were a letter to be written today, addressed to the Shaar's leadership "many years hence," what would our message be? The answer is fodder for future bulletin articles, and I look forward to hearing your suggestions, as well.

As we enter the New Year of 5783, we are blessed to be doing so with hope and optimism on so many fronts. In particular, I am delighted to welcome Rabbi Mark Fishman to the Shaar's professional team as our new Director of Education. I have worked closely with Rabbi Fishman for many years, going back to his teaching at the Shaar's Noam School 17 years ago! The dreams of our congregation's leadership, and the vision of our president Julius Suss, is steadily paving the way for a renaissance in Jewish learning for our community. Look out for new offerings and opportunities to learn, connect, and grow with our Shaar Family.

Abby, Aviya, Ayelet, Annael, Allegra, and Arella join me in wishing you a *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah*, a year of blessing and sweetness for us and all of Israel!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JULIUS SUSS

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It is hard to believe that my term as President of this amazing congregation is coming to an end at the 176th Annual General Meeting on November 21. While I have been the most invisible president for most of the last three years, it has been a crucial time of exploring new things and new ways of doing things. Much has been accomplished.

It has long been my belief that Jewish learning is the key to Jewish continuity. Our own learning, as well as teaching our children and grandchildren to know and love Judaism, will lead to understanding the importance and centrality of Judaism in our lives. (And of course, will lead to sustaining Shaar membership.) I was thrilled to announce, a few weeks ago, the engagement of Rabbi Mark Fishman as Director of Adult Learning. This is a bold new step for us and Rabbi Fishman's mandate is to significantly expand and enhance the very solid foundation of learning that already exists. We are forging new ways of working as a team and managing a crucial portfolio from a distance. We are excited by this new challenge.

I hope you were able to attend the magnificent ceremony in honour of the 100th anniversary of the Shaar in Westmount. We rededicated the sanctuary in memory of our beloved Rabbi Dr. Wilfred Shuchat zt"l

who spent 71 years as our Rabbi and Rabbi Emeritus. We also paid tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who served only 70 years as Head of the Commonwealth. It is because of our distinct history, culture, and tradition that we were able to so elegantly honour this great world leader. The vision of current and past leadership of the congregation partaking in a Torah procession around the Sanctuary was extremely moving, as was the re-creation of the 1922 ceremony by our talented clergy.

Today, you can't help but notice the renovations to the plaza on Côte-St. Antoine. This is part of the Shaar Family Capital Campaign project which has been delayed the last few years. We are hopeful that we will begin the next phase of the renovations after the holidays which will include the refurbishment of the Chapel and the Côte-St. Antoine Lobby (although current costs of construction may delay the start until spring...).

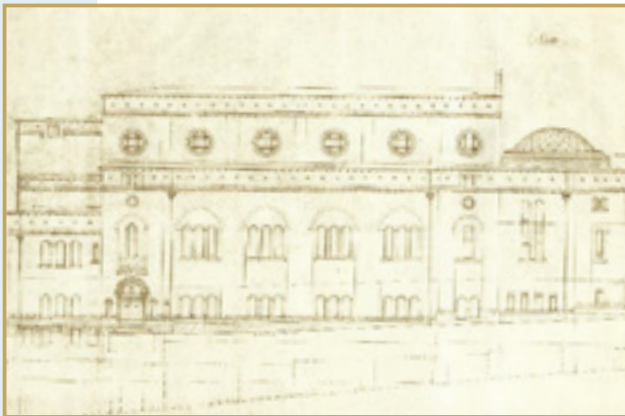
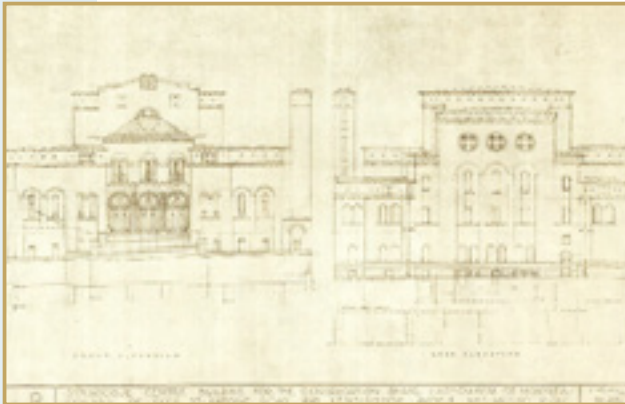
Thank you to Shaar leadership, past and present for helping me navigate the last three years, and to the clergy and admin staff, for all your very hard work and devotion to our Shul.

On behalf of Terry and myself, I wish you all a *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah*.

A LOOK THROUGH OUR ARCHIVES

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Original architectural drawings of the Shaar's building prior to its construction in 1922 from architect J. Melville. Miller

In January 2021, while Montreal was in its second lockdown, Shaar Past President Claire Berger rediscovered six filing cabinets in storage. When opened, the contents were revealed to be the files of Rabbi Shuchat zt"l, who served this congregation for more than 70 years. The filing cabinets further contained many papers of Rabbi Herman Abramowitz who was the Shaar's Rabbi from 1902-1947. Altogether, over 100 years of the Shaar's documentary history were rediscovered and thus began the Shaar Hashomayim Archives.

If you have been following our activities over the past year through our blog "A Look Through Our Archives," you'll know that our activities have only snowballed as we continue to make fascinating discoveries. There are many exciting things we have planned for the upcoming year, including creating an inventory of our collections, expanding the digital presence of the museum & archival collections, and sharing the history of the Shaar in Westmount as we mark 100 years in our building.

Coming soon, a public exhibit at the Westmount Public Library will feature treasures from the Shaar's collections. We will also be running a several interactive archive workshops for all ages featuring segments of our Synagogue's history from the past 100 years. Keep your eyes out for more information.

BLOG: A LOOK THROUGH OUR ARCHIVES

- [The 1967 Time Capsule](#)
- [Investigating the 1922 Cornerstone](#)
- [Honouring our Congregants who fought for King & Country, 1914-1918 & 1939-1945:](#)
- [Lyon Cohen's 1924 President Address to the AGM](#)

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BLOG POSTS**



THE MORE THINGS CHANGE

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They say that the only constant in life is change. We know this to be true as we watch our children grow, as we see friends or loved ones pass on, and even as we watch the constant changing of the seasons. Change is also in our own hearts and minds; we are constantly learning, growing, and living differently today than we did yesterday.

The High Holy Days are a period of change, as we greet a new year and acknowledge the unknowns ahead. But it is also a time of anchoring and of sameness. When we hear the sound of the shofar, when we sing familiar tunes; when we make a bracha on a round challah, symbolizing the cycle of the year; when we strike our chests on Yom Kippur; we find comfort in the sameness, experiencing continuity in the midst of a sea of change.

In Jewish life, we value *keva*, which means something that is set, constant, steady. We tap into this constancy, when we repeat the same liturgy, year after year. I always marvel at the fact that as I recite the same prayers each year, somehow they feel different every time. I know when I stand in shul this Rosh Hashanah, I will see these words in a new way, having lived and experienced so much change and flux since we last stood together en masse.

While COVID -19 isn't fully behind us, we have resumed the many ritual touchpoints and exciting programs that anchor our community. Our Shabbat services and Kiddush provide a weekly rhythm for communal connection. Our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students are in and out of the building all week long for their lessons. Our Parent and Tot Shabbat is booming, with new babies showing us a bright future in those adorable faces. Considering the fact that so much has changed over the last two years, these moments of sameness are truly a comfort.

If you have not yet made your way back to your synagogue routine, I encourage you to do so. I promise that you will find comfort in the familiar; and even the familiar will feel new and changed, because you have changed.

From my family to yours, wishing you a *Shanah Tovah*.



REFLECTIONS ON THIS YEAR

YOSI EVEN-HEN

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One of the most recognizable rituals around the High Holy Days is the 'apple dipped in honey' ritual.

We take a piece of apple and dip it in honey, and we recite the blessing 'May God bring us a good and sweet New Year'.

On a basic level, we can appreciate the symbolism of this ritual. The act of sweetening a piece of apple, that is somewhat acidic and sour in nature. We too, hope that even the 'sour' parts of the year to be, should not be harsh but rather sweetened and made palatable.

But perhaps, there is more to this ritual than meets the eye. I believe that this ritual is an incredibly significant ritual specifically at this junction in our history.

As we are trying to 'Renew our days as of old', we can't help but feel the after affects of COVID-19. The shift of habits during the past two years has left lingering affects. Many have formed new habits for others it's a reluctance to return to places with many people or perhaps it may be a lost of interest to return back to Shul.

Whatever the reason may be, we can learn from the 'apple and honey' that first and foremost, it is up to us to act. Although we ask God for a sweet

year, we cannot do so without first performing the ritual of 'sweetening' ourselves! We need to demonstrate in order to have the right to ask.

Shul activity is a broad spectrum, but I would like to focus on the cornerstone, the 'raison d'être' of a Synagogue... the Daily Minyan.

We can't just expect that there will be a Minyan present for us whenever we have an observance that requires such. We must each ask ourselves, 'What have I done to help not only myself, but others as well, to perform their obligations?'

In the upcoming year, may we become active participants in all facets of Shul life and by extension, communal life. Community cannot be created without each and every one of us doing our part. At the very least, performing some minimal action towards building community!

Just as we physically take the apple and dip it in honey, we must pick up our legs, even at times when we don't feel like doing so, and show up to help build the Minyan and help others. I turn, others will help you... this is community!

I pray that we continue to build upon the successes of the past year. May we see more of the 'regulars' return as well as see new faces.

On behalf of Brigitte, Raphael and Nathaniel, I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a *Shanah Tovah U'mtukah, Tikatehvu v'Techatemu*.



MUSIC OF THE SHAAR

CANTOR GIDEON ZELERMYER

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The Jewish calendar and the annual Torah reading cycle are perfectly synchronized during the month of Elul. Deuteronomy, the final Torah book which is comprised of Moses' final guidance to the Children of Israel, sets the perfect tone for the lead-up to the High Holy Day season. Moses tells the people that God watches over the land "*mei'reishit hashanah* - from the outset of the year, *ad acharit shanah* - until year's end."

Notice the subtle difference. At reishit hashanah, the start of the year, we are likely to say to ourselves "this will be HA-shanah, THE year." A banner year of spiritual and personal growth, during which we will see our fondest hopes and ideals and aspirations fulfilled. But at acharit shanah, when twelve months have elapsed, we are just as likely to conclude that after all has been said and done, it was just another shanah, another year. What began with high hopes ends up with a shrug and a sigh of "there's always next year."

Perhaps more than any other in memory, we need these High Holy Days to help us usher in HA-shanah. Our sanctuary can be full, our voices can be lifted, our families can be together, we can be a community once again. The power of shared moments of inspiration awaits in the pews of our centennial sanctuary, in the pages of the Machzor, in the melodies we sing together, and in the unmasked smiles of those we love.

May 5783 be THE year of appreciation, anticipation, and exultation.

From the Zelermeyer family to yours,

שנה טובה ומתוקה!



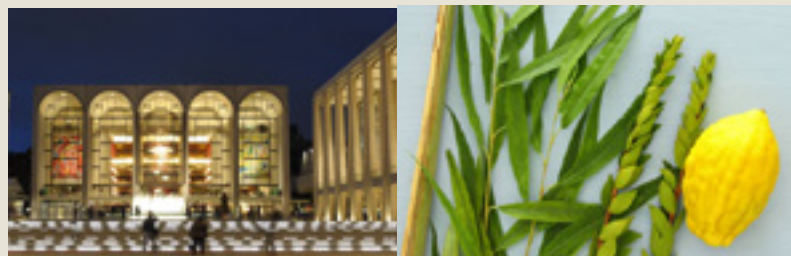


SHAAR HASHOMAYIM YOUTH CHOIR

Grades 2-6

Wednesdays; 4:30 - 5:30 PM

*If your child likes to sing, they will gain valuable skills by joining our youth choir. No experience necessary. Additional rehearsals as needed. Contact **Conor O'Neil**, Director of Music coneil@thshaar.org.*



A NIGHT @ THE OPERA

ONLINE - Thursdays this fall; 8:00 PM

OCT 13: Sukkot Edition

*Join **Cantor Gideon Zelermyer** for a trip around the world of opera.*

Check our calendar for dates.

REGISTER

LISTEN TO THE SOUNDS OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS



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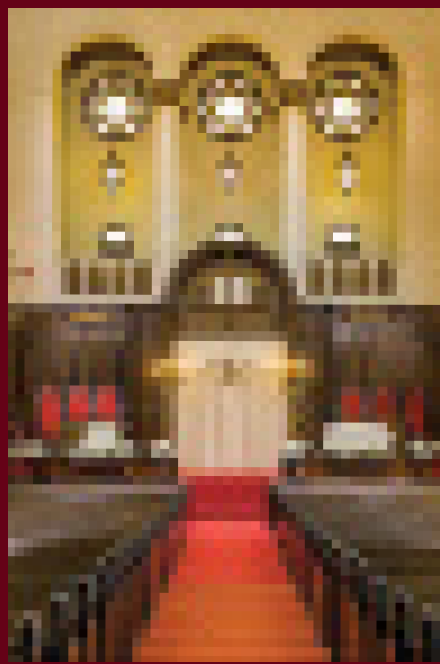
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[5 SH'MA NA](#)



[6 UVCHEIN YITKADASH](#)



THURSDAY NIGHT @ THE MOVIES

ONLINE - Thursdays this fall; 8:00 PM

***Conor O'Neil**, Director of Music, will dive into the music of movies from new favorites to old classics. Check our calendar for dates.*

HIGH HOLY DAYS

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May this new year bring an opportunity to pray together in our sacred spaces, reignite relationships with old friends, and introduce ourselves to new ones.

SERVICES IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY

We look forward to worshipping together in our magnificent sanctuary. Services will be led by **Rabbi Adam Scheier**, **Rabba Rachel Kohl Finegold**, **Yosi Even-Hen**, and **Cantor Gideon Zelermyer** with the **Shaar Hashomayim Choir** conducted by **Conor O'Neil**, Director of Music.

All members are welcome to book seats.

PARALLEL SERVICES IN LANDE HALL

We are pleased to welcome back **Rabbi Yonah Berman**, **Cantor Michael Moshkovitz**, and the **Parallel Services Choir** conducted by **Ted Lazarus** to lead this inspirational service in an intimate ambiance.

Members, students, and non-members are welcome to book seats.



Call Sheri to book your seats in either service.
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HIGH HOLY DAY FAMILY EXPERIENCE

with **Rabba Rachel Kohl Finegold**

*A special experience for children of all ages and their grown-ups. Join us to reflect on the past year and celebrate the birthday of the world. Everyone is welcome to attend. Membership is not required. **Advanced registration required. No walk-ins.***

11:00 AM Outside in the Akiva Schoolyard

Rosh Hashanah I
Monday, September 26

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Rosh Hashanah II
Tuesday, September 27

REGISTER

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 5

REGISTER



CLICK TO VIEW SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



The use of cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted in and around the synagogue during Shabbat and Holidays



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

We wish to remind you that during the

High Holy Days our security staff needs your assistance to ensure the safety and security of the large number of people in attendance. As well, our ushers require your cooperation in order to maintain the decorum of the services. We ask you to kindly refrain from entering the Sanctuary and walking to your seat during the following times:

- While the Ark is open
- When the Congregation is standing
- When the Clergy or the President is speaking
- Torah reading
- Silent Amidah
- Cantor's Hin'ni prayer
- Yizkor
- Repetition of the Amidah until K'dushah

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

FRONT STEPS SHOFAR PROJECT

Our teen volunteers will be visiting those who are not able to leave their homes on Rosh Hashanah. Contact Rachel Feldman at rfeldman@thshaar.org, to volunteer or request a visit.

PARENT AND TOT SHABBAT WITH RABBA RACHEL KOHL FINEGOLD

Friday, September 16. 11:30 AM

Special Rosh Hashanah Class

For children 0-18 months plus a parent or caregiver. Join us for a special time together, including Shabbat songs and blessings, PJ Library Storytime, Jewish parenting wisdom. \$10/session.

REGISTER

PRE-ROSH HASHANAH CHALLAH WORKSHOP

Thursday, September 22

7:30-9:00 PM – Online

*with **Cheryl Holbert**, award-winning bread artist. Pro-tips and recipes for creating delicious round challah with fillings and toppings for the New Year. \$18; Challah recipe will be sent to all participants.*

REGISTER

TASHLICH SERVICE IN WESTMOUNT PARK

Monday, September 26 – 5:30 PM

Join us for a meaningful and welcoming tradition to cast off our sins for the Jewish New Year. Meet at the pond in Westmount Park. All are welcome.



SUKKAH DECORATING

Thursday, October 6; 4-6 PM. Ages 2-8

Shaar Sukkah - Deitcher Courtyard

Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue. Join us for art activities to help decorate our sukkah and a pizza dinner. Grandparents are welcome. In case of rain, the event will be moved inside.

REGISTER

CONGREGATIONAL SUKKAH DINNER

Sunday, October 9; approx. 5:50 PM

Services followed by dinner in the Sukkah. Celebrate this beautiful holiday with your Shaar family and friends. Presented by The Pearl and David Tobias Community Engagement Programme. Adults: \$55; Children (4-15) \$30; Children (3 & under) free. Reservations required by October 3. Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue. In case of rain, dinner will be moved inside.

REGISTER

TEEN LIMO SUKKAH HOP

Wednesday, October 12; 6:30-8 PM Grade 7 and up

Drop off at the Shaar Sukkah (Deitcher Courtyard - 425 Metcalfe Ave.) Pick-up at Rabbi Scheier's Sukkah (behind 426 Metcalfe Ave.)

REGISTER

SISTERHOOD SUKKAH LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 13; 11:30 AM

*Join us for a delicious lunch and spiritual experience in the Sukkah to **celebrate 100 years of the Shaar Sisterhood**. \$45 per person. Deadline to register October 6. Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue. In case of rain, lunch will be moved inside.*

REGISTER

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SUKKOT DINNER

Friday, October 14; 6:45 PM

For Young Professionals In their 20s and 30s

Join us for a festive meal in the Sukkah! \$36; Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue. If you need financial assistance, please contact rfeldman@thshaar.org. Reservations by Wednesday, October 12.

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LULAV AND ETROG SETS

Complete your celebration of Sukkot with a set of the four species.

Sets will be available for purchase from the Shaar. \$75. Limited supply available. 100% certified kosher.

Deadline to order: October 4.

Pick up day: Sunday October 9 between 10 AM and 12 PM.

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ALIYOT FOR SIMCHAT TORAH

It is customary for every member of the Congregation to be called to the Torah to receive an Aliyah. Aliyot are given on the morning of Simchat Torah. Please arrive early to participate in the Hakafot followed by the Torah readings.

SIMCHAT TORAH GAMES AND PARADE

Monday, October 17; 5:00 PM

Fun Torah games and trivia with our Shaar Clergy. Torah parade around the block, scavenger hunt and sweet treats! Free and open to children of all ages, and their families.

HONOUREE DINNER

Monday, October 17

following evening services and Hakafot

HONOUREE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 18

following morning services. Presented by The Pearl and David Tobias Community Engagement Programme.

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HAFTARAT HASHAVUAH WITH YOSI EVEN-HEN

**Mondays – 7:00 PM; Online
Classes resume on October 24**

This class will focus mainly on the content and connection to the weekly Torah Parashah. There will also be a small component exploring some musical notation of the Haftarah.

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MYTHICAL STORIES IN THE TALMUD WITH RABBA RACHEL KOHL FINEGOLD

**Wednesdays – 11:00 AM; In-person & online
Classes begin on October 19**

A deep-dive into the interesting and outrageous stories found in the Talmud.

REGISTER



#TALMUD WITH RABBA ABBY SCHEIER

**Mondays – 11:00 AM; Online
Classes resume on October 24**

Explore highlights of Daf Yomi, with an in-depth study of interesting Talmudic tales and teachings.

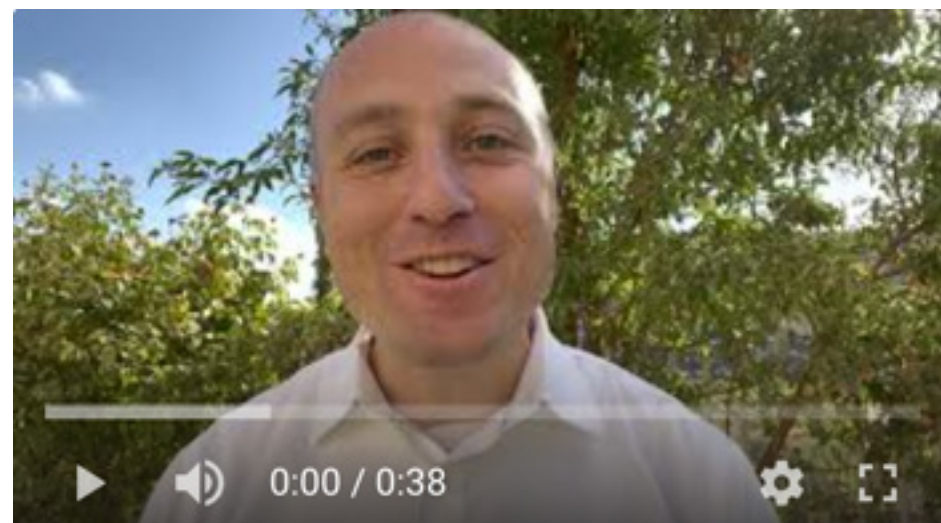
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ADULT LEARNING INSTITUTE

The Shaar Hashomayim is proud to launch its brand-new Adult Learning Institute. The Institute will provide educational courses and lectures both to the synagogue's membership as well as reach beyond the walls of the physical building creating an online resource to all who wish to come and learn.

Courses will comprise of themed multi-week programs consisting of a hybrid of both in-person and on-line learning. Judaism has something powerful, contemporary and important to add to the conversation of our modern lives. Ranging from how our tradition can speak to modern families; exploring key issues from such different topics of love, faith and life's challenges; to a 'how to' and 'why' course on issues you already know about yet wish to delve deeper. The Institute will also be offering a year-long Introduction to Judaism class that can be dipped into according to one's interests.

The Institute is founded and led by Rabbi Mark Fishman. Rabbi Fishman comes to the Shaar as someone passionate about Jewish teaching and is able to bring the best of both the virtual world and in-person learning to life. He is extremely excited to join our Shaar family and is looking forward to meeting and learning with you over this next year.





PARADISE LOST - HOW THE GARDEN OF EDEN IMPACTS US TODAY

IN-PERSON - Mondays, October 24 and 31

*Do we see ourselves as being responsible for the lives we live?
This two-part mini course will explore the theme of responsibility.
Looking at the Garden of Eden we will learn the greatest lesson
today's world needs to hear.*

Registraton to follow in the enewsetter

THE CONTENT OF OUR CHARACTER:

*Throughout the year we will explore different topics that will address different aspects of our interpersonal relationships. Based on a monthly theme we begin our learning with a series of 5 classes, titled: **Truth and Falsehood - Can you ever tell a lie?***

ONLINE - Tuesdays, 12 noon (Montreal time).

November 1 - Honesty and Integrity

November 8 - Can we Live in a Post Truth World?

November 15 - What exactly is lying?

November 22 - When lying is a mitzvah!


November 29 - Dealing with difficult People:

Occasional and constant deceivers

Registraton to follow in the enewsetter



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TUESDAY NIGHT LEARNING

FALL 2022 Free Admission All Welcome

7:30 PM – IN-PERSON

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Registration required

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OCTOBER 25

ALLA SHAPIRO

**'Doctor on Call – Chernobyl
Responder, Jewish Refugee,
Radiation Expert'**

Dr. Shapiro is one of the world's leading experts in medical countermeasures against radiation exposure. Her career path was shaped by her birth in the Soviet Union and her role as one of the first physician responders to the Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster.

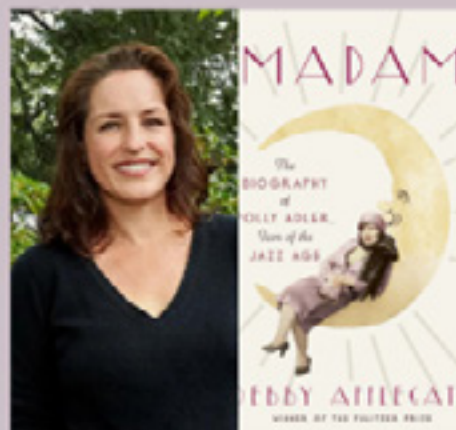


NOVEMBER 1

ISRAEL B. BITTON

Who Will Remember you? A Philosophical Study and Theory of Memory and Will

Mr. Bitton is a veteran marketing and communications professional, currently working as executive director of Americans Against Antisemitism, a non-profit organization countering social hatred through data, media and education.



NOVEMBER 8

DEBBY APPLGATE

Madam- The Biography of Polly Adler, Icon of the Jazz Age

Polly Adler was a 1920s New York City's Prohibition-era brothel keeper. Ms. Applegate is a historian and a critically acclaimed biographer, whose first book, a biography of Henry Ward Beecher won her a Pulitzer Prize.



NOVEMBER 15

ISABEL VINCENT

in conversation with CANTOR GIDEON ZELERMYER

Overture of Hope – Two Sisters Daring Plan that saved Opera's Jewish Stars from the Third Reich

Investigative journalist for the New York Post, author of critically acclaimed 'Dinner with Edward' and 'Hitler's Silent Partners'. Vincent grew up in Canada and worked as a foreign correspondent in many of the world's hot spot.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHABBAT SHUVA SERMON

Shabbat, October 1

With Rabbi Mark Fishman; "The Power of Now"; Before Yom kippur many people find themselves in a similar reality to the year before. What is it that is holding us back from real change and what is the key to true transformation?

Post Kiddush Lecture: "Cancel Culture and the Future of Democracy"; Reflecting of the writings of Natan Sharansky and the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, this text based presentation will look how two thinkers approach the moral life and faith in the future.

NEW MEMBERS DINNER

Friday, October 28; Services at 5:30 PM

Dinner to follow at 6:30 PM

Please join us for a special Shabbat dinner to welcome our new members. Adults: \$55; Children 4-15: \$30; 3 and under free
Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue. Register by Monday, October 24.
Check eNewsletter for registration details.

EXCLUSIVE FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION: AFTER MUNICH

in collaboration with

Ben Gurion University

Wednesday, November 2; 7:30 PM

In-person; Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue.

Francine Zuckerman, Canadian Producer and Director, in conversation with

Csaba Nikolenyi, PhD, Director at Azrieli Institute of Israeli Studies.; \$25 per person



TICKETS

BOOKS AND TEA

Presented by Sisterhood

Thursday, November 10; 1:00 PM

In-person and Online;

A Town Called Solace by Mary Lawson;

Set in Northern Ontario, Lawson explores the relationships of three people brought together by fate and mistakes of the past. Reviewed by

Trudie Mason: Editor, journalist, news anchor, CJAD radio host; \$20 (includes a light lunch)

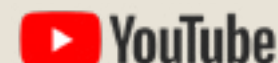


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Thursday, November 17; 7:30 PM

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Check eNewsletter for registration details.



176TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 21, 7:00 PM

In-person and Online; Agenda includes: Julius Suss, President, and Michael Stern, Treasurer, will report on the business of the Congregation over the past year; Reading of the financial statements, which will be available on Monday morning, shaarhashomayim.org/AGM2022; Installation of new Officers and Trustees; Q&A.

YOUTH SHABBAT

Shabbat, December 3; 8:45 AM

Lively service with participation from our Shaar Youth, featuring the Shaar Hashomayim Children's Choir. Festive kiddush to follow, everyone is welcome. Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue.

PRÉSENTÉ PAR FRENCH CONNEXION

Cet automne, nous vous avons concocté un programme très varié. Nous détaillerons ces événements dans la prochaine infolettre.

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UNE CONFÉRENCE DE DENIS COHEN-TANNOUJJI

Le mardi 22 novembre,

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Dinner included. Shaar membership not required.

Contact Jared Boretsky

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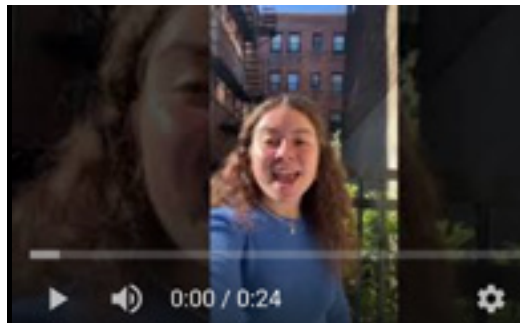
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MEET OUR SHINSHIN, SHAHAR!

Welcome to Shahar Yehuda who has arrived from Israel to spend the year with our Shaar community as our Shinshin.

Watch this video to learn more about her.



PARENT AND TOT SHABBAT WITH RABBA RACHEL KOHL FINEGOLD

**6-week session begins
Friday, October 14**

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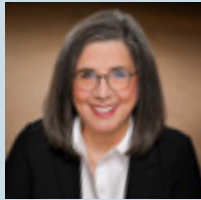
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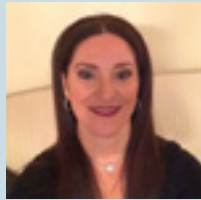
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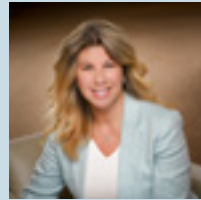
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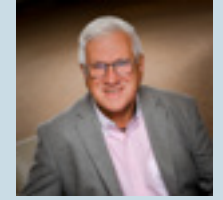
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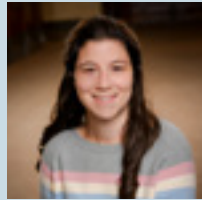
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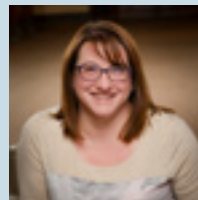
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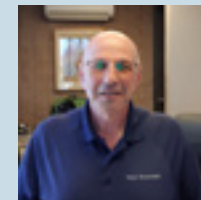
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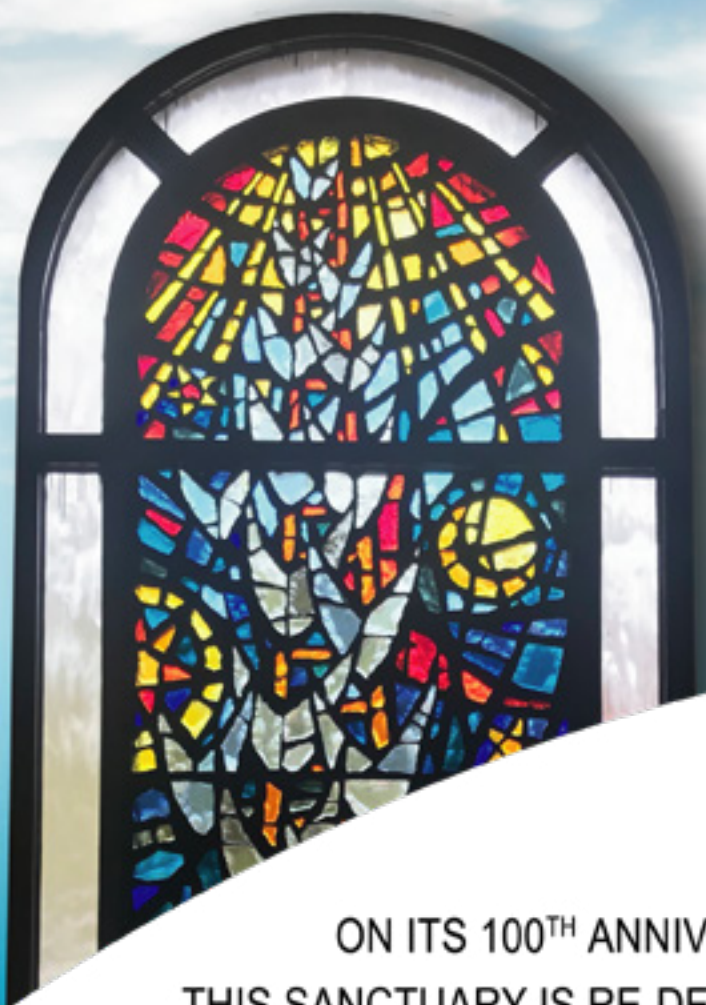
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