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We are excited to present our updated and reformatted Shaar bulletin. The new design features full-colour pages, a larger font, an easy-to-read layout, and lots of photographs of members enjoying all that the Shaar has to offer. While we have kept some sections the same, we have added new information on our different programming areas. We have also added a page guide to help you find what you are looking for. Our events are now listed by date to help you plan your schedule. We hope you like our new look.

Please let us know what you think at bulletin@theshaar.org.

Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year.

Shanah Tovah
TREASURED MEMORIES

We have so much *stuff*. This was a revelation Abby and I had as we moved during renovations. When we moved out, we were astounded by the accumulation: Clothing not worn in a decade, books read long ago and not considered since, papers reporting no-longer-relevant realities. Ten months later, as we moved back, we were similarly struck: by the things we thought indispensable but, in retrospect, for which we had no use.

The flip side was the rediscovery of precious objects. Of personal meaning to me was the paperwork from our wedding; finding long-forgotten photos of our children (back when photos weren’t collecting virtual dust on hard drives); and rereading letters that my grandmother sent me when I was 10 years old (she would pass away two years later).

While the move prompted – as it does for many – a minimizing effort, it also brought the rediscovery of sentimentally-precious objects and papers.

Often, in a society of “things,” the most valued are not the costliest or the cutting-edge. Rather, we treasure objects that bring us back to a moment of joy or comfort, passed down from generation to generation.

Jerusalem’s Rabbi Benny Lau, a leading scholar and community leader, wrote a beautiful idea concerning these precious objects. Rabbi Lau is the nephew and first cousin of Israel’s former and current chief rabbis, respectively.

In his work Atnach’ta (on Ha’azinu), he notes the sacred responsibility associated with owning an object that generations before have meticulously cared for, whether it is jewelry, a work of art, a Kiddush cup, or any other object of sentimental significance.

One instinct is to store this object in a safe place – a safe deposit box or a locked cabinet. We then only use the object on very special occasions. After all, the more use it gets, the more likelihood something might happen to it. Who would want to risk damaging a valuable inheritance?

However, Rabbi Lau wrote, this concept cannot be translated to Torah. Many believe that Torah, which is more precious than any inheritance, needs to be protected so that no one will damage it. Therefore, we hide it away, so no one will see it, and try to ensure that it is handled by capable hands only.

The outcome of this approach will be dire: generations will pass from the world without seeing their inheritance, and perhaps not even knowing it exists. The deeply-held concern that the inheritance will be damaged prevented the inheritors from even knowing of its existence.

Throughout the history of Judaism, there have been movements that cultivated this attitude to the Torah, and have endeavored to hide the Torah from those who weren’t, in their eyes, worthy of the inheritance.

This is the approach of Beit Shammai, the house of Shammas: When the sages taught that a teacher should strive to have many students (Avot d’Rebbe Natan 2:9), the house of Shammas disagreed. They said that one should only teach the best and the brightest – someone who is wise and humble and comes from a good family and is wealthy. Beit Hillel said, No! We should teach everyone!

The House of Hillel’s approach drives our congregation’s objectives. We seek to expand access to our tradition, by opening as many doors as necessary to allow access to Torah. Sometimes this is with creative programming, such as our pop-up Kosher restaurants, pop-up rabbi, Open Gate, or so much more.

Sometimes this is by renewing to focus on certain demographics: young professionals, new immigrants, and many others. And sometimes, this is done by looking at our most traditional offerings – our ritual moments – and thinking afresh as to how we can make them even more relevant, and more impactful to the lives of our members.

We at the Shaar have been entrusted with a valuable and precious tradition. Our approach to preserving this tradition is to open doors, and – hopefully – thereby open hearts and minds.

Abby, Aviya, Ayelet, Annael, Allegra, and Arella, join me in wishing our Shaar Family a Shana Tova u’Metuka – a year of health, blessing, and prosperity for all.

RABBI ADAM SCHEIER
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As this most beautiful Montreal summer draws to a close, we all reflect on the past year, and look forward to the New Year with great anticipation. I am so pleased that we have welcomed so many new members to our Shaar family, thus allowing for our Congregation to continue to be a vibrant force in the Montreal Jewish community.

Cette année a vu la création du groupe francophone qui a permis à nos membres francophones d’établir leurs propres racines et d’enrichir la programmation de la synagogue au moyen de nouveaux projets diversifiés, créatives et culturelles pour toute notre communauté.

The efforts of all our volunteers working together with our talented support staff, continue to bring forth innovative programming for all sectors of our community.

Our Board of Trustees has seen the emergence of a new generation of leadership whose level of commitment is demonstrated by their energy in seeing that our shul becomes a focal point for a new generation of members. This is the kind of renewal that has consistently allowed our congregation to flourish through its 172 year history.

The High Holy Day experience at the Shaar is clearly like no other. For many of us, it’s the comfort of continuing family tradition that goes back many generations, or the overflowing interactive experiential programs for our youth. For others, it’s the impact of our musical prayer service and rabbinical discourse delivered by a clergy that is a part of the new generation of Shaar membership. For all of us, it is the sheer majesty of the Shaar that sets the tone for these holiest of days.

This year promises to be yet another stimulating chapter as we look towards completing our Shaar Family Capital Campaign this coming spring. We anticipate that this year will also see the starting on our renovations of the chapel, upper lobby and plaza. Our thanks to all who have worked so diligently, and to those who have been so generous in ensuring our shuf’s infrastructure remains solid, as well as creating new space that is inviting for the next generations.

On a personal level, my term as President is proving to be a most fulfilling experience. It is truly an honour to guide our talented lay leadership, following in the footsteps of so many prolific members of past generations at the Shaar.

Nous souhaitons que vos familles, nos familles, retrouvent à nouveau sérénité et prospérité, et que notre synagogue continue ainsi à être le centre de culture, de convivialité, de jeunesse et d’ouverture pour vous tous. Soyons inscrits dans le Livre de la Vie pour une nouvelle année heureuse, saine, paisible, prospère, sûre et spirituellement enrichissante.

I want to extend to you on behalf of the Board of Trustees, from our family to yours - Shana Tovah U’Metukah!

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RETURNING AND RELEARNING

One of my favourite moments in the Jewish calendar comes on Simchat Torah, as we complete the annual cycle of Torah reading at the end of the High Holy Day season. Just moments after reading the final words of the holy text, we start reading again from the beginning with the word of Bereishit. This cyclical nature of study is also expressed on an individual level in the ritual of the siyyum. When one marks the completion of a significant body of Talmud or other text study we celebrate the end of the learning with the words, “Hadran alach - we will return to you”. As soon as we finish, we are ready to start again.

You may be the kind of person that enjoys rereading a novel, or seeing the same film over and over again. I must admit that I am not! I almost never reread a book; and I choose to watch a new movie, over watching one where I already know the ending.

However, it is in revisiting a familiar text that learning and attachment can deepen. Children understand this implicitly. Given the choice to read a new book or repeat an old favourite, I see my own children often choose the one they know well. Besides the comfort and predictability of a familiar story (not unlike the feel of putting on a favourite, well-worn sweater), encountering the familiar allows children a sense of mastery, while exploring new dimensions within the story. It may be on the second or third (or thirteenth!) read of the same book that they notice an aspect of the illustration that they didn’t see before, or ask a new question about the characters of the tale. Children show us the value inherent in the reread.

In rereading the Torah each year, there is potential for deepening wisdom. We may revisit a familiar story, which has not changed since last we encountered it, but we discover a new element or ask a novel question. The story is the same, but we are different.

We often feel this acutely through the annual cycle of holidays. When Rosh Hashana returns, the impact of the preceding year is felt. On a practical level, our life circumstances may have changed. Perhaps someone we love is no longer with us, and we feel the loss around the holiday table. Maybe a new grandchild has arrived or a marriage has been celebrated, and we feel the joy of that milestone at holiday time. Whether or not the preceding months have brought a momentous life event, our perspective may have shifted over the course of the year that has passed. We are all certainly, one year older, which means we are not the same. The tunes of the liturgy may be familiar, but we may need to find new ways to connect with the prayers, now that our lives have shifted. We may need to adjust to new realities for our loved ones as well - younger family members may need a different kind of encouragement or a new freedom in the ways they express their own Jewish connection; older ones may need more support and more opportunities to share their life’s wisdom. We all need to adapt.

When we revisit the teachings and holidays of our tradition each year, they should not feel the same as before; they simply cannot. Every year is a new “Bereishit”, a new beginning.

MAHARAT RACHEL KOHL FINEGOLD
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5778, what a year! An appearance at Centre Bell with Sting, Elvis Costello, k.d. lang, and Adam Cohen; a 5 month virtual residence at the MAC; a Grammy award! 5778 was a year in the musical life of Shaar Hashomayim that will be hard to top…but we’re going to try!

The 5779 “season” will be bookended by special musical treats for your eyes and ears:

Our High Holy Day services will feature a great deal of new music! These exciting new selections are focused (as always) on interpreting the magnificent liturgical texts, on setting a mood for inspiration, and in many cases, on enabling children--our Youth Choir as well as soloists--to take on a greater role in our services.

On May 29th, we present one of our SH’MA (Shaar Hashomayim Music & Arts) signature productions, a multi-media concert in tribute to the great Leonard Bernstein. Journey from his childhood in Boston to his long and proud association with the Israel Philharmonic. Watch excerpts of his legendary Young People’s Concerts from CBS and his riveting Harvard lectures. We will be joined by the McGill Chamber Orchestra and their director, Boris Brott, whose illustrious resume also includes a stint as Bernstein’s assistant at the New York Philharmonic. We will also welcome some outstanding special guests.

Stay tuned for more information on this and many other musical programs from our soon-to-be-launched SH’MA email newsletter. The Shaar Musical Team wishes you and yours a sweet and harmonious New Year!

**Upcoming events**

**CHORAL S’LICHOT SERVICE**
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**
**11:15 PM**
A most intense and beautiful service, as we prepare ourselves for the new year. Featuring Cantor Gideon Zelermeyer, special guest Cantor Michael Moshkovitz, and the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue Choir conducted by Roï Azoulay, Music Director.

**TONIGHT, TONIGHT, WON’T BE JUST ANY NIGHT: A MULTIMEDIA TRIBUTE TO LEONARD BERNSTEIN**
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019**
Shaar Hashomayim Music & Arts presents the McGill Chamber Orchestra: Roï Azoulay & Boris Brott, Conductors; Cantor Gideon Zelermeyer & special guests

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR**
**TUESDAYS 4:30 - 5:45 PM**
Grades 2 - 6
Does your child like to sing? Be part of a team, learn to get over stage-fright, improve musical awareness and skills and get a lot more JOY out of synagogue services!

No experience necessary. Additional rehearsals as needed.

Register today!
Contact Roï Azoulay, Music Director

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So here it goes again!

High Holy Day seats, new clothes, haircuts, various food items that can feed an army, multitudes of dining arrangements...the list goes on.

Welcome to the period of *Yamim Nora’im*, the Days of Awe, or High Holy Days. The first month of the Jewish calendar, Tishrei, is jam packed with celebrations. Out of 30 days, 12 days are prescribed Holiday days, and some 7 more are unique days that have special ceremonial observances. That’s more than half a month of special and unique observances.

Why is there a need to put so many special days in one month? Furthermore, the following month, Cheshvan, is barren of any Jewish festivals. (That is why Cheshvan is also referred to as Mar Cheshvan - the Bitter month of Cheshvan). Why not space out the celebrations a bit? What’s with this overload?

Tishrei, is the month that is at the head of the year. This is where and when we must all prepare for the upcoming new journey – the New Year. And just like with any long trip, especially into the unknown, we not only pack well, but ensure we pack extra! To cover for the unexpected rain or sleet or perhaps unexpected heat waves. We do not want to be caught off guard.

The head too, contains the brain, eyes, mouth, nose and ears. So many senses are crammed up into such a small place. Our head, much like the cockpit of an airplane, is the control hub, and thus requires all the necessary functions of control. Likewise, Tishrei is the control hub of the entire year. It orients us and reminds us when we have deviated off course. It shows us in which direction we need to orient ourselves. It prompts us of the importance of rejoicing. It reminds us of how fortunate we are. All in all, Tishrei empowers us and thus enables us to tackle on the New Year. And the first challenge, is remaining on course when we enter a zone with very little bearings and road signs – the month of Cheshvan.

To all, on behalf of Brigitte, Raf and Nati, we wish you all a G’mar Chatimah Tovah. May this period empower each and every one of you to have a wonderful New Year.

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Chapel

Rosh Hashanah MONDAY & TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 & 11
Yom Kippur WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

PRE-SCHOOLERS 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Ages 1-5 in Foundation School classrooms with supervision. Children are welcome to attend the High Holy Day Family Experience with an accompanying adult.

High Holy Day Family Experience with Maharat Rachel

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.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Chapel

Rosh Hashanah MONDAY & TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 & 11
Yom Kippur WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Kol Nidre Night TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 6:30-9:00 PM
A supervised youth space will be available in the Goodman Kiddush Room. There will be no formal youth program.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – 11:15 PM
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OPEN TASHLICH SERVICE IN WESTMOUNT PARK
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – 5:45 PM
Start the New Year with a clean slate! 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! In collaboration with Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom.

YOM KIPPUR TEACH-IN PANEL DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 4:15 PM followed by Ne’ilah at 6:00 PM
“Reflections on Israel at 70 and the Diaspora/Israel Relationship” with Senator Marc Gold, William Malkinson and Lillian Vineberg.
Moderator: J. Stephen Lipper

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

Emergency Procedures

In the unlikely event that we must evacuate the building, you will be alerted by an announcement from the Bimah. Security and maintenance staff will assist in directing you to the nearest exit. Please familiarize yourself with the emergency exits nearest to your seat and around the building. Your safety and security are a priority for us.

The use of cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted in and around the synagogue during Shabbat and Holidays.
**Sukkot Service Times**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**
**EREV SUKKOT**
- Shacharit: 8:45 AM
- Candle Lighting: 6:31 PM
- Mincha/Kabbalat Yom Tov: 6:30 PM

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**
**SUkkot – 1ST DAY**
- Shacharit: 8:45 AM
- Mincha/Ma’ariv: 6:25 PM
- Candle Lighting: after 7:32 PM

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**
**SUkkot – 2ND DAY**
- Shacharit: 8:45 AM
- Mincha/Ma’ariv: 6:25 PM
- Havdalah: 7:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY**
**SEPTEMBER 26 - 27**
**CHOL HAMO'ED**
- Shacharit: 7:15 AM
- Mincha/Ma’ariv: 6:25 PM

**SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 28 - 29**
**CHOL HAMO’ED**
- Candle Lighting: 6:22 PM
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:25 PM
- Shacharit: 8:45 AM
- Mincha/Ma’ariv: 6:25 PM
- Havdalah: 7:23 PM

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**
**HOSHANAH RABAH**
- Shacharit: 8:15 AM
- Candle Lighting: 6:18 AM
- Mincha/Kabbalat Yom Tov: 6:10 PM

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**KIDS’ SUKKAH DECORATING**
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
**4:00-6:00 PM**
Age 2 - Grade 3
Help decorated the Shaar Sukkah. Join us for art, activities and pizza dinner. $10 each; $25 for family (free for children under 2 years), grandparents are welcome.

**SISTERHOOD SUKKAH LUNCHEON**
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
**11:30 AM**

**NCSY TEEN LIMO SUKKAH HOP**
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**
**5:30-8:00 PM**
For Grades 7-11. Drive around in style and visit neighbourhood Sukkahs for dinner and treats. $10 for child. Registration required. 514.937.9474 ext. 137

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUKKAH DINNER**
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
**6:15 PM Services**
**7:30 PM Dinner**
Join us for a festive meal in the Sukkah $25, Enter at 120 Cote -St. Antoine Road Registration required by Wednesday, September 26. 514.937.9474 ext. 137

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**LULAV AND ETROG SETS FOR SALE**
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Chatan Torah

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Eishet Chayil

**Simchat Torah Service Times**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**SHEMINI ATZERET**

Shacharit 8:45 AM
Yizkor 10:30 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv/Hakafot 6:10 PM
Candle Lighting after 7:19 PM

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**SIMCHAT TORAH**

Shacharit 8:45 AM
Hakafot 9:30 AM
Mincha/Ma’ariv 6:10 PM
Havdalah 7:17 PM

**HONOUREE DINNER**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 6:05 PM**

following evening services and Hakafot

**HONOUREE LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

8:45 - 11:15 AM

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

**KIDS’ SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**

5:00-6:30 PM

Celebrate the Torah with games, songs and treats. Pizza dinner included. Congregational Hakafot dancing to follow in the Main Sanctuary. Reservations appreciated.

**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.
TUESDAY NIGHT LEARNING AT THE SHAAR

Fall 2018 Semester

7:30 PM – Free Admission – All are Welcome

With the generous support from Friends of Tuesday Night Learning, we have assembled an incredibly impressive group of speakers.

OCTOBER 9

The Decline of Democracy and What it Means for the Jews
YASCHA MOUNK
Author of “People vs Democracy: Why Our Freedom is in Danger and How to Save it” and “Stranger in my Own Country – A Jewish Family in Modern Germany”. Lecturer on Government at Harvard University, and one of the world’s leading experts on the crisis of liberal democracy and the rise of populism.

OCTOBER 16

Immortality: The Exceptional Life and Writing of Abraham Sutzkever
RUTH WISSE
Harvard Professor, pioneer in the academic study of Yiddish and political polemic. Author of “The Schlemiel as Modern Hero” and “The Modern Jewish Canon: A Journey Through Language and Culture”.

OCTOBER 23

Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump
JONATHAN WEISMAN
Congressional Editor and Deputy Washington Editor at the New York Times and author of the novel “No. 4 Imperial Lane”

OCTOBER 30

Leading Colleges and Universities: Lessons from Higher Education Leaders
STEPHEN TRACHTENBERG, President Emeritus of George Washington University in conversation with BERNARD SHAPIRO, Past Principal of McGill University

NOVEMBER 6

Dinner at the Center of the Earth
NATHAN ENGLANDER
American short story writer and novelist. His 1999 debut short story collection “For the Relief of Unbearable Urges” won critical acclaim and the PEN/Malamud Award and went through 13 printings in hardcover. His second collection, “What We Talk About When We talk about Anne Frank” was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE AT SHAARHASHOMAYIM.ORG/TLN | ENTER AT 425 METCALFE AVENUE, WESTMOUNT
This is the story of an idea born over 50 years ago and how it is relevant in the teaching and helping of people today.

It was Bill Abrams and Fred Packer who decided that early retired people should form a club to discuss and learn about Judaism and other topics. With the undivided support of Rabbi Shuchat, Bunny Kirsch, assisted by Dorothy Bloch, they created Open Gate and Sundays at the Shaar. What began as a small group, quickly grew to about 100 participants.

Today our Open Gate program continues to flourish with the devoted input of Janet Dalys and Suzie Berkson Schwartz, and all the wonderful volunteers. We have not only reached out to our members but many from all over the city. It has gained the reputation of being their weekly source of energy. Every Wednesday participants gain sustenance from a variety of activities such as music, art, dance, yoga, as well as a delicious meal.

It is indeed tikun olam. Making it a better world for all those who attend. Let us all at Shaar Hashomayim be proud.

Naomi Kassie  
Chair  
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LEISURE INSTITUTE

OPEN GATE SENIORS DAY PROGRAM
Our non-sectarian community program offers seniors, ages 65 to 100+, a stimulating day out each week. The program includes transportation, music, exercise, games, crafts, guest speakers and a hot lunch.

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
9:15 AM - 2:15 PM

COST: $10 or $15*  
*transportation included

Susie Berkson Schwartz, Coordinator  
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Upcoming events
SUNDAYS AT THE SHAAR  
OCTOBER 28 - 12:00 PM  
CANTOR GIDEON ZELERMYER

NOVEMBER 18 - 12:00 PM  
SPEAKER T.B.A.

Save the date
OPEN GATE ‘GAME DAY’ GALA FUNDRAISER  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5 – 11:30 AM
Buffet luncheon followed by bridge, mahjongg, and canasta
SISTERHOOD

Upcoming events

SUKKAH LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
11:30 AM

WALKING TOUR OF JEWISH MONTREAL:
INSIDE THE SCHMATA FACTORY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:30 AM

GUIDED MUSEUM TOUR:
ALEXANDER CALDER
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
11:30 AM

BOOKS AND TEA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
12:30 PM

MONTREAL STREET ART 101
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7:30 PM

RARE BOOKS WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
2:00 PM

CHANUKAH PARTY FOR ADULTS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
7:30 PM

We are honoured and privileged to continue serving as co-presidents of Sisterhood and be part of a long tradition of women who work together to develop meaningful and exciting programs for our members and for other women in the community. We view it both as a unique opportunity and a wonderful challenge and are very much looking forward to the coming New Year so that we can create special moments with our very special team of Sisterhood volunteers whose help and dedication we so much appreciate. We have already planned several events that celebrate the Jewish holidays in a spirit of friendship and community, and activities that will satisfy art and book lovers and those who are interested in the history of Montreal, and much, much more...

Enid Backman and Dr. Oro Anahory-Librowicz
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MONTREAL WOMEN’S TEFILAH GROUP – ROCH CHODESH SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 – 8:30 AM
Spanish and Portuguese Syn.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - 8:45 AM
Cong. Shaar Hashomayim

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 – 9:30 AM
Cong. Shaar Hashomayim

MONDAY, JANUARY 7 – 8:30 AM
Spanish and Portuguese Syn.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – 8:45 AM
Cong. Shaar Hashomayim
If you’re a young Jewish professional living in Montreal, you might be looking to meet new people, expand your network, or find meaningful ways to connect with the Jewish community. YP at the Shaar is a way to find just that. Our energetic committee works hard to offer events that are well-run and create a warm and welcoming atmosphere that fosters a strong sense of community. We are always open to new ideas and new faces, so if you’re looking to get involved, please feel free to get in touch with me on social media, or e-mail youngprofessionals@theshaar.org. Whether it’s in the synagogue, in the Sukkah, or at a venue downtown, we always have a great time. Hope you’ll join us.

Jon Mechanic
Chair

Upcoming events

DINNER IN THE SUKKAH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
6:15 PM SERVICES
7:30 PM DINNER

Info and Registration:
youngprofessionals@theshaar.org
514.937.9474 ext. 137

COMMITTEE

Elan Kemeny
Laura Lumer
Will Malkinson
Jon Mechanic
Meagan Singer
Alivia Wainberg
**Nouveau depuis Mai 2018: Groupe francophone au Shaar!**

Notre objectif est double : faire du Shaar une congrégation où chacun se sent chez soi, et augmenter la visibilité du Shaar auprès de la population juive francophone montréalaise, qu'elle soit récemment immigrée ou anciennement établie, qu'elle se sente accueillie et bienvenue.

Des cours, des conférences, diverses manifestations sont régulièrement proposées en français. Depuis la création de ce groupe : notre pique-nique (photo), le 15 juillet, a rassemblé plus de 50 personnes d’horizons divers et a suscité beaucoup d’enthousiasme.

Nous faisons des démarches pour obtenir des siddourim en français, suivant le rite pratiqué au Shaar.

Nous vous invitons à vous joindre à nous, que ce soit ponctuellement pour une activité, ou au long cours, en vous engageant dans notre groupe.

*Isabelle Danino et France Brat*

*Chairs*

*frenchconnexion@theshaar.org*
From toddlers to teens the Shaar offers amazing programs to engage and enrich your children’s lives with friendship, learning and meaningful Jewish experiences. Families have the opportunity to get involved in planning or simply participate in events and programs throughout the year. Are you a creative Pinterest type of parent? Then consider joining Shabbat in the Park or Sukkah decorating with your kids. Would you like to give your teens a chance to meet friends while doing something really cool? They can join NCSY for new adventures or cruise in a limousine for a Sukkah Hop.

For older kids and teens, the Shaar invites them to the bimah for Torah reading, shofar blowing, and other rituals at our Youth Shabbat and High Holiday Family Experience. Take a look at the events we have coming up and if anything piques your interest, then come check it out! The Shaar is a beautiful place to raise your family, a second home for your children and a place for them to feel connected to their Jewish identity.

Lainie Berger Davis and Myriam Dahan

Chairs

Upcoming events

CANCELLED SHABBAT IN THE PARK
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
5:00 - 7:00 PM

HIGH HOLY DAY FAMILY EXPERIENCE
ROSH HASHANAH, SEPTEMBER 10 & 11;
YOM KIPPUR, SEPTEMBER 19
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SUUKKAH DECORATING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – 4:00 - 6:00 PM
AGE 2 - 5; GRADES K-3

NCSY TEEN LIMO SUUKKAH HOP
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – 6:30 - 8:30 PM
GRADES 7-11

SIMCHAT TORAH
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 –
AGE 2-5; GRADES K-3

SUNDAY FUNDAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

YOUTH SHABBAT
SHABBAT, NOVEMBER 10 – 8:45 AM

FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER AND
TEEN-LED KABBALAT SHABBAT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – 5:30 PM

CHANUKAH FAMILY FUN
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 – 4:30-6:30 PM
AGE 2 - 5; GRADES K-6

REGISTRATION
www.shaarhashomayim.org
youngfamilies@theshaar.org
514 937 9474 ext.137
FOUNDATION SCHOOL

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Half/Full day trilingual programs for children 18 mths - Pre-K

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sherry Smith, Director
shaarhashomayim.org/garderie-foundation-school
foundation@theshaar.org
514.937.9475

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Boys and Girls: Grades 2 - 6

Does your child like to sing? Be part of a team, learn to get over stage-fright, improve musical awareness and skills and get a lot more joy out of synagogue services! No experience necessary.

TUESDAYS 4:30 - 5:45 PM,
Additional rehearsals as needed.

Roï Azoulay, Music Director
razoulay@theshaar.org
514.937.9474 ext. 122

NETIVOT

Experiential Jewish Education


Wednesdays ~ 4:00-6:00 PM

By engaging students’ minds, hearts and natural desire to act, we focus on three areas of growth:

The Head: Expanding Jewish Knowledge by building skills and literacy as seeds to life-long Jewish learning.

The Heart: Igniting Jewish Pride by developing passion and personal connection to Jewish life.

The Hands: Taking Jewish Action by engaging in social justice and tzedakah as an expression of Jewish values.

Classes begin September 26.

Open to all teens in Grades 7-11
EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Be part of this international youth group at the Shaar. Fun activities, thoughtful discussions, and leadership development together with our Shinshinim (Israeli volunteers). Dinner included. Grades 9-11 can join the Shaar Chapter Board! Shaar membership not required.

Sari Weisenthal-Shore, Director
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Maharat Rachel Kohl Finegold
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Introducing
CELEBRATION KIDDUSH
SHABBAT, OCTOBER 6
following services
Honour a birthday, anniversary, milestone, achievement or other occasion by making a donation to this special kiddush. Minimum donation of $180 must be received by Thursday, October 4. Contact Orit 514.937.9474 ext 165
Upcoming dates: December 8, February 9

KIDDUSH CONNECTIONS
SHABBAT, OCTOBER 6
following Kiddush
Guest speaker: Jozef Sznajer
"Memories of War"; An incredible story of courage and resilience and the victory of life over evil.

Weekly Torah Class
MONDAY MORNING TORAH INSTITUTE
MONDAYS, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM with Rabba Abby Brown Scheier
Lunch sponsored by the Sisterhood.

COURS DE KRAV MAGA
POUR FEMMES
9 OCTOBRE 2018 AU 18 DÉCEMBRE
19H - 20H30
Femmes et jeunes filles de 16 ans minimum. Les cours seront donnés par un professeur expérimenté. Réservation requise; $25 par cours/ $200 pour la série complète (10 classes).

TUESDAY NIGHT LEARNING
7:30 PM
OCTOBER 9 - Yascha Mounk, "The Decline of Democracy and What it Means for the Jews".
OCTOBER 16 - Ruth Wisse, "Immortality: The Exceptional Life and Writing of Abraham Sutzkever".
OCTOBER 23 - Jonathan Weisman, "Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump".
OCTOBER 30 - Stephen Trachtenberg, in conversation with Bernard Shapiro, "Leading Colleges and Universities: Lessons from Higher Education Leaders".
NOVEMBER 6 - Nathan Englander, on his new book, "Dinner at the Center of the Earth".

WALKING TOUR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:30 AM
"Inside the Shmata Factory"
From the streets of Montreal’s vibrant Plateau neighbourhood of 1912 to inside a former garment factory in the historical Vineberg building. $18; Registration by October 8.

GUIDED MUSEUM TOUR:
ALEXANDER CALDER
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
11:30 AM
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, with Marm Rapp. $23; Museum members: Free. Registration by October 10

LIFE, LOVE, AND LEARNING:
ONE JEWISH WOMAN’S JOURNEY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
12:00 PM
Intended for women in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. Join Maharat Rachel Kohl Finegold and Rabbi Lisa Grushcow from Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom for a discussion on the book "If All the Seas Were Ink" by Ilana Kurshan. $25 includes kosher lunch; Location TBC.

SUNDAYS AT THE SHAAR
OCTOBER 28 - 12:00 PM
Cantor Gideon Zelmermyer
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME DINNER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018
6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services
7:00 PM Dinner
Please join us for a special congregational dinner to welcome our new members. Everyone is invited to attend this festive evening. Adults $45.00; Students (13-18) $25.00; Children (4-12) $18.00 Children (under 3) free; 120 Cote St. Antoine entrance. Registration by Tuesday, November 13.

MONTREAL STREET ART 101
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7:30 PM
with Archie Fineberg
Take a visual tour of the city’s best graffiti and wall-art; $12 per person

RARE BOOKS WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - 2:00 PM
presented by the Jewish Public Library
Learn about the books in their historic collection. Free admission.

FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER AND TEEN-LED KABBALAT SHABBAT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – 5:30 PM
Family-friendly Kabbalat service, followed by dinner and activities. Grandparents welcome. Enter at 120 Cote-St. Antoine Road Adults $22; Children(4-12) $15; Children (3 & under) FREE. Registration by Wednesday, November 28. shaarhashomayim.org/event/familyshabbat-nov30; 514.937.9474 ext. 137; youngfamilies@theshaar.org

COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 – 5:00 PM
A festive Chanukah celebration with the City of Westmount and Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. At Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W. Everyone is welcome

ELIZABETH SHUCHAT SCHWARTZ LECTURE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - 7:30 PM
Guest speaker Sivan Yaari, Founder of Innovation Africa and she uses Israeli technology to help African Villages

CHANUKAH FAMILY FUN
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
4:30-6:30 PM

NCSY TEENS
CHANUKAH AFTER-PARTY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
6:30-8:00 PM

DÎNER SHABBATIQUE DE HANOUCA À LA FRANÇAISE
LE VENDREDI 7 DÉCEMBRE 18H30
Venez nombreux au dîner shabbatique de Hanouca à la française dans une ambiance conviviale et chaleureuse. Un invité donnera une conférence en français. Ouvert à tous!

CHANUKAH PARTY FOR ADULTS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
7:30 PM

BOOKS AND TEA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 12:30 PM
“Prayers for the Stolen by Jennifer Clement” Reviewed by Larry Weller; A passionate examination of the lives of girls and women in rural Mexico where the men have left to find work in the United States, or have been killed by drug traffickers. $20; Enter at 450 Kensington Ave.

YOUTH SHABBAT SERVICE
SHABBAT, NOVEMBER 10 – 8:45 AM
Lively service led by our Shaar Youth featuring the Shaar Hashomayim Children’s Choir Festive kiddush to follow. Everyone is welcome Enter at 120 Cote St. Antoine Rd. Registration appreciated. 514.937.9474 ext. 137; youngfamilies@theshaar.org

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WHERE TEXT MEETS LIFE: A STUDY OF THE FIVE MEGILLOT WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 31 – 11:00 AM-12:00 PM with Maharat Rachel
The five Megillot are rich, vivid books at the end of our Jewish Biblical canon, which lend themselves to an examination of the human spirit in all of its struggle and glory. We will use text study to shed light on these ancient books through a modern lens.

Upcoming Events
INFO AND REGISTRATION
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ADULTS
FAMILIES
FRANÇAIS
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SISTERHOOD
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
KAITLIN ALEXANDRA CHANKOWSKY, September 21, 2018, Kabbalat Shabbat

Daughter of Heather Michelin and Jeffrey Chankowsky. Sharing in this Simcha are her sister Samantha, her grandparents Rhoda and Sol Chankowsky, Susan Michelin, and Donald Michelin as well as her aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Katie is a proud graduate of the Shaar Hashomayim’s Foundation School and of The Akiva School, and she looks forward to attending Herzliah High School. She enjoys performing in the school play, competitive dance, playing basketball and violin. Katie feels at home within the Shaar community, and truly enjoyed learning with Rabba Abby Brown Scheier and with her Bat Mitzvah Group friends. Family is very important to Katie, and she enjoys spending time with her older sister, with her cousins and especially with her dog Zoe. As part of her Mitzvah project, Katie plans to collect diapers for families in need.

JENNA HOPE YAPHE, October 19, 2018, Kabbalat Shabbat

Daughter of Bonnie Levine and Darren Yaphe. She will read Parashat Lech-Lecha in a women’s tefillah on October 20, 2018, made even more special in that it is the 30th anniversary of her father’s Bar Mitzvah at the Shaar. Sharing in this Simcha are her adoring sister Audra, proud grandparents Carol and Allan Levine, Lynn and Steven Yaphe, her aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jenna recently graduated from the Akiva School and will be continuing her studies at Herzliah High School. A voracious reader, Jenna also loves swimming, skiing, hiking, camping and being outdoors. The opportunity to study with Rabba Abby and an exceptional Bat Mitzvah group has been a true highlight this year. Jenna's strong interest in human rights and her desire to help others drives her to fundraise and volunteers efforts for a number of local and international organizations.

JAMES MICHAEL WISEMAN, October 27, 2018, Parashat Vaera

Son of Francine Sternthal and Doug Wiseman. Proudly sharing in his simcha is his older sister Kasey, grandparents Sabina and Harvey Sternthal, Judy and Sam Wiseman, great-grandmother Toni Blutstein, along with his many cousins, aunts and uncles. Jamie is a graduate of Solomon Schechter Academy, and currently attends Selwyn House, where he is a student House Head and avid sports enthusiast. Jamie competes in tennis and golf, but also counts baseball, football, basketball and skiing among his other favorite sports. He loves to follow current events and listen to music in his free time. Jamie thoroughly enjoyed the Bar Mitzvah program at the Shaar, especially the projects with MADA and the Friendship Circle, and hopes to continue his community involvement in the New Year.

SAMUEL HARRY NAIMER, November 3, 2018, Mincha Ma’ariv, Parashat Toldot

Son of Stephanie and Clifford Naimer. Sharing in his simcha are his sisters Molly-Beth and Hailey, grandparents Alice and Joel Raby, Sharon and Gerald Naimer, and great-grandparents Norma and Eli Moscovitz. Sam is a recent graduate of Akiva School and is now in Grade 7 at St. George’s High School. He is an avid skier, basketball player, and outdoor cyclist. Sam is also a great artist, and performed in the Akiva Players from grades 3-6, as well as in the Segal Centre’s musical fundraiser for two years. Sam enjoys spending his summers at Camp B’hai Brith of Ottawa.
**Jackson Miles Choran**, December 9, 2018, *Rosh Chodesh*

Son of Kelly and Marc Choran. Sharing in this Simcha, are his proud brother Parker, elated grandparents Anna and Irving Choran, Terry Linetsky and Larry Linetsky. Equally excited are his many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Sadly missed at this time is his aunt and namesake, Jaclyn Michelle Linetsky. Jackson graduated from Westpark Elementary and will be attending West Island College. He loves playing hockey, fencing, film making, and DJing but his passion in life is making music. Jackson plays piano, guitar, trumpet and is an extremely accomplished drummer. He is super bright and talented but distinguishes himself through his good deeds, his pure heart, and his kindness to others.

**Jackson Dylan Vineberg**, November 17, 2018 - *Parashat Vayeitzei*

Son of Angela Lehrer and Michael Vineberg, brother of Benjamin and Arielle. Grandson of Alice and Harold Lehrer and Reisa and Bruce Vineberg. His parsha tells the story of Jacob and his infamous dream of a ladder that stretches from the earth to heaven. Jacob recently graduated from Akiva School and will be attending Selwyn House School. Jacob loves to ski on snow and water and enjoys playing hockey. He also loves camping and being in nature. Jacob will be volunteering at an orphanage for his Bar Mitzvah project, both in Africa and Montreal. Jacob is a 6th generation Shaar member in the Vineberg family and is looking forward to celebrating this milestone at the Shaar!

**Asher David Wolfensohn**, December 15, 2018, *Parashat Vayigash*

Son of Jackie and Dan Wolfensohn. Sharing in our family’s joy are Asher’s brother Jonas and his sister Abby, as well as his grandparents Sandy Lipkus and Ted Adler, Shoel Rosenhek, Rachel Pritzker and Dino Cristofidis, Nelu Wolfensohn and Gundie Robertson, and proud great-grandmother Natalie Rosenhek. Asher is a graduate of Akiva School and is currently attending Royal West Academy. He spends his summers at camp Kinneret, where he has made great friends and many lasting memories. Asher loves sports – swimming, skateboarding and especially basketball – and is a talented piano player. He also enjoys music, debating, video games, travelling, and eating sushi. The cause closest to Asher’s heart is the Mackay Centre School, which he plans to continue supporting for many years to come.

**Zachary Max Chomski**, January 26, 2019, *Parashat Yitro*

Son of Debra and Jonathan Chomski. Sharing in this joyous occasion are his siblings Alexandra and Matthew, proud grandparents Sondra and Martin Schwartz and Colette Chomski, and great-grandfather Boruch Chomski, as well as all of his aunts, uncles and cousins. Sadly missed at this time are his grandfather, Claude David Chomski and great-grandparents Evelyn and David Segel and Laura and Leo Schwartz. Zach spends his summers at Camp B’nai Brith of Montreal and will be starting grade 7 at Bialik High School in the fall. Zach loves playing hockey, lacrosse and baseball, and all the travel that comes with his sports! He also enjoys skiing, cycling and surfing on the lake. Although his Bar Mitzvah project hasn’t been finalized, one of Zach’s chosen charities is the Yaldei Developmental Center.

**Jacob Koffler**, February 2, 2019, *Parashat Mishpatim*

Son of Julie Matlin and Daniel Koffler. Thrilled to be celebrating with Jacob are his sister, Samantha Koffler; his grandparents, Philip and Evelyn Matlin, Carol Koffler, Reuben Koffler and Irene Fabian; and his uncles and aunts, Rachel Koffler, Brian and Denyce Matlin, Michael Matlin, and Ronna and David MacKinnon. Jacob attends Villa Maria high school, and loves to read, code, build things, and hang out with his friends and his dog, Zoe. He is currently in the process of deciding what he will do for his Bar Mitzvah project.
We warmly welcome the following new members to our Congregation:

Esther Chetrit • Joshua Cummings • Judie and S. John Diamond • Esther and Dr. Morris Feinberg •
Elana Soldin and Hadar Friedman • Joel Gallaman • Rebecca Cohen and Dr. Richard Garfinkle • Lori Fagen
and Hershey Goldenblatt • Steven M. Greenberg • Tania Cefalon and Robert Itzkovitz • Elan Kemeny •
Marie-Christine Kirouack • Justin Leopold • David Lipper • Jaclyn Sleeman and Daniel Mahler •
William Malkinson • Oliver Meyers • Gillian Reitman and Joshua Oboler • Randy Robins • Lynne and Gerald Roiter
Tina Apfeld and Martin Rosenthal • Karine and Mitchell Schnapp • Marvin Smith • Judiann Stern • Erin Campbell and
David Stern • Jessica Stern • Dana Carsley and Samuel Yaffe

OUR SHAAR FAMILY

Mazal tov to:

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Erica Rachel Fagen on obtaining her Ph.D from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Evelyn and Raphael Schachter on the graduation of their daughter-in-law Diana Zwertzich Schachter, wife of Nathaniel Schachter, from the Graduate School of Design, Faculty of Architecture at Harvard University.

BAT MITZVAH

Deenalil Caplan on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Michelle Pauline Strohl, daughter of Dikla and Marc Strohl of New York, on August 20, 2018 at the Kotel in Jerusalem.

BIRTHS

Stewart Leibovitch, The Shaar’s Cemetery Manager, and his wife Debra Leibovitch on the birth of their granddaughter Elly Kim Leibovitch, daughter of Lisa Kim Leibovitch and David Leibovitch, on February 6, 2018, in Seoul, South Korea.

Jillian and Corey Geenen, and Sharon and Paul Levine, on the birth of their son and grandson Samuel Jack Geenen, grandson of Sari and Alfons Geenen, and great-grandson of Marilyn Wasserman, and Anne and Sydney Levitsky, on February 7, 2018. Named in loving memory of Sidney Jack Wasserman.

Isabelle and Geoffrey Gelber and Sheila and Nahum Gelber on the birth of their son and grandson Jérémie Gelber, grandson of Lydia Baum Benoit, on February 10, 2018.

Julie Shugarman and Ian Gewurz on the birth of their son Dov Gewurz, brother of Maia and Lyla, grandson of Brenda and Samuel Gewurz, Laurel and Francois Douglas-Shugarman, and David and Linda Shugarman, and great-grandson of Rita and Solly Urman, and Libby Grant, on February 13, 2018.


Marissa and Mark Singer and Pamela and Clifford Singer on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter Brooklyn Elle, granddaughter of Helene and Ronnie Shear, great-granddaughter of Sydney Fox, Arlene and Saul Singer, Lillian Shear, and Sandra Fishman, on February 21, 2018.

Nicole and Richard Kremer on the birth of their grandchildren Melodi Avigail Kremer, daughter of Judy Lavy and Nathaniel Kremer, on March 8, 2018.

Samara Perez and Joe Brier, and Janis Levine on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter Liev Perez Brier, on March 21, 2018.

Marilyn Cooperman and Calvin Kalman, and Edward Figlarz and Edith Breiner, on the birth of their grandson Elijah Robert Figlarz Greene, son of Marissa Figlarz and Andrew Greene, on April 8, 2018.

Rachel Alboukhari and Etienne Schmitt on the birth of their daughter Elsa Schmitt, granddaughter of Randa Albik, on May 1, 2018.

Alisa Rosenbloom and Ted Suss and Terry and Julius Suss on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter Livia Miriam Suss, granddaughter of Faigy Grzeda and Martin Rosenbloom on May 20, 2018.


Cheryl Brownstein and Dr. Rick Schreiber, and Bernice Brownstein on the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Isabelle Naomi Dudkiewicz, daughter of Roslyn Stein and Allan Dudkiewicz, and granddaughter of Jeffrey Stein and Catherine Szabo, on June 10, 2018.

Barbara and Michael Feldman, on the birth of their granddaughter, Jordyn Reese Klein, daughter of Leslie Feldman and Mike Klein, sister to Nathaniel, and granddaughter of Vera and Leslie Klein, on June 14, 2018.

Essie Sutton and David Caplan, Judy and Mark Caplan, and Betty Scott on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Francine Phyllis Caplan, on June 16, 2018.
ENGAGEMENTS

Gabrielle and Reuven Brenner on the engagement of their son David Benjamin Brenner to Jenny Vanessa Merkin, daughter of Ezra and Lauren Merkin of New York City.

Sheryl and Jeffrey Gilman on the engagement of their son Dustin Gilman to Lauren Sabloff, daughter of Sarah and Bill Sabloff.

Howard Scott and Suzi and Arnold Lipes, on the engagement of their son Ken Scott, to Danielle Rondberg, daughter of Judy and Michael Bornfeld, and the late Robert Rondberg.

Wendy and Mark Spatzner on the engagement of their daughter Dalia Spatzner, granddaughter of Leona and Martin Eидinger, to Jeremy Weiss, son of Alice Cass and Eric Weiss, and grandson of Nina Cass and Morris Weiss.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

David J. Cohen on being elected the incoming President of The Hebrew Free Loan Society.

Rosetta Sarah Elkin, daughter of Marilyn and Braham Elkin, on being promoted to Associate Professor at Harvard Graduate School of Design and publishing her book “Tiny Taxonomy”.

Nahum Gelber, C.M., who was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada, for his extensive philanthropic contributions towards the advancement of Canadian education and artistic culture, and for his promotion of intercultural understanding.

Julia Gersovitz, O.C., who was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada, for her contributions to heritage preservation in Canada and abroad as a respected conservation architect.

Professor Peter Jacobs on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects.

Dr. Michel Librowicz on receiving the Best Professor of the Year Award from the School of Management of the Université du Québec à Montréal.

Allen Rubin, Immediate Past-President of the Jewish General Hospital, on being awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award by the Hospital’s Board of Directors.

Yvonne Steinert, C.M. who was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada, for her contributions to the advancement of pedagogical principles, faculty development and new training approaches in Canadian medical education.

Our Members, Clergy and staff who received Jewish Leadership Recognition Awards from Federation CJA:

Gail Adelson-Marcovitz on receiving the Kipnis-Wilson/ Friedland Award by Lions of Judah for her philanthropy and volunteerism in the community.

Heather Adelson and Laurence Paperman - Distinguished Leadership Award

Maharat Rachel Kohl Finegold awarded the Brenda And Samuel Gewurz Award for Excellence in Jewish Education, for her wonderful work engaging young families, supporting youth educational programming, working with the Congregation’s schools, and connecting with young professionals.

Harvey Levenson and Steve Gross - Manny Batshaw Award For Longstanding Community Service

Paul Levine, co-chair of Juif d’ici, on his team being awarded the Federation CJA Jewish Leadership Recognition Award for Excellence in Community Programming.

Heather Paperman - Mildred B. Lande Award

Oxana Pasternak (the Shaar’s Youth and Young Families Coordinator) - The Outstanding Employee Volunteer Award

Sarah Rubin - Minnie Cummings Abbey Award

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Freda and Manny Grill on their 64th wedding anniversary

Elsa and Murray Kotler on their 60th wedding anniversary on March 9, 2018.

Members who celebrated special anniversaries since the previous bulletin:


SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Members who celebrated special birthdays 90+ since the previous bulletin:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

Helping to ensure our vibrant future

IN HONOUR OF

Jennifer Bardin and Roï Azoulay on the birth of their son Raphael Paul, from Kiki and Henry Etingin.

Larry Behar on his birthday, from Dr. Isabelle Benoit and Geoffrey Gelber.

Phyllis and Morton Benjamin on their special wedding anniversary, from Eleanor and Bryant Levy.

Mark Bindman on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah, from Renee and Jay Rosenzweig and family; Reesa and Bernie Yunger.

Barbara Bronfman on her special birthday, from Eleanor Roth Latsky.

Harold Brownstein on his recent birthday, from Lona and Joe Lapin.

Marlene Brownstein on her special birthday, from Monna and Abby Malkinson and family; Ilsa and Dr. Chaim Shustik; Barbara and Edward Victor, FCPA, FCA.

Leah Bukhman on her special birthday, from Marsha and Zavie Sokoloff.

Talia Bukhman on her Bat Mitzvah, from Lainie Berger and Dr. Neil Davis; Tina and Martin Rosenthal.

Judy and Mark Caplan on the birth of their granddaughter Francine, from Rhonda and Bernard Herman, Esther and Sydney Marovitch.

Fred Carsley, from Roslyn and Norman Issley; Randy and Robert Zittrer.

Mildred Cohen on her special birthday, from Carol and Henry Kugler and family; Shelley and Robert Cohen and family.

Morrie Cohen on his birthday, from Julie and Barry Simon.

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Breakfast on May 28 sponsored by Bernice Brownstein and family in observance of the yahrzeit for Morton Brownstein, C.M.

Congregational Kiddush on June 2 sponsored by Monna and Abby Malkinson in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Breakfast on June 5 sponsored by Sheila Kussner, Joanne and John Leopold and Janice Kussner in observance of the yahrzeit for Marvyn Kussner.

Breakfast on June 8 sponsored by the Minyan Group in honour of Rabbi Shuchat's 98th birthday.

Congregational Kiddush on June 9 sponsored by Rachelle and David Sochaczewski in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Yohanna 'Yoyo' Sochaczewski.

Breakfast on June 11 sponsored by The Duceac Family marking sheloshim for Simona Momeo Duceac; and by Cheryl Brownstein and Dr. Rick Schreiber and Zina Dudkiewicz in honour of the birth of their granddaughter Isabelle Naomi Dudkiewicz, daughter of Roslyn Stein and Allan Dudkiewicz, great granddaughter of Bernice Brownstein.

Rosh Chodesh Fellowship Breakfast on June 13 sponsored by Joseph and David Balinsky and Family in observance of the yahrzeit for their father Charles Balinsky.

Breakfast on June 14 sponsored by Brigitte Merran and The Perez Family in observance of the yahrzeit for Rachel Merran.

Congregational Kiddush on June 16 sponsored by Rabba Abby and Rabbi Adam Scheier in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Aviya Scheier.

Breakfast on June 18 sponsored by Stanley Goldstein in observance of the yahrzeit for his father David Goldstein.

Breakfast on June 21 sponsored by Heather and Joseph Paperman and Barbara and Mitchell Hops in honour of the aufruf of Jason Paperman and his upcoming marriage to Stephanie Hops.

Breakfast on June 28 sponsored by Leila Paperman, Heather and Joseph Paperman, Selena and Ross Paperman, Kerry and Laurence Paperman marking the end of kaddish for Herbert Paperman; and by Ray Gossack and family in observance of the yahrzeit for Israel Gossack.

Breakfast on June 29 sponsored by Monica and Barry Shapiro in observance of the yahrzeit for her father Sumer Wolf and his father Barry Sternthal.

Breakfast on July 6 sponsored by Marilee and Gerald Wexler in observance of the yahrzeit for her father John B. Wholey.

Breakfast on July 10 sponsored by the Gertler family marking sheloshim for David Gertler.

Breakfast on July 17 sponsored by the Luger family in observance of the yahrzeit for Mendel Luger; and by Bosmat and Eric Loebenberg marking the end of kaddish for their daughter Laura Loebenberg.

Congregational Kiddush on July 21 sponsored by Geraldine and Steven Korda and family in observance of the yahrzeit for his father Ben Korda.

Breakfast on July 23 sponsored by Nicole and Richard Kremer and family marking sheloshim for her father Maurice Attias.

Breakfast on July 26 sponsored by Leila Paperman, Heather and Joseph Paperman, Selena and Ross Paperman, Kerry and Laurence Paperman in observance of the yahrzeit for Herbert Paperman.

Breakfast on July 30 sponsored by Sharon and Paul Levine and Carole-Ann and Brahm Levine and families in observance of the yahrzeit for Boris Levine, C.M., FCA.

Breakfast on August 2 sponsored by Peggy Fleming in observance of the yahrzeit for her husband Stephen Fleming.

Breakfast on August 3 sponsored by Carol Berall, Peter Berall, Jonathan Berall and Kenneth Berall marking sheloshim for Leonard Berall.

Congregational Kiddush on August 4 sponsored by Dr. Calvin Kalman celebrating completion of 50 years with Concordia University.

Breakfast on August 6 sponsored by Joe Friedes, Allison Lightstone-Gold & Norman Gold, Dana Berman Lightstone Heffez and Dan Heffez marking sheloshim for Claire Wellerstein Berman Tratt Lightstone Friedes.

Congregational Kiddush on August 18 sponsored by Morris Goodman and Lillian Vineberg in honour of their upcoming marriage; and by Karine and Mitchell Schnapp in honour of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah of their children, Noah and Chloe Schnapp.
CONDOLENCES

May the Almighty grant His divine comfort to the bereaved in their sorrow. We extend condolences to the families of the following who have recently passed:

Maurice Attias, father and father-in-law of our members Nicole and Richard Kremer.
Our member Harvey Blatt, father and father-in-law of our members Lisa Blatt and Jimmy Alexander.
Our member Zave Climan, husband of Sandra Climan.
Luba Coviensky, sister of our member Morris Goodman.
Our member Melvin A. Dobrin, husband of Mitzi Steinberg Dobrin, father and father-in-law of Terry and Sam Minzberg, Lewis Dobrin and Rosalie Jukier, Ronny Dobrin and Shawn Wax.
Simon Maimon Elbaz, father and father-in-law of our members Nelly and Alain Weill.
Neil Richard Finkelstein, stepson of our member Eleanor Finkelstein.
Our member Sybil Friedman, mother and mother-in-law of our members Mark Friedman and Joan Benson.
Our member Henry Garber, husband of Millie Garber, mother and mother-in-law of our members Cynthia Garber-Adam and Alon Adam.
Yetta Garellek, mother and mother-in-law of our members Paul Garellek and Heidi Sternthal.
Abe Gertler, brother of our member Sylvia Cleman, brother-in-law of our member Pauline Gertler.
Our member David Gertler, husband of Pauline Gertler, father and father-in-law of our members Andrew Gertler and Felicia Kaufman, brother of our member Sylvia Cleman.
Harry Gore, father and father-in-law of our members Sharyn Gore and Peter Wainberg.
Our member Hadassa Gottheil.
Our member Judith Gottlieb.
Etta Gross, mother and mother-in-law of our members Pam and Howard Rosenoff.
Our member Lily Ivanier.

Dr. Milton Ivker, father and father-in-law of our members Carole and Richard Zuckerman.
Our member Gerald Kessner, husband of Frances Kessner, brother of our member Norman Kessner.
Leo Klag, husband of Suzanne Klag, father and father-in-law of our members Malvina and Andrew Adessky.
Our member Gloria Klein.
Our member Andre Landsman, husband of Esther Landsman, father and father-in-law of our members Tina Landsman and Philip Abbey, Sam Landsman and Joanne Borden, brother and brother-in-law of our members Harold and Natalie Brownstein, Irwin and Ghislaine Brownstein and Bernice Brownstein.
Eric Lapin, brother and brother-in-law of our members Joseph and Lona Lapin.
Louis Levine, father and father-in-law of our members Carol and Allan Levine.
Our member Edith P. Levy, mother of our member Gerald Levy.
Our member Claire Lightstone, sister of our member Pearl Lighter.
Suzanne Marciano, mother and mother-in-law of our members Maurice and Line Marciano, Evelyn and Avery Palevsky.
Our member Birdie Marshall.
Doris Miller, mother of our member Cary Miller.
Our member Pearl Miro, wife of Morton Miro.
Our member Simona Momeo.
Our member Azzour Mouadeb, husband of Naomi Mouadeb, brother and brother-in-law of our members Salim and Sharon Mouadeb.
Our member Janice Myers, mother of our members Harold and Stephen Myers.
Leonard Pedvis, father of our member Richard Pedvis, sister of our member Rita Steinberg.
Our member Joan Pesner.

Joanne Riven, daughter of our members Joel and Laura Riven.
Our member Gilbert Rosenberg, husband of Soryl Rosenberg, father of our members Cathy Rosenberg and Jonathan Rosenberg, brother of our member Phyllis Deitcher.
Harvey Rosenbloom, father and father-in-law of our members Linda Rosenbloom and Robert Swidler, Richard and Andrea Rosenbloom.
Our member Eileen Rothbart, sister and sister-in-law of our members Carole and Jack Padveen.
Eleanor Schwartz, mother of our member Andrew Schwartz.
Martin Shaw, brother-in-law of our members Marilyn and Calvin Kalman.
Katy Shebath, sister and sister-in-law of our members David and Carole Nathaniel.
Bernard Skarf, brother of our member Esther Mayman.
Our member Meta Surchin, mother and mother-in-law of our members Anne and Gordon Kugler.
Sarah Simms, mother and mother-in-law of our members Lois and Gary Alexander.
Ellie Sotto, father and father-in-law of our members Corinne Sotto Levi and Fred Levi.
Aisha Weider-Savoie, daughter of our members Linda Lacroix and Louis Weider, sister of Benjamin, Gabriel and Rachel.
Charles Winter, father and father-in-law of our members Tracey and Shai Adam, Sherri and Eric Kimmel.

Sign up at shaarhashomayim.org/cemetery to receive bereavement notices by e-mail.
In memoriam

Cantor Joseph Gross  |  Shaar Cantor 1973 - 1986
by Rabbi Allan Nadler

The very first time I heard Cantor Joseph Gross, z"l, sing was at the funeral of his predecessor and close colleague, Cantor Nathan Mendelson z"l, on the Fast of C’daliah, 1977 (he had passed away suddenly on the first day of Rosh Hashanah). I attended the service together with my father, a true lover of Chazanut. Cantor Gross began the service with the chanting of the 16th Psalm, Michtam l’David. After he had completed just three or four verses, my father leaned over and whispered, “dos iz take an emmesser Khazn--This is a real cantor.”

I didn’t hear Joe Gross daven until exactly five years later when I joined the clergy of the Shaar Hashomayim as Assistant Rabbi, in the Fall of 1982. And for the subsequent five years, I had the unique honour and privilege of being his colleague, his friend and always his great admirer. On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, 1982, I playfully threw at him a last minute challenge. I asked him which Hin’ni he was planning to “perform.” He said he had a mélange of the versions by Shlisky and Alman with his own interpolations, so I teased him: “What, no Yossele [Rosenblatt]?” He smiled at me, went up to the amud, and began with a beautiful rendition of Alman’s Hin’ni, but when he arrived at the word “Shadai” he turned to me, smiled, and completed the rest of Hin’ni with Rosenblatt’s composition.

Joseph Gross was not just my treasured colleague, but also a wonderfully supportive friend. I thank God for the blessing of putting this amazingly talented cantor in my life, if only for too brief a period. Yehi Zikhro Barukh. May his memory and his musical legacy be blessings in the lives of the entire Shaar Hashomayim family.

Bikur Cholim
Visiting the Sick

The heart and soul of our mission is to provide assistance to the ill, infirm and vulnerable of our community, and help people in family and health crises. Our Clergy and volunteers will visit Shul members but we need to know who these people are!

Also, if you are a student requiring community service hours for school, please consider volunteering for this mitzvah.

Please contact Rabbi Scheier's office,
514.937.9474 ext. 143.

Cemetery Services

Now taking orders for fall/winter decorations. The Shaar Cemetery offers many flower and landscaping options to serve as dignified and beautiful tributes to the memory of loved ones. We also offer perpetual care programs. Also available: Monument cleaning service – renew the look of older monuments.

Stewart Leibovitch, Cemetery Manager
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SPECIAL PAYMENT PROGRAM FOR CEMETERY PLOTS

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DAILY SERVICES

MORNINGS

Monday - Friday  7:30 AM
Shabbat, Sundays, Legal Holidays  8:45 AM

Weekday Rosh Chodesh / Chol Hamo’ed  7:15 AM
Sunday Rosh Chodesh / Chol Hamo’ed  8:30 AM

Breakfast following services, except Sundays.
Kiddush following morning services on Shabbat.

EVENINGS

Consult the synagogue website for evening service times.
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