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שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

APRIL 25, 2020 - 1 IYYAR 5780
SHABBAT ROSH HODESH - PARSHAT TAZRIA-METZORA

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, April 24
6:46 pm Earliest Candles
7:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service ONLINE
7:54 pm Candles
Count Omer 16 after dark

Shabbat, April 25
8:55 pm Shabbat Ends
9:10 pm Havdallah ONLINE
Count Omer 17 after dark

Friday, May 1
6:53 pm Earliest Candles
7:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service ONLINE
8:02 pm Candles
Count Omer 23 after dark

Torah Reading:
Vayikra 12:1-15:33
Hertz P. 460
Stone P. 608

Haftarah:
Yeshayahu 66:1 - 24
Hertz P. 944
Stone P. 1208

TODAH RABAH to the sponsors of:

ONLINE KABBALAT SHABBAT:

Rick & Dianna Zauderer in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Rick's parents, Erika & Alfred Zauderer z"l

RABBI STRAUCHLER'S YIRMIYAHU SHIUR:

Brian & Robbie Schwartz and family in commemoration of the passing of Brian Morris's brother, Arnold Morris z"l

TEHILLIM SERVICES:

Thursday & Friday, April 30 & May 1

Tammy & Jerry Balitsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tammy's father, Icek Muskat z"l

SECURITY FUND:

Beverley Fromer in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her grandmother, Pearl Fromovitz z"l

MAOT CHITTIM:

Lorne & Yaffa Factor in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Lorne's father, Morris Factor z"l

CHESSED COMMITTEE:

Tova Gaisin & Neil Bubis in honour of the birth of their new grandson

YAHRZEIT COMMEMORATION:

Dale & Ruth Fyman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Dale's father, Lawrence Fyman z"l

Ala & Larry Gamulka in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Ala's father, Isaac Tulchinsky z"l

Brondell Shapiro in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father, Harry Bobkin z"l

Helen & Alan Cohen in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Helen's father, Harry Bobkin z"l

Tammy & Jerry Balitsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tammy's father, Icek Muskat z"l

MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to **Ricky & Diana Kochman** on the birth of their granddaughter Mackenzie Luna (Malka Leah), daughter of Ashley & Ilan Bahar, sister to Sebastian Max. Proud grandparents are Geni & Eli Bahar. Thrilled great-grandmother is Sara Brafman. Excited aunt, uncle and cousin are Maya, Steve and Dylan Castle.
- Mazal Tov to **Golda Brown & Harry Krakowsky**, Gayle Danziger & Hugh Schure, and David & Dahlia Danziger on the birth of a grandson, born to Jana Danziger & Yonah Krakowsky. Excited big brother is Jones. Proud great-grandmothers are Paula Krakowsky, Rene Skurka and Gertie Danziger. Mazal Tov to aunts and uncle Anna-Rachel Krakowsky, Marshall Haber and Hayley Danziger; great aunt and uncle **Helen & David Wm. Brown**; and cousins Shirley and Alexandra Gee Haber.
- Mazal Tov to **Cynthia Gasner** on the recent marriage of her grandson Nadav, son of Dr. Jon & Ellise Gasner, to Pearl, daughter of Bev Aron and Ken Kraft. Delighted grandparents are Dr. Arnie & Roneen Weingarten, Issy Aron, and Libby & Harry Kraft. Mazal Tov to aunts and uncles **Myra Mechanic, Brian & Brenda Lass, Stanley & Ellen Markin**, and Robert & Julea Gasner of Jerusalem, and to all the extended family.
- Mazal Tov to **Roz Fine** on the recent Bar Mitzvah, in Israel, of her grandson, Danyn Fine, son of Eric Fine & Jen Scott, of Victoria, B.C. Proud grandparents are Alan Fine and Carol & Grant Scott. Congratulations to the many excited uncles, aunts and cousins.
- Tova Gaisin & Neil Bubis want to welcome their new grandson, born on Tova's and her daughter Rebecca's birthday. Three generations of same day and date birthdays.

ONLINE SERVICES, SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS *Cont. on p. 2*

To obtain access to the shul's online Zoom programs, please email info@shomayim.org.

- Tonight, April 24, 7:00 pm - ***Kabbalat Shabbat*** with **Rabbi Shore** and **Chazzan Freund**.
- Motzei Shabbat, April 25, 9:10 pm - ***Havdallah*** & **Mini-*Kumzitz***.
- Sunday, April 26, 7:30 am and Monday-Friday, April 27-May 1, 6:30 am – **Rabbi Strauchler's *Gemara* Shiur: Masechet Ketubot**.
- Sunday-Thursday, April 26-30, 8:00 pm – **Mincha and Maariv**.
- Sunday-Thursday, April 26-30, 8:30 pm – ***Tehillim*** **and Dvar Torah**.
- Sunday, April 26, 10:30 am – ***Tot Davening*** **with Rabbi Shore**.
- Monday, April 27, 9:30 am – **Rabbi Strauchler's *Yirmiyahu* Shiur.**
- Monday, April 27, 7:00 pm - **A Conversation from the Trenches: How Three Toronto Rabbis are Dealing with the Pandemic**. With Rabbi Strauchler, Rabbi Daniel Korobkin, and Rabbi Joseph Kanofsky. See flyer on p. 3.
- Tuesday, April 28, 1:30 pm – **Rabbi Torczyner's *Yeshayah* Shiur**.
- Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm - **Mizrachi Canada's Yom HaZikaron & Yom Ha'Atzmaut** live at www.mizrachi.ca/yh. See flyer on p. 3.
- Wednesday, April 29, 8:30 am - ***Hallel*** **and Torah for Yom HaAtzmaut with Rabbis Moshe Shilat (Israel), Shore, Bergman and Strauchler.**

PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Sammy Bergman

NEGA-TIVITY

In his song "Positivity," Lipa Schmeltzer, a well-known Jewish musician and entertainer who visited Shaarei Shomayim a few months ago, sings the following lyrics: "*Nega-nega-negativity is a nega-nega Nega Tzaraat.*" The lyrics utilize a play on the words negativity, and *"nega tzaraat,"* the spiritual skin affliction described in this week's parsha.

However, I believe there truly is a more profound connection between negativity and *tzaraat.* It is commonly stated that *lashon hara*, evil speech, is the primary cause of *tzaraat* (see for example Rashi to Exodus 4:3). However, the Talmud in Arachin 16a, describes 7 causes of *tzaraat*, which include evil speech, murder, perjury, sexual immorality, pride, robbery, and avarice. The Midrash Rabah at the beginning of Parshat Metzora has a list of 6 additional causes. Why then is *lashon hara* usually emphasized as the source of *tzaraat*?

If we reflect upon the basic process of *lashon hara*, I believe we can suggest an answer. Every person possesses unique qualities. Each of those qualities has positive and negative aspects. Furthermore, most of the choices we make produce both positive and negative results. Yet, a speaker of *lashon hara* ignores most of the picture. One who sins through evil speech focuses solely on the aspects of their subject's character or behaviour which they view negatively, and shares their negative viewpoint with others. A speaker of *lashon hara* is akin to a miner sifting through a gold mine only to keep the pebbles, graphite, and silt, while casting away the gold back into the Earth.

This negative outlook promoted by *lashon hara* can be equally as destructive as the damage caused to the subject of the speech. Negativity can warp the lens through which we view all our experiences. Regardless of how graciously people treat them, or how many opportunities they have at their disposal, people with poisonous negative attitudes are prone to see every acquaintance as a threat, and every experience as a tragedy. Therefore, although there are many causes for *tzaraat, lashon hara* is considered the primary cause because it affects everything a person does, and makes them prone to many other sins and character flaws.

During our current predicament, we are all faced with the challenge of maintaining a positive perspective. It's easy for a person to fall into the trap of negativity, and let adverse conditions prevent them from enjoying anything. Instead, it behooves us to heed the lesson of *tzaraat*, and attempt to view our daily experiences through a positive lens. May we each have the vision to find aspects of positivity and goodness in every situation we encounter, and remember that negativity is truly a *nega tzaraat*.

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- Wednesday, April 29, 10:20-11:15 am – ***Walkie-Talkies*** **with Rabbi Shore**.
- Wednesday, April 29, 4:00 pm – **Rabbi Shore's *Thinking Torah* Shiur**.
- Wednesday, April 29, 7:15 pm - ***Night Seder*** with **Rabbi Bergman**.
- Thursday, April 30, 8:45-9:30 am – **Coffee with Rabbi Strauchler** (schmooze, kvetch and kibbitz with our rabbi).
- Thursday, April 30, 8:15 pm – ***Chumash-Rashi*** **Shiur with Melech Halberstadt**.

BEIT MIDRASH ZICHRON DOV ONLINE LEARNING

Beit Midrash Zichron Dov is offering live video classes, special programs, audio recordings, and weekly parsha insights. Please see noted programs below, and visit their website at www.torontotorah.com/letslearn.

- Sunday, May 3, 10:00 am-12:00 pm - **Yom Ha'Atzmaut Learnathon** with **Rabbi Sammy Bergman, Rabbi Alex Hecht, Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner** and **Ezer Diena.** See flyer on p. 3.
- Wednesdays, May 6, 13 & 20, 12:30 pm - **A Business Ethics Lunchtime Series** with **Rabbis Sammy Bergman, Mordechai Torczyner** and **Alex Hecht**.
- Monday, May 11, 7:00-8:30 pm - **Medical Ethics: Dental Emergencies on Shabbat** with **Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner**.

2020/5780 YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

The Yizkor Memorial Book has been an important part of our community's remembrance of loved ones and observance of Yizkor prayer. Letters with your previous year's listing or suggested revised or new listing, have been sent out last week, along with the Inclusion Form.
Please complete the form and return it by email to coordinator@shomayim.org, fax 416-789-1728 or regular mail, or on our website at https://www.shomayim.org/form/yizkor2020 **by Monday, April 27 at 5:00**.

A Conversation From The Trenches

How Three Toronto Rabbis are Dealing with the Pandemic

MONDAY, APRIL 27 AT 7 PM

FEATURING

Rabbi Daniel Korobkin
Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto

Rabbi Chaim Strauchler
Shaarei Shomayim

Rabbi Joseph Kanofsky
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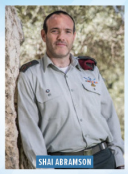
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YOM HA'ATZMAUT LEARNATHON

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

10:00 AM, Rabbi Sammy Bergman
Tanach: Ezra's Medinah and the Challenge of Building a State

10:30 AM, Rabbi Alex Hecht
Prayer: Why Do We Recite Hallel?

11:00 AM, Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
Zionism: Rav Kook's Poetry of Redemption

11:30 AM, Ezer Diena
History: Yom Ha'Atzmaut Through the Lens of a 1952 Book Ban

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CONDOLENCES

- Our sincere condolences to **Brian & Harriet Morris, Ian & Bettina Morris**, Moshe & Karen, Shimon & Leanne, Joshua Morris and families, on the loss of their brother, brother-in-law and uncle, Arnold Morris z"l.
- Our sincere condolences to Betty Laxer, Susan Laxer & Alain Matarasso, Barry Laxer & Gail Sevilla, **Judith Laxer & Jeffrey Lipsitz**, Eric Laxer & Karen Sigman, **Avi, Yonatan & Lauren, Michal, Orly Lipsitz** and families, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, Carl Laxer z"l.

YAHRZEITS

DATE	YAHRZEITS BEING OBSERVED	
Shabbat, April 25 1 Iyyar	Harry Bobkin, father of Helen Cohen and Brondell Shapiro	Morris Factor, father of Lorne Factor Ida Knopman, mother of Irving Knopman
Sunday, April 26 2 Iyyar	Rosslyn Fienberg, mother of Barry Fienberg and Stanley Fienberg	Aaron Ruvinsky, father of Esther Tabacznik
Monday, April 27 3 Iyyar	Leah Freudenstein, mother of David Freudenstein Hersz Hauer, father of Yona Gerstl Idella Herbert, mother of Paul Herbert	Gordon Kumer, father of Helen Singer Alfred Zauderer, father of Rick Zauderer
Tuesday, April 28 4 Iyyar	Samuel Brenman, brother of Harvey Brenman	Isaac Tulchinsky, father of Alexandra Gamulka
Wednesday, April 29 5 Iyyar	Philip Hollinger, father of Allan Hollinger Freddy Hart, father of Barbara Held	Percy Mandelker, brother of Sarah Gerstl
Thursday, April 30 6 Iyyar	Alexander Gross, brother of Eva Burko	Irene Zion, mother of Liora Burton and Jonathan Zion
Friday, May 1 7 Iyyar	Charles Davis, father of Taube Zeifman Lawrence Fyman, father of Dale Fyman Samuel Krohn, father of Debbie Spiegel	Icek Muskat, father of Tammy Balitsky Manny Spring, father of Harold Spring

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Thursday, May 7, 7:30-9:00 pm - **Virtual Mental Health Symposium - Anxiety through the Lifespan: A Jewish Community Response**. Online at www.TBDJ.org/mentalhealth2020 or call-in: 1-855-531-0118.
- **CHESED VS. COVID-19**: **Volunteers running errands for people who cannot leave the house! Requests for errands**: call 647-725-4549 or email ChesedvsC19@gmail.com, or fill out the form at http://bit.ly/Chesed-vs-C19.
  Want to help? Email ChesedvsC19@gmail.com or join the WhatsApp group: 437-775-4245.
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Rachmiel ben Dvorah (Randall Craig), Michael Mordechai Avraham ben Hinda Rifka, Eliyahu ben Ryejah, Brachah bat Gitl, Noach Shmuel ben Rachel Ethel, Chaim Yakov ben Rivka, Eliyahu ben Ruth, Minah Tzurel bat Ita, Moshe Zvi ben Golda Yocheved, Shira bat Blimah Leah, Meir Zeileg ben Chana, Yehuda Yoseif ben Miriam Yocheved, Eliyahu Yom Tov ben Leah, Zvi Aryeh ben Eidel, Shlomo Shraga ben Esther, Pinchas Mordechai ben Chana.

We would like to acknowledge your milestones! Please let us know when there is a birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, graduation, engagement, aufruf, wedding, significant birthday/anniversary, community recognition, illness, bereavement, or unveiling. Call or email the shul office at 416-789-3213 or coordinator@shomayim.org or donate online at Shomayim.org/donate.