

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, April 28

7:00 pm Mincha /
Maariv
Sanctuary
7:54 pm Candles
(earliest 6:50 pm)
Count Omer 23 after
dark

Shabbat, April 29

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash:
Rabbi Bergman
8:10 am Chumash-Rashi with Melech
Halberstadt - Classroom 106
9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor
9:00 am Shacharit - Sisterhood: Rabbi Diamond
9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash: Rabbi Anstandig
9:45 am Youth Programs - Classrooms
9:45 am Teen Minyan - Lower Level Social Hall
Recite Shema before 9:43 am

11:15 am Kiddush* - Banquet Hall & Sisterhood Hall
11:30 am Shiur with Prof. Novak - Beit Midrash
7:00 pm Pre-Mincha Shiur - Sanctuary:
Guest Speaker Rabbi Aaron Greenberg
7:45 pm Mincha - Sanctuary
8:05 pm Seudah Shlishit* - Banquet Hall:
Rabbi Taylor
9:03 pm Maariv / Shabbat Ends
Count Omer 24 after Maariv
*Pareve from dairy kitchen

Torah

Reading:
Vayikra
16:1 - 20:27
Hertz
P. 480
Stone
P. 636

Haftarah:

Amos
9:7-15
Hertz
P. 509
Stone
P. 1173

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:

RABBI TAYLOR'S TORAH FOR YOUR LIFE:

Larry & Jackie Zimmerman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Larry's father, Herman Zimmerman^{z"l}

REBBETZIN EMMA TAYLOR'S MEANINGFUL MOMENT:

Golda Brown & Harry Krakowsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Golda's cousin, Miriam Cohen^{z"l}

KIDDUSH:

Jeffrey Perlmutter and Family in honour of Joanne's special birthday

Adrianne & Peter Klemensberg in honour of their daughter Emily Klemensberg having won the National Winner of Lifestyle and Programs Manager of the Year Award for Chartwell Retirement Residences

Nanci Turk in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father-in-law, Philip Turk^{z"l}

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH:

In loving memory of Suzanne Burger^{z"l}, beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother of Alan, Marc, Lorne, Naomi, Jill, Ashley, Ari, Lia, Zoe, Shael and Noa

9:30 AM MINYAN KIDDUSH:

Zvi & Naomi Glustein in honour of Judah turning 2 years old

COFFEE & MUFFIN, SUNDAY APRIL 30:

Brian Lass and Joanne Perlmutter in the marking of the end of the 11 months of Kaddish for their father, Mervin Lass^{z"l}

YAHREITZ COMMEMORATION:

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

Mindy Green, Rabbi Baruch Green and Michelle Green in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Mindy's precious daughter, and Baruch and Michelle's sister, Renee (Rifka Itta) Green^{z"l}

Paul Brown in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his mother, Dorothy Brown^{z"l}

Stanley & Ellen Markin in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Stanley's mother, Lucy Markin^{z"l}

MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

Mazal Tov to **Adrianne & Peter Klemensberg** on their daughter Emily Klemensberg having won the National Winner of *Lifestyle and Programs Manager of the Year Award* for Chartwell Retirement Residences.

UPCOMING SHIURIM & PROGRAMS

Along with the services and programs in the shul building, **weekday services and programs will continue on Zoom**. To obtain the access information, please email info@shomayim.org. Below is a list of upcoming shiurim and programs:

- Mondays, 9:30 am - **Rabbi Bergman's Yechezkel Shiur**. On Zoom.
- Mondays, May 1, 8 & 15, 5 minutes after Maariv - **Saving Our Speech Shiur** with **Rabbi Bergman**. In person & Zoom.
- **The Agnon Group with Rav Gemara** will be giving **monthly lectures** on a few of the Agnon books stories. If interested in being part of the live-stream, send your name and email to nicole@shomayim.org and we will send you the live-stream link.
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am - **Walkie Talkies** with **Rabbi Bergman**.
- Tuesdays, 8:00 pm - **Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur**. On Zoom.
- Wednesdays, May 3-24, 10:00 am - **BMZD Jewish Migrations: Origins of Ashkenazim & Sephardim** with **Rabbi Torczyner**. On Zoom. Register at <https://torontotorah.com/wednesdays/>.
- Wednesdays, May 3-17, 12:30 pm - **BMZD Business Ethics: The Ethical Challenge** with **Rabbi Torczyner**. On Zoom. Register at <https://torontotorah.com/business/>.
- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm - **Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur**. In person.
- Thursdays, 9:00 am - **Coffee Klatch** with **Rabbi Bergman**. On Zoom.
- Monday, May 15, 8:00 pm - **BMZD Medical Ethics: Dealing with Difficult Patients** with **Rabbi Torczyner**. On Zoom. Register at <https://torontotorah.com/cme/>.
- May 19-20 - **The Weinbaum Family Scholar In Residence Rabbi Dr. Raphael Zarum**.
- Shabbat, May 20, 10:00 am - **Caffeine for the Soul** with **Rebbetzin Emma Taylor**.
- May 25-27 - **Tikkun Leil Shavuot** and **Shavuot Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Malka Simkovich**. Register for the Pareve Dinner & After Midnight Meat Madness at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/shavuot23>.
- Tuesday, May 30, 2:00 pm - **Toronto Holocaust Museum Tour**, 4588 Bathurst St. Space is limited. Register at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/holocaustmuseum> by May 15.

Plag Mincha Hours: Please note that throughout the spring & summer, weekday Mincha & Maariv services (Sunday to Thursday) will be using **Plag Mincha** times. This may change from time to time due to some programming. Davening times are available on our website: <https://www.shomayim.org/calendar>.

This Shabbat, we welcome guest speaker **Rabbi Aaron Greenberg** who will give the **Pre-Mincha Shiur at 7:00 pm** on the topic: "Searching for Holiness in All of the Wrong Places." Rabbi Greenberg received his rabbinic ordination and completed his Master's degree in Jewish School Administration & Education from Yeshiva University's Azrieli School of Education. He now serves as its Canadian director and oversees its recent expansion. Since September 2008, Rabbi Greenberg has also been teaching in the Department of Jewish Thought at Tannenbaum CHAT Kimel campus.



TORAH MATTERS:

DATE	DAVENING TIMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM		SHIURIM & PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM	
Sunday, April 30 / 9 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 25 after dark</i>	8:30 am 6:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Monday, May 1 / 10 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 26 after dark</i>	7:10 am 6:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:30 am 5 min. after Maariv	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Bergman's Yechezkel Shiur (Zoom) Rabbi Bergman's Saving Our Speech: Exploring the Laws of Lashon Hara and How it Applies Today Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Tuesday, May 2 / 11 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 27 after dark</i>	7:15 am 6:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 8:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Dr. Zolty's Course (Zoom, by registration) Walkie Talkies with Rabbi Bergman (in person) Rabbi Torczyner's Kohelet Shiur (Zoom) Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 3 / 12 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 28 after dark</i>	7:15 am 6:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm 9:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Dr. Zolty's Course (in person & Zoom) BMZD Jewish Migrations with Rabbi Torczyner BMZD Business Ethics with Rabbi Torczyner. Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur
Thursday, May 4 / 13 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 29 after dark</i>	7:10 am 6:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:00 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Bergman (Zoom)
Friday, May 5 / 14 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 30 after dark</i>	7:15 am 7:00 pm 8:03 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv Candle Lighting (earliest 6:56)	6:30 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated after 9:10 pm this week.

PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Jared Anstandig

BECOMING HOLY

Among the 613 mitzvot, we have a seeming general catch-all mitzvah – “kedoshim tiyu,” “you shall be holy.” In formulating this mitzvah, the Torah uses an expression that is surprisingly rare when it comes to the giving of mitzvot. Hashem instructs Moshe to speak to “kol adat bnei yisrael,” the “entire congregation of the Children of Israel.” Not just the “Children of Israel,” but the entire congregation of the Children of Israel. This suggests that the mitzvah to be holy applies to all of us in a way that is distinct from the other 612 mitzvot.

In truth, this is the motivation for Netziv's remarkable interpretation of this verse, which we will address below. First, Netziv begins his comment here by approvingly referencing Ramban's interpretation. According to Ramban, this verse obligates us to go above and beyond the basic strictures of Torah law. If not for this charge to be holy, one could theoretically fulfill every mitzvah, avoid every prohibition, and yet still carry oneself as a base individual. In other words, one could be a “naval birshut HaTorah,” literally a disreputable person with the permission of the Torah (a term Ramban coins to describe this scenario). “Kedoshim tiyu” charges us to become sanctified and to refrain from inappropriate behaviours that are not otherwise technically forbidden.

Having summarized Ramban's approach, Netziv takes this one step further. He explains that this mitzvah was told to “the entire congregation of the Children of Israel” to highlight that every person's actualization of being holy is different. With other mitzvot, we all fulfill the mitzvah in the same manner. After all, there is only one way we fulfill the mitzvah of lulav and etrog, or hearing the shofar. But when it comes to “kedoshim tiyu” we are different.

Since this is about identifying those technically permitted behaviours that are unbecoming for us, this mitzvah becomes very subjective. Indeed, Netziv explains that,

באשר אין פרישת כל אדם שזה ותורת כל אחד לבדו בידו לפי טבע גופו והליכות ביתו וכדומה

“The separation of each individual is not equal and the law of each one is in his hand alone, each according to the nature of his body and the ways of his household, and the like.”

Depending on our personalities, struggles, and maybe even our environments, we each sanctify ourselves in different ways. And since this mitzvah differs for all of us, it is our responsibility to determine how best to keep it. May we be able to privately reflect and recognize the areas for our own personal growth, and may we each truly live up to the charge of “kedoshim tiyu.”

Shul-Wide Siyum of Masechet Ta'anit

Between Pesach and Shavuot, Shaarei Shomayim will be learning all of *Masechet Ta'anit*, with a Siyum on the 2nd day of Shavuot, May 27. Sign up to learn an amud, daf, mishnah, or the entire masechet by emailing mrbparker@gmail.com. Resources: <https://www.sefaria.org/Taanit?tab=contents>; <https://www.dafyomi.co.il/taanis/index.htm>; <https://dafnotes.com/moed/taanis/>; <https://outorah.org/series/4099?masechta=Taanis&size=30>.

THE WEINBAUM FAMILY SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SERIES RABBI DR. RAPHAEL ZARUM

SHABBAT | MAY 19-20, 2023

Friday Night Dvar Torah during Davening
"Creating Shabbat:
Three Verses that Changed Everything"

Shabbat Morning Post-Mussaf Drasha
"The Re-Education of Rabbi Yannai:
What Really Matters on Shavuot"

Pre-Mincha Shiur
"How Much Torah was Really Given at Sinai?"

Seudah Shlishit Talk
"Three Unforgettable Lessons I Learnt from my Teacher,
Rabbi Sacks zt"l"



Rabbi Dr. Zarum is Dean of London School of Jewish Studies and holds the Rabbi Sacks Chair in Modern Jewish Thought at the school. He is a rabbinic leader, lecturer and author, teaching traditional Jewish texts and innovative educational programming. He holds a PhD in Theoretical Physics from Kings College London, and an MA in Adult Education from the Institute of Education London. Rabbi Dr. Zarum is a Scholar-in-Residence at the Central Square Minyan in Hampstead Garden. He studied at Yeshivat HaKotel, Jerusalem and the Kollel of Montefiore College, London where he received rabbinic ordination. The semicha was given by, amongst others, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l. He is the creator of Torah L'Am crash course, and the author of Torat Hadracha and Jampacked Bible.

470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

Caffeine FOR THE SOUL

With Rebbetzin Emma Taylor

SHABBAT, MAY 20, 2023

10:00-10:30 AM



Please join
Rebbetzin
Emma Taylor
for coffee and
inspiration on
Shabbat
morning,
May 20 in
Classroom 106.

Sponsored by:

Rachael & Alex Straus in memory of Emma's grandmother,
Eileen Eckman, Alta Rifka bat Moshe Halevi z"l

470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

Tikkun Leil Shavuot MAY 25-26, 2023 | 6 SIVAN 5783

8:35 pm Mincha, Shiur & Maariv
Followed by a Light Pareve (Fish) Dinner

11:00 pm Scholar-in-Residence
Dr. Malka Simkovich

12:00-4:30 am Various speakers
including Shaarei Shomayim Clergy

12:45 am

After Midnight Meat Madness

4:30 am Shacharit

Register for the Pareve Dinner & After Midnight Meat at
<https://www.shomayim.org/form/shavuot23>

Sponsored by
David Mansell and Naomi Rifkind Mansell and Family

470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

Shavuot Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Malka Simkovich MAY 25-27, 2023 | 6-7 SIVAN 5783

Thursday, May 25, 11:00 pm

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Opening Shiur: "But That's Just a Midrash!
Finding Rhyme and Reason in Rabbinic Stories"

Friday, May 26

11:30 am Post-Mussaf Drasha:

"The Meaning of Mitzvot: Rational Reason or Obligation?"

7:30 pm Shiur between Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat:

"The Aseret haDibrot and the Shema:
Two Mission Statements of the Jewish People"

Shabbat, May 27, 7:15 pm

Pre-Mincha Shiur:

"Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in the Ancient World?"



Dr. Malka Z. Simkovich is the Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies and director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is the author of *The Making of Jewish Universalism: From Exile to Alexandria* (2016), and *Discovering Second Temple Literature: The Scriptures and Stories That Shaped Early Judaism* (2018). Dr. Simkovich's articles have been published in academic journals such as the *Harvard Theological Review* and the *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, and in mainstream publications. Her forthcoming book, *Homeland and Diaspora in Jewish Antiquity*, will be published in 2024.

Sponsored by Brenda and Brian Lass and Family in commemoration of
the first yahrzeit of Brian's father, Mervin Lass z"l

470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

The Sharp Family started a fund in memory of Max & Lena Sharp to support our young adults who go to Israel for a year of study. Grants are provided to members and friends of Shaarei Shomayim. The application closing date is May 15. The committee meets in early June and each recipient is advised before the end of June. Please apply at <https://www.shomayim.org/study-Israel> before May 15.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to **Tania Majlis Berlin & Alex Berlin, Naomi, Aryeh and Eitan Berlin**, Ronny Majlis & Daniela Jashes and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Adela Paulina Bortnik ^{z"l}.

YAHREZEITS

DATE	YAHREZEITS BEING OBSERVED	
Shabbat, April 29 / 8 Iyyar	Felicia Feinman, mother of Joyce Sasson Howard Mintz, father of Jodi Weisleder	Anita Sarella Regal, sister of Brian Bloom and Paul Bloom
Sunday, April 30 / 9 Iyyar		
Monday, May 1 / 10 Iyyar	Ralph Blankier, father of Rebecca Laufer Gilbert Goodman, father of Bonnie Goodman-Bloom	Rose Greenbloom, mother of Dorothy Shiff Lawrence F. Keltz, brother of Esther Keltz
Tuesday, May 2 / 11 Iyyar	Renee Green, daughter of Mindy Green Mark Gross, husband of Helen Gross Lucy Markin, mother of Charles Markin and Stanley Markin	Eva Ulmer, mother of John Ulmer and Linda Waks Regina Weiss, mother of Catherine David Herman Zimmerman, father of Larry Zimmerman
Wednesday, May 3 / 12 Iyyar	Gertrude Batist, mother of Bruce Batist	Suzanne Burger, wife of Alan Burger
Thursday, May 4 / 13 Iyyar	Dorothy Brown, mother of Paul Brown Judith Kay, mother of Richard Kay Dinette Mendelsohn, mother of Simha Mendelsohn Rose Pollock, mother of Dorothy Tratner David Saskin, brother of Ted Saskin Eliahou Karim Sasson, father of Zion Sasson	Harry Sherman, father of Ruth Talesnick Sidney Starkman, father of Donna Starkman Shiff Irwin Umansky, father of Elaine Platt and Joel Umansky Edith Wise, mother of Rosalie Sharp
Friday, May 5 / 14 Iyyar	Shimon Schalimtzek, father of Tove Gaon	

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- April 30 - **Limmud Toronto: The Festival of Jewish Learning**. At the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, 78 Queens Park. Register at <http://www.limmud.ca/>.
- Tuesday, May 2, 8:00 pm - **The Iraqi Jewish Association of Ontario (IJA) Presents: A Discussion by Dr. Joseph Sassoon**, Director of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies and Professor of History and Political Economy at Georgetown University. He will be discussing his latest book "The Sassoons: The Great Global Merchants and the Making of a Dynasty." The Sassoons, a Baghdadi-Jewish trading family, built a global trading enterprise by taking advantage of historical developments during the 19th century. Live on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@iraqijewishassociationofon8365/live>.
- Monday, May 22, 9:30 am - **UJA's Walk with Israel**. Starts at Earl Bales Park and ends on UJA's Sherman Campus with a Party - music, food, and activities. Register and donate at <https://give.ujafundraiser.com/event/ujas-walk-with-israel-2023/e461997>.
- A group of shul members are planning a **Trip to Scotland June 4-9, 2023**, to visit historical Jewish sites, well known distilleries and iconic castles. For more information contact Aaron Rifkind or Brian Lass at shomayim.scotland@gmail.com.
- Oct. 23-30 - **Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's Journey 4 Impact to Israel**. Experience challenges with a purpose, create social impact and economic independence for women entrepreneurs. Register at <https://chw.ca/journey-4-impact/>.
- Dec. 25-Jan. 3 - **JNF Family Mission to Israel**. Explore all Israel has to offer: wander through the beauty of the Galilee, live the bustling life of Tel Aviv, discover the history of Jerusalem, and soak up the sun in Eilat. For information and registration go to <https://jnf.ca/toronto/events.asp?id=176&c=8>.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

Eliyahu ben Ryejah, Yehuda Yoseif ben Miriam Yocheved (Jerry Genesove), Eliyahu ben Ruth, Adi bat Francis, Minah Tzurel bat Ita, Elyakum Zev ben Leeah, Moshe ben Malka, Yekutiell ben Sara, Ronitte bat Esther, Hinda Rivka bat Mindel Esther, Tova Rachel bat Elka Tema, Yehoshua Tzvi ben Sara, Baruch Bendit ben Chana Gittel, Elana Chana bat Gila Brynlah, Shaul Efraim ben Hendl, Leah Adi bat Miriam Gitel, Brachah bat Gitl, Eliyahu Yom Tov ben Leah, Aryeh ben Tzipporah, Israel Binyamin ben Telma, Yehuda ben Chana, Levi David ben Elisheva Leba, Oved ben Regina, Aron Shimon ben Faigi Chana, Emily Yael bat Naomi Gittel, Tova Sara bat Chana Rivka, Devora Malka Raizel bat Rut Chana, Eliyahu ben Clara, Rivka bat Chana Hentcha, Rivka Tzippora bat Chana Gittel, Inbal bat Shoshana, Moshe Mordechai ben Basha, Chaya bat Yachet, Mordechai Ron ben Rachel.

Rabbi Sam Taylor, Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Elliott Diamond, Rabbi
Jonathan Ostro, President

Rabbi Sammy Bergman, Assistant Rabbi
Nicole Toledano, Executive Director

Rabbi Chaim Freund, Chazzan

Executive Officers:

Yaakov Goldrich, Vice President | Raquel Goldberg, Vice President | Ian Rosmarin, Treasurer | Farokh Hakimi, Secretary |
Louis Vandersluis, Gabbai | Robin Goffine, Immediate Past President

Board Members:

Alan Burger, Advisory Council of Past Presidents Rep. | Tamar Arje-Lechtman | Dov Begun | Golda Brown | Sholom Eisenstat | Laurie Fialkov | Mark Greenberg |
Ian Kessler | Elianne Koschitzky | Sara Lass | Mendy Maierovitz | Gayle Roberts | Elie Roth | Brian Schwartz | Rachel Shour | Akyva Spiegel | Zahava Stadler |
Jesse Tepperman | Shlomie Yunger

470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG