SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, February 10	Shabbat, February 11		11:30 am	Kiddush* - Banquet Hall for both the	Torah Reading:
5:22 pm Candles	7:30 am Hashkama Mi	nyan - Beit Midrash		Sanctuary & Downstairs Minyanim	Shemot
5:30 pm Mincha / Maariv &	8:10 am Chumash-Ras	shi with Melech	11:45 am	Prof. Novak's Shiur - Beit Midrash	18:1 - 20:23
Teen Take Over	Halberstadt -	Classroom 106	5:10 pm	Mincha - Sanctuary	Hertz P. 288
Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00 am Shacharit - Sa	nctuary: Rabbi Taylor	5:30 pm	Seudah Shlishit* - Banquet Hall:	Stone P. 394
Sanctuary	Drasha: Rabb	i Meir Finkelstein		Rabbi Meir Finkelstein	Haftorah:
8:30 pm Shiur: Rabbi Meir	9:00 am Shacharit - Sis	sterhood	6:28 pm	Maariv / Shabbat Ends	Yishaiah
Finkelstein	9:30 am Shacharit - Be	eit Midrash:	7:15 pm	Parent Child Learning - Sisterhood &	6:1-7:6;
Perlmutter home	Rabbi Anstan	dig		Beit Midrash: Rabbi Meir Finkelstein and	9:5-6
	9:45 am Teen Minyan -	- Lower Level Social Hall		Ari Karon	Hertz P. 302
9:00 pm Teen Tisch	9:45 am Youth Program	ms - Classrooms	8:00 pm	YP Trivia Night - Banquet Hall	Stone P. 1154
Roberts home	Recite Shema before 9:56 am			*Pareve using dairy equipment	

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors: SHABBAT MATTERS:

Golda Brown & Harry Krakowsky and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Golda's father. Al G. Brown z"

WEEKLY MATTERS:

Katy & Clifford Korman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Katy's father, Josef Jablonski z"

KIDDUSH:

Stephen & Carol Handelman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Stephen's father, Max Handelman z"

Felicity & Raymond Stone in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Felicity's mother, Enid Dick z"|

Josh & Ashira Prizant in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Josh's Zaidy, Abe Prizant z"

9:30 AM MINYAN KIDDUSH:

Co-sponsored by Alex & Rachael Straus in honour of Daphne's 3rd Birthday, and Ariel & Bossmat Zauderer in honour of Ariel's Birthday

RABBI DIAMOND'S PARSHAT HASHAVUA SHIUR:

Nelly & Simha Mendelsohn in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Nelly's father, Moshe Jinich 2"!

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Saul Silverstein in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his wife, Brenda Silverstein z"

MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to David Eisenstat & Amanda Salem, Larry & Alicia Stern, and Cheryl Sternz^{"1} on the birth of their grandson, Noah James (Aryeh Yechiel), born to Josh & Leora Stern. Excited aunts and uncles are Ariella Eisenstat, Joshua Eisenstat, David & Rivky Stern, Ronit & Elie Himelfarb, and Rachie & Meir Mondrow. Proud greatgrandparents are Chaim & Esther z"l Eisenstat, Ketty Salem, Joseph Salem, and Judy Schindler.
- Mazal Tov to **Judith Laxer & Jeffrey Lipsitz** and Tamar Sivkin & Edwin Gans on the birth of their grandson, Max Judah (יהודה) Lipsitz, born to Lauren Gans & Yonatan Lipsitz of Cambridge, Mass. Excited big sister is Lily. Proud uncles and aunts are Avi Lipsitz, Michal Lipsitz & Boaz Abramson, and Orly Lipsitz; Jennifer Gans & Michael Keshen, and Daniel Gans & Ally Sebben. Thrilled great-grandmothers are Betty Laxer and Marcia Gans.
- Mazal Tov to Alan & Laura Winer and Rabbi Tzvi Blanchard and Naomi Mark on the birth of their grandson, Amitai Yehuda, born to Tamar Blanchard and Adam Winer. Excited siblings are Meital and Ori. Proud uncles and aunt are Sam Winer, Jonah and Emily Winer. Thrilled great-grandmother is Ruth Winer.
- Mazal Tov to Elfrieda Vale on the birth of a great-grandson, born to Yehuda & Ariella Vale of Cleveland. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Richard & Devorah Vale and David & Lori Baum. Excited siblings are Hindy, Avigdor and Nechemia.

This Shabbat, we are happy to welcome **Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Meir Finkelstein**. Please see the flyer on p. 3 for the various learning opportunities available over Shabbat.

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.

For a list of next week's services and programs, see page 2. Below is a list of upcoming shiurim and programs:

- Shabbat, Feb. 10-11 Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Meir Finkelstein.
- Sat. night Feb. 11, 8:00 pm Young Professionals Trivia Night. \$25/person at the door.
- Mondays, 9:30 am Rabbi Bergman's Yechezkel Shiur. On Zoom.
- Monday, Feb. 13, 7:30 pm BMZD Medical Ethics: The Shoteh with Rabbi Torczyner.
 On Zoom. Register at https://torontotorah.com/cme.
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am The Walkie Talkies with Rabbi Bergman. In person.
- Tuesdays, 8:00 pm Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur. On Zoom.
- Wednesdays, Feb 15, 22 & Mar. 1, 10:00 am BMZD Does Judaism Believe in Extraterrestrial Life with Rabbi Torczyner. On Zoom. Register at https://torontotorah.com/wednesdays.
- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur. In person.
- Shabbat, Feb. 25 Special Farewell Kiddush Honouring Ari Karon. Sponsorships available at https://www.shomavim.org/form/arikiddush.
- Shabbat, Feb. 25, 10:45 am Caffeine for the Soul with Rebbetzin Emma Taylor.

TORAH MATTERS:				
DATE	DAVENING TI	IMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM	SHIURIM 8	R PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM
Sunday, February 12 / 21 Shevat		acharit ncha / Maariv	7:45 am 2:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) MOL Canada's Torah Project (in person, Beit Midrash)
Monday, February 13 / 22 Shevat		acharit ncha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:30 am 7:30 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Bergman's Yechezkel Shiur (Zoom) BMZD Medical Ethics with Rabbi Torczyner (Zoom)
Tuesday, February 14 / 23 Shevat		acharit ncha / 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 Mishlei Shiur (Zoom) Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur (Zoom)
Wednesday, February 15 / 24 Shevat		acharit ncha / Maariv	6:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 9:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Dr. Zolty's Course (in person & Zoom, by registration) BMZD Judaism & Extraterrestrial Life (Zoom) Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur (in person)
Thursday, February 16 / 25 Shevat		acharit ncha / Maariv	6:30 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Friday, February 17 / 26 Shevat	5:31 pm Car	acharit Indle Lighting ncha / Maariv	6:30 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated after 6:36 pm this week.

PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Sam Taylor

Moshe's father-in-law Yitro joins the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai. The Torah then relates that Moshe told his father-in-law about the many miraculous events which took place during the Exodus from Egypt and Yitro reacted with great excitement, 'vayichad Yitro' which means 'and Yitro rejoiced'.

Whereas the plain meaning of the word vayichad is joy and elation, the Talmud in Sanhedrin cites two other interpretations of this word, both of which associate vayichad with the Hebrew word for chad which means sharp. According to one view, vayichad means that Yitro ran a sharp knife over his flesh, that is, he underwent circumcision as part of his formal conversion process. The other interpretation is that Yitro's flesh became prickly, a reference to the pain he experienced upon hearing of the suffering of the Egyptians, a people with whom he had previously been affiliated.

Interestingly, both these interpretations of vayichad speak of an experience of pain and discomfort, which is the precise opposite of the plain meaning of the word. One view understands vayichad as a description of physical pain, and the other as referring to emotional pain, but both explain that the Torah describes Yitro going through an uncomfortable experience during his reunion with Moshe.

The message that emerges from this passage is that joy does not necessitate the complete absence of discomfort, and that one can experience true joy even while enduring a degree of physical or emotional pain. The Torah here clearly tells us that Yitro rejoiced, and our Sages want us to realise that Yitro experienced immense and sincere joy, even as he endured the physical pain of circumcision and the emotional pain of hearing of the Egyptians suffering.

We must remember that joy must not be dependent on the absence of all pain and discomfort. Sometimes we endure pain of one kind or another, and many times we make the mistake of thinking that we cannot experience joy until it passes. The Gemara's interpretations of vayichad remind us that we can find joy even in these situations, that we are always capable of rejoicing over G-d's blessings.

PURIM MATTERS

• Do you have a child in Israel for the year (in the IDF, studying, etc.)? We would like to send them Mishloach Manot on behalf of the congregation. Please forward their name, mailing address, e-mail and phone number to Meital at coordinator@shomayim.org. As this is a surprise from the shul, please keep it a secret!



- To donate funds for Matanot L'Evyonim, please go to https://www.shomayim.org/form/matanot.
- Call for Volunteers to Deliver Mishloach Manot to Members: If you are able to deliver Mishloach Manot, please contact the shul office.
- Monday, March 6, 8:30 pm Royal Purim Masquerade! Register at https://www.shomayim.org/form/purim5783.

Please note: The Coffee Klatch will not take place this coming Thursday, Feb. 16.

ADULT SEDUCATION

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SHABBAT | FEBRUARY 10-11, 2023

Friday Night Shiur | 8:30 pm Home of Joanne & Jeffrey Perlmutter

"Turning Theological Truths into a Relationship with Hashem: Understanding the Connection Between Shema and Shemoneh Esrei"

Shabbat Morning Drasha "The Aftermath of Matan Torah: Lessons from One of the Difficult Parshiyot in the Torah"

Seudah Shlishit

"The Messages of A Mysterious Bracha: What Birchat HaTorah Teaches Us about the Centrality of Torah Study"



Rabbi Meir Finkelstein is the Rabbinic Associate at the Young Israel of West Hempstead, and serves as the Rosh Kollel of the Young Israel's summer Kollel. Additionally, he is a Wexner Kollel Elyon fellow and a Master's student at the Bernard Revel Graduate School. Rabbi Finkelstein received his semikha from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and holds a degree in Psychology from Yeshiva University. Prior to that, he studied in Eretz Yisrael for two years in Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh. Rabbi Finkelstein has had the privilege of spending six years studying under Rabbi Hershel Schachter, and three summers studying under Rabbi Mordechai Willig.

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Friday, February 10, 2023 Mincha 5:30 pm | Sharp Sanctuary Tisch 9:00 pm | Roberts Family Home

Join us for a special Teen-led Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv in the Sharp Sanctuary and later in the evening A Tisch led by Chazzan Chaim Freund at the Roberts Family Home (for grades 9-12).

Teens interested in getting involved can contact teens@shomayim.org.



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YAHRZEITS		
DATE	YAHRZEITS BEING OBSERVED	
Shabbat, February 11 / 20 Shevat	Sydney Burman, father of Estelle Levy	Brenda Silverstein, wife of Saul Silverstein
Sunday, February 12 / 21 Shevat	Al G. Brown, father of Golda Brown Morton Budd, father of Lowell Budd Enid Dick, mother of Stanley Dick and Felicity Stone	Joe Feldman, father of Etta Sugarman Ralph Michael Orman, brother of Joel Umansky and Elaine Platt
Monday, February 13 / 22 Shevat	Sarah Ruth Green, mother of Bernard Green Toba Herman, mother of Rivie Seaberg Isaac Jesin, father of Elaine Shiff	Alice Koralek, sister of Elfrieda Vale Philip Zucker, Shaarei Shomayim Ba'al Koreh
Tuesday, February 14 / 23 Shevat	Solly Burde, father of Avis Osher Ron Charnaw, husband of Betty Charnaw and father of Adam Charnaw	Freda Ellenzweig, mother of Lonni Zeifman Larry Nathanson, father of Barry Nathanson Nathan (Nat) Train, father of Rena Levy
Wednesday, February 15 / 24 Shevat	Josef Jablonski, father of Katy Korman	Bernard Spiegel, father of David Spiegel
Thursday, February 16 / 25 Shevat	Allen Freedland, son of Evelyn Freedland Max Handelman, father of Stephen Handelman Deborah Hecker, mother of Melissa Hecker David Herman, father of Allan Herman	Moshe Jinich, father of Nelly Mendelsohn Clara Reitman, mother of Agi Mandel Gary (Gershon) Weingert, father of Margaret Harlang
Friday, February 17 / 26 Shevat	Anna Hakoun, mother of Caroline Perlmutter	

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David & Sarah Spiegel in commemoration of the yahrzeit of David's father, Bernard Spiegel ^{2"}

Margaret Harlang in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father, Gary Weingert $z^{r\parallel}$

Mark Kopstick & Shoshana Kagedan in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Mark's mother, Frances Kopstick z"

Rena Levy and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father, Nathan (Nat) Train $z^{r_{\parallel}}$

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Monday, Feb. 13, 8:00 pm **Annual Tomchei Shabbos Lecture in Memory of Ruchama Zlotnick** ^{a*h}. With Rabbi Yitzchok Menachem Weinberg (The Tolne Rebbe). Via Zoom. Register at info@tomcheishabbos.ca.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7:00 pm The Jewish Museum's **Unpacking the Book: Escaping the Holocaust**. A virtual conversation featuring authors Jonathan Freedland and Weina Dai Randel, discussing stories about escaping the Holocaust, moderated by Stephanie Butnick, host of Tablet's *Unorthodox* podcast. Free with RSVP; registration required: https://tinyurl.com/unpackingthebook.
- Beit Halochem Canada, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel has been welcoming groups of Israeli injured veterans to Toronto for an annual two-week visit since 1978. After a three-year hiatus, they are back to hosting these Heroes from June 4 to 18. They seek families to host a Hero in their homes. To be Host or Co-Host, email info@beithalochem.ca or call 905-695-0611. Please go to https://beithalochem.ca to learn about Beit Halochem Canada's initiatives, activities and programming.
- The Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education is awarding a \$5000 scholarship to a student graduating from high school this spring, to be used toward the student's post-secondary education in the fall. Apply at http://waldmanfoundation.org/ by May 5, 2023.

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