# **SHABBAT MATTERS**

Friday, February 17		Shabbat	Torah Reading:			
5:31 pm	Candles	7:30 am	Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash	11:20 am	Kiddush* - Sisterhood Hall for both the	Shemot 21:1 - 24:18
5:40 pm	Mincha / Maariv	8:10 am	Chumash-Rashi with Melech		Sanctuary & Downstairs Minyanim	Hertz P. 306
Sanctuary			Halberstadt - Classroom 106	11:35 am	Prof. Novak's Shiur - Beit Midrash	Stone P. 416
		9:00 am	Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor	5:20 pm	Mincha - Sanctuary	Maftir:
		9:00 am	Shacharit - Sisterhood: Rabbi Diamond	5:40 pm	Seudah Shlishit* - Sisterhood Hall:	Shemot 30:11-16
		9:30 am	Shacharit - Beit Midrash: R. Anstandig		Rabbi Anstandig	Hertz P. 352
		9:45 am	Teen Minyan - Lower Level Social Hall	6:37 pm	Maariv / Shabbat Ends	Stone P. 484
		9:45 am	Youth Programs - Classrooms	7:25 pm	Parent Child Learning - Sisterhood &	Haftorah:
		Recite Sh	nema before 9:51 am		Beit Midrash: Rabbi Anstandig and	II Melachim 11:17-12:17
		The Mola	d for Adar will be on Mon. Feb. 20 at		Ari Karon	Hertz P. 992
	12:40 pm and 11 chalakim JST				*Pareve using dairy equipment	Stone P. 1212

# TODAH RABAH to our sponsors: SHABBAT MATTERS:

Liddy Beck & Steve Gottesman in honour of the birth of their grandson, Caleb Nathan

#### **WEEKLY MATTERS:**

Bernice & David Walerstein in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Bernice's mother, Adela Gopin z"

#### **KIDDUSH**

Isadore & Rosalie Sharp in commemoration of the yahrzeit of their son, Christopher Sharp <sup>z"</sup>

Anita Bielak-Dadouch and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Anita's father, Leslie Bielak z"

Bonnie & Jay Lefton in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jay's father, Harry Lefton <sup>2"</sup>

Robert & Janice Jordan in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Robert's father, Harry Jordan z<sup>r</sup>

Warren & Ellen Grossman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Warren's father, Ben Grossman  $z^{r_l}$ 

#### 9:30 AM MINYAN KIDDUSH:

Alexa & Jesse Tepperman in honour of their son Dean's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday

## YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Zvi Halpern-Shavim & Michelle Landy-Shavim in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Michelle's father, Keith Landy <sup>z''</sup>

Greenwood Family in honour of Elias' 11th birthday

#### RABBI'S CHARITY FUND:

Leah & Mitchell Lerner in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Leah's father, David Yanovski z"

#### CHUMASH DONATION:

Golda Brown & Harry Krakowsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Golda's grandfather, David Alspector z''

### PHILIP ZUCKER TORAH FUND:

Lorraine Hanser in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her sister, Jeanette Eisen  $z^{r_j}$ 

#### YAHRZEIT COMMEMORATION:

Miriam Weinstein & Yossi Adler in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Miriam's mother, Phyllis Weinstein z<sup>n</sup>

Avrom Brown and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Avrom's mother, Rita Brown z"

Tito & Viviane Massouda in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tito's niece, Celeste Massouda-Jacobs 27

# MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to Joshua Blinick (Ramona z"i) on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of his son, Leo. Excited siblings are Ella and Jonah. Proud grandparents are Doris & Ned Blinick, Mary Gersht, and Kalman Granek.
- Mazal Tov to Liddy Beck & Steve Gottesman and Saimi & Mark Pelchovitz on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Nathan, born to Elizabeth Gottesman & Jeff Pelchovitz. Excited siblings are Zoe and Jack. Thrilled aunts, uncles and cousins are Sophie Gottesman & Bryan Flatt, Henry and Ollie; Jonathan Gottesman & Marly Peikes; Madeleine Gottesman & Jeff Hendler.
- Mazal Tov to Dodo Cohen on the birth of a great-granddaughter, daughter of Dr. Miki & Ruby Goldstein of Woodmere, New York. Excited sisters are Sari, Kaylie and Rachie Goldstein. Proud grandparents are Zev & Shaindy Goldstein and Hershy & Elaine Weinberg.

# **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:

- 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. 22 & Mar. 1, 10:00 am BMZD Does Judaism Believe in Extraterrestrial Life with Rabbi Torczyner. On Zoom. Register at <a href="https://torontotorah.com/wednesdays">https://torontotorah.com/wednesdays</a>.
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7:30 pm Women Teaching Torah for Rosh Chodesh: Dr. Anna Urowitz-Freudenstein. On Zoom.
- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur. In person.
- Shabbat, Feb. 25 Special Farewell Kiddush Honouring Ari Karon.
   Sponsorships available at <a href="https://www.shomayim.org/form/arikiddush">https://www.shomayim.org/form/arikiddush</a>.
- Shabbat, Feb. 25, 10:45 am Caffeine for the Soul with Rebbetzin Emma Taylor.
- Thursday, March 2, 9:00 pm Parsha & Cholent with Rabbi Bergman.

Please note: Rabbi Bergman's Yechezkel Shiur will not take place this coming Monday, Feb. 20.

The 2022 Charitable Tax Receipts have been emailed or mailed out this past week. If you did not receive one, please contact the office.

TORAH MATTERS:				
DATE	DAVENIN	G TIMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM	SHIURIM 8	R PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM
Sunday, February 19 / 28 Shevat	8:30 am 5:40 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv BEIT MIDRASH	7:45 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Monday, February 20 / 29 Shevat Family Day - Office Closed	8:30 am 5:40 pm	Shacharit BEIT MIDRASH Mincha / Maariv BEIT MIDRASH	7:45 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (BEIT MIDRASH & Zoom)
Tuesday, February 21 / 30 Shevat I Rosh Chodesh	<b>7:00 am</b> 5:40 pm	Shacharit BEIT MIDRASH Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 8:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (BEIT MIDRASH & 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 22 / 1 Adar II Rosh Chodesh	<b>7:00 am</b> 5:40 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 7:30 pm 9:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Dr. Zolty's Course (in person & Zoom, by registration) BMZD Judaism & Extraterrestrial Life (Zoom) Women Teaching Torah: Dr. Anna Urowitz-Freudenstein (Zoom) Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur (in person)
Thursday, February 23 / 2 Adar	7:10 am 5:40 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:00 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Bergman (Zoom)
Friday, February 24 / 3 Adar	7:15 am 5:41 pm 5:50 pm	Shacharit Candle Lighting Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated after 6:45 pm this week.

# PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Sam Taylor

The Torah presents the law of *ba bemachteret*, which relates an intruder who is challenged by the homeowner. In such a case, the owner is authorised to kill the intruder, as there is good reason to believe that the intruder broke into the home knowing full well that he would be confronted by the owner, and is prepared to kill him. As such, every intrusion is treated as life threatening, and the homeowner may kill to protect himself.

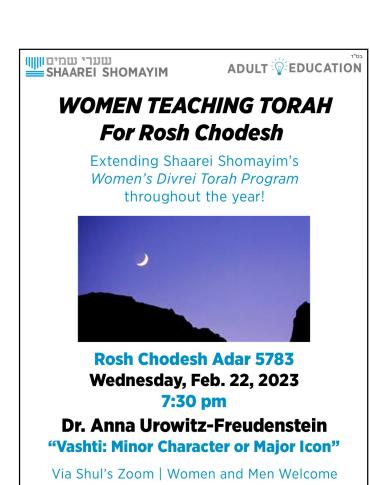
Interestingly, the Gemara in Sanhedrin draws a difference between different types of intrusions. The Torah speaks specifically of a *ba bemachteret*, a burglar who digs a tunnel into the victim's home. The Gemara notes that if the intruder comes in through less strenuous means such as through a door or window, the homeowner does not have the right to kill him unless he first warns the burglar that he would kill him if he does not leave.

Rashi explains that in such a case, we cannot assume that the burglar intends to kill the homeowner. It is possible that he found an open door or window and believed he could attempt a burglary and then flee if he is noticed. If however, the burglar went through the trouble of digging a passageway into the home, we can assume that he is committed to robbing the home at all costs, even if this requires murder.

Underlying the Gemara's ruling is a concept that applies to virtue as much as it does to crime. If a person is not truly committed to a cause, then he might participate when he finds an open door, if he sees a convenient opportunity. But if one is passionately devoted to a goal, he is prepared to dig and do what is necessary to achieve it. Even when the windows are locked and there is no easy path to the goal, he invests the effort needed to get there. Rather than waiting to notice an open window in our spiritual lives, we should pursue excellence even if this demands unconditional commitment and consistent effort. This is our sacred responsibility.

#### PURIM MATTERS

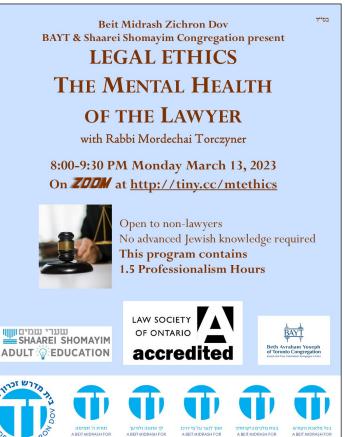
- Motzei Shabbat, March 4, 8:45 pm **Pre-Purim Farbrengen** at the home of Sarah Brown & Steven Strauss. Register at https://www.shomayim.org/form/farbrengen.
- Monday, March 6, 4:00-6:00 pm Youth Grand Purim Carnival! Register at <a href="https://www.shomayim.org/form/youthpurim5783">https://www.shomayim.org/form/youthpurim5783</a>.
- Monday, March 6, 6:20 pm Middle School Purim Party! Register at https://www.shomayim.org/form/midschoolpurim.
- Monday, March 6, 8:30 pm Royal Purim Masquerade! Register at <a href="https://www.shomayim.org/form/purim5783">https://www.shomayim.org/form/purim5783</a>.
- Tuesday, March 7, 1:30-3:30 pm **Purim Open House** at the home of Rabbi Sam & Emma Taylor.
- 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 <a href="mailto:coordinator@shomayim.org">coordinator@shomayim.org</a>. As this is a surprise from the shul, please keep it a secret!
- To donate funds for Matanot L'Evyonim, please go to <a href="https://www.shomayim.org/form/matanot">https://www.shomayim.org/form/matanot</a>.



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10:45 AM



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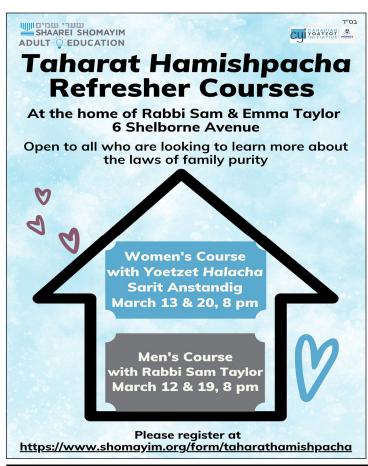
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# CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Daryl Vernon & Lori Penner, Alan Vernon, Brenda Vernon, Stephen & Tania Vernon and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Pesa Toba Teresa Vernon** <sup>2\*1</sup>.

YAHRZEITS		
DATE	YAHRZEITS BEING OBSERVED	
Shabbat, February 18 / 27 Shevat	Leslie Bielak, father of Anita Bielak-Dadouch	
Sunday, February 19 / 28 Shevat	Sonia Bubly, mother of Janice Hass Annie Cuttler, mother of Lillian Cooper Jeanette Eisen, sister of Lorraine Hanser	Keith Landy, husband of Janice Landy and father of Michelle Landy-Shavim
Monday, February 20 / 29 Shevat	Anna Belkin, mother of Roslyn Bigman Berger Doris Bloom, mother of Brian Bloom and Paul Bloom Sylvia Holtzman, mother of Joseph Holtzman Harry Jordan, father of Robert Jordan	Golda Koschitzky, mother of Saul Koschitzky Sadie Morris, mother of Brian Morris David Yanovski, father of Leah Lerner
Tuesday, February 21 / 30 Shevat	Harry Wise, father of Kenny Wise	
Wednesday, February 22 / 1 Adar	Ramona Blinick, wife of Joshua Blinick Ellen Manel Derrick, mother of Aliza Derrick- Stochinsky Adela Gopin, mother of Bernice Walerstein	Christopher Sharp, son of Isadore & Rosalie Sharp Richard Spitzer, father of Beate Lowenberg Max Zeifman, father of Samuel Zeifman and Sol Zeifman
Thursday, February 23 / 2 Adar	Mena Glustein, mother of Samuel Arieh Glustein Ben Grossman, father of Warren Grossman Milton Kumer, brother of Helen Singer Sam Resnick, husband of Bernice Resnick	Phyllis Siegel White, mother of Shoshana Kagedan Phyllis Weinstein, mother of Miriam Weinstein
Friday, February 24 / 3 Adar	Anne Atlin, mother of Gayle Sable H. Thomas Beck, father of Liddy Beck Isaac Boublil, father of Simone Gerson Rita Brown, mother of Avrom Brown	Jeffrey Burns, brother of Michael Bernstein Lillian Dubrow, mother of Arnold Dubrow Mary Gelman, mother of Dorothy Halberstadt

# **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- National Council of Jewish Women of Canada Passover Food Drive. Join NCJWC in packing over 2,200 boxes of Kosher for Passover food, to combat food insecurity in the Jewish community. Open to school groups Grade 5 & up with 2 adult supervisors. Book a time slot at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQ8CRKN. Packing will take place at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda. 155 Wilmington Ave.
- Beit Halochem Canada will be hosting a group of Israeli injured veterans in Toronto for a two-week visit from June 4 to 18. They seek families to host a Hero in their homes. To be Host or Co-Host, email <a href="mailto:info@beithalochem.ca">info@beithalochem.ca</a> or call 905-695-0611.
- Hasbara Canada's Third Annual #MyJewishIdentity new media contest for high school students. Students can submit a visual art piece, social media reel, poem, song, op-ed, dance, or short story that conveys why Israel is a vital part of their Jewish identity, for a chance to win a top cash prize of \$1800 and a second place prize of \$500. Submit at <a href="https://bit.lv/myiewishidentity2023">bit.lv/myiewishidentity2023</a> by May 4.
- 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 post-secondary education in the fall. Apply at <a href="http://waldmanfoundation.org/">http://waldmanfoundation.org/</a> by May 5, 2023.
- UJA's Presents: 1) Arevim Masa enables young Jewish adults (17–22) to spend 10 months in Tel Aviv. Make an impact and strengthen your connection to Israel and Judaism. 2) Reverse Shinshinim Year of Service spend a gap year (10 months) in Eilat-Eilot, volunteering in social welfare, traveling, and connecting with other program participants. For more information go to: <a href="https://www.jewishtoronto.com/jewish-service">https://www.jewishtoronto.com/jewish-service</a>; FB: Jewish Service; Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/jewishservice/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/jewishservice/?hl=en</a>.

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