

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, June 30

7:15 pm Mincha /
Maariv
Sanctuary
8:45 pm Candles
(earliest 7:28 pm)

Shabbat, July 1

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash
8:10 am Chumash-Rashi: Melech Halberstadt
Classroom 106
9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Bergman
9:00 am Shacharit - Sisterhood Hall: 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
(last Teen Minyan for this school year)

Recite Shema before 9:30 am

11:15 am Kiddush* - Banquet Hall & Sisterhood Hall
11:30 am Shiur with Prof. Novak - Beit Midrash
7:45 pm Pre-Mincha Shiur: Rabbi Bergman
"What's the Deal with the Donkey?"
8:30 pm Mincha - Sanctuary
8:50 pm Seudah Shlishit* - Banquet Hall:
Rabbi Bergman
9:51 pm Maariv / Shabbat Ends
*Pareve from dairy kitchen

Torah Reading:

Bamidbar
19:1 - 25:9
Hertz P. 652
Stone P. 838
Haftarah:
Micah 5:6 - 6:8
Hertz P. 682
Stone P. 1189

MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to **Stephen & Heshy Altbaum** on the birth of a grandson, born to Peter & Tziporah Altbaum. Proud grandparents are George & Ellen Schmidt and Vita Malkus. Excited siblings are Shlomo, Essie, Moshe and Rafi. Mazal Tov to all the aunts, uncles and cousins.
- Mazal Tov to **Ralph & Kitty Wintrob** on their birthdays and their 64th wedding anniversary.

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:

SHABBAT MATTERS:

Robbie & Brian Schwartz and Jeffrey & Elaine Hertz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Robbie and Jeffrey's father, Hyman Sidney Hertz^{z"l}

REBBETZIN EMMA TAYLOR'S MEANINGFUL MOMENT:

Brona Rosen in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her sister, Elizabeth Kraminer Kochen^{z"l}

Marilyn & Mendy Maierovitz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Marilyn's father, Kusiel Shapiro^{z"l}

DOWNSTAIRS KIDDUSH:

Suzanne Wintrob, Kyle Weltman, Brett Weltman and Susan Young to celebrate Ralph & Kitty Wintrob's birthdays and 64th wedding anniversary

Jack & Eleanor Mintz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jack's mother, Clara Mintz^{z"l}

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH:

Joyce & Aaron Rifkind in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Joyce's brother, Irwin Sydney^{z"l}

9:30 AM MINYAN KIDDUSH:

Kessler Family in honour of Ian and Ezra's birthdays

Noam & Eden Hazan in commemoration of the shloshim of Noam's grandfather, Michael Ze'ev ben Isser Halevi^{z"l}

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.

- Tuesdays, 10:30 am - **The Walkie Talkies** with Rabbi Bergman. In person.
- Thursday, July 6, 9:00 am - **Coffee Klatch (without the coffee)** with Rabbi Bergman. On Zoom.
- Mondays, July 10-24 (no shiur July 3), 9:30 am - **Megillat Eicha** with Rabbi Bergman. On Zoom.
- Monday, July 10, 8:00 pm - **Rabbi Gemara's Monthly Zoom Lecture on the writings of S.Y. Agnon**. The story will be "The Sign" (*Ha'Seeman* in Hebrew).
- Tuesday, July 18, 12:00 pm - **Lunch & Learn in honour and in appreciation of Rabbi Sammy Bergman**. No charge - registration required at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/lunchnlearn0723> by Friday, July 14.
- Wednesday, July 19, 8:00 pm - **Women Teaching Torah for Rosh Chodesh** with Marcy Ages. On Zoom.
- Shabbat, July 22, 5:00 pm - **Eemunah Shabbat**: Eemunah Canada in partnership with Shaarei Shomayim present a **Shiur with Zahava Stadler**. At Shaarei Shomayim. Dessert and cold beverages will be served.
- Mondays, 1:45-3:30 pm beginning July 24 - **Games Afternoon** in the Main Lobby. \$2 at the door. For registration and information please contact the shul office.
- Shabbat, July 29 - **Rabbi Sammy Bergman and the Bergman Family Farewell Shabbat**. To co-sponsor the special farewell Kiddush in honour of the Bergman Family, go to www.shomayim.org/form/bergmanfarewell.

THE WELCOME TEAM - PLEASE SIGN UP!

On Shabbat mornings, you will notice that there are people who will greet you when you enter the shul. It's part of a new Shaarei Shomayim *Hachnasat Orchim* initiative, The Welcome Committee, to make our shul more welcoming to visitors, new members and regulars alike. Drop by to ask us questions about the various minyanim, children's programs - or just to say hello! To volunteer as a Shabbat greeter, or be a part of this new and exciting initiative, please contact Sholom Eisenstat at sholomeisenstat@gmail.com. Sign up to staff the Greeters Table at <https://bit.ly/3NzHFc5>.

We welcome the campers from **Moshava Ba'ir Camp**. The camp will take place in the shul building beginning Monday, July 3 until the end of August.

TORAH MATTERS:

DATE	DAVENING TIMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM		SHIURIM & PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM	
Sunday, July 2 / 13 Tammuz	8:30 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Monday, July 3 / 14 Tammuz Shul office is closed	8:30 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Tuesday, July 4 / 15 Tammuz	7:15 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Walkie Talkies with Rabbi Bergman (in person) Kohelet Shiur with Rabbi Torczyner (Zoom - last session for this academic year)
Wednesday, July 5 / 16 Tammuz	7:15 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 1:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class (in person)
Thursday, July 6 / 17 Tammuz Tzom 17th of Tammuz	4:20 am 7:00 am 8:25 pm 9:10 pm 9:38 pm	Fast begins Shacharit & Slichot Mincha Maariv Fast ends	6:15 am 9:00 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Coffee Klatch (without the coffee) with Rabbi Bergman (Zoom)
Friday, July 7 / 18 Tammuz	7:15 am 7:15 pm 8:43 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv Candles (earliest 7:26 pm)	6:30 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated after 9:49 pm this week.

PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Elliott Diamond

A TALKING DONKEY

A talking donkey?! This image or character seems much more appropriate for a Disney movie than for the parsha. And yet, that's precisely that image that the Torah places before us in Parshat Balak. The frightened king of Moav, Balak, hired Bilaam to use his proven powers of cursing to harm Bnei Yisrael. While riding his donkey on route to do his dirty work, the Torah describes a miracle that happened: Bilaam's donkey began to talk and complained to Bilaam, his owner, that he was mistreating him. This startling episode was intended to stop Bilaam from continuing with his plan. A short interaction ensued before Bilaam continued on his way - ultimately to fail in his mission because of Hashem's direct intervention at a later point.

But why the need for a talking donkey? Why did Hashem change the rules of nature if, in the end, he anyway intervened and didn't let Bilaam curse the Jews? It seems like the talking donkey didn't have any impact whatsoever on Bilaam's behaviour. In fact, the Mishna in Masechet Avot declares that the miracle of the talking donkey was created by Hashem on the first Erev Shabbat of Bereshit, moments before sunset, in order to ensure its timely appearance centuries later at the right time. But did this turn out to be a "useless" miracle?

Rabbi Chaim Shmulevitz ^{z"l}, the late Rosh Yeshiva of the Mir Yeshiva in Yerushalayim, offers a provocative answer. The miracle of the talking donkey was never intended to protect the Jewish from any harm that Bilaam had intended. Rather Hashem had one goal in mind regarding the miracle of the donkey: to give a wicked man the chance to change his ways and improve. In other words, declared Rabbi Shmulevitz, it was important to and worthwhile for Hashem to create a miracle just to try to straighten out a single evil person, even if the attempt didn't work in the end.

Who is worthy of our help and consideration? Who do we "write off" as not deserving enough of our time, effort and energy? Some donkeys carry a message worth considering.

Rabbi Bergman will give the **Pre-Mincha Shiur this Shabbat at 7:45 pm** on the topic: "What's the Deal with the Donkey?"

Please note:

- **The shul office will be closed** on Monday, July 3.
- **Rabbi Bergman's Zoom Megillat Eichah Shiur** will not take place on Monday, July 3.
- **Circle of Care's Seniors Exercise Class in the shul** will not take place on Monday, July 3.

REFRESHING REFUAH SHLEIMAH LIST

Please note that we will be refreshing our Refuah Shleimah list noted on the back page.
Please let the office know if a name is to be retained or added on the list.


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Lunch & Learn

In Honour and in Appreciation
of Rabbi Sammy Bergman

Tuesday, July 18, 2023
12:00 pm



No charge - registration required at
<https://www.shomayim.org/form/lunchnlearn0723>
By Friday, July 14

Generously sponsored by
Alan & Helen Cohen as a Seudat Hodaya
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Extending Shaarei Shomayim's
Women's Divrei Torah Program
throughout the year!



Rosh Chodesh Av 5783
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 | 8:00 pm
Marcy Ages
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and its Haftorah"**

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Games Afternoon

In the Main Lobby

Every Monday, 1:45 to 3:30 pm
Start date: July 24, 2023

Bring a game of your choice and
a group of friends!
Open to the community.
Refreshments will be served.

\$2.00 at the door.
For registration and information please
contact the shul office: 416-789-3213.

Wheelchair accessible.



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Rabbi Sammy Bergman and the Bergman Family

Farewell Shabbat

Shabbat, July 29, 2023



Please join us for Shabbat of Hakarat Hatov to
Rabbi Sammy Bergman and the Bergman Family,
as we wish them success and fulfillment in
Rabbi Bergman's new role as the Rabbi of
Young Israel of Fort Lee, New Jersey.

To co-sponsor the special farewell Kiddush in
honour of the Bergman Family, please go to
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Yahrzeits

DATE	Yahrzeits Being Observed	
Shabbat, July 1 / 12 Tammuz	Elizabeth Kraminer Kochen, sister of Brona Rosen	Clara Massouda, mother of Tito Massouda
Sunday, July 2 / 13 Tammuz	Harvey Frankel, brother of Linda Levenstein Perla Jinich, mother of Nelly Mendelsohn Clara Mintz, mother of Jack Mintz Sarah Reisman, mother of Shelly Moskowitz	Joe Sacks, father of Barry Sacks Rose Steinowicz, mother of Steve Steinowicz Rene Sulem, father of Catherine Bierstone Morris Winer, father of Alan Winer
Monday, July 3 / 14 Tammuz	Abraham Diamond, father of Rabbi Elliott Diamond Lilly Dobrinsky, mother of Sharon Goelman Hyman Sidney Hertz, father of Jeffrey Hertz and Robbie Schwartz	Yaacov Massouda, father of Tito Massouda Allan Tennen, husband of Estelle Tennen
Tuesday, July 4 / 15 Tammuz	Abe Beker, husband of Simmie Beker Liliane Broitman, sister of Estelle Kosoy Ira Genesove, brother of Jerry Genesove	Ilene Lipari, step-mother of Steven Lipari Kusiel Shapiro, father of Marilyn Maierovitz
Wednesday, July 5 / 16 Tammuz	David Anidjar, father of Lydia Lieberowitz Max Cassels, father of Donna Cassels Abraham Nusbaum, father of Mark Nusbaum and Aaron Nussbaum	Helene Rosmarin-Brittan, sister of Ian Rosmarin Avrum Yampolsky, father of Bernice Resnick
Thursday, July 6 / 17 Tammuz	Esther Albin, mother of Steven Albin	Jack Gerstl, father of Raffi Gerstl
Friday, July 7 / 18 Tammuz	Malton Fleishman, father of Daniel Fleishman	Israel Koplowitz, father of Marc Koplowitz

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for Yahrzeit Commemorations:

Tito & Viviane Massouda in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tito's parents, Yaacov z"l & Clara Massouda z"l

Linda Levenstein in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her brother, Harvey Frankel z"l

Jerry & Sandy Genesove in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jerry's brother, Ira Genesove z"l

Judith Laxer & Jeffrey Lipsitz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jeffrey's aunt, Chana Lili Szabo z"l

Daniel Fleishman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father, Malton Fleishman z"l

Shelly Moskowitz and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Sarah Reisman z"l

Michele Bieler in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Annie Bieler z"l

Steven Lipari in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his step-mother, Ilene Lipari z"l

Community Matters

- 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 please 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 Giti, 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, Yosef ben Esther, Chaim Shmuel ben Dina, Shimon ben Esther, Rifka Malka bat Liba, Frimet Ita bat Feiga Perl, Davida Leiba bat Bracha Rut, Pesach Shlomoh ben Leah.

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