

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, June 16 7:15 pm Mincha / Maariv Sanctuary 8:43 pm Candles (earliest 7:26 pm) 8:45 am Friedrich Fr	reit Midrash ary: Rabbi Taylor h & Teen Special evel Social Hall bod Hall: Torah Reading: Bamidbar 13:1 - 15:41 Hertz P. 623 Stone P. 798 Haftorah: Yehoshua 2:1 - 24 Hertz P. 635 Stone P. 1184
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GRAD SHABBAT 2023! Please join us as we celebrate our Graduates and Bnei Mitzvah Club participants, after Mussaf this Shabbat. We will be hosting a special Kiddush in the Banquet Hall, for both the Sanctuary and the Sisterhood Minyanim. See p. 3 for the list of Graduates' and Bnei Mitzvah Club Participants' names, and below for the list of sponsors.

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors: SHABBAT MATTERS:

Elise Herzig & Ron Cuperfain in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Elise's father, Adam Henri Herzig^{2*}

WEEKLY MATTERS:

Ruth & Dale Fyman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Ruth's father, Martin K. Levinson $z^{r/l}$

KIDDUSH:

Karen Durbin & Frank Ander on the engagement of their daughter, Shira to Jacob

Joyce & Aaron Rifkind in honour of their grandson, Caleb Mansell, winning the Governor General's Award at Or Chaim

Gershon & Heather Hurwen in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Gershon's father, Aubrey Hurwitz ^{z*}

9:30 AM MINYAN KIDDUSH:

The Dishy Family in honour of Dara's birthday Stephen & Carol Handelman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Stephen's brother, Marty Handelman ²⁷

Richard & Yvonne Goldberg in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Richard's father, Irving Goldberg ^{z*}

TEEN END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR SEUDAH SHLISHIT:

Immanuel, Lily and Noach Burton

Jeremy & Jennie Kellerstein

Naomi & David Mansell

Ira & Rena Markus

Tsiona & Jonathan Ostro

PHILLIP WINTROB YOUTH FUND:

Erika Tannenbaum in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her husband, Louis Tannenbaum $z^{z''}$

Esther Petroff in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Betty Tward $z^{r_{\parallel}}$

CHESSED FUND:

Gayle Goldmintz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Sarah Goldmintz $z^{z''}$

MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to Elad Travis & Tova Sasson-Travis on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Tali Eliya. Excited brothers are Samuel, Moshe and Boaz. Proud grandparents are Zion & Joyce Sasson and Oved Travis and Shoshi Travis.
- Mazal Tov to Karen Durbin & Frank Ander on the engagement of their daughter, Shira to Jacob, son of Rachel Zbar & David Rosenberg. Proud grandparents are Lil & Max Ander. Excited siblings are Adina, Davida, Tovi Ander and Yonatan Pellow, and Daniel and Michael Rosenberg.
- Mazal Tov to Janice & Stephen Halpern and Richard & Barbara Litt of New York on the birth of a grandson, born to Moshe & Danielle Halpern in Be'er Sheva. Excited siblings are Aya, Michael and Leora.

UPCOMING SHIURIM & PROGRAMS

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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.

- Sunday, June 18, 8:30 pm The Medieval Attempt to Revive the Sanhedrin with Rabbi Jared Anstandig. At the home of Sarah Brown & Steven Strauss.
- Mondays, June 19-July 24, 9:30 am **Megillat Eicha** with **Rabbi Bergman**. On
- Monday, June 19, 7:00 pm **BMZD Medical Ethics** with **Rabbi Torczyner**. On Zoom.

Todah Rabah to the Sponsors of the Grad Shabbat:

Charlene & George Arje
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Nicole & Jeff Toledano
The Sasson & Travis Families
David & Bernice Walerstein

The Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored in appreciation and in honour of the Hashkama Minyan's Ba'alei Koreh: Immanuel Burton, Leslie Train, Ariel Burton and Yoel Burton

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TORAH MATTERS:				
DATE	DAVENIN	G TIMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM	SHIURIM	& PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM
Sunday, June 18 / 29 Sivan	8:30 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am 8:30 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Medieval Attempt to Revive Sanhedrin with Rabbi Anstandig (home of Sarah Brown & Steven Strauss)
Monday, June 19 / 30 Sivan I Rosh Chodesh	7:00 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Megillat Eicha Series with Rabbi Bergman (Zoom) Lunch & Learn (in person) Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class (in person) BMZD Medical Ethics with Rabbi Torczyner (Zoom)
Tuesday, June 20 / 1 Tammuz II Rosh Chodesh	7:00 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 8:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Walkie Talkies with Rabbi Bergman (in person) Rabbi Torczyner's Kohelet Shiur (Zoom) JFJ Lectures with Rabbi Skobac (in person & Zoom)
Wednesday, June 21 / 2 Tammuz	7:15 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 1:00 pm 9:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class (in person) Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur (in person)
Thursday, June 22 / 3 Tammuz	7:10 am 7:10 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:00 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Bergman (Zoom)
Friday, June 23 / 4 Tammuz	7:15 am 7:15 pm 8:45 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv Candles (earliest 7:27 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 Sam Taylor

"And see what kind of country it is. Are the people who dwell in it strong or weak, few or many? Is the country in which they dwell good or bad? Are the towns they live in open or fortified?" Bamidbar 13:18-19

Moses prepared the twelve spies by asking a series of questions which they were to answer over the course of their mission. One question was whether the nations of Canaan were strong or weak and another was whether they lived in fortified or open cities.

Intuitively, we might have assumed that if the Canaanite peoples lived in fortified cities, this indicated their military might; and if they lived in open towns, this meant they were fragile and vulnerable. Indeed, when the spies returned and tried to discourage the people from proceeding into the land, they frightened the people by describing the enormous fortresses protecting the Canaanites, viewing them as a reflection of the superiority of their armed forces.

Rashi, quoting the Midrash Tanchuma, writes that this perspective is incorrect. He explains the large fortresses signified fear and weakness, not strength. If the Canaanites had felt secure and confident in their military capabilities, they would not have constructed large walls to protect them. An elaborate fortification system points to a lack of confidence and the Canaanites' realisation that their capabilities were inferior and not ready for battle.

Rabbi Elya Meir Bloch, a leading 20th-century American rabbi, observed that the same can be said of the barriers we erect to shield ourselves from negative influences. Intuitively, we might assume that those with greater spiritual strength are the ones who manage to isolate themselves, whereas engagement with different people is a sign of weakness.

In truth, however, it is isolation that can signify weakness and a lack of confidence in one's inner commitment, while those who feel more confident often feel less of a need to separate themselves from others.

In addition, we must remember that withdrawal and seclusion cannot substitute for genuine and firm resolve. Clearly, at times it might be necessary to avoid certain situations and forms of interactions that could influence us the wrong way.

In the end, however, even when fortresses are warranted, what matters most is the strength of our faith, courage and convictions. Barriers offer limited protection that cannot take the place of a sincere devotion to our traditional beliefs, way of life and community.

UPCOMING SHIURIM & PROGRAMS

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- Monday, June 19, 8:00 pm Rabbi Gemara's Monthly Zoom Lecture on the writings of S.Y. Agnon on the story "The Sign" (*Ha'Seeman*). The July lecture will be on the same story, date to be announced.
- Tuesdays, June 20 & 27, 8:00 pm Jews for Judaism Summer Mini Lectures with Rabbi Michael Skobac. In person & Zoom. Register at https://iewsforjudaism.ca/summer23/.
- Wednesday, June 21, 9:00 pm Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur (last class for this academic year). In person.

Thank you to our Interim Youth Director Jamin Finkelstein, Teen Director Jay Karon, and our Youth and Teen Staff for a wonderful year of programming!						
Tani Balsam	Jacob David	Temima Gerstl	Ariella Korman	Hannah Mansell	Isaac Samson	
Tikvah Chasen	Noam Eizicovics	Aleeza Glogauer	Lucy Lapowich	Avi Markus	Gabi Treitel	
Ella David	Adele Finkelstein	Mia Jakubovic	Caleb Mansell	Yasmin Rutman	Feiga Werner	



Mazal Toy to each of our Graduates and Bar & Bat Mitzvah Club Participants and their Families. Please join us as we celebrate our Graduates and Bnei Mitzvah Club participants, after Mussaf this Shabbat.



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HIGH SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE DEGREE

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Sasha Ohayon

Rachel Parker

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GRADE 5

Hallie Birnboim Layli Jay Javasky Jacob David Adam Schwartz Judah Bornstein Adina Kellerstein Jake Golombek Joseph Silber Chelsea Dubin Leah Mansell Corey Gotkin Risa Wasserman Adar Heller

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שערי שמים ווון SHOMAYIM SHOMAYIM **Monday June 19, 2023** 12:00 pm Rabbi Sam Taylor and Dr. Aaron Rifkind will be speaking about "The Jewish Community in Scotland" \$15/Person at the door Sponsorships opportunities available Please contact the office at 416-789-3213

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CONDOLENCES

- Our sincere condolences to **Janis & Sid Ackerman**, Pam, Sheila and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rita Bubb z"l.
- Our sincere condolences to **Saul Koschitzky**, David & Sarena Koschitzky, Joel Koschitzky, Tamar & Eric Goldstein and families, on the loss of their wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. **Mira Koschitzky** z*1.

YAHRZEITS		
DATE	YAHRZEITS BEING OBSERVED	
Shabbat, June 17 / 28 Sivan	Molly Davis, mother of Taube Zeifman Harry Firestone, brother of Helen Gross Larry Fromowitz, husband of Marilyn Fromowitz David Hershenhorn, father of Yetta Goodman Norman Holtzman, father of Joseph Holtzman	Ignac Jellinek, father of Agnes Herczeg Irving Levy, father of Marsha Slavens Louis Tannenbaum, husband of Erika Tannenbaum Betty Tward, mother of Esther Petroff
Sunday, June 18 / 29 Sivan	Zave Climan, father of Ronit Holtzman	Jacob Perez, father of Debby Goldman
Monday, June 19 / 30 Sivan	Erna Kobias, mother of Kate Erlich	
Tuesday, June 20 / 1 Tammuz	Charles Attias, father of Nicole Schwartz Barney Erlichman, father of Miriam Erlichman Berek Gertner, father of Eric Gertner Harry Halberstadt, father of Melech Halberstadt	Adam Henri Herzig, father of Elise Herzig Martin K. Levinson, father of Ruth Fyman Aviva Malatzky, mother of Aurelia Ostro
Wednesday, June 21 / 2 Tammuz	Connie Adam, sister of Mitchell Lerner Harry Louis Chasen, father of Martin R. Chasen Bob David, father of Cris David	Sarah Goldmintz, mother of Gayle Goldmintz Ralph Green, husband of Francine Green Meyer Rotenberg, father of Lailla Rapoport
Thursday, June 22 / 3 Tammuz	Morris Lamster, father of Carolyn Kay	Clara Leah Lipsitz, mother of Jeffrey Lipsitz
Friday, June 23 / 4 Tammuz	Jacob Kosoy, father of Martin Kosoy and Phillip Kosoy	Charles Rockfield, brother of Eve Lerner

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for YAHRZEIT COMMEMORATIONS:

Jeffrey Lipsitz & Judy Laxer in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jeffrey's mother, Leah Clara Lipsitz z^{r_l}

Eric Gertner in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father, Berek Gertner 2"!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED FOR CHESSED MEAL DELIVERY

The Chessed Committee is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver Chessed Meals to member families who need support at a challenging or joyous time in their lives. If you are able to volunteer, please email info@shomayim.org.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 Friends of Yiddish Gala Concert featuring Mitch Smolkin & Nina Shapilsky. Beth Tikvah Synagogue Social Hall, 3080 Bayview Avenue. Register at https://www.friendsofyiddish.ca by June 14.
- 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://inf.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, Yekutiel 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, Yosef ben Esther, Chaim Shmuel ben Dina, Shimon ben Esther, Rifka Malka bat Liba, Frimet Ita bat Feiga Perl, Davida Leiba bat Bracha Rut.

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