

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, March 3

5:50 pm Candles
6:00 pm Mincha /
Maariv
Sanctuary

Shabbat, March 4

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash
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 Teen Minyan - Lower Level Social Hall
9:45 am Youth Programs - Classrooms
Recite Shema before 9:39 am

11:15 am Parshat Zachor 2nd Reading
Sanctuary & Sisterhood
11:20 am Kiddush* - Banquet Hall & Sisterhood
11:35 am Prof. Novak's Shiur - Beit Midrash
5:40 pm Mincha - Sanctuary
6:00 pm Seudah Shlishit* - Sisterhood: Rabbi Taylor
6:56 pm Maariv / Shabbat Ends
7:40 pm PCL - Sisterhood & Beit Midrash: R. Taylor
and Ari Karon (last session for the season)
8:45 pm Pre-Purim Farbrengen (by registration)
*Pareve using dairy equipment

Torah Reading:
Shemot
27:20 - 30:10
Hertz P. 339
Stone P. 464
Maftir:
Devarim, 25:17 - 19
Hertz P. 856
Stone P. 1066
Haftarah:
I Shmuel 15:1 - 34
Hertz P. 995
Stone P. 1214

MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

Mazal Tov to **Rebecca & Berl Nadler** on the birth of their *grandson*, Levi Chaim, son of Hillel & Tova Nadler; and on the birth of their *granddaughter*, Amalia Zahara Chai, daughter of Ariella Nadler & Hody Nemes. Excited siblings are Yosef, Shoshana and Abie Nadler; and Shaya and Hallel Nemes. Mazal Tov to uncles and aunts Batya and Matt, and Tova and Seth; and cousins Charlie, Adin, Elie, Rose, Adira, Yonah and Nati.

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:

RABBI TAYLOR'S TORAH FOR YOUR LIFE:

Elliot Shapiro in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of his mother, Ruth Shapiro ^{z"l}

KIDDUSH:

Gerald Katz in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of his father, Benjamin Katz ^{z"l}

Agi & Jack Mandel in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Agi's brother, Ivan Reitman ^{z"l}

Norma & Sheldon Finkelstein in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Norma's mother, Lola Oksner ^{z"l}

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH:

In honour of and appreciation to Ari Karon and wishing him Hatzlacha Rabah as he makes Aliyah, sponsored by: Alan Burger and Family; Immanuel & Lily Burton; Elise Herzig & Ron Cuperfain; Lorne & Yaffa Factor; Paul Herbert; Jeffrey & Elaine Hertz; Bernie & Anna Kleinberg; Peter & Adrienne Klemensberg; Gilbert & Shayna Miller; Michael & Lisa Mills; Samy Ouanounou; Benjamin & Devora Pister; Ira & Rachel Povitz; Brian & Robbie Schwartz

Bonnie & Jay Lefton in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Jay's mother, Helen Lefton ^{z"l}

Gary Litwack & Karen Jesin in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Gary's mother, Rose Litwack ^{z"l}

9:30 AM MINYAN KIDDUSH:

The Pratzer Family in honour of Elan's birthday

TEEN KIDDUSH:

Dalia & Shlomie Yunger in honour of Eitan's birthday

GEMARA SHIUR:

Brian & Robbie Schwartz in honour of Rabbi Sammy Bergman

RABBI'S CHARITY FUND:

John & Helen Peto in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of John's father, Robert Peto ^{z"l}

PURIM SCHEDULE

Monday, March 6 - Ta'anit Esther & Erev Purim

5:44 am Fast begins
6:15 am Shiur - Beit Midrash & Zoom
7:00 am Shacharit & Slichot
Beit Midrash & Zoom
4-6 pm Youth Purim Carnival - Banquet Hall
5:40 pm Mincha - Beit Midrash & Zoom
6:15 pm Maariv & Megillah - Sanctuary & Zoom**
6:20 pm Middle-School Megillah & Party
(by registration) - Beit Midrash & Lower Level Social Hall
6:41 pm Fast ends
8:30 pm Megillah - Beit Midrash
8:30 pm Royal Purim Masquerade - Lobby
(by registration)

Tuesday, March 7 - Purim

6:15 am Shiur - Sanctuary & Zoom
7:00 am Shacharit & Megillah - Sanctuary & Zoom**
8:30 am Shacharit & Megillah - Sanctuary
9:40 am Women's Shacharit & Megillah at 10:00 am - Beit Midrash
12:15 pm Megillah - Beit Midrash
1:00 pm Early Mincha - Sanctuary
1:30-3:30pm Purim Open House - Home of Rabbi Sam & Emma Taylor
5:15 pm Megillah - Sanctuary
6:05 pm Mincha & Maariv - Sanctuary & Zoom
**Please note: listening to Megillah readings on Zoom is only for those in extreme cases who cannot attend shul.

PURIM MATTERS

- Thank you to the Chessed Committee Co-Chairs for planning and coordinating the Mishloach Manot Project: Dalya Hakimi, Francine Goldrich and Kitty Wintrob.
- Thank you to the Grade Six girls of Netivot HaTorah and their Morah, Rochelle Diamond for baking Hamantaschen for the Chessed Committee's Mishloach Manot.
- Thank you to those who helped to pack & deliver the Chessed Committee's Mishloach Manot: Marcy Ages, Albert Benzaquen, Hyim Bessin, Sarah Brown, Lily Burton, Sharon Chodirker, Helen Cohen, Rachel Dadouch, Norma Finkelstein, Gayle Goldmintz, Francine Goldrich, Jodi Gurza, Barbara & Steven Held, Elaine Hertz, Mardi Hirshberg, Andy Kaminker, Harry Kaminker, Jennifer Korman, Stuart Lapowich, Marilyn Maierovitz, Tom Moos, Andrew Neuman, Susan Osher and Jacob David, Aurelia Ostro, Rina Parker, Brondell Shapiro, Donna Shiff, Randy Spiegel, Jay Stochinsky, Rabbi Sam Taylor, Miri and Naftali Taylor, Nicole Toledano, Florence Weinberger, Ralph & Kitty Wintrob and Suzanne Wintrob.
- Thank you to Rabbi Taylor for delivering, Nicole Toledano for purchasing, Ellen Spigelman for the office coordination, Meital Itzkovich for the Purim card design, and Jim Westcott for the packaging room setup and assistance.
- To donate for Matanot L'Evyonim, visit <https://www.shomayim.org/form/matanot>. The deadline for contributing is the day of Purim, March 7 at 10:00 am.
- Reading Megillat Esther at Home: if you are unable to come to shul on Purim and need a volunteer to read Megillah for you; or you are able to help by reading Megillah to people who are home-bound; please notify the office at lifecycle@shomayim.org or 416-789-3213.

Thank you to our PURIM sponsors:

PURIM PACKAGES:

Myra Gasner Mechanic and Brenda Gasner Lass and their Families in memory of their mother, Cynthia Gasner ^{z"l}

YOUTH PURIM CARNIVAL:

Shane & Shelby Altbaum
Anonymous
Shai, Becky, Orli, Libby and Maya Berliner

Davida Shiff & Ian Kessler in honour of Joseph's 5th birthday
Ross & Melissa Linker
Posen Family in honour of Arielle's 7th birthday
Goldie & Erez Rubinstein

Naphtali & Ava Silverman

MIDDLE SCHOOL PURIM PARTY:

Glustein Family
Eli Javasky, Rachel Shour and Family
Zvi & Michelle Shavim

TORAH MATTERS:

DATE	DAVENING TIMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM		SHIURIM & PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM	
Sunday, March 5 / 12 Adar	8:30 am 5:55 pm	Shacharit BEIT MIDRASH Mincha / Maariv BEIT MIDRASH	7:45 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (BEIT MIDRASH & Zoom)
Monday, March 6 / 13 Adar Ta'anit Esther & Erev Purim	See full schedule on p. 1.			
Tuesday, March 7 / 14 Adar Purim	See full schedule on p. 1.			
Wednesday, March 8 / 15 Adar	7:15 am 6:05 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur (in person)
Thursday, March 9 / 16 Adar	7:10 am 6:00 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:00 am 8:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Bergman (Zoom) Jews for Judaism Winter Lectures Rabbi Skobac (Zoom)
Friday, March 10 / 17 Adar	7:15 am 5:59 pm 6:05 pm	Shacharit Candle Lighting Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated after 7:03 pm this week.

PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Jared Anstandig

MISHKAN - FOR GOD OR FOR US?

We often speak about the Mishkan as being the abode of the Shechina, the divine presence, so to speak. And the medieval commentator, Rabbi Yosef Bechor Shor (Shemot 30:1), explains that this is for good reason. After all, the furniture of the Mishkan closely resembles that which we would expect to find in the home - the Menorah is the light fixture, the Shulchan is the table, and the Mizbeach is the kitchen. Even the smaller Mizbeach used for incense is likened to a perfumery. Finally, the inner sanctum, the Kodesh HaKodashim, seems to be no different than a bedroom, as it were.

Accordingly, asks Bechor Shor, are we to imagine that God actually lived in the Mishkan? He answers with an emphatic "no!" The Mishkan is not for *Him*. The heavens cannot contain His presence, how would it even be conceivable for the walls of the Mishkan to contain Him? Rather, Bechor Shor explains that the Mishkan is for *us*. By creating something resembling a home for God, it makes us better people.

He explains that by having the Mishkan, a physical representation of God's presence among the people, we hold ourselves to higher standards. If God lives down the block from us, we'll be more careful with how we behave.

But, perhaps the most important part of this idea is the institution of sacrifices, particularly those offered to expiate sin. Bechor Shor explains that if we didn't have these korbanot we would have no motivation to repent or even to perform mitzvot. He presents an analogy: If a person has laundry detergent, any time he or she stains his or her shirt, he or she will clean the shirt - provided there is a good reason to do so. But, if one lacks any method of cleaning clothing, even if the need is very great, one will be resigned to have a perpetually dirty shirt and give up even trying to avoid stains in the future. Both shirts will inevitably get dirty, but only the one who can clean the shirt will actually do so and will try to keep it clean in the future.

So too with our lives, Bechor Shor explains, with the Mishkan and korbanot. We will inevitably make mistakes in our lives; our clothing will get dirty. But the proximity of the Mishkan reminds us that God cares, and korbanot give us the means to make our mistakes right and demonstrate the importance of doing better in the future. And so, although the Mishkan is His house, so to speak, the Mishkan is ultimately there for us - to help us become the best versions of ourselves.

- **Rabbi Bergman's Yechezkel Shiur** and **Walkie Talkies** will not take place this coming Monday & Tuesday, March 6 & 7.
- **Dr. Zolty's Shiur** will not take place this coming Tuesday & Wednesday, March 7 & 8.
- **Rabbi Torczyner's Mishlei Shiur** will not take place this coming Tuesday, March 7.
- **Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur** will not take place on Tuesdays, March 7 & 14.

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 table above. Below is a list of upcoming shiurim and programs:

- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm - **Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur**. In person.
- Thursdays, 9:00 am - **Coffee Klatch** with **Rabbi Bergman**. On Zoom.
- Thursdays, March 9 & 16, 8:00 pm - **Shaarei Shomayim & Jews for Judaism Winter Lectures** with **Rabbi Michael Skobac**. On Zoom. Register at <https://jewsforjudaism.ca/mini23/>.

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WHERE KIDS MATTER

בס"ד

THE GRAND PURIM CARNIVAL

Before Megillah

Monday, March 6, 2023
4:00-6:00pm

Members: \$10 per child (\$30 family max.)
Non-Members: \$20 per child (\$50 family max.)

Admission includes a hot dog and other carnival fare.
Programming is geared for ages 0-9 including a toddler area.
All ages are welcome.

INFLATABLES! GAMES! MAGICIAN!
CARNIVAL FOOD! COSTUMES!

REGISTER AT
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תחילת יוזמת ציונות

Taharat Hamishpacha Refresher Courses

At the home of Rabbi Sam & Emma Taylor
6 Shelborne Avenue

Open to all who are looking to learn more about the laws of family purity

Women's Course
with Yoetzel Halacha
Sarit Anstandig
March 13 & 20, 8 pm

Men's Course
with Rabbi Sam Taylor
March 12 & 19, 8 pm

Please register at
<https://www.shomayim.org/form/taharathamishpacha>

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In the spirit of Purim, the Shaarei Shomayim Adult Education committee is proud to present the **Purim Toolkit**, a *halachik* guide to get you all ready for Purim! To watch the video, please visit <https://youtu.be/iaJeFD3KLVA>

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Bnei Akiva Toronto

MESIBAT PURIM

MEGILLAH READING, DINNER
AND SILENT DJ PARTY!

(With mechitzah of course)

Monday, March 6th, 6:15pm
at Ulpant Orot

Grade 9-12 girls and boys
\$20 online | \$25 at the door

SIGN UP AT: MIZRACHI.CA/BNEIAKIVATORONTO

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בס"ד

PURIM OPEN HOUSE!

TUESDAY MARCH 7, 2023
1:30-3:30 PM

Home of
Rabbi Sam & Rebbetzin Emma Taylor
6 Shelborne Avenue

The Shaarei Shomayim community
is invited to celebrate Purim
with food, music and fun!

Yahrzeits

DATE

Yahrzeits Being Observed

Shabbat, March 4 / 11 Adar	Louis Wolfe Brown, father of Avrom Brown Ralph Etigson, father of Barbara Cohen	Robert Peto, father of John Peto Martin Silverstone, brother of Sharyn Moses
Sunday, March 5 / 12 Adar	Bronia Baum, mother of Bernard Baum Fanny Goldbach, mother of Henry Goldbach William (Bill) Parker, father of Carole Cantor	Ivan Reitman, brother of Agi Mandel Ethel Weber, mother of Brian Weber
Monday, March 6 / 13 Adar	Phillip Batist, father of Bruce Batist Leo Bottner, father of Marlene Bottner	Eric Kosky, brother of Arnold Dubrow Lola Oksner, mother of Norma Finkelstein
Tuesday, March 7 / 14 Adar	Leslie Dollinger, brother of Marlene Goldbach Shlomo Domb, father of Miriam Chai Mark Meyer Perlmutter, father of Jeffrey Perlmutter	Rochel Vine, mother of Goldie Newman Ted Wald, father of Ron Wald
Wednesday, March 8 / 15 Adar	Esther Cohen, mother of Sam Cohen Frances Gofine, mother of Timothy Gofine Rachel Ginette Hakoun, step-mother of Caroline Perlmutter Bertel Katz, mother of Sara Schachar	Ruth Marks, sister of Samuel Newman Yael Ordower, sister of Yehuda Ordower Daniel Rotenberg, husband of Gita Rotenberg and brother of Laila Rapoport
Thursday, March 9 / 16 Adar	Sam Ferman, father of Lori Disenhouse Rebecca Hoffman, sister of Albert Hoffman Benjamin Katz, father of Gerald Katz	Ruth Shapiro, mother of Elliot Shapiro Mendel Shaposhnik, father of Nina Khozin Mendel Wieder, father of Shoshana Stern
Friday, March 10 / 17 Adar	Saul Albin, father of Steven Albin Ian Jonathan Kagedan, late husband of Shoshana Kagedan Sadie Krivel, mother of Jacqueline Snider	Pearl Sugarman, mother of Alan Sugarman Bracha Tulchinsky, mother of Ala Gamulka William Zendel, father of Orvin Zendel

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for Yahrzeit Commemorations:

Avrom Brown and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Avrom's father, Louis Wolfe Brown ^{z"l}

Carole & Brian Cantor in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Carole's father, William (Bill) Parker ^{z"l}

Ala Gamulka in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Bracha Tulchinsky ^{z"l}

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Sharyn & Samuel Moses in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Sharyn's brother, Martin Silverstone ^{z"l}

Albert & Shirley Hoffman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Albert's sister, Rebecca Hoffman ^{z"l}

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- **National Council of Jewish Women of Canada Passover Food Drive.** Join NCJWC in packing boxes of Kosher for Passover food, to combat food insecurity in the Jewish community. Book a time slot at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQ8CRKN>. At Beth Emeth, 155 Wilmington Ave.
- **Hasbara Canada's #MyJewishIdentity** media contest for high school students. Students can submit an art piece, social media reel, poem, song etc. that conveys why Israel is a vital part of their Jewish identity. Submit at bit.ly/myjewishidentity2023 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 <http://waldmanfoundation.org/> by May 5, 2023.
- **UJA's: 1) Arevim Masa** enables young Jewish adults to spend 10 months in Tel Aviv. **2) Reverse Shinshinim Year of Service** - a gap year in Eilat-Eilat, volunteering and connecting with other participants. Go to: <https://www.jewishtoronto.com/jewish-service>.
- 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.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

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