

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, May 12

7:00 pm Mincha /
Maariv
Sanctuary
8:14 pm Candles
(earliest 7:02 pm)
Count Omer 37 after
dark

Shabbat, May 13

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 Hall
9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash: Rabbi Anstandig
9:45 am Youth Programs - Classrooms
Recite Shema before 9:34 am
11:15 am Kiddush* - Lower Level Social Halls &
Sisterhood Hall

11:30 am Shiur with Prof. Novak - Beit Midrash
7:20 pm Pre-Mincha Shiur - Sanctuary:
Rabbi Anstandig
8:05 pm Mincha - Sanctuary
8:25 pm Seudah Shlishit* - Banquet Hall:
Rabbi Taylor
9:19 pm Maariv / Shabbat Ends
Count Omer 38 after Maariv
*Pareve from dairy kitchen

Torah Reading:

Vayikra
25:1 - 27:34
Hertz P. 531
Stone P. 696
Haftarah:
Yirmiyahu
16:19 - 17:14
Hertz P. 551
Stone P. 1179

MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to **Blake Enzel & Rachel Dadouch Enzel** on the birth of their daughter, **Nessa Fredi Enzel** (נסה פרידה). Proud grandparents are **Anita Bielak-Dadouch**, **Eli Dadouch** and **Jo-Anne (Fred z"l) Enzel**. Excited uncles, aunts and cousins are **Aaron & Katie Dadouch**, **Emma Dubin**, **Chelsea Dubin** and **Rebecca Dadouch**; **Leslie Dadouch**, **Melissa Dadouch**; and **Tamara Enzel**. Proud great-grandparents are **Marsha Bielak**, **Marilyn Dadouch**, and **Judy Stevens**.
- Mazal Tov to our members who participated in the *National Chidon Hatanach* this week: Grade 5-6 Division - **Ethel Milevsky** and **Cecily Shavim**; Grade 7-8 Division - **Joshua Burton** (semi-finalist), **Joshua Roberts** (semi-finalist), and **Daniel Romberg**. A special Mazal Tov to **Ezra Goldberg** who placed 1st overall and **Joseph Samson** who placed 3rd overall in the High School Division, and will represent Canada in Israel next year!

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:

RABBI TAYLOR'S TORAH FOR YOUR LIFE:

*Elliot Shapiro in commemoration of the
yahrzeit of his father, Leonard Shapiro z"l*

SHABBAT MATTERS:

*Beverley Fromer in commemoration of the
yahrzeit of her grandmother, Sarah Bregman z"l*

KIDDUSH:

*Risa & Louis Vandersluis in honour of the
recent marriage of their son Eli to Einav Simoni*

*Harry & Sandra Aronowicz in commemoration
of the yahrzeit of Harry's mother, Miriam
Aronowicz z"l*

*Edward & Catherine Bierstone in
commemoration of the yahrzeit of Edward's
father, Samuel Bierstone z"l*

9:30 AM MINYAN KIDDUSH:

*Sarah Brown and Steven Strauss in honour of
their son David's 2nd birthday*

YAHREIT COMMEMORATION:

*Tito & Viviane Massouda in commemoration of
the yahrzeit of Tito's brother, Daniel
Massouda z"l*

GRAD SHABBAT: We will be celebrating our graduates at our annual **Grad Shabbat** on **June 17**. The *Shabbat Matters* will include a section listing Shul Members completing academic milestones in June 2023: SK, Grade 8, Grade 12, Undergraduate & Graduate School. If a member of your family who is a Shul Member is graduating, please **fill out the online form:** [shomayim.org/form/gradshabbat23](https://www.shomayim.org/form/gradshabbat23). On the form, **you can also recognize your graduate by co-sponsoring** this special event!

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.

Below is a list of upcoming shiurim and programs:

- Monday, May 15, 9:30 am - **Rabbi Bergman's Yechezkel Shiur**. On Zoom. *This will be the last class in the series.*
- Mon. & Wed. 1:00-1:45 pm - **Circle of Care Senior (65+) Exercise Class at Shaarei Shomayim**. To register: tichonchuk@circleofcare.com or 416-635-2860 x 141.
- Monday, May 15, 5 minutes after Maariv - **Saving Our Speech Shiur with Rabbi Bergman**. In person & Zoom. *This will be the last class in the series.*
- Monday, May 15, 8:00 pm - **BMZD Medical Ethics: Dealing with Difficult Patients with Rabbi Torczyner**. On Zoom. Register at <https://torontotorah.com/cme/>.
- Monday, May 15, 8:00 pm - **The Agnon Group with Rav Gemara monthly lecture** on the Agnon books. If interested in being part of the series send your name and email to nicole@shomayim.org and we will send you the live-stream link.
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am - **Walkie Talkies with Rabbi Bergman**.
- Tuesdays, 8:00 pm - **Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur**. On Zoom.
- Wednesdays, May 17 & 24, 10:00 am - **BMZD Jewish Migrations: Origins of Ashkenazim & Sephardim with Rabbi Torczyner**. On Zoom. Register at <https://torontotorah.com/wednesdays/>.
- Wednesdays, May 17, 12:30 pm - **BMZD Business Ethics: The Ethical Challenge with Rabbi Torczyner**. On Zoom. Register at <https://torontotorah.com/business/>.
- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm - **Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur**. In person.
- Thursdays, 9:00 am - **Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Bergman**. On Zoom.
- Thursday, May 18, 9:15 pm - **Special Yom Yerushalayim Parsha & Cholent with Rabbi Bergman**. At the Bergman family home, 546 Glengrove Ave. W.
- Sunday, May 21, 8:30 pm - **Women Teaching Torah for Rosh Chodesh: Rebbetzin Emma Taylor**. On Zoom.
- May 25-27 - **Tikkun Leil Shavuot & Shavuot Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Malka Simkovich**. Register for the Pareve Dinner & After Midnight Meat Madness BY MAY 18 AT 5:00 PM at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/shavuot23>.
- SAVE THE DATES! Lunch & Learn**, June 14 & August 30, 12:00 pm. \$15/Person. Register for June 14 at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/lunchnlearn0623>.
- Shabbat, June 24 - **Volunteer Recognition Shabbat**. To co-sponsor the Kiddush and Seudah Shlishit go to <https://www.shomayim.org/form/volunteershabbat23>.

TORAH MATTERS:

DATE	DAVENING TIMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM		SHIURIM & PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM	
Sunday, May 14 / 23 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 39 after dark</i>	8:30 am 6:50 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Monday, May 15 / 24 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 40 after dark</i>	7:10 am 6:50 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 5 min. after Maariv 8:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Bergman's Yechezkel Shiur (Zoom) Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class (in person) Rabbi Bergman's Saving Our Speech: Exploring the Laws of Lashon Hara and How it Applies Today Shiur (in person & Zoom) BMZD Medical Ethics with Rabbi Torczyner (Zoom)
Tuesday, May 16 / 25 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 41 after dark</i>	7:15 am 6:50 pm	Shacharit Mincha / 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 Kohelet Shiur (Zoom) Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 17 / 26 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 42 after dark</i>	7:15 am 6:50 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 9:00 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Dr. Zolty's Course (in person & Zoom) BMZD Jewish Migrations Rabbi Torczyner (Zoom) BMZD Business Ethics with Rabbi Torczyner (Zoom) Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class (in person) Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur (in person)
Thursday, May 18 / 27 Iyyar <i>Count Omer 43 after dark</i>	7:10 am 6:50 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:00 am 9:15 pm	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom) Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Bergman (Zoom) Parsha & Cholent: Rabbi Bergman (Bergman home)
Friday, May 19 / 28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim <i>Count Omer 44 after dark</i>	7:15 am 7:00 pm 8:21 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv Candle Lighting (earliest 7:08)	6:30 am	Masechet Nedarim Shiur (in person & Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated after 9:26 pm this week.

PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Sam Taylor

"My Sabbaths shall you observe and My Sanctuary shall you revere, I am the Lord". (Vayikra 26:2)

The Torah tells us to have reverence for the "sanctuary" in the final verse of the sidrah. This command seems to appear out of place in a portion which deals mainly with laws governing financial relations among people that are aimed at limiting the degree to which the wealthy can exert control over the less privileged.

To explain this seeming anomaly, the classical commentator Sforno writes that this verse relates to the case described several verses earlier of a Jew who, due to severe financial straits, sold himself in the service of a non-Jew. After presenting the relevant laws, Sforno explains, the Torah proceeds to address the somewhat parallel situation of Jewish exile, when the entire nation is driven from its land and lives under the control and authority of foreign peoples. The Torah instructs that in such a situation, it is especially vital to show respect and reverence to "My Sanctuary", which refers to our institutions of prayer and Torah study, as they become increasingly key to our survival and continued growth.

The Netziv, Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin, proceeds to develop this approach differently. In his view, the term "My Sanctuary" refers not to any kind of institution, but rather to everything that is considered sacred and hallowed to the Jewish nation. All our values and principles to which we hold dear are included under the term "My Sanctuary". According to the Netziv, the Torah here warns that under conditions of exile, when we live as a minority population under foreign rule and subject to foreign influence, it is especially critical that we show respect and reverence to our traditions and values.

Under such circumstances, we will be exposed regularly to either explicit or implied denigration of our beliefs and practices, and our way of life will be viewed, at best, as a curious relic. Therefore especially in exile, we must exercise extreme care to not only adhere to our traditions and values, but to look on and speak about them with respect and reverence.

We are exploring the possibility of starting a **8:15 am Shacharit minyan, Monday to Friday in the Weinbaum Beit Midrash**. We are trying to ascertain whether there is demand for such a minyan. If you are interested and can commit to coming generally speaking on a daily basis, please email info@shomayim.org by May 21.

- **The Teen Minyan** will not take place this Shabbat.
- **Rabbi Jared Anstandig** will give the **Pre-Mincha Shiur this Shabbat at 7:20 pm** on the topic: "Does God Have a Say in what the Torah Says?"
- **Shacharit in the Sharp Sanctuary** on both days of **Shavuot**, May 26 & 27, will take place at **9:00 am**.

THE WEINBAUM FAMILY SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SERIES RABBI DR. RAPHAEL ZARUM SHABBAT | MAY 19-20, 2023

Friday Night Dvar Torah during Davening
"Creating Shabbat:
Three Verses that Changed Everything"

Shabbat Morning Post-Mussaf Drasha
"The Re-Education of Rabbi Yannai:
What Really Matters on Shavuot"

Pre-Mincha Shiur
"How Much Torah was Really Given at Sinai?"

Seudah Shlishit Talk
"Three Unforgettable Lessons I Learnt from my Teacher,
Rabbi Sacks zt"l"



Rabbi Dr. Zarum is Dean of London School of Jewish Studies and holds the Rabbi Sacks Chair in Modern Jewish Thought at the school. He is a rabbinic leader, lecturer and author, teaching traditional Jewish texts and innovative educational programming. He holds a PhD in Theoretical Physics from Kings College London, and an MA in Adult Education from the Institute of Education London. Rabbi Dr. Zarum is a Scholar-in-Residence at the Central Square Minyan in Hampstead Garden. He studied at Yeshivat HaKotel, Jerusalem and the Kollel of Montefiore College, London where he received rabbinic ordination. The semicha was given by, amongst others, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l. He is the creator of Torah L'Am crash course, and the author of Torat Hadracha and Jampacked Bible.

Caffeine FOR THE SOUL

With Rebbetzin Emma Taylor

SHABBAT, MAY 20, 2023

10:00-10:30 AM



Please join
Rebbetzin
Emma Taylor
for coffee and
inspiration on
Shabbat
morning,
May 20 in
Classroom 106.

Sponsored by:

Rachael & Alex Straus in memory of Emma's grandmother,
Eileen Eckman, Alta Rifka bat Moshe Halevi z"l

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

MAY 25-26, 2023
6 SIVAN 5783

8:35 pm Mincha

8:50 pm Rabbi Sam Taylor

"Modern Military History's Impact on Wartime Gittin"

Maariv followed by a Light Pareve (Fish) Dinner

11:00 pm Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Malka Simkovich

"But That's Just a Midrash!"

Finding Rhyme and Reason in Rabbinic Stories"

12:00 am Dr. Anna Urowitz-Freudenstein

"Honour the Mother: *Em* as Honorific Title in the Bible"

12:45 am *After Midnight Meat Madness*

1:30 am Dr. Yonatan Milevsky

"Thou Shall Not Retweet:

Rabbinic Perspectives on Sharing Torah with Non-Jews"

2:15 am Rabbi Idan Rakovsky

"Adam, Eve, and the Psychosexual Development Theory of Freud"

3:00 am Rabbi Sammy Bergman

"A Priest, A Chief Rabbi and a King Walked into a Church"

3:45 am Rabbi Jared Anstandig

"Oblivious Obligation but Fantastic Fulfillment:
The Jew Who Didn't Know He Was Jewish"

4:30 am Shacharit

Dinner & After Midnight Meat registration: shomayim.org/form/shavuot23

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Shavuot Scholar-in-Residence
Dr. Malka Simkovich
MAY 25-27, 2023 | 6-7 SIVAN 5783

Thursday, May 25 | Tikkun Leil Shavuot

11:00 pm Opening Shiur: "But That's Just a Midrash!"
Finding Rhyme and Reason in Rabbinic Stories"

Friday, May 26 | Shavuot Day 1

11:30 am Post-Mussaf Drasha:

"The Meaning of Mitzvot: Rational Reason or Obligation?"

7:30 pm Shiur between Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat:

"The Aseret haDibrot and the Shema:

Two Mission Statements of the Jewish People"

Shabbat, May 27 | Shavuot Day 2

7:15 pm Pre-Mincha Shiur:

"Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in the Ancient World?"



Dr. Malka Z. Simkovich is the Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies and director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is the author of The Making of Jewish Universalism: From Exile to Alexandria (2016), and Discovering Second Temple Literature: The Scriptures and Stories That Shaped Early Judaism (2018). Dr. Simkovich's articles have been published in academic journals such as the Harvard Theological Review and the Journal for the Study of Judaism, and in mainstream publications. Her forthcoming book, Homeland and Diaspora in Jewish Antiquity, will be published in 2024.


*Sponsored by Brenda and Brian Lass and Family in commemoration of
the first yahrzeit of Brian's father, Mervin Lass^{z"l}*

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Teen Tikkun Leil SHAVUOT

ALL NIGHT LEARNING!

Thursday, May 25, 2023
Midnight Start // 12:45 am Meat Madness* // 4:30 am Shacharit
Engaging, interactive and fun learning all night!
*RSVP for BBQ at shomayim.org/form/shavuot23
In partnership with Bnei Akiva of Toronto and Bnei Akiva Schools



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WHERE KIDS MATTER

Shavuot Ice Cream Party!

Shabbat, 2nd Day of Shavuot
May 27, 2023 | 3:00-4:00 pm

All ages welcome
Free of charge
Register at
shomayim.org/form/shavuoticecream23



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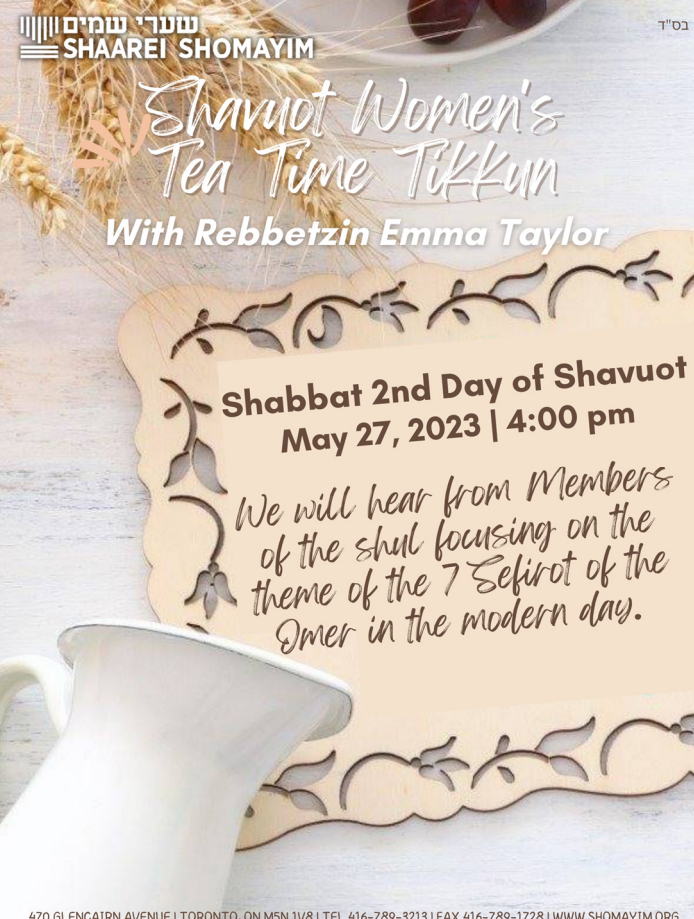
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Shavuot Women's Tea Time Tikkun

With Rebbetzin Emma Taylor

Shabbat 2nd Day of Shavuot
May 27, 2023 | 4:00 pm

We will hear from Members of the shul focusing on the theme of the 7 Sefirot of the Omer in the modern day.



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ADULT EDUCATION

Toronto Holocaust Museum Tour

Tuesday, May 30 at 2:00 pm
4588 Bathurst Street

Additional space added!



Please join us on **Tuesday May 30 at 2:00 pm** for a preview of the brand new Toronto Holocaust Museum, opening to the public on June 9. We have the exclusive opportunity during this pilot visit to explore the new state-of-the-art exhibits and galleries, featured artifacts, and cutting-edge technology experiences including testimony stations, interactive maps, and Storyliner tablet tours. We will engage with stories about the Holocaust through the narrative of survivors who made their way to Canada that will inspire deep thinking about the tragedies of the Shoah and its ongoing relevance to world events and contemporary Canadian life. Your feedback during this pilot tour will help the Museum to refine the visitor experience.

Additional space is limited! Please register at
<https://www.shomayim.org/form/holocaustmuseum>
By May 15

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to **Jeffrey Traubici & Chyla Talesnick, Yona, Benjamin and Raya Traubici, Monique & Stuart Madan, Daniel and Shayna Madan**, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, **Hedy Traubici z"l**.

YAHREZITS

DATE	YAHREZITS BEING OBSERVED	
Shabbat, May 13 / 22 Iyyar	Norm Ringel, brother of Ian Ringel	
Sunday, May 14 / 23 Iyyar	Lena Sharp, mother of Isadore Sharp	
Monday, May 15 / 24 Iyyar	Miriam Aronowicz, mother of Harry Aronowicz Samuel Bierstone, father of Edward Bierstone David Durbin, father of Karen Ander	Rachel Erlich, step-mother of Harry Erlich Denise Perez Robertson, sister of Debby Goldman
Tuesday, May 16 / 25 Iyyar	Seymour Belkin, brother of Roslyn Bigman Berger	
Wednesday, May 17 / 26 Iyyar	Leonard Shapiro, father of Elliot Shapiro	
Thursday, May 18 / 27 Iyyar	Daniel Massouda, brother of Tito Massouda	
Friday, May 19 / 28 Iyyar	Bev Gurza, mother of Harley Gurza	

The Sharp Family started a fund in memory of Max & Lena Sharp to support our young adults who go to Israel for a year of study. Grants are provided to members and friends of Shaarei Shomayim. The application closing date is May 15. The committee meets in early June and each recipient is advised before the end of June. Apply at <https://www.shomayim.org/study-Israel> before May 15.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Monday, May 22, 9:30 am - **UJA's Walk with Israel**. Starts at Earl Bales Park and ends on UJA's Sherman Campus with a community party. Register & donate at <https://give.ujafundraiser.com/event/ujas-walk-with-israel-2023/e461997>.
- May 28-June 4 - **Jewish Music Week**. Featuring JAM Ex! Jewish Art & Music Exhibition, The Great American Jewish Songbook and many more! Information and tickets at <https://www.jewishmusicweek.com/>. Volunteers needed - please contact Roza Berkowitz at Roza.B@rogers.com.
- National Council of Jewish Women of Canada's Helen Weisbrod Memorial Scholarship** - the scholarship's purpose is to provide financial assistance for a worthy and needy individual who embraces the philosophy and purpose of Council and entering the first year of an undergraduate program as a full-time student in Ontario. Deadline for submission is May 31 at 4:00 pm. To learn more and submit your application email info@ncjwctoronto.org.
- 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 go to <https://inf.ca/toronto/events.asp?id=176&c=8>.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

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