SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, May 1
6:53 pm Earliest Candles
7:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Service ONLINE
8:02 pm Candles
Count Omer 23 after dark

Shabbat, May 2
9:04 pm Shabbat Ends
9:20 pm Havdallah ONLINE
Count Omer 24 after dark

Friday, May 8
6:59 pm Earliest Candles
7:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Service ONLINE
8:10 pm Candles
Count Omer 30 after dark

Torah Reading:
Vayikra 16:1 - 20:27
Hertz P. 480
Stone P. 636

Haftarah:
Amos 9:7-15
Hertz P. 509
Stone P. 1173

TODAH RABAH to the sponsors of:
ONLINE KABBALAT SHABBAT:
Dedicated in loving memory of Suzanne Burger z”l by her husband, children and grandchildren
ONLINE HAVDALLAH AND MINI-KUMZIT:
Philip & Nanci Turk in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Philip’s father, Philip Turk z”l

RABBI STRAUCHLER’S TALMUD SHIUR:
Dorothy & Meleh Halberstadt in honour of the birth of their first great-grandchild, Solomon Wolf z”l

SHAVUATON & LEARNING BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV:
Judy Laxer & Jeffrey Lipsitz in loving memory of Judy’s father, Carl Laxer, Yekutiel Chaim ben Avraham v’Tova z”l

RABBI STRAUCHLER’S YIRMIYAHU SHIUR:
Larry & Jackie Zimmerman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Larry’s father, Herman Zimmerman z”l

RABBI DIAMOND’S PARSHA SHIUR:
John & Lori Ulmer in commemoration of the yahrzeit of John’s mother, Eva Ulmer z”l

RABBI’S CHARITY FUND:
Saya Victor Feinman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his wife, Felicia Feinman z”l

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Helen Gross in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her husband, Mark Gross z”l

YAHREZIT COMMEMORATION:
Simha & Nelly Mendelson in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Simha’s mother, Dinette Mendelson z”l

Jodi & Mark Weisleder in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jodi’s father, Howard Mintz z”l

Martin and Paul Brown in commemoration of the yahrzeit of their mother, Dorothy Brown z”l

Stanley & Ellen Markin and family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Stanley’s mother, Lucy Markin z”l

David & Anna Freudenstein in commemoration of the yahrzeit of David’s mother, Leah Freudenstein z”l

Liora & Ariel Burton in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Liora’s mother, Irene Zion z”l

Esther Kelz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her brother, Lawrence F. Kelz z”l

Jonathan Zion in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his mother, Irene Zion (Shlomit bat Mordechai) z”l

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MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to Dorothy & Melech Halberstadt on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Solomon Wolf (שמיעת תולעים) Halberstadt, born to Josh & Mira Lax. Proud great-grandparents are Noreen & Cyril Lax and Reuben & Lily Katz. Proud grandparents are Shari & George Krieser, Michael Lax, Larry Blumenthal & Michelle Katz-Blumenthal. Thrilled uncles and aunts are Lauren, Daniel, and Brandon Krieser, Jesse and Erin Blumenthal. Excited cousin is Lauren Blumenthal.

- Mazal Tov to Linda Levenstein on the engagement of her grandson Aaron Lesser, son of Carol & Stewart Lesser, to Dr. Talia Stark, daughter of Marla & Bob Stark of Cleveland.

- Mazal Tov to Linda Levenstein on the birth of her great-granddaughter, born in Israel to Tsahala & Elnatan Perez. Excited big sister is Raz Rifka. Proud great-grandparents are Michael & Leora Levenstein and Sylvie & Yaakov Perez. Thrilled great-grandparents are Connie & Chuck Solomon and Mrs. Perez, all of Israel.

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- Tonight, May 1, 7:00 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Shore and Chazzan Freund.
- Motzei Shabbat, May 2, 9:20 pm - Havdallah and Mini-Kumzitz.
- Sunday, May 3, 7:30 am & Monday-Friday, May 4-8, 6:30 am – Rabbi Strauchler’s Gemara Shiur: Masechet Ketubot.
- Sunday-Thursday, May 3-7, 8:10 pm – Mincha and Maariv.
- Sunday-Thursday, May 3-7, 8:40 pm – Tehillim and Dvar Torah.
- Sunday, May 3, 10:30 am – Tot Davening with Rabbi Shore.
- Monday, May 4, 9:30 am – Rabbi Strauchler’s Yirmiyahu Shiur.
- Tuesday, May 5, 1:30 pm – Rabbi Torczyner’s Yeshayah Shiur.

BEIT MIDRASH & SHAAREI SHOMAYIM ONLINE PROGRAMS

This coming Sunday, May 3 to Friday, May 8, Beit Midrash Zichron Dov & Shaarei Shomayim will host The Pandemic: An Online Shavuaton of Thought and Inspiration. Sessions will take place every evening with members of Beit Midrash Zichron Dov, discussing Jewish approaches to diverse aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Materials for some of the sessions have been sent out with the shul’s daily emails, and the rest will be sent out next week. To obtain the access information, please email info@shomayim.org. See flyer on p. 3 for more details.

This Shavuaton is dedicated by Judy Laxer & Jeffrey Lipsitz and family in loving memory of Judy’s father, Carl Laxer, Yekutiel Chaim ben Avraham v’Tova z”l.

- Sunday, May 3, 10:00 am - Yom Ha’Atzmaut Learnathon. See flyer on p. 3.
- Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 12:30 pm - A Business Ethics Lunchtime Series.
PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Chaim Strauchler

THE (ETHICAL) MEDIUM IS THE (SPIRITUAL) MESSAGE

“Magnified and sanctified, may His great name be.”

These are the words with which we begin kaddish. For some time now, we have not been able to say them, as we sadly cannot gather as a community. We dearly miss the rhythms of the kaddish prayer. The kedusha – holiness – that it embodies needs togetherness. The prayer demands interpersonal contact to call forth this sanctity.

Our parsha speaks of kedusha, “You should be holy, for I – Hashem your God – am Holy.” (19:2)

While the call to sanctify God’s name requires quorum, the task of sanctifying God’s name does not. While much of sefer Vayikra addresses the difficult task of creating an ongoing space for God’s presence, our parsha shows that holiness requires righteousness beyond that space:

“You shall not steal; you shall not deal deceitfully or falsely with one another. You shall not swear falsely by My name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.” (19:11)

Rabbi Avraham Ibn Ezra explains that to behave dishonestly is to deny God’s existence. This profanes God’s name, which we are entrusted to sanctify. Our collective task is to sanctify God within this world. Yet, that goal requires many individual actions. Prayer and sacrifice do not suffice. How each of us conducts business and treats the poor are critical to the place God’s name will occupy within our collective world.

The health crisis that the world faces reflects a similar dynamic. We all seek to stop the spread of the disease. However, our individual actions to obey social distancing rules are necessary to make it happen. The collective goal depends upon many individual actions. May we sanctify God’s name in our actions – so that we may merit to soon do so with our words.

ONLINE SERVICES, SHIURIM & PROGRAMS

- Tuesday, May 5, 8:30 pm - Rabbi Diamond’s Parshat Hashavua Shiur.
- Wednesday, May 6, 10:20-11:15 am – Walkie-Talkies with Rabbi Shore.
- Wednesday, May 6, 4:00 pm – Rabbi Shore’s Thinking Torah Shiur.
- Wednesday, May 6, 7:15 pm - Homework Help with Rabbi Shore. For details email rabbishore@shomayim.org.
- Thursday, May 7, 8:45-9:30 am – Coffee with Rabbi Strauchler (schmooze, kvetch and kibbitz with our rabbi).
- Thursday, May 7, 8:15 pm – Chumash-Rashi Shiur with Melech Halberstadt.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM’S SIYUM HATANACH

Rabbi Strauchler and Rabbi Shore will be conducting a community project to study all of Tanach. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail them at rabbistrauchler@shomayim.org or rabbishore@shomayim.org. Rabbi Strauchler and Rabbi Shore will assign you a group of 5 chapters or more, and come up with a plan to help you study. To watch Rabbi Shore’s intro video, please go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSQ3hQPBlkQ&feature=youtu.be.

We will be partnering with 929, a cutting-edge project dedicated to creating a global Jewish conversation around issues that unite and divide us, but always anchored in or inspired by Tanach. 929 invites Jews to read Tanach, one chapter a day, together with a website with creative readings and pluralistic interpretations, including audio and video, by a wide range of writers, artists, rabbis, educators, scholars, students and more. To learn more go to https://www.929.org.il/lang/en/today.

2020/5780 YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

The Yizkor Memorial Book has been an important part of our community’s remembrance of loved ones and observance of Yizkor prayer. Letters with your previous year’s listing or suggested revised or new listing, have been sent out last week, along with the Inclusion Form.

Please complete the form and return it by email to coordinator@shomayim.org, fax 416-789-1728 or regular mail, or on our website at https://www.shomayim.org/form/yizkor2020.
THE PANDEMIC
A Shavuot of Thought and Inspiration
May 3 to May 8, 2020

8:45 PM Sunday May 3
The Financial and Personal Cost of Lockdowns: Are They Worth It?
Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

8:45 PM Monday May 4
Are Unproven Medications Kosher?
Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

8:45 PM Tuesday May 5
The Ethics of Restarting Sporting Events
Ezer Diена

7:30 PM Wednesday May 6
The World is Suffering: Is It Our Fault?
Rabbi Sammy Bergman

8:45 PM Thursday May 7
Minyanim: At What Risk?
Rabbi Alex Hecht

6:45 PM Friday May 8, before Kabbalat Shabbat
Seferin in COVID: The Count that Must Go On
Rabbi Sammy Bergman

All sessions will be presented on Zoom and www.facebook.com/shaareishomayim
Matzot for each session will be sent out to subscribers of the Shaarei Shomayim email list
and hosted at www.torontotorah.com/pandemic

For Zoom information, please contact:
coordinator@shomayim.org or 416-730-3213

This Shavuot is dedicated by Judy Lazer & Jeffrey Lipitz in memory of Judy’s father, Carl Lazer,
Yehudiel Chaim ben Avraham & Tova & T

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

YOM HA’ATZMAUT
LEARNATHON

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

10:00 AM, Rabbi Sammy Bergman
TANACH: Efraim’s Medina and the Challenge of Building a State

10:30 AM, Rabbi Alex Hecht
PRAYER: Why Do We Recite Hallel?

11:00 AM, Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
ZIONISM: Rav Kook’s Poetry of Redemption

11:30 AM, Ezer Diена
HISTORY: Yom HA’ATZMAUT Through the Lens of a 1952 Book Ban

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FOR INFORMATION: info@torontotorah.com

**VIRTUAL LAG B’OMER & YOM YERUSHALYIM EVENT!**
Tuesday May 12 & Sunday May 17

TUESDAY MAY 12
LAG B’OMER SPECIALS!
Make your own dessert with Daniella Silver
Kunatz, sing-along with Rabbi Shapero

SUNDAY MAY 17
YOM YERUSHALYIM QUARANTINE QUEST
ISRAEL THEMED Family Scavenger Hunt!

In support of CMHA Mental Health Week, join us for a special virtual event

2ND ANNUAL JEWISH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SHABBAT
MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

Thursday May 7, 2020 | 7:30-9:00 PM

Join the symposium: www.tbdi.org/mentalhealth2020
Call-in Phone Number: 1-855-531-0188

Featuring a panel of local speakers

- Dr. Rachel Goodman, Moderator
  Co-Chair, Mental Health Shabbat 2020
- Rabbi Yocheved Froman-Kish
  Rabbi, Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem
- Barbara Victor
  Chief Clinical Officer, Omeit
- Lynn Harris
  Family Peer Support Worker, AMI-Quebec

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Norman Blumenthal

A licensed clinical psychologist in New York, Dr. Blumenthal heads the Learning Lab for ORL, and for the last 30 years, has been on the forefront of addressing the emotional impact of calamitous events and losses particularly in the Jewish community. He recently attended in-person and the annual Shabbat service at the Tree of Life Synagogue in the wake of the Yellowknife mass shooting, and the主体责任able for several programs geared towards special education services, mentoring, and curricular education and career development for Oshkosh mental health professionals.

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**STAY TUNED!**
CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to **Harry Krakowsky & Golda Brown**, Rosalind and Louie Reznick and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Paula Krakowsky ḥ"l.

YAHARZEITS

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COMMUNITY MATTERS

- **Thursday, May 7, 7:30-9:00 pm** - Virtual Mental Health Symposium - Anxiety through the Lifespan: A Jewish Community Response. Online at [https://www.tbdj.org/mentalhealth2020](https://www.tbdj.org/mentalhealth2020) or call-in: 1-855-531-0118. See flyer on p. 3.

Want to help? Join the WhatsApp group at [https://chat.whatsapp.com/JJgwEOof0bdHdwWeo2rjZq](https://chat.whatsapp.com/JJgwEOof0bdHdwWeo2rjZq) or email ChesedvsC19@gmail.com.

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| Online Tot Davening Program | $180 | Shabbat Matters | $180 |
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We would like to acknowledge your milestones! Please let us know when there is a birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, graduation, engagement, aufruf, wedding, significant birthday/anniversary, community recognition, illness, bereavement, or unveiling. Call or email the shul office at 416-789-3213 or coordinator@shomayim.org or donate online at Shomayim.org/donate.