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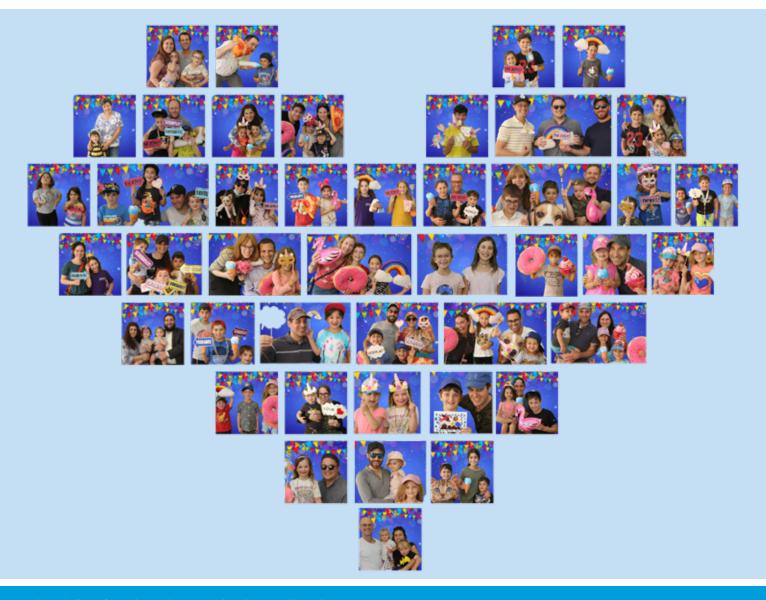


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# Lines and Circles

he difference between a circle and a line is more than just visual. Conceptually, I think circles and lines represent perceptions about the paths we sometimes follow, either individually or collectively. Lines express the notion of a forward motion toward a new destination or end goal. A visual depiction of the idea of time might reveal a straight line inching forward with the passage of days, weeks, months and years.

Surely, that's why those who study history often use "timelines" as a way of situating our understanding of eras or episodes. For Jews, our belief in the coming of the mashiach and the "end of days" seems to be shaped around a destination in the future that we all yearn to reach.

Circles are different. Circles take us back to where we came from and to the echoes of our past. Our paths lead us to a place that we once visited and enjoyed and that, hopefully, left us with memories and feelings that resonate. We often talk about our "holiday cycle" invoking the notion that we return to our chagim and festivals as they return to us, filling us with a sense of familiar anticipation coupled with excitement for undiscovered experiences.

Centuries ago, David Hamelech, urged us to consider the relationship between the lines and circles in our lives, through the use of a phrase in one of the most often quoted chapters in Tehillim, Chapter 23.

> נפשי ישובב ינחני במעגלי צדק למען שמו He leads me in the circles of righteousness for His name's sake (my translation). (Tehillim 23:3)

The path of the righteous is usually described as being straight and narrow but usually not circular. Here the psalmist evokes an image that combines the two. I believe that David Hamelech expresses the idea that the deepest and most lasting kind of righteousness calls on the lessons of the past to guide and inform our path toward the future.

In the few months since I assumed my position, it seems to me, we too, are striving to blend our steps forward in a line toward the blessings of our future with the wisdom, commitment and experience we have gained from the cycles of our past.

• Our Klei Kodesh have reinvigorated and streamlined Tefillah in the Main Sanctuary on Shabbat so that everyone can remain engaged.

- Both Rabbi Bergman and I continue to try to share inspirational words of Torah each week in a succinct manner that promote thoughtful reflection and conversation
- Zoom technology continues to connect members and guests to weekday Tefillah, shiurim and a variety of programs
- We have reached out to a cohort of younger members who want to be active and engaged in our shul and they have enthusiastically responded
- Our Chessed Committee and Chevra Kadisha continue the tradition of our shul to do their holy work to support, strengthen and stand by those who need our compassionate care
- The wide range of opportunities to explore Jewish texts, themes and ideas affirms our Adult Education Committee's continued commitment to our shul as a place of meaningful and relevant study
- Our active Youth Committee and leaders and the amazing programs they provide demonstrate unquestionably our historic dedication to embrace the needs of our youngest members while infusing them with the love of Yiddishkeit.

These examples describe the path that we are taking forward - a path that builds on the strengths that our community has developed during our proud past, but with an eye that's also open to our needs right now. Our line points toward the future but we rely on the cycles of success with which we have been blessed.

I am grateful for your support and partnership in cultivating, nurturing and supporting our Shaarei Shomayim community. May we continue to go from strength to strength!





# ARSHAT HASHAVUA SHIUR With Rabbi Elliott Diamond



Tuesdays, 8:00 pm

Via Shul's Zoom

# The Power of Intergenerational Relationships



s we emerge from the pandemic, I continue to think about what I have learned from the experience. One key take-away for me is the power of intergenerational relationships, how they continue to enrich my life and how much I continue to learn from the people around me.

During Shabbat meals and extensive time spent with our adult children, we had the opportunity to hear their perspectives on many topics including contemporary Israel, spirituality, and the state of Jewish life in the 21st century. These discussions provided me with insight and growth, challenging many of the beliefs that I hold. I learned a great deal from our time together.

As President of Shaarei Shomayim, I have the opportunity to work with many members of our community, young and old. Everyone contributes meaningfully to our ongoing efforts to deal with the challenges of shul life during this period, and help us to develop new ways of thinking about the future of our shul.

I have learned from shul members older than myself how to take the crisis in stride and keep it in perspective. For many of my generation, this was the most significant international crisis we have ever directly experienced. Older members who lived through world wars, the Depression, the Holocaust, and who have experienced personal adversity, were able to bring a perspective that focused upon taking a long-term view. Their life experience gave them the confidence to know that things will improve, and that although the moment is challenging – *Gam Ze Yaavor* גם זה יעבור – this too will pass...

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# **GESMA PRINTING**

9O5-764-6O17 gg.print.gg@rogers.com In working with younger board members and volunteers, I have gained a deeper appreciation of the many skills and talents that they bring. I have learned from them about resilience and creativity. I admire their confidence and conviction. These qualities bode well for the future of our community. I believe the interplay between young and old in our shul community enriches all of us, and creates an exciting dynamic which contributes to the vitality of our shul.

Two projects recently launched by Shaarei Shomayim speak to the power and importance of intergenerational dialogue. Last year's Storytelling Project provided the forum for younger members of our community to interview older shul members who have important and interesting stories to tell. The feedback from the participants as well as from the audience re-enforced this idea that the generations have much to learn from each other. Recordings of these wonderful interviews are available on our shul website at https://www.shomayim.org/the-storytelling-project.html.

Most recently, Shaarei Shomayim has launched Tech Buddies – a program initiated by two talented young leaders in our community, Jordan Lass and Gila Spiegel. By connecting technologically experienced members of our community to those that require assistance, the goal is to help those who need it acquire a useful new skill, and at the same time hopefully provide connections and generate new friendships. If you wish to participate in this project, please contact our shul office.

Pirkei Avot 4 teaches us that 'Who is wise? One who learns from everyone.' איזהו חכם הלומד מכל אדם. Shaarei Shomayim is a living laboratory of intergenerational opportunity and activity. These past months have reminded me of what we have to learn from each other, regardless of age. My hope for the future of our shul is that we continue to build upon these enriching conversations that we have and relationships that we establish. It is this opportunity that is unique to a vibrant shul community and one we all have the privilege of being part of.

NICOLE TOLEDANO



# Introductions

want to take the opportunity to introduce you to our amazing office staff. We are here to assist our members through lifecycle events, smachot, and all your shul related needs.

# Executive Director - Nicole Toledano

I began working for Shaarei Shomayim in 2012. My start was in a portable located outside in the parking lot of the shul. The FLOOD had happened several months before and the staff were still working out of the portables as the decisions were made as to what to do for the space that was damaged. I had come from working at another shul. I always wanted to work within the Jewish community. When graduating from university, this desire led me to getting my Master of Social Work from Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work many, many years ago. At the time, there were three areas to specialize in - case work, group work or communal work - I chose communal work. Though it took some time, working within assisted housing (developing new communities), in a large housing co-op (going through renovating and managing a 112 unit co-op), I finally moved into Jewish communal service (including Beth Torah, a shul that underwent expansion and renovation). I've worked with Shaarei Shomayim through:

- Restructuring and renovating the office
- Renovations to the Lower Level
- Renovations to the Main Level (RRR Campaign)
- Renovations to the Banquet Hall (after all it needed to look as good as the rest of the Main Level)
- Five iterations of the Board (changes over every two years), including five different Presidents
- COVID throughout the beginning of the pandemic, I was able to come to work (though be the only one in the building), and ensure that the work that we do continued on
- A loving, caring and warm community

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM WINTER 2022

• An amazing group of dedicated staff

# Bookkeeper – Lejla Petrela

Lejla has been employed with Shaarei Shomayim Congregation since 2008. In her role as Bookkeeper, she manages financial reporting and budgeting tasks. She's also responsible for ensuring that the shul's bills get paid in a timely manner. Prior to this, Lejla spent over four years at Etobicoke Yacht Club in their finance department. Lejla also holds a Bachelor Degree in Economics, from the University of Tirana, Albania. Her diverse and extensive background in finance and economics allows her to offer insightful perspectives to the shul. Always on top of contracts and costs, she ensures that the shul gets the best deals.

# Administrative Coordinator - Meital Itzkovich

Meital has been employed with Shaarei Shomayim for five years. In her role, she coordinates and designs the shul's publications and communications; maintains and updates the website; and coordinates the shul's work schedules. Meital worked at Baycrest's Therapeutic Recreation & Arts Department for over nine years, and served as a Youth Advisor and Leader at Shaar Shalom Synagogue and Beth Tzedec Congregation. Supporting the Jewish Community is her inspiration and motivation. Meital holds a Bachelor Degree in Visual Arts from the University of Haifa. Her artistic abilities shine through all the shul's publications, posters and flyers.

# Lifecycle Coordinator - Ellen Spigelman

Ellen barely got her feet wet at Shaarei Shomayim before the pandemic hit. She got through the High Holidays, Purim, Pesach and then COVID and has now been as Shaarei Shomayim for over two years. Ellen has always enjoyed working within the Jewish community. It is not uncommon to answer the phone and be asked "where did I call – Netivot, Eitz Chaim or Shaarei Shomayim – I know that voice." Ellen is the cheery first voice one hears when they call the office. Ellen is happy to be reunited and working with Rabbi

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# Introductions

Diamond once again and to be welcomed into such a warm and welcoming community. Ellen has a BA in Psychology/ Sociology. She has worked for years at Camp Robin Hood, swim schools and Jewish Day Schools. As many know, Ellen has a passion for skiing and still teaches the very little ones to ski.

### Accounts Receivables – Tova Gaisin

Starting out on a temporary basis in reception, Tova has been with Shaarei Shomayim for over three years. A "jack of all trades", Tova has done many things, including teaching, social media postings and swim instruction. Tova has become THE person who knows ShulCloud transaction system, our database system, thoroughly and gently asks for your money to donate to Shaarei Shomayim.

We have a great group of staff with very varied skillsets. We all work as a team to ensure that our Members are served professionally, timely and conscientiously.

# RABBI SAMMY BERGMAN

ASSISTANT RABBI



# Emerging from Darkness with a Rekindled Flame

long with the customary brutal cold, our Toronto winter brings a hopeful future. As vaccination rates rise and cases decrease, many have gained the ability to return to a sense of normalcy. Stores and businesses have reopened, our children have (mostly) remained in school, and many have felt confident enough to host guests once again at their Shabbat tables. At our shul, we have resumed our daily minyanim while simultaneously utilizing technology to continue a full slate of shiurim and programs over Zoom. On Shabbat, we have once again filled our tents and the Sharp Sanctuary with the sounds of melodious song and prayer. Both adults and children have returned to a warm environment with youth programming, Kiddushim, Seudot Shlishiyot, and Ongei Shabbat.

As we continue to gradually progress, the lockdowns of the past few months grow ever more distant. However, we would commit a tragic error by failing to remember the unprecedented halt in everything we grew so accustomed to over the last several months. In an unprecedented manner, the pandemic forced almost all face-to-face social interaction around the world to cease. Our schools and synagogues shuttered their doors entirely. How should we view our newfound opportunity to return given the extreme predicament we have emerged from?

I believe we can glean a perspective on how to respond to this unique era in our history from the miracle of Chanukah and the heroism of the Chashmonaim. We often view the conflict of the Chanukah story as a battle between the Maccabees and their Greek Seleucid enemies. However, another crucial element the Chashmonaim needed to combat came from within the Jewish community. Despite living in Israel and having the privilege of serving Hashem in the temple, the Jewish people suffered from a lack of religious fervour and commitment. Already from the beginning of the Second Temple period centuries earlier, the prophet Malachi scolded the Kohanim for accepting the blind, stolen, and lame animals that Iews had offered as sacrifices (Malachi 1:13). Under Hellenist rule, the spiritual decline continued as the community began to assimilate. The Talmud in Sanhedrin 46a describes Jews who desecrated Shabbat in the marketplace and couples who lived intimately in public. If the cultural deterioration had continued - the tradition of Torah and Halacha may not have survived.

Enter King Antiochus, Matityahu and the Chashmonaim. Antiochus decreed that Shabbat observance, Brit Milah, and Torah learning were capital offenses. His army vandalized and desecrated the Beit Hamikdash. Under such persecution the Jewish people understood that they could no longer take Torah, mitzvot or the Temple service for granted. Their entire way of life was at stake. Matityahu the high priest and his children understood that the task at hand required both regaining political autonomy by defeating the Hellenist armies, and reigniting the souls of their Jewish brothers and sisters. Their victory took place not only on the battlefield, but also in the Beit Hamikdash as the Chashmonaim rededicated and purified the temple. The Maharal explains that the miracle of the oil which burned for eight days signified Hashem's expression of His appreciation of the efforts the Jewish people had made to return to his service with a renewed dedication and passion (Ner Mitzvah Section 2).

However, the story does not end with the rededication of the temple. The Sages recognized that the Jewish people would always have to combat assimilation and religious atrophy. Therefore, they instituted the holiday of Chanukah as an annual celebration of praise and thanksgiving to Hashem for the opportunity He gave us to continue serving Him. By celebrating the miracle every year, we remind ourselves never to take our tradition for granted. We use eight festive days of inspiration and song to reinvigorate our commitment and imbue our religious routines with passion and enthusiasm.

Thank G-d we live in a country which protects our ability to worship Hashem according to our tradition. But like the Chashmonaim, we have also experienced a period of darkness. We know the feeling of separation from our shuls, our yeshivot, and many of our most precious rituals. Now that we have begun to return, we can follow the example of our ancestors from the Chanukah story. Rather than simply attempting to ease back into our pre-pandemic routines, we can aspire to a greater level of commitment to Torah, mitzvot,

YOUTH DIRECTOR



# Youth Programs

s Jews, we have the pleasure of having many occasions for joy baked into our calendar. Over Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, we provided programming and groups that reached a peak of 50 children. Simchat Torah was a particular highlight for me. I felt that the energy and simcha matched that of any year – restrictions and all.

Of course, let's not forget the foremost holiday, Shabbat! ("ראשון הוא למקראי קודש") Shabbat groups continued rain or shine, and I want to commend the kids and Youth Leaders for their resilience. I also want to recognize Dan Held who leads an incredible Tot Shabbat every week that brings so much joy to the kids and parents. At the time of writing, Parent-Child Learning is set to begin in a few days, and I'm excited to see this program return!

Beyond the typical Shabbat and Chagim programming,

dedicated parents have gone above and beyond to strengthen the community and the youth. Two incredible events, the Welcome Back Bash and Young Families Shabbat Lunch, each had over 220 people in attendance. I won't list everyone here, but I want to thank everyone on the Youth Committee, as well as the event-specific committees for providing not just the impetus, but also so much of the legwork that made those programs so successful.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the entire shul staff, paid or volunteer, for their tireless efforts and support of the Youth. Glimpsing behind the curtain into the inner workings of shul certainly made me appreciate what we say in davening:

"כל מי שעוסקים בצרכי צבור באמונה, הקב"ה ישלם שכרם With such an incredible team, I'm looking forward to great things! ■

# Youth Chessed Opportunities - Birthday Card Contest!

We are making birthday cards for the older members of our community. This is a chance to get your art printed on birthday cards! If you would like to participate, please make a project and include: the words "Happy Birthday;" your name and age in the corner; a photo of the artist – that's you! (please send the photo separately). You can take a high-quality image / scan and email it to youth@shomayim.org, or bring it to the shul office to be scanned. Looking forward to seeing some great submissions!

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# Emerging from Darkness with a Rekindled Flame

and communal life. We can endeavor to volunteer for one more of our shul's initiatives, tune in for one more shiur, or attend one more weekday minyan than we used to. What better way could there be to demonstrate to Hashem how deeply we appreciate the freedom to join as a community in our holy sanctuaries once again?

The upcoming winter months present each of us with

a challenge: How will we emerge from the darkness of COVID-19? Let's embrace this challenge together by providing warmth to one another through this cold winter with warm Shabbat greeting and words of encouragement. Let's do the best we can to ensure that the Shaarei Shomayim community continues to grow and flourish as a place of Torah, tefillah, and Gemilut Chasadim.

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# Diversity and Unity in the Light of Chanukah

have often thought of Chanukah as a family-centred holiday because the *mitzvah* of lighting the menorah is נר איש וביתו , each person and his home. The home, whether the entrance, window or dining room table, is made the centre point from which the light of the menorah emanates into the world. The home is the place where Torah needs to burn bright, and is the focus of these celebratory days.

I recently came across a deeper understanding from the *Mei Hashiloach* by the Ishbitzer Rebbe, as explained by Rav Menachem Froman<sup>zt\*1</sup>, who was the unique and exceptional Rav of Tekoah. Rather than look at the picture of a single home and the light within it, he takes a much broader view. In the time of the *Beit Hamikdash*, when the *Chashmonaim* returned the *Beit Hamikdash* to its glory, indeed there was one light at the centre of the Jewish world, the light of the menorah in the Temple. But in commemorating the miracles of this time, *Chazal* also wanted to institute light throughout the Jewish world, and so they mandated that each family light in their home. They wanted light to be spread out everywhere, not just at the centre. I love this image of looking at the *mitzvah* of Chanukah light from above, seeing small twinkling lights all over.

This understanding, the Ishbitzer says, helps explain the famous machloket between Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel. Beit

Shammai says that you light eight candles on the first night, and reduce by one each night. Beit Hillel says the opposite, which is our practice, that you increase one candle each night. For Beit Shammai, the goal is to get from many to one, to the core and central light – of Torah, of *Mashiach*, in the Beit Hamikdash. They want to magnify the true and holy oneness that is at the centre of our lives. But for Beit Hillel, the goal is to spread the light of Torah as far and wide as possible, to have it increase and impact the world as broadly as we can manage. This is supported, he suggests, by one of the halachot that discusses the timing of when we light the candles – שתכלה רגל מן השוק, when people return from the market. The Ishbitzer plays on the word רגל, and says it refers to the light spreading to our הרגלים, the common and profane aspects of our life, like the shuk. Beit Hillel wants to bring holiness to everyone and everywhere, and one needs the diffusion of many sources of holiness to accomplish such an outcome.

While we hope for the ultimate revelation of the one Divine light, we live in a time where the *halacha* is like *Beit Hillel*. And so, our task is to spread the light of Torah, of Hashem, as far as wide as possible, and bring much needed light to our world and community.

Chanukah Sameach! **=** 

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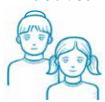
Calling isolated members to keep in touch



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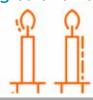
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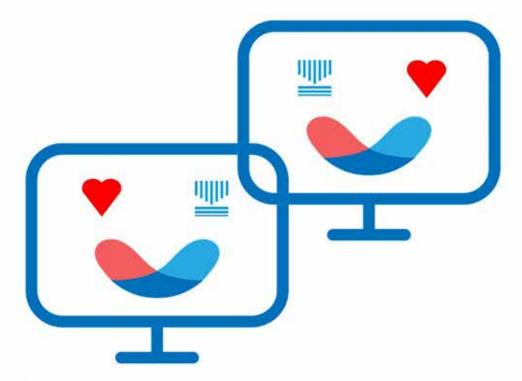
Co-Chairs: Francine Goldrich, Dalya Hakimi and Kitty Wintrob

If you would like to volunteer for any of these activities, contact Ellen or Nicole in the shul office: lifecycle@shomayim.org or nicole@shomayim.org.



# New pilot project:

# SHAAREI SHOMAYIM TECH BUDDIES!



We will match tech savvy members of our community with members who may feel less comfortable using technology: smartphone, computer/tablet, online shopping, appointment booking, setting up/joining a Zoom meeting, accessing digital content e.g. Netflix/YouTube, and more.

This project will provide one-on-one support to those who require it, and is a great opportunity to meet someone new in the shul community!

We are seeking volunteers who have two hours a month to offer their time and expertise, as well as shul members who think they can benefit from the program.

If you are interested in participating either as a volunteer or as a member that requires tech assistance, email <a href="mailto:info@shomayim.org">info@shomayim.org</a>.

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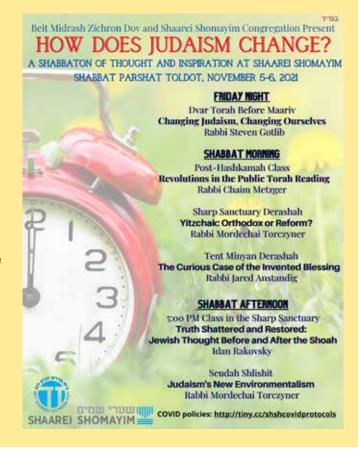


Thank you so much for making our Beit Midrash Shabbaton at Shaarei Shomayim possible, and for making it such a wonderful experience for each member of our group all Shabbat long!

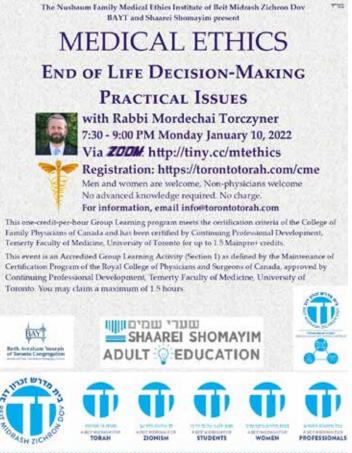
Personally, it was wonderful to re-connect with people I haven't seen since before COVID, and with people I had only seen on Zoom screens. It had the feel of a long-awaited reunion. For the other members of our Beit Midrash, it was their chance to meet the shul for the first time, and I know they really enjoyed as well. And from the perspective of the Beit Midrash as an institution, thank G-d, it was a rich opportunity to share and spread Torah and the messages we believe in.

Thank you again, and I look forward to sharing more such opportunities with you in the future.

Be well, Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner Rosh Beit Midrash







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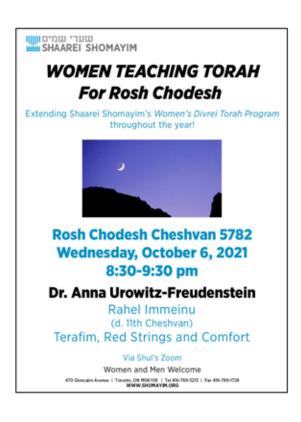
"Why Did We Bother with Bereshit?"

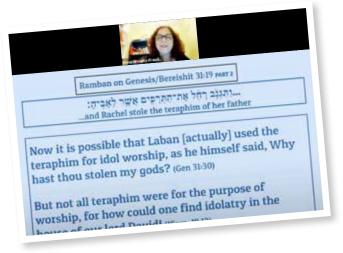
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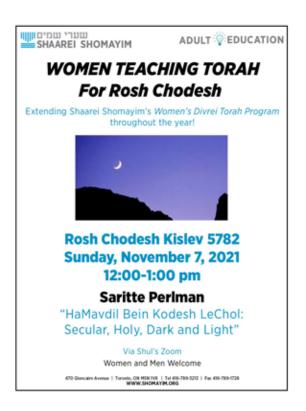
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JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 5:20 pm	5:20 pm				5:24 pm 88	5:15 pm Mincha
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Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 5:30 pm	5:30 pm				5:33 pm 88	5:20 pm Mincha
					5:40 pm Mincha	6:32 pm Shabbat Ends
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8:30 am Shacharit	Family Day	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	Shabbat Mevorchim
	8:30 am Shacharit					Shabbat Shekalim
						9:00 am Shacharit
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Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 5:40 pm	5:40 pm				5:42 pm 88	5:30 pm Mincha
					5:50 pm Mincha	6:41 pm Shabbat Ends
26 Adar / 27	27 27 Adar / 28					
8:30 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit					
Sun - Mon: Mincha/Maariv 5:50 pm	:50 pm					



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**MARCH 2022** 

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					6:00 pm Mincha	6:50 pm Shabbat Ends
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2am Turn clocks forward			6:26 am Fast Begins	7:00am Shacharit/Megillat	7:15 am Shacharit	Parsha IX
one hour			7:00 am Shacharit/Slichot	Esther*		
			6:55 pm Mincha			
			7:30 pm Maariv/Megillat			
Sun - Tues: Mincha/Maariv 7:05 pm	7:05 pm		Esther*	7:15 pm Mincha/Maariv	7:00 pm Mincha	7:00 pm Mincha
			7:54 pm Fast Concludes		7:09 pm 88 (6:13*)	8:07 pm Shabbat Ends
17 Adar II 20	20 18 Adar II 21	21 19 Adar II 22		23 21 Adar II 24		25 23 Adar II 26
8:30 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	Shacharit	hacharit	Shacharit	hacharit	Shabbat Parah
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						שמיני Parsha
Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:15 pm	7:15 pm				7:00 pm Mincha	7:05 pm Mincha
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Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:25 pm	7:25 pm					
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APRIL 2022

Adar II / Nisan 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
**The Pesach Zmanim wi	**The Pesach Zmanim will be included in the Pesach/Spring Bulletin.	:h/Spring Bulletin.			29 Adar II	1 Nisan 2
					7:15 am Shacharit	9:00 am Shacharit
						Shabbat Rosh Chodesh
						Parshat Hachodesh
						תזריע Parsha
					7:00 pm Mincha	7:15 pm Mincha
					7:26 pm 88 (6:25*)	8:24 pm Shabbat Ends
2 Nisan 3	3 3 Nisan 4	4 4 Nisan 5	5 S Nisan 6	6 6 Nisan 7	7 7 Nisan 8	8 8 Nisan 9
8:30 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	Shabbat Hagadol
						9:00 am Shacharit
						מצורע Parsha
						Rabbi's Drasha
Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:35 pm	7:35 pm				7:00 pm Mincha	7:25 pm Mincha
					7:34 pm 88 (6:32*)	8:33 pm Shabbat Ends
9 Nisan 10	10 10 Nisan 11	11 17 Nisan 12	12 12 Nisan 13	13 13 Nisan 14	14 14 Nisan 15	15 15 Nisan 16
8:30 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	7:15 am Shacharit	Erev Pesach**	I Pesach**
					Fast of the Firstborn**	
Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:45 pm	7:45 pm					

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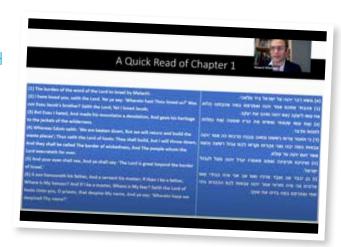
# RABBI SAMMY BERGMAN'S MALACHI AND MINING MAIMONIDES SHIURIM WITH FEEDBACK FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for a great shiur. Much appreciated and very much enjoyed. Yasher Koach.



Rabbi Bergman's Shiurim on Malachi are always interesting and informative. He asks insightful questions and listens attentively to all answers. It is a safe atmosphere where making mistakes is permissible.

- Brondell Shapiro



Thank you
Rabbi Bergman for your
intriguing insights for Trei Asar
(Malachi). Your enthusiasm and breadth
of knowledge you generously share,
bring the ancient text to life!
- Robbie Schwartz



It was a privilege being a student of Rabbi Bergman. We were excited and captivated by the class. The outstanding features of Rabbi Bergman's teaching style are: he was passionate about his subject; he did extensive research; his enthusiasm sparked student participation and questions. He enabled us to comprehend very difficult and complex material. We are very appreciative.

- Rose and Michael Heilbronn

# COFFEE KLATCH WITH RABBI SAMMY BERGMAN AT 3000 BATHURST





The shiur helped to clarify various questions I had regarding Shabbat during the winter months. Rabbi Anstandig delivered the shiur with great knowledge and energy.

Yasher Koach.

RABBI JARED ANSTANDIG'S
THE HALACHOT OF SHABBAT
DURING THE WINTER
WITH FEEDBACK FROM
OUR MEMBERSHIP

Informative, and the presentation was fun!



# RABBI ELLIOTT DIAMOND'S PARSHAT HASHAVUA SHIUR WITH FFFDBACK FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for a meaningful and inspiring shiur.



I so enjoy Rabbi Diamond's Zoom Parshat Hashavua shiur. Covid has had its benefits. I wish that I had made time for this sooner. He is always able to pose questions that make me think as well as making the Parsha relevant. We are so lucky to have him. - Joyce Rifkind



Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua shiur was the highlight of my week during COVID. He brought the parsha to life, his words were inspirational, uplifting and comforting during these challenging times. Through his teaching I gained a deeper and more meaningful understanding of the Torah. I'd like to thank him for all his dedication and hard work that went into preparing for these weekly shiurim.

- Maryka Weisz

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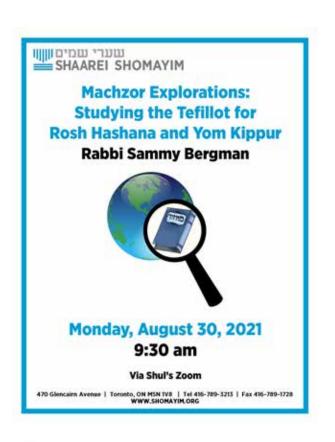




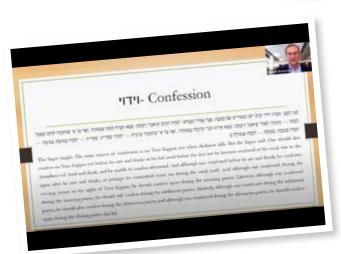




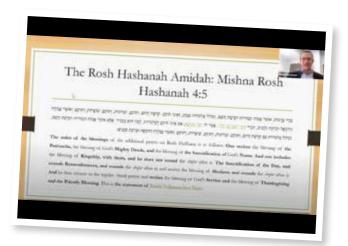


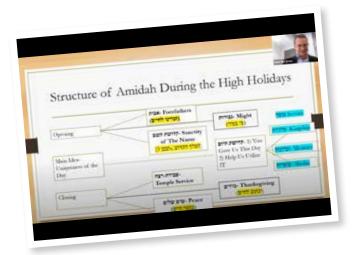






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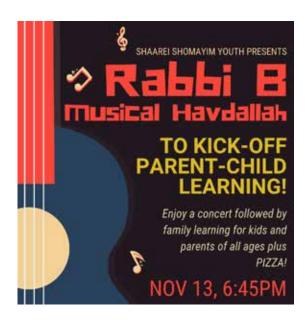






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### **BIRTHS**

GERSHON & HEATHER HURWEN on the birth of their twins, ETHAN and EMILY. Excited brothers are NOAH, JAKE and COLE. Proud grandparents are DAVID SOCKEN & GALE BORISON-SOCKEN and Jennifer (Aubreyz"l) Hurwitz of Johannesburg. Happy aunts, uncles and families are ALLAN, MICHELLE and ANN SOCKEN, DANIEL & AMANDA SOCKEN, and Sarah Hurwitz of Johannesburg.

MARLA ORBACH (JACOBZ"L) on the birth of a granddaughter, Juliet Liora (Yakova). Proud parents are Eden & Christine Orbach. Excited big sisters are Adina and Eliana. great-grandmother is Grace Thrilled Schelew. Excited aunts are Dara Orbach and Rebecca Orbach.

MATTHEW PARADISGARTEN & ZAHAVA STADLER on the birth of a daughter, MAYA MALKA. Excited sister is ELLIE. Proud grandparents are Sam Paradisgarten and Polina Kholov and Harry and Mimi Stadler.

IES & RUTH VAN MESSEL on the birth of their great-grandson Yechiel, born to Efraim & Esty van Messel of Borough Park, NY.

ROBBIE & JESSICA HANDELMAN on the birth of a son, JOSEPH. Excited sister is REBECCA. Proud grandparents are STEPHEN & CAROL HANDELMAN and Albert & Camille Tobianah. Excited great-grandparents are Lionel & Ruth Fisch, Anne Handelman, and Laurice Tobianah.

MENDY & MARILYN MAIEROVITZ on the birth of their granddaughter Kinneret Ahava. born to Yona Chana & Meir Chaim Dan. Excited siblings are Yedidya Elimelech and Maayan Lev Shlomo. Proud grandparents are Debbie & Herbie Dan.

CYNTHIA GASNER on the birth of her greatgranddaughter Bar Leviah, daughter to Zev & Danielle Gasner. Proud grandparents are Jon & Ellise Gasner and Ronnie & Joanne Schwartz. Proud great-grandparents are Samieth Mintz and Arnie & Roneen Weingarten. Proud aunts & uncles are MICHA & SEAN, Rafi & Benjy, Noah & Adi, Avishai, Nadav & Pearl, Atara, Yakira, David and Jackie. Michael and Kayla. Great aunts & uncles are MYRA MECHANIC, BRENDA & BRIAN LASS, and Robert & Julea Gasner.

LEXI & ROBERT KOTZER on the birth of their daughter, MARAIS ROSE KOTZER. Proud grandparents are JUDY & BRIAN KOTZER and Laura & David Rose. Excited big brother is ELLIS.

David & Naomi Tal on the birth of their granddaughter, Yardena, daughter of Rabbi Ariel & Rebezzin Tal, of Wellington, New Zealand. Proud older sisters are Nechama, Shlomit, Emunah and Aliza.

Miryam & Geoffrey Michael Kiderman on the birth of twin daughters, Eliana Tzophia (Elaine Sophia) and Yakira Liba (Keira Livia). Excited brothers are Judah Barry and Sammy Adir. Mazal Tov to grandparents REUVEN & DEBBIE SPIEGEL and Jan & Shelly Kiderman. Mazal Tov to aunts, uncles and cousins, AKYVA, GILA, ARLEY and AYAL SPIEGEL; YAEL, NACHUM and AYDEN SILVERMAN; KOBY, RACHELI and ILAN SPIEGEL; Eitan, Erica and Ziva Goldberger; and Elan, Naomi, and Ari and Keshet Ullendorf.

LYDIA & JEFF GOLDFARB and Meir & Leah Brener (of Mexico City) on the birth of a grandson, Yechezkel, born to Jonathan & Rivky Goldfarb. Proud great-grandparents are ELFRIEDA VALE and Sue & Stan Goldfarb. Excited siblings are Temara Necha and Yirachmiel. Thrilled uncles are MICHAEL GOLDFARB and ERIC GOLDFARB.

# BAR / BAT MITZVAH

ADINA & JEFF SOMER on the Bar Mitzvah of their son SETH. Excited brother is EVAN. Proud grandparents are JUDITH & PAUL BLOOM and Rhonda & Jerry Somer.

BRIAN & ROBBIE SCHWARTZ on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Baila Sara, daughter of Elana & Rabbi Shmuli Soroka. Excited siblings are Dov Ber, Masha Miriam, Chayim Yehuda, Tzvi Meir, Ephraim Noach and Uri Simcha. Proud grandparents are Susie Soroka & Berl Sorokaz"i.

SUSAN OSHER & CRIS DAVID on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter ELLA. Proud brothers are DANIEL and JACOB. Proud grandparents are AVIS & ROBBIE OSHER and Lorraine (Bobz") David.

Jeffery & Daniella Silver on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Alisha. Excited siblings are Emily, Sorelle and Abie. Proud grandparents are Bonny Silver, Arieh Glustein and Resa & Alan Litwack, and great-grandparents are Noreen & Cyril Lax. Thrilled uncles and aunts are Jeremy & Talya Silver, Hananel Segal & Sherri Silver, Zvi & Naomi Glustein, and Gadi & Atara Yunger.

AIMEE & JONATHAN HASS on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, ELLA. Excited brothers are JACOB, BENJAMIN and LEO. Proud grandmothers are JANICE HASS and Susan Jurkowitz.

RACHEL & RON WALD on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, ZACHARY in Israel. Adoring siblings are BENJAMIN, TAMAR and JOSHUA. Proud grandmother is Lillian Dayan.

DANI & RENA NEUFELD on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, KIRA. Excited siblings are KAYLA and ALEX. Proud grandparents are Eva & Frank Mayer and Rabbi Jay Neufeld and Judy Neufeld.

MENDY & MARILYN MAIEROVITZ on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson. Shai Drazin in London, England. Proud parents are Meira & Hillel Drazin. Excited siblings are Niva, Izzy and Emmanuelle. Proud grandparents are Miriam & Yale Drazin.

MOSHE & BRENDA BESSIN on the Bar and Bat Mitzvah of their grandchildren, Uriel and Eliana Bessin. Proud parents are Avi & Chaya Sarah Bessin, and Atara Engel & Ezzie Goldish. Excited sister is Serena. Mazal Tov to all the extended family.



### BAR / BAT MITZVAH

ZEV & SOPHIA SPIRO on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, AURELIA. Excited siblings are MIA and OLIVER. Proud grandparents are Michael & Betty Spiro, Terrian Rabbenou, and Yonah Rabbenou. Proud great-grandfather is Rabbi David Spiro.

DODO COHEN on the Bat Mitzvah of her great-granddaughter Liora Goldstein. Proud parents are Dani & Ariella Goldstein. Thrilled grandparents are Shaindy & Zev Goldstein and Brian & Simmi Kleinberg.

# **ENGAGEMENTS**

DAVID NADLER & TARA DUBROW on the engagement of their daughter ZOË to Zack Bratin, son of Milan & Pearl Bratin of Montréal. Excited siblings are Ezra, Gabrielle and Lee Nadler; Jacob Bratin & Sherri Levine Bratin, Rochelle Bratin, Shawna Bratin & Igor Bernadski, Joel Bratin & Stephanie Mamman Bratin. Proud grandparents are ARNIE & PAULA DUBROW.

SAMUEL & SHARYN MOSES on the engagement of their daughter ASHLEY to Joshua Finkelstein, son of Kenneth & Janis Finkelstein. Excited siblings are ALEXA and LAUREN MOSES, and Michael (Jamie) and Daniel (Rachel) Finkelstein. Proud grandparents are Molly Finkelstein and Rayla Wasserman.

LORI LEWITTES & TED SASKIN on the engagement of their son OREN to Annie Hurwitz, daughter of Amy Gladstein & Larry Hurwitz. Excited siblings are Michael & Hillary, Aliza and Tamar Saskin, and Molly Hurwitz. Proud grandparents are Betty Cohen & Sherry Kelner and Ruth Hurwitz.

STEVE GOTTESMAN & LIDDY BECK on the engagement of their son JONATHAN to Marly, daughter of Stuart & Linda Peikes. Excited siblings, nieces and nephews are ELIZABETH GOTTESMAN & JEFF PELCHOVITZ, ZOE and JACK PELCHOVITZ, Sophie Gottesman & Bryan Flatt and Henry Flatt, and MADELEINE GOTTESMAN. J.B. Peikes & Serena Wolfond, Cory, Jesse and Shelby Peikes, Tyler Peikes & Megan Cooney, Rory, Addie and Cecily Cooney-Peikes.

LESLIE & SHAYNE TRAIN on the engagement of their son, AHRON to Debra Weinryb, daughter of Calvin & Judy Weinryb.

# **MARRIAGES**

ELAINE & DANNY SHIFF on the marriage of their daughter, Sarah to Seth Frieberg, son of Jack Frieberg and Sandy Herlick. Thrilled siblings are Rachel, Jeremy and Benji Shiff, Adam & Sara Frieberg, Mathew & Lindsay Frieberg, and Orly Frieberg & Daniel Prupas. Excited nephews and nieces are Noah Levman as well as Emunah, Rina, Chana, Ezzy, Mia and Hannah Frieberg. Proud grandparents are DOROTHY (DICK<sup>Z"L</sup>) SHIFF, Basia (Isaac<sup>Z"l</sup>) Jesin, Gerda (Louis<sup>Z"l</sup>) Frieberg, and David (Lorraine<sup>Z"l</sup>) Herlick.

BRAD & TERRY STRAUSS on the marriage of their daughter Shira to Adam Newman, son of Steve and Barbara Newman, and Mazal Tov also on Adam's Aufruf. Proud grandmothers are Shirley Strauss and Helene Newman. Excited siblings are Orlee-Rose Strauss and Sean Zigelbaum, Yona and Miya Strauss, and Alex and Daniel Newman.

ELLEN & WARREN GROSSMAN on the marriage of their son EZRA to Jenna Halberstadt, daughter of Reesa Halberstadt and Jeff and Suzanne Halberstadt. Excited siblings are KAILA, LELAH GROSSMAN & AVI MILLER and YESHAYAHU GROSSMAN, and Adam & Laina and Jordan Halberstadt. Grandparents are Carrie & Ben²" Grossman, Renee²" and Karl Bald²", Caryl Baker, Alan Baker, Shelly Shore, and Lila & Martin²" Halberstadt.

CHARLENE & GEORGE ARJE on the marriage of their daughter DANIELLE to Daniel Rosenfeld, son of Marla & Dr. Allan Rosenfeld. Proud grandparents are Shoshana Samuels, Zelda Rosenfeld and Norman and Frances Goodman. Excited siblings are TAMAR & ELI LECHTMAN, ILANA ARJE GOLDENTHAL & EVAN GOLDENTHAL, Naomi Rosenfeld and Jeff Greenberg and Eli Rosenfeld. Proud nieces and nephews are AARON, LEAH, NATHAN, LEORE and KOBY.

PAUL BROWN on the wedding in Toronto of his daughter Batya to Igor Guarisma, son of Raul and Mirro Guarisma of Venezuela.

SIMHA & NELLY MENDELSOHN and Larry & Lilly Tobes on the marriage of their son, Ilan Yoseph to Rachel Tobes.

SUSAN & BRUCE BATIST on the marriage of their son, Judah to Ruth Chitiz, daughter of Risa Sokoloff, and Dan Chitiz. Thrilled siblings are Jacob Batist and Jill Taras, Noah Batist and Abby Andrew, Aiden Batist, Sophie Chitiz, and Louis Chitiz. Proud grandmothers are ROSLYN BERGER and Leah Sokoloff. Excited niece is Micah Batist.

ANNE BURGER and Family on the marriage of their daughter and sister Toreigh to Chad. Greatly missed at this special time are beloved parents and grandparents, Karl and Katy Burger<sup>z"</sup>.

STEPHEN & LINDA OFFENHEIM on the marriage of their daughter ASHLEY of Jerusalem to Sagi Carmel of Tel Aviv, son of Nissim & Ranit Carmel. Excited siblings are JAKE and RACHEL OFFENHEIM, Adi Carmel & Tzuriel Friedman and Tamir Carmel. Proud grandparents are Harold & Sandy Offenheim.

David & Naomi Tal on the wedding of their son, Ronen Tal to Shoshanah Reiskind on July 26.

ARNIE DUBROW & PAULA ZUCKERMAN DUBROW on the marriage of their grandson, Noam Liss, son of Mindy & Marty Liss of Sharon MA, to Rachel Winestone, daughter of Amy & David Winestone of Memphis TN. The wedding took place in Memphis TN.

# **ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS**

SOL ZEIFMAN on his 80th Hebrew birthday.

QUEENIE & SOL NAYMAN on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

PETER & SUZANNE MEZEI on their  $10^{\text{th}}$  wedding anniversary.

CHAIM EISENSTAT on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

HYIM BESSIN on his birthday.

NIGEL BLUMENTHAL on the Diamond anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

# **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mazal Tov to DR. PAUL HERBERT on his son, Dr. David Herbert, Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba, being awarded the Merit Award at the University of Manitoba for 2020. The Merit Award recognizes faculty members for their outstanding teaching, research, scholarly work, creative activities and service.

B'hatzlacha to the students who are in Israel for their year of study: ISAAC BEGUN, ZEV BELL, ELIYAHU FREUDENSTEIN, ISAAC GOLOMBEK, ISAAC MANSELL and LEE NADLER.

Mazal Tov to ROBIN GOFINE who was selected as one of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance's 2021 *Ushpizot* – notable women who paved the way in Orthodox synagogues in 5781. For the full listing of the accomplished women who were honoured, please go to <a href="https://www.jofa.org/ushpizot-2021">https://www.jofa.org/ushpizot-2021</a>.

# **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mazal Tov to Ari Burger, son of Marc Burger & Jill Charnaw Burger, and grandson of ALAN BURGER and BETTY CHARNAW, on being selected for the Canadian National Soccer Team for the 2022 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

# **CONDOLENCES TO**

Mechel Hershcovich, ARNOLD & PAULA DUBROW, Seymour & Marlene Dubrow and families, on the loss of their wife, sister, sister-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Frances (Faigie) Dubrow Hershcovich<sup>z"</sup>!.

lan Cowling, Aaron and Danielle Friedman, Alysha Friedman, JOEL AND REBECCA FRIEDMAN, Andrew and Shannon Cowling, Sarah Friedman, AVITAL FRIEDMAN, Avery and Mirah Cowling, Aubrey Friedman and Dulcie Barber and families, on the loss of their wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Darlene Throop<sup>z\*</sup>!.

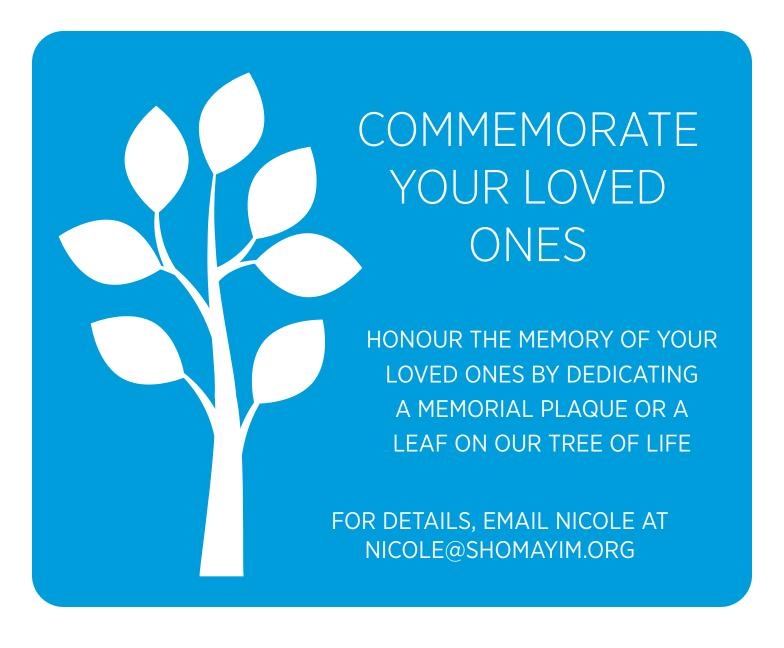
Joseph & Lee Minkowitz, Rafoel Minkowitz, Yitzchok Minkowitz, Aaron Minkowitz, Honey Diament and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, greatgrandmother and great-great-grandmother, Nechama Fayge Minkowitz<sup>z"</sup>.

In memory of Edie Gold $^{z^{m}}$ , sister of GAYLE SABLE.

Gilad & Stephanie Abrahami, Leonora Abrahami & Peter Larmand, Michaella (Joice) Frohlich and families, on the loss their mother, mother-in-law, sister and grandmother, GABI WEISFELD<sup>Z"L</sup>.

BRONA ROSEN, HAROLD & GILI ROSEN, Avi and Maria, Ahuva and Amichai, Avital and Joey, Sarah and Micah, Chana, Nava and Ben Yakir, JACOB ROSEN and families, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, Carl Rosen<sup>z"</sup>.

GAYLE SABLE, Jordan and Kate Sable, Jeremy and Karen Sable, Josh and Simona Sable, MARLENE WELLER, Heather Sable, Peter McClelland, Gabriel, Elijah, Eve, Julia, Jack, Jonah and Isaiah, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law, brother and grandfather, MARTIN SABLE<sup>Z\*L</sup>.



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC 14	Fast of 10 <sup>th</sup> of Tevet
DEC 26	Beit Midrash Zichron Dov's Tanach in a Day
JAN 3	Women Teaching Torah for Rosh Chodesh: Shayna Kravetz
JAN 10	Medical Ethics: End of Life Decision-Making Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
JAN 12, 19, 26	BMZD's <i>The Biblical Hannah</i> Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
JAN 15	Shabbat Shira
JAN 16	Tu B'Shevat Lunch and Learn
JAN 17	Tu B'Shevat
FEB 9, 16, 23, MAR	2,9 BMZD's From Sinful to Sacred: Jews & Food Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
FEB 13	Medical Ethics: Gender Dysphoria in Judaism Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
MAR 7	Legal Ethics: Ethical Competition for Clients Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
MAR 16	Ta'anit Ester / Erev Purim
MAR 17	Purim
MAR 18	Shushan Purim
APR 9	Shabbat Hagadol
APR 15	Ta'anit Bechorot / Erev Pesach
APR 16	I Pesach
APR 17	II Pesach
APR 18 - 21	Chol Hamoed Pesach
APR 22	VII Pesach
APR 23	VIII Pesach