# שערי שמים
# SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

SPRING / SUMMER 2023
NISAN-IYYAR-SIVAN-TAMMUZ-AV-ELUL 5783

חג כשר ושמח

Happy Passover

RABBI SAM TAYLOR ..... 3
JONATHAN OSTRO, PRESIDENT ..... 5
RABBI ELLIOTT DIAMOND ..... 6
NICOLE TOLEDANO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ..... 7
RABBI SAMMY BERGMAN ..... 8
YOUTH MATTERS ..... 9
NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL ..... 10
CHESSED COMMITTEE ..... 13
YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK ..... 22
PHOTO GALLERY ..... 24
CALENDARS ..... 26
MEMBER NEWS ..... 49

FROM OUR NETIVOT FAMILY TO YOURS

WE WISH YOU A

חג כשר ושמח

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
MASHIE FEINTUCH, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS: **ADMISSIONS@NETIVOT.COM**

NETIVOT HATORAH
נתיבות התורה
TORAH. ISRAEL. DERECH ERETZ.

**Netivot HaTorah Day School**
The Jack & Anne Weinbaum Education Centre
Tel: 905.771.1234 | Fax: 905.771.1807
www.netivot.com

**North Campus**
18 Atkinson Avenue
Thornhill, Ontario
L4J 8C8

**South Campus**
470 Glencairn Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M5N 1V8
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto

RABBI SAM TAYLOR

# Making Our Emunah Real and Truly Impactful

The Torah reading for the seventh day of Pesach describes the miraculous splitting of the sea, *Kriyat Yam Suf*, and the song, *shirat hayam*, that the Jewish People sang afterward which we say every morning in Shacharit toward the end of *Psukei D'zimra*. One would imagine that the reading would end with the words of Miriam encouraging the women to praise and sing to Hashem.

Yet we read five more verses which depict how after *Kriyat Yam Suf*, the Jewish people traveled for three days in the desert without water. Finally, they come to Marah but they are not able to drink the bitter waters there so they complain, and Hashem shows Moshe how to sweeten the water. Why do we end with this seemingly unimportant passage? It does not seem to be a fitting conclusion to the grand *Kriyat Yam Suf* and the joyous *shirat hayam*.

What is even more intriguing is how just three days after witnessing the great miracle of *Kriyat Yam Suf*, the Jewish people complained about water. Our Sages comment that even a servant saw divine revelation at the sea that prophets were not able to understand. The Ramban explains that they merited such a vision because 'they had faith in Hashem and Moshe, His servant' and they jumped into the sea. How did the nation lose their faith so quickly that they complained about the lack of drinkable water?

The Ramban writes that when a person experiences a spiritual awakening, they should concretise the feelings by doing something practical, to translate the emotion into action. He proposes that this is the more profound meaning of the verse in the second chapter of Shir Hashirim, 'If you arouse or awaken the love until you desire it.' King Solomon is advising the Jewish People that when they have an intense feeling of ahavat Hashem, love of G-d, we show our true desire for Him by turning that emotion into something substantive like an object, because this will crystallise one's feelings and transform them into meaningful action. In that way, the emotion will not be just a fleeting passion, rather it will leave a lasting and permanent impact.

Since the Jewish People never concretised their emotional experience at *Kriyat Yam Suf* into something substantive, their spiritual high evaporated in just three days of wandering in the desert. Hashem therefore responded by giving them mitzvot and we are told that He gave them *chok u'mishpat*, a law and a rule (Shemot 15:25). Rashi explains that this refers to the mitzvot of Shabbat and *para aduma*. Why was Shabbat the first mitzvah that the Jewish People received in Marah?

The mitzvah of Shabbat is designed to strengthen our *emunah*, our faith in Hashem. One who observes Shabbat testifies to the fact that Hashem created the world and that He took the Jewish People out of Egypt. This is also the purpose of the practises associated with Pesach in general and the Seder night in particular, which of course is to reinforce the idea of *hashgachat Hashem*, that Hashem is constantly orchestrating the events of history and of our personal lives.

The Children of Israel witnessed the ten plagues in Egypt. They saw Hashem's omnipotence, His total control over Pharaoh and his people. This heightened sense of *emunah* in Hashem reached its pinnacle at the *Yam Suf* when they saw the precise divine retribution that Hashem meted out to the Egyptians for their persecution of the Jews. And yet, because these feelings of *emunah* were not grounded in mitzvot, in substantive actions, they were not lasting. That is why Hashem gave them the mitzvah of Shabbat which reinforces the concept of *emunah*, so that by observing Shabbat they would be able to crystallise their feelings of faith into something real and give them a sense of permanence.

*cont. on page 4*

*cont. from page 3*

## Making Our Emunah Real and Truly Impactful

Therefore, the story of Marah is actually a fitting conclusion to *Kriyat Yam Suf* because it was at Marah that our ancestors received the mitzvah of Shabbat, the necessary vessel, through which they would be able to concretise the *emunah* they felt at the *Yam Suf* and transform that emotion into an enduring legacy.

It has been a little over three years since our *emunah* was tested by the pandemic. The Gemara in Brachot 59a says that thunder was created to straighten the crookedness of the heart. Hearing a sudden clap of thunder shocks a person and it reminds him of Hashem's omnipotence. The same is true with a global pandemic. But the story of Marah teaches us that the way to ensure that our heightened sense of *emunah* continues to inform and guide our lives – is by concretising it with a renewed commitment to our traditions. When we turn our spiritual emotion into something considerable, we infuse it with a sense of durability, and we raise ourselves in the process.

Wishing you and your families *Pesach Kasher Vesameach*.

DO YOU RECEIVE RABBI SAM TAYLOR'S WEEKLY *TORAH FOR YOUR LIFE* EMAILS?

If not, please contact the shul office to be included in the email list.

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

January 3, 2023 | 10 Tevet 5783

Office of the Chief Rabbi
305 Ballards Lane
London, England N12 8GB

Dear Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis,

On behalf of everyone at Shaarei Shomayim I would like to wish you Mazal Tov on receiving a Knighthood from His Majesty the King for services to the Jewish community, interfaith relations and education. This is indeed a great honour not just for you personally and British Jewry, but it is also wonderful news for Jewish communities throughout the Commonwealth including Canada.

When Emma and I heard the news we were not surprised at all because we both know first hand of your dedication to the community and the various causes which you champion. May Hashem bless you with continued success with all of your endeavors, and I hope that our community gets an opportunity to wish you Mazal Tov in person at some point in the near feature.

Warm wishes,

Rabbi Sam Taylor
Senior Rabbi

President's Message

# Own Your Own Perspective

JONATHAN OSTRO

Pesach, also known as *Zman Geulateynu* (the time of our redemption), commemorates our transition from slavery in Egypt to becoming a free nation. For over 3,300 years, we have celebrated Pesach as a people. However, throughout history, we have not always been able to fully experience the joy of this freedom. Even after leaving Egypt, our ancestors wandered in the desert for 40 years. For centuries to come, the Jewish people in Israel faced various invasions and conflicts with other nations. Since the destruction of the second Beit HaMikdash, we have experienced many instances of persecution and oppression, including but not limited to, the Crusades, Spanish Expulsion, European Pogroms, and the more recently the Holocaust. I ask how many of these 3,300 years were our ancestors truly able to enjoy Pesach and truly feel redeemed and free?

Today, we face numerous challenges, and while freedom may not be viewed as one of them, it remains a crucial aspect of our lives. Canada is currently ranked #6 on the World Freedom Index, with physical freedoms such as freedom of movement, economic freedom, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion being the main factors contributing to this ranking. However, the Lubavitcher Rebbe emphasized that the freedom we experienced in Egypt thousands of years ago, and the freedom we should aim to achieve each Pesach, is deeper and unique to each of us – it is the freedom of our mind and soul. We need to free our perspective in every aspect of our own lives. Pesach reminds us that we create our own destiny, and perspective can influence the outcome of any situation.

As the President of Shaarei Shomayim, I am frequently asked by acquaintances about the latest gossip or political issues that may be hot-button topics within our community. These questions stem from a common assumption that such matters are ubiquitous in every shul. Nevertheless, my response invariably counters this negative connotation. Our shul is vibrant and has so much positivity happening on a daily basis. Working together with Rabbi Taylor, our Clergy, and administrative staff over the past few months, has been only to my own benefit. In addition to our daily minyanim, there are dozens of engaging shiurim and programs every month, all of which are advertised weekly in our Shabbat Matters. I attribute my positive outlook toward the shul to attending these shiurim and programs, as well as witnessing all that the shul has to offer. The more involvement and investment one has in the shul, the more they will come to appreciate and be impressed with all that it has to offer.

Over the past few weeks, members have approached me with program ideas and volunteered their time to make them a reality. Witnessing the commitment and volunteerism of our community members, including our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and all our Committee Chairs and members, is truly inspiring. It motivates me to continue building our shul and community with each and every one of you.

While I will not be in shul but will be spending Pesach in Israel this year, I wish you all, a *Chag Kasher Vesameach*.

## MAZAL TOV

*Mazal Tov* to Rabbi Sam Taylor who was selected as part of the inaugural cohort of the Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Scholars Programme. The Programme assembles individuals committed to ensuring Rabbi Sacks' legacy is continued and spread throughout the world.

To learn more about the programme please go online: rabbisacks.org/sacks-scholars

RABBI ELLIOTT
DIAMOND

# Never Too Small

Few biblical stories are as well-known by all Jews as is the story of the exodus from Egypt. Whether one is observant or not, the narrative of our slavery and liberation from Egypt forms part of our national memory and ethical foundation. The Torah portions in the beginning of Sefer Shemot capture our imagination and interest as they tell the story that has endured till this day. No wonder that research reveals that the Pesach Seder is the single most observed ritual by most Jews throughout the world.

Oddly, while the story, as recorded in Sefer Shemot, is the core of the Pesach narrative, those same chapters and verses do not comprise the core of the Haggadah that we recite at the Seder. In compliance with the ruling of the Mishna, the Haggadah is built around explicating and expanding on the five verses that are found in Sefer Devarim in Parshat Ki Tavo that are commonly referred to as "Mikra Bikkurim".

In a few words, these pesukim comprise a carefully crafted distillation of Jewish history starting with Yaakov Avinu, his descent to Egypt followed by the period of enslavement, and concluding with our liberation at the hand of Hashem. And all in five verses! These are the central verses from the Torah that the Haggadah quotes – word by word, phrase by phrase – and that we read at the Seder in order to fulfill the mitzvah of telling the story on Pesach night.

But why ignore the central narrative of the Torah portions text and choose a brief summary in its place? Can five verses really do justice to what is originally described in four entire parashot?

The Mikra Bikkurim pesukim were traditionally recited by the farmer who was obligated yearly to bring his first fruits (bikkurim) to the Beit HaMikdash in gratitude for the divine blessings of the produce that he grew and reaped. The five verses essentially acknowledged how Hashem's providence accompanied our people throughout history – even during the darkest times – and reached the field of the humble farmer.

With a discerning eye toward teaching us fundamental principles of faith, our Rabbis deliberately chose these five verses to form the central narrative of the Haggadah and the Seder night in order to convey a vital message. A single farmer bringing his first fruits to the Beit HaMikdash recites the Pesach story (albeit in an abridged version) in order to assert that Hashem's providence reaches all corners of the world – even his small field and fruits – and that no place or person is beyond Hashem's watchful eye.

The grand and sweeping story of *Yetziat Mitzrayim* might leave the mistaken impression that Hashem's interest lies solely in the welfare of His nation as a whole and not in the individual people who have small and, as some might think, insignificant lives. As we recreate and retell the drama of *Yetziat Mitzrayim* and declare Hashem's rulership of the world and our nation, we repeat those five verses that the individual farmer recites in order to remind us that Hashem's attention is directed to our people as a whole and to each and every one of us on a daily basis. Each of us is worthy of G-d's attention, caring and love throughout our singular and distinct lives.

And that, too, is a message worth retelling.

*Chag Kasher Vesameach.*

NICOLE TOLEDANO

# The Circle of Life

As you are reading this article, I have married off my third (and last) child. Who would think that the year would bring so much nachat. In July of last year as my middle child was getting ready to deliver her second child, we were saying that the last few years have marked a *simcha*. It all began when my daughters got married within five weeks of each other in 2019.

Then, 2020 brought us the birth of a granddaughter (number one). 2021 brought us the birth of a grandson (number two). 2022 brought us the birth of another granddaughter (number three). 2023 decided to give us a whammy – we celebrated the marriage of our son to a beautiful girl (with the same last name, but not related!). We were also able to celebrate the birth of a grandson (number four). What an amazing few years.

As we celebrate such momentous occasions, we also look back to those we have lost. For my mother, it would be her 22nd *yahrzeit* commemoration. For my father-in-law, his 8th, and my mother-in-law, her 6th.

The saying that man plans and God laughs is so apropos. My father always used to tell my mother what to do when he was gone – after all, he had suffered a number of heart attacks and a stroke, so for sure he would be the first. God had other ideas and took a beautiful *neshama* away. When I look at my children and their children – I would often wonder what she was thinking. She LOVED babies – can you imagine all the children around her and her *schepping* so much *nachat*. To see my son (and final child to get married) under the *chuppah* would be one of the most amazing occurrences for both my mother and my in-laws. It is not coincidental that my son had a major surgical procedure done on my mother's *yahrzeit*.

When my mother passed away, my Rabbi said that you don't pray to the deceased, but you pray to God for the deceased's *neshama*. In OU Torah (outorah.org/p/71746), it is explained that "Losing a close relative or friend is among the greatest traumas a person can experience.… While Judaism appreciates just how painful this can be, it also offers something that can provide a degree of help. This is what is known as *iluy neshama* – the elevation of the soul of the deceased. In addition to whatever one manages to accomplish during his or her lifetime, others can also grant them merit, and help them to elevate their soul, specifically once they have left this world. In the process, those in this world will be able to maintain a connection, and even a relationship, with the deceased."

How much more special can it be to grant additional merit with children and grandchildren. From naming of the children and grandchildren (each one of them is named after a relative), to ensuring that they are being brought up with beautiful Jewish souls, we are raising their merits.

"Working for the *iluy neshama* (elevation of the soul) of the deceased is not only a *chessed shel emet* (true kindness); it is also an obligation of *nosei b'ol im chaveiro* (carrying the burden with one's friend).

When a person passes away, our connection to them remains. Being *nosei b'ol* with our loved ones creates an everlasting spiritual connection. This is an obligation that remains through our lifetime and one that remains through our children and grandchildren. Bring on 2024 – you never know what it will be presenting.

Compliments of

GESMA PRINTING

905-764-6017

gg.print.gg@rogers.com

RABBI SAMMY
BERGMAN

ASSISTANT RABBI

# Nowhere But Through

The Exodus story continues. Our mission on the holiday of Pesach requires us to not only commemorate the story of our ancestors' journey to freedom which occurred thousands of years ago, but also to recreate the experience for ourselves, and implement the inspiration we draw from it in our own lives. Each year as we prepare for the night of the Seder and the mitzvah of *Sippur Yetziat Mitzrayim*, we ought to consider how we plan to approach this challenge of bridging the gap between our past and our present.

I would like to offer one pathway based on a teaching of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov about the story *Kriyat Yam Suf*, the splitting of the Red Sea. The Torah describes a perilous scene. The Jewish people find themselves trapped between the waters of the *Yam Suf* and the deadly pursuit of Pharaoh's army. Fearful for their lives, the Jewish people cry out to God. Shockingly however, instead of answering their prayers, it seems as if Hashem questions why the Jews stop proceeding? Hashem tells Moshe: "Why you do scream out to me? Speak to the Jewish people and they should travel forward" (Shemot 14:15). As the Gemara in Sotah 37a tells it, Nachshon son of Aminadav from the tribe of Yehuda descended into the water until his life was at risk and suddenly the sea split. As Rabbi Shimshon Raphael Hirsch understands, before Hashem miraculously split the sea, He wanted the Jews to demonstrate their faith and participate in their own salvation.

Rabbi Nachman of Breslov writes based on this story: "When a person screams out to God, they tell him move forward (Likkutei Moharan 198)"! I believe Rabbi Nachman means to say that while not quite as dangerous as the predicament our ancestors faced, we often find ourselves in situations in which we feel trapped. We feel so constricted by our limitations and the challenges life imposes upon us that we feel utterly helpless. We deny our agency and simply scream out to Hashem to save us. The story of the Jews at *Yam Suf* and the courage of Nachshon ben Aminadav encourages us to free ourselves from the bonds of helplessness and move forward. With faith in Hashem and confidence in ourselves, we may transcend barriers we never felt we could move past.

I believe this reflection provides an opportunity of implementing the redemption from the slavery of Egypt into our current lives. The Lubavitcher Rebbe noted that the root of the word *Mitzrayim*, the Hebrew word for Egypt is the word *meitzar* or strait. Hence, truly leaving Egypt involves breaking free from the constraints and limitations placed upon us by others who doubt us, and sometime by our own misgivings. As we retell the story of *Yetziat Mitzrayim* we ought to consider whether we have untapped potential we have never attempted to access. Have we fallen victim to the trap of the *meitzar* and bound ourselves to a narrow conception of our capabilities? Are there areas in our lives in which we can improve dramatically would we only stop doubting ourselves? May we all take inspiration from the story of *Kriyat Yam Suf* and march forward and out of the straits in our lives as the sea splits in front of us.

## WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU BETTER!

Make donations, sponsor, make a payment on your account, etc. online – right from our website, anytime you want! You can also access your account from our web portal. Please call the office to get this access.

**Donate, sponsor, and make a payment on account:** shomayim.org/payment.php

ARI KARON
OUTGOING
YOUTH DIRECTOR

# Youth Matters

Ever since I got involved at Shaarei Shomayim, midway through 2019[1], I've davened to accomplish two things:

- להגדיל תורה ולאדירה (To increase Torah and make it beautiful.)[2]
- To keep the kids safe and happy.

Shuls can be complex places, and COVID certainly didn't make things easier. Nonetheless, the privilege of working to accomplish these goals, in addition to how fun the youth programs are, even for me, has made my time at Shaarei Shomayim truly special. I'm sad to be leaving such a great job!

This mission was not accomplished alone. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the many parent-volunteers, clergy, youth-leaders, office staff and custodial staff for all their help over my tenure. So much work is being done behind the scenes and much of it was misattributed to me. I also want to thank all the parents and kids for their patience. I apologize for any missteps I made along the way. Being part of the Shaarei Shomayim community has been wonderful, and it's due to the passionate, hardworking and considerate people that make up the shul.

Shaarei Shomayim's role in the Toronto community is an important one. I hope the shul goes from strength to strength, and continues to be a place of Torah, Tefillah and community for many years to come!

[1] *At that point, I worked with Didi as Assistant Youth Director.*
[2] *This is a phrase that the Rosh Yeshiva of Mitzpe Ramon, Rabbi Tzvi Kustiner, likes to repeat. It's based off the Mishna in Makkot (3:16), which itself quotes the Pasuk in Yeshaya (42:21).*

## HATZLACHA RABAH

We wish Ari Karon *hatzlacha rabah* as he makes Aliyah. We thank Ari for his years of dedicated service to our shul, and for making the Youth Programs a great suceess.

RABBI DR.
RAFI CASHMAN

HEAD OF SCHOOL
NETIVOT HATORAH

# First Steps of Freedom

If I would ask you to think about what happens at a moment when a people go from slavery to freedom, what would come to mind? My guess is probably experiences of ecstasy and joy. Something like the toppling of Saddam Hussein's giant statue; the victory of the Allies at the end of World War II; or the toppling of the Berlin wall. There's an excitement, an energy, a delight at the freedom acquired, the end of an era of oppression and enslavement.

When *Bnei Yisrael* left Egypt, things were somewhat different, the Sfas Emes (the Gerer Rebbe) explains. True, God did take the Jews out of Egypt *be'yad rama*, with an outstretched hand of power, but that was more to make an impression on the Egyptians and the world than on *Bnei Yisrael* themselves. When they left, he wanted them to come out with a different perspective on the world. And so, He asked them to take blood, the source of life, and spread it on the doorposts with a bundle of hyssop. Why the door, the Rebbe asks? The door is a symbol of possibility, of what comes next – an awareness that freedom is only the beginning of the journey, not the end. One could imagine, like the scenes described above, the moment of freedom could be seen as the end of the journey towards freedom, as the apex of all that the people had fought for. That, he says, would be a mistake. God was telling *Bnei Yisrael* that freedom was only the beginning of a journey; that they were just walking through a door that would bring them to a different and new life, even as they left the old one of slavery behind.

That is why, the Rebbe says, God told them to paint the blood on with hyssop branches, a symbol of humility. God wanted them to recognize that their freedom, while hard won, was God's victory, a symbol of His power, even as they were the recipients. Now, from a place of humility, they needed to begin a journey upwards, towards *Har Sinai* and the receiving of the Torah. That would be their truest freedom.

As we enter this holiday of Pesach, this is a powerful lens through which to think about the freedoms that we fight for. Are they an end in themselves, or do they serve a larger, more meaningful purpose?

Wishing everyone a *Chag Kasher Vesameach*.

RABBI TAYLOR SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCH OF NETIVOT HATORAH'S GRATITUDE PROJECT

# Women's Pesach Hallel

## Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach
## April 8, 2023 | 10:00 am

**All women are invited to join a special Women's Hallel led by Rebbetzin Emma Taylor. Together we will learn and sing to celebrate the Chag of Pesach!**

470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

# Adult Education

The Shaarei Shomayim Adult Education Committee had a very active winter filled with lots of learning! In advance of Chanukah, the first ever Chanukah Toolkit – a concise video explaining the *halachot* of Chanukah candle lighting – was launched. The toolkit was widely viewed and proved to be a helpful tool during our preparation for Chanukah. We look forward to launching more toolkits throughout the year!

The community was also joined by scholars from around the world. As of the writing of this article, we are grateful to Dr. Henry Abramson, Rabbi Dov Singer, Rabbi Simon Taylor, Dr. Marc Herman and Rabbi Meir Finkelstein, who joined our community over various Shabbatot to teach Torah. We thank Miriam Bessin and Dr. Anna Urowitz-Freudenstein who delivered shiurim as part of our Women Teaching Torah for Rosh Chodesh series.

Our learning continued with a pre-Purim 4-week workshop led by Racheli Spiegel on how to read Megillat Esther joined by 12 women from the community. We were also proud to take part in a Taharat HaMishpacha series which took place at the home of Rabbi Sam and Emma Taylor, in partnership with Mizrachi's Canadian Yoatzot Initiative. We are grateful to Rabbi Taylor and Sarit Anstanding who delivered these shiurim.

We have lots to look forward to in the months ahead, including the continued strengthening of our Home-Based Learning Program. There will also be a shul-wide learning of *Masechet Ta'anit* during Sefirat HaOmer, with a siyum on the second day of Shavuot! Please see the flyers in this Bulletin for more details about these – and other – Adult Education programs. Wishing you all a *Chag Kasher Vesameach*!

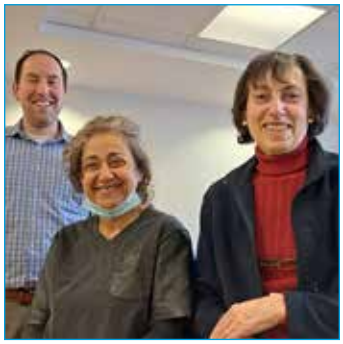
# Chessed Committee

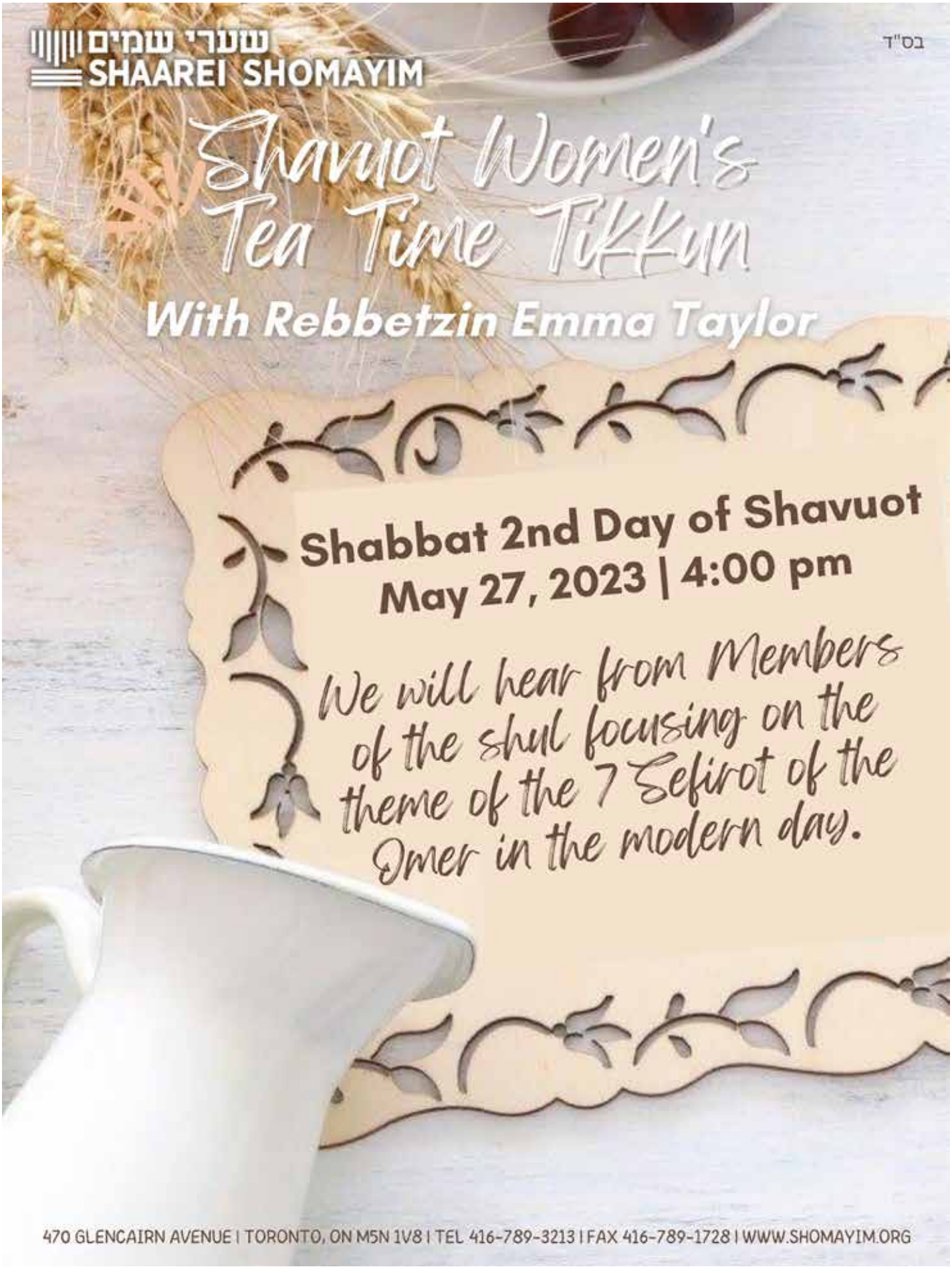
BY DALYA HAKIMI, FRANCINE GOLDRICH, KITTY WINTROB, CO-CHAIRS, CHESSED COMMITTEE

The Chessed Committee has been hard at work to support the Shaarei Shomayim Community over the winter months. For Tu BiShvat we had a wonderful Lunch & Learn Program with an outstanding Shiur about the history of this chag, with the ever inspiring Rabbi Sammy Bergman.

For Purim this year, the Chessed Committee sent Mishloach Manot to all the Shaarei Shomayim members who are over 80, and those who needed comfort from a recent bereavement or illness. We would like to thank the following people for making the *Mishloach Manot* Project a great success:

- **The Project's Sponsors:** Myra Gasner Mechanic and Brenda Gasner Lass and their Families in memory of their mother, Cynthia Gasner[z"l].
- **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.




שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM
בס"ד
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.
470 GLENCAIRN AVENUE | TORONTO, ON M5N 1V8 | TEL 416-789-3213 | FAX 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

# Learn How to Lein Megillat Esther

BY RACHELI SPIEGEL

It was such a rewarding experience to teach such a wonderful group of women how to lein Megillat Esther! We learned the trop and each week we focused on different notes and practiced reading them. In our last session, we practiced reading out of a Megillah klaf and got a sense of what leining the Megillah feels like. The general consensus was… it's easier than it looks! I am so excited that three of the lovely women from our workshop were reading the Megillah for the first time at the Shaarei Shomayim Women's Reading on Purim morning!

## Sign Up to Receive Shaarei Shomayim's Emails!

Sign up at tinyurl.com/shomayimemails to get news and updates delivered to your inbox. Keep up to date on All That Matters at Shaarei Shomayim.

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

בס"ד

ADULT EDUCATION

# WOMEN TEACHING TORAH
## For Rosh Chodesh
## Spring-Summer 2023 / 5783

### Rosh Chodesh Nisan
**Shayna Kravetz**

### Rosh Chodesh Iyyar
**Shoshana Helfenbaum**

### Rosh Chodesh Sivan
**Rebbetzin Emma Taylor**

### Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, Av and Elul
***If you would like to be a presenter, please contact the office***

Via Shul's Zoom | Women and Men Welcome

470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

בס"ד
ADULT EDUCATION

# THE WEINBAUM FAMILY
## SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SERIES
### SPRING–SUMMER 2023

**RABBI DR. RAPHAEL ZARUM**
**SHABBAT MAY 20**

**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. He holds a PhD in Theoretical Physics from Kings College London, and an MA in Adult Education from the Institute of Education London. He studied at Yeshivat HaKotel, Jerusalem and the Kollel of Montefiore College, London where he received rabbinic ordination. The semicha was given by, 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.

**RABBI YONA REISS**
**SHABBAT JUNE 10**

**Rabbi Reiss** is a Torah scholar, attorney, lecturer, and jurist. He is the Sgan Av Beth Din of the Beth Din of America, and Av Beth Din of the Chicago Rabbinical Council. He also serves as a Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Reiss is a graduate of Yale Law School, where he served as senior editor of the Yale Law Journal. He was an associate for six years at the international law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton. Rabbi Reiss served as Director of the Beth Din of America.
Rabbi Reiss is a member of the editorial board of Tradition, and has published in the Wall Street Journal and the New York Law Journal.

**RAIZI CHECHIK**
**SHABBAT SEPTEMBER 9**

**Ms. Chechik** is the Head of School of Manhattan Day School. She studied Tanach and Counseling at Michlala Jerusalem Teacher's College, holds an MA in Jewish History, and has done doctoral work in both Education and Jewish Studies. A graduate of the Intensive Training Program for Day School Leaders at YU, she served as a mentor to new school leaders, Principals and Heads of School. She earned a reputation as a caring and innovative educational leader with high standards of scholarship, expertise, and sensitivity. She lectured internationally on topics of education and Jewish studies.

# ShulCloud Registration / Login

If you have not already done so and have an email registered with us, please login to your account at shomayim.org, set up your password, and look to see if the information that we have for you is correct. You can check birthdates, yahrzeits, children's details, and your account – all the information we have for you and your family. Please call the office for assistance at 416-789-3213.

Beit Midrash Zichron Dov presents

# Jewish Migrations

## Origins of Ashkenazim & Sephardim

with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

10:00-11:00 AM Wednesdays May 3-24

On ZOOM at http://tiny.cc/weeklymt

Or use Session ID 791 3810 0918 Passcode 18

$40 fee, or $10 per session, waived if it is a hardship

Register and pay at https://torontotorah.com/wednesdays

or email aya@torontotorah.com

TORAH ZIONISM STUDENTS WOMEN PROFESSIONALS

The Nusbaum Family Medical Ethics Institute of Beit Midrash Zichron Dov

BAYT and Shaarei Shomayim present

# MEDICAL ETHICS

## Dealing With Difficult Patients

with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

8:00 - 9:30 PM Monday May 15, 2023

Via ZOOM: http://tiny.cc/mtethics

Registration: https://torontotorah.com/cme

Men and women are welcome, Non-physicians welcome

No advanced knowledge required. No charge.

For information, email info@torontotorah.com

This one-credit-per-hour Group Learning program meets the certification criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been certified by Continuing Professional Development, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto for up to 1.5 Mainpro+ credits.

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, approved by Continuing Professional Development, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. You may claim a maximum of 1.5 hours.

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation

שערי שמים SHAAREI SHOMAYIM ADULT EDUCATION

TORAH ZIONISM STUDENTS WOMEN PROFESSIONALS

Beit Midrash Zichron Dov

BAYT & Shaarei Shomayim Congregation present

# LEGAL ETHICS

## Artificial Intelligence and the Practice of Law

with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

7:00-8:30 PM Monday June 5, 2023

On ZOOM at http://tiny.cc/mtethics

Open to non-lawyers

No advanced Jewish knowledge required

This program contains

1.5 Professionalism Hours

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation

שערי שמים SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO accredited

TORAH ZIONISM STUDENTS WOMEN PROFESSIONALS

The Nusbaum Family Medical Ethics Institute of Beit Midrash Zichron Dov

BAYT and Shaarei Shomayim present

# MEDICAL ETHICS

## Compelling Medical Treatment

with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

7:00 - 8:30 PM Monday June 26, 2023

Via ZOOM: http://tiny.cc/mtethics

Registration: https://torontotorah.com/cme

Men and women are welcome, Non-physicians welcome

No advanced knowledge required. No charge.

For information, email info@torontotorah.com

This one-credit-per-hour Group Learning program meets the certification criteria of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been certified by Continuing Professional Development, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto for up to 1.5 Mainpro+ credits.

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, approved by Continuing Professional Development, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. You may claim a maximum of 1.5 hours.

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation

שערי שמים SHAAREI SHOMAYIM ADULT EDUCATION

TORAH ZIONISM STUDENTS WOMEN PROFESSIONALS

בס"ד

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM
ADULT EDUCATION

# *Shul-Wide Siyum of Masechet Ta'anit*

Between Pesach and Shavuot, Shaarei Shomayim will be learning all of Masechet Ta'anit, with a grand Siyum on the second day of Shavuot, May 27, 2023!

Sign up to learn an amud, daf, mishnah, or the entire masechet by emailing mrjbparker@gmail.com

**Resources:**

https://www.sefaria.org/Taanit?tab=contents
D.A.F. - Maseches Ta'anis Index Page (dafyomi.co.il)
Taanis | DafYomi Daily Review and Daf Notes
Daf Yomi by Rabbi Eli Stefansky (outorah.org)

470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213
Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

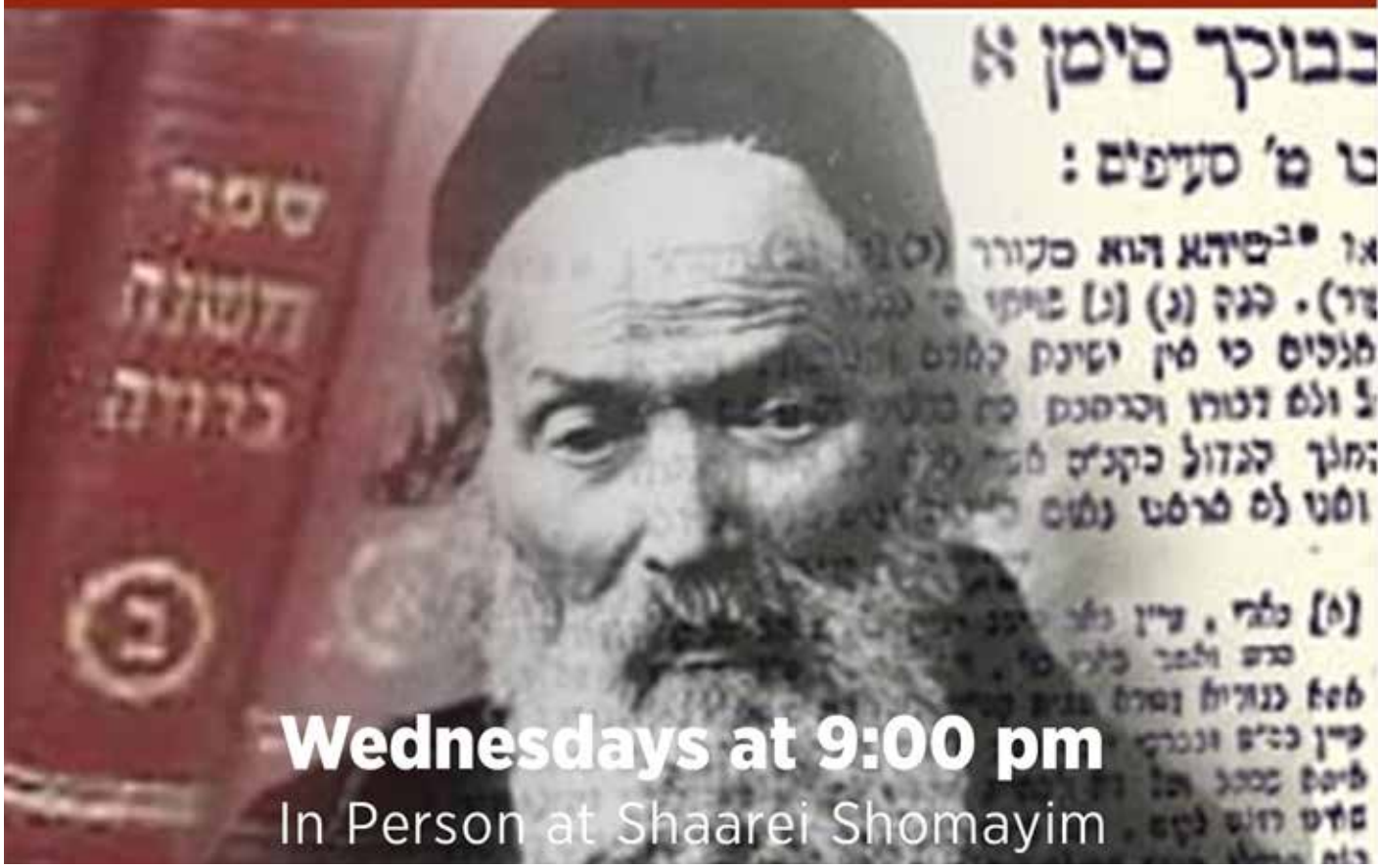
שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

בס"ד

Rabbi Sam Taylor's Weekly Shiur

MISHNA BERURA

The leading and most celebrated halachic work of the 20th century



Wednesdays at 9:00 pm

In Person at Shaarei Shomayim

Plan your future with confidence

· Planning · Advice ·
Investments · Insurance

חג פסח כשר ושמח!

Have a Kosher and Happy Pesach

Brad "Bentzi" Cohen
Financial Security Advisor
Farber Wealth

www.bradcohen.ca
bcohen@farbergroup.com
(416) 500-4594

MENCHENS
CATERING

Menchens wishes the entire
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
*Pesach Kasher v'Sameach!*
For all inquiries please email naomi@menchens.ca
or call 416-638-8381

# YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

Dear Friends,

Planning for our 2023/5783 Yizkor Memorial Book has begun. Shaarei Shomayim's Yizkor Book has been an important part of our community's remembrance of loved ones and observance of the Yizkor prayer for a few decades. Published every Shavuot, the book contains the prayers recited during memorial and remembrance services, and the names of the departed in whose memories we recite Yizkor. The Yizkor Book will be available for use by the congregation at the following services:

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Day Shavuot | May 27, 2023 |
| Yom Kippur | September 25, 2023 |
| Shemini Atzeret | October 7, 2023 |
| 8th Day of Pesach | April 30, 2024 |

On the next page is our *Yizkor Book Inclusion Form*. If you would like a loved one to be remembered in the Yizkor book, please complete the information and return it to our office. Should you have any questions, contact the office at 416-789-3213 or email: coordinator@shomayim.org.

Feel free to make your submission online at shomayim.org/form/yizkor2023. Your support is vital to the continuation of this very worthy endeavor.

Thank you for your participation.

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

# YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK INCLUSION FORM 2023

## YOUR INFORMATION (please print)

Name_____Email_____

Address_____Postal Code_____

Telephone Number (h) _____ (c) _____

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

☐ Page $360 (up to 32 names) ☐ ½ page $188 (up to 14 names) ☐ Individual names:
First name $26; subsequent names $18 each

## YOUR ENTRY

☐ This is a new entry.

☐ Please keep my inclusion the same as it was last year. ☐ Please add the following names to my inclusion from last year.

Please **PRINT** clearly.

**Remembered by:** _____

**In Memory of:**

_____

_____

_____

_____

**In Memory of:**

_____

_____

_____

_____

## PAYMENT

Total amount of Sponsorships and Donations: $_____. ☐ A cheque is enclosed.

Please charge my ☐ Visa or ☐ MasterCard

Number_____Expiry Date_____CSV_____

Name on card_____

## SUBMISSION

☐ Webform: https://www.shomayim.org/form/yizkor2023
☐ Email: coordinator@shomayim.org
☐ Fax: 416-789-1728
☐ Mail: at the address noted below

## DEADLINE APRIL 23, 2023

**470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG**

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
## RABBI MEIR FINKELSTEIN

Dear Rabbi Finkelstein,

Thank you so much for being such an outstanding Scholar-in-Residence this weekend. All six of your presentations were extremely well received. Your content was relevant and meaningful, and teaching style was creative and engaging. Furthermore, on a personal level, I really enjoyed getting to know you and spending time together. I sincerely hope that our paths cross again.

I wish you continued hatzlacha in the Kollel Elyon and at Young Israel of West Hempstead who are very fortunate to have you. I have no doubt that you will do incredible things for Klal Yisrael in the future.

Warm regards,

*Rabbi Sam Taylor*

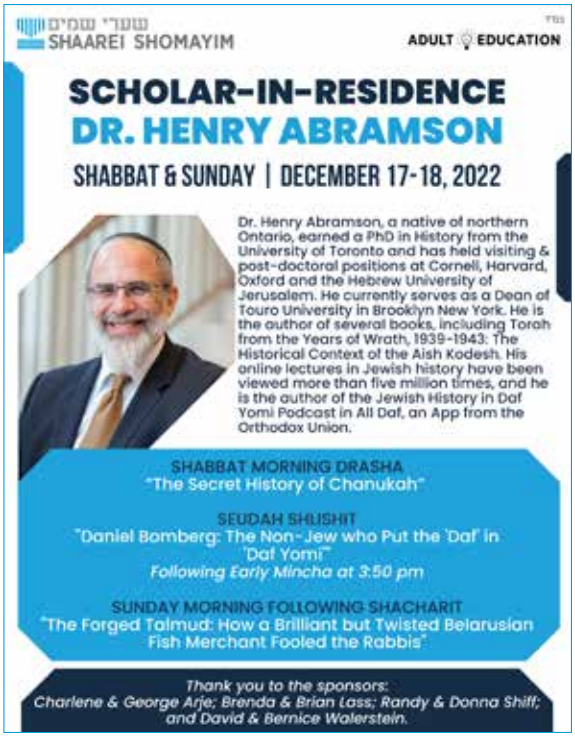
---

Dear Rabbi Taylor,

Thank you for inviting me to come for Shabbat. It was a real honour to speak in both the shul and the schools and to meet the Toronto community. I enjoyed spending time with you and your family as well, and hope we have opportunity to be in touch again in the future.

*Kol tuv,*

*Rabbi Meir Finkelstein*




## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
## DR. HENRY ABRAMSON

## PRE-PURIM FARBRENGEN

## PURIM OPEN HOUSE

שערי שמים
# SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

APRIL 2023 — Nisan / Iyyar 5783

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***CHAMETZ TIMES FOR EREV PESACH***<br>Tueaday April 4: Search for Chametz after 8:17 pm.<br>Wednesday April 5: Last time to eat Chametz is 10:46 am. Chametz must be burned and nullifed by 12:02 pm.<br>**At the 1st and 2nd seder, afikoman must be eaten by 1:18 am.** | | | | | | *10 Nisan* **1**<br>**Shabbat Hagadol**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha צו<br>**6:15 pm Rabbi's Drasha**<br>7:15 pm Mincha<br>8:30 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *11 Nisan* **2**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Tues: Mincha/Maariv 7:35 pm | *12 Nisan* **3**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *13 Nisan* **4**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *14 Nisan* **Erev Pesach** **5**<br>**Fast of the Firstborn**<br>5:48 am Fast Begins<br>7:00 am Shacharit & Siyum<br>*See box for chametz times*<br>*Eiruv Tavshillin*<br>7:27 pm 🕯🕯 (6:29*)<br>7:35 pm Mincha<br>8:35pm Earliest start 1st seder<br>Fast concludes with kiddush | *15 Nisan* **6**<br>**I Pesach**<br>**9:00 am Shacharit**<br>**Tefillat Tal**<br>7:35 pm Mincha<br>8:36 pm 🕯🕯*<br>8:36 pm Earliest start<br>2nd seder<br>**Count Omer 1 after Maariv** | *16 Nisan* **7**<br>**II Pesach**<br>**9:00 am Shacharit**<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:30 pm 🕯🕯 (6:31*)<br>**Count Omer 2 after dark** | *17 Nisan* **8**<br>**Shabbat Chol Hamoed**<br>**9:00 am Shacharit**<br>**Shir Hashirim**<br>7:20 pm Mincha<br>8:38 pm Shabbat Ends<br>**Count Omer 3 after Maariv** |
| *18 Nisan* **9**<br>**Chol Hamoed**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Mon: Mincha/Maariv 7:40 pm<br>**Count Omer 4 after Maariv** | *19 Nisan* **10**<br>**Chol Hamoed**<br>7:00 am Shacharit<br>**Count Omer 5 after Maariv** | *20 Nisan* **11**<br>**Chol Hamoed/Erev Chag**<br>7:00 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:34 pm 🕯🕯 (6:34*)<br>**Count Omer 6 after Maariv** | *21 Nisan* **12**<br>**VII Pesach**<br>**9:00 am Shacharit**<br>7:40 pm Mincha<br>8:43 pm 🕯🕯*<br>**Count Omer 7 after Maariv** | *22 Nisan* **13**<br>**VIII Pesach**<br>**9:00 am Shacharit**<br>Yizkor<br>7:45 pm Mincha<br>8:44 pm Chag Ends<br>**Count Omer 8 after Maariv** | *23 Nisan* **14**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:38 pm 🕯🕯 (6:37*)<br>**Count Omer 9 after dark** | *24 Nisan* **15**<br>**Shabbat Mevorchim**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha שמיני<br>7:25 pm Mincha<br>8:47 pm Shabbat Ends<br>**Count Omer 10 after Maariv** |
| *25 Nisan* **16**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>**Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:25 pm**<br>**Count Omer 11 after dark** | *26 Nisan* **17**<br>7:10 am Shacharit<br>**Count Omer 12 after dark** | *27 Nisan* **18**<br>**Yom HaShoah**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>**Count Omer 13 after dark** | *28 Nisan* **19**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>**Count Omer 14 after dark** | *29 Nisan* **20**<br>7:10 am Shacharit<br>**Count Omer 15 after dark** | *30 Nisan* **21**<br>**I Rosh Chodesh**<br>7:00 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:46 pm 🕯🕯 (6:43*)<br>**Count Omer 16 after dark** | *1 Iyyar* **22**<br>**Shabbat Rosh Chodesh**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha תזריע-מצורע<br>7:35 pm Mincha<br>8:55 pm Shabbat Ends<br>**Count Omer 17 after Maariv** |
| *2 Iyyar* **23**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm<br>**Count Omer 18 after dark** | *3 Iyyar* **24**<br>7:10 am Shacharit<br>**Count Omer 19 after dark** | *4 Iyyar* **25**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>**Yom HaZikaron**<br>**Count Omer 20 after dark** | *5 Iyyar* **26**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>**Yom HaAtzmaut**<br>**Count Omer 21 after dark** | *6 Iyyar* **27**<br>7:10 am Shacharit<br>**Count Omer 22 after dark** | *7 Iyyar* **28**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:54 pm 🕯🕯 (6:50*)<br>**Count Omer 23 after dark** | *8 Iyyar* **29**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha אחרי מות-קדושים<br>7:45 pm Mincha<br>9:03 pm Shabbat Ends<br>**Count Omer 24 after Maariv** |
| *9 Iyyar* **30**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Mincha/Maariv 6:35 pm<br>**Count Omer 25 after dark** | | | | | | |

*Earliest time for this activity.

שערי שמים
# SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

MAY 2023 — Iyyar / Sivan 5783

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *10 Iyyar* 1<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *11 Iyyar* 2<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *12 Iyyar* 3<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *13 Iyyar* 4<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *14 Iyyar* 5<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>8:03 pm 🕯🕯 (6:56*) | *15 Iyyar* 6<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha אמור<br>7:50 pm Mincha<br>9:11 pm Shabbat Ends |
| | Mon - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:35 pm | | | | | |
| | **Count Omer 26 after dark** | **Count Omer 27 after dark** | **Count Omer 28 after dark** | **Count Omer 29 after dark** | **Count Omer 30 after dark** | **Count Omer 31 after Maariv** |
| *16 Iyyar* 7<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *17 Iyyar* 8<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *18 Iyyar* 9<br>**Lag B'Omer**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *19 Iyyar* 10<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *20 Iyyar* 11<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *21 Iyyar* 12<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>8:14 pm 🕯🕯 (7:02*) | *22 Iyyar* 13<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha בהר-בחוקותי<br>8:05 pm Mincha<br>9:19 pm Shabbat Ends |
| Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:40 pm | | | | | | |
| **Count Omer 32 after dark** | **Count Omer 33 after dark** | **Count Omer 34 after dark** | **Count Omer 35 after dark** | **Count Omer 36 after dark** | **Count Omer 37 after dark** | **Count Omer 38 after Maariv** |
| *23 Iyyar* 14<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *24 Iyyar* 15<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *25 Iyyar* 16<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *26 Iyyar* 17<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *27 Iyyar* 18<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *28 Iyyar* 19<br>**Yom Yerushalayim**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>8:21 pm 🕯🕯 (7:08*) | *29 Iyyar* 20<br>**Shabbat Mevorchim**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha במדבר<br>8:10 pm Mincha<br>9:27 pm Shabbat Ends |
| Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:50 pm | | | | | | |
| **Count Omer 39 after dark** | **Count Omer 40 after dark** | **Count Omer 41 after dark** | **Count Omer 42 after dark** | **Count Omer 43 after dark** | **Count Omer 44 after dark** | **Count Omer 45 after Maariv** |
| *1 Sivan* 21<br>**Rosh Chodesh**<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *2 Sivan* 22<br>**Statutory Holiday**<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *3 Sivan* 23<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *4 Sivan* 24<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *5 Sivan* 25<br>7:10 am Shacharit<br>*Eiruv Tavshillin*<br>**Erev Shavuot**<br>8:27 pm 🕯🕯 (7:13*)<br>8:35 pm Mincha, Shiur & Maariv | *6 Sivan* 26<br>**I Shavuot**<br>8:45 am Shacharit<br>**7:05 pm Mincha**<br>8:28 pm 🕯🕯 (7:14*) | *7 Sivan* 27<br>**II Shavuot**<br>8:45 am Shacharit<br>**Megillat Ruth**<br>Yizkor<br>8:15 pm Mincha<br>9:34 pm Shabbat/Chag End |
| Sun - Wed: Mincha/Maariv 7:00 pm | | | | | | |
| **Count Omer 46 after dark** | **Count Omer 47 after dark** | **Count Omer 48 after dark** | **Count Omer 49 after dark** | **Tikkun Layl Shavuot** | | |
| *8 Sivan* 28<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *9 Sivan* 29<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *10 Sivan* 30<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *11 Sivan* 31<br>7:15 am Shacharit | | | |
| Sun - Wed: Mincha/Maariv 7:00 pm | | | | | | |

*Earliest time for this activity.

שערי שמים
# SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

JUNE 2023 — Sivan / Tammuz 5783

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | *12 Sivan* 1<br>7:10 am Shacharit<br>Mincha/Maariv 7:00 pm | *13 Sivan* 2<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>8:34 pm 🕯🕯 (7:18*) | *14 Sivan* 3<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha נשא<br>8:25 pm Mincha<br>9:41 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *15 Sivan* 4<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *16 Sivan* 5<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *17 Sivan* 6<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *18 Sivan* 7<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *19 Sivan* 8<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *20 Sivan* 9<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *21 Sivan* 10<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha בהעלותך |
| Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:05 pm | | | | | **7:15 pm Mincha**<br>8:39 pm 🕯🕯 (7:23*) | 8:30 pm Mincha<br>9:47 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *22 Sivan* 11<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *23 Sivan* 12<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *24 Sivan* 13<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *25 Sivan* 14<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *26 Sivan* 15<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *27 Sivan* 16<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *28 Sivan* 17<br>**Shabbat Mevorchim**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha שלח |
| Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:10 pm | | | | | 7:15 pm Mincha<br>8:43 pm 🕯🕯 (7:26*) | 8:30 pm Mincha<br>9:50 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *29 Sivan* 18<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *30 Sivan* 19<br>**I Rosh Chodesh**<br>7:00 am Shacharit | *1 Tammuz* 20<br>**II Rosh Chodesh**<br>7:00 am Shacharit | *2 Tammuz* 21<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *3 Tammuz* 22<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *4 Tammuz* 23<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *5 Tammuz* 24<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha קרח |
| Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:10 pm | | | | | 7:15 pm Mincha<br>8:45 pm 🕯🕯 (7:27*) | 8:35 pm Mincha<br>9:51 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *6 Tammuz* 25<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *7 Tammuz* 26<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *8 Tammuz* 27<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *9 Tammuz* 28<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *10 Tammuz* 29<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *11 Tammuz* 30<br>7:15 am Shacharit | |
| Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:10 pm | | | | | 7:15 pm Mincha<br>8:45 pm 🕯🕯 (7:28*) | |

*Earliest time for this activity.

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

# JULY 2023

Tammuz / Av 5783

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | *12 Tammuz* **1**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha חוקת-בלק<br>**Canada Day**<br>8:30 pm Mincha<br>9:51 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *13 Tammuz* **2**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Wed: Mincha/Maariv 7:10 pm | *14 Tammuz* **3**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *15 Tammuz* **4**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *16 Tammuz* **5**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *17 Tammuz* **6**<br>**Tzom 17th of Tammuz**<br>**4:20 am Fast Begins**<br>**7:00 am Shacharit/Slichot**<br>**8:25 pm Mincha**<br>**9:10 pm Maariv**<br>**9:38 pm Fast Ends** | *18 Tammuz* **7**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:15 pm Mincha<br>8:43 pm 🕯🕯 (7:26*) | *19 Tammuz* **8**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha פנחס<br>8:30 pm Mincha<br>9:48 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *20 Tammuz* **9**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:10 pm | *21 Tammuz* **10**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *22 Tammuz* **11**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *23 Tammuz* **12**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *24 Tammuz* **13**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *25 Tammuz* **14**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:15 pm Mincha<br>8:39 pm 🕯🕯 (7:24*) | *26 Tammuz* **15**<br>**Shabbat Mevorchim**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha מטות-מסעי<br>8:25 pm Mincha<br>9:43 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *27 Tammuz* **16**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:05 pm | *28 Tammuz* **17**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *29 Tammuz* **18**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *1 Av* **19**<br>**Rosh Chodesh**<br>7:00 am Shacharit | *2 Av* **20**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *3 Av* **21**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>**7:00 pm Mincha**<br>8:34 pm 🕯🕯 (7:20*) | *4 Av* **22**<br>**Shabbat Chazon**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha דברים<br>8:20 pm Mincha<br>9:37 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *5 Av* **23**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Wed: Mincha/Maariv 7:00 pm | *6 Av* **24**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *7 Av* **25**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *8 Av* **26**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>**Erev Tisha B'Av**<br>**8:47 pm Fast Begins**<br>**8:35 pm Maariv,Eicha,Kinot** | *9 Av* **27**<br>**Tisha B'Av**<br>**7:00 am Shacharit & Kinot**<br>**2:30 pm Early Mincha**<br>**8:15 pm Mincha**<br>**9:05 pm Maariv**<br>**9:28 pm Fast Ends** | *10 Av* **28**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>8:27 pm 🕯🕯 (7:14*) | *11 Av* **29**<br>**Shabbat Nachamu**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha ואתחנן<br>8:15 pm Mincha<br>9:30 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *12 Av* **30**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Mon: Mincha/Maariv 6:55 pm | *13 Av* **31**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | | | | | |

*Earliest time for this activity.

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

# AUGUST 2023

Av / Elul 5783

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | *14 Av* 1<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>Tue - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:55 pm | *15 Av* 2<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *16 Av* 3<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *17 Av* 4<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>8:19 pm 🕯🕯 (7:08*) | *18 Av* 5<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha עקב<br>8:05 pm Mincha<br>9:22 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *19 Av* 6<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm | *20 Av* 7<br>**Civic Holiday**<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *21 Av* 8<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *22 Av* 9<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *23 Av* 10<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *24 Av* 11<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>8:09 pm 🕯🕯 (7:00*) | *25 Av* 12<br>**Shabbat Mevorchim**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha ראה<br>7:55 pm Mincha<br>9:11 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *26 Av* 13<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:40 pm | *27 Av* 14<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *28 Av* 15<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *29 Av* 16<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *30 Av* 17<br>**I Rosh Chodesh**<br>7:00 am Shacharit<br>*Begin L'David Hashem at Maariv* | *1 Elul* 18<br>**II Rosh Chodesh**<br>7:00 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:59 pm 🕯🕯 (6:51*) | *2 Elul* 19<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha שופטים<br>7:45 pm Mincha<br>9:01 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *3 Elul* 20<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm | *4 Elul* 21<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *5 Elul* 22<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *6 Elul* 23<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *7 Elul* 24<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *8 Elul* 25<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:47 pm 🕯🕯 (6:42*) | *9 Elul* 26<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha כי תצא<br>7:35 pm Mincha<br>8:50 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *10 Elul* 27<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 6:20 pm | *11 Elul* 28<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *12 Elul* 29<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *13 Elul* 30<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *14 Elul* 31<br>7:10 am Shacharit | | |

*Earliest time for this activity.

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

# SEPTEMBER 2023

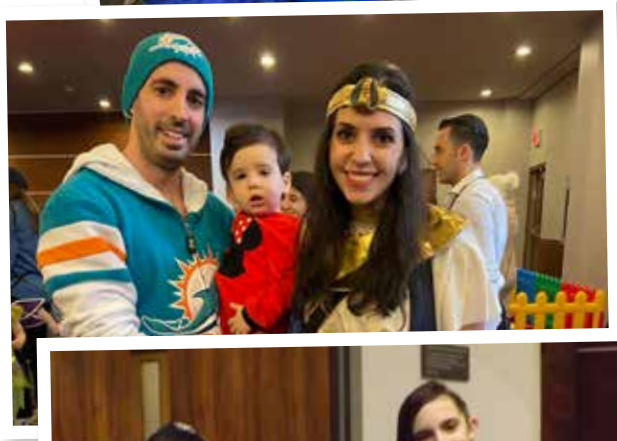
Elul 5783 / Tishrei 5784

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ** Minyanim times will be published in the next bulletin. | | | | | *15 Elul* **1**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:35 pm 🕯🕯 (6:32*) | *16 Elul* **2**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha כי תבוא<br>7:20 pm Mincha<br>8:38 pm Shabbat Ends |
| *17 Elul* **3**<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:30 pm | *18 Elul* **4**<br>**Statutory Holiday**<br>8:30 am Shacharit | *19 Elul* **5**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *20 Elul* **6**<br>7:15 am Shacharit | *21 Elul* **7**<br>7:10 am Shacharit | *22 Elul* **8**<br>7:15 am Shacharit<br>7:00 pm Mincha<br>7:23 pm 🕯🕯 (6:22*) | *23 Elul* **9**<br>9:00 am Shacharit<br>Parsha נצבים-וילך<br>7:10 pm Mincha<br>8:25 pm Shabbat Ends<br>**Earlier Slichot ****|
| *24 Elul* **10**<br>**Later Slichot ****<br>8:30 am Shacharit<br>Sun - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv 7:15 pm | *25 Elul* **11**<br>Slichot & Shacharit ** | *26 Elul* **12**<br>Slichot & Shacharit ** | *27 Elul* **13**<br>Slichot & Shacharit ** | *28 Elul* **14**<br>Slichot & Shacharit ** | *29 Elul* **15**<br>Slichot & Shacharit **<br>**Erev Rosh Hashana ** | *1 Tishrei* **16**<br>I **Rosh Hashana ** |
| *2 Tishrei* **17**<br>II **Rosh Hashana ** | *3 Tishrei* **18**<br>**Tzom Gedalia ** | *4 Tishrei* **19**<br>Slichot & Shacharit **<br>Tue - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv ** | *5 Tishrei* **20**<br>Slichot & Shacharit ** | *6 Tishrei* **21**<br>Slichot & Shacharit ** | *7 Tishrei* **22**<br>Slichot & Shacharit ** | *8 Tishrei* **23**<br>**Shabbat Shuva ****<br>Parsha האזינו |
| *9 Tishrei* **24**<br>**Erev Yom Kippur ** | *10 Tishrei* **25**<br>**Yom Kippur ** | *11 Tishrei* **26**<br>Shacharit **<br>Tue - Thurs: Mincha/Maariv ** | *12 Tishrei* **27**<br>Shacharit ** | *13 Tishrei* **28**<br>Shacharit ** | *14 Tishrei* **29**<br>Shacharit **<br>**Erev Sukkot ** | *15 Tishrei* **30**<br>I **Sukkot ** |

*Earliest time for this activity.

# YOUTH PURIM CARNIVAL

# YOUTH PURIM CARNIVAL



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MEGILLAH & PARTY

We wanted to thank everyone for their 'hands on' help in making our first ever Shaarei Shomayim Middle School Purim program a success. It is so meaningful to have the help of our amazing clergy, staff and parent volunteers who, together, make sure our kids have such a positive shul experience. Todah rabah!

*The Middle School Planning Committee*

---

Dear Middle School Planning Committee,

Kol hakavod to you all for putting together such an outstanding program. I was thrilled to be there for part of it and felt the energy and excitement in the room. All your efforts made a difference and are hugely appreciated.

*Rabbi Sam Taylor*

## ROYAL PURIM MASQUERADE

## WOMEN'S MEGILLAH READING

## BAT MITZVAH CLUB

## BAR MITZVAH CLUB

## TU B'SHVAT PLANTING PARTY

# TU B'SHVAT CHOPPED COMPETITION

# WOMEN TEACHING TORAH FOR ROSH CHODESH

שערי שמים SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

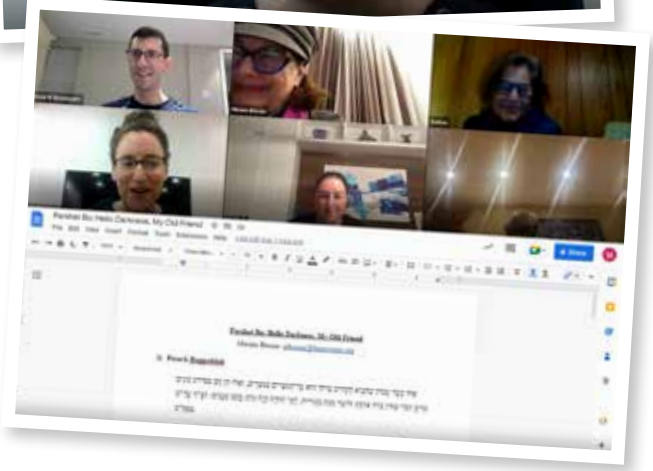
ADULT EDUCATION

**WOMEN TEACHING TORAH**
**For Rosh Chodesh**

Extending Shaarei Shomayim's
*Women's Divrei Torah Program*
throughout the year!

**Rosh Chodesh Shevat 5783**
**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**
**7:30 pm**

**Miriam Bessin**
**"Hello Darkness, My Old Friend"**



שערי שמים SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

ADULT EDUCATION

**WOMEN TEACHING TORAH**
**For Rosh Chodesh**

Extending Shaarei Shomayim's
*Women's Divrei Torah Program*
throughout the year!

**Rosh Chodesh Adar 5783**
**Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023**
**7:30 pm**

**Dr. Anna Urowitz-Freudenstein**
**"Vashti: Minor Character or Major Icon"**

## CHANUKAH & CHESSED FAIR

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

WHERE KIDS MATTER

# Chanukah & Chessed Fair

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**1:00-4:00 pm**

*In loving memory of Suzanne Burger z"l*
*sponsored by*
*her husband, children and grandchildren*

1:00 Doors open
1:15 Dance Party
2:00 Chessed Stations & Food
3:30 Fire Show
4:00 Wrap up

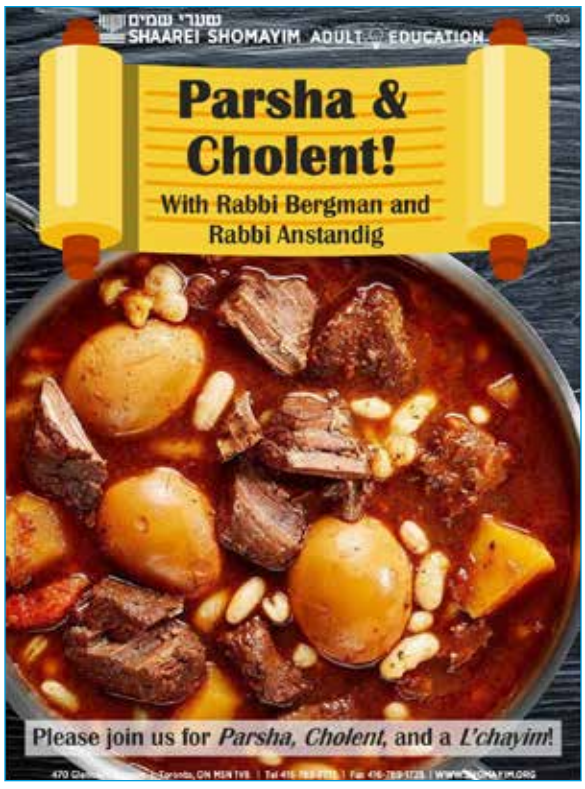
Walk-ins available

*REMEMBER!*
Bring toys, cans and essentials!
We are having 3 donation drives. See the Youth emails for more info!

Chai Lifeline | Ve'ahavta | Chasdei Kadur | Bikur Cholim

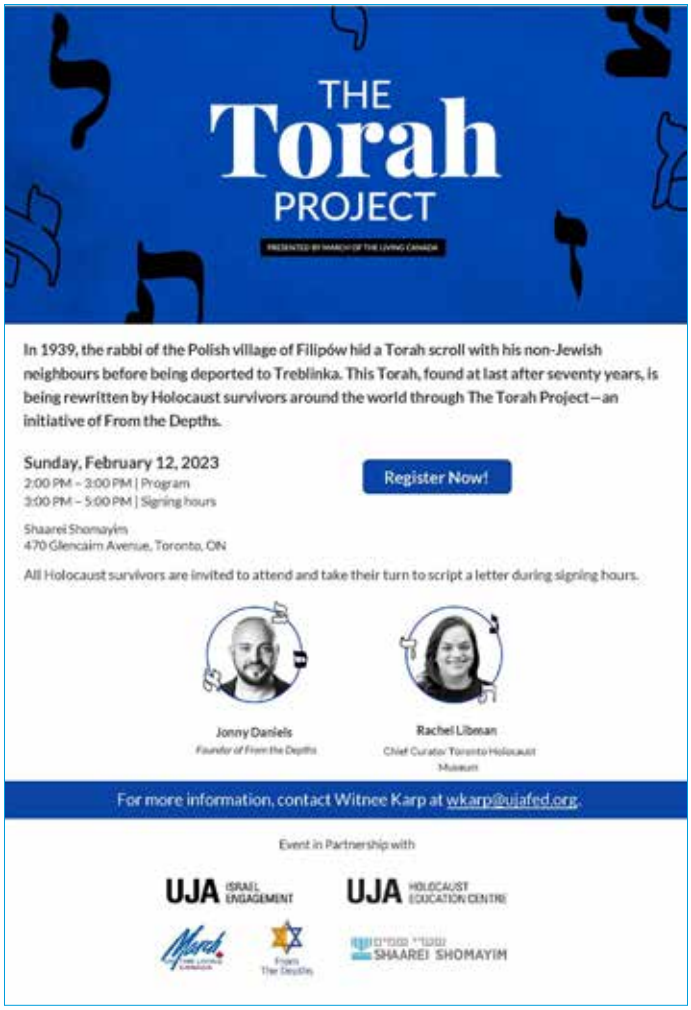
470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728 | WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

## PARSHA & CHOLENT



## THE TORAH PROJECT

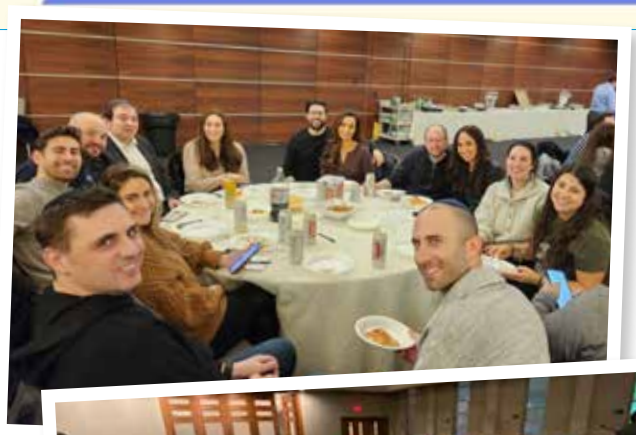
In 1939, the rabbi of the Polish village of Filipów hid a Torah scroll with his non-Jewish neighbours before being deported to Treblinka. For seventy years, the scroll remained hidden – but eventually was found by *From the Depths*, an organization working to preserve the memory of the Holocaust. From there, *The Torah Project* was born: an initiative working to rewrite the scroll, letter by letter, with Holocaust survivors around the world. March of the Living Canada in partnership with UJA Holocaust Education Centre and Shaarei Shomayim was honoured to host *The Torah Project* at Shaarei Shomayim, and be part of this beautiful testament to the enduring spirit of the Jewish people.



## MELAVEH MALKAH AT THE HOME OF RABBI SAM AND EMMA TAYLOR

On Motzei Shabbat February 25, we expressed our hakarat hatov to our weekday minyan regulars with a lovely Melaveh Malkah at the Taylor family home.

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TRIVIA NIGHT

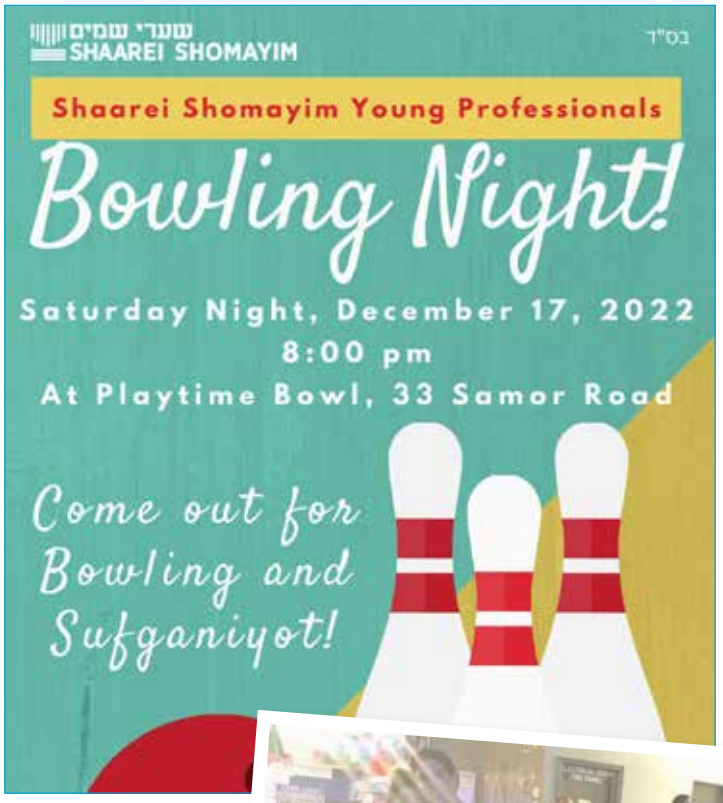


## PROF. DAVID NOVAK'S GEMARA SHIUR

Prof. David Novak's Gemara Shiur making a Siyum on Masechet Sanhedrin after 26 years of weekly shiurim, in the Weinbaum Bet Midrash.

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BBQ KICKOFF EVENT

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOWLING NIGHT



## MIZRACHI CANADA EVENT

The former Chief Rabbi of Israel Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau visited Shaarei Shomayim for the community azkara for Kurt Rothschild[a"h], hosted by Mizrachi Canada.

# HAPPY PESACH!

*Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy spring!*
*From all of us at Cohen & Master*

**Call your arborist today for a free consultation!**

416-932-0622

COHEN & MASTER™
TREE AND SHRUB SERVICES

info@cmtrees.com

# Member News

We wish Mazal Tov to the following:

FROM DECEMBER 17 TO MARCH 4, 2023

## BIRTHS

SAM ZIMMERMAN & RACHEL DAVIS on the birth of a baby boy, LEV DAVID. Proud great-grandparents are GORDON & JOYCE STRAUSS. Elated grandparents are JACKIE & LARRY ZIMMERMAN, Michael Davis and Debby Pollit. Excited uncles are HENRY ZIMMERMAN, Alex Davis, Jordan Davis, and Seth Davis.

SHAI & REBECCA BERLINER on the birth of their daughter, MAYA. Excited sisters are ORLI and LIBBY. Overjoyed grandparents are LYNNE & ORVIN ZENDEL and Carmela & Dov Berliner. Proud aunts, uncles and cousins are ADAM ZENDEL, Tomer, Shoshana, Shayna, and Yael Berliner, Yaniv, Shirra, Reuben, Sydney, Bella and Sabrina Berliner, Eran, Erin, Yonatan, Noam, Maytal and Eitan Berliner.

GREG & DEENA KAY on the birth of a baby girl, EMILY HANNAH (ORLI CHANA). Excited siblings are BENJI and NICOLE. Mazal Tov to grandparents RICHARD & IRINA KAY and Eddy & Danielle Rogozinsky.

LEORA & JACOB CHERNEY on the birth of their daughter, AMIRA ISABELLE. Ecstatic grandparents are DIANNA & RICKY ZAUDERER and Lynn & Jerry Cherney of Chicago. Happy great-grandparents are ANDOR[z"l] & ILONA ROBERTS. Thrilled aunts, uncles and cousins are Tanya Zauderer, ARIEL & BOSSMAT ZAUDERER, OZZY and RAMI; Brad & Janey Cherney; Leslie & Yehuda Gutstein; Emily & Yoel Dvorin and cousins. Happy great-aunts, uncle and cousins are Linda and Anya Roberts; JEFF & GAYLE ROBERTS, MICHAEL, RACHEL, DANIEL and JOSHUA.

AARON & KATIE DADOUCH on the birth of their daughter, REBECCA JULIA. Excited sisters are EMMA and CHELSEA. Proud grandparents are ANITA BIELAK-DADOUCH, Eli Dadouch and Eva & Nolan Kane. Thrilled great-grandparents are Marsha Bielak and MARILYN DADOUCH. Excited aunts and uncles are RACHEL & BLAKE ENZEL, LESLIE DADOUCH, MELISSA DADOUCH, Sylvia Bielak, and Jonathan & Ida Quigley.

BRENDA & MOSHE BESSIN and Yehudis Dubrow on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Malya Bina and Bentzion Aryeh Reuven Aharon, born to Avi & Chaya Sarah Bessin. Excited siblings are Uriel, Eliana, Ritzy and Serena.

ELFRIEDA VALE on the birth of a great-grandson, Yerachmiel Reuven, born to Ariel & Gayil Vale of South Fallsburg, New York. Excited siblings are Noach Leib, Daniel Dov and Rachel. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Richard & Devorah Vale.

LINDA & LARRY[z"l] LEVENSTEIN on the birth of a great-grandson, Mordechai, born to Atara & Michkail Hoffman of Israel. Proud grandparents are Leora & Michael[z"l] Levenstein and Orit & Gil Hoffman. Thrilled great-grandparents are Dr. Chuck & Connie Solomon and Mr. & Mrs. Hoffman, all of Israel.

SHOLOM & RIFKA EISENSTAT and Stephen & Brenda Stein on the birth of a granddaughter, Annie, born to Ayala & Matt Stein. Brother Sidney is excited to have a little sister.

RABBI ELLIOTT & ROCHELLE DIAMOND and Rabbi Dovid & Chavi Kestenbaum on the birth of a grandson, Moshe, born to Amiel & Ahuva Diamond. Proud great-grandparents are Rabbi Shneur & Malka Weinberg and Adele Meister. Excited brothers are Menashe Hillel, Yitzchak Meir and Efraim.

NICOLE & JEFF TOLEDANO and Ruthie & Michael Mammon on the birth of a grandson, Samuel Lev, born to Ashley & Jeremy Mammon. Excited brother is Charlie. Thrilled aunts, uncles and cousins are Eve & Yisroel, Chaya and Hadassa Miller, Jacob & Yaffa Toledano, Zach & Leedan, Zoe and Asher Mammon, Ariella and Shira Mammon. Proud great-grandparents are Barry Brin, Shoshana Mammon and Rebecca Mammon.

DAVID EISENSTAT & AMANDA SALEM, Larry & Alicia Stern, and Cheryl Stern[z"l] on the birth of their grandson, Noah James (Aryeh Yechiel), born to Josh & Leora Stern. Excited aunts and uncles are ARIELLA EISENSTAT, JOSHUA EISENSTAT, David & Rivky Stern, Ronit & Elie Himelfarb, and Rachie & Meir Mondrow. Proud great-grandparents are CHAIM & ESTHER[z"l] EISENSTAT, Ketty Salem, Joseph Salem, and Judy Schindler.

JUDITH LAXER & JEFFREY LIPSITZ and Tamar Sivkin & Edwin Gans on the birth of their grandson, Max Judah (יהודה) Lipsitz, born to Lauren Gans & Yonatan Lipsitz of Cambridge, Mass. Excited big sister is Lily. Proud uncles and aunts are Avi Lipsitz, Michal Lipsitz & Boaz Abramson, and Orly Lipsitz; Jennifer Gans & Michael Keshen, and Daniel Gans & Ally Sebben. Thrilled great-grandmothers are Betty Laxer and Marcia Gans.

ALAN & LAURA WINER and Rabbi Tzvi Blanchard and Naomi Mark on the birth of their grandson, Amitai Yehuda, born to Tamar Blanchard and Adam Winer. Excited siblings are Meital and Ori. Proud uncles and aunt are Sam Winer, Jonah and Emily Winer. Thrilled great-grandmother is Ruth Winer.

ELFRIEDA VALE on the birth of a great-grandson, Tzvi Lipa, born to Yehuda & Ariella Vale of Cleveland. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Richard & Devorah Vale and David & Lori Baum. Excited siblings are Hindy, Avigdor and Nechemia.

STEVE GOTTESMAN & LIDDY BECK and Saimi & Mark Pelchovitz on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Nathan, born to Elizabeth Gottesman & Jeff Pelchovitz. Excited siblings are Zoe and Jack. Thrilled aunts, uncles and cousins are Sophie Gottesman & Bryan Flatt, Henry and Ollie; Jonathan Gottesman & Marly Peikes; Madeleine Gottesman & Jeff Hendler.

SANDY FINKELSTEIN & ROBERTA KREMER and Jons & Nadia Hoerni of Zurich, Switzerland on the birth of their granddaughter, Na'ama Ella, born to Jamin & Mara Finkelstein. Excited aunts are Emma, Michelle, ADELE, and Noga Hoerni of Zurich, Switzerland. Proud great-grandparents are Anna & Alex[z"l] Kremer, Milton[z"l] & Dorothy[z"l] Finkelstein, Maja & Werner Hoenigsberg, and the late Nöelle & Johannes Hoerni of Zurich, Switzerland.

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.

## BAR / BAT MITZVAH

ELLIOT & SARI BIRNBOIM on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, SHOSHI. Excited siblings are JOSEPH, DARA, and HALLIE. Proud grandparents are Karen & Shelly Mandell and Shirley & Chaim Birnboim.

JOSHUA BLINICK (RAMONA[z"l]) on the Bar Mitzvah of his son, LEO. Excited siblings are ELLA and JONAH. Proud grandparents are Doris & Ned Blinick, Mary Gersht, and Kalman Granek.

## BAR / BAT MITZVAH

MICKEY & AURELIA OSTRO and Lazer & Shayna Friedman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Adriel Ostro, son of Daniel & Reena Ostro. Excited siblings are Aiden, Adira, and AJ. Delighted uncles and aunts are PRESIDENT JONATHAN & TSIONA OSTRO, Eitan & Danielle Ostro, and Ari & Naomi Friedman. Thrilled great-grandparents are Guillaume & Rachel Friedman.

## ENGAGEMENTS

JOANNE & JEFFREY PERLMUTTER on the engagement of their son, MITCHELL PERLMUTTER to Miriam Silver of New York, daughter of S.R. (Shraga[z"l]) Silver of Los Angeles. Excited siblings, niece and nephews are Rabbi Dr. Hartley & Stacie, Lielle and Ezra Perlmutter, ZACHARY PERLMUTTER; Chaim Silver, Avi Silver, Benny & Chirlie and Eitan Silver. Proud grandparents are Myrna (Mervin[z"l]) Lass; and Marylin Hyman and Ruth Silver of Los Angeles.

LARRY & SARAH KRAUSS on the engagement of their son, NOTEH to Alexandra Booth, daughter of Howard and Debbie Booth. Excited siblings are HUDI, ELISHA, and AVIYA KRAUSS. Proud grandparents are Helen and Joe Casse.

## MARRIAGES

LINDA & LARRY[z"l] LEVENSTEIN on the marriage of their grandson, Elnatan Levenstein, son of Michael[z"l] & Leora Levenstein, to Tal Ezra, daughter of Tami & David Ezra of Israel. Proud grandparents are Dr. Chuck & Connie Solomon of Israel. The wedding took place in Israel.

SHOSHANA KAGEDAN and MARK KOPSTICK on their marriage. Mazal Tov to their children and grandchildren.

NICOLE & JEFF TOLEDANO on the marriage of their son Jacob, to Yaffa, daughter of Deborah & Moshe Toledano. Excited siblings are Ashley & Jeremey Mammon, Eve & Yisroel Miller, Joey & Simi Toledano, Sarah & Baruch Menache, Asher, Kelly and Hannah Toledano. Proud grandfather is Barry Brin.

## ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

MARC KOPLOWITZ on his birthday

RABBI SAMMY BERGMAN on his birthday

JERRY GENESOVE on his 92nd birthday.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mazal Tov* to ELISE HERZIG, Executive Director, JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Services) Toronto on receiving the *York Centre Platinum Jubilee Service Award* in recognition of her accomplishments and contributions to the community, in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

PROF. DAVID NOVAK, SHOLOM EISENSTAT (host) and all the participants in the shiur for completing the learning of *Masechet Sanhedrin* after 26 years of weekly shiurim.

RABBI SAM TAYLOR who was selected as part of the inaugural cohort of the *Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Scholars Programme*. The Programme assembles individuals committed to ensuring Rabbi Sacks' legacy is continued and spread throughout the world. To learn more about the Programme please visit rabbisacks.org/sacks-scholars.

## CONDOLENCES TO

Betty Katzman, Mordechai & Orah Katzman, Zvi (former Chazzan of Shaarei Shomayim) & Yael Katzman, Ahuva & Eddie Shostak and families, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather, Avraham Katzman[z"l].

Carol and Hymie, Debbie and Alan, Mark and Evelyn and families, on the loss of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, CARL KELLY ROSS[z"l].

SAM COHEN, Jordan & Lori Cohen, Risa & Michael Gasch, Esti & Ron Lax and families, on the loss of their wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, BEVERLEY COHEN[z"l].

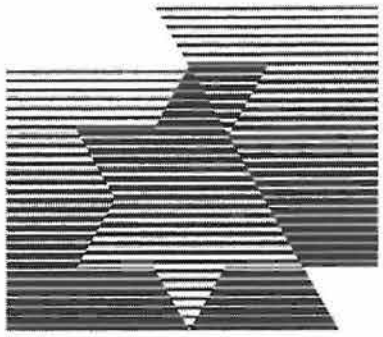
Daryl Vernon & Lori Penner, Alan Vernon, Brenda Vernon, Stephen & Tania Vernon and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother, PESA TOBA TERESA VERNON[z"l].

GARY FINK on the loss of his mother, SOPHIE FINK[z"l].

COMMEMORATE YOUR LOVED ONES

HONOUR THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES
BY DEDICATING A MEMORIAL PLAQUE
OR A LEAF ON OUR TREE OF LIFE

FOR DETAILS, EMAIL NICOLE AT NICOLE@SHOMAYIM.ORG



**Benjamin's** Park
Memorial Chapel

Through the generations
...a sacred trust

# Honour & Respect

After a death, Judaism says that we must not forget. We must remember. Remembering our loved ones is a cornerstone of Jewish belief. This is a principle that the Benjamin family has upheld in the community for four generations.

We are proud to support Shaarei Shomayim Congregation - an integral part of Toronto's Jewish community for over 80 years

2401 Steeles Ave., West, Toronto

**416-663-9060 www.benjamins.ca**

PROFESSIONALLY WE SERVE

STEELES

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

SPECIALIZING IN PRE-ARRANGEMENTS

905-881-6003 | WWW.STEELES.ORG

PROFESSIONALLY WE CARE

IZENBERG
GOLDBERG
Monuments

Stone Craft
FACTORY

Serving Toronto's Jewish
Community for over 90 Years

Direct Importers of Fine Granite
Memorials for all Cemeteries

(416) 787-0319

מצבות המפעל

www.izenberggoldberg.com

# KEVER GRAVE COVERS

Honour and respect the location of your deceased loved ones.

Kever Grave Covers are fabricated from an extremely strong and durable fiberglass compound.

The name of the deceased is engraved in the language of your choice on a non-corroding metal plaque that is attached to the surface of the Kever Grave Cover.

The Kever Grave Cover can be installed in all Bathurst Lawn cemeteries, in the 2 Shaarei Shomayim Mount Sinai cemeteries, in McCowan cemetery, in any of the JCMI cemeteries and in all Roselawn cemeteries.

To arrange for a Kever Grave Cover contact Sol Zeifman at zeifmansol@gmail.com or 416-417-6128.

שערי שמים
SHAAREI SHOMAYIM
A Meaningful Moment
Do you want to receive a weekly
Boost of inspiration?
Join Rebbetzin Emma Taylor's Weekly Broadcast!
Hear a few moments of motivation each week before Shabbat on a topic related to the time of year. Join the hundreds around the world who already receive this weekly broadcast!
To sign up to this private WhatsApp broadcast, please email emmahannahtaylor@gmail.com with your name and number.
If you don't have WhatsApp, the recording can be emailed to you.
If you would like to sponsor A Meaningful Moment, please contact the shul office.
470 Glencairn Avenue | Toronto, ON M5N 1V8 | Tel 416-789-3213 | Fax 416-789-1728
WWW.SHOMAYIM.ORG

# שערי שמים SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5N 1V8
Telephone: 416-789-3213 • Fax: 416-789-1728
Website: shomayim.org • Email: info@shomayim.org

## OFFICE HOURS

| | |
|---|---|
| Monday - Thursday | 9:00AM - 5:00PM |
| Friday | 9:00AM - 2:00PM |
| Shabbat, Sunday | Closed |

## WHO'S WHO

| | |
|---|---|
| Senior Rabbi | Sam Taylor |
| Rabbi | Elliott Diamond |
| Assistant Rabbi | Sammy Bergman |
| Shamash / Baal Koreh | Ralph Levine |
| Chazzan | Chaim Freund |
| President | Jonathan Ostro |
| Executive Director | Nicole Toledano |
| Bulletin Contributor | Lawrence Savlov |

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Rabbi Taylor's *Torah for Your Life* | $180 |
| *Shabbat Matters* | $180 |
| *Weekly Matters* | $180 |
| Kiddush | $195 and up |
| Downstairs Kiddush | $325 |
| Hashkama Kiddush | $200 |
| 9:30 Minyan Kiddush | $325 |
| Teen Kiddush | $200 |
| Seudah Shlishit | $250 |
| Morning Coffee & Muffins | $72/day |
| Morning Gemara Shiur | $180 |
| Rabbi Taylor's Daily Halacha | $180 |
| Rabbi Taylor's Shiur | $180 |
| Rabbi Diamond's Shiur | $180 |
| Rabbi Bergman's Shiur | $180 |
| Rebbetzin Emma Taylor's *Meaningful Moment* | $118 |
| Rabbi Bergman's Parsha & Cholent | $118 |
| Siddur / Chumash | $90 |
| Mazal Tovs | $72 and up |
| Yahrzeits | starting at $54 |

## DONATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| Capital Fund | $18 and up |
| Philip Zucker Torah Fund | $18 and up |
| Phillip Wintrob Youth Fund | $18 and up |
| Rabbi's Charity Fund | $18 and up |
| Volunteer Appreciation Fund | $18 and up |
| Beit Midrash Book Fund | $36 and up |
| Chessed Fund | $36 and up |
| Security Fund | $250 and up |
| Memorial Plaques | $500 |
| Tree of Life: Leaf | $1,800 |
| Tree of Life: Stone | $5,400 |

To make a donation or arrange for a sponsorship, please email or call the shul office, or go to: www.shomayim.org. Tax receipts will be issued.

## ENDOWMENTS

Endowment funds can be set up to suit your individual requirements. For further information, please contact the shul office.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

| | |
|---|---|
| **APR 1** | Shabbat Hagadol & Rabbi's Drasha |
| **APR 5** | Ta'anit Bechorot / Erev Pesach |
| **APR 6-7** | I & II Pesach |
| **APR 8** | Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach |
| **APR 8** | *Women's Pesach Hallel* Rebbetzin Emma Taylor |
| **APR 9-11** | Chol Hamoed Pesach |
| **APR 12-13** | VII & VIII Pesach |
| **APR 18** | Yom HaShoah |
| **APR 25** | Yom HaZikaron |
| **APR 26** | Yom HaAtzmaut |
| **MAY 3-24** | BMZD *Jewish Migrations: Origins of Ashkenazim and Sephardim* Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner |
| **MAY 9** | Lag B'Omer |
| **MAY 15** | BMZD *Medical Ethics: Dealing with Difficult Patients* Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner |
| **MAY 19** | Yom Yerushalayim |
| **MAY 20** | The Weinbaum Family Scholar-in-Residence Series: Rabbi Dr. Raphael Zarum |
| **MAY 25** | Erev Shavuot |
| **MAY 25-26** | Tikkun Layl Shavuot |
| **MAY 26-27** | I & II Shavuot |
| **MAY 27** | *Shavuot Women's Tea Time Tikkun* Rebbetzin Emma Taylor |
| **JUN 5** | BMZD *Legal Ethics: Artificial Intelligence and the Practice of Law* Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner |
| **JUN 10** | The Weinbaum Family Scholar-in-Residence Series: Rabbi Yona Reiss |
| **JUN 17** | Bar & Bat Mitzvah Clubs Celebratory Kiddush |
| **JUN 24** | BMZD Spring Shabbaton *Vayehi Binsoa: Torah on the Go* |
| **JUN 26** | BMZD *Medical Ethics: Compelling Medical Treatment* Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner |
| **JUL 6** | Tzom 17th of Tammuz |
| **JUL 26-27** | Tisha B'Av |
| **SEPT 9** | The Weinbaum Family Scholar-in-Residence Series: Raizi Chechik |
| **SEPT 9** | Earlier Slichot |
| **SEPT 10** | Later Slichot |
| **SEPT 15** | Erev Rosh Hashana |
| **SEPT 16-17** | I & II Rosh Hashana |