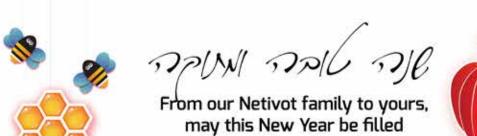




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INTERIM SENIOR RABBI



# Not Standing Still

ogether we take the next steps in the journey of our remarkable shul. Our story continues to unfold and it is we who are privileged and charged with writing the next chapters of an institutional narrative that has captured the imagination of multiple generations. I feel privileged to be a part of this narrative for six decades and to now assume a role that affords me the opportunity to add my voice in a new and meaningful way.

As we consider our path forward, the Torah's stories offer us insights and inspiration that are worth considering. Our ancestors have taken journeys before us and we certainly can learn much from their experiences. מעשה אבות סימן לבנים - the actions of our forefathers and foremothers should be seen as instructive and reveal aspects of our own personal and communal lives, even as we navigate our modern and complex world.

One of the most extraordinary journeys recorded in the Torah is that of Yaakov Avinu. As Jacob rests along the way toward his uncertain future, he beholds a dream at night in which he sees

# והנה סלם מצב ארצה וראשו מגיע השמימה והנה מלאכי א-להים עלים וירדים בו

"...and behold! a ladder set up on the ground and its top reached to heaven; and behold, angels of God were ascending and descending upon it." (Bereshit 28:12)

Jacob's dream and the various elements described therein, have always been a source of inspiration to me and seem particularly meaningful at this point in the life of Shaarei Shomayim.

To be more than an ephemeral image that fades and lacks substance, a vision, while facing upward, must be "set up on the ground" - taking into account the forces that form realistic goals and expectations. As our shul transitions into a new phase, we do not stop dreaming or searching toward the heaven, but we do pause and establish the goals that we can and must achieve during this phase of our growth. A ladder symbolizes motion – it's an object whose purpose is to offer the means to move between two points that may seem initially to be a little too far out of reach. But in order for it to fulfill its function, the ladder must rest on solid ground. I look forward to helping lead the conversation about setting the right goals for our shul during this interim time.

Jacob's dream described the movement of angels upon the ladder. I can confidently declare that I am no angel however, I strive to be a mentsch. As I assume my role as Interim Senior Rabbi of Shaarei Shomayim, I realize that there may be members of this congregation with whom I have not yet connected personally. I will do my best to do so and I hope that you will take a moment to reach out to me as well. As we approach the Yamim Noraim, I ask for your patience and declare that I will do my utmost to fulfill the role I have undertaken with sensitivity, compassion and honesty.

But the word for angel in the biblical account of this dream is מלאך which also means messenger. This interpretation offers encouragement and direction. We may not all be angels, but we are messengers. As is the case with all messengers, we individually and collectively are empowered to fulfill a task or mission as representatives of our synagogue's commitment to a vibrant and meaningful Modern Orthodoxy that is steadfastly faithful to our Torah, while being engaged in the complexities of our society and world. I am proud to serve as rabbi and together we will share our important message of Torah within and beyond our shul. This is not an interim message. It was and remains our singular message.

The biblical "messengers" in the story are described as ascending and descending upon the ladder. To me, the narrative clearly urges each of us to consider the importance

# Not Standing Still

of direction – whether up or down. The yearning to go up, to ascend, may seem more obvious or even intuitive. Eyes toward heaven express the deep human desire to grow and flourish and, wherever possible, overcome the changing forces that seek to hold us down and push us into a downward spiral, God forbid. I believe that our spirits want to be inspired, uplifted and nourished. Yes, I choose to ascend the ladder!

So why would I seek to go down? What is the purpose of descending?

Perhaps the Torah is asserting that even as we take steps to elevate ourselves, even as we decide to search for those moments of inspiration that fill our souls, hearts and minds, we must not say to others who do not yet stand beside us that they must figure it all out on their own. There may be a strong temptation to take care of ourselves and loved ones and leave others to face their spiritual, emotional or religious challenges by themselves. I do not seek to descend upon the ladder because I choose to regress or give in. I choose to descend so I can reach down and grab the hand of someone who needs my help, who does not know how to find the right step on the ladder. Our shul has long distinguished itself as a place of compassion, understanding and

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support. These qualities do not get put on hold.

Shaarei Shomayim has begun a new chapter in our amazing story. Some may call it "an interim" period as we search for a new senior rabbi. But we are not standing still. Our shul has its "ladder."

I am honoured to work with a talented team of Klei Kodesh colleagues who are committed to helping nourish the religious aspirations of our shul.

Along with the leadership team of our synagogue, I will work to meet the goals that we have established together to support our members individually and collectively.

The faith, values and commitment to Torah, Chessed, Israel and community engagement that Shaarei Shomayim has espoused throughout its history, continue to animate our shul and members. As we stand together in the days, weeks and months ahead in Tefillah, Torah and Chessed, may Hashem bless each of us, our families and our community with a year of bracha, health and simcha.

יהי רצון שימלא הי כל משאלות לבנו לטובה May Hashem fulfill all of the wishes of our hearts for the good.

Rochelle and I wish you and your families Ketivah VaChatimah Tova.

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## **ROBIN GOFINE**

# The Meaning of Home - A Reflection



After our shul reopened in June for the second time, I began to reflect upon the meaning of home. There are many definitions of the Hebrew word בית (home) and the word is used in many contexts. The common use of the word בית is a physical building. It can also be used to refer to an abstract concept. For example, בית ישראל means the House of Israel - and refers to the Jewish people as a whole.

During the pandemic, our home took on a new meaning for me. Our family home expanded to serve a multiplicity of purposes in addition to being a place of safety and shelter. It became a place of emotional comfort, a coworking space, an entertainment and culinary centre, and an alternative synagogue during Shabbatot and chagim. As we all hunkered down, our home was a safe haven that grounded us and made us feel protected in a way that I had never previously experienced. Throughout the pandemic, when we were able to be physically present in shul, Shaarei Shomayim became my home away from home. I felt a deepened sense of appreciation for the shul and the role that it plays in my life and in the lives of my family members. Once we were able to open, Shaarei Shomayim was somewhere that I felt

compelled to return to, serving as a spiritually nourishing place of safety, comfort and inspiration. Being present in shul connected me to Hashem and to my community. I felt a sense of connection to the Jewish people, who carried on Jewish traditions, teachings and values in circumstances far more threatening and dire than the pandemic presented to me and my family.

Rabbi Sacks explores the concept of home as a religious idea and wrote about it in the context of teshuva. He noted that the period of the ten days of repentance is a time where we reflect and seek atonement for our sins. Yom Kippur is the supreme day of teshuva, literally a day of returning and 'coming home' to our innermost selves to ask ourselves who we are and where we truly belong. Yom Kippur is a day when we affirm our identity as Jews.

My prayer for the coming year is that Shaarei Shomayim continues to be a spiritually uplifting home for each of us, and provides us with a deepened understanding of and connection to Torah. On behalf of myself, the Executive and Board, as well as my family – I wish each of you a Shana Tova – a happy, healthy, sweet new year.

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# Senior Rabbi Search Committee

Inding a new Rabbi is a daunting task, made a bit easier due to the dedication and leadership of Rabbi Strauchler and Avital which has seen our shul grow in strength and stature.

We are pleased to report that the Search Committee has already met on numerous occasions to plan for the review and consideration of candidate applications. We anticipate applications will begin to be received in meaningful numbers only following the Chagim. A shul survey has been completed by the community, which had a very high response rate.

The survey's results were presented in a community Zoom presentation on July 13, 2021. We particularly wish to take this opportunity to thank Miriam Gofine, a PHD student with professional expertise in survey design and data analysis, for all of her efforts in the composition and analysis of the survey and its results.

For more information regarding the Rabbinic Search please visit the shul's website at https://www.shomayim.org/rabbinicsearch.

# SENIOR RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE

# Q7: What personal qualities do you want the Senior Rabbi to bring to Shaarei Shomayim?

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# Change

ccording to the Merriam-Webster.com dictionary, change means: Change, alter, vary, modify mean to make or become different. Change implies making lackeither an essential difference often amounting to a loss of original identity or a substitution of one thing for another.

Change is so much part of our lives, that there is even a website called change.org. It is noted as, "The World's Platform for Change" - on Change.org, people everywhere are starting campaigns, mobilizing supporters, and working with decision makers to drive solutions. They are a direct link to help people make change.

There have been many changes over the last 1½ years. COVID hit us and we had to change the way we relate to people, our families and the world around us. Change has taught us how to remain connected in a non-physical way. It has also taught us how to be more aware of others and their personal situations. More recently, Shaarei Shomayim's Rabbi of 13 years moved on to a shul in the USA. Personally, I have experienced change in my family - and the newest addition of a grandson (now I have one of each).

Becoming a grandparent is an amazing change – though a bit daunting. Your children now have to make their decisions for THEIR children. We can suggest (only when asked of course), but the ultimate decision making is up to them. We no longer have parental prominence on our children. We take the change in status and enjoy the grandchildren. After all, you can play with them all day, but they ultimately go

home to mommy and daddy.

Change can be a challenge - it is the thought of the unknown, what will happen now? How can I cope with something that I am not familiar with? What's wrong with the status quo? As we go through life, change is inevitable. Whether through personal development - school, marriage, family or change within the community and society, we need to adapt and move forward. I often see change as a positive - how can we move forward? What can we do now to make our experience even better? It gets you out of the "rut" that you have been stuck in and helps you move on.

Shaarei Shomayim's Senior Rabbi Search Committee is working diligently on making the change for our Senior Rabbi. They want to ensure that the person that is hired reflects not only the Modern Orthodoxy of our shul, but also the communal norms of our members. It is a process that has to be right not only for the Rabbi coming in, but for you, our members.

Whether modifying, redoing, refashioning, remaking, remodeling or revamping, we can only look at change as a positive and move on with an attitude that says, "let's go."

L'Shana Tova tikatevu. 💾

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# Teshuva from COVID, Teshuva to Shul



oes one have an obligation to "repent" from the experience of a pandemic? Can a return to shul constitute a form of teshuva? At first glance, since we certainly should not fault ourselves for a virus which devastated the entire world, one might answer these questions with an emphatic "No!" However, since we are now beginning our return to "normal life" and it is teshuva season, the commonality between "returning to God" from a state of sin and returning to our preferred routines from months of lockdown and isolation - is worth exploring.

Is teshuva inextricably linked with sin? The answer may depend on your perspective. The Rambam describes the obligation of teshuva as "when the sinner returns from his sin" (Laws of Repentance 1:1). Similarly, Rambam's well known four stages of repentance: 1) Removal of the sin from one's action and thoughts; 2) Remorse; 3) Commitment to not repeat the sin; 4) and verbal confession all clearly depict teshuva as recovery from sinful behaviour.

However, one gets a different impression when studying the thought of Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook. For Rav Kook, teshuva transcends the process of merely escaping the deleterious effects of immoral behaviour. Rather, teshuva channels the yearning of the soul to fully express itself. In fact, Rav Kook argues that the teshuva process can sometimes take place without any connection to a particular sin:

And there is another sense of teshuva, which is general and wholistic. There is no sin or sins of the past on his heart, but in general he feels within himself that he is very depressed, that he is full of iniquity, that the light of God, doesn't shine on him, there is no generous spirit in him, his heart is opaque, his faith and qualities do not go in the right and desired way worthy of fulfilling a proper life for a pure soul... Out of this mental bitterness comes teshuva like the gauze of an expert surgeon. The feeling of teshuva and the depth of its knowledge, its great support in the depth of the soul, in the secret of nature, and in all the rooms of the Torah, faith and tradition, with all

its power it comes and causes a powerful confidence in healing to flow within his soul. With this wholistic resuscitation which teshuva extends to all who cling to it, he is endowed with a spirit of grace and supplication... (Orot HaTeshuvah 1:3)

Does the spiritual malaise that Rav Kook describes sound familiar? Does it not resemble the feelings of heaviness and gloom we all experienced at some point over the past year? Isolation from healthy social interaction, and the vibrant environments which we turn to for inspiration, have dulled our zest for life. Can't we all use the "spirit of grace" that Rav Kook's conception of teshuva provides?

Where can we go to begin this process? Perhaps this is the role our return to shul can play in our teshuva process. The Talmud in Berachot 6b extolls the virtue of establishing a set place for their prayer. Rabbi Yehuda Loew (Maharal, Netiv HaAvodah Chapter Four) explains that by designating a place for prayer, one creates a unique space in their lives which they share with God. In that space, one forges a strong connection with Hashem that stays with them wherever they go. Is there a more appropriate way to reignite our souls than by seeking out the warm, comfortable, and inspirational environment provided by the shul experience?

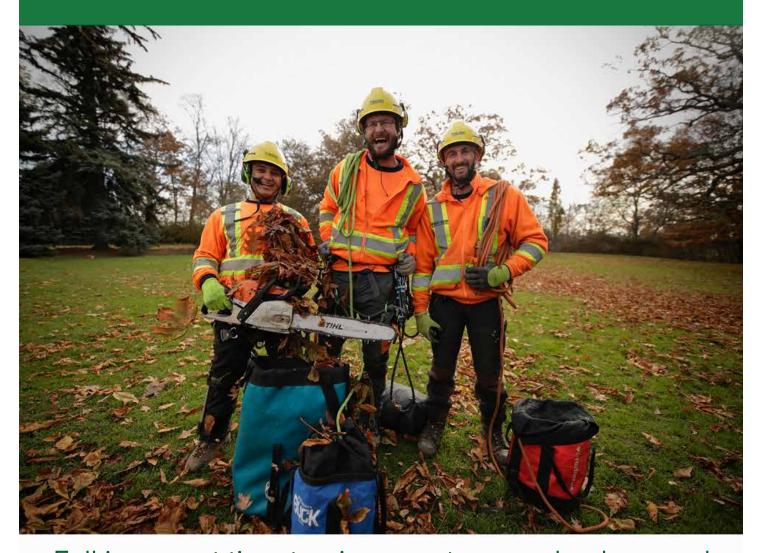
Nevertheless, as we have become habituated to a more isolated lifestyle, teshuva and our return to shul may prove challenging. Therefore, it bears remembering that we don't embark on the journey by ourselves. In its most vivid description of teshuva in Devarim Chapter 30, the Torah clarifies that as we endeavor to return to Hashem, He returns to us as well:

"And you shall return to Hashem your God and you shall listen to His voice... and Hashem will restore you from captivity and He will return and gather you from all the peoples that Hashem your God has scattered you."

May we each return to our true selves and to the places and relationships we treasure. May our next year be filled with health, happiness, and a spirit of rejuvenation.

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# Tefillah from Our Heart

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'n my experience, there are two kinds of *tefillot*. The first type are the day-to-day prayers that people request of God, the basic aspirations we have in our lives: good health, to raise one's children well, professional and financial success, for a friend to find a shidduch, etc. They are the kind of things we think are somewhat in our control, and somewhat out of our control, and so we ask God to help ensure that they end up in a positive place. They don't feel desperate, though they are ever-present needs.

But there is another kind of *tefillah* that comes from a place of desperation: not being able to have children, not being able to find a shidduch, having a child who is struggling on their path in life, not being able to find a stable job, amongst others. These latter are qualitatively different from the first because of the emotional place they come from, from the feeling of being up against a wall without a path forward. The story of Chana, the mother of Shmuel HaNavi, which we read on Rosh Hashana, is this kind of tefillah. Chana's prayer in this story, to have a child, comes from a place of desperation, from having hit a wall and seeing no other option besides turning to God.

Ray Soloveitchik asks a powerful question on the story of Chana. Every year Chana would go up to the city of Shiloh, which at the time housed the Mishkan, and every year she would suffer and withdraw from social contract for not having had a child. We see this most acutely by her not eating during the celebratory meals, a deeply social activity. But one year, she re-engages, participates in the meal, and then prays to Hashem. What changed, Rav Soloveitchik asks? What changed, he says, comes about because of a conversation she

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905-764-6017 gg.print.gg@rogers.com has with her husband, Elkanah, just before we hear about this change. The pasuk says, "Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Chana, why do you cry and why do you not eat? Why are you so sad? Am I not more devoted to you than ten sons?" (Shmuel 1:8) What Elkanah hoped for was to offer consolation to Chana for the reality of her life, one that lacked children, but had a loving husband. Shouldn't we, he implies, accept the reality of this existence, savour what is positive, and learn to live with the rest? Isn't that enough to re-engage in our life together? Rabbi Alex Israel reads this plea in a modern context: we've tried every fertility treatment, dating app, job site, and therapist and nothing has worked - isn't it time to accept reality and move on?

To this Chana's entire being responds: No! While it's true that I've done all that I can control, now I must look beyond this. I must take that pain and put it somewhere - and that place is God, in tefillah. Rabbi Alex Israel says so beautifully that, "Chana knew that she had to thrust her pain and her bitterness at God. And she sought her redemption in prayer, and in God she found her relief, her answer."

The deepest *tefillah*, the truest turning to God comes, as we learn from Chana, when we feel we've hit a wall, when we no longer feel in control, when we know we've done everything we can do and still feel stuck. Reading the story of Chana one sees a moment that has no obvious outcome that she can control, but through tefillah, Hashem helps her find a way. The *Chachamim* broaden this principle and put it as follows: "פתחו לי פתח כחודו של מחט ואפתח לך פתח כפתחו של אולם"

"Open for Me an entrance as tiny as a needlepoint, and (then) I (Hashem) will open for you an entrance as wide as the opening of a hall."

On Rosh Hashana God asks for our whole heart, even if it's a heart full of pain and disappointment. Perhaps, like Chana, it's specifically there, when we don't see another avenue out of whatever weighs on us in our lives, that our turning to God is most meaningful. We only see the limit of what's possible, but by turning to Him in *tefillah*, another path is opened up.

During the days of Rosh Hashana, Hashem makes Himself so close, so available to us. May we all use this opportunity to reach out to him in tefillah with the deepest needs of our heart. He's right there, waiting for our heart and our words.

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YOUTH DIRECTOR



# Youth Programs

s I write this article on July 4th (Tammuz 24th), we find ourselves in the period of Bein Hameitzarim, the somber time between the tragedies of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz and Tisha B'Av. Yesterday, even though we read a saddening haftorah from Yirmiyahu, I could not help but feel the hope and comfort of Yeshayahu which we will read after Tisha B'Av in a few weeks, "Nachamu nachamu ami." Last Shabbat was our third Shabbat of in-person Youth Programs and the turnout and energy was outstanding. To me, even though many restrictions were still in place, it felt like we reached the beginning of the end of the pandemic. I hope to see it continue to grow over the summer and beyond.

As you read this on the Yamim Nora'im, I hope my words will not have aged poorly. While plans for Rosh Hashana have

already begun, I cannot be sure we will be in a position to carry them out. What I do know is just as Bein Hameiztarim must pass, this shall as well. I look forward to a great year of Youth Programming and I hope you will join us.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the people who make Youth Programming a success. The shul clergy and staff: Rabbi Diamond, Rabbi Bergman, Nicole, Meital, Ellen, Tova and Lejla. The Youth Committee: Arielle Berger, Dara Dishy, Naomi Glustein, Rina Parker, Chana Posluns, and Davida Shiff; and its co-chairs, Rachel Shour and Dalia Yunger. Finally, to the parents and kids for the participation and support. Thank you. Shana Tova U'metuka.





Please Welcome

# **Rabbi Jared Anstandig and the Anstandig Family**

Sgan Rosh Beit Midrash, Beit Midrash Zichron Dov Rabbinic Assistant, Shaarei Shomayim

Rabbi Jared Anstandig is from West Bloomfield, Michigan. He studied in Yeshivat Torat Shraga in Jerusalem for a year and a half, followed by Yeshiva College where he studied Psychology and Jewish Studies. Rabbi Anstandig completed rabbinical school at Yeshiva University and while also studying in YU's Marcos and Adina Katz Kollel. He earned a Master's Degree in Tanach from Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies.

During his rabbinical training, Rabbi Anstandig held numerous rabbinic internships, such as at Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York City, Kesher Israel in Washington, DC, and Shaare Tefillah in Teaneck, NJ. He also served as an officer in the US Army Chaplain Corps. Following rabbinical school, Rabbi Anstandig lived in Teaneck, NJ and taught Tanach and Gemara at Ramaz High School.

For the last three years, Rabbi Anstandig and his family have lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Rabbi Anstandig served as the rabbi of the Orthodox community for the University of Michigan Hillel. He also served the local Orthodox population of adults as the rabbi of the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. Sarit, Rabbi Anstandig's wife, is a Jewish educator who is excited to continue teaching at Bnei Akiva Schools. Sarit is also looking forward to participating in Toronto's Yoetzet Halacha initiative upon her completion of the program this fall.

Rabbi Anstandig, Sarit, and their two children Batya (age two) and Aryeh (five months) are looking forward to joining the Shaarei Shomayim community. To watch their intro video, please go to https://youtu.be/pP1Pb2Sasc4.

RABBI JARED ANSTANDIG



# Avinu Malkeinu

oments before the final shofar blast on Yom Kippur, signaling the end of the holiest day of the year, we recite 44 short pleas. In this prayer known as *Avinu Malkeinu* (Our Father, Our King), we beg God to forgive our past year's iniquities. We also recite *Avinu Malkeinu* daily between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, making it one of the most central features of the High Holiday season. Why do we recite it so often? What is it about the image of God as our Father and as our King that makes it so impactful and suitable for this period of teshuva and introspection? By examining the roles of a parent and king, we can better understand the meaning and value of this crucial prayer.

The first half of the refrain, "Our Father," conjures up the image of a loving relationship. In its ideal form, a parent is there to support and nurture a child. Rabbi Akiva (Pesachim 112a) emphasizes the extent to which parents concern themselves with the needs of their children: "More than the calf wishes to nurse, the cow wants its calf to suckle."

Extending this metaphor to God, as much as we want to be happy and to be healthy, God wants that too.

Indeed, Rashi stresses the role of a parent as a coach. While serving as viceroy to Pharaoh in Egypt, Joseph describes himself (Bereshit 45:8) as being "An av (literally: father) to Pharaoh." Rashi comments: "In this context, av means a friend and supporter." After all, a parent supports and guides a child to help the child reach his or her full potential. Since parents are ideally focused on the needs of their children, the mitzvah of honouring one's parents is up to parents to decide. Kiddushin 32a states: "With regard to a father who forgoes his honour, his honour is forgone." A parent is empowered to relinquish honour due to her or him for the sake of the needs of the child.

On Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur we look to God as *Avinu*, our parent and support. We implore God to take up the role as our Father, the Father who loves His children and

wants only the best for them.

But, God is also Malkeinu, our King. The king-servant relationship is starkly different. Unlike the relationship between a child and a parent, Kiddushin 32 states that the honour due to royalty cannot be reneged. For a king, pomp and circumstance is a necessary feature. The chasm between the human king and the human servant is vast – even more so between God, the King of Kings, and a simple human being.

Terrifyingly, a king can be exacting and maybe even cruel. Consider the sharp warning from the prophet Shmuel about the horrors of a king (I Shmuel 8:11-14):

This will be the practice of the king who will rule over you: He will take your sons and appoint them as his charioteers and horsemen, and they will serve as outrunners for his chariots. He will appoint them as his chiefs of thousands and of fifties; or they will have to plow his fields, reap his harvest, and make his weapons and the equipment for his chariots. He will take your daughters

as perfumers, cooks, and bakers. He will seize your choice fields, vineyards, and olive groves, and give them to his courtiers.

If a king can be this cruel, then why do we invoke this image on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur? The vision of God as a parent is beautiful and moving - why pair it with something so terrifying?

Rabbi Reuven Leuchter, a major figure in the world of Jewish outreach, offers a thoughtful explanation of this image. The nature of a master-servant relationship is that the servant does the will of the master, But, Rabbi Leuchter observes, if there is no servant, then the master performs the tasks himself or herself. In other words, the job of the servant is to do the work that otherwise the master would perform. Our relationship with our King, God, is identical. When we declare God as our King, we accept our responsibility to do in this world that which He would do in this world.

Fortunately, we have a clear picture of what God does in this world. Sotah 14a describes God's actions: "God clothes

the naked, visits the sick, consoles the bereaved, buries the dead." In Shabbat 133b, the Talmud continues, "Just as God is merciful and forgiving, so too you must be merciful and forgiving." In this world, God performs acts of kindness. When we turn to God and say, "You are our King," we remind ourselves that we are servants of God, and as such we must behave in this world as God would.

Ultimately, Avinu Malkeinu serves two purposes. It is recited both for God and for us. It is for God because we plead that God would treat us as a loving parent would - quick and easy to forgive. And, it is for us, to remind us that God is our King, and that we must act as He does.

This Rosh Hashana, may Avinu, our Father, see us all as His children. In addition, may all of us recognize Malkeinu, our King, and do our King's work in this world. May each of us be inscribed in the book of good life with blessings for a year of success and peace.

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# Maintaining Mount Sinai Cemetery

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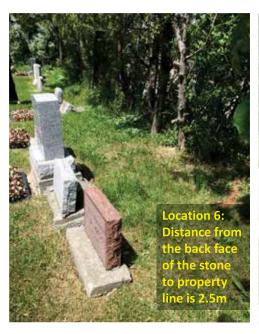
he role of the Shaarei Shomayim Cemetery Committee is to ensure that our cemeteries are cared for and well maintained and to address issues that come to our attention.

For example, this past Spring, we were made aware of an issue at Mount Sinai Cemetery which had the potential to disturb the peaceful surroundings of the cemetery. Through many hours of work, our committee worked with the city of Toronto to create a sound barrier to protect this valued and holy place, which will now be constructed along the east side of Mount Sinai Cemetery this year. Train traffic on the line immediately east of Mount Sinai will be increasing, and this

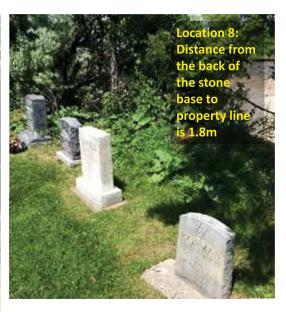
barrier will help reduce interference in the burial procedures at our two cemeteries.

In addition, on June 30, "Global Ground Penetrating Radar," one of the top specialists in Canada, conducted a GPR inspection of the east end of Mount Sinai Cemetery to ensure that none of our burials extended over the property line. The results were positive and all of our in burials were found to be within the cemetery property.

If you are interested in joining our Cemetery Committee, please contact Nicole Toledano at nicole@shomayim.org.







# 'Here to Support Public Health': Meet One of Canada's Volunteer Vaccine Hunters

tvo.org | Rebecca Tucker - Published on Apr 16, 2021

As Ontario's lockdown measures come under increased scrutiny, so, too, does its vaccine rollout. On April 7, Premier Doug Ford announced that vaccines would be provided to eligible residents of COVID-19 hot spots across the province. Since then, though, Ontarians have expressed frustration with arcane web-registration forms, conflicting online information, and daily appointment openings that are being snapped up in as little as 30 seconds. Established clinics at locations such as St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto have been forced to temporarily shut down due to a spike in demand.

Increasingly, Ontarians are turning, not to government resources, but to social media to get clear and up-to-date information. The Twitter account Vaccine Hunters Canada, which was created in March, saw its follower count surge this week from less than 10,000 to close to 50,000 followers (and counting). A community-run account, it's dedicated solely to posting updates on when, where, and how vaccines are available across the province. It estimates that it's already helped thousands of people get their jab.

TVO.org speaks with Sabrina Craig, who works in finance and is one of the four Torontonians behind the account about why it was created, how it works, and what goes on behind the scenes.

**TVO.org:** So how did this start? Was it conceived of as a response to inadequate government communications?

Sabrina Craig: It came into existence because there was a need: Andrew, who's a software developer in Toronto (who has asked that his last name not be used), started it in March, then two other team members joined after. I was onboarded a week ago. We do have more activity in Ontario versus, say, British Columbia. So it's been joked about that, oh, if this or that [government response] wasn't a problem, then we wouldn't be here. But, all in all, we're just here to support public health. It doesn't do anyone any good to get political with it. The goal is twofold: to connect people who are eligible to vaccines, and to minimize vaccine wastage.

TVO.org: How did you get involved?



Sabrina Craig works in finance in Toronto. (Courtesy of Sabrina Craig)

Craig: I've never met Andrew, or any of the other team members, which include Josh Kalpin, a software engineer, and Jonathan Clodman, an elementary-school teacher. Because we all have such different backgrounds, there are different perspectives on the vaccine rollout. I had just been very persistent in DMing tips to the account on Twitter, and my involvement ballooned from there.

**TVO.org:** You post dozens of links to vaccine availability per day. How does it work, exactly?

Craig: It's 100 per cent manual. We all keep an eye on the news — we have alerts set up. Aside from paying attention to our Twitter messages, we have a very active Discord, which is a server where we communicate most things. There, we have a lot of connections with vaccine administrators and doctors. And what we found out is that, in hospital settings, end-of-day access is given to staff. So we're focusing on non-hospital settings.

**TVO.org:** What's the conversation like on the Discord server – are you hearing about any barriers to vaccine access, aside from the booking systems themselves?

Craig: Yes. For example, earlier today, there was someone who had their vaccine booked, but their health card expires between now and then. So we're lucky to have vaccine administrators on the chat who could tell them what they needed to know, which was to bring their passport and any other form of ID and mail with their name and address on it.

But I should say that we're dealing with a population that's very technologically literate. These are folks on Discord. These are folks who can press the F5 button to refresh the page for [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health] vaccines and then get on to the booking list. And even for more technologically literate people, it's difficult to wrap our heads around the how and where to book.

**TVO.org:** How much time would you say this side hustle takes out of your day?

**Craig:** A few hours. But I want to be very clear about something: it's not a hustle. We're not making money.

**TVO.org:** Is there any desire to scale up?

Craig: We're working on a little bit of automation. Rexall reached out to us today in regard to one of our tweets, which was really cool — it would be great to work with some of these larger companies, because of the amount of data they have. But it might be too early to say. I think this group is interested in keeping our options open.

**TVO.org:** You're based in Toronto. What's your perspective on Ontario's vaccine rollout?

Craig: Expecting a one-size-fits-all policy is unrealistic. There will always be people left behind who might be in rural communities or older or not able to book for themselves for whatever reason. If they are able to find knowledge or timing that works for them through us, that's what I would consider a success.

**TVO.org:** The VaxHuntersCanada Twitter account blew up after actress Jean Yoon, of Kim's Convenience, tweeted that she'd been able to get her shot by using information you'd provided. Do you have any other notable followers?

**Craig:** Isaac Bogoch, the infectious-disease specialist, follows us.

TVO.org: Is that a vote of confidence?

Craig: Maybe. I just hope we do right by him!

This interview has been condensed and edited for length and clarity.



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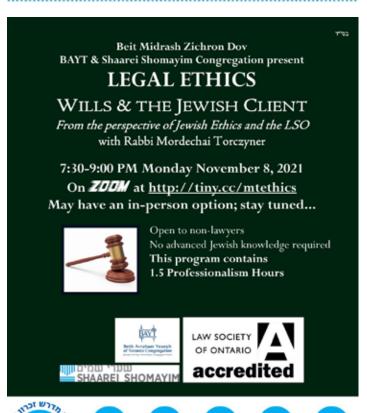
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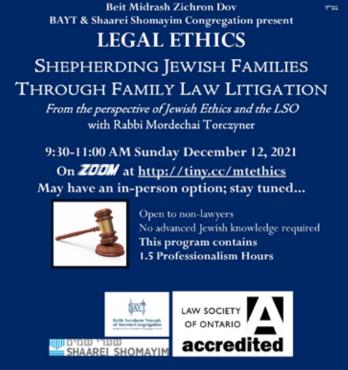
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You can view our full calendar of services and events at

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# MAZAL TOV TO JUDGE ABELLA



At the impetus of Sol Nayman, President Robin Gofine sent a Happy Birthday message to Judge Rosalie Silberman Abella – and received a response.



Supreme Court of Canada 301 Wellington St. Ottawa, ON KIA 0.11

Attention: Justice Rosalie Abella Personal and Confidential

Dear Justice Abella:

On behalf of Shaarel Shomayim Congregation we wish to acknowledge your upcoming retirement and say thank you for your service to our country and our community. We know that you are a passionate advocate for human rights and live by the Jewish imperative Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof - Justice, Justice, You Shall Pursue.

We also know the tremendous role that you have played in your private capacity in educating thousands about the impact of the Holocaust on your family and your worldview.

We are so proud that you were a member of our shul and an active member of our Board of Governors. We look forward to welcoming you back to our shul in the coming months and honouring you in person. We also wish to take this opportunity to wish you Happy 75th Birthday! May you continue to go from strength to strength.

Sincerely

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Robin Gofine President

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In 2004, Prime Minister Paul Martin appointed Abella to the Supreme Court of Canada. She became the first Jewish woman to sit on the court. Judge Abella is a former member of Shaarei Shomayim and was an active member of our Board of Governors.

# **GRAD SHABBAT**

On June 18, 2021, we celebrated over 95 Graduates from SK, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, University and Graduate School. The celebration included a drivethrough at the shul, where Avital & Rabbi Strauchler and Ari Karon handed all the grads their gifts and certificates. Yasher Koach!





# FAREWELL TO THE STRAUCHLER FAMILY

We wish Rabbi Chaim Strauchler, Avital, and their children Adir, Tehilla, Atara, Zvi and Freda *tzetchem I'shalom* and *b'hatzlacha rabah* as they enter the new chapter in their lives at Rinat Yisrael in Teaneck, New Jersey. We are very grateful and deeply appreciative of the tremendous contribution that Rabbi Strauchler and Avital have made to our community over the past 13 years.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the virtual event to bid farewell to Rabbi Strauchler and Avital on Wednesday, July 21, and for the special Goodbye Shabbat on July 24. Thank you to those who have sponsored this event, and donated in honour of the Strauchlers. A special thank you to Charlene Arje and Joyce Eklove, the event Co-Chairs.



כְּמֶלֶךְ שַׁזְּמֵּן אֶת בָּנִיו לְסְעוּדָה לְכָךְ וְכָךְ יָמִים, כִּיון שָׁהגִּיע זְמנּן לְפָּטֵר, אָמר, בָּנִי בְּבַקֹּשָׁה מִכָּם עַבָּבוּ עִמִּי עוֹד יוֹם אָחָד, קַשָּׁה עַלִי פְּרֵדַתָכֶם:

It is similar to the case of a king who invited his children to a banquet for a certain number of days. When the time arrived for them to take their departure he said, "Children, I beg of you, stay one day more with me; it is so hard for me to part with you!"

With these words, Rashi describes the emotional logic behind Shmini Atzeret. While none of us are kings and we unfortunately cannot gather for a feast, we find it very difficult to say "goodbye" to our Toronto Shul Community. We would like to hold on in anyway that we can. This farewell event feels just a little like that "atzeret."

We are so grateful for the relationships that we have been blessed to form here at Shaarei Shomayim. We will miss you all. We very much want to preserve our connections with you and your family. We want to hear about the good times and hard times in your lives. We want to continue to share our lives and our thoughts with you.

If we can be of any help to you, please call on us.

Please keep in touch. We will be continuing to share bi-weekly reflections. Please e-mail us if you'd like to receive them. We can be reached at <a href="mailto:rabbistrauchler@gmail.com">rabbistrauchler@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:avital.strauchler@gmail.com">avital.strauchler@gmail.com</a>.

Our home address will be 662 Sunderland Rd. Teaneck, NJ 07666.

Kol tuv, Chaim and Avital

# SHAAREI SHOMAYIM IS TALKING...

Our shul continues to talk - and tell jokes! Look closely - it has a special message for you. Welcome back!



















# STORYTELLING PROJECT - SPRING 2021



שערי שמים ווןןוו SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

# THE STORYTELLING PROJECT: Yom HaShoah Edition



# **SOL NAYMAN**

Interviewed by Noam and Aviva Eizicovics

## Sunday, April 11, 2021 | 8:30 pm

Last year, Sol Nayman told his story of Holocaust survival to a group of Netivot students in Gr. 8 as part of an intergenerational Holocaust oral history project called Names Not Numbers®. Sol will be joined again with Netivot graduates, Noam and Aviva Eizicovics, currently attending

Bnei Akiva schools, who will continue to interview him about his experiences, insights and lessons learned from his past, as well as his experience of telling his story to a new generation. This program brings together the painful past with a hopeful future, through the medium of storytelling and our commitment to a vibrant oral tradition.

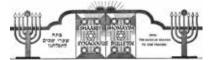


Nayman was born in Stoczek Wegrowski, Poland on 6ovember 5, 1935. In September 1939, when the Napis attacked the lows, Sol and his family fled to the nearby forest. They later ended up Blalystok which was under Soviet control. They were then deported o a forced labour camp in Syktyvkar, deep in the Soviet Union. In 1944 they were shipped to a different labour camp in the Ulcraine. In 1948, Sol and his family were admitted to Canada, together with other ontreal. Sol and his family moved to Torcoto in 1969.

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Join members of Shaarei Shomayim as they tell us about their connection to our shul, Jewish life, and their personal stories of adventure, success, breaking boundaries and overcoming adversity.



First Session: Isadore (Issy) Sharp

Interviewed by Ian Kessler Sunday, Mar. 7, 8:30 pm



**Second Session: Cynthia Gasner** Interviewed by Zahava Stadler

Tuesday, Mar. 30, 8:00 pm



**Third Session: Farokh Hakimi** Interviewed by Dalia Yunger

Monday, Apr. 19, 8:00 pm



**Fourth Session: Randall Craig** Interviewer to be announced Thursday, May 13, 8:00 pm

If you have a story that you wish to tell, please let us know by emailing nicole@shomayim.org.





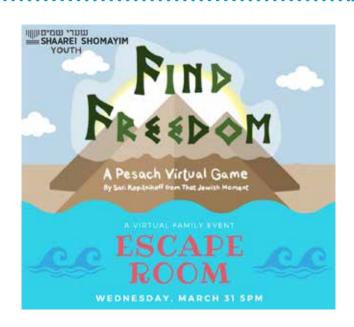
# COVID VACCINE CLINIC

On Sunday, April 18, our shul hosted a COVID Vaccination Clinic in partnership with ECHO, Sunnybrook Hospital and Hatzoloh Toronto. Through this effort, we were able to open our doors to our local community and contribute to ensuring that our community is brought back to health. It was truly inspiring to be part of the team that organized the clinic, and to welcome people through our doors from across the spectrum of the Jewish community and beyond.



# YOUTH PESACH VIRTUAL **ESCAPE ROOM 2021**



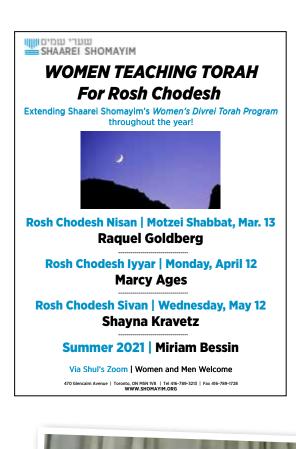


# WELCOME BACK TO SHUL EVENTS

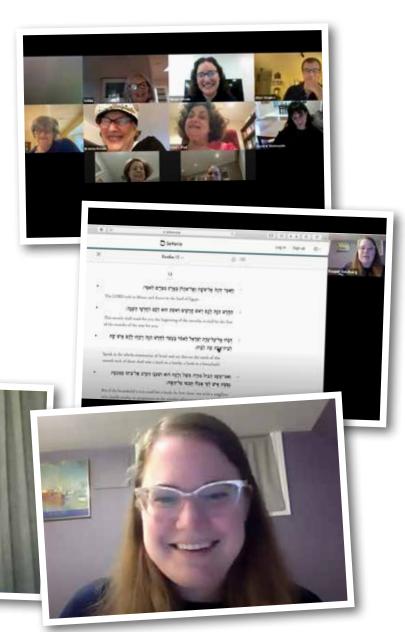








#### WOMEN TEACHING TORAH FOR ROSH CHODESH



MORNING COFFEE WITH RABBI **STRAUCHLER** ON ZOOM





#### This has been a challenging year.

5781 has been a challenging year for the Jewish people. A community that cherishes togetherness was isolated by the pandemic. A people who seeks peace faced terror and war in Israel.

As we write, it appears the havoc of the pandemic is abating. The ways in which we adapted to restricted celebration of simchas and grieving of loss seem to be ending. We can once again embrace friends and family in joy and in consolation.

However, the gathering clouds of antisemitism show no signs of parting. Sparked by the conflict between Israel and Hamas last spring, the shocking spike in antisemitism in Canada and around the world has alarmed our community.

Online, our children and grandchildren have witnessed a flood of misleading - and often blatantly antisemitic content demonizing Jews and our connection to the land and people of Israel. This toxic propaganda has seeped into schools, workplaces, and civil society, causing grave concern about the place of Jews in our city, province, and country, and stoking fears that Canada could, in the not-too-distant future, resemble France, where Jewish life is increasingly hidden.

Those who seek to demonize and, through BDS and other forms of advocacy, ultimately dismantle the Jewish State are becoming bolder and more aggressive, letting the veil slip on the false distinction between anti-Zionism and antisemitism, with some seeking openly to undermine our unqualified right as Jewish Canadians to be accepted as equals in Canadian politics, democracy, and civil society. The fight against the anti-Israel agenda is a fight to preserve the future of the Canadian Jewish community.

The good news is that the Jewish people are resilient. We have survived immeasurable challenges, and we will overcome this one as well. Our strength resides in our ability to come together in moments like these, united in our hope for the future.

Over recent months, tens of thousands joined CIJA in asking the government to take meaningful actions to combat antisemitism, leading to a National Summit on Antisemitism held in July. Through UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, our community raised more than \$1M to support the people of Israel, as more than 4,000 missiles from Gaza rained down on Israeli towns and cities.

As we welcome a new year, we must renew our commitment to take meaningful action together. Combating antisemitism and hate is not only for advocacy groups and the government. From volunteering with UJA Genesis (ujagenesis.com/contactus), to writing to your local MP or media outlet, to joining CIJA's campaign at fightit.ca, each of us has a role to play in ensuring the fabric of our society is not torn by those who seek to marginalize, exclude, or harm us.

Toronto is one of the greatest cities in the world in which to be Jewish. In the year ahead we must work to preserve and protect this and ensure antisemitism is addressed head-on. We must come together as a community, united in our resolve and in our pride of who we are, to fight for our rightful place in society.

May we all be inscribed and sealed for a good year. L'Shana Tova!



Barbara Bank Chair, CIJA Toronto Council



**Noah Shack** Vice President, GTA, CIJA

## VIRTUAL TOUR & ICE CREAM TRUCK SUNDAY, MAY 9TH 2PM Virtual tour and games with Ray Shaanan! 3-5PM The ice cream truck comes to your house! Register

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### We wish a warm welcome to the following new members:

Jessica Goldman & David Barmherzig Lillian & Joseph Benbassat Nathalie Gans & Joseph Berljawsky Katie Dubin & Aaron Dadouch Charles Dreezer Vivian & Lewis Dubrofsky Rachel Dadouch & Blake Enzel Samantha & Jonathan Freedland Melissa Factor & Brian Fruchter Arlee & Kenny Grad Anna Rachel Krakowsky & Marshall Haber Micha & Sean Haber Janice Hass Devra & Jesse Kaplan

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# Member News We wish Mazal Tov to the following:

FROM MARCH 1 TO JULY 24, 2021

#### **BIRTHS**

IAN & PAM ROSMARIN on the birth of their grandson, Itai Eliezer, born to Jeremy & Leore Rosmarin. Proud big sisters are Ayala and Eden. Proud grandparents are Tami & Yossi Zimner.

MICKEY & AURELIA OSTRO and Dr. Lazar & Shavna Friedman on the birth of their grandson AJ (Aharon Yehoshua), born to Daniel & Reena Ostro. Elated siblings are Adriel, Aiden and Adira. Proud uncles, aunts and cousins are JONATHAN & TSIONA OSTRO, EMANUELLE and ARIELLE OSTRO; Eitan Ostro & Danielle Levine, Ari & Naomi Friedman and Yehuda Friedman. Mazal Tov to great-grandparents Guillaume & Rachel Friedman.

MITCHELL & LEAH LERNER and Drs. Yale & Vivian Shulman on the birth of their grandson, Harry Liam (Tzvi Yosef) Shulman, born to Daniele & Mikey Shulman. Proud great-grandmother is Helen (Harry<sup>z"l</sup>) Gross. Excited uncles and aunts are ELISHA, Abie and Talia, Jonah and Deena, Reni and Ben, and all first cousins.

AARON & BERTHA LANG on the birth of a granddaughter, Baila Rivka, born to Charlie Iczkovitz & Avital Lang. Excited uncles and aunts are Shana, Josh and Yehuda. Mazal Tov to all the cousins, nieces and nephews.

CYNTHIA GASNER on the birth of a greatgranddaughter, SHIR LIA, born to MICHA & SEAN HABER. Excited big brother is AYAL. Proud grandparents are Jon & Ellise Gasner and Mike & Karen Haber. Thrilled greatgrandparents are Arnie & Roni Weingarten, Seymour Haber, and Minda Feldman. Excited great aunts and uncles are MYRA MECHANIC, BRIAN & BRENDA LASS and Rob & Julea Gasner.

ROSS LINKER & MELISSA LASS on the birth of a son, IZZY SAUL, in San Francisco, Excited big brother is RILEY. Proud grandparents are BRIAN & BRENDA LASS and Michal & Paul Linker of New Jersey. Elated greatgrandparents are CYNTHIA GASNER, Mervin & Myrna Lass, and Elisheva & Shaul Kilion of New York. Ecstatic aunts and uncle are JORDAN & SARA LASS, SHIRA LASS, and Wallis Linker. Thrilled cousins are MIA and ANNIE LASS.

NICOLE & JEFF TOLEDANO and Ruthie & Michael Mammon on the birth of a grandson, Charles Barry, born to Ashley & Jeremy Mammon. Excited uncles, aunts and cousins are Eve & Yisroel and Chaya Miller, Jacob Toledano, Zach & Leedan and Zoe Mammon, Ariella and Shira Mammon. Proud greatgrandparents are Barry Brin, Shoshana Mammon and Rebecca Mammon.

YETTA & HARVEYZ"L BRENMAN on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Avigayil Chaya Binah (Abbi), born to Dova & Josh Suttner, and a sister to JJ. Proud grandparents are Cyril & Leigh Ann Brenman and Errol & Sharon Suttner. Proud great-grandparents are Dr. Avron & Rochelle Slutsky, Dr. Gilbert Katz<sup>z</sup>, Cyril & Bernice<sup>z</sup> Touyz, and Maureen<sup>z</sup> & Haroldz" Suttner.

ILANA SHIFF & JEREMY ROSH on the birth of their son, DAVID JOSEPH. Proud grandparents are RANDY & DONNA SHIFF and Joel & Susan Rosh. Proud greatgrandparents are DOROTHY SHIFF and Betty and Meyer Rosh. Mazal Tov to aunts and uncles DAVIDA SHIFF & IAN KESSLER. JACOB SHIFF, Dani and Michael Levine, and Alex Rosh.

BRIAN & ROBBIE SCHWARTZ, Ofra Svorai, and Zev Nadel & Toby Harrison on the birth of their granddaughter, Ora Leah, daughter of Moshe Schwartz & Maya Nadel. Excited sisters are Sari, Hadas, Noa, and Binah.

MINDY GREEN on the birth of her greatgrandson Tzvi, born to Chanie & Rabbi Baruch Ostrozynski of Baltimore, Maryland. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Baruch & Zahava Green of Baltmore, Maryland. Mazal Toy to all the thrilled siblings; and to the baby's father, Rabbi Baruch Ostrozynski on receiving his smicha and honours degree in Social Work.

KOBY & RACHELI SPIEGEL on the birth of their son, ILAN CHAIM. Proud grandparents are RANDY & DEBBIE SPIEGEL and Jack & Marla Samuel. Excited uncles, aunts and cousins are AKYVA & GILA, ARLEY and AYAL SPIEGEL; Miryam & Geoffrey Michael, Judah and Sammy Kiderman; YAEL & NACHUM and AYDEN SILVERMAN, Adam & Galit, Mila and Romy Samuel; and ARYEH & CHANA, IZZY and LIVI SAMUEL. Thrilled greatgrandparents are Beatryce Spiegel, Nancy Kleinberg and David & Dorothy Samuel.

HANANEL & SHERRI SEGAL on the birth of their son, RAMI ARI. Proud grandparents are BONNY (AVROMZ"L) SILVER and Agi Romer Segal and Eliezer Segal. Delighted greatgrandmother is Irene Romer, Excited uncles. aunts and cousins are JEFFERY & DANIELLA, EMILY, ALISHA, SORELLE and ABIE SILVER; JEREMY & TALYA, LAYLA, AVERY and ARYA SILVER; Yannai & Marina, Adeev, Kedem, Atara and Avital Segal; and Akiva Romer-Segal.

ZVI & NAOMI GLUSTEIN on the birth of their son, JUDAH. Excited siblings are ILAN, SARI and LIOR. Proud grandparents are SAMUEL ARIEH GLUSTEIN, Resa & Alan Litwack, and Joy & Moti Yunger. Excited uncles, aunts and cousins are DANIELLA & JEFFERY, EMILY, ALISHA, SORELLE and ABIE SILVER; SHLOMIE & DALIA, EITAN, ALEX and ELIANA YUNGER; Gadi & Atara, Neriyah, Itai and Sinai Yunger; and Ami & Samara, Itiel and Adaya Yunger.

Ari & Madeleine Zagdanski on the birth of a daughter, Ella Charlie Zagdanski, a sister to Chloe. Proud grandparents are BARRY & NELLY ZAGDANSKI and Carol Mitchell and Richard Venn. Thrilled great-grandparents are ERNEST & HELEN SINGER and June Mitchell. Excited uncles, aunts and cousins are Josh, Jennie, Henry, Ellis; Max, Tamar, Mila, Avery; Noah and Grace.

Batya Nadler & Matt Albert and big brothers Charlie and Adin on the birth of Eliana Devorah. Thrilled grandparents are REBECCA & BERL NADLER and Brenda & Steven Albert, Excited uncles and aunts are Ariella & Hody, Hillel & Tova, and Tova & Seth; and cousins are Yosef, Shoshana, Abie, Rose, Adira, Yonah, Shaya and Hallel.

VICKY & RALPH LEVINE on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Sara, born to their grandchildren, Ari & Elana Levine. Proud grandparents are Yossi & Malkie Levine and Eli & Nechama Eisenberger. Proud great-grandparents are Heshy & Shani Schwebel, Maish & Miriam Schiff, and Chaim & Agi Eisenberger. Mazal Tov to all the aunts, uncles and cousins.

PAULA & ARNIE DUBROW on the birth of 2 great-granddaughters: Kayla Leah to Ora & Adin Liss, in Riverdale NY; and Mira Erika to Lainey & Yair Richler, in Cincinnati OH.

SARAH BROWN & STEVEN STRAUSS on the birth of their son, DAVID WILLIAM SAMUEL. Excited siblings are ROSE and ELIJAH. Proud grandparents are HELEN BROWN (DAVID WM. BROWN<sup>Z"L</sup>), Renee Strauss and Dr. Michael Robbins, and Rudy Strauss. Excited aunts and uncles are Pnina Brown, Rachel & Jeff Strauss, Saki & Alex Strauss, and Pamela & Coby Goldman.

JANICE & STEPHEN HALPERN on the birth of their granddaughter, Yaara Simcha to Yoni & Dani Halpern in Sharon MA. Her sisters, Eshel and Hallel welcome her with open arms.

JEREMY & TALYA SILVER on the birth of their daughter, ARYA ISABELLE. Excited siblings are LAYLA and AVERY. Proud grandparents are BONNY (AVROM<sup>Z"L</sup>) SILVER and Jeff & Marcia Shumacher. Elated great-grandparents are Dr. Harry & Helen Cohen. Thrilled uncles and aunts are JEFFERY & DANIELLA SILVER, HANANEL SEGAL & SHERRI SILVER, Azari & Navah Shumacher, Avishai & Aleeza Kharilkar, and Yoav Shumacher.

SIMHA & NELLY MENDELSOHN and Ken & Maira Sherman of Waterloo ON, on the birth of their granddaughter, Sara Rose, born to Danny & Jessica Mendelsohn in Vancouver BC, on Canada Day. Excited siblings are Seth Yaacov and Perl Dalia Mendelsohn.

SHOLOM & RIFKA EISENSTAT on the birth of their twin grandsons, Yoshiyahu Netanel (Jed) and Yehezkel Matanya (Charlie), Proud parents are Dr. Yedida Eisenstat & Rabbi Phil Lieberman of Nashville, Tennessee. Excited siblings are Sadie and Gabi. Proud greatgrandmother is Ida Holtzkener.

ELLEN & WARREN GROSSMAN and Rivka & Joel Miller of Teaneck on the birth of their grandson, Yehuda Eliyahu (Judah Ellis). Proud parents are Lelah & Avi Miller of New York. Excited siblings are Ariya and Ezekiel. Proud great-grandmother is Carrie Grossman.

YAAKOV & TAMARA GOLDRICH on the birth of their son, AIDEN GIL. Excited brother is NOAH. Proud grandparents are MICHAEL & FRANCINE GOLDRICH, Randi Feder, and Naday Elituy. Thrilled great-grandparents are PEARL GOLDRICH, David Alloul, Norman & Maureen Feder and Esther Goldberg. Excited uncles, aunts and cousins are YECHIEL & LANA, NAOMI, ARI and MAX BOBROWSKY, KAYLA & JOSH, JACKSON, SADIE and HENRY BERNICK, SHIMON GOLDRICH, Meira & Nick Plante, Uriel & Hayley Elituv, and Noam & Adina Elituv.

#### BAR / BAT MITZVAH

SOL & QUEENIE NAYMAN on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter in New York, Rachel Ava, daughter of Stuart Nayman. Excited brother is Ben.

ZEV & JENNIFER KORMAN on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, ORA KAYLA. Excited sister is ARIELLA. Proud grandparents are Ann & Aron Korman and Sabina & Irwin Finestone.

HART & GILA HELLER on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, HARRY, Excited sisters are NOA and YAEL.

ARIEL & LIORA BURTON on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, YOEL. Excited brother is JOSHUA. Other proud family members are Ronnie and Gila Burton, JONATHAN ZION, and IMMANUEL. LILY and NOACH BURTON.

NOAM & TALIA SAMSON on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, JOSEPH. Excited siblings are NINA, ISAAC and MAYA. Proud grandparents are Jules & Ariella Samson and Moishe & Miriam Kesten.

SHLOMIE & DALIA YUNGER on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, EITAN. Excited siblings are ALEXANDER and ELIANA. Proud grandparents are Dov & Sara Kronenberg and Joy & Moti Yunger.

IAN & PAM ROSMARIN on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Shlomo, son of David Hillel & Miri Rosmarin, in Boston, MA. Excited siblings are Yehuda Avraham, Bina, Akiva, Moshe and Emuna.

BRIAN & BRYNA BLOOM and Rona (Peter<sup>2"</sup>) Light on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Izzy, in Telz-Stone, Israel. Proud parents are Robert & Rachel Bloom. Excited siblings are Akiva, Moshe, Zehava, Gavriel and Yehuda. Thrilled great-grandfather is Ray Pines.

JEREMY & JENNIE KELLERSTEIN on the Bar Mitzvah of their son COBY. Excited sisters are SHIRA, ADINA and LEAH. Proud grandparents are Irene and Sidney Papernick, Howard Rotberg and Faye and Martin Kellerstein.

ROBERT & DANA KLEIN on the B'nai Mitzvah of their son, LEV MATTAN and daughter, ALIYAH ROSE. Excited brother is SHIA. Proud grandparents are BRIAN & BRYNA BLOOM and Murray & Susan Klein.

JASON & RAQUEL GOLDBERG on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, EZRA, Excited sisters are AVIVA and LIORA. Proud grandparents are Joseph & Sharon Penkower Kaplan and Eric & Gloria Goldberg. Honoured greatgrandmother is Dina Tenenbaum.

BARAK & MIRIAM CHAI on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, ZACHARY. Excited siblings are KAYLEE and EVAN. Proud greatgrandmothers are Eva Galant and Molly Beube. Proud grandparents are Daniel & Anita Chai, Neil & Sadie Beube and Rabbi Solomon Domb<sup>z"l</sup>.

IRA & RENA MARKUS on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, JOSHUA. Excited siblings are AVI and REBEKAH. Proud grandparents are Moishe & Miriam Kesten and Ed & Eva Markus.

LAWRENCE & MIRIAM TEPPERMAN on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughters, REBECCA and DANIELLE. Proud grandparents are Bernice & Stan Steinman and Arnold Tepperman.

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

STEPHEN & LINDA OFFENHEIM on the engagement 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.

SHELLEY ZARNETT-KLEIN and BILL KLEIN on the engagement of their daughter SARAH to Yoseph, son of Miriam and David Kleiman.

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

#### MARRIAGES

IES & RUTH VAN MESSEL on the marriage of their grandson, Heshy (Zvi) van Messel to Kreindy Lifshitz, in New York. Proud parents are Samuel & Nechama van Messel and Rivkey Lifshitz and Sholem Zvi Lifshitz.

SANDY FINKELSTEIN & ROBERTA KREMER on the marriage of their daughter. MARA to Jamin, son of Jons & Nadia Hoerni of Zurich, Switzerland. Excited siblings are Emma & Michelle, ADELE, and Noga Hoerni of Zurich, Switzerland. Grandparents are Anna & Alex<sup>z</sup>" Kremer, Milton<sup>z"</sup> & Dorothy<sup>z"</sup> Finkelstein, Maja & Werner Hoenigsberg, and the late Nöelle & Johannes Hoerni of Zurich, Switzerland.

#### **MARRIAGES**

VICKY & RALPH LEVINE on the marriage of their grandson Dov Schwebel of Cedarhurst, NY, to Chavi Strauss of Flatbush, NY. Mazal Tov to parents Deena & Rabbi Shmuli Schwebel and Mimi & Mendy Strauss.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS**

RALPH & KITTY WINTROB on their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

MENDY & MARILYN MAIEROVITZ on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

SHOLOM & RIFKA EISENSTAT on their  $40^{\text{th}}$  wedding anniversary.

MARK GREENBERG on his 60th birthday.

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to Bnei Akiva Schools' model UN team at The Jewish Canadian Youth Model United Nations for their excellent performance. *Mazal Tov* to NOAM EIZICOVICS and Chaim Straus on winning *Best Delegate Awards*.

Mazal Tov to LOUIS VANDERSLUIS on being chosen as the Jews for Judaism Honoree in the Cavalcade of Stars event.

*Mazal Tov* to MINDY GREEN on her granddaughter's Tova Green graduation in Baltimore as a Nurse Practitioner.

Mazal Tov to our members who participated in the National Chidon Hatanach: Grade 5 to 6 - JOSHUA BURTON, NOA GREEN, TUVIA JAKUBOVIC, ADIN PARKER, JOSHUA ROBERTS, ZVI STRAUCHLER, ALEX YUNGER; Grade 7 to 8 - YOEL BURTON (Third Place Winner), ZOHARA FREUDENSTEIN, EZRA GOLDBERG (Semi-Finalist). AVI GREEN, EITAN YUNGER (Semi-Finalist); Grade 9 to 11 - ADIR STRAUCHLER (Semi-Finalist). A special Mazal Tov to our First Place Winners, ZACHARY WALD (Grade 7 to 8) and BENJI WALD (Grade 9 to 11). BENJI will be representing Canada in the International Chidon Hatanach in Israel, next year. We are so proud of all our participants.

Mazal Tov to DR. MARK GREENBERG on being awarded a *Certificate of Added Competence in Addiction Medicine*, from the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

Mazal Tov to BRENDA LASS and SOFIA FREUDENSTEIN and the other Emunah Toronto CHANGEMAKERS who continue to impact our local community, and were acknowledged on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Emunah Toronto Family in Israel-Virtual Dinner.

Mazal Tov to MOSHE, son of JANICE & STEPHEN HALPERN on achieving his PhD in Plant Sciences from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Mazal Tov to DR. YONATAN MILEVSKY on signing a contract with *Brill* to publish his thesis.

Tzetchem I'shalom and b'hatzlacha to the families who are leaving for Israel: MIRIAM & YEDIDIA, RIVA, LIBBY, YAGEL and PLIA KOSCHITZKY; EMILY & AARON, ARIEL, MAYTAL, ILAN and LEVI HERSHTAL; RACHEL & RON, BENJI, ZACHARY, TAMAR and JOSHUA WALD; JILLIAN & MOISHE, MAYER, BAILEY, DANIELLA and KAYLA WEINBERG.

#### CONDOLENCES TO

SAM & GOLDIE NEWMAN, Sally Kert, Jeremy & Elizabeth Marks, Pamela & Victor Assivero, Jonathan Marks, Rebecca & Alan Pinkert and Benjamin Marks, on the loss of their sister, sister-in-law, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Ruth Marks<sup>2"</sup>.

SHIRLEY & ALBERT HOFFMAN, Helen ("Toby"), Sonya ("Dodo") and Priscilla, on the loss of their sister and sister-in-law, Lorraine Shankman<sup>z</sup>".

Debbie and David Harris, Richard Kwart, Robyn and Simon, Allison and Brian, Jeremy, Reid, Madison, Grayson and Bronwyn, on the loss of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, IRVING KWART<sup>Z\*L</sup>.

Sharon & Jeff, Brenda & Ophir, Jennifer, Lani, Mitchell, Alyse and Benji, on the loss of their father, father-in-law and grandfather, ARTHUR STEIN (STEINWORTZEL)<sup>Z\*L</sup>.

Ruth Hotz, ELAINE & JEFFREY HERTZ, Robert Hotz, Susan & Ron Starkman, Mark Hotz & Lovleen Randhawa, Dr. Jeffrey Hotz & Doris Vaught, Lawrence Hotz, and the many loving grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and greatgrandfather, Dr. Harry Hotz<sup>z-1</sup>.

RONALD & RAQUEL FREEDMAN, Harley Freedman & Shelley Rotstein, Jeffrey Freedman, NICOLE FREEDMAN, ERIC FREEDMAN, Alexander, Noah and Ruby Freedman, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Ethel Freedman<sup>z"</sup>.

BRIAN & BRYNA BLOOM, PAUL & JUDITH BLOOM, Rachelle & Danny Goodman, Jonathan & Adrianne Regal, Daniel & Sharon Regal, Debbie & Ben King and families, on the loss of their sister, sister-in-law, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Anita Sarella Regal<sup>2"</sup>l.

Lynda and George Friedman, Gerald and Lynn Batist, Rosanne and Steven Teplitsky, BRUCE AND SUSAN BATIST, Edith Bulua, Sol and Frances Katz, Esther Katz and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and sister-in-law, Gertrude Batist<sup>2"</sup>.

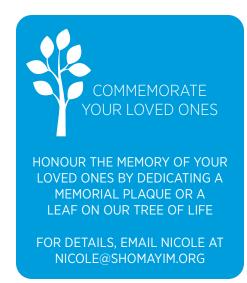
Susan Stern, BETH & MIGUEL SINGER, Gary & Jill Stern, Danielle & Brahm, Aaron & Jennie, David & Jen, Ira, Jonah and Emery, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Beverley Stern<sup>z\*1</sup>.

ILONA ROBERTS, Edward Roberts, DIANNA & RICK ZAUDERER, Linda Roberts, JEFFREY & GAYLE ROBERTS, TANYA ZAUDERER, ARIEL ZAUDERER & BOSSMAT GALZAUDERER, Leora Zauderer & Jacob Cherney, Anya Roberts, MICHAEL, RACHEL, DANIEL and JOSHUA ROBERTS, OSHRI and RAMI ZAUDERER, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, ANDOR ROBERTS<sup>Z\*L</sup>.

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David & Sari Binder, Lenny & Evie Binder and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, MARY BINDER<sup>Z"L</sup>.

Nathan Elzas, Rachelle & Akiva Shawel, Rami Elzas, Yehuda & Selma Elzas (Friends of Shaarei Shomayim), Jack Adler, Jettie Schochet, Nechama Devorah & Rabbi Shimon Margolin, Miriam & Yaacov Kahn and families, on the loss of their wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law and grandmother, Vera Elzas<sup>z"</sup>l.



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AUG 31	lyov, Faith and Loyalty: High Holidays in the Era of COVID Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
SEPT 5	Welcome Back: Kids & Family Celebration
SEPT 6	Erev Rosh Hashana
SEPT 7 - 8	Rosh Hashana I & II
SEPT 7 - 8	Pray & Learn Dr. Elliott Malamet
SEPT 9	Tzom Gedalia
SEPT 11	Shabbat Shuva
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SEPT 16	Yom Kippur
SEPT 20	Erev Sukkot
SEPT 21 - 22	Sukkott I & II
SEPT 23 - 26	Chol Hamoed Sukkot
SEPT 27	Hoshana Rabah
SEPT 28	Shmini Atzeret
SEPT 29	Simchat Torah
OCT 5	Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner's King Solomon's Arc Shiur Begins
OCT 12	Dr. Shoshana Zolty's Shiur Begins
NOV 6	Beit Midrash Zichron Dov Fall Shabbaton
NOV 8	Legal Ethics: Wills and the Jewish Client Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
NOV 28	Erev Chanukah - First Candle
NOV 29 - DEC 6	Chanukah
DEC 12	Legal Ethics: Shepherding Jewish Families Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
DEC 14	Fast of 10 <sup>th</sup> of Tevet

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