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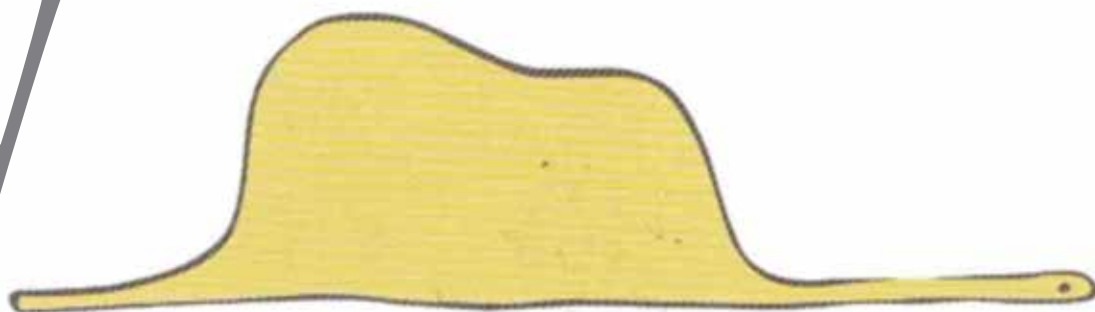
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# Taming Season: How to Grow a Friendship with God

What is this?



Those who have not read *The Little Prince* will answer that it is a hat. However, the author of this children's classic wants us to see more within our world. Antoine de Saint-Exupéry encourages us to allow our imaginations to see hidden things. In fact, argues his narrator, the picture above is not a hat but a boa constrictor that has swallowed an elephant. This might help you see what he means.



We imagine that we see the world, as it is. Yet, much lies hidden below the surface. This is true not only of children's drawings – but also of our internal pains, joys, and hopes. These pains, joys, and hopes are the elephant and boa constrictor to the possessions and appearances that are the hat. We are not what we own or what the mirror shows; we are how we dream and how we love.

We work during the High Holiday season to get below the surface. We attempt to transcend the incessant buzzing of our devices and to get beneath the pressing hum of work and social commitments. We try to more clearly see our truest pains, joys, and hopes. We seek a fuller appreciation of what the world really is and who we really are. We aspire to a heightened sense of God and ultimate meaning. This is what we desire from these days. Now, how do we do it?

Our tradition has provided us with a tool box for exactly this purpose. The customs of this season are the hammers, wrenches, and screwdrivers of an introspective craft. Hearing the *shofar*, fasting on Yom Kippur, and singing the *machzor's* beautiful prayers – cumulatively construct an imaginative passageway to see our lives differently. *Teshuva*, *teffilah* u'*tzedakah* – repentance, prayer and charity expose our pains, joys, and hopes before God and before ourselves.

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## Taming Season: How to Grow a Friendship with God

Yet, there is an elephant and boa constrictor within the hat that is the High Holidays.

On the Fast of Gedaliah, we will read the words of Yeshayahu chapter 55, *Seek out the Lord when He can be found; call Him when he is near.* Our goals in synagogue and life are not simply to better see our lives – rather, we should seek God. We have the opportunity to become friends – as it were – with our creator.

Here, I return to the Little Prince and his meetings with a friendly fox.

*The fox gazed at the little prince, for a long time. "Please – tame me!" he said.*

*"I want to, very much," the little prince replied. "But I have not much time. I have friends to discover, and a great many things to understand."*

*"One only understands the things that one tames," said the fox. "Men have no more time to understand anything. They buy things all ready made at the shops. But there is no shop anywhere where one can buy friendship, and so men have no friends any more. If you want a friend, tame me..."*

We create friendships by taming, not by buying. What is true for human friendships is also true of a relationship with Hashem. We cannot bribe someone to love us; nor can we purchase Hashem's friendship, as the prophet Michah (6:7) says, *Will God find favor in thousands of rams...* There is no better time to tame and be tamed than the High Holidays. But, what does it mean to tame? That's exactly what the Little Prince wanted to know.

*"What must I do, to tame you?" asked the little prince.*

*"You must be very patient," replied the fox. "First you will sit down at a little distance from me – like that – in the grass. I shall look at you out of the corner of my eye, and you will say nothing. Words are the source of misunderstandings. But you will sit a little closer to me, every day..."*

The work of taming is slow. Relationships require time. Every day, we can move a little closer, but if we move close too quickly, our fox will run away. The High Holidays are similar. We cannot simply open our hearts on Yom Kippur without first slowly approaching in the days of Elul. In the world of the spirit, words can lead to misunderstanding. It is actions – sincere, slow and repeated – that matter most. Taming is getting close. Taming is being a presence in the life of another. It is now when we can make God a part of our world; as we make ourselves part of God's world.

*The next day the little prince came back.*

*"It would have been better to come back at the same hour," said the fox. "If, for example, you come at four o'clock in the afternoon, then at three o'clock I shall begin to be happy. I shall feel happier and happier as the hour advances. At four o'clock, I*


*shall already be worrying and jumping about. I shall show you how happy I am! But if you come at just any time, I shall never know at what hour my heart is to be ready to greet you... One must observe the proper rites..."*

*"What is a rite?" asked the little prince.*

*"Those also are actions too often neglected," said the fox. "They are what make one day different from other days, one hour from other hours."*

The rites and rituals of the Torah work in a similar way. They are the currency of friendship. When we live a life of *mitzvot*, we condition our hearts to jump about. We do this for ourselves, and – in some way – for God as well.

As we approach this "taming" season, let us seek out a friendship. Let us make use of our rites. Let us take upon ourselves, to approach God more frequently in advance of Yom Kippur – every day arriving at the same time – every morning moving just a little closer. May we each merit to see inside the hat.

Avital and I wish you and your family a *Ktiva V'Chatima Tova* – may you be blessed with health, happiness, and the most special of friendships. 

## DO YOU RECEIVE RABBI STRAUCHLER'S WEEKLY TORAH FOR YOUR LIFE EMAILS?

If not, please contact the shul office to be included in the email list. Or you can visit our website at [shomayim.org](http://shomayim.org) and click on "join email list". Please visit his regularly updated blog: [shomayim.org/blog](http://shomayim.org/blog)



# President's Message

**S**haarei Shomayim is a great shul. I have known this for many years as a member, volunteer, and officer. But I have only truly come to appreciate how wonderful our community is, since I have become president. What makes Shaarei Shomayim so special? The answer is its members.

Serving as president, I meet members not just when they offer “suggestions” at kiddush. I join them, as much as possible, for their smachot and for their times of sadness. I am privileged to represent our community in celebrating both accomplishment and struggle. What I have come to realize is how powerful community is in helping people accomplish great things together. So much in today’s society pushes us away from one another; a great shul brings us together. On Shabbat and holidays, we gather and we do more than pray; we converse, share our lives, and motivate one another to do good and to live better. Our connections continue as we join each other beyond the walls of our synagogue – sharing Shabbat tables, caring for one another during times of need, and simply doing great things together.

Since I last wrote to you, our shul has been doing a lot of great things. Shaarei Shomayim hosted over one thousand people for Mizrahi’s Yom Haatzmaut celebration. This year’s celebration was one of the best ever with great *ruach*, meaningful speeches, and a “traditional” *mangal* – barbeque. You can view picture from the celebration on page 33.

We welcomed a unit of IDF soldiers for the third time in three years. Our members hosted the soldiers in their homes and showed them a great time in the city which all culminated with a phenomenal Friday night dinner at the shul, and Shabbat morning prayer for Israel and *tzahal*. The singing and dancing in the evening were incredible as were the tears around our *bimah* on Shabbat morning – the soldiers were awed by the love and support that they received.

Our synagogue raised the stakes for *Tikun Layl Shavuot* with our “Mitzvot and Meat” all night celebration. The physical and spiritual experiences were brought up a notch – with excellent lectures and super-deluxe food, all-night-long (including a coffee bar, fleishics post-midnight snack, and beaver-torah-tails). Meanwhile our children debated the laws of *Yom Tov* – and each walked away with a Shaarei

Shomayim fidget spinner – which they determined were in fact not *muktzah*. (Kid: Fidget spinners can’t be *muktzah* / Rabbi: Why not? / Kid: Because they’re awesome!)

Phenomenal speakers continue to grace our congregation. We welcomed renowned author and teacher Judy Klitsner of Pardes. We heard thought provoking “unexpected Torah” from the creative mind of Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin (my favourite was “From Carson to Conan: Educational Lessons from Late Night Television”). We laughed and thought deeply when Rabbi Sharon Shalom shared his inspiring story coming from Ethiopia to Israel, as well as the challenges of racism that he endured as a rabbi in Israel. Chazzan Zev Muller led stunningly beautiful *tefillot*, as our guest chazzan for an inspiring Shabbat, and of course we had the privilege of reconnecting with Rabbi Noah and Sarah Cheses – who shared some of their many accomplishments in Sharon, MA. Thank you to the sponsors (including the Grossmans, Walersteins, Cohens, and Oshers) who enabled us to bring in these acclaimed guests.

Looking ahead to the coming months, we look forward to our annual “Welcome Barbeque” on Monday, September 4 and our “Volunteer Recognition Shabbat” on Shabbat morning, September 9. So many great ideas and help come from our dedicated volunteers; what better way to celebrate our first Shabbat with families re-united after a summer apart than by toasting our incredible cadre of volunteers! We look forward to an inspirational first night of *Slichot* on September 16 which will include a guitar *kumzitz* with Rabbis Strauchler, Diamond, Shore and Chazzan Katzman. The High Holidays (Sept. 20-30) will be meaningful and reflective, as we sing and pray along with Chazzan Katzman and Chaim Rubin and are moved by the messages of Rabbis Strauchler, Diamond and Shore. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Elliott Malamet who will again lead the “Pray and Learn” Service on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

We will be joined by Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and his son Yoni on October 27 and 28 for the Shabbat Project. We welcome back Shlomo Katz for our annual Rakowski Scholar in Residence Weekend – November 3 and 4. This

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year, Shlomo will be joined by his acclaimed brother Eitan Katz for what should be a phenomenal weekend of Torah, music and prayer. Please visit the shul website for links to some of their music. Chanukah is "early" this year (Dec. 12-20) – we look forward to the "Chanukah and Chessed" event which has become for our community a great way to both celebrate the season while doing good for those in need.

Please join me in welcoming the following new additions to our Shaarei Shomayim family:

1. **Assistant Rabbi Jesse Shore and his wife Lauren:** Rabbi Shore is a talented young rabbi who is already making a great first impression. Please introduce yourself to them when you see him on Shabbat, the High Holidays, or whenever you pop into the shul. Both Rabbi Shore and Lauren look forward to getting to know you.
2. **This year's shinshinim, Hillel Ben Tal and Naama Geffen:** Hillel and Naama are our third set of shinshinim. We "share" them with Netivot Hatorah and Bnei Akiva, as part of Federation's Israel Engagement initiative. The presence of the shinshinim in our community has created a living bridge between our community and Israel. Thank you to our shinshinim committee chairs, Gili Rosen and Melissa Joseph – and to the shinshinim supervisor –

Avital Strauchler.

3. **Our new custodian, Rose Simone:** Rose works hard to keep our shul clean and to help our members and the many users of our busy building with anything that she can. We are grateful to her and her staff for the work that they do keeping our synagogue so tidy and beautiful. You will be happy to notice that the lower level of our synagogue has been repainted in advance of the High Holidays.

I know many members are wondering what progress has been made over the summer regarding the proposed development of the lots to the west of the shul, by the developer, Riverking.

To summarize the situation, Riverking had proposed a new development on the Shoppers Drug Mart and Glenhurst Medical Centre grounds and also on the parking lot next door to us. It was proposed by the developer that the laneway be the only means of vehicular access to the development. We initiated a court action to determine the rights of Riverking to use our laneway.

Riverking has since submitted a new design proposal which does not use the shul's laneway to access its development. However, the new proposal puts vehicular entry and exit immediately adjacent to our laneway, thereby setting up what we view as an unsafe situation. Traffic


exiting our laneway turning right and traffic exiting the developer's driveway turning left would immediately cross paths. Additionally, part of the proposed structure on the east side of the developer's property would be built right on the property line and would rise above and adjacent our shul. This would cause a dark canyon effect, which we consider unsafe for the many pedestrians and vehicles that use our laneway.

The developer Riverking has appealed its revised application to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Safety is our top concern, not to mention the long line-ups for everyone turning on or off Glencairn. We are proceeding with our court action regarding our laneway – and we will remain vigilant in reviewing all applications regarding our premises and neighbouring properties.

On the topic of new things to expect in the new-year: Shaarei Shomayim will be implementing a new cloud-based computer system. This will allow us to streamline many of our systems, providing better service to our members, and allow our members greater control over their membership profiles.

As I look ahead to the second and final year as President of Shaarei Shomayim – I feel great pride in the great shul that we all share. Our building is packed almost every Shabbat – and the feeling in our halls is one of dynamism and vibrancy. Our children's programs under the leadership of Jacob Posluns have been fun and first-class. Our teen minyan is raising young women and men with the shul skills necessary to lead our community and others in the future. Great things are happening here.

It has been a real pleasure to serve as your president, and I look forward to seeing you all during the High Holiday season. On behalf of my wife Carole and our family, we wish our extended shul family a year of good health and happiness – *Shana Tova, U'Metuka.* 





# Wrapped and Unwrapped

**T**he fundamental underpinning of the High Holiday period is the notion that genuine self-assessment can result in positive outcomes. An integral part of that reflective process is our ability to recognize our wrongdoings and to ask for forgiveness, whether it be from family, friends and acquaintances or from our Creator. This act of contrition and seeking forgiveness plays a central role in our prayers, beginning with the *slichot* prayers we recite from before Rosh Hashana till the very end of Neilah on Yom Kippur.

At the heart of this prayer is the recitation of Hashem's thirteen attributes of mercy which we invoke as we stand before Him. God Himself taught Moshe that when the Jewish people are in need of His forgiveness, they should recite the thirteen attributes of mercy and forgiveness will be granted. The text in the Torah describes how Hashem Himself passed before Moshe and recited the thirteen attributes of Hashem's mercy,

*And God passed before him and proclaimed...*

The extraordinary nature of this prayer did not escape the attention of our Sages who attempted to understand its potential power.

*And God passed before him and proclaimed...*

Rabbi Yochanan said: "Were it not written in the text, it would be impossible for us to say such a thing; this verse teaches us that God enwrapped Himself [in a *tallit*] like the *shaliach tzibbur* (prayer leader) of a congregation and showed Moshe the order of prayer. He said to him: Whenever Israel sins, let them perform this order before Me, and I will forgive them." (Babylonian Talmud Tractate, Rosh Hashana 17b)

The image that Rabbi Yochanan describes of Hashem wrapped in a *tallit* while serving as a *shaliach tzibbur*, prayer leader of the community, helps to place two important ideas before us as the Yamim Noraim unfold in our lives.

Wrapping oneself in a *tallit* is an image that suggests a degree of isolation and retreat. When we are enwrapped, we are separated from our environment and, for those few moments, we feel protected from the forces that swirl around

us. Most of us can recall an experience where we just wanted to wrap ourselves in our favourite blanket, curl up away from everything outside, and, if only for a brief time, feel that we are safe. It's a safe time and place for us to think about some event or person that has shaken us in some way and to consider our next steps.


The *slichot* service, and the Yamim Noraim in general, is that spiritual time and place for us to wrap ourselves, to push back a little on the influences in our lives so we can honestly consider what our next steps should be. Sometimes you need to separate briefly from events in order to gain a proper perspective on your life.

But the second image that Rabbi Yochanan describes is no less important than the first. Hashem serves as the *shaliach tzibbur* – a prayer leader for the community. There can be no prayer leader without a larger group of people whom the leader represents and guides through the prayer service.

When we cover ourselves and separate from the world outside, there is a risk that we will focus exclusively on our personal and private needs and leave behind the needs of our community – whether that community is comprised of family, friends, acquaintances or the broader society in which we live. This is unacceptable to God. Even on the holiest days of the year when so much is at stake, we can never just be concerned with our own needs or our own personal attempts to create a more meaningful life for ourselves. That's not what God wants. Wrap yourself in a *tallit* – but always remember that you live in a community that needs you and relies on you.

Hashem wrapped Himself in a *tallit*. So too, we should wrap ourselves in genuine, honest reflection about who we are and who we can become.

Hashem served as the *shaliach tzibbur* – the prayer leader of the community. So too, each one of us must make certain that our goal of making ourselves into better people is so that we can help strengthen our family, our friends, our community and help make a better world.

Rochelle and I wish you and your families *Ktiva V'Chatima Tova*. 





# Why We Pray

Prayer is difficult. Ideally, we engage in something difficult when we believe it is worthwhile. During the High Holiday season, when the literature of prayer is prolonged and dense, it might be helpful to think about why we engage in the difficult work of prayer.

There is a tension that can emerge when we pray. Towards the beginning of slichot, we declare to God: “How could we petition? What is there for us to say? What is there for us to speak about and how could we seek vindication?” A similar sentiment is articulated by the Spanish poet Yehuda Halevi. He writes: “You who knew me before You formed me... what can I say, when my thoughts are in Your hands?”

At first, these sentiments do not seem very helpful. On the contrary, they seem to dismiss prayer altogether. They evoke a familiar objection: why pray and try to converse with God when He already knows me and what I intend to say? Even more perplexing is that we are expressing the futility of prayer before we really begin the slichot! Why trivialize a task only to immediately go ahead with it anyway?

One answer to *why* we pray comes from understanding *how* we pray. We would not normally read a prayer book like we would read a typical novel from the library. Words of prayer are intended to be spoken. With a stroke of irony, we actually undermine the attempt to challenge the usefulness of prayer by first giving voice to the very questions intended to reject it. This is because no matter how obvious or clear we believe our thoughts may seem, we open ourselves to a new

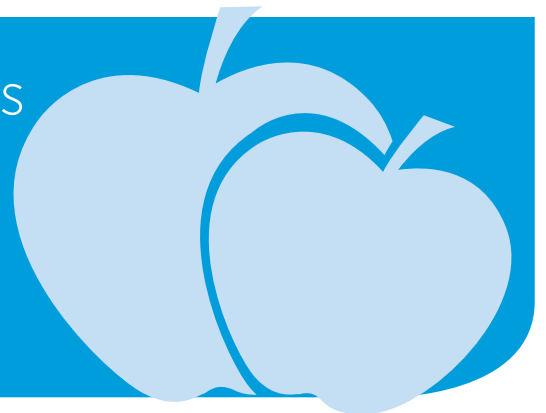
dimension of perception when we endeavour to articulate them verbally. Speech offers us the opportunity to clarify, to revise, and to elaborate on our innermost thoughts.

Of course, God knows our innermost thoughts and feelings. Understandably, because our thoughts are private, we can be reluctant to let them escape the silent sanctuary of our minds. We desire the privacy of our thoughts, but the composers of our tefillot impress on us the importance of verbally articulating our thoughts to God, no matter how futile the action seems and no matter how obvious our thoughts may initially seem to us. These opposing needs – the desire for privacy and the importance of verbally articulating our thoughts – are validated in the Shulchan Aruch’s instructions on how to mediate the volume of our voices when we pray; not so loud as to be overheard, but loud enough to hear ourselves (Orach Chaim 101:2).

The emphasis on prayer during the High Holiday season provides us with a greater opportunity to appreciate this tension and to engage with it. Conversing with God is not easy, but it is important. Talking with one another is important too. I believe that conversations can help us to better understand ourselves as well as one another.

Lauren and I are very excited to be joining the Shaarei Shomayim community, especially during a season that emphasizes the importance of meaningful conversations. We look forward to meeting you and talking about where we come from and what we hope for the future. 📖

*Shana Tova* to our members, friends and the entire Jewish community, from the executives, clergy and board members.







# From the Executive Director's Desk

Looking back on the “old” year and looking ahead to the “new” one, I like to write about things directly related to the job and the shul. One of the main items that come up on the job is that of kiddush sponsorship. Whether it is the type of food, the quantity of food, or the number of sponsors, everyone seems to have an opinion on what the shul should (or should not) be doing.

Sponsoring a kiddush is a great way to commemorate any milestone from a birth, birthday, bar / bat mitzvah, anniversary, graduation, aufruf, wedding or a loved one's yahrzeit. Where does your sponsorship go? If there are 10 sponsors on the list, why isn't there more food? Why, if there is a kiddush every week, do I have to pay for the basic kiddush before even adding my upgrade?

Shaarei Shomayim is committed to providing a kiddush every week. It is felt that it is an important component of who we are and what we do. The funds for providing this service have to come from somewhere. This is what kiddush sponsorship is all about. The sponsorship actually goes into one fund. Yes, it does reflect your upgrades, but it also helps cover the costs when we don't have sponsors. In order to prepare and have the kiddush, we need staff and supplies to prepare and serve. We need plates, cups, forks, serving pieces – everything that is put together to make sure that everyone can partake. Our pricing has taken all of this into account.

So, why is it that there are 10 sponsors and the food looks the same? We encourage people to at least sponsor a quarter of the kiddush. This, however, is not necessarily the case. Someone may not be able to afford that amount, and others want to have the recognition for their special sponsorship but don't feel that they need to give it all. The office looks at what we have received for that Shabbat and place the order accordingly.

It's important to note however, that a congregational kiddush not only provides a meaningful tribute to a loved one with an acknowledgement in the bulletin and a charitable donation receipt, it more importantly provides blessings to the family with the words spoken by friends, members, and attendees to the sponsoring family.

One of the best parts of Shaarei Shomayim is sharing a meal together following Shabbat morning services at kiddush.

People gather in groups small and large, share stories, laugh, joke, and meet new people. Kiddush helps us build the connections that make Shaarei Shomayim a strong, vibrant community. By sponsoring a kiddush, you participate in supporting and fostering that sense of community. You can honor someone, remember someone, celebrate a *simcha*, or put together a group who all have something in common to sponsor the kiddush.

So, as we look ahead to the new year, look at how all the different parts of the shul fit together and create the vibrant community of Shaarei Shomayim.

*L'Shana Tova tekatevu v'techatemu.* 🍷

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YOUTH DIRECTOR



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SHAAREI SHOMAYIM



WHERE KIDS MATTER



# Youth Matters

Kids can't wait to get to the Shaarei Shomayim Youth Zone! I'm Jacob Posluns and I am excited to return as Youth Zone Director for the third year. Aside from my responsibilities as a youth director, I am currently studying Finance and just completed an internship at the Bank of Montreal. My wife Debra and I are proud parents of Sammy, who is almost six months old!

Working with Shaarei Shomayim youth is a special opportunity and a tremendous responsibility for both me and the team of great youth leaders. Our goal is to enhance Jewish education with Shabbat morning activities in a relaxed and fun setting. We are enthusiastic about providing programming to teach children to love and to care for Hashem's Torah and Mitzvot while having a great time. We have the opportunity to daven and study the parsha as well as enjoy entertainers, stories and games. Our youth zone is filled every shabbat, 52 weeks a year.

Here are some new additions to our programming:

**Stay and Play** (ages 0-2). A parent and tot program with songs and playtime. We will add new toys and a new tot siddur with pictures and songs to follow along.

**Nursery** (ages 3-5). A drop off program for nursery to SK. Our youth leaders are so excited to teach new tefillot and introduce special guests.

**Grades 1-2.** Special programming with our Shinshinim who will creatively introduce Israel education as related to parsha and Torah

study. Our Shinshinim come with experience as bnei akiva counselors to provide entertaining and meaningful programming.

**Grades 3-5.** New initiatives will include a buddy program with teen minyan participants to slowly introduce this age group to formal shabbat davening. The youth leaders have begun to teach Shabbat tefillot. The shinshinim and youth leaders will work together to plan educational and fun activities throughout the year.

Highlights of the 5758 year will include:

- Colour War (shh, it's a surprise!)
- Saturday night Parent-Child learning
- Hebrew Birthday Club's once a month with children's entertainer and special guests
- Joint Camp Aim Shabbatons
- Bnei Akiva snif Shabbat afternoons with Shinshinim
- Rosh Hashana Luncheon
- Mini Golf
- Yom Kippur puppet show
- Candy Treasure hunt with the Shinshinim
- Sukkah hop
- Chol Hamoed event at *ezone*
- Simchat Torah with Kanga boots and a surprise!
- Family Skating Party
- Shabbat Project Programming
- Chanukah and Chessed
- Mid-Winter Break Activities
- Purim party
- Pesach Family Bowling
- Shavuot Late Night Learning
- And much more!

We will continue our birthday club this year. Every month around Rosh Chodesh, we will celebrate all of the upcoming birthdays with a special entertainer or activity. Every family has the opportunity to sponsor. The child's name and picture will be posted on the Youth Bulletin Board and the child will receive a special birthday surprise. The Birthday Club is a great opportunity for parents or grandparents to recognize their child's Hebrew birthday with a donation to keep this unique program running. The children love the extra attention on shabbat morning!

On behalf of our youth leaders, our Youth Committee, Emily Hershel and Chantal Ulmer, and Avital Strauchler, I want to wish you and your families a successful start to a new school and shul year as well as a happy new year. We are all excited to work with you to ensure your children enjoy their time at shul in our special programs. We hope that every child in our program will want to be the first one arrive at our Shul groups where they can make friends, learn about midot and daven!

Thank you for your continuous support in our Youth Zone. Make sure to check out our Youth bulletin board for NEW 'YIDDISHE KOP' teasers, Photos, upcoming events and special prize opportunities. There are so many ways to get involved in the Youth Zone!

To join our mailing list, contribute to our Birthday Club or have any questions, requests, or suggestions, please email me directly at youth@shomayim.org.

I look forward to seeing you!  
*Shana Tova!* 🎵



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SHINSHINIM: NAAMA GEFFEN AND HILLEL BEN TAL



Hillel Ben Tal is the second oldest of four children, and lives in Kibbutz Masuot Yitzchak near Ashkelon. Hillel majored in Talmud and Physics in high school, and was a *Madrach* in B'nei Akiva for 2 years.



Naama Geffen is the second oldest of four children, and lives in Kedumim in the Shomron. Naama majored in Theatre in high school, and was a *Madricha* in B'nei Akiva for 2 years.

"*Shinshinim*" is an acronym for "*Shnat Sherut*" - year of service. This word describes a program developed by the Jewish Agency for Israel and supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Israeli high school graduates are carefully selected to volunteer for a year abroad. This is the third year that Shaarei Shomayim has partnered with Netivot HaTorah Day School and Bnei Akiva to welcome the Shinshinim. Our Shinshinim bring a modern, religious sense of Israel and Israeli culture to our community.

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# Young Professionals


Shaarei Shomayims Young Professionals invite you to join them in meaningful and fun activities at our shul. Over the past year, we have grown in both numbers and ideas. The goal of the committee is to build on the successes of the past year; to continue to create a variety of programs that cater to young professionals in and around our community and to make all those who wish to join feel welcome.

To all of the YPs: come meet and greet our young professional community at the shul BBQ on September 4 – look out for our YP committee sponsored Beer Corner!

Following the BBQ, there are many annual events to anticipate. We host a special and well-attended YP Simchat Torah celebration which brings together many attendees from all over the city. We organize catered meals and meat

kiddushes which are a great way to enjoy Shabbat with friends and an opportunity to meet new people over laughter and cholent. Our Trivia Night is always a huge success as teams bring out their competitive sides as well as lots of laughter. We can't forget our learning initiatives with Scholars in Residence such as Shuli Taubes bringing us together for Torah study. Finally, we hope to have more programs such as the Shabbat afternoon Summer Soirée – a fantastic afternoon with delicious food, beer and of course wine pairing.

There is so much more in store for the coming year – come find out what all the buzz is about!

We look forward to introducing more social events and learning initiatives throughout the year. There are so many ways to get involved. Feel free to approach any one of our committee members to discuss ideas. 



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# Netivot HaTorah Day School

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Memories hold a great power over us. Even if we find out they are not entirely true or accurate, they still impact our sense of the world and the decisions we make. The memories we have from our childhood, or our experiences as a student, greatly influence who we are as parents and (if you're lucky!) teachers. Those memories don't even have to be about a specific event or experience. I remember, for example, the influence Mrs. Brown, my grade 8 English teacher, had on my self confidence as a student and writer, but cannot for the life of me remember what she did or said. What matters is less what 'really happened' than what we make of what happened, what we construct or draw from those seminal experiences, and the meaning they lend to our lives going forward.

Rosh Hashana is called *Yom Zichron Teruah*. I like to suggest translating this as the *day of the memory of the voice*, because the *teruah* sound is meant to mimic a voice crying out, as the Gemara explains with regard to Sisra's mother (Rosh Hashana, 33b). Following this translation, the purpose of Rosh Hashana can be understood in a number of ways. First, it's worth observing that the memory a voice carries on within us implies a relationship between people, the words spoken from one person to another. It matters less what is said, than how it is received – much like my relationship with Mrs. Brown. It's less about what I specifically remember her saying, rather it is more about the impact of my relationship with her on my sense of self as I grew up. That is the power of the memory of a voice. As educators, we understand that a powerful and relevant education is one that happens in a relationship, which at the core happens between teachers and students. These relationships are one of the key pillars in creating successful, happy and motivated learners.

One could also understand the day being a *zichron teruah* as reminding us to use our unique voice to draw on the experiences of the past year – which the sound of the shofar is meant to bring to the surface of our mind. Doing so allows us to decide which of those experiences we want to carry forward as memories, which will impact us, which we can draw nourishment from, and which will guide our journey forward. Hans Gadamer reminds us that, "In truth,

history does not belong to us, but we to it." The way we understand our past is key to making sense of our present and future.

This echoes of the image from the Mishna in Masechet Rosh Hashana (2,2) which says that "On Rosh Hashana all people pass before him like sheep (one by one) through a narrow door...". We each stand as individuals before Hashem on Rosh Hashana, each with our own experiences, history and unique capabilities. We need to bring these to mind as we go forward into the new-year, and make sure to do so by listening to the memories of the voices we have encountered over the year.

As educators, we similarly recognize that each of our students is a precious and unique world. Each comes with his or her own experiences, background knowledge and understanding, and need to be met and cultivated based on who they are, not whom we wish them to be. To educate is to know and value a student as an individual, to 'remember' what makes them unique.

I'm very excited about the upcoming school-year at Netivot, and look forward to partnering with so many of our Shaarei Shomayim families. We welcome prospective families at any time, and look forward to meeting all of you!

On behalf of Netivot HaTorah Day School, we want to wish you and your families the very best from the coming New Year. *L'Shana tova tekatevu!* May it be a year of peace for Israel and Klal Yisrael.

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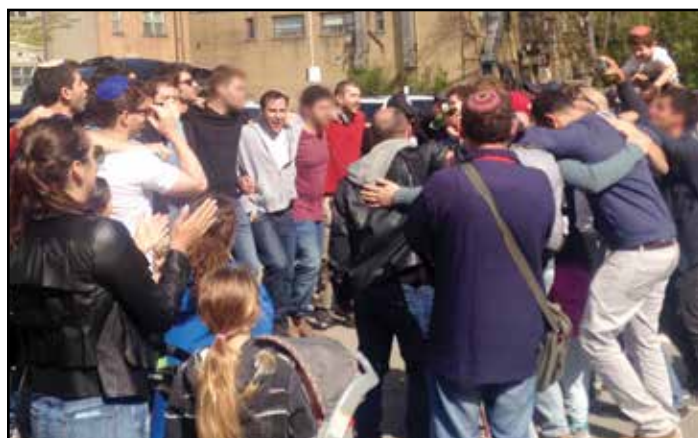
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Akiva Aronson, Aviva Zieleniec and David Ulmer had the pleasure of co-chairing the **Peace of Mind** program again this year. This critical initiative includes one week of intensive therapy for units of released IDF combat units, bonding with the families who host them and the Jewish community.

This year, Shaarei Shomayim hosted for the third time, a unit comprised of 20 remarkable young men accompanied by two therapists. Throughout the week, they participated in therapeutic group sessions facilitated by the therapists from METIV, The Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psychotrauma. Each day, after rather challenging sessions, the team returned to their host families' homes where they were welcomed with open arms. The time spent with the host families provides Israel's discharged chayalim with unconditional love and support, which make their stay in the Diaspora much more meaningful.

Another highlight of the week was the 400-person Shabbat dinner hosted in honour of the soldiers and **Peace of Mind**. From the singing and the dancing to the beautiful volunteer appreciation ceremony, the night was extraordinary and inspiring. The volunteers and families involved were glowing with pride as they watched the Shaarei Shomayim family embrace the team. It is often hard to say thank you to those who fight for our protection and for the place we all call home, but for one entire week, we got to say thank you in more than just one way.



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# Teen Matters

**W**elcome to Shaarei Shomayim's Teen Minyan! We are ready for a great year ahead!

Teen Minyan is more than a minyan. Teen minyan is about leadership and friendship. It's where teens can come together and create their own community. Beginning at 10AM every shabbat, teens gather and hang out with their mentors, our teen leaders. They run a full Shabbat service mostly on their own, and study Torah and discuss topics that matter to them.

The best part of teen minyan is a delicious kiddush at the end where teens have a chance to hang out with shul friends. Stay tuned for some fun kick off events in the fall. Other special events include teen only Shabbat meals, Friday night

tisches, and social activities. Teen minyan is geared for both middle school and high school students and our events are often separated by age group. The teen leaders are terrific role models who come with lots of energy and ideas to engage the teens. The newest member of our team, Ari Rubin, can't wait to get started in September along with Serena Rubin, Noa Bordan and Eli Minkowitz. Under the leadership of Koby Spiegel, last year's teen minyan was amazing and we can't wait to continue the momentum! Koby and his wife Racheli look forward to continuing to be a part of the teen minyan community.

For more information and to make sure you are part of teen communications, email [teens@shomayim.org](mailto:teens@shomayim.org). 

## Meet Our Amazing Team of Teen Leaders



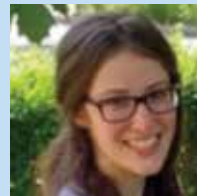
**Serena (Kay) Rubin** is a first year medical school student in University of Toronto. She was born and raised in the Shaarei Shomayim community, starting from when she attended youth groups at a young age, to later working

as a youth leader. Serena is returning for her second year as a teen leader and is excited to work with teen girls each Shabbat. She hopes to share her experiences from high school, university, and medical school – and be a strong, positive role model for the girls. Serena married Ari Rubin this past summer and together they look forward to expanding the teen minyan.



**Ari Rubin** is originally from the UK, has lived in Israel, and is now in Toronto studying law at Osgood University. Ari has participated in teen minyan this past year and has added ruach and inspiration. He looks

forward to getting to know the teen minyan participants, teaching and encouraging them to actively participate in davening and laying.



**Noa Bordan** is returning to Shaarei Shomayim for her fourth year working with youth programming. She is currently in her final year at Ryerson studying History. She spent the past semester on a university

exchange in Perth, Australia where she also worked at Carmel School, the local Jewish primary and high school. Noa runs a program for middle-school girls on shabbat mornings, and can't wait to welcome everyone back after a wonderful summer vacation.



**Eli Minkowitz** is returning for his third year as a teen leader. He is very excited about beginning the new year and continuing to be a part of the growth and *ruach* in Shaarei Shomayim teen minyan. He looks

forward to establishing meaningful relationships and helping our young people develop their *tefillah* skills. Eli is currently in his third year at York University studying Kinesiology.



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## After-School Programs

### Mondays

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**Creative Dance:** This class is a wonderful introduction to dance in an imaginative environment. Your child will learn to bounce, hop, and skip while learning musicality and body placement. Scarves, wands and other props are used to enhance creativity.

**HipHop:** This is a high energy class! Students will be taught fun and funky dance steps to current music from movies & top charts. The class focuses on warm up, rhythm, body isolations, across the floor combinations and fun routines!

### Tuesdays

**ARTCAMPP (14 sessions) - Ages 2-4 @ 2:30-3:15 pm and Ages 4-7 @ 4:00-5:00 pm**

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Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30  
Nov. 13, 20, 27  
Dec. 11, 18

### Tuesdays

Sept. 12, 19, 26  
Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31  
Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28  
Dec. 5, 12, 19

### Wednesdays

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# Inclusion Matters

This past year, Shaarei Shomayim's **Inclusion Committee** decided to focus on actively opening our doors to individuals with disabilities living in group homes within our neighbourhood. In honour of **Shabbat Itanu 2017**, Shaarei Shomayim partnered with **Reena** to host a dinner on June 8, featuring a variety of games, arts and crafts that provided an opportunity for local community members with developmental disabilities to meet our shul

community. The program involved shul members from across the age spectrum who greeted and hosted our guests, served dinner, facilitated arts and crafts activities, and played games along with our guests. The evening was enjoyed by all and once again showcases that INCLUSION MATTERS at Shaarei Shomayim.

If you would like to join our committee, please contact Robin Gofine, Chair, through the shul office. 





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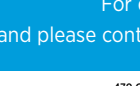
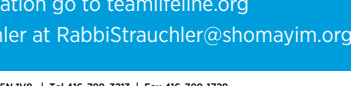
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18 Tishrei IV Sukkot (Chol HaMoed) 8:30 am Shacharit	9 19 Tishrei V Sukkot (Chol HaMoed) Statutory Holiday 8:30 am Shacharit	10 20 Tishrei VI Sukkot (Chol HaMoed) 6:45 & 8:00 am Shacharit	11 21 Tishrei Hoshana Rabbah 6:20 am Shacharit Eiruv Tavshilin 6:21 pm 6:32 pm*) 6:30 pm Mincha	12 22 Tishrei Shmini Atzeret 8:45 am Shacharit 11:15 am Yizkor (approx) Tefilat Geshem Mincha 6:30 pm 7:18 pm 6:*	13 23 Tishrei Simchat Torah 8:30 am Shacharit 11:30 am Kol HaN'arim 6:18 pm 6:40 pm Mincha 6:25 pm Mincha	14 24 Tishrei Shabbat Mevorchim 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha בראשית 6:05 pm Mincha 7:15 pm Shabbat Ends
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25 Tishrei 8:30 am Shacharit	16 26 Tishrei 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	17 27 Tishrei 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	18 28 Tishrei 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	19 29 Tishrei 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	20 30 Tishrei I Rosh Chodesh 6:45 & 7:45 am Shacharit 6:06 pm 6:40 pm Mincha 6:15 pm Mincha	21 1 Cheshvan II Rosh Chodesh 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha נח 5:55 pm Mincha 7:03 pm Shabbat Ends
Sun - Thurs Mincha is 6:15 pm						
2 Cheshvan 8:30 am Shacharit	23 3 Cheshvan 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	24 4 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	25 5 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	26 6 Cheshvan 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	27 7 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 5:56 pm 6:40 pm Mincha 6:05 pm Mincha	28 8 Cheshvan 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha לך-לך 5:40 pm Mincha 6:53 pm Shabbat Ends
Sun - Thurs Mincha is 6:00 pm						
9 Cheshvan 8:30 am Shacharit	30 10 Cheshvan 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	31 11 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit				
Sun - Tues Mincha is 5:50 pm						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			12 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	13 Cheshvan 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	14 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	15 Cheshvan 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha
16 Cheshvan 8:30 am Shacharit 2:00 am Turn clocks backwards 1 hour Sun - Thurs Mincha is 4:45 pm	5 17 Cheshvan 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	6 18 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	7 19 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Wed - Thurs Mincha is 5:50 pm	8 20 Cheshvan 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	9 21 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 5:47 pm 5:04* 5:55 pm Mincha	10 22 Cheshvan 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha חיי שרה
23 Cheshvan 8:30 am Shacharit Sun - Thurs Mincha is 4:35 pm	12 24 Cheshvan 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	13 25 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	14 26 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	15 27 Cheshvan 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	16 28 Cheshvan 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 4:38 pm 4:45 pm Mincha	17 29 Cheshvan Shabbat Mevorchim 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha תולדות
1 2 Kislev Rosh Chodesh 8:30 am Shacharit Sun - Thurs Mincha is 4:30 pm	19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 4:31 pm 4:40 pm Mincha	25 26 27 28 29 30 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha ויצא
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DECEMBER 2017

Kislev/Tevet 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Kislev 8:30 am Shacharit	3 16 Kislev 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	4 17 Kislev 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	5 18 Kislev 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	6 19 Kislev 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	1 13 Kislev 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Parsha	2 14 Kislev 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha
					4:23 pm םם 4:30 pm Mincha	4:10 pm Mincha 5:26 pm Shabbat Ends
Sun - Thurs Mincha is 4:25 pm					4:21 pm םם 4:30 pm Mincha	4:10 pm Mincha 5:25 pm Shabbat Ends
22 Kislev 8:30 am Shacharit	10 23 Kislev 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	11 24 Kislev 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	12 25 Kislev 1st Day of Chanukah 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	13 26 Kislev 2nd Day of Chanukah 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	15 27 Kislev 3rd Day of Chanukah 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	16 28 Kislev Shabbat Mevorchim 4th Day of Chanukah 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha
Sun - Thurs Mincha is 4:25 pm		Erev Chanukah			4 candles before Shabbat 4:22 pm םם 4:30 pm Mincha	5 candles after Havdalah 5:26 pm Shabbat Ends
29 Kislev 5th Day of Chanukah 8:30 am Shacharit	17 30 Kislev I Rosh Chodesh 6th Day of Chanukah 6:45 & 7:45 am Shacharit	18 1 Tevet II Rosh Chodesh 7th Day of Chanukah 6:45 & 7:45 am Shacharit	19 2 Tevet 8th Day of Chanukah 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	20 3 Tevet 3 candles after dark	22 4 Tevet 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Parsha	23 5 Tevet 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha
Sun - Thurs Mincha is 4:30 pm					4:25 pm םם 4:35 pm Mincha	4:15 pm Mincha 5:29 pm Shabbat Ends
6 candles after dark	6 7 Tevet 8:30 am Shacharit Statutory Holiday	7 8 Tevet 8 candles after dark	8 9 Tevet 7:20 am Shacharit	9 10 Tevet Fast of the 10th of Tevet 6:41 am Fast Begins 7:15 am Slichot & Shacharit 4:15 pm Mincha 5:10 pm Maariv 5:22 pm Fast Ends	29 11 Tevet 7:20 am Shacharit Parsha	30 12 Tevet 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha
Sun - Thurs Mincha is 4:30 pm					4:30 pm םם 4:40 pm Mincha	4:20 pm Mincha 5:34 pm Shabbat Ends
13 Tevet 8:30 am Shacharit	31					
Sun Mincha is 4:35 pm						

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# RABBI SHLOMO RISKIN

## PARSHAT LECH-LECHA

OCTOBER 28, 2017



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## Lives lived: Philip Zucker, 98

By Eric Stutz

*Torah scholar. Perfectionist. Survivor. Zaida. Born Nov. 11, 1918, in Serock, Poland; died Feb. 18, 2017, in Toronto, of natural causes; aged 98.*

In September 1939, Philip Zucker was taken from his home at the age of 20, leaving behind an extended family and community that would soon perish in the Holocaust. With his passing almost eight decades later, he leaves behind a beloved wife, three daughters, nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He also leaves a lasting imprint on the Toronto Jewish community, with many of his students still using his style of Torah-reading and teaching it to the next generation.

Born Feivel Cukier, he was the eldest of six children in a shtetl north of Warsaw. He received a traditional Jewish education and was a star pupil. Without access to technology for recording music, it was his job to learn and remember new Hasidic melodies brought to town by visitors.

The war years brought him to labour camps in northern Russia where many, including his father, died from starvation, disease and extreme cold. He once sold his only coat in exchange for bread, because he felt death from the cold was preferable

to death from starvation. But each time he felt that he might succumb to the harsh conditions, there was a miraculous arrival of food or shelter. He later reflected on these experiences by saying, "I was meant to survive."

He met Chaya (Helen) Tuchman in 1945, and they married in Russia shortly after the war. They returned to postwar Poland to find the devastation that had befallen its Jewish community. After the Kielce pogrom of 1946, the couple fled to Austria and Germany, and eventually to Canada, settling in Toronto, where they raised three daughters.

In Toronto, he found his calling as a professional Torah reader and bar mitzvah teacher. Reading the Torah requires careful preparation in order to pronounce the words correctly and apply the right *trope* (melodies assigned to the words of the text). He read the weekly Torah portion at Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim synagogue for more than 40 years. Over 2,000 students learned to read Torah from him.

His Old World authenticity and seriousness had an effect on his students. Some might have been troublemakers in other settings, but in the one-on-one lessons with Mr. Zucker they would work tirelessly. He tolerated no deviation from the precise reading of the text. The trained



observer can identify when the Torah is being read by one of his students based on the distinctive melody and the high degree of precision.

His strictness as a teacher contrasted with his warmth and lightheartedness as a *zaida*, a grandfather. He delighted in spending time with family. At Friday-night dinners, he would share original gems of Torah wisdom, tell stories about his survival during the war, and bounce grandchildren on his knee during the singing of grace after meals. Those who watched Maple Leaf games with *zaida* remember the sing-song tone of his pessimistic refrain: "They're going to lose."

Learning from Philip was like being transported back to a lost Eastern European Jewish world that was more closely connected than ours to the wisdom of ancient Torah scholars. With his passing, a significant link to our past has been lost.

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*Eric Stutz is Philip's grandson.*

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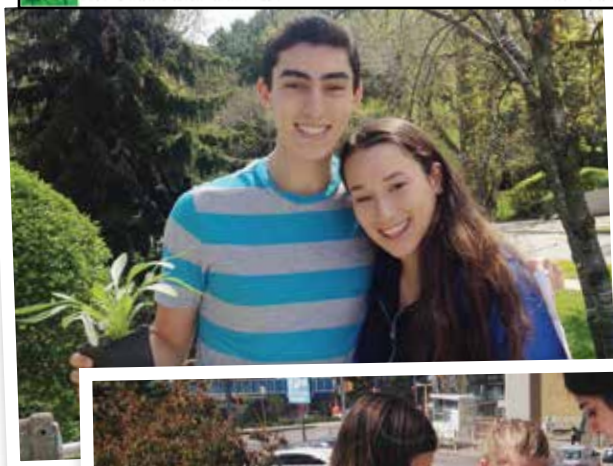

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## COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE: YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HAATZMAUT – Through the Eyes of History

Shaarei Shomayim, Mizrahi Canada, and the Toronto Jewish community commemorated and celebrated Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut in an unforgettable night of reflecting, learning, singing and dancing. Dr. Yitzhak Yifat, one of the first paratroopers to reach the Kotel in 1967, moved us with his story. He and his friends had fought in the Six Day War's toughest battle, against elite Jordanian Legionnaires in the trenches of Ammunition Hill. They were caught by the news photographer David Rubinger, in a photograph that became the most beloved Jewish photographic image of our time.







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## CHIDON HATANACH

The Canadian National Chidon Hatanach took place on Monday, May 8, 2017 in Montreal. Yasher Koach to the contestants, who competed among over 190 students from across Canada.



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Shana Tova Umetukah**

**L'Shana Tova  
tekatevu v'techatemu**

from  
Toby Kasner and family

**Best wishes to all for a healthy,  
happy prosperous and peaceful  
new year**

Sandy, Roberta, Emma,  
Mara and Adele Finkelstein





**Shana Tova Umetukah**

from  
Helen Goldsmith and family

**L'Shana Tova tekatevu v'techatemu  
May you be inscribed for a good year**

from the  
Strauss, Sanders, and Zimmerman families

**Shana Tova and best wishes  
for a happy & healthy new year**

from  
Charlene and George Arje  
and family



# Shana Tova Greetings

Ava, Naphtali and Jacob Silverman wish you a sweet and happy year. Shana Tova!

Shana Tova Umetukah from Joe and Sarah Koval and family

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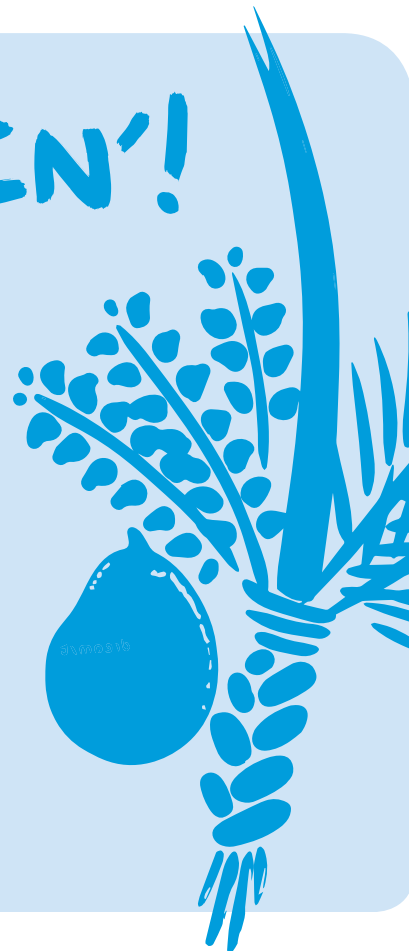
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# Volunteer Appreciation

In June, three members of Shaarei Shomayim were honoured for their years of service to our community. They received the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Volunteer Service Award for their years of service as volunteers for Shaarei Shomayim. Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Laura Albanese and MPP Monte Kwinter presented them with the award at a special ceremony along with volunteers from other local organizations. We join in expressing hakarat hatov and thanking them for their many years of service.

Al G. Brown<sup>z"l</sup> - 65 years of volunteering  
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**Rosh Hashana I (September 21)**

11:20 am Shofar Blowing  
11:35 am Class: *Rosh Hashana and the Search for Meaning*  
12:30 pm Amidah

**Rosh Hashana II (September 22)**

11:15 am Shofar Blowing  
11:30 am Class: *What Do I Want This Year?*  
12:30 pm Amidah

Question and Answer throughout all services

**Yom Kippur, September 30**  
(all lectures in the Weinbaum Beit Midrash)

**Erev Yom Kippur (September 29)**

6:30 pm Kol Nidrei in the Sharp Sanctuary / Sisterhood Hall  
7:15 pm Class: *A New Me*

**Yom Kippur (September 30)**

10:45 am Class: *One Change at a Time*  
11:45 pm (approx.) Yizkor  
12:05 pm Guided Meditation and Preparation for the Amidah  
12:30 pm Amidah  
1:00 pm Class: *Seize the Day*

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DECEMBER 2, 6:15 PM

DECEMBER 9, 6:15 PM

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DEBBIE and RANDY SPIEGEL on the birth of a grandson, Samuel Adir. Proud parents are Miryam and Jeff Kiderman. Excited big brother is Judah. Thrilled grandparents are Shelley and John Kiderman. Aunts and uncles are AKYVA and GILA SPIEGEL, KOBY SPIEGEL and Yael and Nachum Silverman.

KAREN and JOSH STEINBERG on the birth of their son, NATHAN AIDEN (נָתָן אֵידֵן). Proud grandparents are GORDON and LILY STEINBERG and Anat and Gaby Porges. Aunts and uncle are Adam and Shiran and Liron.

JEREMY and TALYA SILVER on the birth of a daughter, LAYLA. Proud grandparents are AVROM<sup>ז"ל</sup> and BONNY SILVER, and Jeff and Marcia Shumacher. Thrilled great grandparents are Dr. Harry and Helen Cohen.

RICHARD and IRINA KAY on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Aaron. Excited parents are Greg Kay and Deena Rogozinsky. Proud grandparents are Edward and Danielle Rogozinsky. Mazal Tov to the great grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

GOLDA BROWN and HARRY KRAKOWSKY and to Susan and Harvey Haber on the birth of their granddaughter, Alexandra Gee (Algee), Eliya Gila. Thrilled parents are Anna-Rachel Krakowsky and Marshall Haber. Excited big sister is Shirley. Proud great grandmothers are Paula Krakowsky and Leah Wollman.

JONATHAN and RINA PARKER on the birth of their baby boy, NOAM. Proud grandparents are Eric and Gloria Goldberg and Mitchel and Cheryl Parker. Excited big brothers are Adin and Amiel.

MIRIAM and YEDIDIA KOSCHITZKY on the birth of their son, ISRAEL YAGEL. Excited siblings are RIVA and LIBBY. Proud grandparents are Judith and Alan Sacks of Jerusalem, and Joel Koschitzky of Ramat-Gan. Thrilled great-grandparents are Dr. Hilde Cohen of London, England, Joey and Annette Colton of Montreal, and SAUL and MIRA KOSCHITZKY.

BARUCH and Yael JAKUBOVIC on the birth of their daughter, LEAH EMUNAH. Excited siblings are GIDON and HADAR. Proud grandparents are Henry and Holly Jakubovic and Larry and Lori Wolynetz.

SHANE and SHELBY ALTBAUM on the birth of a baby boy, NOAM SHLOMO. Excited grandparents are STEPHEN and HESHY ALTBAUM and Michael and Debbie Spiegelman. Proud great-grandmother is Rose Spiegelman. Thrilled uncles and aunts are Robert, Peter and Kat, and John and Jill.

TOVA SASSON and ELAD TRAVIS on the birth of their twin sons, MOSHE and BOAZ AVRAHAM. Excited big sister and brother are TALI and SAM. Proud grandparents are ZION and JOYCE SASSON, Shoshi Travis, and Oved Travis of Jerusalem. Elated great-grandparents are Violette Sasson, SAYA VICTOR FEINMAN and Rachel Ben-Yehuda.

AVI and SARA FELD on the birth of a baby girl, SARENA CHARLEY. Excited big brother is TANI.

ELFREIDA VALE on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Hinda, in Jerusalem, to Yehuda and Ariella Vale. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Richard and Devorah Vale and Rabbi David and Lori Baum.

PAUL and HARRIET GREENWOOD on the birth of a baby girl, TALIA ESTER. Excited big brothers are ELIAS and JOSHUA. Proud grandparents are STEPHEN and BLIMA DREEZER, and Ron and Rochelle Greenwood.

Leah and Rabbi Joel Markin on the birth of their daughter, Adina Shoshana. Proud brothers are Eliezer and Eitan. Thrilled grandparents are STANLEY and ELLEN MARKIN, and Irwin Schweitzer and Kathi Kovacs. Ecstatic great-grandparents are Harry and Libby Kraft.

EFFIE and TAMAR KLEINBERG on the birth of a baby boy, ADIR YEHUDA. Excited big brothers are AKIVA and AMITAI. Proud grandparents are Brian and Simmi Kleinberg and David and Debbie Gold. Great uncle and aunt are BERNIE and ANNA KLEINBERG.

ELFRIEDA VALE on the birth of a great-grandson in Jerusalem. Proud parents are Aaron and Abby Vale. Thrilled grandparents are Rabbi Richard & Devorah Vale.

## BAR / BAT MITZVAH

BRIAN and ROBBIE SCHWARTZ on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Dov Ber, son of Rabbi Shmuel and Elana Soroka.

ANDREW and LAUREN BLOOM on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, DYLAN. Excited siblings are JACOB and ZOEY. Proud grandparents are Brian and Bryna Bloom, and Neil and Nancy Shapera.

RICHARD MAISEL and SUZY TYLMAN on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, AMY MAISEL. Proud grandparents are ANDREW TYLMAN and JENNIFER SWIMMER, MIHAL TYLMAN, and Julius & Elizabeth Maisel. Proud siblings are Joshua and Benjamin.

HOWARD KATZ and EVA KATZ on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, AMIEL. Excited siblings are LEVANA and NINA. Proud grandparents are Allen and Rosemary Katz.

HYLA and KENNY WISE on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, ROSIE. Excited siblings are EMILY and JACOB. Proud grandparents are Donald and Arlene Lapowich, and Honey and Julius<sup>ז"ל</sup> Wise.

RABBI CHAIM and AVITAL STRAUCHLER on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, TEHILLA. Excited siblings are ADIR, ATARA, ZVI and FRED. Proud grandparents are Yitzchak and Roberta Strauchler, and Sheldon and Drora Waltuch.

SHIRLEY and HYMIE SCHILDKRAUT on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Mordechai Schaumer, son of Rob and Debby Schaumer. Excited siblings are Shalva, Aura, Aharon and Yonah. Proud grandparents are Eva Schaumer and Leo Schaumer. Thrilled great-aunts and uncles are SUSAN YOUNG and SUZANNE and PETER MEZEI.

VICKI and RALPH LEVINE on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Dovi Kaplan, son of Chaya Leah and Avromi Kaplan. Proud siblings are Chanala, Zevi, Ari and Reena.

JOYCE and ARTHUR EKLOVE on the Bar-Mitzvah of their grandson, Joshua, son of Mark and Lianne Eklove. Excited siblings are Noah, Zahava and Sarah.

## ENGAGEMENTS

PAULA and ARNIE DUBROW on the engagements of their grandsons, Adin, son of Mindy and Marty Liss of Sharon, MA, to Ora, daughter of Michelle and Dr. Jonathan Schneck of Silver Spring, MD; and Yair, son of Lainie and Shmarya Richler of Efrat, Israel, to Laynie, daughter of Nina and Eddy Paul of Cincinnati, OH.

SARA and RUSSELL SCHACHAR on the engagement of their daughter, ANNIE ROSE, to REID CHERLIN, son of Merrill and Jon Witty and Andrew and Cindy Cherlin of Baltimore.

JODI and MARK WEISLEDER and LORI LEWITTES and TED SASKIN on the engagement of their children, HILLARY and MICHAEL. Delighted grandparents are Ethel Sirotkin, Betty Cohen and David Lewittes. Excited siblings are Jillian, Oren, Aliza and Tamar.

LAURA and ALAN WINER on the engagement of their son, JONAH, to EMILY, daughter of Michael & Barbara Goldberg. Excited siblings are Adam, Tamar and Sam Winer, and Carly and Hannah Goldberg. Proud grandmother is Ruth Winer

NELLY and BARRY ZAGDANSKI on the engagement of their son, ARI, to MADELINE VENN-MITCHELL, daughter of Carol Mitchell and Richard Venn. Excited siblings are Josh, Jennie, Tamar, Max, Grace and Noah. Thrilled nephew and niece are Henry and Mila. Proud grandparents are HELEN and ERNEST SINGER, and June Mitchell.

## MARRIAGES

NAOMI ROSKIES and ALEX NEUMAN on the marriage of their daughter, ELIANNE, to YAAKOV SCHIFF, son of Debbie & David Schiff. Delighted grandparents are Arthur & Josie Roskies, Dr. Ethel Roskies, Dr. Seymour and Judy Schiff, and Charles and Ellen Winetsky. Excited sisters are Ilana, Talia, and Avigail.

ORI GOLDSTEIN on his marriage to REBECCA SHAPIRA. Proud parents are Shaindy and Zev Goldstein and Genady and Sara Shapira. Thrilled grandmothers are Susan Goldstein and DODO COHEN. Excited siblings are Rena and Josh Zelig, Dani and Ariella Goldstein, Miki and Ruby Goldstein, Natanel, and Yoni and Geula Shapira.

AARON and BERTHA LANG on the marriage of their daughter, AVITAL, to CHARLIE ICZKOWITZ. Proud siblings are Shana Strauss, Josh and Yehuda Lang.

CYNTHIA GASNER on the marriage of her granddaughter, Micha, daughter of Dr. Jon and Ellise Gasner, to Sean Haber, son of Karen and Mike Haber. Proud grandparents are Dr. Arnie and Roneen Weingarten, Minda Feldman and Seymour Haber. Excited siblings are Rafi, Zev, Avishai, Noah, Nadav, Atara and Yakira Gasner, and Jonah, Jessica and Adam Haber.

PAUL BROWN and Carol Brown on the marriage of their grandson, Akiva, of Bet Shemesh, son of Bayla and Daniel Barron, to Rivky, daughter of Rav Doniel and Aviva Schreiber of Alon Shvut. Thrilled siblings are Uriel, Tehila, Meira and Yehoshua.

LIDDY BECK and STEVE GOTTESMAN and Saimi and Mark Pelchovitz on the marriage of their children, ELIZABETH GOTTESMAN to JEFF PELCHOVITZ. Proud grandparents are Mary Beck and Gloria Pelchovitz. Excited siblings are Sophie, Jonathan and Madeleine Gottesman, and Mike and Dan Pelchovitz.

LORRAINE HANSER on the marriage of her grandson, Lee Abrams, son of Kim and Jon Abrams, to Avital Moskowitz, daughter of Sue and Shulie Moskowitz of New Jersey. Proud family members are Dale, Falyn and Cole, Jesse and Shani, Ryan, Ahron and Sarah Abrams, Arye and Aliza, and Yael Moskowitz.

LINDA LEVENSTEIN on the marriage of her grandson, Eli Lesser, son of Carol and Stewart Lesser, to Samara Bernstein-Hendry, daughter of Karen Bernstein and Ian Hendry. Proud grandparents are Evelyn and Coleman Bernstein and Ruth and Bob Hendry

ARTHUR and JOYCE EKLOVE on the marriage of their granddaughter, Keshet, daughter of Harley and Susan Eklove, to Chanan, son of Aharon and Tova Naiman of Efrat, Israel. The wedding will take place in Shoshana, Israel.

TOM and SHOSHANAH MOOS on the marriage of Shoshanah's daughter, Sarah, to James Bowe. The wedding took place in Ireland.

## ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

QUEENIE NAYMAN on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

RABBI ELLIOTT and ROCHELLE DIAMOND on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mazal Tov* to Prof. DAVID NOVAK, who delivered the Gifford Lectures in Aberdeen, Scotland. The lecture series, held since 1888, has been presented by Isaiah Berlin, John Dewey, Albert Schweitzer and Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, among others.

*Yasher Koach* to the March of the Living participants this year: TALIA BELL, AARON MILLS, RACHEL PARKER, DANIELLE STARKMAN and BEN TRAUBICI. STEPHEN ALTBAUM chaired the adult contingent, JACKIE ZIMMERMAN was the survivor co-chair, and HESHY ALTBAUM was the national chair. SOL NAYMAN was the Survivor among the March of the Living participants.

*Mazal Tov* to KITTY WINTROB on the launch of her newest book, *Thumbs Up*.

*Mazal Tov* to CHARLES DREEZER who won the York University 2016-17 Alumni Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience.

*Mazal Tov* to PACEY SUGAR on receiving the Mensa Canada Founder's Club 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary appreciation certificate for being among the first founders.



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*Mazal Tov* to Canadian National Chidon HaTanach contestants: NOAM EIZICOVICS, ELIYAHU FREUDENSTEIN (semi-finalist), ISAAC MANSELL, HAYLEY MONSON (finalist), MICHAEL ROBERTS (finalist), RACHEL ROBERTS (semi-finalist), ISAAC SLAVENS, ADIR STRAUCHLER, TEHILLA STRAUCHLER and BENJI WALD (2<sup>nd</sup> place).

*Mazal Tov* to the recipients of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Volunteer Service Award for volunteering at Shaarei Shomayim:

AL G. BROWN<sup>z"l</sup> - 65 years of volunteering.  
MICHAEL GOLDRICH - 30 years of volunteering.  
CHARLENE ARJE - 15 years of volunteering.

*Mazal Tov* to BRIAN and JUDY KOTZER on their son, Robert, receiving his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Buffalo, and having successfully completed his Canadian Board exams.

## CONDOLENCES TO

MARLA ORBACH, EDEN and Christine Orbach, DARA ORBACH, Rebecca Orbach, and Adina Orbach, on the loss of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Donald Schelew<sup>z"l</sup>.

Ida Tenenbaum, MENDEL and MILLA TENENBAUM, Meyer, Benny and Ruth Tenenbaum, on the loss of their husband, brother, brother-in-law, and father, Hersz Tenenbaum<sup>z"l</sup>.

JANICE LANDY, Cheryl Landy and Ken Zatzman, Ian and Randi Landy, JOSHUA and MEREDITH LANDY, MICHELLE and ZVI SHAVIM, Rachel and Samantha Landy, Shimon Zatzman and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Joan Landy<sup>z"l</sup>.

BERL NADLER and REBECCA ROTENBERG NANDLER, DAVID NADLER and TARA DUBROW, Allan Nadler, Pamela & Adam Emmerich and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Doris Nadler<sup>z"l</sup>.

LOUIS and RISA VANDERSLUIS, Joel and Marci Vandersluis and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Esther Vandersluis<sup>z"l</sup>.

MITCHEL and SARI SEIFER and Shelley Kudlats and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, EVA SEIFER<sup>z"l</sup>.

Gerry and Lilianne Glazer, Helena and Jeffrey Axler, Belinda Lang, Edie Glazer and families, on the loss of their mother and mother-in-law, FEIGA GLAZER<sup>z"l</sup>.

SHOSHANAH and TOM MOOS and family on the loss of their father and father-in-law, Albert William Stevenson.

STANLEY ROSEN, Aaron and Miriam Rosen, Miriam and Tom Hadar, HINDA and ALLAN SILBER, Yona and Bernard Sperber, Mickey Neiger and Harry Neiger, on the loss of their wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister and sister-in-law, ROZ ROSEN<sup>z"l</sup>.

TED SASKIN and LORI LEWITTES, Alan and Doreen Saskin, and Paul and Susan Saskin, on the loss of their brother and brother-in-law, David Saskin<sup>z"l</sup>.

RON and MARINA LICHTENBERG, and Rena and George Rothauser and families, on the loss of their father and father-in-law, ANDOR (Andy) LICHTENBERG<sup>z"l</sup>.

Arthur and Sheri Little, Reina Little and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, ELSIE LITTLE<sup>z"l</sup>.

STEPHEN FREEDHOFF, David and Doba Goodman, Sylvia Goodman, Judith and Aubrey Golden, Michal and Michael Van Leeuwen, Yoni and Stacey Freedhoff and families, on the loss of their wife, sister, sister-in-law, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, HELEN FREEDHOFF<sup>z"l</sup>.

Sandra Miller, GILBERT and SHAYNA MILLER, Rebecca, Ethan, Brenda and Gary Nahornick, Liza Miller and families, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather, Gabriel Miller<sup>z"l</sup>.

Tom and Ava Kovendi and family, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, ROSE KOVENDI-HEISZ<sup>z"l</sup>.

Rose Aziman and family, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, MOLLY (LEIFER) FISCH<sup>z"l</sup>.

FRANCINE GREEN and family, on the loss of their husband, brother-in-law and uncle, RALPH GREEN<sup>z"l</sup>.

JEFFREY and BERYL ZEIFMAN, Chana and Ronnie Rutman, Larry and Susan Zeifman, Joe and Yocheved Zeifman and families, on the loss of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, MEYER ZEIFMAN<sup>z"l</sup>.

HENNY KESTENBAUM, Naomi Kestenbaum and Bobby Markovits, Deborah (Debi) Kestenbaum and Joel Katz and families, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather, MICHAEL (Micky) KESTENBAUM<sup>z"l</sup>.

MARC and JOY KOPLOWITZ, BAILEY and YONI ROTH, DARA and ADIR DISHY, JAKE KOPLOWITZ, Sol and Gaila Koplowitz, Shirley and Michael Smoskowitz and families, on the loss of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, Israel Koplowitz<sup>z"l</sup>.



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<b>SEPT 9</b>	Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat
<b>SEPT 16</b>	Leil Slichot / Slichot and Shira
<b>SEPT 20</b>	Erev Rosh Hashana
<b>SEPT 21-22</b>	Rosh Hashana I & II
<b>SEPT 23</b>	Shabbat Shuva
<b>SEPT 24</b>	Tzom Gedaliah
<b>SEPT 29</b>	Erev Yom Kippur
<b>SEPT 30</b>	Yom Kippur
<b>OCT 4</b>	Erev Sukkot
<b>OCT 5-6</b>	Sukkot I & II
<b>OCT 7-10</b>	Chol HaMoed Sukkot
<b>OCT 11</b>	Hoshana Rabbah
<b>OCT 12</b>	Shmini Atzeret
<b>OCT 13</b>	Simchat Torah
<b>OCT 16</b>	Rabbi Strauchler's <i>Yeshayahu</i> Shiur begins
<b>OCT 17</b>	Dr. Shoshana Zolty's Shiur begins
<b>OCT 17</b>	Rabbi Torczyner's <i>Ezra &amp; Nechemiah</i> Shiur begins
<b>OCT 23</b>	Shaarei Shomayim & Jews for Judaism Lecture Series with Rabbi Skobac begins
<b>OCT 25</b>	Yaron Perez's <i>The Parsha and Me</i> Hebrew Shiur resumes
<b>OCT 27-28</b>	Scholar-In-Residence Rabbi Shlomo Riskin / The Shabbat Project
<b>NOV 3-4</b>	Shabbat – Rabbis Shlomo and Eitan Katz
<b>NOV 11</b>	Parent-Child Learning begins
<b>NOV 13</b>	Legal Ethics with Rabbi Torczyner: <i>Jewish Litigants in Civil Court</i>
<b>NOV 27</b>	Medical Ethics with Rabbi Torczyner: <i>Informing a Patient of a Terminal Diagnosis</i>
<b>DEC 2</b>	YU Beit Midrash Shabbaton
<b>DEC 12</b>	Erev Chanukah – First Candle
<b>DEC 13-20</b>	Chanukah
<b>DEC 28</b>	Fast of the 10 <sup>th</sup> of Tevet
<b>FEB 3, 2018</b>	Students of Philip Zucker – Memorial Shabbat