

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, December 15

4:23 pm Candles
4:30 pm Mincha /
Maariv - Sanctuary

Shabbat, December 16

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash
8:10 am Chumash/Rashi - Melech Halberstadt
Room 106
9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor
9:00 am Shacharit - Sisterhood Hall - Rabbi Diamond
9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash - Rabbi Anstandig
9:58 am Latest time to say Shema
9:45 am Youth Programs - Classrooms
9:45 am Teen Minyan - Lower Level Social Hall
10:30 am Teen Girls' Parsha Chat with Yakira Gasner—
Youth Lounge

11:15 am Downstairs Kiddush - Sisterhood Hall*
11:30 am Guest Speaker - MPP Michael Kerzner
11:45 am Congregational Kiddush - Banquet Hall*
12:00 pm Shiur with Prof. David Novak - Beit Midrash
4:10 pm Mincha - Sanctuary
4:30 pm Bnei Akiva SNIF Shabbat Program
4:30 pm Seudah Shlishit - Sisterhood Hall* - Speaker:
Anna Sherman
5:27 pm Shabbat Ends
6:15 pm Parent-Child Learning and PCL

* Pareve from the dairy kitchen

Torah Reading:

Bereshit
41:1 - 44:17
Hertz P. 155
Stone P. 222

Haftarah:

I Kings 3:15- 4:1
Hertz P. 167
Stone P. 1143

MAZEL TOV AND OTHER MEMBER MATTERS

- Mazel Tov to **Elliott & Sally Dale** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Cooper Eisen, son of Sean Eisen & Amanda Dale. Excited brother is Riley. Thrilled grandparents are Arthur & Sherice Eisenbaum.
- Mazel Tov to **Rick & Laura Orzy** on the birth of a grandson, Golan Hillel, born to Jake & Noa Flaster in Israel. Thrilled siblings are Oze, Lielle, and Yishai.
- Mazel Tov to **Warren & Ellen Grossman**, Risa Baker, and Jeff & Suzanne Halberstadt on the birth of a grandson, Be'eri Moshe (Dean Bennett), born to Ezra & Jenna Grossman. Thrilled great grandparents are Carrie Grossman, Caryl Baker, Lila Halberstadt, Alan Baker, and Sheldon Shore.
- Mazal Tov to **Linda Levenstein** on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to Talia & Aaron Lesser. Excited brother is Brodey Michael. Proud grandparents are Carol & Stewart Lesser, and Marla & Bob Stark.
- Mazel Tov to **Warren Cohen & Anne Silber Cohen** and Rina & Elliott Rosenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Coco (Tziviva) born to Rebecca Cohen & Marlon Rosenberg. Excited siblings are Levi and Molly.
- Mazal Tov to **David Eisenstat & Amanda Salem** on the engagement of their daughter, **Ariella** to Yonatan, son of Sean and Pnina Halberstadt of Beit Shemesh. Excited siblings are **Joshua Eisenstat**, Leora & Josh Stern, Yehudit & Eli Shay, Aharon Halberstadt and Daniella Halberstadt. Delighted grandparents are **Chaim Eisenstat**, Ketty Salem, Joseph Salem, and Gitty Halberstadt.

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:

KIDDUSH:

Helen & Jerry Grad & Family in commemoration of the yahrzeits of Helen's father, Bernard Gruszko z"l and Helen's mother, Sally Gruszko z"l

Neil and Jemmie Silver to mark the end of Shloshim for Neil's sister, Vivian Silver z"l and to thank the shul for their kindness and support.

Ilona Roberts and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Ilona's father, Yosef Menachem Rosenberg z"l

Elliott & Sally Dale in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Cooper Eisen

Lori & Sheldon Disenhouse in honour of the birth of their grandson, Noam Roey

Tali & Josh Disenhouse in honour of the birth of their son Noam Roey

DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN:

Russell & Sara Schachter in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Russell's father, Benjamin Schachter z"l and Russell's mother, Ethel Schachter z"l

Philip & Caryn Ladovsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Philip's Father, Herman Ladovsky z"l, and the engagement of their son Nathan.

MINYAN 9:30:

Jordan & Sara Lass in honour of the birth of their daughter, Molly Cynthia, (Meirav Tziona)

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This Shabbat we welcome:

- **The Hon. Michael Kerzner**, MPP for York Centre and Solicitor General of Ontario. Minister Kerzner will share brief remarks about the security of our province's Jewish population.
- **Anna Sherman**, Registered Psychotherapist who will speak during Seudat Shlishit on: "Regulating and Healing During Times of Crisis."
- **Robin Martin**, MPP of Eglinton-Lawrence, who will be joining us for Kiddush.

UPCOMING SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS

- Motzei Shabbat, Dec. 16, 7:30 pm at Shaarei Shomayim: **Community-wide event with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner** "I Don't Understand: A Jew Responds to Tragedy". Pre-registration required: torontotorah.com/dec16
- Monday, December 18, 7:00 pm at the home of Ian Kessler: **Local MP Marco Mendicino talks about his thoughts on his recent trip to Israel**. Please RSVP to <https://www.shomayim.org/form/mendicino2023>
- Tuesday, January 16 - 12:00 pm: **Lunch & Learn - "Fraud Prevention Tips"** Register at shomayim.org/form/lunchnlearnjan2024
- Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - **Circle of Care Seniors' Exercise Class**
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am - **The Walkie Talkies**. (Banquet Hall)

Our regular Shiurim can be found on page 2.

ISRAEL MATTERS

Solidarity Mission to Israel: Our Mission to Israel is planned for **February 19—**

February 22, 2024. The trip will include visiting IDF bases, displaced communities, sites of the atrocities, *nichum aveilim*, and volunteering. The program will cost \$1600 + \$200 for Shabbat (airfare and accommodations not included). A tax receipt will be available for the maximum possible amount. For more information and to register, please contact [Rabbi Taylor](#) or [Brian Lass](#).

Shaarei Shomayim would like to help with the distribution of a special "*Magen Yisrael Tehilim-Siddur*" for soldiers. Please see the flyer on page 3. If you would like to be a part of this important initiative, please donate at shomayim.org/form/siddurproject-2023



TORAH MATTERS:

Sunday, December 17 / 5 Tevet	8:30 am Shacharit 4:25 pm Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Monday, December 18 / 6 Tevet	7:10 am Shacharit 4:25 pm Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) 9:30 am Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur (Zoom) 7:00 pm An Evening with Marco Mendicino - see flyer for details
Tuesday, December 19 / 7 Tevet	7:15 am Shacharit 4:25 pm Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Wednesday, December 20 / 8 Tevet	7:15 am Shacharit 4:25 pm Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) 9:00 pm Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berurah Shiur
Thursday, December 21 / 9 Tevet	7:10 am Shacharit 4:25 pm Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) 9:00 am Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Taylor (Zoom)
Friday, December 22 / 10 Tevet Fast of Asara B'Tevet	6:39 am Fast begins 7:00 am Shacharit / Selichot 4:15 pm Mincha / Maariv 4:25 pm Candles Fast ends with Kiddush after 5:17 pm	6:15 am Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)

Please note:

- Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua shiur will resume on January 9, 2024.
- Shoshana Zolty's class will resume on January 2, 2024

TODAH RABAH to OUR SPONSORS (continued):

SHABBAT MATTERS: Janice & Stephen Halpern in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Janice's father, Shaul Moshe Klein ^{z"l}

EMMA'S MEANINGFUL MOMENTS: Golda Brown & Harry Krakowsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Golda's grandmother, Bubi Rachel Brown ^{z"l}

PARENT CHILD LEARNING: The Stochinsky Family

PARSHA MATTERS by Rabbi Diamond

IT'S NEVER TOO HARD

Years ago, a non-Jewish theologian made famous the following saying: G-d, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

It seems to me, however, that this week's Torah portion reveals that Yosef already grappled with this notion so long ago. After listening to Pharaoh's imaginative and bewildering dreams, Yosef's response is instructive and worth considering. He understood that Hashem placed him at the right place, at the right time with the necessary abilities and talents to make the difference that was required. A vision of an impending disaster of enormous proportions might have made others tremble out of uncertainty and confusion. But Yosef was confident that Hashem would provide him with what he needed. And as we know, the rest is history. But it's also a lesson.

When should, (if ever) a person become resigned to the status quo and surrender to its existing conditions and limitations? Should we seek the "serenity to accept" outcomes? Are there challenges that, when encountered, we should declare to be too hard to fix or overcome and simply admit powerlessness? Are we where we are because G-d placed us in the right place at the right time?

The story of Yosef ought to challenge us to genuinely evaluate what we can fix with Hashem's help. Perhaps, we are, sometimes, too willing to give up before we even start because we don't really believe that the Almighty will be by our side like he was with Joseph. The story of our people throughout history teaches us that, like Joseph, we emerge, with Hashem's help, from danger to triumph, from darkness to light. We don't seek the serenity of acceptance. Rather, with Hashem's help, we can redirect the future, as Yosef did.

YOUTH AND TEEN MATTERS



PCL & PCL PLUS - PARENT / CHILD LEARNING 6:15PM (last program before the break): This week's PCL and PCL+ is sponsored by the **Stochinsky Family**. Yasher koach to **Naftali Taylor**, who delivered last week's dvar Torah
S.T.A.R.S. High School Leadership Program—Final class of Fall session this Tuesday

NEW: "Parsha Chat" with Yakira Gasner - Teen Girls - 10:30am - Youth Lounge

Join Yakira for an informal talk on this week's Parsha—(donuts for all participants followed by Mussaf in the teen minyan)

UPCOMING Youth & Teen Programs

Teen Oneg * Toronto Marlies Game * Teen Night Tubing @ Snow Valley * Family Chesed Project * Youth Shabbat Lunch/Learn/Laugh * Youth Movie Night * Teen Girls' Melaveh Malkah

CHANUKAH MITZVAH RAFFLE (entry deadline is this Sunday Dec. 17th) - Open to all Shaarei Shomayim Members

PRIZE: Gift Certificate for 1 pizza a week for 10 weeks (courtesy of Slice 'N'Bites). One winner will be drawn from all entries received.

To sponsor a Youth or Teen Program, please contact Rich. rich@shomayim.org

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Beit Midrash Zichron Dov and Shaarei Shomayim present:

I DON'T UNDERSTAND A JEW RESPONDS TO TRAGEDY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF UNITY
AND SEEKING SOLACE IN OUR
HISTORY AND TRADITION



**RABBI MORDECHAI
TORCZYNER**

**Saturday Night, Dec 16 at 7:30 pm
Shaarei Shomayim - 470 Glencairn Ave**

COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT

No charge for admission but pre-registration is required at:
torontotorah.com/dec16

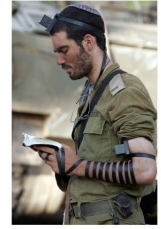
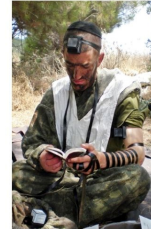
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SIDDUR PROJECT FOR ISRAEL



Shaarei Shomayim would like to help with the distribution of a special "*Magen Yisrael Tehilim-Siddur*" for soldiers. It is made to fit into the breast pocket of a uniform and contains Mincha, Maariv, a shortened Shacharit for emergencies and many other key Tefilot and Brachot. The cost of each siddur is \$2.00 CAD. Our goal is to purchase 10,000 siddurim.

If you would like to be part of this initiative, please donate at:
www.shomayim.org/form/siddurproject-2023

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AN EVENING WITH MP MARCO MENDICINO

Join us for an evening with
MP Marco Mendicino as he
discusses his recent trip to Israel

Monday, December 18

**At the home of
Ian Kessler & Davida Shiff**

7:00 pm



RSVP to: shomayim.org/form/mendicino2023

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Lunch & Learn



FRAUD PREVENTION TIPS

**Members - \$15.00
Non-Members - \$20.00**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

12:00 pm

Lower Level Social Hall

RSVP to: shomayim.org/form/lunchnlearnJan2024

Yahrzeits

DATE OBSERVED	Yahrzeit Date		
Shabbat, December 16	4 Tevet	Herbert Handler, brother of Lorraine Hanser Marcus Orzech, father of Gary Orzech	Charles Berman, father of Jerry Berman
Sunday, December 17	5 Tevet	Ruth Ackerman, mother of Sidney Ackerman and Roz Fine	Irving Isaac Begun, father of Dov Begun
Monday, December 18	6 Tevet	Cynthia Feiglin, mother of David Feiglin Zipora Meir, mother of Gili Rosen Mania Nayman, sister of Sol Nayman Elva Starkman, mother of Donna Starkman Shiff Jacob Theodore Sydney, father of Joyce Rifkind	Joseph Sananes, father of Renee Spiegel Joseph Greenberg, father of Ricki Ekstein Clara Candel, wife of Max Candel Yitzchak Hakimi, father of Farokh Hakimi
Tuesday, December 19	7 Tevet	Rav Uziel Milevsky, father of Yonatan Milevsky Shaul Moshe Klein, father of Bill Klein and Janice Halpern Max Dale, father of Elliott Dale	Sam Winbaum, father of Heshy Altbaum and Joy Koplowitz Ethel Schachar, mother of Russell Schachar
Wednesday, December 20	8 Tevet	Shirley Larman, sister of Arthur Eklove	Frank Herbert, father of Paul Herbert
Thursday, December 21	9 Tevet	Murray Waltman, father of Barry Waltman	
Friday, December 22	10 Tevet	Yosef Menachem Rosenberg, father of Ilona Roberts Sydney Freedland, husband of Evelyn Freedland	Ronald Martin Heller, father of Jay Heller and Hart Heller

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for Yahrzeit Commemorations:

- Rena Levy in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother-in-law, Phyllis Levy ^{z"l}
- Sol & Queenie Nayman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Sol's sister, Mania Nayman ^{z"l}
- Roz Fine in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Ruth Ackerman ^{z"l}
- Lorraine Hanser to the Philip Zucker Torah Fund, in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her brother, Herbert Handler ^{z"l}
- Arthur & Joyce Eklove in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Arthur's sister, Shirley Larman ^{z"l}

Lost and Found: If you find something in the shul, please bring it to the table outside the office. If it is an item of value, please give it to a member of the clergy. If you have lost an item, please inquire with the office if someone has turned in your item. Please remember to put your name in your belongings (like a talit bag) to avoid confusion.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- December 17, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm: @ Yeshivat Or Chaim: **Beit Midrash Zichron Dov presents "Tanach In A Day - War and Peace in Tanach"**. Register at torontotorah.com/warpeace.
- December 18, 7:30 pm @ Spivak Family (88 Shelborne Ave): **"Experience Summer with Yachad Info Session"**. 25+ Programs for Kids, Teens and Adults. RSVP or questions: 212-613-8164 or greenfield@ou.org
- April 9, 2024 at the Meridian Arts Centre: **World's Greatest Cantors: Am Yisrael Chai, featuring Cantor Shai Abramson**. Information and tickets at: www.worldsgreatestcantors.com

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

Eliyahu ben Ryejah, Yehuda Yoseif ben Miriam Yocheved (Jerry Genesove), Eliyahu ben Ruth, Minah Tzurel bat Ita, Elyakum Zev ben Leeah, Moshe ben Malka, Yekutiel ben Sara, Ronitte Dvora bat Esther, Hinda Rivka bat Mindel Esther, Tova Rachel bat Elka Tema, Yehoshua Tzvi ben Sara, Baruch Bendit ben Chana Gittel, Elana Chana bat Gila Brynlah, Shaul Efraim ben Hendl, Leah Adj bat Miriam Gittel, Brachah bat Giti, Eliyahu Yom Tov ben Leah, Aryeh ben Tzipporah, Israel Binyamin ben Telma, Yehuda ben Chana, Levi David ben Elisheva Leba, Aron Shimon ben Faigi Chana, Emily Yael bat Naomi Gittel, Tova Sara bat Chana Rivka, Devora Malka Raizel bat Rut Chana, Eliyahu ben Clara, Rivka bat Chana Hentcha, Rivka Tzippora bat Chana Gittel, Moshe Mordechai ben Basha, Mordechai Ron ben Rachel, Yosef ben Esther, Chaim Shmuel ben Dina, Shimon ben Esther, Rifka Malka bat Liba, Frimet Ita bat Feiga Perl, Davida Leiba bat Bracha Rut, Pesach Shlomoh ben Leah, Aharon Leib ben Tzipora, Adi bat Francis, Lieba Rivka bat Chaya Reizel, Roochel Beila bat Chaya, Neshama bat Luba, Malka Beila bat Golda, Tzvi Moshe ben Yeshaya, Yaakov Zvi ben Chaya Baila, Binyamin Uriel ben Sarah, Tzvi Mair Yishehar ben Sorola.

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