

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, December 29 Shabbat, December 30

4:30 pm Candles
4:40 pm Mincha /
Maariv - Sanctuary

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash
9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor
9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash: Rabbi Anstandig
10:05 am Latest time to say Shema
10:30 am Teen Girls Parsha Chat with Yakira Gasner:
Youth Lounge
11:15 am Dvar Torah by Rebbetzin Emma Taylor:
Sanctuary

11:30 am Congregational Kiddush
Sisterhood Hall*
11:45 pm Shiur with Prof. David Novak:
Beit Midrash
4:20 pm Mincha - Sanctuary
4:40 pm Seudah Shlishit - Sisterhood Hall*
5:35 pm Shabbat Ends

* Pareve from the dairy kitchen

Torah Reading:
Bereshit 47:28-50:26
Hertz P. 180
Stone P. 268
Haftarah:
I Kings 2:1-12
Hertz P. 191
Stone P. 1145

MAZEL TOV AND OTHER MEMBER MATTERS

- Mazel Tov to **Avi Wurman & Sharon Sussman** on the wedding of their daughter **Ilana** to Alex Solway, son of Carole Solway, Gary Solway & Jeiliah Chan. Excited siblings are **Cory, and Tiffany Wurman**, and Rachel Solway.
- Mazel Tov to **Adir & Dara Dishy** on the birth of a daughter, Toby (*Tova*) Excited siblings are **Ellie and Izzy**. Excited Grandparents are **Marc & Joy Koplowitz**, Ilan Dishy & Dorit Sova- Ansel, Sandra Dishy & Harry Litwin, and Safta Raba - Edna Dishy.

Volunteers for our Greeter's Table are needed for 45 minute shifts in the coming weeks. If you are able to assist please call the office or sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/ShShGreeters>

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:

KIDDUSH:

Stewart & Danielle Turk in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Stewart's father, Israel Turkenicz z"l

Brondell Shapiro in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of her mother, Lillian Bobkin z"l

HASHKAMA MINYAN:

Peter & Adrienne Klemensberg in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Peter's father, Elek Klemensberg z"l

Bronia, Jeff & Laurie Fialkov and Family in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Jeff's father Gershon Fialkov z"l

SHABBAT MATTERS:

Jerry & Helen Grad in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Jerry's father, Karl Grad z"l

ISRAEL ACTION:

Helen & Alan Cohen in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Alan's mother, Helen (Dolly) Cohen z"l and Helen's mother, Lillian Bobkin z"l

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. More information can be found on the flyer on page 3, and additionally, you can 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

If you are interested in hosting **ShinShinim** from September–December 2025, or January to June 2025, please call the office.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SHIURIM

Monday Jan 15 and Feb 26, 7:00 pm **Legal Ethics: Your Jewish Clients Going to Civil Court** by Rabbi Yehuda Mann, on Zoom (<http://tiny.cc/BMZDlegal>). Please register at <https://torontotorah.com/cpd>. Email ymann@torontotorah.com for more information. These topics are eligible for CPD Credit.

Please note:

- Downstairs Shabbat Minyan** will resume on January 13, 2024
- Shoshana Zolty's class** will resume on January 3, 2024
- Senior's Exercise Class** will resume on January 3, 2024
- Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur** will resume on January 8, 2024
- Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura** shiur will resume January 8, 2024
- Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua** shiur will resume on January 9, 2024.
- Rabbi Taylor's Coffee Klatch** will resume January 11, 2024
- Melech Halberstadt's Chumash/Rashi** shiur will resume February 3, 2024

Note that the office will be closed on Monday, January 1. The office will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 2 (8:30 am–5:00 pm).

TORAH MATTERS:

Sunday, December 31 / 19 Tevet	8:30 am 4:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Monday, January 1 / 20 Tevet <i>Statutory Holiday</i>	8:30 am 4:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Tuesday, January 2 / 21 Tevet	7:15 am 4:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Wednesday, January 3/ 22 Tevet	7:15 am 4:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:30 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) Dr. Shoshana Zolty
Thursday, January 4/ 23 Tevet	7:10 am 4:35 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:25 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Friday January 5 / 24 Tevet	7:15 am 4:36 pm 4:45 pm	Shacharit Candles Mincha	6:30 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)

PARSHA MATTERS by RABBI TAYLOR

In his final address to his sons, Yaakov turns to Shimon and Levi and criticizes their violence, presumably referring to their attack on the city of Shechem after the city's prince abducted and degraded their sister. Yaakov then declares that has no wish to be associated with 'their assembly'.

Rashi, citing the Midrash, explains that when Yaakov speaks of their assembly, he refers to the group that would later be formed by Korach, a great grandson of Levi, who led a revolt against Moshe and Aharon in the wilderness. Yaakov's wish, that he not be associated with this group, was fulfilled through the absence of his name when the Torah introduces the story of Korach's uprising. As Rashi notes, the Torah introduces Korach as 'Korach, the son of Yitzhar, the son of Kehat, the son of Levi,' without going one generation further and identifying Levi as the son of Yaakov. By omitting Yaakov's name when tracing Korach's lineage, the Torah fulfilled Yaakov's desire to be dissociated from this sinister plot devised by Levi's descendant.

Interestingly enough, the Midrash then proceeds to observe that later in Tanach, Yaakov's name is, indeed, mentioned in reference to Korach. In Divrei Hayamim, we read of Heiman, a grandson of the Shmuel who was among the Leviim assigned by King David to sing in the Beit Hamikdash. The verses there in Divrei Hayamim trace Heiman's lineage back to Korach, who is identified as 'the son of Yitzhar, the son of Kehat, the son of Levi, the son of Yisrael.' Whereas Yaakov's name is omitted in the context of Korach's uprising, it is mentioned in reference to Korach's descendant who sang in the Beit Hamikdash.

The lesson that emerges, perhaps, is that the need to condemn wrongful behavior must not blind us to positive behaviors which deserve praise. Although Yaakov wanted to ensure that he would be entirely dissociated from Korach in regard to his revolt, his name was included in reference to Korach's family's involvement in the Beit Hamikdash. His prophetic condemnation of Korach's uprising did not lead him to overlook the positive contributions Korach's family would make in the future. Too often, we frame people and entities in simplistic, black and white terms, writing off those in whom we find something distasteful. The Midrash draws our attention to the fact that Yaakov distanced himself from one aspect of Korach's family but warmly embraced and identified with another, teaching us that we can admire the positive characteristics of those who we strongly disagree with in other matters.

YOUTH AND TEEN MATTERS



Teen girls are invited to this week's "Parsha Chat" with Yakira Gasner—10:30 am – Youth Lounge
Family Kabbalat Shabbat and Friday Night Teen Kiddush: January 19, 5:00 pm—register at
shomayim.org/form/kabbalatshabbatjan2023

Teen Oneg Shabbat, Friday Night January 26 - 8:30 pm—Home of Eizicovics Family

S.T.A.R.S. resumes January 16, 2024

PCL and PCL+ resume January 20, 2024

UPCOMING Youth & Teen Programs

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

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.

Please be a part of this important initiative.
You can donate at:

www.shomayim.org/form/siddurproject-2023

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



JOIN MIZRACHI CANADA ON A

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM MISSION TO ISRAEL

UNDERSTAND. SHOW SOLIDARITY. BE PART OF THE EFFORT. BECOME AN ADVOCATE.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024
WITH OPTIONAL SHABBAT PROGRAM AFTER

In these trying times, we invite you to join Shaarei Shomayim & Mizrahi Canada on a unique mission to Israel - a journey that goes beyond the ordinary. A mission of understanding, solidarity, and unwavering support.

MISSION ITINERARY INCLUDES:

- Visiting Refugees from Affected Area
- BBQ for chayalim
- Visiting Bereaved Families
- Packing Essential Items for the front lines and Victims
- Visit with Emergency Workers
- Volunteer on the front
- Hear from the people on the ground

COST: \$1600 + \$200 FOR SHABBAT

Airfare and accommodations are not included.

bus is leaving from 54 King George Jerusalem at 9am daily

For inquiries and reservations, please contact:

Rabbi Taylor - RabbiTaylor@shomayim.org

Brian Lass - brian@mjs-group.com

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER VISIT:
MIZRACHI.CA/SHOMAYIMMISSION

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MISSION:

1. Resilience: Visit communities and individuals who have endured the harsh impact of terrorism. Gain a first hand perspective on their stories, resilience and strength.
2. Volunteer: Stand with Israel by volunteering your time and efforts to support those affected by recent tragedies. Contribute to the ongoing efforts and make a tangible difference.
3. Deep Understanding: Immerse yourself in the Israeli experience. Understand what our community and our country are going through during these times of conflict.
4. Advocate for Israel: Return home as an advocate for Israel. Share your experiences and insights with your community, helping others understand the complexities and realities on the ground.
5. A Meaningful Journey: This mission is about standing in solidarity with Israel when it needs it most. Your presence, support, and actions will make a meaningful impact.

THE GET OF CLEVES

A Mental Health Debate
that Rocked the 17th c.
Jewish World

January 14th and 21st, 8pm
Shaarei Shomayim Beit Midrash
Rabbi Jared Anstandig



Yahrzeits

DATE OBSERVED	Yahrzeit Date		
Shabbat, December 30	18 Tevet	Rachel Swirsky, daughter of Myra Mechanic and sister of Deborah Mechanic and Meyer Mechanic Karol Grad, father of Jerry Grad	Joseph Erlich, father of Harry Erlich Morris Gelman, father of Dorothy Halberstadt Charles John Kasner, husband of Toby Kasner
Sunday, December 31	19 Tevet	Israel Turkenicz, father of Stewart Turk Rav Shlomo Gaon, father of Isaac Gaon Ben Herman, father of Rivie Seaberg Bernard Cooper, husband of Lillian Cooper	Bluma Eichenbaum, mother of Miriam Fulop Louis Pollock, father of Dorothy Tratner Elek Klemensberg, father of Peter Klemensberg
Monday, January 1	20 Tevet	Sandra Hirschowitz, sister of Ian Rosmarin	
Tuesday, January 2	21 Tevet	Myer Levine, father of Ralph Levine Harry Bernstein, father of Michelle Edelstein Elma Dubow, sister of Aaron Rifkind	Jack Goldbach, father of Henry Goldbach Sam Seaberg, father of David Seaberg
Wednesday, January 3	22 Tevet	Herman Ladovsky, father of Philip Ladovsky Sara Lang, mother of Aaron Lang Gershon Fialkov, husband of Bronia Fialkov and father of Jeff Fialkov	Edith Lichtenberg, mother of Ron Lichtenberg Samuel Lerner, husband of Eve Lerner and father of Fern Goldhar
Thursday, January 4	23 Tevet	Carol Kravetsky, mother of Sheri Towel Lillian Bobkin, mother of Brondell Shapiro and Helen Cohen Morton Stern, father of Beth Singer	Avigdor David Goelman, father of Louis Goelman Irving Silverstein, father of Saul Silverstein
Friday, January 5	24 Tevet	R. George Vale, husband of Elfrieda Vale and father of Lydia Vale Goldfarb	Rose Rifkind, mother of Aaron Rifkind Irving Naiberg, father of Barry Naiberg

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for Yahrzeit Commemorations:

Toby Kasner in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her husband, Charles John Kasner z"l

Cemetery Audit: The Cemetery Committee is in the process of doing a physical audit of all our cemeteries. The following graves have been identified as having no marker on them. Please contact the office if you know of any next of kin for the following people with noted date of death:

Faye Cynthia Snider (2010) Mount Sinai - Palmerston
Lillian Snider (1977) Mount Sinai - Palmerston
Marvin Siegel (2012) McCowan Road Cemetery

Yetta Richmond (2000) Bathurst Lawn
Toby Verman (2014) Bathurst Lawn

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 to see if someone has turned in your item. Please remember to put your name on your belongings (like a talit bag) to avoid confusion.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- January 21, 10:00 am on Zoom: **Reverse ShinShinim Year of Service Information session.** The Reverse ShinShinim program is for GTA participants aged 17-20 who have graduated high school and want to spend a year in our partnership region, Eilat, volunteering in the local community. Please contact Neila Shapiro: nshapiro@ujafed.org for information.
- 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 Adi bat Miriam Gitel, 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 Yisehar ben Sorola.

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