

## SHABBAT MATTERS

### Friday, December 8

**Light 2 Chanukah**  
**Candles before Shabbat**

4:22 pm Candles  
4:30 pm Mincha /  
Maariv - Sanctuary

5:45 pm Chanukah  
Dinner for Registered  
Guests

### Shabbat, December 9

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash  
8:10 am Chumash/Rashi - Melech Halberstadt  
Room 106  
9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor (**centre  
mechitza will be used**)  
9:00 am Shacharit - Sisterhood Hall - Rabbi Diamond  
9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash - Rabbi Anstandig  
9:54 am Latest time to say Shema  
9:45 am Youth Programs - Classrooms  
9:45 am Teen Minyan - Room 106

10:00 am Women's Hallel - Lower Level Social Hall  
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\*\*  
5:26 pm Shabbat Ends  
Light 3 candles after Havdalah  
6:15 pm Parent-Child Learning and PCL+  
\*Meat Kiddush  
\*\* Pareve from the Meat Kitchen

### Torah Reading:

*Bereshit*  
37:1 - 40:23  
Hertz P. 141  
Stone P. 198

### Maftir:

*Bamidbar* 7:18-23

### Haftarah:

*Zechariah* 2:14-4:7  
Hertz P. 987  
Stone P. 1210

## MAZEL TOV AND OTHER MEMBER MATTERS

- Mazel Tov to **Jason & Raquel Goldberg** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Aviva**. Excited siblings are **Ezra** and **Liora**. Proud grandparents are Joseph & Sharon Penkower Kaplan, and Eric & Gloria Goldberg.
- Mazel Tov to **Alan & Laura Winer** in celebration of the birth of a granddaughter, born to Rabbi Emily Goldberg Winer & Rabbi Jonah Winer of Providence, Rhode Island. Honoured great grandmother is Ruth Winer.
- Mazel Tov to **Joshua & Tali Disenhouse** on the birth of a son. Excited siblings are **Lia** and **Ari**. Proud grandparents are **Lori & Sheldon Disenhouse**, and Iris & Henry Silberman. Proud great grandparents are Richard & Dora Silberman, and Malka Nachumovitz of Metulah, Israel.
- Mazel Tov to **Richard & Irina Kay** and Roger & Debra Rubin on the birth of their granddaughter, born to Ari & Serena Rubin. Mazel Tov to uncles and aunts **Gregory & Deena Kay** and **Jeff & Andrea Kay**; and cousins Benji, Nicky, Emily & Julian Kay
- Mazel Tov to **Rena Levy** on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Natanel Kafri, son of Melissa Levy & Ran Kafri. Excited siblings are Maya and Shira. Thrilled grandparents are Yosepha Kafri & Aryeh Shtaubert of Israel.
- Mazel Tov to **Rena Levy** on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Yael Kaufman Levy, daughter of Sharon Kaufman Levy & Jason Levy. Excited siblings are Nava and Orly. Thrilled grandparents are Agnes and Zev Kaufman.
- Mazel Tov to **Warren Grossman** on his special birthday

### TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:

#### KIDDUSH:

Raquel & Jason Goldberg in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Aviva.

#### MINYAN 9:30:

The Handelman family in honour of their 2 new Granddaughters, Lyla and Mila  
Alan & Laura Winer in celebration of the birth of a granddaughter

#### SHABBAT MATTERS:

Marla Orbach and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Marla's husband, Jacob Orbach <sup>z"l</sup>

#### WEEKLY MATTERS:

George & Florence Weinberger in commemoration of the yahrzeit of George's sister, Judy Weinberger <sup>z"l</sup>, George's uncle, Mike Vas <sup>z"l</sup>, and Florence's mother, Leah Day <sup>z"l</sup>

#### RABBI TAYLOR'S MESECHET MO'ED KATAN SHIUR:

Brian & Robbie Schwartz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Brian's father, Frank Schwartz <sup>z"l</sup>

#### EMMA'S MEANINGFUL MOMENTS:

The Grossman Family in honour of Warren's special birthday.

#### TERROR VICTIM FUND:

Edith Feiger and Brian Feiger in commemoration of the yahrzeit of their daughter and sister, Cherie Feiger <sup>z"l</sup>

#### CHESED FUND:

Lynne & Orvin Zende, Adam, Becky, Shai, Orli and Maya, Gord & Lily Steinberg, Josh & Karen, Nate and Mia in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Gord & Lynne's father, Louis Steinberg <sup>z"l</sup>

#### PARENT CHILD LEARNING:

Yonah Krakowsky & Jana Danzinger

## UPCOMING SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS

Along with the services and programs in the shul building, weekday services and programs will continue on Zoom. **Please call the office for zoom information.**

- Mondays, 9:30 am - **Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur** (Zoom)
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am - **The Walkie Talkies**. Outdoors (if raining - Banquet Hall).
- Tuesdays, 8:00 pm - **Rabbi Diamond's Parshat HaShavua Shiur** (Zoom).
- Wednesday, December 13, 8:00 pm: **Rabbi Anstandig shiur: Abayei or Athens?** (in person)
- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm - **Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur**. (In person)
- Thursday, December 14, 10:00 am - **Rabbi Taylor's Chanukah Coffee Klatch**- Rabbi Taylor's home.
- Motzei Shabbat, Dec. 16 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](http://torontotorah.com/dec16)
- Monday, December 18 at the home of Ian Kessler: **Local MP Marco Mendicino talks about his thoughts on his recent trip to Israel**. Please RSVP to [shomayim.org/form/mendicino2023](http://shomayim.org/form/mendicino2023)
- Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - **Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class** at Shaarei Shomayim. To register contact Mila Robinson at [mrobinson@circleofcare.com](mailto:mrobinson@circleofcare.com)

## ISRAEL MATTERS

**Solidarity Mission to Israel:** Our Mission to Israel is planned for departure on **February 19**. The trip will include visiting IDF bases, displaced communities, sites of the atrocities, *nichum aveilim* and volunteering, and, will cost between \$1500 and \$2000. A tax receipt will be available for the maximum possible amount. For more information on this program (including logistics), please contact Rabbi Taylor or Brian Lass.

**News from Israel Action Committee:** Shaarei Shomayim would like to help with the distribution of a special "Magen Yisrael Tehilim-Siddur" for soldiers in the IDF. It is made to fit into the breast pocket of the uniform and contains Mincha, Maariv, a shortened Shacharit for emergencies and many other key Tefilot and Brachot. The cost of each siddur is \$2 CAD. Our goal is to purchase 10,000 siddurim. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please donate and register: [www.shomayim.org/form/siddurproject-2023](http://www.shomayim.org/form/siddurproject-2023)



## TORAH MATTERS:

Sunday, December 10 / 27 Kislev 3rd Day of Chanukah	8:30 am 4:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv <b>4 Candles after dark</b>	7:45 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Monday, December 11 / 28 Kislev 4th Day of Chanukah	7:05 am 4:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv <b>5 Candles after dark</b>	6:15 am 9:30 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shir (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 12 / 29 Kislev 5th Day of Chanukah	7:05 am 4:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv <b>6 Candles after dark</b>	6:15 am 9:30 am 8:00 pm	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) Dr. Shoshana Zolty's Class (Zoom, by registration) Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur (Zoom)
Wednesday, December 13 / 1 Tevet 6th Day of Chanukah	7:00 am 4:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv <b>7 Candles after dark</b>	6:15 am 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) Shiur with Rabbi Anstandig - "Abayei or Athens" Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berurah Shiur
Thursday, December 14 / 2 Tevet 7th Day of Chanukah	7:05 am 4:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv <b>8 Candles after dark</b>	6:15 am 10:00 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) Chanukah Edition - Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Taylor (in person @ Rabbi Taylor's home)
Friday, December 15 / 3 Tevet 8th Day of Chanukah	7:05 am 4:23 pm 4:30 pm	Shacharit Candles Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom)

## PARSHA MATTERS by Rabbi Taylor

The Torah tells us that as Yosef followed his father's instructions and travelled from Chevron to search for his brothers. We are also told how an unnamed man found him "wandering about in the field" (Bereishit 37:15), and the man asked Yosef what he was looking for. Yosef replied saying that he was looking for his brothers who were shepherding their herds, and the person directed Yosef towards Dotan. Rashi, citing the Midrash, comments that this mysterious man was in fact an angel who had been sent by G-d for the purpose of directing Yosef to his brothers.

The Ba'alei HaTosafot cite those who add that when the Torah describes this angel as finding Yosef "wandering about in the field," it means that he informed Yosef about Bnei Yisrael's future exiles. Yosef's "wandering" on this occasion foreshadowed not only the upheavals and instability that he was about to begin experiencing personally, but also the upheavals and instability of the numerous Jewish exiles, the first of which, the Egyptian enslavement, was beginning to unfold at that time.

But what exactly is the significance might there be to this symbolism of Yosef's "wandering about in the field," which represented the Jews' wandering in exile? Rabbi Dov Weinberger in Shemen Hatov suggests focusing on the question which the angel posed to Yosef. The Torah says the Yosef was asked "*Ma tevakesh*", which means, "What are you looking for?" The Baalei HaTosafot perhaps sought to remind us that even in the throes of exile, even as we deal with the hardships and challenges of living in an unredeemed world, we must try to remain focused on our ultimate goal and purpose. Even when it might outwardly appear that we are "wandering about" aimlessly, lost and without purpose, we must ensure that we are, in truth, living with the clear aim and objective of serving our Creator. At all times, even in periods of adversity, we should ask ourselves, "*Ma tevakesh*," and conduct our lives with a sense of direction, meaning and purpose. In the merit of living with this outlook, may Hashem also send us angels to guide us in this world.

## YOUTH AND TEEN MATTERS



STARS

### PCL & PCL PLUS - PARENT / CHILD LEARNING

Thank you to this week's Sponsors: Yonah Krakowsky & Jana Danzinger

### S.T.A.R.S. High School Leadership Program

This week's class was held in the Slice 'N' Bites party room. The class was led by **Rabbi Taylor** followed by a Sensitivity Training program led by **Atara Gasner**, then concluded with our guest speaker **Zachary Perlmutter** who spoke about growing up and living with disabilities.

### CHANUKAH MITZVAH RAFFLE

**PRIZE: Gift Certificate for 1 pizza a week for 10 weeks (courtesy of Slice 'N'Bites)**

Open to all Shaarei Shomayim Members

Let's all do an extra mitzvah this Chanukah in *zechut* of our brothers and sisters in Israel.

Simply perform an extra mitzvah during Chanukah and email what you did to Rich at [rich@shomayim.org](mailto:rich@shomayim.org). It's that easy!  
(One email / entry per household). 1 winner will be drawn from all entries received on Monday December 18th.

To sponsor a Youth or Teen Program, please contact Rich. [rich@shomayim.org](mailto:rich@shomayim.org) SHAAREI SHOMAYIM \_\_ \_ TH! What's Missing? YOU Are!



# LIGHT NIGHT

Sponsored in loving memory of Suzanne Burger z"l, by her husband, Children and Grandchildren and in zechut of our brothers and sisters in the IDF and Klal Yisrael.

## Thank you to...

Helen Brown  
Yaakov and Deena Eizicovics  
Jerry and Sandy Genesove  
Eli Javasky and Rachel Shour  
Mark Kopstick and Shoshana Kagedan

## Game sponsors

Dani and Rena Neufeld  
Daniel and Reena Ostro  
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**Alan Burger and Family**  
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## Prize sponsors

Happy Days - Fun Foods  
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## A special thank you to...

Nicole and the very patient office staff: Jennifer, Lejla and Ellen  
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Emily Wise, Lucy Lapowich, Ariella Korman, Avi Markus,  
Josh Holtzman, Dawn Holtzman, and the Taylor kids

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בס"ד

# Women's Chanukah Hallel

**Shabbat Chanukah**  
**December 9, 2023 | 10:00 am**

**All women are invited to join a special  
Women's Hallel led by Aviva Goldberg in  
honour of her Bat Mitzvah.**

**Lower Level Social Hall**



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# A Special Chanukah

# COFFEE KLATCH

10:00 am  
Dec. 14, 2023

Home of the Taylors:  
6 Shelborne Avenue



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](http://torontotorah.com/dec16)

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## CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Rick Glatt & Jodi Lees, Sharon Glatt & Allen Goldberg, Pamela, Eliza, Lewis, Zachary, Shira, and Abigail on the passing of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, **Sarah Glatt** ז"ל.

## Yahrzeits

DATE OBSERVED	Yahrzeit DATE		
Shabbat, December 9	26 Kislev	Aimee Lichaa, sister of Tito Massouda	Jacob Eisenstat, father of Chaim Eisenstat
Sunday, December 10	27 Kislev	Judy Weinberger, sister of George Weinberger Harold Vogel, father of Bonny Silver	Louis Steinberg, father of Gord Steinberg and Lynne Zendel
Monday, December 11	28 Kislev	Ann Socken, mother of David Socken	Rae Greenspoon, mother of Queenie Nayman
Tuesday, December 12	29 Kislev	Cherie Feiger, daughter of Edith Feiger	Sylvia Kaplan, mother of Sheila Lazar
Tuesday, December 12	30 Kislev	Saul Steinowicz, father of Steve Steinowicz	Gretel Held, mother of Steven Held
Wednesday, December 13	30 Kislev	Frank Schwartz, father of Brian Schwartz Maurice Black, father of Harvey Black	Henry Waks, father of Fred Waks Esther Friedman, mother of Ronitte Friedman Perlman
Wednesday, December 13	1 Tevet	Shoshana Levy, sister of Tito Massouda	
Thursday, December 14	2 Tevet	Sally Grusko, mother of Helen Grad	
Friday, December 15	3 Tevet	Ephraim Newman, father of Samuel Newman Jacob Orbach, husband of Marla Orbach	Sylvia Waks, mother of Fred Waks

### TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for Yahrzeit Commemorations:

- Ronitte Friedman Perlman & Kusiel Perlman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Ronitte's mother, Esther Friedman ז"ל
- Lynne & Orvin Zendel, Adam, Becky, Shai, Orli and Maya, Gord & Lily Steinberg, Josh & Karen, Nate and Mia in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Gord & Lynne's father, Louis Steinberg ז"ל
- Tito & Viviane Massouda in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tito's Sister, Aimee Lichaa ז"ל
- Tito & Viviane Massouda in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tito's Sister, Shoshana Levy ז"ל
- Queenie & Sol Nayman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Queenie's mother, Rae Greenspoon ז"ל

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

- December 13, 7:00 pm @ Beth Sholom: **"Evenings with Steve" Legal Remedies to Fight Anti-Semitism**. Register at [www.bethsholom.net/event/evenings-with-steve10.html](http://www.bethsholom.net/event/evenings-with-steve10.html).
- 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](http://torontotorah.com/warpeace).
- 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](http://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, Yekuti'el 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 Gittel, Brachah bat Giti, Eliyahu Yom Tov ben Leah, Aryeh ben Tziporah, 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 Tziporah 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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