



# **SHABBAT MATTERS**

Friday, February 2 5:11 pm Candles 5:20 pm Mincha / Maariv - Sanctuary	Shabbat, February 3 7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash 8:10 am Chumash/Rashi Shiur with Melech Halberstadt - Room 106 9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor 9:00 am Shacharit - Sisterhood: Rabbi Diamond	11:40 am Congregational Kiddush - Sisterhood Hall*  11:55 am Shiur with Prof. David Novak - Shemot 18:1-20:23 Beit Midrash Hertz P. 288  5:00 pm Mincha - Sanctuary Stone P. 394  5:20 pm Seudah Shlishit - Sisterhood Hall**  6:17 pm Shabbat Ends Haftorah:
Molad: Friday, February 9: 9:29 pm and 5 chalakim	9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash: Rabbi Anstanc 9:45 am Youth Programs 9:45 am Teen Minyan 10:01 am Latest time to say Shema 10:30 am Teen Girls Parsha Chat with Yakira Gasr - Youth Lounge	* Pareve from the dairy kitchen  ** Pareve from the dairy kitchen  Stone P. 1154

## **MAZEL TOV**

- Mazel Tov to **Akiva & Shana Aronson** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Micah**. Excited siblings are Maya, Ariella, and Kyra. Thrilled grandparents are **Elliott & Sally Dale** and Rabbi David & Leya Aronson.
- Mazel Tov to Daniel & Amanda Socken on the birth of their daughter. Excited grandparents are David Socken & Gale Borison-Socken, Gord & Nichola Robertson, and great grandmother Donna Robertson. Aunts, uncles, and cousins are all overjoyed!
- Mazel Tov to Lorne & Yaffa Factor and Louis & Lynne Pillemer on the birth of their grandson, born to Lorne & Carly Pillemer. Excited sisters are Michal, Chaya, and Shoshana. Proud great-grandparents are Gloria Halberstadt, and Raymond & Brenda Pillemer.

# TODAH RABAH to our sponsors: KIDDUSH:

Akiva & Shana Aronson & Family in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Micah

Sally & Elliott Dale in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Micah Aronson

Brian & Bryna Bloom and Paul & Judith Bloom in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Brian & Paul's parents, Abraham Algy Bloom & Doris Bloom 2"

Robert & Janice Jordan in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Robert's father, Harry Jordan z"

Katy & Clifford Korman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Katy's father, Josef Jablonski <sup>z\*l</sup>

Robbie & Avis Osher in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Robbie's father, Morris Osher <sup>z"</sup> and Avis's father, Solly Burde <sup>z"</sup>

Anita Bielak-Dadouch and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Anita's father, Leslie Bielak <sup>2"</sup>

### 9:30 MINYAN:

Carol & Stephen Handelman and family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Stephen's father, Max Handelman <sup>2"</sup>

### HASHKAMA MINYAN:

Bonnie & Jay Lefton in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jay's father, Harry Lefton z"

### RABBI DIAMOND'S SHIUR February 6

Nelly & Simha Mendelsohn in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Nelly's father, Moshe Jinich <sup>z"l</sup>

### **ADULT EDUCATION:**

Agi & Jack Mandel in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Agi's mother, Clara Reitman 2"

### ISRAEL MATTERS

We ask you to please continue to pray for the safety of, and perform mitzvot in the merit
of hostages, fallen soldiers, and those still serving. Match with a soldier:
 www.sharejustonething.com



Fallen soldiers' names can be found here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3SsxaKa">https://bit.ly/3SsxaKa</a>
Information about the hostages can be found here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3tJ6Y4t">https://bit.ly/3tJ6Y4t</a>

- Solidarity Mission to Israel: Our Mission to Israel will be February 19—February 22, 2024. For more information please contact Rabbi Taylor or Brian Lass.
- If any member has a child who is currently studying at Yeshiva, Seminary and University in Israel, or serving in the IDF please let the Shul Office know. We would like to have the mission participants contact them. Additionally, Shaarei Shomayim will be sending Mishloach Manot to those in Israel for the year. Please forward names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to the office as soon as possible.
- If you are travelling to Israel and are willing to help by taking a bag of aid or items requested by the IDF, please let the office know and we can put you in touch with people and/or organizations in our area looking for volunteers.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SHIURIM**

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 & Wednesdays, 1:00 pm—Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class at Shaarei Shomayim. To register contact Mila Robinson: mrobinson@circleofcare.com
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am Walkie Talkies (Banquet Hall)
- Monday, February 12 at 7:30 pm (via Zoom): Rabbi Torczyner presents: Medical Ethics: Conflict of Interest in Medical Practice. Please register at <a href="https://torontotorah.com/cme">https://torontotorah.com/cme</a>
- Shabbat, February 17 at 10:00: Caffeine for the Soul with Rebbetzin Emma Taylor.
- Wednesday, February 20 at 12:00 pm: Lunch and Learn with Jerry Scherer: "Genealogy in the Digital Age". Register at: <a href="mailto:shomayim.org/form/lunchnlearnfeb2024">shomayim.org/form/lunchnlearnfeb2024</a>

For Rabbi Taylor and Rabbi Diamond's weekly Shiurim, please see top of page 2.

### **YOUTH AND TEENS:** Jason & Raquel Goldberg

### SIDDUR / CHUMASH:

Sarah & David Spiegel in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Sarah's mother Marlene Mandel z" and David's father, Bernard Spiegel z"

TORAH MATTERS:						
Sunday, February 4 / 25 Shevat	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)		
Monday, February 5 / 26 Shevat	7:10 am 5:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:25 am 9:30 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur (Zoom)		
Tuesday, February 6 / 27 Shevat	7:15 am 5:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:30 am 8:00 pm	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) Dr. Shoshana Zolty's Class (In person) Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur (Zoom)		
Wednesday, February 7 / 28 Shevat	7:15 am 5:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:00 pm	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berurah Shiur		
Thursday, February 8 / 29 Shevat	7:10 am 5:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:25 am 9:00 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Taylor (Zoom)		
Friday February 9 / 30 Shevat I Rosh Chodesh Adar	7:00 am 5:20 pm 5:30 pm	Shacharit Candles Mincha	6:30 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)		

## PARSHA MATTERS by RABBI ANSTANDIG

### FIGHT FOR IT!

Through Parashat Yitro we get a good glimpse into Bnei Yisrael's side of the transaction when the Torah was given. What was happening in heaven, however, is a mystery. For this we have the aggadic portions of the Talmud – those passages that, instead of teaching halacha, tell a story. But make no mistake, these stories enlighten just as much as the halachic portions.

Masechet Shabbat 88b is one of those locations that offers insight into what was occurring in heaven prior to Moshe descending with the tablets. Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi explains that instead of celebrating, the celestial angels were quite irked.

בשעה שעלה משה למרום אמרו מלאכי השרת לפני הקב״ה רבש״ע מה לילוד אשה בינינו אמר להן לקבל תורה בא אמרו לפניו חמודה גנוזה שגנוזה לך תשע מאות ושבעים וארבעה דורות קודם שנברא העולם אתה מבקש ליתנה לבשר ודם

When Moses ascended on High to receive the Torah, the ministering angels said before the Holy One, Blessed be He: Master of the Universe, what is one born of a woman doing here among us? The Holy One, Blessed be He, said to them: He came to receive the Torah. The angels said before Him: The Torah is a hidden treasure that was concealed by you 974 generations before the creation of the world, and you seek to give it to flesh and blood?

The Torah is God's holiest possession. How could He give it to mere mortals?! Curiously, instead of answering their challenge Himself, God turns to Moshe to answer. This is strange. The angels are challenging God; why does He pivot to Moshe?

Perhaps by forcing Moshe to respond He teaches him a valuable lesson. Moshe, having been chosen by God to ascend the mountain to receive the Torah, may see himself in a passive role. God teaches Torah and Moshe simply receives it. By forcing Moshe to argue with the angels, Hashem communicates to Moshe that he must fight for it if he want it.

Pirkei Avot (2:12) quotes Rabbi Yosi who notes that the Torah is not ours simply be inheritance. It doesn't just automatically become ours. Hashem has Moshe alone respond so that he, and we, would understand this message. We cannot wait passively for Torah to come to us. If we want it, we must fight for it.

May we succeed in proactively seeking Torah out, and may we, like Moshe be successful in our achievement of it.

### YOUTH AND TEEN MATTERS



STARS participants with guest speaker UJA Federation's Susan Thank you to this week's PCL sponsors: Raquel & Jason Goldberg.

Thank you to the Eizicovics family for hosting last week's Teen Oneg.

Thank you to Liora Goldberg who delivered last week's Youth Dvar Torah.



**PCL and PCL +** continues this Motzei i Shabbat February 3, 2024 @ 6:45PM

S.T.A.R.S. Teen Leadership Program (Winter session in progress)

**Teen Night Tubing** – Thursday Night February 15th (Registration now open - see attached flyer on page 6 for details and registration)

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR...Teens & Families**

Motzei Shabbat Feb 24th: Sign up and join Team Shaarei Shomayim to walk as part of Coldest Night of the Year, in support of **Ve'ahavta's fight against homelessness**. Registration: <a href="https://cnoy.org/location/torontoforesthill">https://cnoy.org/location/torontoforesthill</a>

### **UPCOMING Youth & Teen Programs**

\* Family Chesed Project \* Youth Shabbat Lunch/Learn/Laugh \* Sunday Funday \* Youth Movie Night \* Teen Girls' Melaveh Malkah \* Shul-wide Youth Raffle \*

### Purim Carnival Extravaganza—March 24: 11:30 am—1:30 pm

### **TOTS MUSIC CLASS**

If you would be interested in attending a Music Class for Children ages 3 & under, contact Rich

To sponsor a Youth or Teen Program, please contact Rich: <a href="mailto:rich@shomayim.org">rich@shomayim.org</a>

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An Evening of Song and Divrei Torah

Motzei Shabbat, February 10, 2024 8:30 pm

> Shaarei Shomayim Lower Level Social Hall







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With Rebbetzin Emma Taylor

SHABBAT, FEBRUARY 17, 2024 10:00-10:30 AM



Please join
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Emma Taylor
for coffee and
inspiration on
Shabbat
morning

Sponsored by Helen Brown and Family in commemoration of the 3rd yahrzeit of David Wm. Brown, beloved husband, father, and zaidy



# Lunch and Learn

Tuesday
February 20
12:00 pm

"Genealogy in the Digital Age" with Jerry Scherer of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto

Members:

\$15/person

Non-members:

\$20/per person

Register at:

shomayim.org/form/lunchnlearnfeb2024

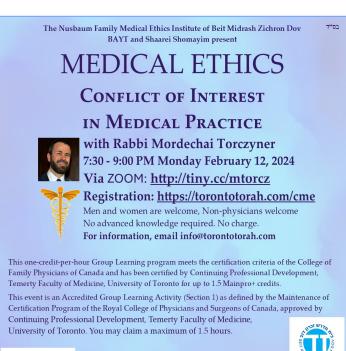




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YAHRZEITS DATE OBSERVED	YAHRZEIT DATE		
Shabbat, February 3	24 Shevat	Bernard Spiegel, father of David Spiegel	Josef Jablonski, father of Katy Korman
Sunday, February 4	25 Shevat	Deborah Hecker, mother of Melissa Hecker David Herman, father of Allan Herman Allen Freedland, son of Evelyn Freedland Clara Reitman, mother of Agi Mandel	Gary Weingert, father of Margaret Harlang Moshe Jinich, father of Nelly Mendelsohn Max Handelman, father of Stephen Handelman
Monday, February 5	26 Shevat	Anna Hakoun, mother of Caroline Perlmutter	
Tuesday, February 6	27 Shevat	Leslie Bielak, father of Anita Bielak-Dadouch	
Wednesday, February 7	28 Shevat	Jeanette Eisen, sister of Lorraine Hanser Sonia Bubly, mother of Janice Hass Keith Landy, father of Michelle Landy-Shavim	Annie Cuttler, mother of Lillian Cooper Keith Landy, husband of Janice Landy
Thursday, February 8	29 Shevat	Anna Belkin, mother of Roslyn Bigman Berger Doris Bloom, mother of Brian Bloom and Paul Bloom Golda Koschitzky, mother of Saul Koschitzky Sadie Morris, mother of Brian Morris	Sylvia Holtzman, mother of Joseph Holtzman David Yanovski, father of Leah Lerner Harry Jordan, father of Robert Jordan
Friday, February 9	30 Shevat	Sophie Fink, mother of Gary Fink	Harry Wise, father of Kenny Wise

### TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for YAHRZEIT COMMEMORATIONS:

- Tito & Viviane Massouda in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tito's niece, Celeste Massouda-Jacobs z<sup>\*1</sup>
- Caroline & Ted Perlmutter in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Caroline's mother, Anna Hakoun z<sup>ri</sup>
- Lorraine Hanser to the Philip Zucker Torah Fund in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her sister, Jeanette Eisen z"
- Margaret Harlang to Adult Education in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father, Gary Weingert z<sup>rl</sup>

### COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Sundays at 8:00 pm at Or Chaim: Beit Midrash Zichron Dov presents "Sefer Shemot" with David Koschitzky. Register at: https://torontotorah.com/shemot
- Wednesday Feb 7 at 10:00 am (ZOOM): **Beit Midrash Zichron Dov with Rabbi Noah Sonenberg:** "Morality, Ethics and Religion". Register at <a href="https://torontotorah.com/wednesdays/">https://torontotorah.com/wednesdays/</a>.
- Feb 8 at 7:00 pm: Benny Friedman "Am Yisrael Chai" Concert at Ledbury Jewish Centre. Tickets can be purchased at: bennyconcert.ca
- Feb 8, 7:00 pm at the Prosserman JCC: Portico: Cooking and Feasting in Rome's Jewish Kitchen. Join author Leah Koenig in celebrating her latest cookbook, moderated by Rose Reisman.
- February 18 at Leah Posluns Theatre (4588 Bathurst Street): **Jewish Film Festival Against Antisemitisim**. The day features two screenings, each of which features films that explore themes of antisemitism, Jewish Diaspora and survival, and resilience in the face of evil. Get information and tickets for <u>Screening A</u> or <u>Screening B</u> here.
- Feb 21, 5:00—7:00 pm at the Schwartz Reisman Center (9600 Bathurst Street): **Gap Year Fair**. Many different organizations offering Gap Year experiences will be present.
- Motzei Shabbat Feb 24: Join Team Shaarei Shomayim to walk as part of Veahavta's Coldest Night of the Year Walk in support of Veahavta's fight against homelessness. More information can be found at: <a href="https://cnoy.org/location/torontoforesthill">https://cnoy.org/location/torontoforesthill</a>

### 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 Gitl, 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 Tippora 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, Yaakov Chunan Ben Fraidel

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