

## SHABBAT MATTERS

### Friday, January 5

4:36 pm Candles  
4:45 pm Mincha /  
Maariv - Sanctuary

### Shabbat, January 6

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash  
8:10 am Chumash/Rashi - Melech Halberstadt -  
Room 106  
9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor  
9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash  
10:06 am Latest time to say Shema  
10:30 am Teen Girls Parsha Chat with Yakira  
Gasner: Youth Lounge

Molad for Chodesh Shevat is Thursday, Jan 11:  
45 minutes and 4 chalakim after 8:00 am

11:30 am Congregational Kiddush  
Banquet Hall\*  
11:45 pm Shiur with Prof. David Novak:  
Beit Midrash  
4:25 pm Mincha - Sanctuary  
4:45 pm Seudah Shlishit - Sisterhood Hall\*\*  
5:41 pm Shabbat Ends

\*Meat

\*\*Pareve from the meat kitchen

### Torah Reading:

Shemot 1:1-6:1  
Hertz P. 206  
Stone P. 292

### Haftarah:

Isaiah 27:6-28, 29:22-23  
Hertz P. 225  
Stone P. 1147

## MAZEL TOV AND OTHER MEMBER MATTERS

- Mazel Tov to **Ariel & Liora Burton** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Joshua**. Excited sibling is **Yoel**. Mazel Tov as well to grandparents **Ronnie & Gila Burton**, and all extended family.

### TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:

#### KIDDUSH:

Liora & Ariel Burton in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua

#### 9:30 MINYAN

Rebecca Zendei Berliner and family in celebration of Shai Berliner's 40th birthday

Gili & Harold Rosen in commemoration of the yahrzeits of Gili's parents, Zipora & Amram Meir <sup>z"l</sup>

Elan Pratzer & Malka Lewittes in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Elan's father, Izy Pratzer <sup>z"l</sup>

#### HASHKAMA MINYAN:

Anna & Bernie Kleinberg in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Anna's mother, Nan Mark <sup>z"l</sup>

#### EMMA'S MEANINGFUL MOMENTS:

Tammy & Jerry Balitsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tammy's mother, Luba Muskat <sup>z"l</sup>

#### SHABBAT MATTERS:

Haim & Mardi Hirschberg in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Haim's mother, Devorah Hirschberg <sup>z"l</sup>

#### WEEKLY MATTERS:

Harry Krakowsky & Golda Brown in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Harry's father, Joseph Krakowsky <sup>z"l</sup>

Yvette Rosenberg & Ted Shoub in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Yvette's father, Tibor Rosenberg <sup>z"l</sup>

#### RABBI DIAMOND'S SHIUR:

Tito & Viviane Massouda in honour of Rabbi Diamond

#### PHILIP WINTROB YOUTH FUND:

Rebecca Laufer in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her husband, Sid Laufer <sup>z"l</sup>

Suzanne Wintrob, Susan Young, Ralph & Kitty Wintrob, Kyle Weltman and Brett Weltman in commemoration of the yahrzeit husband, brother, son-in-law, and stepfather, Peter Mezei <sup>z"l</sup>

## ISRAEL MATTERS

- Pro-Israel Car Parade: Sunday January 7, 11:00 am.** Departing from the parking lot of Shaarei Shomayim to the Promenade Mall returning south via Bathurst to Sheppard to coincide with pro-Israel weekly rally. Come with flags on your car and show support for Toronto's Jewish Community.
- 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](http://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.



**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>

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SHIURIM

- Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00 pm—**Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class at Shaarei Shomayim**. To register contact Mila Robinson: [mrobinson@circleofcare.com](mailto:mrobinson@circleofcare.com)
- 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](mailto:ymann@torontotorah.com) for more information. These topics are eligible for CPD Credit.
- Tuesday, January 16, 12:00 pm: **Lunch & Learn—"Fraud Prevention Tips."** Register at [shomayim.org/form/lunchlearnjan2024](http://shomayim.org/form/lunchlearnjan2024)
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am—**The Walkie Talkies** (Banquet Hall)
- Sunday January 14 and 21 at 8:00 pm at Shaarei Shomayim—**Shiur with Rabbi Anstandig: "The Get of Cleves: A Mental Health Debate that Rocked the 17th Century Jewish World"**
- Shabbat, January 19-20: **Yoetzet Halacha Shabbaton**. Please see flyer on page 3 for information.

### Please note:

- Downstairs Shabbat Minyan** will resume on January 13, 2024
- After this week, Melech Halberstadt's next session of his **Chumash/Rashi shiur** will be on February 3, 2024

## TORAH MATTERS:

Sunday, January 7 / 26 Tevet	8:30 am 4:40 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Monday, January 8 / 27 Tevet	7:10 am 4:40 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:25 am 9:30 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shir (Zoom)
Tuesday, January 9 / 28 Tevet	7:15 am 4:40 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 (Zoom) Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 10/ 29 Tevet	7:15 am 4:40 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, January 11/ 1 Shevat <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	7:00 am 4:40 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am 9:00 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom) Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Taylor (Zoom)
Friday January 12 / 2 Shevat	7:15 am 4:43 pm 4:50 pm	Shacharit Candles Mincha	6:30 am	Daily Gemara shiur - Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)

## PARSHA MATTERS by RABBI TAYLOR

The Torah informs us of the marriage of Moshe's parents, who are later recognized as Amram and Yocheved. The Gemara in Sota 12a comments that the Torah here actually refers to Amram and Yocheved's remarriage. Amram had decided to divorce Yocheved after Pharaoh commanded that every newborn Israelite boy should die, figuring there was no longer any purpose in building families. The Gemara tells that Amram was an influential religious leader, and after he divorced Yocheved, many others followed suit. Miriam, Amram's daughter, boldly criticized her father for his drastic measure, charging, 'Your decree is worse than Pharaoh's, for Pharaoh decreed only upon the boys, but you decreed upon the males and the females.' She further noted that by preventing children from being born, Amram was preventing souls from entering this world and entering the afterlife. Amram accepted his daughter's protest and remarried Yocheved and the other couples likewise reunited.

We might wonder why Amram at first decided to divorce and then changed his mind. Did he truly never consider his daughter's arguments? Could he have been oblivious to the fact that he was causing the end of all reproduction among the Nation?

An answer, perhaps, is that Amram did not anticipate the widespread effects of his personal decision. From the Gemara's account it appears that Amram did not instruct or advise people to divorce but simply made this personal decision for himself, feeling emotionally unable to continue building a family. However, due to his influence many others followed his example. Miriam then brought to his attention the fact that his decision was not just affecting their family, but rather threatened the nation's entire future. This is something that Amram had not considered when making his private, personal decision, and once Miriam alerted him to the grave repercussions of this drastic measure he changed his mind.

Therefore, this incident reminds us that often our private, personal decisions can have a widespread effect. As Jews, we live not only as individuals but also as part of communities and part of the Jewish Nation. This does offers us many benefits, but also imposes upon us many responsibilities, including the responsibility of influence. The decisions we make, the way we conduct our personal affairs, has an impact upon others. The story of Amram alerts us to the need to carefully consider the possible ripple effects of our actions and decisions, and to ensure to set a positive example for the people around us to emulate.

## YOUTH AND TEEN MATTERS



Glustein Family –  
Winners of the  
Chanukah Mitzvah  
Raffle (pictured:  
Ilan & Lior  
Glustein)

Teen girls are invited to this week's "Parsha Chat" with Yakira Gasner—10:30 am – Youth Lounge

Family Kabbalat Shabbat and Kid's Kiddush: January 19, 5:00 pm—register at

[shomayim.org/form/kabbalatshabbatjan2023](http://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

**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: [rich@shomayim.org](mailto:rich@shomayim.org)

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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](https://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](mailto:RabbiTaylor@shomayim.org)  
Brian Lass - [brian@mjg-group.com](mailto:brian@mjg-group.com)

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER VISIT:  
[MIZRACHI.CA/SHOMAYIMMISSION](https://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.



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## Yoetzet Halacha Shabbaton

### JANUARY 19TH-20TH

Learn more about the work of Yoetzet Halacha in the Toronto community and beyond.

### FRIDAY NIGHT ONEG FOR WOMEN: AN EVENING OF STORY AND SONG

8:00 pm at the home of Rachael Straus

Hear narratives from women in our community reflecting on their journeys with Taharat Hamishpacha through life's various stages.

Join together to sing and give voice to the diversity of experience in this area of Jewish practice.

### POST MUSSAF DVAR TORAH BY YOETZET HALACHA SARIT ANSTANDIG

If you are interested in helping with the program,  
please contact [sarit@yoatzot.ca](mailto:sarit@yoatzot.ca)

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## 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



## CONDOLENCES

- Our sincere condolences to **Frances Goldstein**, Yoni & Alexandra Goldstein, Naomi Goldstein Gardin, Zev & Shaindy Goldstein, **Ralph & Vicky Levine**, Eli & Judy Magder, and families on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law, brother, and brother-in-law Moishe Goldstein <sup>z"l</sup>
- Our sincere condolences to Marilyn Godel, **Julie & Rodney Berman**, Cheryl & Doug Sherman, Alan & Lisa Godel, Gail & Martin Bergman, Morris (Nassie) & Raylene Godel, Deanna Godel, Bonnie Wener Swartz, and families on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law, brother, and brother-in-law Elliot Godel <sup>z"l</sup>

## YAHREZITS

DATE OBSERVED	YAHREZIT DATE		
Shabbat, January 6	25 Tevet	William Abrams, father of Sandra Genesove Earl Parker, brother of Sylvia Diamant	Dave Mincovitch, father of Henney Black
Sunday, January 7	26 Tevet	Amram Meir, father of Dr. Gili Rosen Chaya Keselman, mother of Hanna Furman Nan Mark, mother of Anna Kleinberg	Annie Burman, mother of Estelle Levy Lilly Berger, mother of Cecile Erlich Max Friedman, father of Barbara Ouanounou
Monday, January 8	27 Tevet	Stanley Sydney, brother of Joyce Rifkind Montague Lowenberg, husband of Beate Lowenberg	Devorah Hirshberg, mother of Haim Hirshberg
Tuesday, January 9	28 Tevet	Joseph Krakowsky, father of Harry Krakowsky	Sal Meibergen, father of Elly Friedman
Wednesday, January 10	29 Tevet	Peter Mezei, husband of Suzanne Wintrob and brother of Susan Young Marlene Mandel, mother of Sarah Spiegel	Tibor Rosenberg, father of Yvette Rosenberg Lucy Klein, mother of Michael Klein Isy Pratzer, father of Elan Pratzer
Thursday, January 11	1 Shevat	Melvin Ostro, father of Dr. Michael Ostro Luba Muskat mother of Tammy Balitsky Shayna Kaye, mother of Glory Goldman	Morris Osher, father of Robbie Osher Chaim Neuhaus, father of Shirley Schildkraut
Friday, January 12	2 Shevat	Beverley Cohen, wife of Samuel Cohen Freda Gann, mother of Andrew Gann	David Mintz, father of Jack Mintz Sid Laufer, husband of Rebecca Laufer

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

- Mindy Green, Devorah Silver & Norman Silver in commemoration of the yahrzeit of their grandfather, Nussan Birenbaum <sup>z"l</sup>
- Sandy & Jerry Genesove in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Sandy's father, William Abrams <sup>z"l</sup>
- Elly & Louis Friedman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Elly's father, Sal Meibergen <sup>z"l</sup>
- Ron & Marina Lichtenberg and Rena & George Rothauser in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Ron and Rena's mother, Edith Lichtenberg <sup>z"l</sup>

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Tuesday, Jan 9 to Feb 13 (six consecutive Tuesdays) at 8:00 pm: **Jews for Judaism with Rabbi Michael Skobac**: "Counter-Missionary Survival Seminar" on Zoom. Please register at [www.jewsforjudaism.ca/cms24/](http://www.jewsforjudaism.ca/cms24/). For more information: [info@jewsforjudaism.ca](mailto:info@jewsforjudaism.ca)
- Motzei Shabbat, Jan 20, 7:30 pm: **Bnei Akiva SNIFF Saturday Night Israeli Film Festival**: Leah Posluns Theatre—Prosserman JCC. For tickets: [mizrachi.ca/batsniff](http://mizrachi.ca/batsniff)
- 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](mailto: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](http://www.worldsgreatestcantors.com)

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Eliyahu ben Ryejah, Yehuda Yoseif ben Miriam Yocheved (Jerry Genesove), Eliyahu ben Ruth, Minah Tzurel bat Ita, Elyakum Zev ben Leeah, Moshe ben Malka, Yekutiell ben Sara, Ronit 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 Yishehar ben Sorola.

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