NOVEMBER 25, 2023 - 12 KISLEV 5784 PARSHAT VAYEITZEI

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday , November 24	Shabbat, 7:30 am	November 25 Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash	11:30 am	Post Mussaf Drasha - Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone Sanctuary	Torah Reading: Vayeitzei
4:27 pm Candles 4:35 pm Mincha / Maariv - Sanctuary	9:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 9:43 am 9:45 am 9:45 am	Chumash/Rashi - Melech Halberstadt Room 106 Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor Shacharit - Sisterhood Hall - Rabbi Diamond Shacharit - Beit Midrash - Rabbi Anstandig Latest time to say Shema Youth Programs - Classrooms Teen Minyan - Lower Level Social Hall	12:15 pm 4:15 pm 4:30 pm 4:35 pm 5:31 pm 6:00 pm *meat	Congregational Kiddush - Banquet Hall* Shiur with Prof. David Novak - Beit Midrash Mincha - Sanctuary Bnei Akiva SNIF Shabbat Program Seudah Shlishit - Sisterhood Hall** Maariv / Shabbat Ends Parent - Child Learning	28:10 - 32:3 Hertz P. 106 Stone P. 144 Haftorah : <i>Hosea 12:13 - 14:10</i> Hertz P. 118 Stone P. 1139

MAZEL TOV AND OTHER MEMBER MATTERS

- Mazel Tov to **Risa & Louis Vandersluis** and Glenda & Philip Solomon on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Yona & Adam Solomon. Excited big sister is Hannah.
- Mazel Tov to **Robbie and Avis Osher** on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

This Shabbat, we are happy to welcome:

- The Weinbaum Family Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone. Please see the flyer on p. 3 for the various learning opportunities available over Shabbat.
- Toronto Police Chief Myron Demkiew as our "Greeter" for the morning.

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors: KIDDUSH:

The Weinbaum Family

George & Charlene Arje in commemoration of the yahrzeit of George's father, Bela (Vojtech) Arje z"/

Carole & Stephen Title in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Carole's mother, Grace Hillman z"

George & Florence Weinberger in commemoration of the yahrzeit of George's mother, Edith Weinberger z"

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH:

In loving memory of Josef Burger ^{z"|} and Oscar Burger ^{z"|}, brothers of Karol Burger ^{z"|}

SHABBAT MATTERS:

Golda Brown & Harry Krakowsky in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Golda's grandfather, Rev. Frank Brown ^{2"}

WEEKLY MATTERS:

Beverly Fromer in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her grandfather, Louis Fromowitz z"

EMMA'S MEANINGFUL MOMENTS

Maryka Weisz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Aranka Berger ^{z"}!

SIDDUR:

Rena Levy in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her brother, Lionel Train $z^{r/l}$

PARENT - CHILD LEARNING:

Jonathan and Rina Parker

ISRAEL MATTERS

As we continue to focus on the war in Israel, we want to remind everyone of the various opportunities available to support. The Shul has prepared a list of both global and grassroots initiatives, some even started by our Members, that are in place to support our Brothers and Sisters in Israel. Please email president@shomayim.org for the lists.



- November 28 December 1: Mizrachi is holding a Mission to Israel. More information, itinerary and registration can be found at www.mizrachi.ca/mission
- December 4, 1:30 pm Canada's Rally for the Jewish People @ Parliament Hill,
 Ottawa. Buses are available through the UJA. Limited availability, seats on a first-come-first-served basis. Registration: https://www.jewishtoronto.com/ottawa-rally-bus-registration

UPCOMING SHIURIM AND PROGRAMS

Along with the services and programs in the shul building, weekday services and programs will continue on Zoom. Please contact the office for the link.

- Mondays, 9:30 am Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur. On Zoom
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am The Walkie Talkies. Outdoors (if raining Banquet Hall).
- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur. In person.
- Thursdays, 9:00 am Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Taylor. On Zoom.
- Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00 pm Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class at Shaarei Shomayim. To register contact Mila Robinson at mrobinson@circleofcare.com
- Friday Nov. 24, 8:30 pm **Friday Night Tisch** with Scholar in Residence Rabbi Arye Lightsone
- Shabbat Nov. 25, The Weinbaum Family Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Arye Lightstone.
- November 28, 7:30 pm General Members' Meeting
- Motzei Shabbat December 2, 6:30 pm: Light Night Bingo Night
- Monday, December 4, 7:30 pm: Halacha Program with Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner (on zoom at https://tiny.cc/mtethics): "Halachic Dimensions of Dementia." Pre-Registration at https://tiny.cc/mtethics): "Halachic Dimensions of Dementia."

TORAH MATTERS:				
Sunday, November 26 / 13 Kislev	8:30 am 4:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Monday, November 27 / 14 Kislev	7:10 am 4:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:30 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur (Zoom)
Tuesday, November 28/15 Kislev	7:15 am 4:30 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am 9:30 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) Dr. Shoshana Zolty's Class (Zoom, by registration)
Wednesday, November 29 / 16 Kislev	7:15 am	Shacharit	6:30 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Thursday, November 30 / 17 Kislev	7:10 am	Shacharit	6:30 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Friday, December 1 / 18 Kislev	7:15 am 4:23 pm 4:30 pm	Shacharit Candles Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am	Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom)

Please note:

- Rabbi Diamond's Tuesday Parshat Hashavua Shiur is cancelled this week.
- Please note: Rabbi Taylor's Wednesday Mishna Berurah Shiur is cancelled this week.

GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

The **2023 General Member's Meeting** will take place November 28 at 7:30 pm.

PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Taylor

The Torah describes the prophetic vision that Yaakov had as he slept during his journey to Charan. Yaakov saw a ladder extending from the ground to the heavens and angels climbing up and down the ladder. Upon awakening, he exclaimed that the site where he had slept was 'the house of G-d' and 'the gateway to the heavens', as evidenced by the ladder which connected heaven and earth at that spot. Yaakov then named the place where he slept Beit El, the house of the Almighty and the Torah makes a point of mentioning that the area was previously known as Luz.

Rabbi Menachem Bentzion Sacks, writes that the significance of the shift from the name Luz to Beit El may perhaps be understood in light of the Gemara's description of a city built later that was also called Luz. The Gemara in Sota 46b tells us that it was a unique city and that the angel of death did not have permission to pass through it, such that its inhabitants were protected from death. But the elders within it at the time, when they were exasperated or frustrated with life would go outside the wall and die. The people did not die in the city and so when people grew old and no longer wished to live they would then go outside the city. Rabbi Sacks explains that the Gemara here depicts the tragic phenomenon of people who strive to prolong their lives, but fail to find meaning and fulfillment. There are people who work very hard to protect themselves from the angel of death, to live long lives, but they eventually find themselves in a condition of discontentment and fatigue, which leads them to wish for death.

Rabbi Sacks thus suggests that the renaming of Luz as Beit El indicates to us that the way we avoid the phenomenon of Luz, of long but unfulfilling lives, is through Yaakov's dream in Beit El, which symbolises the merging of heaven and earth. Alongside our efforts to maintain our health and prolong our lives, we must also strive to connect with G-d as symbolized by the ladder extending from the ground to the heavens. We must try to live here on earth with our minds reaching towards the heavens. striving each day to strengthen our relationship with the Almighty and thereby make each and every day meaningful and fulfilling.



STARS - High School Leadership Program

YOUTH and TEEN UPDATE

'LIGHT NIGHT' DECEMBER 2ND 6:30PM **EVERYONE INVITED!**

Jewish themed Bingo • Amazing Prizes • Food and Snacks • Raffles Registration Now Open!: www.shomayim.org/form/lightnight2023

PCL - PARENT / CHILD LEARNING & PCL+

Saturday Night November 25th at 6:00 pm - Learning * Pizza * Raffles * Games This week's PLC is sponsored by Jonathan and Rina Parker





THE WEINBAUM FAMILY SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SERIES RABBI ARYEH LIGHTSTONE SHABBAT | NOVEMBER 25, 2023

Kabbalat Shabbat Dvar Torah: "Swords of Iron & Harvard Hypocrisy"

Friday Night Oneg Shabbat - 8:30 pm @ the home of Zvi and Naomi Glustein -135 Glen Park Ave.

"Opening the Embassy in Jerusalem and the Ramban on Shlach"

Shabbat Morning Post-Mussaf Drasha "From Rabbi to Diplomat"

Seudah Shlishit Talk "Let My People Know: The Inside Story of the Abraham Accords"



Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone served as the Senior Advisor to U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman from 2017 to 2021. During his tenure as Senior Advisor he played a critical role in advancing bilateral U.S.-Israel relations with a focus on economic development & technology cooperation. He was instrumental in facilitating the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem as well as its successful merger with the Jerusalem Consulate. Lightstone was later appointed as the Special Envoy for Economic Normalization. In that role he was an integral member of the Peace to Prosperity team, leading the inaugural Abraham Accord Business Summit, directing the Abraham Fund, and serving as point person in the Middle East for the actualization of the Abraham Accords. Lightstone is the author of "Let My People Know", the inside story of the Abraham Accords. He is a proud father of four and husband to a very patient wife, Estee.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES FAIR

SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 2023 | 10:00AM-1:00PM

Join us as we showcase health and social services that are available to the Greater Toronto Jewish Community.

Light Refreshments will be served.

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER RABBI DR. SHLOMO BRODY

If Not Now, When? How to Complete Advance Healthcare Directives and Have Meaningful Conversations About Aging & Mortality. In Conversation with Dr. Arielle Berger and Dr. Ellen Warner

Rabbi Dr. Brody is executive director of Ematai, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people navigate their healthcare journey with Jewish wisdom. Rabbi Dr. Brody's writings focus on making Jewish texts accessible to broader audiences while applying them to contemporary social and ethical dilemmas. A graduate of Harvard College, he received rabbinic ordination from the Israeli Chief Rabbinate, an MA in Jewish philosophy at the Hebrew University, and Ph.D. from Bar Ilan University Law School. He is the award-winning author of "A Guide to the Complex: Contemporary Halakhic Debates" and the forthcoming "Ethics of our Fighters: A Jewish View on War and Morality."



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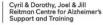












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Monday, December 4, 2023 1:30 PM | Parliament Hill, Ottawa

If you would like to purchase a bus ticket through UJA, please visit the website below. When registering, please choose the "Shaarei Shomayim" group. There is limited availability.

Ottawa Rally Bus Registration:

https://www.jewishtoronto.com/ottawa-rally-bus-registration

Important Details:

- Meals will not be provided. UJA will share a list of kosher restaurants near Parliament Hill in the coming days, but you are also welcome to bring your own food.
- If you are purchasing a ticket for one of UJA's charter buses, we will
 only be stopping once along the way for people to use the restroom,
 buy food, etc.



COME ENJOY HEMED BINGO!



Saturday Night DECEMBER 2, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

GREAT FOOD

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Open to everyone...fun for all ages

GREAT PRIZES **MEMBER RATES:**

\$20 per person \$75 / Family rate (up to 6 people) Non-Member rates:

\$30 / person \$136 family rate (non-member) Laptop!

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\$180 Family sponsorship (includes name recognition, sufganiyot, reserved seating, extra raffle tickets, unlimited pizza, partial tax receipt)

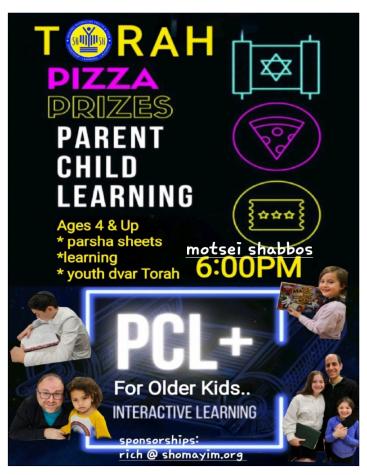
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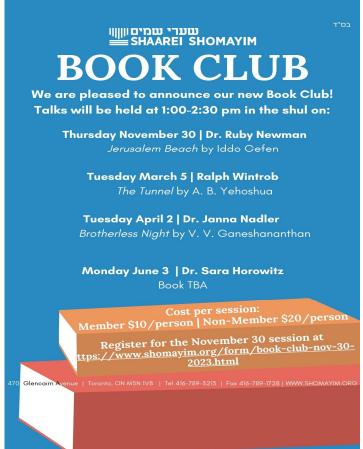
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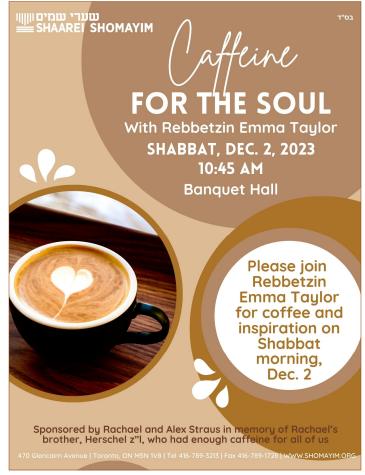


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CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to **Rebecca Rotenberg Nadler**, Batya Meira Nadler & Matt Albert, Tova Davida Nadler & Dr. Seth Avner, Hillel Zvi & Tova Nadler, Ariella Esther Nadler & Rabbi Hody Nemes, **David Nadler & Tara Dubrow**, Rabbi Dr. Allan Nadler, Pamela Nadler Emmerich & Adam Emmerich, on the loss of their husband, father, father-in-law, brother, and brother-in-law, **Berl Nadler** ^{z"l}.

YAHRZEITS DATE	YAHRZEITS BEING OBSERVED		
Shabbat, November 25 / 12 Kislev	Ray Burde, mother of Avis Osher Jack Tweyman, father of lan Tweyman Martin Leslie Leighton, father of Rosalie Schwartz	Jack Strauss, father of Gordon Strauss Harry Strauss, father of Bradley Strauss and brother of Gordon Strauss	
Sunday, November 26 / 13 Kislev	Aranka Berger, mother of Maryka Weisz Mordechai (Macky) Goldman, brother of Barry Goldman Carol Hart MBE, mother of Emma Taylor Morris Solomon, father of Sally Dale	Sidney Strauss, father of Ruth Strauss Albert Sugar, father of Pacey Sugar Rabbi Dr. Myer Schecter, father of Shayna Miller	
Monday, November 27 / 14 Kislev	Bela (Vojtech) Arje, father of George Arje Gurion Joseph Hyman, father of Shayne Train Betty Kay, mother of Melvyn Kay	Gertrude Kosoy, mother of Phillip Kosoy Annette Smilovic (Smiley), mother of Neil Smiley	
Tuesday, November 28/15 Kislev	Ernst Kobias, father of Kate Erlich J. Richard Shiff, husband of Dorothy Shiff and father of Daniel Shiff and Randy Shiff Frances Fruma Savlov, mother of Lawrence Savlov	Sam Smilovic (Smiley), father of Neil Smiley Lionel Train, brother of Rena Levy Edith Weinberger, mother of George Weinberger	
Wednesday, November 29 / 16 Kislev	Irving Abraham Bigman, father of Susan Bigman-Batist Sally Boldes, mother of Myer Boldes Rose Factor, mother of Lorne Factor and Linda Offenheim	Grace Hillman, mother of Carole Title Les Koczka, father of Elisabeth Friedman Mortimer Spector, father of Joyce Eklove	
Thursday, November 30 / 17 Kislev	Myrna Budd, wife of Lowell Budd Judy Firestone, sister of Lonni Zeifman Pearl Freedhoff, mother of Stephen Freedhoff Rose Jellinek, mother of Agnes Herczeg Gidon Grundland, husband of Pearl Grundland	Seymour Marcus, father of Arnold Marcus Charles Raab, father of Catherine Weingust Sarah Schwartz, mother of Helen Schwartz Joe Seidman, father of Peter Seidman	
Friday, December 1 / 18 Kislev	Herman Gottesman, father of Steve Gottesman Sidney Holtzkener, father of Rifka Eisenstat	Helen Rockfield, sister of Eve Lerner	

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for YAHRZEIT COMMEMORATIONS:

- Arnold Marcus in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father, Seymour Marcus z^{rı}
- Joyce & Arthur Eklove in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Joyce's father, Mortimer Spector z^{*|}
- Linda & Stephen Offenheim and Lorne and Yaffa Factor in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Linda and Lorne's mother, Rose Factor z"1
- Rosalie & Harold Schwartz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Rosalie's father, Martin Leslie Leighton z"1

- Robbie & Avis Osher in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Robbie's mother, Lily Osher z^{rı}
- Myer Boldes in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his mother Sally Boldes z"l

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Tuesday Dec. 5, 8:30 pm (dessert reception at 7:45 pm) Netivot HaTorah Day School: Evening of Appreciation for Rabbi Elliott Diamond. in recognition of Rabbi Diamond's leadership in Torah and Mitzvot, .To register: https://netivot.crowdchange.ca/42756
- UJA is looking for families to host Israelis for Friday night dinners, each week until December 15. For more information, please email shabbatshalomcanada@gmail.com, and to register, please go to https://www.jewishtoronto.com/events/shabbat-shalom-dinners

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 Gilt, 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 Bella 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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