

# SHABBAT MATTERS

<b>Friday, October 13</b>	<b>Shabbat, October 14</b>		<b>Torah Reading:</b>
6:20 pm Candles (earliest 5:29 pm)	8:10 am Chumash-Rashi: Melech Halberstadt Classroom 106	5:20 pm Pre-Mincha Shiur - Sanctuary: Rabbi Anstandig	<i>Bereshit</i>
6:30 pm Mincha / Maariv Sanctuary	9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbis Taylor, Diamond and Anstandig	6:05 pm Mincha - Sanctuary	1:1 - 6:8
	9:45 am Youth Programs - Classrooms	6:25 pm Seudah Shlishit* - Sisterhood Hall: Rabbi Diamond	Hertz P. 2 Stone P. 2
	<i>Recite Shema before 10:16 am</i>	7:22 pm Maariv / Shabbat Ends	<b>Haftarah:</b>
	<i>The Molad for Cheshvan will be on Shabbat Oct. 14 at</i>	9:00 pm Community Wide Siyum Tanach - Sanctuary	<i>Yeshayahu</i>
	<i>6:33 pm and Ichelek</i>		42:5 - 43:10
	11:45 am Shiur with Prof. Novak - Beit Midrash	*Pareve from Dairy Kitchen	Hertz P. 21 Stone P. 1130

## MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to **Zvi Halpern-Shavim & Michelle Landy-Shavim** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Cecily** and her *siyum* of *Masechet Rosh Hashanah*. Excited siblings are **David** and **Miri**. Proud grandparents are **Stephen & Janice Halpern** and **Janice (Keith<sup>TM</sup>) Landy**.
- Mazal Tov to **Dani & Rena Neufeld** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Kayla**. Excited siblings are **Kira** and **Alex**. Proud grandparents are **Eva & Frank Mayer** and **Rabbi Jay Neufeld** and **Judy Neufeld**.
- Mazal Tov to **Aviva Pratzer & Neil Rosen** on the birth of their son, **Raphael Yaakov**. Proud grandparents are **Malka Lewittes & Elan Pratzer** and **Annegail & Ian Rosen**, and great grandmothers **Ida Pratzer**, **Betty Cohen** and **Sherry Kelner**. Excited aunts and uncles are **Ariella Pratzer & David Rosenberg**, **Noam & Yael Pratzer**, **Casey Rosen** and **Max Stone** and **Jamie Rosen**.
- Mazal Tov to **Mickey Ostro** on his birthday.

# ISRAEL MATTERS

Through the many emails this week we highlighted some of the amazing causes that are supporting everyone in Israel. We have decided Shaarei Shomayim will not be running a separate campaign. Our partner organizations have the infrastructure in place in both Toronto and Israel to better direct donations to those in immediate need.

As a shul, we will continue to directly support in other ways, focusing on where we can institutionally have a greater impact. This Motzei Shabbat please join us and Toronto's Modern Orthodox community as we complete a Siyum of the entire Tanach in the merit of all IDF Soldiers.

Our Youth and Teens are asked to make cards and write letters of support for members of our congregation and our former Shinshinim who are serving in the IDF. See Youth & Teen Update on p. 2.

*TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:*

## SHABBAT MATTERS:

*Eli Klein & Miriam Erlichman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Eli's brother, Bernard Klein z"l*

**SEUDAH SHLISHIT:**

*Elad Travis, Tova Sasson-Travis, Tali, Samuel, Moshe and Boaz Travis in commemoration of the end of the 30<sup>th</sup> day of mourning for Elad's father. Oved Travis<sup>27</sup>*

**COFFEE & MUFFINS, OCT. 16-17:**

*Marla Orbach and Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Marla's father-in-law, Zwi Orbach z"l*

**RABBI TAYLOR'S MISHLEI SHIUR:**

*Yizkor Donation by Robbie & Brian Schwartz*

**PHILLIP WINTROB YOUTH FUND:**

*Edith Feiger and Brian Feiger in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Edith's husband, Eugene Feiger <sup>z"l</sup>*

**SIDDUR DONATION:**

*Viviane & Tito Massouda in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Viviane's mother, Toni Franco z"l*

*Miriam & Ivan Kovak in commemoration of  
the yahrzeit of Miriam's mother, Esther  
Chajle Brandys z"l*

## UPCOMING SHIURIM & PROGRAMS

Along with the services and programs in the shul building, weekday services and programs will continue on Zoom. To obtain the access information, please email [info@shomayim.org](mailto:info@shomayim.org).

- Motzei Shabbat, Oct. 14, 8:00 pm - Community Wide Siyum Tanach. Sign up to learn a chapter or chapters at <https://tinyurl.com/siyumtanachshsh>.
- Sunday, Oct. 15, 10:00 am - BMZD & Shaarei Shomayim Midreshet Yom Rishon for **Women**. At Shaarei Shomayim.
- Mondays, 9:30 am - **Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur**. 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](mailto:mrobinson@circleofcare.com).
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am - **The Walkie Talkies**. Outdoors (if raining - Banquet Hall).
- Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7:30 pm - **Guest Speaker Isabel Vincent**. Register at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/isabelvincent>.
- Tuesdays, 8:00 pm - **Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur**. On Zoom.
- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm - **Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur**. In person.
- Thursdays, 9:00 am - **Coffee Klatch** with Rabbi Taylor. On Zoom.
- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2:00 pm - **The Posthumous Landscape III: Jewish Historical Sites in Ukraine** by Photographer David Kaufman. Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum, Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. Register at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/kaufman>.
- Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1:00 pm - **Book Club: Tina Urman - "Hello Beautiful"** by Ann Napolitano. Register at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/bookcluboct23>.

TORAH MATTERS:				
DATE		DAVENING TIMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM		SHIURIM & PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM
Sunday, October 15 / 30 Tishrei I Rosh Chodesh		8:30 am 6:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am    Masechet Me'ila Shiur (in person & Zoom) 10:00 am    Midreshet Yom Rishon for Women
Monday, October 16 / 1 Cheshvan II Rosh Chodesh		7:00 am 6:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:15 am    Masechet Me'ila Shiur (in person & Zoom) 9:30 am    Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur (Zoom) 1:00 pm    Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class
Tuesday, October 17 / 2 Cheshvan		7:15 am 6:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Me'ila Shiur (in person & Zoom) 10:30 am    Walkie Talkies (outdoors; if raining - Banquet Hall) 7:30 pm    Guest Speaker Isabel Vincent 8:00 pm    Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur (Zoom)
Wednesday, October 18 / 3 Cheshvan		7:15 am 6:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Me'ila Shiur (in person & Zoom) 1:00 pm    Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class 9:00 pm    Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur
Thursday, October 19 / 4 Cheshvan		7:10 am 6:15 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Me'ila Shiur (in person & Zoom) 9:00 am    Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Taylor (Zoom)
Friday, October 20 / 5 Cheshvan		7:15 am 6:08 pm 6:15 pm	Shacharit Candles (earliest 5:20 pm) Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Me'ila Shiur (in person & Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated after 7:21 pm this week.


PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Sam Taylor

The Torah says famously that after the creation of light, ‘It was evening and it was then morning, the first day’. Rabbi Zev Wolf of Strikov writes that nighttime symbolises times of darkness, gloom and pain. Morning represents times of redemption and salvation, periods when we feel Hashem’s kindness shining upon us. The way we transition from evening to morning, the Rebbe of Strikov writes, is through אחד יום, through אחדות, unity and harmony among the Jewish People. Our enemies capitalise on our divisiveness and strife but when we transcend our differences and join together, we cannot be defeated; we can turn the thickest darkness into the most brilliant light.

When children don’t get along, the parents withdraw. Parents prefer not to get involved in their children’s fights, so they just step aside, and leave the children to figure it out themselves. This is true also of Hashem, our Father in heaven, and He hates to see His children fight with one another. When we do, He steps aside, and we are left alone without His assistance and protection. But when we join together, and live with harmony, helping and caring for one another, He is with us, and He brings us from the darkness of evening to the light of morning.

It must be emphasised that unity does not mean uniformity. We can be both different and unified. We do not need to do the same things or think the same way in order to attain unity. Unity means that we work together and care for one another despite our differences, that we do not allow our differences to divide us. This is what we are seeing now during our current crisis. The IDF soldiers courageously defending the Jewish State come from all different backgrounds, both political and religious, but they are unified, working closely together out of a sense of mutual commitment and a shared sense of mission. Across the Jewish world, too, Jews of all kinds have come together to show their much needed support for our brothers and sisters in Israel, and to assist in whichever ways they can. The beautiful unity we are witnessing is what will lead us from the darkness of pain and anguish to the light of redemption and joy.

YOUTH and TEEN UPDATE | [rich@shomayim.org](mailto:rich@shomayim.org)



LETTERS TO CHAYALIM - Soldiers in Israel

We ask that all Children and Teens write a letter to our *chayalim*. We have been told that these letters truly bring smiles to their faces. These can be drawings, letters of support, letters of love, photographs etc. We will forward to Israel where they will be distributed and redistributed to our brothers and sisters in the IDF. Please send either by whatsapp to 647-278-2284 or by email: [rich@shomayim.org](mailto:rich@shomayim.org).  
*Am Yisrael Chai!*

*To sponsor a Youth or Teen Program, please contact Rich.*  
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OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ISRAEL

**MOTZEI SHABBAT, OCTOBER 14TH, 9:00PM  
AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM**

Join us as we each learn a chapter of Tanach and together finish all 929 chapters in just one evening.  
Learning will be followed by Divrei Chizzuk from Rabbi Daniel Korobkin and the recitation of Tehillim.

Sign up at  
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Adult Israel Congregation

Guest speaker, *New York Post's* investigative reporter

**Isabel Vincent**  
Author of *Overture of Hope*

The amazing story of two British non-Jewish sisters who saved dozens of Jewish stars and personnel out of Nazi Germany to England.

**Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023 | 7:30 pm at Shaarei Shomayim**

*Overture of Hope*  
TWO SISTERS' During Plan That Saved OPERAS  
JEWISH STARS from the THIRD REICH  
Isabel Vincent

Isabel Vincent is an award-winning investigative reporter for the *New York Post* and the recipient of:

- The National Jewish Book Award - *Bodies and Souls*
- The Yad Vashem Holocaust History Award - *Hitler's Silent Partners: Swiss Banks, Nazi Gold, And The Pursuit Of Justice*
- The National Newspaper Award - *The War in the Congo* (National Post)
- The Canadian Association of Journalists Award - *See No Evil: The Strange Case of Christine Lamont and David Spencer*
- The Inter American Press Citation for reporting on *Shining Path, Terrorism in Peru*

Free of charge  
Registration encouraged at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/isabelvincent>

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**New Weekly Shiur with  
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**Mondays, 9:30 am  
Beginning October 16, 2023  
On the Shul's Zoom**

Please join us as we learn Mishlei together, where King Solomon shares guidance for life in the form of poems and short statements.  
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**SHABBAT PARASHAT VA-YERA | NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

**Friday Night Shiur**  
"Polygamy in Sefer Bereshit"

**Shabbat Morning Post-Mussaf Drasha**  
"A Traditionalist Confronts Contemporary Bible Criticism: A Close Look at Parashat Va-yera"

**Pre-Mincha Shiur**  
"More about the Parasha"

**Seudah Shlishit Talk**  
"Torah Study: A Quest for Relevance or Peshat?"

Rabbi Dr. B. Barry Levy began teaching Bible, Hebrew, and cognate subjects at Erna Michael College of Yeshiva University in 1969 at the age of 24. He received semicha from YU in 1971, and he completed his PhD at NYU in Ancient Near-Eastern Languages in 1974 with an analysis of a unique Vatican manuscript of the Palestinian Targum, Neofiti 1. As Ba'al Koreh he has memorized much of the Torah text. **Professor at McGill University from 1975 until retirement in 2017**, Levy taught more than 50 different courses in three faculties, chaired the Jewish Studies Department, was **Dean of the Religious Studies Faculty**, and **directed the Jewish Teacher Training Program**. He has lectured all over the world. Levy is the author of *Planets, Potions and Parchments*, *Fixing God's Torah: The Accuracy of the Bible Text in Jewish Law* and the forthcoming *Jewish Masters of the Sacred Page, a History of the Miqra'ot Gedolot*.

Rabbi Dr. Levy's detailed Resume

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CONDOLENCES

- Our sincere condolences to Betty (Jacober) Kruger, Sarah Sherman, Nina Bernstein, Yacov Kruger and Naomi Arram, on the loss of their husband and father, Dr. Arthur Kruger <sup>z"l</sup>.

Yahrzeits

DATE	Yahrzeits Being Observed	
Shabbat, October 14 / 29 Tishrei		
Sunday, October 15 / 30 Tishrei	Harry Baker, father of Estelle Tennen Harvey Joseph, father of Melissa Joseph	Sam Kershen, brother of Hal Kershen Murray Bernard Spiegel, father of Robert Spiegel
Monday, October 16 / 1 Cheshvan	Ernest Herskovits, father of Ecaterina Hollinger Bernard Klein, brother of Eli Klein	Harold (Hainny) Offenheim, father of Stephen Offenheim Jack E. Young, father of Michael Young
Tuesday, October 17 / 2 Cheshvan	Eugene Feiger, husband of Edith Feiger Toni Franco, mother of Viviane Massouda	Rifka Shafizadeh Hakimi, mother of Farokh Hakimi Githa Hart, mother of Barbara Held
Wednesday, October 18 / 3 Cheshvan		
Thursday, October 19 / 4 Cheshvan	Manuel Berlove, father of Leila Libman Esther Chajle Brandys, mother of Miriam Koval	David Katzman, adopted memory of Sol & Queenie Nayman

TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for Yahrzeit Commemorations:

*Kusiel Perlman & Ronitte Friedman Perlman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Kusiel's father, Isaac Perlman <sup>z"l</sup>*

*Queenie & Sol Nayman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of their adopted memory, David Katzman <sup>z"l</sup>*

Community Matters

- NCJWC Toronto is launching a new project to provide a social and recreational outlet for **women 20+ who have been diagnosed with cancer**. For more information contact [rgofine@ncjwctoronto.org](mailto:rgofine@ncjwctoronto.org).
- Sun. Oct. 15, 2:00 pm - **Afternoon Tunes Russian/Yiddish Songs**. Bernard Betel, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Register: 416-225-2112 x. 103.
- Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:00-8:30 pm - **Lessons Learned From Holocaust Survivors: Antisemitism, intergenerational trauma, and caring for survivors of oppression, genocide, and extreme trauma in a post-Holocaust world** with keynote speaker Dr. Paula David. Innis Town Hall, 2 Sussex Ave. Information and registration at <https://socialwork.utoronto.ca/event/ianis-rotman-distinguished-lecture-series-on-maaaaaaental-wellness-lessons-learned-from-holocaust-survivors/>.
- Oct. 23-30 - **Canadian Hadassah WIZO's Journey 4 Impact to Israel**. Experience challenges with a purpose, create social impact and economic independence for women entrepreneurs. Register at <https://chw.ca/journey-4-impact/>.
- Oct. 26, 7:30 pm - **The Great Toronto Pink Challah Bake & Concert**. In honour of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Register at <http://www.jewishtw.org/pinkchallah>. 83 Green Ln. Thornhill.
- Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:45 pm - **Netivot HaTorah Honouring Rabbi Elliott Diamond**. At Netivot HaTorah Day School, 18 Atkinson Ave. Thornhill. To RSVP or donate go to <https://netivot.crowdchange.ca/42756>.

Refuah Shleimah

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