

## SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, October 27		Shabbat, October 28		Torah Reading:	
	7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash	11:45 am	Kiddush* - Banquet Hall for both Sanctuary and Sisterhood myanim	Bereshit	
5:57 pm	8:10 am Chumash-Rashi: Melech Halberstadt	12:00	Shiur with Prof. Novak - Beit Midrash	12:1 - 17:27	
Candles	Classroom 106	5:15 pm	Pre-Mincha Shiur - Sanctuary	Hertz P. 45	
(earliest 5:11 pm)	9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor		Rabbi Ezer Diena	Stone P. 54	
	9:00 am Shacharit - Sisterhood: Rabbi Diamond	5:45 pm	Mincha - Sanctuary		
6:05 pm	9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash: Rabbi Anstandig	6:05 pm	Seudah Shlishit* - Banquet Hall, Rabbi. Diamond	<b>Haftorah:</b>	
Mincha/Maariv	9:45 am Youth Programs - Classrooms			Yeshayahu	
Sanctuary	9:45 am Teen Minyan - Lower Level Social Hall	7:00 pm	Maariv / Shabbat Ends	40:27 - 41:16	
	<i>Recite Shema before 10:20 am</i>			Hertz P. 60	
	11:20 am Post Mussaf: Sanctuary - Rabbi Elan Mazer		*Pareve from Dairy Kitchen	Stone P. 1133	

## MAZAL TOV AND OTHER MEMBERS MATTERS

- Mazal Tov to **Sara & Jordan Lass** on the birth of their baby girl. Excited sisters are **Mia Sunny & Annie Esther**. Ecstatic grandparents are **Jodi Gurza, Harley Gurza**, and **Brenda & Brian Lass**. Elated great-grandmother is **Myrna Lass**. Thrilled aunts, uncles and cousin are **Adam & Dani Gurza, Melissa, Ross, Riley, Izzy & Micah Linker**, and **Shira Lass**.
- Mazal Tov to **Ies & Ruth van Messel** on the birth of a great grandson, **Yitzchak Shaul**, born to **Amram & Fraydi Lissauer**.
- Yasher Koach to **Dr. Brad Strauss**, Canadian Cardiologist, who is volunteering at the HaEmek Medical Centre in Afula.
- Mazel Tov to **Sol Nayman** on the 75th anniversary of becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

**TODAH RABAH to our sponsors:**

**SHABBAT MATTERS:**

*Missy Hecker & Mark Greenberg in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Missy's father, Henry Robert Hecker z"l*

**RABBI'S TORAH FOR YOUR LIFE:**

*Linda Levenstein in commemoration of the  
yahrzeit of her husband, Larry Levenstein<sup>z"</sup>*

**KIDDUSH:**

*Myra Mechanic, Brenda & Brian Lass, Jon & Ellise Gasner, and Robert & Julea Gasner in commemoration of the first yahrzeit of their mother, Cynthia Gasner <sup>z"l</sup>*

*Jordan & Sara Lass in celebration of the birth of a daughter*

Anita Schmideg-Lichtblau & Mark Lichtblau  
in commemoration of the yahrzeit of  
Anita's father, George Schmideg z"l

9:30 AM MINYAN KIDDUSH:

*Richard & Irina Kay in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Richard's father, Harry Kay<sup>21</sup>*

**CHESSSED FUND:**

*Jack & Marlene Brudner in commemoration  
of the yahrzeit of Jack's sister, Micki  
Brudner z"l*

**SIDDUR:**

*Betty Charnaw and Family in  
commemoration of the yahrzeit of Betty's  
father, Sam Frohlich<sup>z"l</sup>*

**CHUMASH:**

*les & Ruth van Messel in honour of the birth  
of a great grandson, Yitzchak Shaul*

*Marlene & Jack Brudner in commemoration  
of the yahrzeit of Marlene's mother, Isadore  
Brudner z"l*

## UPCOMING SHIURIM & PROGRAMS

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

- 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).
- Tuesdays, 8:00 pm - **Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur**. On Zoom.
- Wednesdays, 9:00 pm - **Rabbi Taylor's Mishna Berura Shiur**. In person (*Not Oct. 29*).
- Thursdays, 9:00 am - **Coffee Klatch with Rabbi Taylor**. On Zoom (*Not Oct. 30*).
- Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1:00 pm - **Book Club: Tina Uрман - "Hello Beautiful"** by Ann Napolitano. Register at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/bookcluboct23>.
- Tuesday November 14, 12:00 pm - **Lunch & Learn: Exploring the Jewish Community of Rouyn-Noranda**. Register at <https://www.shomayim.org/form/lunchandlearn1123>.

**SECURITY COMMITTEE:** The Security Committee is looking for 10 more volunteers for Shabbat mornings. Please speak to Marc Koplowitz, Eric Ohayon or Jonathan Ostro. There will be a committee meeting Sunday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm online.

**GREETERS FOR SHABBAT:** Help us welcome those coming to shul at the Greeters' Table! We need some volunteers. Welcoming people to shul and offering information or help to those in need is a wonderful experience. Everyone who volunteers enjoys and appreciates the experience. Shifts are 45 minutes long from 9:00 am. Sign up for a shift at <https://tinyurl.com/shshHHwelcome>. If you are having difficulties signing up or want more information, please contact Sholom Eisenstat at [sholomeisenstat@gmail.com](mailto:sholomeisenstat@gmail.com).

**DAILY GEMARA SHIUR:** Shaarei Shomayim's morning Gemara Shiur will be starting a new Masechet this coming week. *Moed Kattan* deals with the laws of Chol HaMoed and mourning practices. Please join Rabbi Ezer Diena and our Chavruta Monday to Friday at 6:30am and Sunday at 7:45am in person (coffee provided) or on Zoom. Everyone is welcome!

TORAH MATTERS:			
DATE	DAVENING TIMES: IN PERSON & ZOOM		SHIURIM & PROGRAMS: IN PERSON AND / OR ZOOM
Sunday, October 29 / 14 Cheshvan	8:30 am 5:55 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	7:45 am    Masechet Mo'ed Katan (in person & Zoom)
Monday, October 30 / 15 Cheshvan	7:10 am 5:55 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) 9:30 am    Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur (Zoom) 1:00 pm    Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class
Tuesday, October 31 / 16 Cheshvan	7:15 am 5:55 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) 9:30 am    Dr. Shoshana Zolty's Class (Zoom, by registration) 10:30 am    Walkie Talkies (outdoors; if raining - Banquet Hall) 2:00 pm    Jewish Historical Sites in Ukraine Exhibit, Beth Tzedec Museum (by registration) 8:00 pm    Rabbi Diamond's Parshat Hashavua Shiur (Zoom)
Wednesday, November 1 / 17 Cheshvan	7:15 am 5:55 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom) 1:00 pm    Circle of Care Senior Exercise Class
Thursday, November 2 / 18 Cheshvan	7:10 am 5:55 pm	Shacharit Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom)
Friday, November 3 / 19 Cheshvan	7:15 am 5:48 pm 5:55 pm	Shacharit Candles (earliest 5:03 pm) Mincha / Maariv	6:30 am    Masechet Mo'ed Katan Shiur (in person & Zoom)

### PARSHA MATTERS - by Rabbi Taylor

Malki Tzedek, who is acknowledged as the king of a Shalem and a priest, met Avraham with food and wine upon his triumphant return from battle. Malki Tzedek praised Avraham, declaring, “Blessed is Avram to the Supreme G-d, who owns heaven and earth.” Numerous commentators have sought to explain why Malki Tzedek chose to describe G-d specifically as the one “who owns heaven and earth” in this context. Why did he refer to Hashem this way in his congratulatory blessing to Avraham?

Rabbi Moshe Wallner of Budapest suggests that this description speaks of the ideal of combining heaven and earth, of merging the physical and spiritual realms. Just as G-d resides in the heavens but is directly involved in all worldly affairs down to the minutest details, similarly, we are to strive to combine the realm of spirituality with mundane, worldly affairs. The Torah describes Malki Tzedek as “a priest to the Supreme God”, a term which perhaps suggests a spiritual quality that keeps a person withdrawn and apart from ordinary, worldly matters. When Avraham returned from a successful military campaign, Malki Tzedek marveled at Avraham’s ability to combine the spiritual and worldly realms, to live a life of lofty ideals which are practically applied to mundane pursuits. This ability was highlighted when Avraham waged a successful war. Despite being a renowned spiritual leader, Avraham took up arms and went out to battle when this was necessary to rescue innocent captives. He understood that spirituality demands not disengagement from the world’s problems, but rather active involvement and efforts to help solve them. Malki Tzedek humbly acknowledged that whereas his own life of spirituality was withdrawn from worldly affairs, Avraham succeeded in achieving spiritual excellence by applying his spiritual ideals to solving real world problems. Avraham’s spirituality was not a life of seclusion in a protective environment of sanctity, but rather a life of intensive engagement in world affairs, working to bring holiness to those affairs.

Therefore, Avraham was declared to be blessed to the Supreme God who owns heaven and earth. Avraham embodied the ideal of “*konei shamayim vaaretz*,” the model set by G-d Himself of merging the heavenly and earthly realms. He teaches us that spirituality is to be applied to, and not kept away from, the real world, and is specifically intended to enhance our worldly affairs, not to isolate us from it.

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

**TREATS FOR TEHILLIM - Everyone Welcome to Participate**

Join us this Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am - 11:30am. Our goal is to unite in prayer and brachot and read the entire Sefer Tehillim. All participants can choose a treat: cotton candy, popcorn or a lollipop for the little ones.

**SHABBAT & YOM TOV MITZVAH PROJECT**

Attention High School Students., If you are available there are members who need a helping hand walking to and from shul or need a short Shabbat visit. Please see Rich if you are interested in volunteering.

*To sponsor a Youth or Teen Program, please contact Rich.*



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# TREATS FOR TEHILLIM

Our **goal**: to read the entire Sefer Tehillim in zechut of the IDF and all our brothers and sisters in Israel.

All participants can choose a treat: cotton candy, popcorn or a lollipop for the little ones

**Date: Sunday October 29th**

**Time: 11:00am - 11:30am**

**Place: Shaarei Shomayim - main lobby**

**(Enter from Glencairn)**

We will distribute 1-2 prakim per family.

All families including parents, kids, teens, and grandparents are invited and encouraged to participate.

**Let's unite in prayer for our brothers and sisters in the IDF and Klal Yisrael**

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# BOOK CLUB

We are pleased to announce our new Book Club!

Talks will be held at 1:00-2:30 pm in the shul on:

**Tuesday October 31 | Tina Urman**  
*Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

**Wednesday November 15 | Dr. Harriet Morris**  
*Diary of Anne Frank* from a very different perspective

**Thursday November 30 | Dr. Ruby Newman**  
*Jerusalem Beach* by Iddo Gefen

**Tuesday March 5 | Ralph Wintrob**  
*The Tunnel* by A. B. Yehoshua

**Tuesday April 2 | Dr. Janna Nadler**  
*Brotherless Night* by V. V. Ganeshananthan

**Monday June 3 | Dr. Sara Horowitz**  
Book TBA

Cost per session:  
Member \$10/person | Non-Member \$20/person

Register for the October 31 session at  
<https://www.shomayim.org/form/bookcluboct23>

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ADULT EDUCATION

## SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

### RABBI DR. B. BARRY LEVY

**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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FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

# A Night to Unite

OPEN TO WOMEN AND MEN!!

## Motzei Shabbat Kumzitz & Light Dinner

**November 4, 8:30 - 10:30PM**

Shaarei Shomayim, 470 Glencairn Ave  
Lower Level Social Hall

**Recommended Donation: \$18/pp**  
Sponsored in Loving Memory of Bubbie Cynthia Gasner

To Register: <https://bit.ly/ypkumzitz>

Additional donations are welcome and will be donated to One Family Fund



Yahrzeits		
DATE	Yahrzeits Being Observed	
Shabbat, October 28 / 13 Cheshvan	Helen Shneer, sister of Dr. Hal Kershen William Finkelstein, father of Sheldon Finkelstein	Adele Faust, mother of Fern Orzech Jean Kiner, mother of Myrna Lambert
Sunday, October 29 / 14 Cheshvan	Daniel Herbert, brother of Dr. Paul Herbert Mina Smith, mother of Tobe Tweyman Anita Feldman, mother of Etta Sugarman	Henry Robert Hecker, father of Melissa Hecker Mina Smith, mother of Henry Smith
Monday, October 30 / 15 Cheshvan	Cynthia Gasner, mother of Brenda Lass, Myra Mechanic, and Jon Gasner, sister of Renee Solursh Renee Borovoy, sister of Edna Tennent Aviva Heller, mother of Hart Heller	Rose Strauss, mother of Gordon Strauss Aviva Heller, mother of Jay Heller Oscar Ackerman, father of Susanne Taran
Tuesday, October 31 / 16 Cheshvan	Esther Leifer, mother of Pearl Goldrich Molly (Micki) Brudner, sister of Jack Brudner	Hans Heilbronn, father of Michael Heilbronn
Wednesday, November 1 / 17 Cheshvan	Irving Knopman, husband of Sharon Knopman Cecille Hattin, mother of Adrienne Hattin	Isadore H. Brudner, father of Jack Brudner
Thursday, November 2 / 18 Cheshvan	Sam Frohlich, father of Betty Charnaw George Schmideg, father of Anita Schmideg-Lichtblau Sophie Kates, mother of Dorothy Cohen	Morris Schwartz, father of Howard Schwartz Charles Wachtel, father of Susyn Smith
Friday, November 3 / 19 Cheshvan	Harry Kay, father of Richard Kay	

***TODAH RABAH to our sponsors for YAHRZEIT COMMEMORATIONS:***  
*Myra Lambert in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Jean Kiner <sup>z"l</sup>*

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- ♦ To receive a list of various initiatives and charities supporting Israel, please email [president@shomayim.org](mailto:president@shomayim.org).
- ♦ Nov. 2, 8:00 pm at Shaarei Shomayim - “Responding to Christian Challenges to Judaism - Who is the Messiah? Why the Case for Jesus Fails.” Live or ZOOM attendance. To register, go to [www.jewsforjudaism.ca/challenges](http://www.jewsforjudaism.ca/challenges). For more information 416-789-0020 or [info@jewsforjudaism.ca](mailto:info@jewsforjudaism.ca).
- ♦ Do you know a young woman who has been touched by cancer? NCJWC Toronto is launching a new project to provide a social and recreational outlet for younger women (20+) who have been diagnosed with cancer and have been treated or are currently being treated. For more information contact [rgofine@ncjwctoronto.org](mailto:rgofine@ncjwctoronto.org).
- ♦ NCSY Canada is looking for Post Yeshiva and Seminary students volunteers who can be positive role models for Jewish Teens. Roles include leading small *chabura* groups during weekly learning program; being a mentor on Shabbatons; and leading summer trips to Israel and around North America. NCSY offers a variety of programs that are both co-ed and single gendered. Apply at <http://advisors.ncsy.org> or email Stella Osiel at [Osiels@ncsy.org](mailto:Osiels@ncsy.org).
- ♦ ArtScroll Free Tehillim Download in order to facilitate meaningful prayers for Israel and the Chayalim. Go to <https://www.artscroll.com/itehillim.html>.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH

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