

ELUL AND YAMIM NORAIM

PROGRAM GUIDE



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CONGREGATION
SHOMREI TORAH

MEET THE TEAM AND COMMUNAL SEUDAH SHLISHIT

SHABBAT AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 7

Join us in welcoming our new Rabbinic and Educational team;

Rabbi Andrew and Dr. Rebbetzin Sara Markowitz, Sara and Dovi Grosser, Youth Directors and **Rabbi Yoni Mandelstam**, Rabbi of our Beis Midrash Minyan, for an exciting start to a new year.

Be a part of the energy in bringing the Shomrei Torah community together for a meaningful and leibidik Seudah Shlishit for the Soul. Catch up with old friends and make new ones at this specially catered event. Children of all ages are invited to a Youth Seudah Shlishit event with the Grossers and our group leaders which will take place at the same time.



RENEWING OUR SHUL EXPERIENCE

ELUL DRASHA SERIES

Our vibrant and warm shul at its core, is a *makom Tefillah*. Often, we overlook the holy objects that animate our shul. Join me in a four week drasha series, as we explore these objects and relate them to the foundation of the prayer experience. Tefillah is *avodah shebalev*. We have work to do. Let's renew our shul experience together!



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**ARON KODESH:
FINDING OUR
PLACE IN TORAH**

SHABBAT,
SEPTEMBER
7, BEFORE
MUSSAF

*In-depth look
at the history
and halachos 45
minutes before
Mincha on
Shabbat, Sept. 14.*

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**BIMAH:
CONNECTING TO
OUR MESORAH**

SHABBAT,
SEPTEMBER
21, BEFORE
MUSSAF

*In-depth look
at the history
and halachos 45
minutes before
Mincha.*

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**NER TAMID:
ILLUMINATING
OUR LIFE**

SHABBAT,
SEPTEMBER
28, BEFORE
MUSSAF

*In-depth look
at the history
and halachos 45
minutes before
Mincha.*

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**SIDDUR: MORE
THAN JUST OUR
WORDS**

SHABBAT
SHUVA,
OCTOBER
5, BEFORE
MINCHA

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 @ 9:00 AM

The involvement of Shomrei Torah's membership is the ingredient that makes our Shul unique. Back by popular demand, all members and associate members are invited to hear about exciting initiatives, goals, and the vision of Shomrei Torah at our Membership Breakfast. The program will include:

- Address from our President Jeff Cohen
- Reflections and Insights from Rabbi Markowitz's Listening Tour
- Learn how you can impact our Shul
- Learn more about our new initiative, the Members Helping Members Group
- Tribute to Ari and Yael Mayefsky, our Youth Directors of 8 years

Entertainment for children will be provided so that parents of young children can attend the breakfast!



PRE-ROSH HASHANA PROGRAMMING



GEMARA MEGILLAH CHABURA WITH RABBI MARKOWITZ

BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 @ 8:15 PM

Beginning September 3, Rabbi Markowitz will be giving a weekly Tuesday evening Gemara Chabura for Men.



SISTERHOOD ROSH CHODESH SHIUR

SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 14 @ 5:00 PM

Have we been misunderstanding the goal of Yom Kippur? The Shiur will be an exploration of what makes Yom Kippur different from Tisha Ba'av, despite the similarities between the two fast days.

Gabrielle Berger is a Gemara teacher at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School and a Nishmat-certified kallah teacher.



TEN MEANINGFUL MEDITATIONS ON THE MACHZOR: ROSH HASHANA EDITION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 8:00 PM

Explore the Rosh Hashana Machzor with Rabbi Markowitz. In each class Rabbi Markowitz will present ten new thoughts from the Machzor in preparation for the Yamim Noraim.



THE GREAT BABKA BAKE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 7:30 PM

Communally and personally, we have increased our observance of the mitzvah of Hafrashas Challah. Come learn ways to use your challah dough to make Babka. Together with Dr. Rebbetzin Sara Markowitz, learn about the mitzvah of enhancing oneg Shabbos and Yom Tov. Everyone will have an opportunity to make chocolate babka and watch a demonstration of three types of Babkas!



FLU SHOT AT SHOMREI TORAH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 6:00-9:00 PM

Need your flu shot? Your spiritual health AND physical health are a priority at Shomrei Torah. We are making it easier than ever to get your flu shot by providing a flu shot clinic right in the Shul. Just drop in and make sure to bring your insurance card.



SELICHOS NIGHT PROGRAM WITH RAV DOVID BASHEVKIN: AN INTIMATE AND FRANK CONVERSATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL FAILURE AND COMMUNAL ASPIRATION

MOTZAI SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 21 @ 11:15 PM

Join us @ 11:15pm for an armchair discussion with Rabbi Markowitz & Rabbi Bashevkin as we come together to prepare for the Yamim Noraim. This will be followed with a brief Kumsitz 12:15-12:30 that will lead into pre-Selichot chizzuk at 12:35 with Rabbi Bashevkin with Selichos led by Rabbi Leiner at 12:45. Refreshments will be available during the program.

David Bashevkin is the Director of Education for NCSY and an instructor at YU, where he teaches courses on public policy, religious crisis, and rabbinic thought.



YOUTH DEPARTMENT KICKOFF EVENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Spend time with our new Youth Directors, Sara and Dovi Grosser with a family fun-filled trip. Get into the Yom Tov mood with age-appropriate themed projects and programming. More details to follow!



SHIUR WITH RABBI DAVID FOHRMAN: SHOFAR AND THE SATAN: WHAT WERE THE RABBIS TALKING ABOUT?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 @ 8:00 PM

The shiur will be followed by Maariv.

Rabbi Fohrman is an internationally renowned lecturer on Biblical themes and the principal educator at the Aleph Beta Academy. He has served as an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins University and as a lead writer and editor for ArtScroll's Talmud translation project. He currently lives in Woodmere, NY with his wife and children.



TEN MEANINGFUL MEDITATIONS ON THE MACHZOR: YOM KIPPUR EDITION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 8:00 PM

Explore the Yom Kippur Machzor with Rabbi Markowitz. In each class Rabbi Markowitz will present ten new thoughts from the Machzor in preparation for the Yamim Noraim.

SUKKOT PROGRAMMING



ARBAH MINIM PICKUP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 @ 8:00-10:00 PM

Stop by the shul to pick up your Daled Minim. Please make sure to order your sets in advance through the Shul website, or contact Daniel Krich and/or Gideon Bannett for more information.



DECORATE THE SHUL SUKKAH, PIZZA, AND BABYSITTING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 @ 9:30AM - 1 PM

Need some extra help on Erev Sukkos? Drop off your children ages 3-10 to help decorate the Shul Sukkah from 9:30-1:00 PM run by Sara and Dovi Grosser. Reservations and payment are required and can be made through the Shul website.



SIMCHAT BEIS HASHOEIVA FOR TEENS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

The Markowitzs invite all the teens of the community to a Simchas Beis HaShoeivah in their Sukkah. Join them for great food, stories, and fun games. The event will take place rain or shine.



SUKKAH HOP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Sukkah Hop will take place in the afternoon for children of all ages. Children will need an adult to 'hop' with them from sukkah to sukkah.



TIKKUN LEIL HOSHANA RABBAH

MOTZEI SHABBAT, OCTOBER 19

Hoshana Rabba is a day shrouded in mystery and is a time of reflection as we take leave of the holiday of Sukkot. We will be hosting a shiur to inspire us and connect to the kedusha of the day.



YOUTH HAKAFOT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

All Shomrei Torah Youth are invited to celebrate Simchat Torah with our special youth Hakafot in the afternoon. The Hakafot will be followed by a meat dinner for kids in the back of the Beis Midrash. All children will receive a special treat to sweeten their Yom Tov experience! Children are encouraged to join in the main Hakafot following Maariv in the Social Hall.



HAKAFOT IN SHOMREI TORAH

MONDAY NIGHT & TUESDAY DAY, OCTOBER 21-22

Simchat Torah is a time when the entire Shul, men, women, and children join together to daven, dance, reflect, and celebrate our love and joy of Torah as we take leave of the Holiday season. This is highlighted when we proudly dance with the Torahs outside in the parking lot.

The children of the community all receive their aliyot under the beautiful Riva Blatt Weinstein z"l chuppah. Enjoy great food at our not-to-be-missed kiddush!

Simchat Torah in Shomrei Torah creates special moments for our community that you don't want to miss.



SIMCHAT TORAH SHIUR FOR WOMEN

SIMCHAT TORAH, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Our celebration of Torah is best expressed through learning and engaging in it. Our Rebbetzin, Dr. Sara Markowitz will be delivering a shiur to the women of our community for her annual Simchat Torah shiur. The class will take place during the aliyot.

DAILY CLASSES AND SHIURIM

BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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MONDAY MORNINGS WITH RABBI MARKOWITZ

8:50 AM - PERSONAL GROWTH (NATEP*)

The Month of Elul is a time of self reflection and growth. It is with this in mind that we will be learning together the new sefer, *Olam haMidot*; a study in perfecting our character traits, which helps us guide our journey as we lead up to the Yamim Noraim.

9:05 AM - GEMARA PESACHIM, PEREK ARVEI PESACHIM (NATEP*)

We will be exploring several significant topics that affect our daily life such as “Being Content with Intent,” understanding the role of Kavana in our performance of mitzvot through the prism of the Talmud and its commentaries.

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WOMENS TEHILLIM

MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Tehillim has been a source of inspiration, clarity, chizuk, and comfort in times of distress for Jews of all walks of life. The women in our Shul join together every Monday night to say Tehillim on behalf of the cholim in our community and all of Klal Yisrael.

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PARSHA CONCEPTS WITH RABBI YUDIN

MONDAYS @ 8:30 PM

Through the prism of the parsha and Yamim Tovim, Rabbi Yudin brings the beauty of the Torah relevant to our daily lives. Everyone is welcome to come.

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TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH RABBI YUDIN AND RABBI MARKOWITZ

8:45 AM TORAH WITH RABBI YUDIN (NATEP*)

Have the ability to learn with Rabbi Yudin in his unique indelible style as he plumbs the depth and profundity of Torah while bringing all of us along for the ride inspiring us along the way.

9:15 AM TESHUVA WITH THE SLONIMER REBBE (NATEP*)

Together with Rabbi Markowitz, we will learn the teachings of the Nesivos Shalom written Rabbi Sholom Noach Berezovsky zt”l, where he brings us into the world of Chassidut in a practical and relevant way for the 21st-century Jew.

T**GEMARA MEGILLAH CHABURAH WITH RABBI MARKOWITZ**

TUESDAYS @ 9:15 PM

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W**TIMELY TORAH**

WEDNESDAYS @ 8:45 AM (NATEP*)

Explore and learn contemporary Torah topics and issues with Rabbi Wallace Greene.

Rabbi Dr. Wallace Greene has had a distinguished career as a Jewish educator. He founded The Sinai Schools - the first Jewish special needs program accredited by Middle States Association when he was principal of the Hebrew Youth Academy, now renamed the Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy. He is a frequent contributor to numerous local publication and is known as a teacher to all teachers.

W**PARSHA PERSPECTIVES WITH RABBI MARKOWITZ**

WEDNESDAYS @ 9:20 AM (NATEP*)

Traverse the weekly Parsha with Rabbi Markowitz. Each week, we will explore a different aspect of the parsha and learn multiple perspectives from the beautiful tapestry of our commentaries throughout our rich history.

W**LUNCHTIME LEARNING WITH RABBI YUDIN**

WEDNESDAYS @ 1:00 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

The *Sefer ha-Chinuch* is a work which systematically discusses the 613 commandments of the Torah. Join the shiur to learn the mitzvos with its contemporary and timeless applications.

Th**TIMELY TORAH II**

THURSDAYS @ 9:00 AM (NATEP*)

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MONDAY-THURSDAY @ 8:00 PM

The Daf will take place Monday through Thursdays @ 8PM with Rabbi Dr Tzvi Loewy. Shabbos mornings, 45 minutes before the beginning of Shacharit and Sunday Mornings following the 7am minyan.

***Naftali Aron T.E.P. (NATEP)**

The Naftali Aron Torah Enrichment Program caters to individuals who are eager to continue learning at all stages of life. Men and women of all backgrounds are invited to engage in interactive Torah classes with breakfast, Monday through Thursday mornings. Times are subject to change with the week of selichos.

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