

Shaarei Tefillah is the destination for families and individuals from diverse Jewish backgrounds who share a desire for strong Jewish values, relevant inspiration, personal growth and warm welcoming community!



To new members
Jeffrey & Ruth Waldman, and their
children Leah and Simon.

Dear Members & Guests,

This week's Parsha includes the very first mitzvah ever given to the Jewish people as a nation – the mitzvah of Rosh Chodesh, sanctifying the new month, something we just did this past week as we entered into the month of Shevat.

Several commentaries explain that perhaps the reason that this is the very first mitzvah commanded out of all the 613 choices is to teach us, to reinforce, the value of time. As we know, there is no commodity that is as valuable and yet as fleeting as time; a commodity that only diminishes and never increases in quantity. Therefore, before detailing any of the specific laws, values, or rituals, the Torah reminds us to take time seriously, because the last thing a person wants to have happen is for life to pass them by and then realize that they could have become more or done things differently.

When one of Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky's sons, Binyamin, was becoming Bar Mitzvah, Rav Kamenetsky said to him, "If I spend a lot of money on a present for you, will you use it well and not waste it?" His son of course agreed.

On the day he became Bar Mitzvah, Rav Kamenetsky called Binyamin in to his study, reached up to his bookshelf and said again, "You promised to use the present well, right?" Again, Binyamin agreed. Rav Kamenetsky then brought down a small box containing a watch.

"Remember", he repeated, "you agreed to use it well and not waste it!" In this way, Rav Kamenetsky taught his son the importance of time in general and the importance of every single second.

Similarly, the Torah begins with this mitzvah so that Jews throughout the ages remember just how valuable a gift time is.

As they say, Each second is a precious gift, that's why we call it the "present"!

Wishing you a Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Lipner

WEEKLY DAVENING TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING	4:04 PM
CANDLE LIGHTING	4:43 PM
MINCHA	4:50 PM

SHABBAT DAY

DAF YOMI	8:30 AM
MORNING SERVICES	9:00 AM
BREAKAWAY w/ R'LIPNER	10:15 AM

MINCHA followed by SEUDAH SHELSHIT	4:35 PM
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MAARIV/HAVDALAH	5:50 PM
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WEEKLY MINCHA	4:50 PM
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SUNDAY

DAF YOMI	7:15 AM
SHACHARIT	8:15 AM

MONDAY- FRIDAY

DAF YOMI	6:30 AM
SHACHARIT	6:30/7:30 AM

NEXT SHABBAT - PARSHAT BESHALACH

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING	4:11 PM
CANDLE LIGHTING	4:51 PM
FRIDAY MINCHA	5:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S TEFILLAH TIDBIT

"Making Tefillah Work, By Working on Our Tefillah"

Don't forget to pick up a copy of this week's Tefillah insight on the table:



**Jewish Prayer
by Nachum Amsel**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We are planning some very exciting guest speakers and scholar in residence for 2019. If you are interested in sponsoring in honor/memory of someone please speak with Rabbi Lipner or email him at ravlipner@gmail.com

YASHER KOACH & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congregational Kiddush is generously sponsored by Dr. Norman Share in loving memory of his beloved mother Ethel Share A”H, whose yahrzeit will be observed on the 10th of Shevat. May her Neshama have an Aliyah.



Parsha Sheet is generously sponsored by Goldie Bellack in loving memory of her mother Bessie Singer A”H, whose Yahrzeit is to be observed on the 9th of Shevat, and her sisters Anne Wallace A”H and Rose Singer A”H, whose Yahrzeits will be observed on the 6th of Shevat. May their Neshama’s have an Aliyah.

Parsha Sheet is generously sponsored by Diane Miles, Frances Sadoway and Harold Sadoway in loving memory of their beloved brother Meyer ben Mordechai A”H, whose Yahrzeit will be observed on the 10th of Shevat. May his Neshama have an Aliyah.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JFI & Shaarei Tefillah Present’s
**“Love Unpacked” by
 Ilana Rubenstein Kendel**
February 13th, 2019

for anyone dating, engaged or married!
 Please register @ www.myjfi.com/register

THIS WEEK’S YOUTH SHABBAT ACTIVITY

This week in the Makerspace, we will discuss the Jews learning about the lunar calendar in this week’s Parsha, and eat yummy Parsha related snacks!!

The Nursery will also be eating Parsha related snack as they learn about the remaining three punishments received by the Egyptian people!

-Ariel



In Parshat Bo, we read the epic conclusion of the 10 plagues, and the beginning of the tradition of the Korban Pesach!

In STC groups, we will play fun games and ask mind boggling questions related to these miraculous events!

-Batya & Ryan



Join Rabbi Lipner on
May 26, 2019 - June 2, 2019

on an unforgettable trip to Poland, where survivors will share their stories and preserve the memory of the Holocaust, and participants will revisit the incredible legacy of the past in order to pass it on to the future.

For more information speak to Rabbi Lipner or go to www.thelivinglegacy.ca

CLASSES FOR THE WEEK:



Monday @ 10 am

Rabbi Shlomo Schwartz - The Social Hall
 "Heaven From Ten to Eleven-a spirited discussion of modern Halacha"

Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

Rabbi Alex Hecht (YU Kollel)-The Apter Hall
 "Controversies of the 20th Century"

Thursday @ 9 am

Rabbi Rafi Lipner - The Social Hall
 The Mom’s Morning Jolt

Yahrzeits for the Week

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member Name
Sam Kideckel	Father	Mr. Martin Kideckel
Anne Wallace	Sister	Mrs. Goldie Bellack
Rose Singer	Sister	Mrs. Goldie Bellack
Bessie Singer	Mother	Mrs. Goldie Bellack
Beatrice Cohen	Mother	Mr. Yisroel Cohen
Ethel Share	Mother	Dr. Norman Share
Shlomo Adler	Son	Mr. Isser Adler
Shlomo Adler	Son	Mrs. Esther Adler
Estelle Miller	Wife	Mr. Harold Miller
Max Rosenblitt	Father	Mr. Michael Rosenblitt
Esther Pupko	Mother	Mrs. Tina Lax
Nesia Borenstein	Wife	Mr. Jack Borenstein