

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!

FRIDAY NIGHT

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING 5:03PM

CANDLE LIGHTING 5:49PM

MINCHA 5:55PM

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM

DAF YOMI 8:30AM

SHACHARIT 9:00AM

MINCHA followed by SEUDAH SHELISHIT 5:40PM

MAARIV/HAVDALAH 6:51PM

WEEKLY MINCHA - NEW TIME 4:50PM

SUNDAY

DAF YOMI 7:15AM

SHACHARIT 8:15AM

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

DAF YOMI 6:30AM

SHACHARIT 6:30/7:30AM

THURSDAY - 1st Day Rosh Chodesh Kislev

DAF YOMI 6:10AM

SHACHARIT 6:10/7:10AM

FRIDAY - 2nd Day Rosh Chodesh Kislev

DAF YOMI 6:10AM

SHACHARIT 6:10/7:10AM

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING 3:56PM

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:40PM

MINCHA 4:45PM

Dear Members & Guests,

I am writing the weekly message from a place that is a little different than usual...30,000 feet above the ocean. It has now been nearly a week since the devastating loss of 11 kedoshim (Holy Jews) from Pittsburgh who were brutally murdered simply for being Jewish, and simply for being in shul.

As Jews, our response is not to stop and rethink our religious commitment and what we know to be right. It is not whether or not to go to shul after such an Incident. Rather our response, our revenge is to double down and do it in even greater numbers and with greater commitment. Many of you might have seen the hashtags #packtheshuls and #showupforshabbat. I urge you and everyone you know to go to shul and daven in solidarity for our people. For my part, I will definitely miss not being there with my STC family this Shabbat, but allow me to offer you the chizuk (strength) that I am drawing from the following thoughts running through my mind.

There are three major anchors in a Jew's life: Am Yisrael, Eretz Yisrael, and Torat Yisrael - the Nation of Israel, the Land of Israel, and the Torah of Israel. Each of these plays a major role in how we can process and grow from this tragedy.

As a nation, we come together to mourn, but more importantly, we come together to remember that we are a people who celebrate life and live with hope, with tikva, despite the many sacrifices that have been made over the years. As you gather in shul in Toronto as a nation, I am going to spend this Shabbat not simply reading about Ma'arat Hamachpelah in Parshat Chayai Sarah, but actually celebrating Shabbat in Chevron, the site of Ma'arat Hamechpelah, with tens of thousands of brothers and sisters from around the world. This week especially, we won't just sing "Am Yisrael Chai"; we will feel it in our bones.

In the Hagaddah we declare, "b'chol dor va'dor omdim aleinu l'chalseinu"- "in each generation they rise against us to exterminate us". And we continue, "she'lo echad bilvad amad aleynu l'chalseinu", which we normally translate as: it is not only one who stands against us. However, the Sfias Emes suggests an alternative reading. She'lo echad bilvad, when we simply are not united, when we are divided ourselves, omdim aleinu, that is enough to fuel our enemies to stand against us and makes us vulnerable to their nefarious plans. But when we stand together – we are invincible.

Furthermore, we are a people who has been privileged and blessed to be able to return to our homeland. As I am but a few hours away from landing in this Holy Land, I am eternally grateful for Eretz Yisrael and want to remind us all to never take it for granted. Israel reminds me that despite the odds, we shall and always do overcome.

However, the reason we overcome is in no small part due to our loyalty to Torah. Our Torah and values continue to guide and strengthen us as to how to respond in all situations with which we are faced. Rav Soloveitchik points out that after a tragedy strikes, people often ask "Lamah"- why? But answers are often not readily or ever available. As Jews, we are told to say those same letters, but with different vowels – "Le'mah" – for what? What are we meant to learn from the tragedy in order to help us grow? Certainly we pause to grieve and mourn but that is not enough. This atrocity demands a greater response and even greater Jewish conviction. That is the Jewish way. Let not anti-semitism diminish Judaism, let it fuel the flame of greater commitment to Torah and Mitzvot, and serve as an aliyah for their neshamot.

Wishing everyone a Shabbat Shalom – A Shabbat that is peaceful and that brings an everlasting peace.

Rabbi Lipner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking forward to seeing you November 9th at the 7th Annual STC Family Friday Night tefillah & Dinner B'Yachad.

Daylight savings times ends Saturday night. Please turn your clock back one hour.

STC needs You! Recruits of all ages are encouraged to aid in the Shul Effort for Daily Minyans, especially Mincha/Maariv, this week at 4:50 PM! Morning minyans are 6:30 and 7:30 AM. Rosh Chodesh Thursday and Friday, 6:10 and 7:10 AM. Come out to daven. You'll be a minyan-aire!"



SHAAREI TEFILLAH KNITTERS CLUB

The ladies of the ST Knitters Club meet once a week to knit for multiple amazing causes. This includes the palliative care unit at Baycrest, the children of Chai Lifeline, the Homeless of Ve'ahavta, as well as for our soldiers.

Donations to the Sharrei Tefillah Knitters Club would be greatly appreciated and you will receive a tax receipt.

CLASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday @ 10 am

Rabbi Shlomo Schwartz - The Social Hall
 "Heaven From Ten to Eleven-a spirited discussion of modern halacha"
 Based on writings of Rabbi J. David Bleich, Professor of Talmud, Yeshiva University)
 Call 416-839-2090 to register.

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

THIS WEEK'S YOUTH SHABBAT ACTIVITY

This past week we had an amazing "Chopped" Competition. Just like Avram ran to cook food for his guests, STC youth competed to make the most creative dish to serve to the judges. This week our youth will participate in making a "deal" just as Avram made a deal with Ephron to buy Ma'arat Hamachpeilah.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events such as our "High Stakes Game Night" and Saturday Night! Skating!

YAHARZEITS FOR THE WEEK

Deceased Name	Relationship	Name of Member
Victor Pollock	Brother	Mr. Percy Pollock
Saul Schwartz	Husband	Mrs. Esther Schwartz
Esther Bragman	Mother	Mrs. Edith Malkin
Rozalia Goldstein	Mother	Mrs. Annie Ushky
Florence Rogers	Sister	Mrs. Sandra Genesove