

NEWSFROMTHEHILL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FHJC BULLETIN March 4/5, 2022 – 2 ADAR II, 5782 PARSHAS PEKUDEI

SHABBATTIMES

Friday Night Services start at 5:52 PM
Candle Lighting 5:52 PM
Parsha Class with Rabbi Elie 8:30 AM
Shabbos Morning Services 9:00 AM
Shabbos Mincha 5:52 PM
Haydallah 6:54 PM

Weekly Davening Times

Shacharis: Sunday – 8 AM / Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – 7 AM / Monday-Thursday – 6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariy 6:00 PM

RABBI'S DESK

I wanted to share with you all the following piece from Israeli Journalist, Sivan Rahav-Meir, translated by Yehoshua Siskin:

Natan Sharansky spoke at a Sheva Brachot gathering in honor of the wedding of Benaya and Neta Dickstein. Benaya's parents, Yossi and Chanah, were murdered in a terrorist attack when he was seven years old. It's too bad that only those in attendance heard Sharansky, the famous prisoner of Zion, speak as follows:

"When I was growing up in Ukraine, in Donetsk, there were many nations and nationalities. There were those with identity papers that read 'Russian,' 'Ukrainian,' 'Georgian,' or 'Kozak.' This was not so important since there was not much difference between them. The single designation that stood out was 'Jew.' If that was written as your identity, it was as if you had a disease.

"We knew nothing about Judaism. There was nothing signficant about our Jewish identity other than the anti-Semitism, hatred, and discriminatory treatment we experienced because of it. When it came to a university application, for example, no one tried to change his designation from 'Russian' to 'Ukrainian' because it did not matter. However, if you could change your designation of 'Jew,' it substantially improved your chances of university admission.

"This week, I was reminded of those days when I saw thousands of people standing at the borders of Ukraine trying to escape. They are standing there day and night and there is only one word that can help them get out: 'Jew.' If you are a Jew, there are Jews outside who care about and are waiting for you. There is someone on the other side of the border who is searching for you. Your chances of leaving are excellent.

"The world has changed. When I was a child, 'Jew' was an unfortunate designation. No one envied us. But today on the Ukrainian border, identifying as a Jew is a most fortunate circumstance. It describes those who have a place to go, where their family, an entire nation, is waiting for them on the other side."

It is a privilege and an honour to be a Jew. We all ought to stand-up tall and proud of who we are. Now, more than ever, the world sees as Jewish communities everywhere step into the breach to provide assistance. Please see my video about how we can help in a very real, tangible way.

Donations can be made at: www.emergencyukraine.com

Be Jewish, Live Jewish, Stay Jewish

Rabbi Elie

BIRTHDAYS**ANNIVERSARIES**YAHRZEITS

BIRTHDAYS

Sofia Hirsh 3/4
Gavin Podolsky 3/5
Dylan Max Perlis 3/5
Eden Lily Peters 3/5
Nati Philosophe 3/6
Emma Shirel Weiss 3/6
Aliyah Greenberg 3/6

Stephanie Khoo 3/7

Cathy Belzberg 3/7
Paul Appleby 3/7
Adam Donsky 3/7
Eitan Markus 3/7
Avi Silver 3/9
Agnes Por-Somfai
Paul Naiman 3/10

MAZEL TOVS

Mazel tov to Marvin Shumacher & Marsha Gallinger on the birth of a grandson!

Mazel Tov to Jonathan & Joelle Azouri on the birth of a son!

Mazel Tov to David & Gali Azouri on the birth of a grandson!

Mazel Tov to Olivier & Dinah Felicio on the birth of a girl!

UPCOMING YAHRZEITS



Sara Kampler, 3 Adar II, 3/6 Sister of Samuel Marcushamer

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

Elisha & Shifra Greenberg 3/6 Ron & Ora Somogyi 3/9 Anthony Lipschitz & Lisa Mawas- Lipschitz 3/9

RABBI ELIE'S WEEKLY WOMEN'S PARSHA CLASS
IS SPONSORED BY AN ANONYMOUS DONOR
FOR THE SEASON

THANK YOU TO MORRIS & SARAH PERLIS
FOR SPONSORING THIS YEAR'S
SHABBOS HERRING TABLE!

Please call Nancy 416.483.0883 x224 for all available sponsorships

THIS WEEK'S KIDDUSH IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

We need volunteers to deliver Shalach Manos, especially if you live in a nearby building.

Please contact <u>nancy@fhjc.ca</u> for more details

YOUTH SERVICES THIS SHABBOS

SHABBAT:

Parents 'N' Tots: 9:00 am – 2nd floor in classroom #1 (Unsepervised) Toys and Snacks *******NEW********

JK?SK – TODDLERS 9:30 am – 2nd floor Nursery Room #4 Supervised play from 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Grades 1-4:Pray, Stay & Play

Jr. Congregation begins at 10:30 am – Classroom #3

Grades 5 – 7: Jt. Congregation 9:30 am

Daven/Kiddush/Games
Davening begins at 10:30 am – Classroom #2

Circle Time with Rifky: 10:00 am

Goose Family Banquet Hall

HAVE A BEAUTIFUL SHABBOS
From Forest Hill Jewish Centre **YOUTH**The **CENTRE** of it all

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU-TH!

STYL - SOLOMON TEEN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Program begins this Monday for all pre approved applicants. Location: Goose Social Hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm

PRE-SHABBAT MUSIC CLASS

Every Friday – Walk Ins accepted for 10:15 am class

TEEN DINE 'N' LEARN

This Wednesday .

* Informal learning / discussion * Dinner * Raffles
6:30pm - 7:30pm
To sponsor a program, please contact Rich at rich@fhic.ca

FAMILY LEARNING NIGHT

Thursday Night

* Parsha Learning * Guest Speaker * Pizza * Raffles
6:30pm - 7:30pm

To sponsor a program, please contact Rich at rich@fhjc.ca

FHJC Youth - FAMILY CHESED PROGRAM

Watch your email this week for details on the next Family Chesed project!

PRE - SHABBAT MUSIC CLASS with DEBORAH MAES

For Children 0 - 4 yrs

And their Parents / Grandparents /

Caregivers

Program has started but Walk-ins
gladly accepted (\$25 / class)

Every Friday
10:15am - 11:00am
Goose Family Social Hall

JR. CONGREGATION BONUS WEEK

Congratulations to all of the past Jr. Congregation bonus prize winners.

Future Bonus Weeks will be selected randomly and unannounced...so keep attending weekly.

Thanks for being a part of the Forest Hill Jewish Centre - Jr. Congregation.

Clown Around with ART! SUNDAY FUNDAY!!!

Sunday March 13th

Make Masks and groggers for Purim...
Followed by a fun Clown Show!
Great for All Ages!

10:00am - 11:30am \$18 / Child (Includes Snacks)

\$54 Sponsorships available....includes: 1 registration, partial tax receipt and name in the FHJC Newsletter





We are looking forward to seeing you in person again! Register for the Wild West Purim Spectacular at FHJC.CA/WILDWESTPURIM





THE FAST OF ESTHER MARCH 16TH

FAST STARTS 6:17 AM

FAST END 8:07 PM

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MA'ARIV 7:30 PM

1ST MEGILLAH READING 8:00 PM

2ND MEGILLAH READING 9:20 PM

BREAK-FAST FOLLOWING 1ST MEGILLAH READING 9:00 - 10:30 PM

PURIM DAY MARCH 17TH

DAVENING STARTS 7:00 AM

SHEMONA ESREI 7:27 AM

MEGILLAH READING 7:50 AM

2ND READING 9:15 AM

MINCHA & 3RD READING 4:00 PM

WILD WEST PURIM PARTY STARTS AT 5:00 PM

POST-PARTY 8:00 PM (at Rabbi Elie's House)

MA'ARIV 9:30 PM (at Rabbi Elie's House)