

## FHJC BULLETIN

### PARSHAS VAYIGASH/ASARA B'TEVES

**December 22/23 – Teves 11**

**Friday Night Services: 4:05 PM**

**Candle Lighting: 4:26 PM**

**Shabbos Services: 9:00 AM**

**Rabbi Green's Class: 11:20 AM**

**"Parsha Pearls"**

**Mincha: 4:11 PM**

**Adventures in Halacha with Rabbi Goodman**

**Havdallah: 5:33 PM**

### PARSHAS VAYECHI

**December 29/30 - Teves 18**

**Friday Night Services: 4:20 PM**

**Candle Lighting: 4:30 PM**

**Shabbos Services: 9:00 AM**

**Rabbi Green's Class: 11:20 AM**

**"The Beginning of the End"**

**Mincha: 4:15 PM**

**Adventures in Halacha with Rabbi Goodman**

**Havdallah: 5:37 PM**

*Please note, the office will be closed on*

*Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26 and Monday, January 1st*

### RABBI'S DESK

As many of you know, I sit on the Beis Din for converts. My commitment is usually 3 hours every other week. We meet at the Agudah, and people come in and tell us their story. We listen to them, ask questions, and determine (among other things) if they are progressing or regressing, or if they are truly sincere. There is a lot of responsibility on this job. You, a finite human being, are deciding if someone should join the Jewish Nation. Other Beis Dins which help with divorce and financial disputes are also pretty serious, but here you are deciding the person's eternity. That's a long time.

I am writing this email in the parking lot of the Agudah where I just met with four more candidates. One was meeting us for the first time, the other 3 were coming for follow-up sessions. Yes, it's a serious job, and at many times I feel unqualified to decide a person's eternal fate, but I can tell you a few reasons why I love this job.

Firstly, I get to spend time with my Rebbe, Rabbi Lowy, and just sit at his feet and learn from him. Secondly, I get to be with Rabbis Vale, Azouli, Oziel and Plotkin. These Rabbanim would have been acquaintances but now they are friends. But most amazing is the fact that I get to meet people that are ready to change their lives to follow the truth.

Today, like many of the times I leave the Beis Din, I am in awe of most of the candidates, and wonder if I would have the courage and conviction had I been born in their situation.

May HaShem bless every Jew, and I pray the Jews by choice continue to enhance our holy congregation.

**Rabbi Elie**

**This Week's Kiddush is sponsored by**

**Grandparents Jeffrey & Elaine Hertz and Norma Inch, and Great Grandmother Ruth Hotz,  
 in honour of Gavi Hertz becoming a Bar Mitzvah**

**And**

**Zeke & Miriam Kaplan in honour of Rabbi Elie and the FHJC members joining the  
 Solidarity Mission to Israel - Chazak V'nitchazek!**

**And**

**Ari & Ellen Powell**

**Next week's Kiddush is sponsored by Barouch & Wendy Chai  
 in honour of the 30th day (shloshim) of the passing of Barouch's brother Chaim Chai in Israel  
 And Dr. Ronald Levine & Dr. Sybil Judah  
 in memory of the Yahrzeit of Sybil's mother, Sophie Judah z"l**

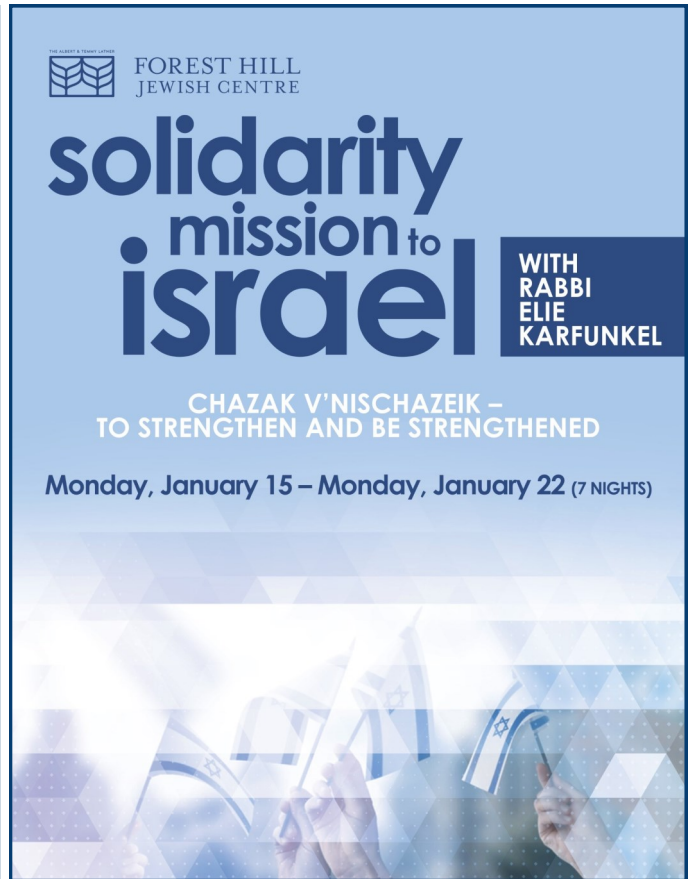
## Adopt-a-Hostage

Recognizing that hostage posters are continually being ripped down, Gary Chapman is suggesting that volunteers agree to "adopt" 3 – 4 names hostages. The volunteers would be responsible for posting those 3 or 4 posters in conspicuous places and checking every few days to ensure that they stay up. This way, we can have all the hostages remaining posted all the time.

Supplies will be provided.  
Please speak to Gary Chapman for more details.

## ISRAEL MISSION

Join Rabbi Elie on the FHJC Solidarity Mission to Israel, January 15 – 21. See flyer and speak to Rabbi Elie for more details. Special financial benefits for those who apply by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

A flyer for the "Solidarity Mission to Israel" organized by the Forest Hill Jewish Centre. The top left features the center's logo and name. The main title "solidarity mission to israel" is in large, bold, blue letters. To the right, a dark blue box contains the text "WITH RABBI ELIE KARFUNKEL" in white. Below the title, the Hebrew phrase "CHAZAK V'NISCHAZEIK – TO STRENGTHEN AND BE STRENGTHENED" is written in white. The dates "Monday, January 15 – Monday, January 22 (7 NIGHTS)" are listed. The bottom half of the flyer shows a collage of hands holding Israeli flags against a blue geometric background.

FOREST HILL  
JEWISH CENTRE

**solidarity  
mission to  
israel**

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**If you are interested in joining a group of women to say Tehillim (psalms) together, please reach out to Rifky at 416.707.9186**

### UPCOMING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 24 - 8:45 AM Maharal in the Morning with Rabbi Goodman

Tuesday, December 26 - 1:00 PM Derech Hashem with Rabbi Goodman

Thursday, December 28 - Women's Parsha Class with Rabbi Elie

**Services** - Sunday , Monday & Tuesday 8:00 AM Thursday, 6:50 AM, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 AM  
Mincha/Ma'ariv this week 4:30 PM

### UPCOMING NEXT WEEK

Sunday, December 31 - 8:45 AM Maharal in the Morning with Rabbi Goodman

Tuesday, January 2 - 1:00 PM Derech Hashem with Rabbi Goodman

Thursday, January 4 - Women's Parsha Class with Rabbi Elie

**Services** - Sunday , Monday 8:00 AM, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 AM, Thursday, 6:50 AM  
Mincha/Ma'ariv this week 4:35 PM

## **Hannah Zilbert's Riddles**

Q: What did the banana in the sun say to the banana in the shade?

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Amir Keshev 12/23  
Dani Emma Lipkin 12/23  
Mitchell Perlmutter 12/24  
Jared Goldlust 12/24  
Adam Ezra Azouri 12/25  
Sabrina Malach 12/25  
Lilia Bogomilsky 12/25  
Elijah Reuben Metrikin 12/26  
Ruby Saige Krug 12/28

Temmy Charlotte Wager 12/28  
Ron Herczeg 12/28  
Phoebe Latner 12/29  
Rabbi Jackson 12/29  
Sadie Diamond 12/29  
Eliana Harris 12/30  
Lionel Rosenberg 12/30  
Andrew Ulpian 12/31  
Jerry Tollinsky 12/31  
Josh Strub 12/31

Brent Belzberg 1/1  
Deborah Fischler 1/2  
Aiden Gibbert 1/2  
Marcia Cosman 1/3  
Mara Green 1/3  
Abra Eden Meloff 1/4  
Irit Paukman 1/4  
Ezra Yitzchak Kurzfeld 1/5  
Sarah Margles 1/5

## **YAHREZITS THIS WEEK**

Thomas Nagan, 11 Teves, 12/19  
Father of Sonya Meloff

Joseph Markus, 11 Teves, 12/23  
Father of Eitan Markus

Sophie Judah, 12 Teves, 12/24  
Mother of Sybil Judah

Saul Cohen, 12 Teves, 12/24  
Father of Risa Drimmer

Marvin Hartstone, 16 Teves, 12/28  
Uncle of Elden Freeman

Cypora Cymet, 16 Teves, 12/28  
Mother of Erwin Cymet

Rachel Bat Yehuda Zindel, 18 Teves, 12/30  
Mother of Carla Ulpian

Dale Zilbert, 18 Teves, 12/31  
Sister of Arthur Zilbert

Dustin Michael Kazman, 19 Teves, 12/31  
Brother of Efram Kazman

Beatrice Halpert, 19 Teves, 12/31  
Mother of Sherry Cohen

Robert Bielak, 20 Teves, 1/1  
Zaide of Robert Bielak and Sylvia Bielak

Eliyahu Karfunkel, 20 Teves, 1/1  
Great Grandfather of Rabbi Elie

Archie Levin, 21 Teves, 1/2  
Father of Wilfred Levin

Clara Diestel, 21 Teves, 1/2  
Mother of Gus Diestel

Rina Cohen, 23 Teves, 1/4  
Mother of Eldan Cohen

Solomon Estrin, 24 Teves, 1/5  
Father of Deborah Estrin

Helen Kohos Field, 24 Teves, 1/5  
Mother-in-Law of Joseph Dubrofsky

## **CONDOLENCES**

Sincere condolences to Ryan Spinner & Michelle Ezer on the passing of Ryan's mother,  
Janice Spinner z"l.

Sincere condolences to Philip Siller & Ellen Gutterman on the loss of Ellen's father,  
Irving Gutterman (Avraham Yisroel ben Chaim) z"l

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Michael & Tiffany Azouri 12/29  
Antony & Shayna Lipsey  
Rael & Taryn Diamond 1/5

Thank you to last week's volunteer greeters:

**Joe Dason, Elden Freeman, Gary Landon, Jon Otis, Ari Powell, Allan Weiss.**

We need **YOUR** help: Being a volunteer greeter has never been more important than now.  
Please speak to Gary Landon if you are able to help us out.  
Formal training will be arranged in the near future.

A: I'm going to start peeling soon!

## **Upcoming Events @ The FHJC!**

January 9 - 7:30 PM

**Bar Mitzvah Boot Camp with Rabbi Elie**

January 14-22

**Mission to Israel**

Join Rabbi Elie to help our fellow Jews in Israel. Speak to Rabbi Elie or Rabbi Mordechai for more...

**Shabbos, April 5 - 7, 2024**

**Rabbi Mordechai Becher Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton**

Rabbi Becher is fascinating, enlightening and always entertaining.

Be sure to join our upcoming Shabbaton with him

**Thank you to Joe & Nancy Dason for sponsoring this Shabbaton!**

Monday, June 3rd, 2024

**The Albert & Temmy Latner Forest Hill Golf Classic**

Held each year at Wooden Sticks, it's a great day on the green. Everyone wins prizes, everyone eats well and everyone has a great time. Reserve the date and help the Centre with our most important fundraising event of the year!

May 26 - June 2, 2024

**Living Legacy Poland Mission with Rabbi Elie**

***We would like to thank the following for their Generous Dedications and Sponsorships***

### **Aliyah Donations**

Johannes Cornelis Sturkenboom

### **General Donations**

Raizelle Adler, Steve & Lori Frenkiel, Marc & Beth Gottlieb, Moshe & Chaya Hirsch  
Bernard Katz, Michale & Diana Naiberg, Aaron & Danielle Peters, Jay & Reesa Strasser

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Mark Silver

### **Yahrzeit Donation**

Laraine, Alan & Darren Gluckman

In loving memory of both Shlomo ben Dovid (Selwyn Gluckman)  
and our son and brother Shimon Chaim ben Shlomo (Steven Gluckman)

***Thank you to Ilana Belkin, Jackie Orzech, Rachel Philosophe and Adi Rakowski,  
for all of their help in organizing the Chanukah Party!***

This past Sunday night was a  
leadership appreciation night.

Thank you to all our dedicated youth leaders!

Pictured (l-r)

Jaclyn Charlat, Sarah Grauman,  
Aliyah Greenberg, Ayala Karfunkel,  
Abigayl Somogyi, Maya Vidal



## **Rabbi Elie celebrating Chanukah at Upper Canada College**

