

FHJC BULLETIN
PARSHAS SHEMOS
JANUARY 5/6 - TEVES 25

SHABBAT TIMES

Friday Night Services: 4:27 PM

Candle Lighting: 4:37 PM

Rabbi Elie's Parsha Class: 8:30 AM

Shabbos Services: 9:00 AM

Rabbi Jackson's Class: 11:20 AM

"How Evil Takes Hold"

Mincha: 4:22 PM

Adventures in Halacha with Rabbi Goodman

Havdallah: 5:44 PM

RABBI'S DESK

This week the Jewish People lost a Giant in Torah, Harav Matisyahu Salomon Z"L, the Mashgiach of the Lakewood Yeshiva (a "mashgiach" for a yeshiva is a Spiritual leader. Don't confuse this with the Rabbi who is in charge of food Kashrut, which we also call a "mashgiach". They are very different positions and roles). Rabbi Salomon grew up in England, and learnt and taught there, but ultimately was asked to lead the Lakewood Yeshiva in 1988. Personally, every time I heard him speak over the years, I felt it was my own Zaidy speaking to me. His wisdom and warmth drew you in, and his humility allowed you to be moved by his every word.

I saw a video by Rabbi Glatstein which touches on his greatness. When he was being honored by the yeshiva, he asked the crowd how he merited to be the "Mashgiach of Lakewood". He related that in 1941, during the Blitzkrieg in London, they needed one person to stay by a phone in a bunker over the 25 hours of Shabbos. They were hoping to get a call that the London Rescue Vaad would be able to save the great rabbi known the Svislovitzer Prodigy. That person was my mother.

Sure enough, that Rabbi, Rabbi Ahron Kotler, would survive the war and build the Lakewood Yeshiva in New Jersey after the Holocaust. Rav Matisyahu said "My award tonight is not my award. It's my mother's, Etil, who sacrificed so much for Rabbi Kotler and for so many others."

May his Memory be a blessing.

Rabbi Elie

This Week's Kiddush is sponsored by Brent & Lynn Belzberg
in memory of the Yahrzeit of Brent's father,
Hyman Belzberg Z"l

THANK YOU to all those who donated to our Israel Mission Fund. The list is ever growing.
If you wish to make a donation to help those in Israel, please visit: fhjc.ca/israel-mission-donation

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Adopt-a-Hostage

Recognizing that hostage posters are continually being ripped down, Gary Chapman is suggesting that volunteers agree to "adopt" 3 – 4 names of 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.

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, January 7 - 8:45 AM Maharal in the Morning with Rabbi Goodman
Tuesday, January 9 - 1:00 PM Derech Hashem with Rabbi Goodman
Thursday, January 11 - Women's Parsha Class with Rabbi Elie

Services - Sunday 8:00 AM, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 AM, Monday & Thursday, 6:50 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv this week 4:45 PM

Hannah Zilbert's Riddles

Q: How do you make an octopus laugh?

BIRTHDAYS

Elisha Greenberg 1/6
Yosef Kaplan 1/7
Betzael Kaplan 1/7
Adam Somogyi 1/8
Max Philosophe 1/8
Yaniv Moshinsky 1/9
Jonah Luft 1/9

Ellie Landon 1/9
Joseph Scheeweiss 1/10
Alexander Gov 1/10
Andrew Naiberg 1/11
Toba Lavine 1/11
Bella Naiberg 1/12

YAHREZITS

Lazer Bichunsky, 25 Teves, 1/6
Father of Shulamith Levin

Irving Walker, 25 Teves, 1/6
Father of Nancy Dason

Dovid Saibil, 26 Teves, 1/7
Father of Eric Saibil

Golda Esther, 26 Teves, 1/7
Mother of Helene Cooper

Hyman Belzberg, 26 Teves, 1/7
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Jack Rafalove, 27 Teves, 1/8
Brother of Betty Winston

Sybil Rosenberg, 28 Teves, 1/9
Mother of Lionel Rosenberg

David Risen, 2 Shevat, 1/12
Grandfather of Justin Linden

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Michael Latner on receiving the Order of Canada!

ANNIVERSARIES

Barouch & Wendy Chai 1/8

Thank you our previous volunteer greeters:
Elden Freeman, Menny Grauman, Jacky Vidal, 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: With ten-tickles!

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

Barouch Chai, Bernie Green, Gad Sabbah, Dr. Eric Saibil, Arthur Zilbert

General Donations

Josh & Stacy Hertz, Jay Lawrence, Carol Silverstein

SEND LETTERS TO ISRAEL!

On January 15, the FHJC will be in Israel to show our support to the Israeli people, communities, and the IDF. You can show how much you care by writing letters which we will bring with us to distribute

Please write. Please have your children write. Please have your neighbours write.

We need letters that are addressed to:

- Soldiers in hospital wishing them a speedy recovery and thanking them for their sacrifice.
- Spouses and families of soldiers who are struggling and don't know where their loved ones are stationed, thanking them and expressing wishes for them to be reunited very soon.
- Children and families displaced by the attacks in the north and south, expressing wishes that they be able to safely return home very soon.
- Soldiers still serving at the front, thanking them for their efforts to protect the Jewish people and the Jewish Land, and letting them know that you pray for their safety and success. Ask for them to give you their name so you can specifically mention them in your tefillos/prayers.

Please place each letter in its own separate envelope and clearly label if it is for:

Soldiers in hospital/rehab, Soldiers serving at the front, Families whose husbands are serving, Children

Your letters can be delivered **no later than Thursday, January 11th** to The Forest Hill Jewish Centre - 3rd Floor,

Attn: Rabbi Mordechai Bookbinder, or can be dropped off at 110 Allingham Gardens,

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