



FHJC BULLETIN MARCH 20/21, 25 ADAR 5780

Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei – Parshas HaChodesh

SHABBOS SCHEDULE

PARSHAS: Vayakhel Pekudai

CANDLE LIGHTING (Friday Night) 7:13 PM

HAVDALLAH (Saturday Night) 8:22 PM

Due to the Coronavirus, The Forest Hill Jewish Centre is closed for all programs, classes and prayer services by order of the Province and our Rabbis.

Our Rabbis have advised that everyone should pray all services in the privacy of your own home.

Although our office is closed, we are still very much here for you. Feel free to reach out to us any time, we continue to pick-up our messages and read emails throughout the day.

For any religious or educational inquiries, please contact Rabbi Elie (rabbielie@fhjc.ca) or Rabbi Katz (rabbishlomo@fhjc.ca).

Temporarily, for any bookkeeping matters please contact Rabbi Bookbinder (rabbi.mordechai@fhjc.ca).

For any programming, operational or administrative questions, contact Nancy Klein (nancy@fhjc.ca).

We will keep you informed of any changes.
Stay Healthy,

Rabbi Mordechai Bookbinder

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

CARONA SHABBOS #1

I have lived almost 2500 weeks; some of you more, and some of you less. The one thing I think we can all agree is that this past week has been the most dramatic of them all. An invisible enemy has emerged and is determined to destroy the world. Communication, shared responsibility and nervousness seem to rule the day.

The leaders and health professionals have told us to stay inside and most of us are listening, but we need to do more. The common Flu kills 0.1% of the people infected, while Covid seems to be around the 3.5% mark. That number is staggering and super scary if you think about it. The Spanish flu killed 50 million people a century ago.

The economic upheaval is just as scary with people losing income and even worse their jobs.

I have no big answers, but the rabbis I have listened to have suggested a few things I'd like to share:

Big 10

1. We care about the elderly now by taking all these precautions and we will care about the elderly later when the plague goes away.
2. As HaShem's chosen people we need to look inward and remind ourselves that if there is pain in the world, it's for us to wake up as *a nation* that brings blessing to the world.
3. We must use this time well... please don't waste this opportunity - study Torah and call people to keep in touch!!
4. There are no celebrities, athletes, late night talk show hosts... in other words, gossiping has gone way down. We used to get a charge out of picking on people that seem to have more than us.... Well, now we are all in the same boat and that's not such a bad thing.
5. We are trying to connect with you through our zoom classes... utilize them!
6. We will be posting Chametz forms soon; this way you can sell your chometz without coming in to see me.
7. If you know someone that needs help, let us know
8. I really hope I lose weight and stay active
9. Torahlive.com is free and I encourage you all to utilize it
10. We love HaShem!!!!

Be Jewish, Live Jewish, Stay Jewish

Rabbi Elie Karfunkel

Yahrzeits



Sara Glassman 24 Adar II, 3/20
Mother of Aaron Glassman

Selma Abramsohn, 25 Adar I, 3/21
Grandmother of Hayley Diamond

Deena Bas Felvish, 26 Adar I, 3/22
Sister of Norman Abramson

Sevvie Walt, 27 Adar, 3/23
Grandmother of Gary, Ivan and Rael Diamond

Minnie Diamon, 29 Adar II, 3/25
Grandmother of Gary, Ivan and Rael Diamond

Abram Meingarten, 1 Nissan, 3/26
Father of Helen Green

Avraham Mamann, 1 Nissan, 3/26
Father of Rachel Mamann

BIRTHDAYS



Ariella Goodman 3/20

Dalia Itka Kurzfeld 3/21

Jeremy Hirsh 3/21

Simcha Silver 3/23

Judith Diestel 3/23

Debra Chapman 3/23

Tamir Wolfson 3/24

Janice Prusky-Nathanson 3/24

Gerald Greenberg 3/24

Alexandra Zilbert 3/25

Faigie Siegelman 3/25

Ori Strub 3/25

Jesse Barksdale 3/26

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Mara & Jay Klein
on the birth of their baby boy!



ANNIVERSARIES

Elana & Eyal Zilnik 3/20

INTERACTIVE WEB-BASED CLASSROOM

Join our Virtual Classroom for the next several weeks. Just because our Centre is closed doesn't mean that the learning has to stop! We've added more classes and sessions than ever before. See below for the upcoming sessions available.

All classes will be uploaded to our YouTube Channel, so even if you miss the class... you don't have to miss the class.

JOIN US...
Interactive Daily Learning!

We have something for everyone, from our seasoned learners to our youngest members. Simply review the listing of sessions below, make note of the date and time of the class you wish to join and click the appropriate link at that time!

The World of Stories with Rabbi Elie for ages 6 - 12

Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 AM - 11:25 AM

Monday, March 23

Wednesday, March 25

Monday, March 30

Wednesday, April 1

Monday, April 6

Concepts in Morality & Ethics with Rabbi Shlomo Katz

Tuesdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 24

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday, April 7

Insights for the Pesach Seder with Rabbi Elie

Tuesdays 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, March 17

Tuesday, March 24

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday, March 7

The Laws of Pesach with Rabbi Shlomo Katz

Wednesdays 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18

Wednesday, March 25

Wednesday April 1

Rabbi Elie's Pre-Shabbos Sermon

Fridays 3:00 PM - 3:20 PM

Friday, March 20

Friday, March 27

Friday, April 3

Rifky's Circle Time for Tots

Fridays 3:30 PM - 3:50 PM

Friday, March 20

Friday, March 27

Friday, April 3

We hope you join us!

Visit our website home page to join any of these sessions

Stay-tuned for our upcoming What'sApp groups for Adults & Kids!

Please forward any questions to rabbielie@fhjc.ca