



**FOREST HILL**  
JEWISH CENTRE

# NEWSFROMTHEHILL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 21-22, 2018

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### SHABBATTIMES

#### Friday Night:

**4:25 PM** Mincha

**4:25 PM** Candle Lighting

#### Shabbat Morning:

**8:30 AM** Parsha Class

**9:00AM** Shacharis

**9:00 AM** Supervised Play For Kids

**10:00AM** Kids Programming

#### Shabbat Afternoon:

Say Shema by **9:44am**

**4:10 PM** Mincha

**5:32 PM** Havdallah

### 11:00am Sermon: The Rabbi

11:20am: Alternate Class with **Rabbi Appelrouth**  
2nd Floor, Weekday Chapel  
Title: "How Yaakov Avinu never died"

*Shalosh Seudos Speaker:*  
**Rabbi Menachem Gold Of Afula**

- Mazel tov to **Sidney & Judith Silverberg** on their 25th Wedding Anniversary
- Mazel tov to **Ben Welkovics & Aliza Shor** on their Wedding this past Thursday night
- Mazel tov to **Eden & Noam Hazan** on the birth of their daughter, **Aliyah Rachel**
- Mazel tov to **Carmela Serebryany & Gilad Levy** on their recent engagement

### Introducing our new Bookkeeper/Controller Daniel Mendel

We are pleased to introduce Daniel Mendel to our community as our new accounting head.

Prior to joining FHJC, Daniel held finance executive roles within public and private corporations. Some of his past roles include serving as the Investment Advisor/ Senior Accountant (CFO) at the Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites.

Daniel also served as CAO & Director at Fishman Holdings North America Inc., at the time, one of Israel's most renowned real-estate investment groups where he managed all aspects of the company's financial reporting and strategic planning. Daniel also served as the CFO for Pharmacy2 Drug & Food Inc. (formerly known as Hy & Zels). As part of the CA program, Daniel provided audit and consulting services for accounting firms including PwC LLP where he had significant emphasis on major land development and commercial real estate clients. Daniel holds two BA degrees from York University, one in Psychology and an Honours degree in Accounting.

Daniel is the proud father of two children and his significant other is a family physician and a recent Jeopardy Champion. In his spare time he enjoys exercising and playing the piano. Daniel is excited to join us as we grow.

Over the next few days and weeks, Daniel will be very busy speaking with people and developing new plans. Please feel free to visit or drop him a line. He will appreciate the opportunity to meet with you all.

### KIDDUSH SPONSOR

**Shabbat Kiddush this week is sponsored by**

**Sid & Judith Silverberg** in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary

**Allan Weiss** in memory of his Father,  
**Dov ben Moshe's Yahrzeit**

**Aaron & Kelly Zimmer** in honour of the birth of their daughter **Aria Maxi Ruth**

**Thank you to all of our Kiddush Sponsors**

*(Kiddush is in the Goose Family Banquet Hall)*



#### Photo of the week

Yossi Selmar, Natan and Sani Kohen, celebrating Sani's post Bar Mitzvah brunch. Mazel tov!

**While you have free time over the next couple of weeks, please reach out to Rabbi Elie if you would like to add Mezuzot or need to have them checked.**

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Thurs. 01/10: Rabbi Karfunkel Women's Parsha Class Resumes  
Fri./Sat. 01/11-12: Shabbat Music Winter Session Begins  
Tues, 01/15, 8PM: Teen Give Back Program with Bikur Cholim  
Thurs, 01/17, 7:15pm: Movie Night **The Bands Visit** Followed by Discussion  
Shabbat 01/19: Tu'Bshvat Community Seder  
Shabbat 01/25: Teen Dinner

Wed. 01/30 7pm:  
Sat. 02/09:

03/01-02:

Cooking Series; **Sushi**  
Saturday Night Live with **Eli Lebowicz**  
Friday night dinner & Shabbaton with **Aleeza Ben Shalom**

FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI

Dear Amazing FHJC,

I wanted to wish you all a nice break, and hope you can relax a little bit over the next few weeks. Recently we have seen three new staff members join our ranks. Our Executive Director Mordechai, has already become one of our elder statesmen. Nancy, with really helpful assistance from Michelle, has transitioned nicely to the office administrator, aka "responsible for everything" job, and now that Faige is married and living in the Holy Land, I am excited to introduce you to Daniel Mendel, our new Bookkeeper/Comptroller( see bio below). What has struck me about our old staff is how willing and accessible they have been to our new staff. What a Blessing!!

In addition to many lifecycle events, this past month it has been a real treat participating in our Mega Chanukah bash and to see new Members taking on leadership roles at The Centre. The Chanukah committee ( Katie Mandel, Lauren Goldman & Karen Angell) is just one example of this. We also enjoyed a very special Shabbos tribute to the Glace Bay community as we brought in a Torah from their shul to our Centre.

Lastly, I just want to let you know that our membership has surged to over 300 families. This is, in my opinion, a major milestone. However, beyond the numbers, what is just as significant is the diversity of our Congregation. We have members from all ages and religious levels. We even have people that root for the Red Sox amongst us. I know... we have no standards :)

I would like to share with you some of my personal and Centre goals for the remainder of 5779. On the personal side, I would like to get back to my pre-marriage weight, and return to jogging and run a half marathon with Rifky . I would like to continue with my current studies, but start learning Derech Hashem with the 7:50am group . I also want to become more proficient in Mikvah laws as we are opening up the Mikvah in just a few weeks. I also want to be better at homework with my children. No promises.

As far as the Centre goes, I would like to see our Shabbos morning attendance grow, and our classes impacting more people. I have a few ideas about connecting with our tweens and teens but I'll reveal that soon. I also want to see growth in our weekday Minyan, and plan to launch something new in January to support that. I would love to see all of us grow in our Service of Hashem (that's key:).

This January I am off to Israel with my son Shlomo, and plan on searching for our much elusive couple to run our youth department.

After a quiet 2018, we have an exciting major fundraising campaign which we will be launching soon. These are just some of the things happening here. Enjoy your break, and I can't wait to connect for an amazing 2019.

Good Shabbos, Stay Jewish, Be Jewish, Live Jewish - Rabbi Elie

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



**MOVIE NIGHT**  
& FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION

Thursday, January 17  
7:15 pm Movie  
8:45 pm Discussion  
\$10 / person  
MOVIE RUNNING TIME 1.5 hours  
FOR MORE INFORMATION [DALIA@FHJC.CA](mailto:DALIA@FHJC.CA)  
416-483-0883 EXT. 225 [WWW.FHJC.CA](http://WWW.FHJC.CA)





**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
Jewish Comedy Night *with Eli Lebowicz*  
Saturday, February 9 / 8:00 PM  
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NEXT WEEK SHABBAT TIMES

**Shabbat Dec 28 – Dec 29, 2018,**  
Minchah 4:30 pm Candle Lighting: 4:30pm  
Shacharis: 9:00am Shema by 9:44am  
Minchah: 4:15pm Havdallah: 5:37pm

NEXT WEEK DAVENING TIMES

**December 23rd - December 28th, 2018**  
**Mon/Thurs** 6:50am **Tues/Wed/Fri:** 7am **Sun:** 8am  
Weekday morning Daf Yomi Class (Daily Talmud Page)  
**7:40am—8am:** Mon- Fri morning Breakfast class with the Rabbi  
(The Daf Yomi & Breakfast Class take place in the Weekday Chapel)

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES YAHRZEITS

Birthdays	
Moshe Kaplan 12/21	Jared Goldlust 12/24
David Sutton 12/21	Karin Weisberg 12/24
Albert Simhon 12/21	Adam Azouri 12/25
Jacob Isenberg 12/22	Elijah Reuben Metrikin 12/26
Max Jacobs 12/22	Moshe Karfunkel 12/27
Noah Isenberg 12/22	
Tiffany Price 12/22	
Amir Keshev 12/23	
Rebecca Kornblum 12/23	

**Yahrzeits**  
Elden & Daniel Freeman's Uncle, Marvin Hartstone, 16 Tevet, 12/24  
Erwin Cymet's Mother, Cypora Cymet, 16 Tevet, 12/24  
Carla Ulpian's Mother, Rachel Bat Yehuda Zindel, 18 Tevet, 12/26  
Sherry Cohen's Mother, Beatrice Halpert, Tevet 19, 12/27  
Arthur Zilbert's Sister, Dale Zilbert, Tevet 19, 12/27  
Isaac Gaon's Father, Rabbi Shlomo Yitzrach Gaon, Tevet 19, 12/27

**Anniversaries**  
Jack Hahn & Freda Hahn 12/14  
Sidney & Judith Silverberg 12/19