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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Looking back over the past year, or even more broadly the past 18 months of pandemic; we are thankful for what we've learned and gained. Many of us have learned to use technology a little bit better—we look forward to one day having regular face-to-face conversations where we don't have to say "you're on mute!" for example. We have learned to comfort, rejoice, share, and connect in two dimensions on a flat screen where we used to function in three dimensions, as in real life. We've deepened our appreciation for some of life's simple pleasures: a walk outside, a sunset, music, a wedding.

We would be less than truthful if we maintained that this past year or year and a half hasn't been without its losses, too. We have lost precious members of our congregation, our extended families, and lifelong friends. We've also lost the joy and life-giving pleasures of being together for happy occasions and less-happy ones, and we wonder what the future of handshakes and hugs will be.

We have lost great teachers and leaders of the Jewish people. Among them was Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, who passed away last November. Lord Sacks was the Chief Rabbi of the UK and Commonwealth from 1991 to 2013, and over a remarkable career of scholarship and teaching, influenced Jews and non-Jews throughout the English-speaking world. We have known for centuries that our calling is to be in Isaiah's words a "light unto the

nations," and upon his retirement from the Chief Rabbinate this is just what Prince Charles called Rabbi Sacks.

Rabbi Sacks produced a dazzling flow of books which kept us reading year after year at KST: we read and discussed in depth his books on science and religion, on Judaism and the future, on religious violence and its origins, and just this year, his book on Morality.

Each book we leafed through, each article, each YouTube video, certainly each time Rabbi Sacks visited Toronto and spoke to us in person; we encountered a leader of profound commitment and sensitivity who understood the claim of making a classic faith contemporary, finding the value in each experience and in each individual, and an inspiring commitment to seeing events and experiences in a positive light.

Over the course of the holidays this year, as our in-person services will be slightly abridged as they were last year to accommodate a shorter period of time indoors; all the sermons will be available online on the KST website for you to enjoy before the beginning of each holiday and Shabbat. In each sermon, we will examine a point or an idea found in Rabbi Sacks's writings as they relate to this time of year, and particularly as they shed light on our pandemic state of being: anxious and exiled from some of our most familiar and comfortable settings of shul, community, kiddush. Rabbi Sacks's

words of insight and learning give us a Torah perspective on how to navigate uncomfortable and unfamiliar settings, and he also helps us discover new depths of meaning in familiar events in the annual Torah reading and the cycle of holidays and festivals. Moreover, the very act of turning toward Torah learning in challenging times as well as in good times is our national calling as the "People of the Book." We find our anchor and our balance in G-d's teaching us what is valuable in life and how it is to be lived, and in the chain of great teachers from Moshe Rabbeinu to Rabbi Sacks who have made those teachings real and immediate for us in the continuous present of Jewish history. *Yehi zichro baruch* - may his memory continue to be a blessing.

In the months to come, hopefully we will see the triumph of public health, good sense, and human resilience overcoming the worry and fear that has been such a large part of our lives since COVID19. Until then and after it, let's use the time as we have thus far: to study, to learn, to grow, to gain insight, to hold spirited conversations about what is important to us, and to incline our hearts and souls to G-d, to become ever-better versions of ourselves, and to draw closer as a community.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and sweet year: Shana tova umetuka

Rabbi Joe Kanofsky



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



KST members, families, and friends,

As we approach the beginning of the high holidays an usher in a new year, I'm certain that most of you, if not all of you, are ready to welcome the new year with open arms in the hope that it signifies a fresh and healthy beginning. A year in which we don't have to burden our daily lives with lockdowns, variants of concern, public health mandates and most importantly, a year in which we can all come together as a community safely and without fear.

The board, the executive, and specifically the reopening committee have worked tirelessly to ensure the continuity of Jewish life and learning carried on for our members while navigating a continuously moving target of public health mandates, restrictions, and guidance. This year is no different.

For those of you whom have returned to KST for in person services already, you would have noticed several safety measures which are also outlined in the bulletin. Social distancing, sanitizer, masking indoors, protective glass both at the Bima

and the Rabbi's Pulpit, as well as custom filtration units positioned within the Sanctuary to ensure safe, clean airflow while indoors. These measures have been instituted to ensure the health and safety of our members while we come together to usher in the new year.

Irwin Beron, Evelyn Freedman, Emmy Gershon, Helen Lewis, Daniel Marcks, Daniel Schneider, Dr. Karen Swirsky, Michael Tweyman, as well as our executive, Steve Rostowsky, Harry Klompas, and Lawrence Mosselson, together with the professional staff: Rabbi Joe, and Alan Domb, are all deserving of recognition for their time, commitment, and dedication to the KST community.

While several members have inquired as to whether the beginning of Kol Nidre will be live streamed this year, I am informing all that this year will **NOT** include a live stream. The Halachic exemption granted last year was a one-time allowance, given the nature of the public health guidance at the time. There has been no halachic exemption granted for this year, as the current public health guidelines allow for places of

worship to operate with the appropriate health guidelines, policies, and measures in place. It is with the utmost confidence when I state that Kehillat Shaarei Torah has gone above and beyond to ensure the health and safety of all our members. I certainly am looking forward to seeing everyone both at the regular and young families' services.

Members who have made the decision to not attend in person should review the Nachas Bulletin for a list of all available High Holiday outdoor programming. The outdoor programming was well attended last year, and a wonderful time was had by all.

It is with an invigorated sense of hope and gratitude, that my family, Karen, Ezra, Zachary and myself wish the entire KST community a sweet and healthy new year, L'Shana Tova Umetuka.

We look forward to seeing all of you, one way or another, in the coming weeks.

Jeremy Murray
President



UJA COMMUNITY SECURITY

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& JEWISH WAY OF LIFE

Toronto is home to one of the largest and most vibrant Jewish communities in the Diaspora. But we are not immune to antisemitism.

Following the Israel-Hamas conflict in May 2021, data revealed alarming growth in reports of antisemitic incidents to UJA Community Security. We recorded over 6x the monthly average of verified incidents during May. This shows that we must remain vigilant when it comes to protecting our community.

It is incredibly important to report any suspicious activity, security threats, or antisemitic incidents you see to the police and then to UJA Community Security. This gives police the best chance of identifying perpetrators, removing offensive graffiti quickly, and capturing critical hate-crime data. Reporting to UJA Community Security opens a two-way dialogue between the Jewish community and our law enforcement partners.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

POLICE

- For an emergency, call 911. Always have a way to call them, even on Shabbat and holidays.
- Toronto Police Service's non-emergency line: 416.808.2222
- York Regional Police's non-emergency line: 1.866.876.5423

UJA COMMUNITY SECURITY

- 24/7 hotline: 416.635.5600
- Email: communitysecurity@ujafed.org
- Online reporting form: www.jewishtoronto.com/community-incident-report

UJA Community Security wishes you and your families a very sweet and safe Shana Tova!

Learn about UJA Community Security at jewishtoronto.com/community-security
UJA Community Security 24/7 Hotline: **416.635.5600**



RETURNING TO SHUL

The following are the safety rules that must be kept by all those who will be joining us for davening. Only those willing to keep by these rules are invited to join with us for davening at this time. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
As the general situation improves, we hope to be able to relax some of these restrictions.

DO NOT COME TO SHUL IF:

You have had any **COVID-19 symptoms** in the past 14 days.



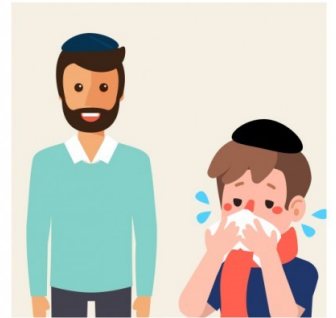
You have **travelled anywhere outside Canada** in the past 14 days.



You have participated in any **minyan or group activity** without adequate precautions.



You **have come in contact** with someone with COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms.



MAKE SURE YOU STRICTLY FOLLOW BASIC PRECAUTIONS

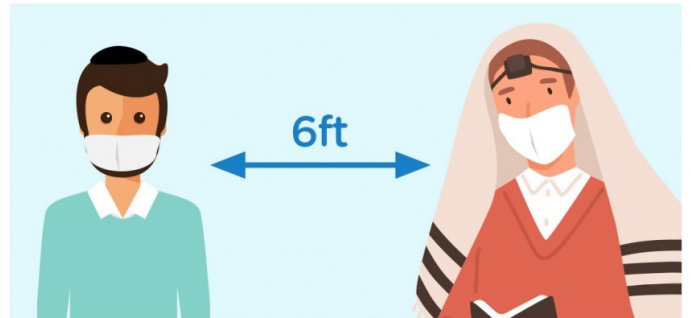
Wash your hands frequently



Wear a mask



Keep 6 feet away from others



WHEN AT SHUL MAKE SURE YOU:

Limit conversations and social interaction. Leave immediately after davening.



Do not crowd at entrances and exits.



Do not sing or shout loudly.



Do not share siddurim, chumashim, or tallisim.



Learn more at kolhacovid.com

HOW DOES HIGH HOLIDAY ATTENDANCE-IN-PERSON WORK THIS YEAR?

Tickets are enclosed in the High Holiday mailing to those members who have expressed interest via the online questionnaire or through the phone calls made by board members.

We have provided the seating according to the maximum expressed interest. This means if you expressed interest in attending Kol Nidre, you were included as a possible attendee for all services and will have tickets for all services. All seats are 6' apart from each other.

You must bring the correct ticket to the correct service. The ticket this year accomplishes multiple functions:

1. Contact Tracing Attendance
2. Agreeing to follow health-safety rules (mask wearing, etc.) see p. 5
3. Security admittance
4. Acceptance of the Release and Waiver of Liability related to Covid-19 p. 9

When you arrive, you will submit the correct ticket to the security and be directed to either the main sanctuary or downstairs social hall, depending on room capacity. There is no reserved seating or seat-saving; it is strictly first-come-first-served.

You will be asked to sanitize your hands, and ensure your mask is on covering your nose, mouth and chin, as per Toronto Public Health Guidelines.

Please do not mingle or socialize in the foyer or corridors. Physical distancing is required at all times.

If you need to exit at any time, prior to the conclusion of services, please exit using the back door.

Members will be dismissed by section at the conclusion of services to prevent bottlenecking.

SELICHOS NIGHT - SAT., AUG. 28th



With Guest Speaker at 11pm:
Rabbi Shlomo Schwartz

“New Thoughts for A New Year”

Selichos follows at midnight in person and on Zoom

Rabbi Shlomo Schwartz, author of "Reward Miles to Heaven", "The Last Word on the Parsha", and "Jewish Teachings for Christians & Other Good People". His career has spanned a wide range from being a day school teacher and principal to becoming a CA-CPA, Software Pioneer, Comptroller, and Property Manager. All this while he has volunteered as Rabbi and teacher with various institutions, especially Aish HaTorah.



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Kehillat Shaarei Torah of Toronto
High Holiday Order of Services High Holidays 5781

Please note the following changes this year:

- ♦ *Services are briefer due to Covid19. Services will start later and end earlier.*
- ♦ *Mask-wearing and physical distancing is absolutely required and will be enforced.*
- ♦ *A ticket for EACH service is required for contact tracing. No ticket... No entry.*
- ♦ *Video sermons will be on the website in advance. No in-person Rabbi's sermon.*
- ♦ *No scholar in residence lectures this year.*
- ♦ *There is exactly enough seating between upstairs/downstairs for all ticket holders.*
- ♦ *Shofar Sunday venues: indoors at 11am, outdoors at 12:45pm & 6pm.*
- ♦ *Those unable to attend in person can hear the beginning of Kol Nidrei on Zoom.*

Selichot- Saturday Night, August 28

10:00pm Zoom program

12:00 Midnight Selichot with Chazzan Pesach
Goldman: In person at KST - register
online OR join by Zoom

Selichot-Monday August 30 - Monday, Sept 6

7:30am by Zoom

First Night Rosh Hashana Monday, Sept 6

6:00pm Mincha

6:20pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

First Day Rosh Hashana Tuesday, Sept 7

9:30 Shacharit begins with Nishmat (p.342)

No shofar service on Shabbat

12:35 Musaf Concludes

5:45 Mincha

6:10 Maariv

Second Day Rosh Hashana Wednesday, Sept 8

9:30 Shacharit begins with Nishmat (p.342)

11:00 Shofar Service

12:40 Musaf Concludes

12:45 Optional Shofar service Bayview/Fifeshire

5:15 Young Families Shofar and Apples/Honey
program @ Bayview/York Mills

6:00 Optional Shofar Service-Bayview/York Mills

6:15 Tashlich @ Bayview/York Mills

7:10 Mincha

8:00pm Maariv-Rosh Hashana Concludes

Fast of Gedalia- Thursday, Sept 9

Selichot on Zoom 7:30am

Selichot - Friday, Sept 10 - Wednesday, Sept 15

7:30am by Zoom

Shabbat Shuva - Saturday Sept 11- (ticket required)

Shacharit begins 10:00 with Nishmat (p.400)

Musaf concludes 11:30

Shabbat Shuva Drasha online before Shabbat

Erev Yom Kippur - Wednesday, Sept 15

7:30am Selichot

3:00pm Mincha

6:00pm Shul doors open

6:35pm Kol Nidrei on Zoom

6:40pm Zoom ends

6:46pm Candlelighting / start of Yom Kippur

6:50pm Continuation of Kol Nidrei/Maariv

Yom Kippur - Thursday, Sept 16

9:30 Shacharit begins with Nishmat (p.550)

11:00 Yizkor

11:20 Begin Musaf

1:15pm Conclude Musaf

5:30pm Mincha

6:45pm Ne'ilah

7:46 Maariv/Havdallah

Kehillat Shaarei Torah of Toronto

Release and Waiver of Liability

Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

Published: September 3, 2020

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious, with very serious health consequences, including the possibility of serious injury and illness, and even death. It is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, provincial, and local governments and health agencies have issued "stay at home" orders, social distancing recommendations, and guidelines as to use of personal protective equipment, and in many locations have prohibited the assembly and participation of groups of people.

Kehillat Shaarei Torah of Toronto (KST) has adopted various preventative measures to help reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, including reducing the number of persons who may be present at the same time for Synagogue services or other activities and for distancing of the participants and maintaining cleanliness. KST cannot assure or otherwise guarantee that you or your children will not become infected with COVID-19 in attending religious services or other activities at the Synagogue. You also recognize that attending religious services at KST increases your and your family's risk of contracting COVID-19. You have advised KST that you are aware of the foregoing and desire to attend Synagogue services, by yourself and/or with your minor child or children.

In consideration of being allowed to attend such services and other activities at KST and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged by you, and desiring to be legally bound, you covenant, acknowledge and agree, on behalf of yourself and your minor child or children, as follows:

1. You acknowledge the highly contagious nature of COVID-19 and that relevant public health authorities continue to recommend practicing social distancing. You voluntarily assume the risk that you and/or your family may be exposed to and/or infected by COVID-19 as a result of attending KST. You confirm that you understand that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or death to you and members of your family.
2. You understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at KST may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself or others including, but not limited to, KST employees, volunteers, and participants and their families. You voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to yourself, members of your family, and any other individuals with whom you may ultimately have contact--including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind (collectively "Claims")--that you, members of your family, and any other individuals with whom you ultimately have contact may experience or incur in connection with you and/or your family's attendance at KST.
3. You attest that: (i) you are not experiencing any symptom of COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell; (ii) you have not travelled to the United States or internationally within the last 14 days; (iii) you have no reason to believe that you have been exposed to someone with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19; and (iv) you have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 and not yet cleared as noncontagious by health authorities.
4. You hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, agree to hold harmless and indemnify KST Congregation, its employees, agents, officers, directors and other representatives, from and against all Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs and expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. You understand that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of KST, its employees, agents, officers, directors and representatives, or any other persons, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any of the Shul's programs.

By submitting your ticket upon entry, you confirm that you have read, understand, and agree to all the terms and provisions of this Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Unable to Attend Shofar Blowing?



Shofar Blowing

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If you are available to volunteer and blow shofar, please contact us at the office, 416-783-7983.

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With many forced to stay home this year due to COVID-19, we've designed a platform to help bring the shofar to an outdoor-only, fresh air location near you.

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DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tribute Cards:

Please call the synagogue office to have one of our beautiful tribute cards sent in honour of a simcha or in memory of a loved one. Donations can be allocated to the following funds:

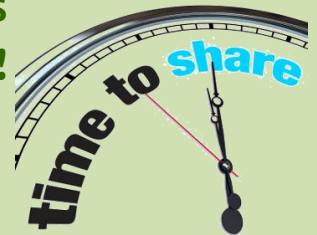
- Rabbi's Gemilut Chessed Fund
—For families in need & community charitable causes
- Siddur/Chumash/Tehillim Fund
- Library/Seforim Fund
- General Fund—For Operations
- Building Fund
- Accessibility Fund

Other Donation Opportunities

- Tree of Life Leaf
- Program Sponsorship
- Education Sponsorship
- Yahrzeit Board Plaque
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- Shul Kiddush-To-Go Sponsorship
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- Endowments and Will Legacies

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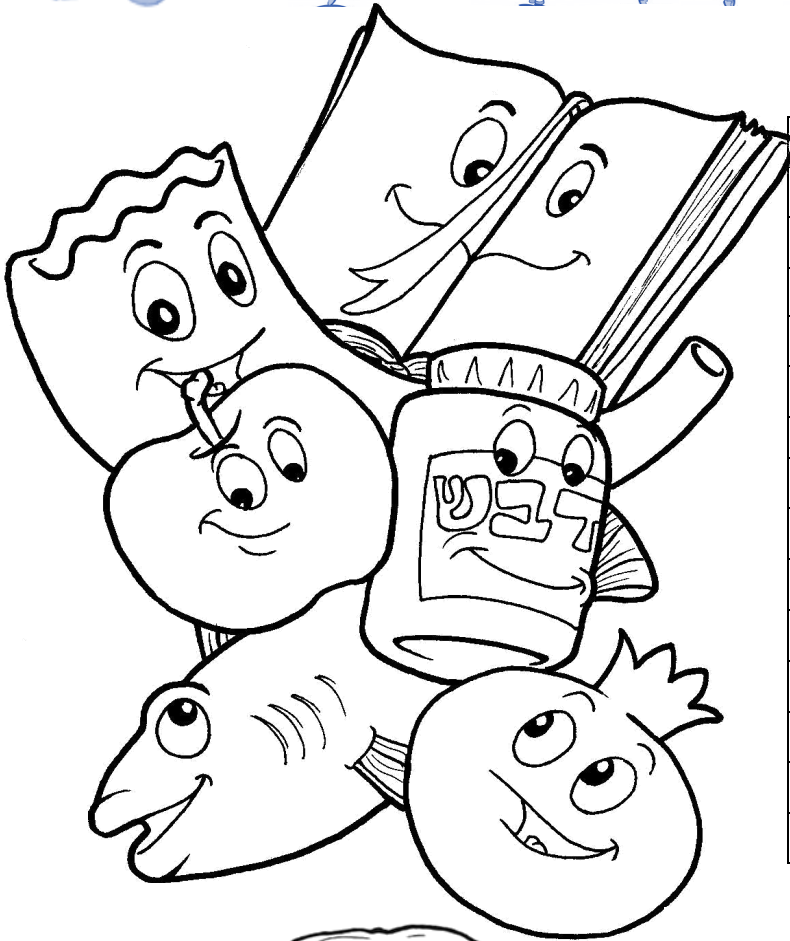
Donations to Kehillat Shaarei Torah are tax-deductible.



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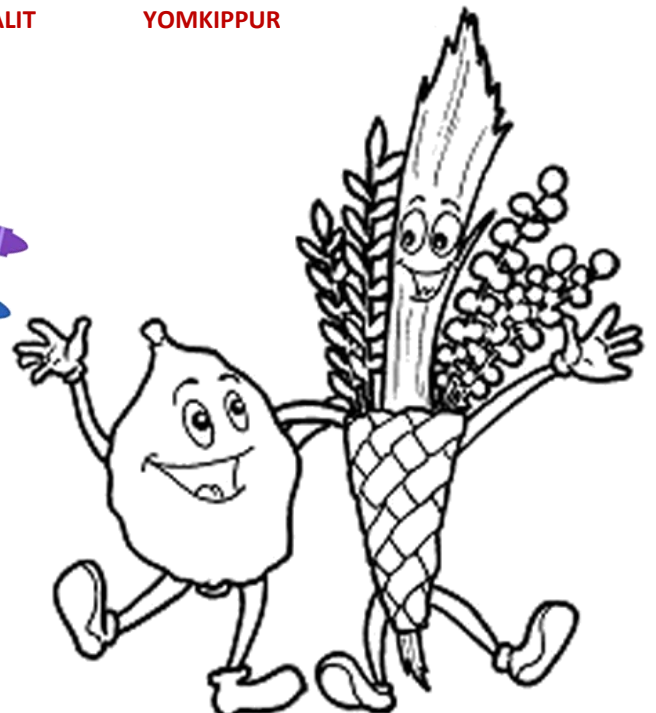


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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rena Reiff celebrated her 95th Birthday !120.טו

Irene & Sidney Papernick celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Coby Kellerstein, son of Jennie & Jeremy Kellerstein.

Tony and Elana Davis celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, a son to Ryan & Paulina Davis.

Ed Glina and Debbie Tessler celebrated the wedding of their son Zev to Sarit Morgan this week in Dallas, TX.

Alan Domb and Glicka Domb celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Shoshana Leiba to Yehoshua Leib Lapides, in Lakewood, NJ.

Sigale and Adam Goldstein celebrated the birth of a son, a grandson to Eddy Goldstein and Felicia Salomon and Moshe and Suzanne Nahmias, a great-grandson to Rosita Salomon.

Harry and Margaret Klompas celebrated the birth of a great granddaughter, Yocheved Ahuva, a daughter to Racheli and Moshe Cohen.

Stan and Evie Goldstein celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Lauren, to Chris Joy-Webb

Farrah Schwartz and Rob Manne celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter Julia Schwartz-Manne. Granddaughter of our members Dr Earl and Rosie Schwartz.

Rabbi Reuven and Joyce Tradburks celebrated the birth of a grandson, to Dovid and Arielle in New York.

Sigale & Adam Goldstein celebrated the bris of their son David Moshe.

Rabbi Joe and Sharona Kanofsky announced their son Mendy Kanofsky was sworn into the Israel Defense Forces at the Kotel with members of the KST family on-hand.

Dvora Silver celebrated the wedding of her granddaughter, Rebecca Silver, daughter of Markham and Lisa Silver (Calgary), to Aiden Raff, son of Errol and Renee Raff (Edmonton), and proud grandson of Hinda Lipshitz, in Calgary

Gladys Buckler and Anita Smouha both celebrated their 96th Birthdays !120 טו

Anne Marcus celebrated the bar mitzva of her grandson, Solomon Marcus, son of David Marcus.

Anne Marcus celebrated her 97th Birthday !120 טו

Nancy & Irving Kumer and Linda & Ivor Levstein are celebrated the birth a granddaughter, a daughter to Ari and Rachel Levstein.

Rabbi Joe and Sharona Kanofsky celebrated the aufruf of their son Moishy Kanofsky.

Sharona and Rabbi Joe Kanofsky celebrated the wedding of their son Moishy to Tzipporah Levi.

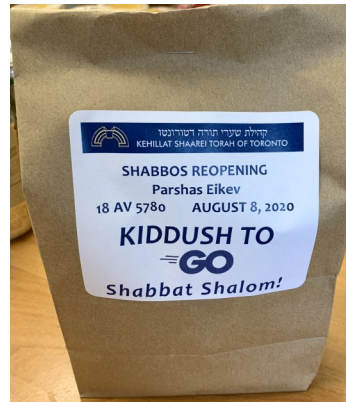
Avraham Kanofsky moved to California

Heather and Mark Waldman announced the engagement of their son Bryan to Emma Maclean, daughter of Cindy and Doug Maclean of Ottawa.

Ruth and Nelson Reuben celebrated the birth of a new grandson, a son to Josh and Naomi Reuben.

Marla Orbach celebrated the birth of a new granddaughter, Juliet Liora (Yakova) Orbach. The daughter of Eden and Christine Orbach and a great granddaughter to Grace Schelew.

SPONSORED KIDDUSH-TO-GO



by Irene & Sidney Papernick in memory of Irene's father, Jack Aach, Yaakov ben Eliezer, z"l

by Shirley Osler-Sitzer in honour of the 96th Birthdays of Gladys Buckler and Anita Smouha, ! 120 TV

by Dvora Silver in honour of the recent marriage of her granddaughter Rebecca Silver to Aiden Raff

by Andrew and Judith Sanders in honour of the congregation reuniting back at the synagogue.

by The KST Chevra

by Sharon Klug in honour of the yahrzeit of Rose Klug, z"l, and in honour of the Rabbi, Alan & the Board For keeping the kehilla together.

by Sheila Hecker in honour of the 8th yahrzeit of Harvey Hecker, z"l.

by The KST Chevra

Kiddush-To-Go-Luncheon sponsored in honour of the aufruf of Moishy Kanofsky by members by The KST

by Sharon Klug in honour of the yahrzeit of her late brother, Harvey Citron, z"l.



CONDOLENCES

To the Reiff family on the passing of our member, David Reiff, z"l.



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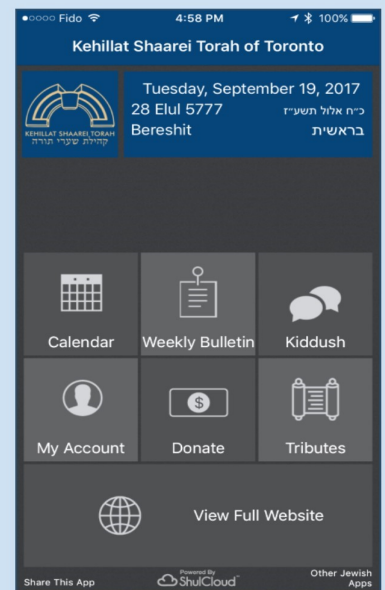


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קהילת שערי תורה דטורונטו
KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH OF TORONTO

August 17, 2021

Dear Members:

Re: Revision of Cemetery Headstone Guidelines

As discussed at the AGM held on December 28, 2020, the synagogue has been dealing with concerns related to the installation of a double headstone when the first spouse passes. The issue is that we now have some double headstones where the surviving spouse is no longer a member of the synagogue or living in Toronto.

Discussions have been held with Pardes Shalom with respect to their rules and regulations and with respect to how other synagogues deal with this issue. The result of these discussions is that moving forward, we can only allow a single headstone to be erected. When the second spouse passes, a double foundation can be placed or a double headstone, should that be desired. Our policy has always been we do not pre-sell plots or provide guaranteed reservations. The reservation of the adjacent burial plot will continue to be done on a good-faith basis only, to conform with our rules and existing provincial legislation. Any existing double headstones, either procured prior or in place as of September 1st, 2021 will be grandfathered. Burial rights are provided to members in good standing who have paid their building fund.

Any questions or concerns regarding this change to the cemetery headstone guidelines should be directed to the Membership and Burial committee.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Murray
President



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