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From the Rabbi's Desk

RABBI CHAIM STRAUCHLER

A Different Consciousness of Time

While visiting a shiva recently, I saw an amazing picture. It was a photograph composed of photographs. A great grandfather held a photograph of his son. In that second photograph, his son displayed a photograph of his grandson. In the third photograph, his grandson carried a fourth photograph of his great-grandson. One image held together four generations.

At our Pesach Seders, we gather generations together. The primary mitzvah of Pesach is passing a story across generations. That's what we do when we ask and answer *mah nishtanah*. Grandparents tell their children and grandchildren a story that they heard long ago from their own parents and grandparents. Those children create memories that they will carry with them for decades. At many a Seder, almost 200 years are held together. A 95 year old woman might share a memory from a Seder ninety years in the past to a granddaughter who will repeat that story ninety years in the future, around a very similar Seder table.

Time is compressed and intensified in the special moments that we create on Pesach. Of all our holidays, the one most concerned with time is Pesach. The difference between *chametz* and *matzah* is the difference between 17 and 19 minutes. The first mitzvah that our ancestors received before they could prepare the paschal offering was to establish their own calendar by which to track time. A slave has no awareness of time. His time is not his own. A slave does not think generations into the past or generations into the future. He bears no responsibility, therefore he generates no time awareness. He lives only in the moment – feeding his physical needs – meeting his master's wants. A free person can make decisions about how he or she utilizes time. A free person uses time to chart his or her destiny.

Time consciousness has changed in the past 500 years. With the invention of clocks, we have a more granular appreciation of our own use of time. We manage and commoditize our time. We pay for services by the hour. We clock in and out. Our cell phones compare our screen time this week to our screen usage last week. In this obsession with time, we monetize our selves. We create a certain slavery.

The clock has changed how we think of human performance. Whereas in ancient Olympic competitions, athletes were judged relative to their competitors; today's athletes are compared to all athletes who have ever competed in their event. We focus on world records. It is the clock's precision that allows us to do so. This shifts our attention away from the inter-personal element of competition. Everyone is racing against the clock.

In some way, the attention to fractions of seconds precipitates a loss of awareness for larger units of time. Our focus on ever-shortening news cycles can cause us to lose a historical perspective on the events of our lives. As our attention spans shorten to 140 characters, we lose the ability to read long in-depth articles (or listen to rabbis' *drashot*).

Shabbat and Yom Tov can free us not just from labour, but also from certain deleterious affects of time-obsession. On these days, we can slow down, talk to our loved ones, and think for ourselves, without our devices interrupting and controlling us. At our Seders, we think about decades, centuries and millennia. We experience time differently. This is of great value.

This year, our synagogue celebrates its 90th anniversary. This is an opportunity to step back and think about our past, present and future. These anniversaries are happy times. Yet,

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A Different Consciousness of Time

there is an ounce of the bitter built in (*marror*, if you will). For the first time, we celebrate a momentous anniversary without those present at the birth of our congregation. Our shul has outlived its creators.

As we think of the past 90 years, we also think of the next 90. With every generation that Jews live in this great city and country, we gain communal and institutional confidence. At the same time, we move further from the immigrant experience (a *yetziat mitzrayim* of a sort). As we look to the future, we must teach our children to be proudly Canadian, while remembering that they descend from immigrants. Sadly, the growing tide of anti-Semitism makes *bechol dor vador omdim aleinu lechaloteinu* ("In every generation, they rise up to destroy us") easier to appreciate. The degree to which the word Zionist has become a slur on university campuses only reinforces the lessons that we need a State of Israel, and that we must vigorously support it as unashamed Zionists.

As we build a thriving and proud Jewish community, we cannot ignore the assimilation and acculturation that is decimating our Jewish family, here and around the world. If the past has anything to teach the future, it is that intensive and optimistic Jewish identity thrives whereas a loose and defuse affiliation quickly dissolves. A synagogue is a space where we do things together that we cannot do alone. As we look to the next ninety years, we must find avenues for spreading an intense and hopeful Jewish identity to as many of our brothers and sisters as we can.

As a Modern Orthodox Synagogue, we cherish the Torah and *mitzvot* that have sustained our people through time. We celebrate both our daughters and sons, as they seek out *Hashem* and take the steps necessary to one day lead our community and spread the Torah that we share with them. In the ninety years ahead, we will create new opportunities for women and men to engage in the beauty of study, prayer and *chessed*.

As a religious institution, we advocate for ethics not just inside our walls, but also beyond. These ethics relate to honesty and kindness. They also reflect a certain vision for the human experience. We see all people as created in the divine image. We see all people as created for a Godly purpose that extends beyond pleasuring oneself. We unabashedly speak about "right and wrong." In the years ahead, our vision will compete with other visions of "the good." Many of these competing visions will prioritize autonomy over purpose. These debates will relate to substances used to escape responsibility and the creation and destruction of human life. The next ninety years contain a special role for us to work with other religious and secular partners in advocating for a common vision of the good.

We have much challenging work, in the 90 years ahead. We also have joyous and special moments to look forward to. We will share the joy of brides and grooms under their wedding canopies. We will share the hopes of new mothers and fathers, as they push strollers to shul, for the first time. We will watch young men and women take leadership roles as teens and as university students. We will come together, at all ages, to learn Torah with friends and to share good wishes around Kiddush tables. We will be there for each other during our times of weakness and sadness.

In these 90 years, we will not be slaves of the moment. We will claim our parts in a 4,000-year Jewish narrative. Our synagogue community will help us better write our roles in that heroic story.

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President's Message

Building Foundations

RANDALL CRAIG

The cover of this edition of the Shaarei Shomayim bulletin is probably more familiar to our parents and grandparents, but back in the 1940s and 1950s this is how the bulletin looked.

Our shul started as the Hillcrest congregation, back in the mid-late 1920s, migrating first to St. Clair, and then eventually to our current home on Glencairn. Reading through old bulletins and the shul's archives, the one constant in our history – and our future – has been the desire of our members to make a difference.

This difference has occurred as individuals: consider the impact so many of our members have made through their leadership within the shul, and in the wider Jewish and civic society. And it has occurred as an institution, through our programming, through our voice in the community, and in our davening.

As we are now in our 90th year, it is tempting to look back at this history and celebrate the foresight of those that came before us. As president, one of the first things I did upon my election was to reach out to each past president to ask them about the shul's history, challenges, and milestones. Their perspective was enlightening, and surprisingly similar: together we have so much potential. But they all said that in their time, they also had a number of formidable challenges.

From the early days: Can we really attract people to a new synagogue? What religious practices should we follow? How do we fend off our creditors? Should we move to Glencairn (and how to pay for it)? What is the role of women in shul leadership? The early concerns weren't just existential: How do we set dues? Which caterers should have access to the shul's kitchen? Should we have reserved seats? And so on.

Each issue was addressed, and in doing so, built the foundation that we now have.

And yes, we have our own big picture challenges today. For me, and perhaps for you as well, I worry about the pressures of day school tuition and housing costs, and what that means for young families. I am concerned about the connection that many seniors have with our community, when mobility is a growing concern. I am uncomfortable with the growing burden of security – not just the costs, but keeping the shul as an open and welcoming facility. I worry about remaining relevant, as competition for attention both within and outside the Jewish community becomes more intense. And I worry about how we can help our members grow Jewishly and develop a more spiritual experience in our programs and davening.

These are all real-world today challenges, but in many ways they are similar to the challenges we had in the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, and so on. We got ahead of our challenges then, and we will get ahead of ours now.

All of these challenges, old and new, were solved by people who were committed: they were committed to building a community, and being part of it. They recognized that the journey of solving challenges is what builds relationships, and develops pride of ownership. They recognized that by actively participating – in classes, minyanim, and in shul leadership – that they got more than they gave. They were committed to building a "big tent" Jewish community in Toronto that was unabashedly orthodox, and where all would feel comfortable. They recognized that there was power in our message that lives in – and shines a beacon to – our modern society. And they realized there were some things we could do together that we couldn't do alone.

Two recent examples of this come to mind: the Young Professionals Trivia Night had over 150 people attend. And the Bat Mitzvah program Shabbat dinner also had over 150 attendees. Both of these speak to the importance of providing relevant programming to different segments of our membership, and the attendance also speaks to engagement. Each of these attendees could have done anything with their time – but chose to connect with and build community with others at Shaarei Shomayim. That the "delivery mechanism" of both events were so different – an entire term of Jewish learning vs a social event – is irrelevant: relationships were strengthened in a Jewish (and a Shaarei Shomayim) context. If you have fallen out of the habit of attending events, programming, or davening, check out the website or Shabbat Matters for details, and consider this your invitation to join us.

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Building Foundations

So much is happening – and challenges solved – at our shul because of our wonderful volunteers: yes, the executive and board. Yes, all of our committee members. But also those people that help a visitor find their way to a seat. Or help someone find the right page during davening. Or mentor our younger members. Or watch our kids in the nursery. Or anonymously fund certain programs. Or just engage in a meaningful conversation during kiddush. And so much at our shul happens because of our wonderful staff – specifically Rabbi Strauchler and Avital, Rabbi Diamond, Rabbi Shore, our Youth Director Jacob Posluns, Executive Director Nicole Toledano, and Facility Manager Anthony Netti.

Thank you goes a long way. And if you enjoyed a program or event, tell your friends so they can share the experience with you next time.

Between now and December, the shul will be hosting a number of events and programs that will celebrate our 90 year history and celebrate our future. And we will be fundraising to complete needed renovations, improve our security, and begin an educational endowment to fund programs within the shul. Look for details in flyers and Shabbat Matters, but for now, put December 5 on your calendar, for our 90th anniversary gala.

What will our president be writing about at our shul's 180th anniversary? Likely that the work that we do now has laid the foundation for what they have become. That unsurprisingly, we overcame our challenges, and they will too. And that it is the people in our community that make a difference.

Postscript – A different twist to *Love thy Neighbour:* A few years ago, a few weeks before Pesach, I was challenged: "There are far too many Jewish people who do not go to the seders. At your office, if there is someone who you think is Jewish, ask them to join yours."

The next week, I decided to ask an older black belt at my Karate club what he was doing for Pesach. "Well, the seders, matzah, family, it's always a tradition…" I asked again, saying that we have extra space at our table, and really, does he have anywhere to go. It turned out he didn't, and was intending on being by himself. I invited him immediately; he added to the quality of the seder immeasurably.

I share this story because we mistakenly assume that all people, within our Shaarei Shomayim community and beyond, have a place to go. They don't. If you think someone at your office, or your athletic club is Jewish, ask them to your seder. However they answer, there is only an upside to the question. (And if you don't have a place to go yourself, please let us know.)

In the last Bulletin, we recognized the committee co-chairs. This Bulletin, we wanted to recognize the **Past Presidents**. It is because of the leadership of this distinguished group of men and women that we are where we are today. Again, when you see these people in the halls, please say thank you. Or even better, say "How might I help?"

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Swift, Spontaneous Change or Slow, Steady Progress?

RABBI JESSE SHORE
ASSISTANT RABBI

One objective of the Seder night is to relate the epic events in our journey from slavery to freedom. The story is punctuated by miracles, the caliber of which excite our imaginations and have reverberated through the memories of generations. Ask the average Jew to name the ten plagues that struck Egypt, and she will likely recall more of them than were you to ask her to recount at least ten of the Israelite encampments in the desert. Miraculous moments are more memorable than mundane monotony.

Consider how even the miracles attending the Israelites in the desert are comparatively less striking. Since they are enduring, they are less sensational. Events like miracles, revelations or revolutions tend to be memorable because they happen swiftly, relative to the slow plodding of the rest of history. Our enslavement extended for at least two centuries. By contrast, the miracles heralding our redemption occurred over a period of weeks. Our freedom came abruptly and we were instructed to depart from Egypt with haste.

Here is the problem. If extraordinary and memorable events occur rarely and do not last very long, then how might we appreciate the vast majority of the rest of our lives, which may seem comparatively uninspiring and uneventful? One approach might be to continuously seek out wonder and inspiration. Consider the popularity of media organizations like Netflix, Ted Talks and YouTube; they feature content with various entertainment, educational and inspirational value. On Netflix, we might spend hours "binging"on the extended edition of Lord of the Rings. When Ted Talks on the latest scientific advancements, or YouTube "how-to" videos for baking lemon meringue cheesecake lose their charm, with just a click, we can watch a charismatic speaker give a drasha on the parsha.

This may be one of the more prominent preoccupations of contemporary culture. We are often looking for inspiration or entertainment. In fact, the Haggadah, quoting a Mishnah in Pesachim, seems to endorse this approach.

בכל דור ודור חיב אדם לראות את עצמו כאלו הוא יצא ממצרים

In every generation one must see oneself as though they left Egypt.

The Seder night is an opportunity to appeal to our thirst for inspiration and entertainment, as we retell the epic story of the Exodus!

What this approach is unable to account for is that we are just not always inspired. Sometimes we cannot achieve a prolonged state of wonder or inspiration. The Seder night will come and go, and the collective reimagining of our miraculous past will be returned to the back of our minds once again. Life also demands that we step away from our sources of inspiration to make critical assessments of where we are as a community, where we want to see ourselves in the future, and what kind of work we need to do to move forward together. Much of that work promises to be difficult, frustrating, slow and uninspiring.

This may be one of the more prominent aversions of contemporary culture. We often try to avoid difficult and uninspiring work. We do not like to seriously entertain the long haul, the unanticipated setbacks and the sluggish movements towards a better future. The quick fixes that come from miracles, revolutions, and other dramatic changes or innovations seem all the more enchanting.

There may be another approach. One that is drawn from a different reading of the halacha from the Mishnah. Instead of focusing on the miracles that happened in Egypt, we ought to focus on the peculiar point in history that the Mishnah chooses to reference. We are supposed to see ourselves as already *having left Egypt*.

Had the Mishnah intended to place emphasis on envisioning the miracles and the advantage of their bringing about immediate changes, it would have either made that explicit (וניתנייה בהדיא) or it would have referred to the Exodus in the present tense (וניתני הכי). It does not say that one is obliged to see themselves as currently leaving Egypt (יוצא ממצרים). Instead, the past tense is used; we see ourselves as having left Egypt (יצא ממצרים). This reading is even more compelling in light of the fact that the Haggadah places it towards the end of Maggid, when we are already finished telling over the miraculous story!

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Swift, Spontaneous Change or Slow, Steady Progress?

Passover relates a turning point in human history. The spontaneous redemption of an entire slave nation necessitated divine intervention on a miraculous level. Miracles, indicating a swift, dramatic change from the status quo, and the inspiration that we feel as a result, are both valuable. Sometimes we need inspiration. The question is, can we transcend our instinctual desire for miracles and for spontaneous changes, and appreciate the meaningfulness and importance of progress that is slow and steady?

Miracles and revolutions are rare. Inspiration eventually fades. Can we summon the grit, the wherewithal, and the resilience to roll up our sleeves and engage in the difficult and slow work required to take us into a future that we envision collectively? After telling over the inspiring story of the Exodus, the Haggadah lays this expectation before us. God can still be with us, guiding us, but God may prefer that we create the future ourselves instead of having it be created for us. Perhaps this is what we mean when we declare, just a little further on in the Haggadah:

מקימי מעפר דל, מאשפת ירים אביון, להושיבי עם נדיבים, עם נדיבי עמו.

He brings up the poor out of the dirt; from the refuse piles, He raises the destitute. To seat him with the nobles, with the nobles of his people.

God raises us from the helplessness of destitution to the responsibility that comes with nobility. He grants us the dignity and the capacity to forge our own destiny. Instead of utterly overwhelming divine intervention, where we live through history as passive subjects, we may instead ask for divine assistance, which assumes that you and I are the primary actors in creating a redeemed future.

This year we are celebrating Shaarei Shomayim's 90th anniversary. We have a rich history on which to reflect, for which to find gratitude, and upon which to build a future for our community. Lauren and I wish you a very happy Passover, with many inspiring divrei Torah and conversations about that future. Whenever our inspiration wanes, may Hashem grant us the resilience to keep moving, and the wisdom to appreciate that there is nobility and dignity, even amid slow and steady progress.

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Does it Really Matter How Much Matzah I Eat?

RABBI ELLIOTT DIAMOND

DOWNSTAIRS MINYAN

Pesach has no rival when it comes to the layers of law, custom and family traditions that envelop this essential Jewish holiday. The vastness of rabbinic literature that has been written over the centuries is unparalleled in both volume and intricate analysis. Only the number of kosher for Passover recipes that are published each year comes close.

Each year as we prepare for the Seders and Pesach in general, we are reminded about the mitzvot that we must fulfill. Matzah, maror, wine, karpas, charoset – all important elements of the Seder night – each one with its own set of requirements and rules. How much matzah should I eat? How much wine should I drink?

But why does that really matter?

Isn't it more important that I reflect on the main ideas that Pesach stands for, than worry about whether I consumed a half of the matzah or just nibbled on a small piece? If I only have one cup of wine at the Seder instead of the required four cups, but pause before I drink that single cup to consider the meaning of redemption, haven't I really fulfilled the essential purpose of the mitzvah of wine? Aren't the big ideas of Judaism what's really important in leading a Jewish life? Details seem to obscure the essential messages of Judaism, and often lead us to look for the trees but miss the beauty of the forest.

In defense of details consider this. The vastness of the world in which we live can sometimes seem overwhelming. In a world of over 7.7 billion people, it ought to be the policies that influence the mass of humanity that capture our attention and energy. The conditions necessary to secure the place of big ideas such as the value of life, freedom, peace and human rights for the majority of the world's population - should be the focus of our care. If so, my individual life and needs are of little consequence. After all, I am really only a small detail. Do I really matter?

Hashem emphatically asserts that I do matter. And so do you. It is true that we are challenged to strike the right balance between the big ideas that the Torah teaches (consider the significance of the Ten Commandments in establishing the ethical foundation of much of society) and the details that may sometimes seem overbearing (for example the many intricate details involved in the construction of the Mishkan in the desert). Negotiating this path is a task which will require our constant attention from generation to generation. But rejecting the importance of details in Jewish life is akin to ignoring the inherent value in the small, precious moments that fill the individual, ordinary lives that we live in our own small corner of this vast world. In the detail of my singular life, I do make a difference.

So how much matzah should I eat or how much wine should I drink are not just details. These deliberate considerations symbolically express the belief that the small measured things that I do, indeed matter.

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From the Executive Director's Desk

NICOLE TOLEDANO

Shaarei Shomayim Celebrates its 90th

What does 90 years old mean? It means nine decades of history – a growing city, world wars, an A-bomb, the Holocaust, Israeli independence, and seeing a global economy.

For the shul, it means a long history from Generation to Generation. In the pages of Shaarei Shomayim's 50th Anniversary Journal, Samuel J. Sable[z"l]'s greetings state, the shul "responded spiritually and practically to the constant needs and stimulation of events on the local and world scene." As was then, so is it today. Dr. Archie Richmond's message was that, "our Synagogue must continue to be a torch, a source of light, a beacon giving forth warmth and inspiration for goodness and kindness and nobility of character, to all who come into this fortress of faith."

Today, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation is a modern Orthodox centre of Jewish life, which provides the means for the fulfillment of religious, educational and social needs and which seeks to inspire the community to greater commitments to Torah, the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

At Shaarei Shomayim, you have the opportunity to avail yourselves of an extraordinarily talented and committed clergy, an extensive variety of prayer services and exceptional programs and learning opportunities. Moreover, members have the opportunity to participate as a committee member and/or in the governance of the Shul. Our members have unique talents and insight in ensuring the success of our synagogue.

Clergy:

Rabbi Chaim Strauchler together with Rabbi Jesse Shore, Rabbi Elliot Diamond, Chazzan Zvi Katzman and Ralph Levine are dedicated to enhancing your spiritual growth and your learning experience. Shaarei Shomayim meets our members' needs regarding any aspects of Jewish law, spiritual guidance or family matters.

Prayer Services:

- Daily prayer services, twice each weekday morning and once each evening
- A choice of prayer services each Shabbat morning including a Hashkama Minyan at 7:30 am, services in the Main Sanctuary with Rabbi Strauchler, an alternate informal Downstairs Minyan with Rabbi Diamond, and Teen Minyan

Programs and Learning Opportunities:

Shaarei Shomayim has an extensive variety of programs and learning opportunities, including:

- Talmud classes, taught six mornings a week by Rabbi Strauchler and Rabbi Shore
- Fantastic Youth programming run by our Youth Director, Jacob Posluns, every Shabbat and Holiday
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah programs and classes
- Interesting and thought-provoking adult education classes on varied topics, taught by Rabbis Strauchler, Shore and Diamond, as well as other well-known educators
- Chessed, social action and Israel action programs
- Periodic Scholar-in-Residence programs offered by leading Rabbis and academics
- Programs for Older Adults: Falls Prevention, Walkie-Talkies, Lunch & Learn, and Catch the Spirit afternoon lectures, and
- Young Professionals programs and events.

Looking back to the 1920s, we see that the minyan started in the home of Louis Rasky on McKay Avenue and has grown to a membership of 675 families on Glencairn. Through multiple locations (Hillcrest, Christie, St. Clair, and finally Glencairn), the shul has survived and thrived.

Ninety years means generations of members. When looking at a membership list today, we can see multiple generations involved in the shul. Whether it is a Bernstein, Brown, Gasner, Goldrich, Green, Kaminker, Klein, Rifkind, Sable, Silver, Spring, Zeifman and many more, Shaarei Shomayim remains a vibrant centre of Jewish life for all ages. Those who helped pave the way did so by ensuring we had world class facilities to offer wide ranging programs and services.

Help us celebrate our 90th – SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR GALA CELEBRATION – December 5, 2019.

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SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

WHERE KIDS MATTER

JACOB POSLUNS
YOUTH DIRECTOR

Youth Matters

Shalom friends! This year, we have not only had one of our busiest years in terms of activities, but we have also seen the most growth since I have started working at Shaarei Shomayim. Yishar Kochachem to everyone who has been involved and committed to the Youth program's success.

As we are now about to enter the Pesach Seder (which is my *second* favourite time of the year), we start the story off by welcoming everyone to join us at our Seder table. This idea of inviting and sharing, is exactly what we try to do here at the Youth programs. This year, we had families not only from over five different shuls in Toronto, but from all over North America.

The best thing that we have heard this year is people saying that they love coming to OUR Shul – because their kids beg them to do so! Having visited many different shuls in Toronto, it is very clear that we take matters seriously when it comes to our young families. The race for our famed Shomayim Shekels and our LDA (Loudest Davener Award) always excites each room, and can be heard down the youth hallways.

I would not have been able to do all of this without the help of my amazing Youth Committee, Youth Chairs, the Shinshinim, Rebbetzin Avital Strauchler, Rabbi Chaim Strauchler, and Rabbi Jesse Shore. On a weekly basis we have games that are run by our tremendous Shinshinim to help the kids learn more about our connection to Israel. Our community has become the centre for Israeli based children's games and education.

Our Stay'n'Play and grades 1-2 rooms are bursting at the seams. Come and visit to see just how beautiful their respective sing alongs and davening really are!

Some of the events we had over the past few months are: Chanukah and Chessed On-the-Go, Family Kabbalat Shabbat, "The Incredibles" Movie Night, Bingo Night, SUPER Purim Party with mega obstacle course, rock climbing, and face painting! There is lots more to look forward to: Shavuot late night learning and Ice Cream Party, MEGA Siyum, and of course, our awesome weekly programs!

I am so proud of all the kids who are involved with the learning of the *39 Melachot*. This program, run by Rebbetzin Avital Strauchler, is teaching the kids each of the prohibitions of Shabbat. Our goal is not only to increase the knowledge and educational value of our program, but to have a MEGA SIYUM near the end of the year! We are so excited to finish off the year with a party with all of the families.

I wanted to end this message with a tinge of sadness, as this will be my final year in this position. It has been a wild ride the past four years here, and I will miss it immensely. As sad as it is for me to leave, I am so excited to see all of the amazing things that are yet to come for our Youth program and the Shul as a whole. I will be "officially" leaving after the Chagim in the fall, once the new Youth Director is prepared and ready to go. By this time, I will have completed school to begin my full-time career at Deloitte Technology Consulting.

Finally, our programs would not be as great as they are today without the help of our amazing Youth Leaders who arrive each Shabbat morning, ready and eager to help our youth shine.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach from myself and the Shaarei Shomayim Youth team.

LET'S MAKE OUR SHUL WARM AND HOSPITABLE

We are looking for members who can host young singles, new members or visitors for Shabbat and Yom Tov meals. We would like to make sure that every person who comes to our shul has a place to go. If you are interested, please email or call the shul office.

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Entertainment and Cultural Committee

SANDY AND JERRY GENESOVE

Wow, it's hard to realize that we have been coordinating the Entertainment and Cultural Committee since Dr. Bernard Green was president in 1983. It's been very interesting and keeps our minds active.

Back in March, we celebrated Judaism and music in the *Cavalcade of Stars*, which was a big success! Our programs for this summer include a series with Gerald Ziedenberg; and a curator emeritus from the ROM showing slides of synagogues from Medieval to current time.

We look forward to an exciting summer!

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY AND SANDY GENESOVE

ENCOURAGING WORLDWIDE SUPPORT FOR JEWS FOR JUDAISM FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS

On Sunday, March 31, 2019 was the 25th Annual "Cavalcade of Stars" Evening of Jewish Music, sponsored by the Entertainment and Cultural Committee of Shaarei Shomayim, in support of Jews for Judaism. The event featured Rabbi Jesse Shore, Eldan Cohen, Gord Lindsay, The Benami Band and the Shul of Rock.

We acknowledged the tireless efforts of Jerry and Sandy Genesove, who have conducted the Annual Cavalcade of Stars for the last 25 years, in a short video we put together: youtube.com/watch?v=n-VaTzp9Tgw

Thank you Jerry, Sandy and Shaarei Shomayim for 25 years of helping to keep Jews Jewish.

Julius Ciss
Executive Director
Jews for Judaism

Photos: Claire Ciss

Teen Minyan

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BY ARI AND SERENA RUBIN, JAY KARON, AND ELI MINKOWITZ

We have had an unbelievable year at Teen Minyan! It has been our strongest in terms of numbers at minyan itself, and we have managed to successfully integrate our middle school boys and girls into the program with the help of our new leader, Jay Karon.

We started off the year strong with some Teen Friday Night dinners where the Teens all attempted to prove that their summer camp had the best *ruach*. Next was the highlight of the year – Simchat Torah. I think everyone in the shul will agree that Teen Minyan ran the show! We're looking forward to another 'Hark' Simchat Torah next year!

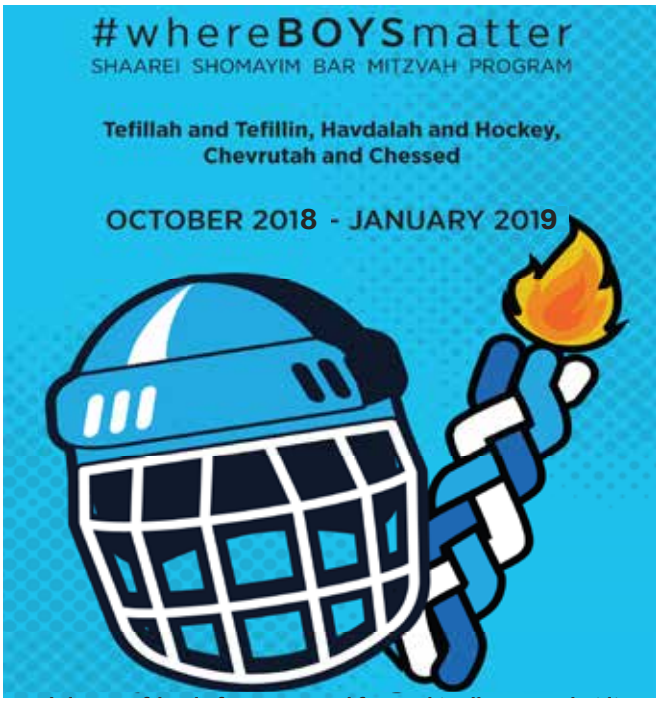
During Chanukah, we attempted to make *sufganiyot* and *sphingim* which were a total mess, but tasted good. Our amazing Purim party included taking over the youth's bouncy castles, pizza, an epic photo booth, and some pretty competitive card games! Those who stayed for the after party even enjoyed a little impromptu *kumzitz*.

We are looking forward to the rest of the year at Teen Minyan. We have many activities planned, including another Teen Dinner!

Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

Bar Mitzah Program

The Bar Mitzvah Program invited an impressive roster of guest lecturers to The Bar Mitzvah Club House (AKA The Apartment). Each guest kindly obliged and we are so grateful. We began with Ronit Holtzman, VP of philanthropy at the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, as a guest lecturer. Ronit ran an engaging workshop with us where we had to make complicated and sometimes difficult decisions on how to properly allocate our tzedaka in the Jewish community. We were also treated to a visit from Janis Seftel from Ve'ahavta, who helped prepare us for what to expect as we embarked on the Ve'ahavta vans to deliver food to the homeless in our city. It was an eye-opening and very meaningful experience! We explored the value of inward-directed kindness from our very own Shinshin, Maor Menasseh, and are looking forward to a closing Shabbat tisch with Rabbi and Mrs. Shore!



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Family Shabbat Dinner Celebration
March 8, 2019
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Bat Mitzvah Program

BY AVITAL STRAUCHLER

Thank you to a fantastic group of Bnot Mitzvah and great teachers. The 5779 Bat Mitzvah Program was a great success. The first half of the program focused on textual Torah learning, while the second half focused on chessed and kindness. We studied:

- tzedaka in the Jewish community with Ronit Holtzman of the Jewish Foundation
- assisting the homeless with Janis Seftel of Ve'ahavta
- intergenerational relationships with Brenda Lass at Baycrest
- and inclusion with Sarg Lemberger at KCC.

Each event included both preparation and hands on activities. The girls had the opportunity to experience volunteerism in several capacities. Our program culminated with a beautiful family Friday night dinner with 150 guests celebrating our future leaders. Each Bat Mitzvah girl shared an inspirational reflection in the form of a short speech. They addressed topics ranging from:

- leadership in Tanach,
- role models,
- the challenges their great-grandparents faced to ensure Jewish continuity,
- and chessed projects that have had an inspiring influence in their lives.

In addition, the girls presented their notebooks / scrapbooks summarizing their learning. Their preparation for this special joint celebration included text study on transforming Shabbat from an obligation into a gift. To make the evening that much more special, they worked, in advance of Shabbat, to create special "Silver Platter" desserts with Daniella Silver. We look forward to watching our Bnot Mitzvah becoming an influential part of our community in the years ahead.

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Shaarei Shomayim once again has the honour of hosting Peace of Mind, a unique program developed by METIV – The Israel Psychotrauma Centre that provides therapy for discharged soldiers who are dealing with the aftermath of their combat experiences. We invite the community to participate and embrace the discharged soldiers by providing financial support for this important initiative.

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The Anti-Fragility of Matzah

What's the opposite of something fragile? Most people would say something like: robust, strong or resilient. But think about this for a moment: if something fragile is something that easily falls apart because of pressure or stress and can't properly be put back together (think of a wine glass), robust or resilient is what your iPhone case is - it's not really the opposite of fragility, but a resistance to, or protector of, fragility. To be the opposite of fragile would be something that gains or improves through stress, challenge or pressure.

I came across this notion recently in a book by Nassim Taleb titled, *Antifragile: Things that Gain from Disorder*, and have been quite taken with its implications for education and parenting. Put simply, humans need stress and pressure, in appropriate measure, to grow. When we deprive our children (or ourselves!) of stress and challenge, we do two things: we don't give them these growth opportunities and therefore prevent them from improvement, but worse, we enable them in becoming increasingly fragile.

This idea helps explain something odd about the mitzvah of matzah. In the Haggadah it says, הא לחמא עניא, this (the matzah) is the bread of our poverty,

די אכלו אבהתנא בארעא דמצרים,

that our forefathers ate when they were in Egypt. What's odd, as Rav Eran Tamir points out, is that this is not exactly true, since matzah was what they ate upon their leaving Egypt, not while they were in Egypt. It's further strange for a simple technical reason – it didn't have to be at all! God could have warned the Jews a few days in advance to prepare themselves, and they could have eaten fully risen bread!

Rav Kook shares a deep and fascinating explanation for these questions, and provides a deeper understanding of matzah. He explains that there are two types of growth: one, הרווחה, that comes from a free and open spirit, where one feels creative and expansive, when a person feels the openness that supports innovation. There is, however, another kind of creativity which comes from a place of צמצום – from limit and lack, from constraint and pressure. This latter creativity was the לחמא עניא that Bnei Yisrael ate in Egypt, for they were in a low and stressful place where their freedoms and energies were drastically limited, and where pressure and stress were daily norms. And yet from this place, specifically because of the limits and strain, an enormous outpouring of creativity and growth was able to follow. Creativity, in this sense, demands an opposing force to help it come to the surface. In this sense, matzah represents our anti-fragility, our capacity to grow through constraint and pressure. Our eating it year after year acts as a reminder that even when we are in a hard place, it points to a greater narrative of potential, a place of limitation within which we can find our greatest growth, where necessity gives birth to invention.

The matzah, this 'bread of our poverty,' reminds us that we, and our children, are indeed antifragile, and by allowing us to face failure and stress (in appropriate measure, of course) we help all of us to become most whole, creative and fulfilled.

May we all have a חג כשר ושמח, a happy and kosher Pesach!

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The month of Nisan and the story of the Exodus from Egypt that stands at its centre, invite us to investigate the values of liberty and independence.

The redemption from slavery to freedom, which we celebrate on Pesach, is multidimensional – it includes both national freedom and personal freedom. In the national sense, after years of oppression and slavery, the Israelites were liberated as a nation and got an identity as a people. The Exodus from Egypt created the infrastructure for a free people's faith and culture.

And yet although the Exodus from Egypt was a national event, the Sages emphasized its personal significance. This is highlighted in the commandment: "In every generation, each person must see himself as if he himself left Egypt" (Pesachim 116b). This is a unique commandment in Jewish tradition. There is no other commandment like this for any of the holidays or special occasions on the Jewish calendar. For example, it does not say "In every generation, each person must sit in a sukkah," or "In every generation, each person must rejoice in the month of Adar." Here at Associated, we foster in our students a very personal connection, as this commandment mandates, to their Jewish heritage and identity.

Each Jew is required to find personal meaning in freedom, based on the social and cultural contexts of his or her own time. This approach makes the story of the Exodus from Egypt not just a historical event about the Jewish People, but rather, a very relevant and personal exploration of our own journeys from slavery to freedom. It invites us to ask ourselves a range of questions, such as: what subjugates me today? Have I become a slave to societal pressure? To technology? To the media? To money? To physical temptations? How do I exercise my personal freedom? Do I act upon the value of free will to make choices that liberate me from the oppressive powers in my life? Do I feel free to think for myself, to speak out, to ask questions? Am I careful not to misuse my own freedom by infringing on the freedom of others?

At Associated, we work to cultivate the truest values of freedom in our students so that they grow to be people who use free choice in ways that do not enslave them or entrench them in patterns of mindlessness; this is what we must do as a community, too. We need to teach our children to honour the freedom of others and to develop an openness to diverse ways of thinking and being.

This Pesach, let us re-examine our national and personal gift of freedom, and truly become a free people in this generation .

Ora Shulman is the Director of Education at Associated Hebrew Schools and Elaine Osher is the President of the Board of Directors.

SHULCLOUD REGISTRATION / LOGIN

We are happy to announce that we have now been on our new database system, ShulCloud, for over a year. Thank you to those who have logged in already and checked their information on file. If you have not already done so and have an email registered with us, please login to your account at shomayim.org, set up your password, and look to see if the information that we have for you is correct. Please call the office for assistance at 416-789-3213.

A Special Evening Devoted to Our Shul's Torah Scrolls

Over the last year, a significant amount of work has been done to improve the honour we give to our Sifrei Torah. This has involved a detailed inventory of each Torah, a review of any deficiencies by a team of sofrim and lay leaders, and the appropriate repairs, which are currently underway. In addition, each Torah will be dressed in new covers ('mantels'), created by a well-known Israeli fabric artist, Adina Gatt. The Torah Restoration Project was initiated by Donna Starkman Shiff and Randy Shiff.

The official "reveal" was in early April during Shabbat services in each of the Shaarei Shomayim minyanim.

This project involved many hours reviewing the shul's records and oral history (thank you Lawrence Savlov), along with discussions with Ralph Levine and Rabbi Strauchler, all driven by the hands-on leadership of Randy Shiff with Randall Craig. Literally hundreds of hours have been spent on this project, which will allow us to ensure that our Sifrei Torah are in great shape for the future.

There are a very small number of Torahs that are not attributed, and if you might be interested in dedicating a Torah or similar, please reach out to Randall Craig at president@shomayim.org.

Young Professionals Trivia Night

BY RACHEL LIBMAN

Shaarei Shomayim Young Professionals had a fun and competitive night out at the recent YP Trivia Night! The evening featured creative, topical and super challenging trivia created by Avi Libman and Adam Zarek, including categories ranging from Tanach and music to infectious disease and cooking that engaged the room of 150 Young Professionals. Participants enjoyed pizza, beer, and a night of intense but healthy competition! Thank you to Avital Strauchler, Racheli Samuel, Alexa Tepperman, Sara Lass, and Rabbi and Lauren Shore for planning this event.

In January, Shaarei Shomayim welcomed 200 guests at our Young Professionals and Young Families for a beautiful Shabbat luncheon. With a chance to spend time with one another over a delicious meal, shul members and guests enjoyed the afternoon. Special programming included games and activities for the kids, and a surprise opportunity to celebrate and thank Avital Strauchler for all she does to foster growth and build the community. The event was organized by a dedicated committee who worked together to ensure a delicious meal and warm atmosphere for our dynamic and growing community. Their commitment and inventiveness ensured that the program was inviting and accessible. Thank you to the committee led by Daniella Greenspan and Tamar Arje-Lechtman, and including Lana Bobrowsky, Naomi Glustein, Aviva Zielenec, Elianne Koschitzky, Miriam Koschitzky, Sara Lass, Yael Lipson, Ahuva Magder, Chaya Pamensky, Hadassa Pertman, Sherri Silver, Talya Silver, and Akiva Spiegel. Thank you to all the event sponsors and to everyone who attended.

Young Professionals Skating at Forest Hill Arena

BY RABBI JESSE SHORE

As a farewell to winter, we had an awesome time skating at Forest Hill Arena. Afterwards, we were careful not to drink the luscious homemade hot cocoa too quickly. Sip slowly: that's the key. The music at the rink was enhanced with some of our requests, keeping our groove quite groovy as we made grooves on the ice. We made it back from the rink to shul for live music, as some of us jammed together on our instruments. We also played some unique board games like Settlers, Codenames, and some classics that you might find on sale at Chapters. We enjoyed the Snakes&Lattes-Esque-Open-Mic atmosphere. It's amazing the different kinds of environments we can create in our shul. We left the program with a real sense of community, and we look forward to new opportunities that we hope to tap into during the summer!

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Young Professionals Trivia Night

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Appreciating the Quirks of Shul Members

Shuls Are About The People
Shuls are more than a place to pray. They aren't just minyan factories churning out thrice daily prayer services. Shuls are communities, social groups, places for us to make deep and lasting friendships. Shuls, at their heart, are about the people.

People Have Their Quirks
You don't have to be an Myers-Briggs expert to know that people have different personality types. Beyond the types, people have flaws and idiosyncrasies. And as much as we often wish that people would behave more like us, we know deep down that a planet full of me-clones would be boring at best, and probably closer to intolerable.

Look For The Strengths
Even if we grant that differences in people make the world a more interesting place, what do we do about the fact that people can be downright annoying? One path is to focus on people's strengths. Everybody has them, and the more you look for them, the easier it is to find them. It's a talent that's worth developing and it will make you a better spouse, parent and friend. Find the strengths and share your findings with others.

Love The Quirks
Finding strengths is doable, but the quirks are a challenge. Personality quirks are hard enough to appreciate, and serious character weaknesses are often intolerable. The key to loving the quirks is appreciating that they are the keys to our lives. We have to overcome them, and often try to change them and it's difficult, but it's what we're here for.

Resisting the Tyranny of the Majority
In Shuls, the membership machine is often looking to eliminate quirky behavior for the benefit of the Shul. It often is stated in the form of "Why should we all suffer, just because Joe is….". We sometimes must mute bad behavior, but in most cases, the behavior is tolerable and we should just grin and bear it and appreciate the person's challenges. In Shuls, we need to focus on the individual, not on the collective, it may be counter-intuitive, but it's the right thing to do.

Summary
Shuls are about the people and we all have our quirks. Tolerating, accepting and appreciating the quirks of others makes you a better person and makes your Shul a better place.

Toronto Yachad would like to thank Shaarei Shomayim for hosting the **Yachad Shabbaton** this past Shabbat, on **February 15-16, 2019**, and the shul members for opening up their homes and hosting Yachad members. A special thank you to Rabbi Strauchler, Rabbi Shore and Nicole Toledano, for being so welcoming and helpful with all the arrangements leading up to the Shabbaton.

Your community, rabbis, and members have enabled Yachad to continue promoting inclusion for those living with disabilities throughout the Jewish community.

We look forward to continuing the partnership for many years to come.

With many thanks,

Devorah Marmer, Sarah Cole, Mira Glogauer and Ari Karon

Chessed Committee

The volunteers of the Chessed Committee are remarkable indeed. They are a dedicated group of people providing various levels of support in times of need and in times of joy. Ever at the ready to step in and lend a hand, they can be counted on to help put people up for Shabbat and get people invited for meals. **If you know individuals who are visiting in our community because a loved one is ill, or members in need of support – just reach out to us.** Each situation is personal and sensitive. We operate confidentially under the guidance of our clergy.

We can be involved in coordinating holiday meals for members and visitors, people looking to join our shul, new families, families celebrating new babies, and those who are here because of work sabbaticals. We reach out to members who are shut-ins, and / or have health challenges, many of them appreciating a short visit or phone call. Simply wishing them a Shabbat Shalom is welcoming and meaningful.

This past Purim, saw a dedicated group of 30 something volunteers assemble and deliver Mishloach Manot to our members. Our group enjoyed seeing the smiling and appreciative faces of the recipients. Please read this note from a volunteer:

"Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to partake with you in the great mitzvah of delivering mishloach manot before Purim. We delivered all the packages Sunday. Yasher Koach to you and all the people that work with you in the Chessed Committee. Tizku le mitzvot."

We hope to continue to bring cheer to those who are infirmed in the hospital or at home, offering condolences and sympathy to houses of mourning, and rejoicing in happy occasions.

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APRIL 2019

Adar II / Nisan 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	25 Adar II 1 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*26 Adar II* 2 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*27 Adar II* 3 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*28 Adar II* 4 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*29 Adar II* 5 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*1 Nisan* 6 **Parshat Hachodesh** **Rosh Chodesh** 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha תזריע 9:30 am Pray & Learn
	Mon - Thurs Mincha is 7:25 pm				7:00 pm Mincha 7:28 pm 🕯🕯 (6:28*)	7:15 pm Mincha 8:29 pm Shabbat Ends
2 Nisan 7 8:30 am Shacharit	*3 Nisan* 8 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*4 Nisan* 9 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*5 Nisan* 10 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*6 Nisan* 11 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*7 Nisan* 12 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*8 Nisan* 13 **Shabbat HaGadol** 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha מצורע 11:15 am Rabbi's Drasha pt. 1 6:15 pm Rabbi's Drasha pt. 2
Sun - Thurs Mincha is 7:40 pm					7:00 pm Mincha 7:37 pm 🕯🕯 (6:34*)	7:25 pm Mincha 8:38 pm Shabbat Ends
9 Nisan 14 8:30 am Shacharit	*10 Nisan* 15 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*11 Nisan* 16 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*12 Nisan* 17 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*13 Nisan* 18 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*14 Nisan* 19 **Erev Pesach** **Fast of the Firstborn** 5:22 am Fast Begins 7:00 am Shacharit & Siyum *See box for chametz times*	*15 Nisan* 20 **I Pesach** 8:45 am Shacharit **Tefillat Tal**
Sun - Thurs Mincha is 7:45 pm					7:45 pm 🕯🕯 (6:41*) 7:55 pm Mincha	7:45 pm Mincha 8:47 pm Shabbat Ends 🕯🕯* 8:47 pm Earliest start 2nd seder
				8:35 pm* Search for Chametz	8:43 pm earliest start 1st seder Fast concludes with kiddush	**Count Omer 1 after Maariv**
16 Nisan 21 **II Peasch** 8:45 am Shacharit 7:55 pm Mincha 8:49 pm Yom Tov Ends	*17 Nisan* 22 **Chol Hamoed** 6:45 & 7:50 am Shacharit	*18 Nisan* 23 **Chol Hamoed** 6:45 & 7:50 am Shacharit	*19 Nisan* 24 **Chol Hamoed** 6:45 & 7:50 am Shacharit	*20 Nisan* 25 **Chol Hamoed/Erev Chag** 6:45 & 7:50 am Shacharit *Eiruv Tavshillin* 7:00 pm Mincha	*21 Nisan* 26 **VII Pesach** 8:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha	*22 Nisan* 27 **VIII Pesach** **8:30 am Shacharit** **Shir Hashirim** 10:45 am Yizkor (approx.) 7:40 pm Mincha
	Mon - Wed Mincha is 7:55 pm			7:52 pm 🕯🕯 (6:46*)	7:53 pm 🕯🕯 (6:47*)	8:56 pm Shabbat/Chag End
Count Omer 2 after Maariv	**Count Omer 3 after Maariv**	**Count Omer 4 after Maariv**	**Count Omer 5 after Maariv**	**Count Omer 6 after Maariv**	**Count Omer 7 after Maariv**	**Count Omer 8 after Maariv**
23 Nisan 28 8:30 am Shacharit	*24 Nisan* 29 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*25 Nisan* 30 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*CHAMETZ TIMES FOR EREV PESACH* Thursday April 18: Search for Chametz after 8:35 pm. Friday April 19: Last time to eat Chametz is 11:01 am. Chametz must be burned and nullifed by 12:08 pm.			
Sun - Tues Mincha is 8:05 pm			**At the 1st seder, afikoman must be eaten by 1:15 am. At the 2nd seder, afikoman must be eaten by 1:16 am.**			
Count Omer 9 after Maariv	**Count Omer 10 after Maariv**	**Count Omer 11 after Maariv**				

*Earliest time for this activity.

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MAY 2019

Nisan/Iyyar 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 *26 Nisan* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration Wed. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:05 pm Count Omer 12 after Maariv	2 *27 Nisan* **Yom HaShoah** 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 13 after Maariv	3 *28 Nisan* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha 8:03 pm ♁♁ (6:54 pm)* Count Omer 14 after Maariv	4 *29 Nisan* **Shabbat Mevorchim** 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha אחרי מות Walerstein SIR Dr. Harel Arnon 7:55 pm Mincha 9:06 pm Shabbat Ends Count Omer 15 after Maariv
5 *30 Nisan* **I Rosh Chodesh** 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:10 pm Count Omer 16 after Maariv	6 *1 Iyyar* **II Rosh Chodesh** 6:45 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 17 after Maariv	7 *2 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 18 after Maariv	8 *3 Iyyar* **Yom HaZikaron** 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 19 after Maariv	9 *4 Iyyar* **Yom HaAtzmaut** 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 20 after Maariv	10 *5 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha 8:12 pm ♁♁ (7:00 pm)* Singles Shabbaton Count Omer 21 after Maariv	11 *6 Iyyar* 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha קדושים Singles Shabbaton 8:00 pm Mincha 9:15 pm Shabbat Ends Count Omer 22 after Maariv
12 *7 Iyyar* 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:20 pm Count Omer 23 after Maariv	13 *8 Iyyar* 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Legal Ethics Count Omer 24 after Maariv	14 *9 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 25 after Maariv	15 *10 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 26 after Maariv	16 *11 Iyyar* 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Catch the Spirit Count Omer 27 after Maariv	17 *12 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha 8:19 pm ♁♁ (7:06 pm)* Count Omer 28 after Maariv	18 *13 Iyyar* 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha אמור March of the Living Shabbat 8:10 pm Mincha 9:24 pm Shabbat Ends Count Omer 29 after Maariv
19 *14 Iyyar* **Pesach Sheni** 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:25 pm Count Omer 30 after Maariv	20 *15 Iyyar* **Statutory Holiday** 8:30 am Shacharit Count Omer 31 after Maariv	21 *16 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 32 after Maariv	22 *17 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 33 after Maariv	23 *18 Iyyar* **Lag B'Omer** 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 34 after Maariv	24 *19 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Peace of Mind Dinner **7:15 pm Mincha** 8:26 pm ♁♁ (7:12 pm)* Count Omer 35 after Maariv	25 *20 Iyyar* 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha בהר Guest Speaker Eli Beer 8:15 pm Mincha 9:32 pm Shabbat Ends Count Omer 36 after Maariv
26 *21 Iyyar* 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:30 pm Count Omer 37 after Maariv	27 *22 Iyyar* 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 38 after Maariv	28 *23 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 39 after Maariv	29 *24 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 40 after Maariv	30 *25 Iyyar* 6:55 &7:45 am Shacharit Count Omer 41 after Maariv	31 *26 Iyyar* 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:15 pm Mincha 8:33 pm ♁♁ (7:17 pm)* Count Omer 42 after Maariv	

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JUNE 2019 — Iyyar/Sivan 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						27 Iyyar 1 **Shabbat Mevorchim** 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha בחוקותי 8:20 pm Mincha 9:39 pm Shabbat Ends **Count Omer 43 after Maariv**
28 Iyyar 2 **Yom Yerushalayim** 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:40 pm **Count Omer 44 after Maariv**	*29 Iyyar* 3 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit **Count Omer 45 after Maariv**	*1 Sivan* 4 **Rosh Chodesh** 6:45 & 7:45 am Shacharit **Count Omer 46 after Maariv**	*2 Sivan* 5 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit **Count Omer 47 after Maariv**	*3 Sivan* 6 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit **Count Omer 48 after Maariv**	*4 Sivan* 7 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:15 pm Mincha 8:38 pm 🕯🕯 (7:21 pm)* **Count Omer 49 after Maariv**	*5 Sivan* 8 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha במדבר **Erev Shavuot** 8:25 pm Mincha & Shiur 9:45 pm Shabbat Ends 9:45 pm 🕯🕯* 9:45 Yom Tov Maariv **Tikkun Layl Shavuot**
6 Sivan 9 **I Shavuot** 8:45 am Shacharit 8:45 pm Mincha 9:45 pm 🕯🕯*	*7 Sivan* 10 **II Shavuot** 8:45 am Shacharit Megillat Ruth 10:45 am Yizkor (approx) 8:50 pm Mincha 9:46 pm Chag Ends	*8 Sivan* 11 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Tues. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:50 pm	*9 Sivan* 12 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*10 Sivan* 13 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*11 Sivan* 14 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:15 pm Mincha 8:42 pm 🕯🕯 (7:25 pm)*	*12 Sivan* 15 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha נשא 9:30 am Pray & Learn Grad & Youth Leadership Shabbat and Kiddush*FEST* 8:30 pm Mincha 9:49 pm Shabbat Ends
13 Sivan 16 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:45 pm	*14 Sivan* 17 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*15 Sivan* 18 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*16 Sivan* 19 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*17 Sivan* 20 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Catch the Spirit	*18 Sivan* 21 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:15 pm Mincha 8:44 pm 🕯🕯 (7:27 pm)*	*19 Sivan* 22 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha בהעלותך 8:30 pm Mincha 9:51 pm Shabbat Ends
20 Sivan 23 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:50 pm	*21 Sivan* 24 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*22 Sivan* 25 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*23 Sivan* 26 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*24 Sivan* 27 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*25 Sivan* 28 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:15 pm Mincha 8:45 pm 🕯🕯 (7:28 pm)*	*26 Sivan* 29 **Shabbat Mevorchim** 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha שלח 8:35 pm Mincha 9:51 pm Shabbat Ends
27 Sivan 30 8:30 am Shacharit Sunday Mincha is 8:50 pm						

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JULY 2019

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Sivan/Tammuz 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28 Sivan 1 **Canada Day** 8:30 am Shacharit	*29 Sivanz* 2 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*30 Sivan* 3 **I Rosh Chodesh** 6:45 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*1 Tammuz* 4 **II Rosh Chodesh** 6:45 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*2 Tammuz* 5 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*3 Tammuz* 6 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha קרח
	Mon. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:50 pm				7:15 pm Mincha 8:44 pm ßß (7:27 pm)*	8:30 pm Mincha 9:49 pm Shabbat Ends
4 Tammuz 7 8:30 am Shacharit	*5 Tammuz* 8 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*6 Tammuz* 9 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*7 Tammuz* 10 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*8 Tammuz* 11 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*9 Tammuz* 12 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*10 Tammuz* 13 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha חקת
Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:45 pm					7:15 pm Mincha 8:40 pm ßß (7:25 pm)*	8:30 pm Mincha 9:45 pm Shabbat Ends
			Summer History Series			
11 Tammuz 14 8:30 am Shacharit	*12 Tammuz* 15 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*13 Tammuz* 16 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*14 Tammuz* 17 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*15 Tammuz* 18 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*16 Tammuz* 19 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*17 Tammuz* 20 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha בלק
Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:40 pm					7:15 pm Mincha 8:36 pm ßß (7:21 pm)*	8:25 pm Mincha 9:39 pm Shabbat Ends
			Summer History Series			
18 Tammuz 21 **Tzom Tammuz** **4:37 am Fast Begins** **8:30 am Shacharit/Slichot** **8:20 pm Mincha** **9:10 pm Maariv** **9:27 pm Fast Ends**	*19 Tammuz* 22 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*20 Tammuz* 23 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*21 Tammuz* 24 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*22 Tammuz* 25 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*23 Tammuz* 26 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*24 Tammuz* 27 **Shabbat Mevorchim** 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha פינחס
	Mon. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:35 pm				7:15 pm Mincha 8:29 pm ßß (7:16 pm)*	8:15 pm Mincha 9:31 pm Shabbat Ends
			Summer History Series			
25 Tammuz 28 8:30 am Shacharit	*26 Tammuz* 29 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*27 Tammuz* 30 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*28 Tammuz* 31 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit			
Sun. - Wed. Mincha is 8:25 pm						
			Summer History Series			

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AUGUST 2019

Tammuz/Av 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				29 Tammuz 1 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit Thurs. Mincha is 8:25 pm	1 Av 2 Rosh Chodesh 6:45 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha 8:21 pm ☾☾ (7:10 pm)*	2 Av 3 Shabbat Rosh Chodesh 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha מטות-מסעי 8:10 pm Mincha 9:22 pm Shabbat Ends
3 Av 4 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:15 pm	4 Av 5 Civic Holiday 8:30 am Shacharit	5 Av 6 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	6 Av 7 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Summer History Series	7 Av 8 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	8 Av 9 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha 8:12 pm ☾☾ (7:02 pm)*	9 Av 10 Shabbat Chazon 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha דברים 5:45 pm Mincha Erev Tisha B'Av 8:29 pm Fast Begins 9:11 pm Shabbat Ends 9:35p Maariv, Eicha & Kinot
10 Av 11 Tisha B'Av 8:30 am Shacharit & Kinot 2:30 pm Mincha 7:55 pm Mincha 8:50 pm Maariv 9:07 pm Fast Ends	11 Av 12 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit Mon. - Thurs. Mincha is 8:10 pm	12 Av 13 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	13 Av 14 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit Summer History Series	14 Av 15 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	15 Av 16 Tu B'Av 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha 8:02 pm ☾☾ (6:54 pm)*	16 Av 17 Shabbat Nachamu 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha ואתחנן 7:50 pm Mincha 9:00 pm Shabbat Ends
17 Av 18 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 7:55 pm	18 Av 19 6:55 & 7:45am Shacharit	19 Av 20 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	20 Av 21 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	21 Av 22 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	22 Av 23 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha 7:51 pm ☾☾ (6:45 pm)*	23 Av 24 Shabbat Mevorchim 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha עקב 7:35 pm Mincha 8:48 pm Shabbat Ends
24 Av 25 8:30 am Shacharit Sun. -Thurs. Mincha is 7:45 pm	25 Av 26 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	26 Av 27 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	27 Av 28 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	28 Av 29 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	29 Av 30 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha 7:39 pm ☾☾ (6:35 pm)*	30 Av 31 Shabbat Rosh Chodesh 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha ראה 7:25 pm Mincha 8:35 pm Shabbat Ends

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SEPTEMBER 2019

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Elul 5779/Tishrei 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Elul 1 **II Rosh Chodesh** 8:30 am Shacharit	*2 Elul* 2 **Statutory Holiday** 8:30 am Shacharit	*3 Elul* 3 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*4 Elul* 4 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*5 Elul* 5 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*6 Elul* 6 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*7 Elul* 7 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha שופטים
Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 7:30 pm					7:00 pm Mincha 7:26 pm ßß (6:25 pm)*	7:15 pm Mincha 8:22 pm Shabbat Ends
8 Elul 8 8:30 am Shacharit	*9 Elul* 9 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*10 Elul* 10 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*11 Elul* 11 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*12 Elul* 12 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*13 Elul* 13 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*14 Elul* 14 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha כי תצא
Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 7:20 pm					7:00 pm Mincha 7:14 pm ßß (6:14 pm)*	7:00 pm Mincha 8:09 pm Shabbat Ends
15 Elul 15 8:30 am Shacharit	*16 elul* 16 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*17 Elul* 17 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*18 Elul* 18 7:00 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*19 Elul* 19 6:55 & 7:45 am Shacharit	*20 Elul* 20 7:00 & 7:45 am Shachari	*21 Elul* 21 9:00 am Shacharit Parsha כי תבוא 6:45 pm Mincha 7:56 pm Shabbat Ends
Sun. - Thurs. Mincha is 7:05 pm					7:00 pm Mincha 7:01 pm ßß (6:03 pm)*	**Earlier Slichot Time TBD** **Later Slichot Time TBD**

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MAOR MENASSEH
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SHINSHINIM

Wrong About Diaspora Jews

BY MAOR MENASSEH, SHINSHIN

I was wrong; I was totally wrong. I'll explain. When I was introduced to the Shinshinim program, I thought to myself, "This is a good opportunity to bring some Israeli spirit and to spread Zionist values to the hearts of the Jewish people in the diaspora." I was wrong.

It was a typical Israeli mistake. Most Israelis make this mistake. They believe that Jews who aren't in Israel don't care much about Israel, and that they're not really Zionists. Israeli Jews believe that they are somehow a step better than diaspora Jews.

I admit that I was also of this opinion. I know now that we as Israelis do not give enough attention and thought to the sacrifices made by committed Jews in the diaspora.

Diaspora Jewry make great sacrifices to create and protect strong Jewish families and communities. They willingly commit to the high costs of Jewish education and to the time and effort to foster Jewish community. This community donates funds to Israeli charities and organizations. As a community, it constantly thinks about Israel and Judaism.

I compare this to the average Israeli family. Living in Israel, Jewish education is not as expensive. It does not take much effort to surround ourselves with Jewish values. Judaism and Zionism are around us all the time. We live in Israel; we do not need to go out of our way to create a uniquely Jewish lifestyle.

After my experience in Toronto, my new perspective is that an average Jew living in this community is more Zionist then the typical Israeli, more Zionist even than me. I believe that Israeli Jews have a lot to learn from diaspora Jews. We should give them space in our common public discourse.

When I go back to Israel, I'll be your representative and ambassador. I will make your voice heard, shout your opinion and spread this perspective. I will try to change and to improve Israel's mistaken assumptions about Jews in the diaspora.

So, as an Israeli who has experienced a little of Canada, let me say, "Sorry for the incorrect assumption I made about you."

Thank you. Thank you for teaching me this important lesson. It will remain with me for years to come. I hope to become a valuable member of Israeli society, while integrating the lessons that I have learned from my time with this amazing Toronto community.

What I Learned...

BY ORIYA SEGMAN, SHINSHINIT

So, you're almost done here! How was it? Are you excited to go back? What is the thing that you enjoyed the most? So many people are asking me different questions, summary question, questions of the end of my journey at Shaarei Shomayim, Netivot HaTorah, and Bnei Akiva.

I still can't believe that I have almost finished, and in two months I will have to say goodbye to my community that has become my family over the past seven months.

This community, you, entered my heart so deeply.

When I came here I was aware of many of the challenges that may come my way. I was also aware of how important this work will be. But, I never thought it is going to be so hard to leave.

Here is what I have learned.

Toronto's Jewish community, and especially the Shaarei Shomayim community, has an enormous love for Israel.

The fact that you are so interested in all that is happening in Israel, the number of Jewish day schools that you support, the summer camps, and direct donations to Israel, and your willingness to host Israelis at anytime, make this community an extension of Israel. The deep questions you ask make us feel like you really care. All the invitations for meals, and of course having us, the Shinshinim here, is a testimony to your commitment to Israel engagement.

I don't know how to explain this in words, but you made me feel so proud to be Jewish and so proud to be an Israeli Jew, in ways that I did not feel growing up in Israel.

During the past year I learned that there are so many ways to express our Judaism, so many opinions. We don't have to love and agree with each other's way, but we must love and respect each other. We are all Jews, one nation.

Winnie the Pooh taught me the value of saying goodbye to formative experiences such as this one. Winnie the Pooh said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." I'm so sad to leave my second home.

You taught me that home is not a place, it's a feeling.

I promise to take that feeling in my suitcase and share with everyone in Israel about what an amazing and caring community we have here in Toronto. I met amazing people who hosted me during the year and made me feel part of the family. I met a youth community who became my friends, so different from me but also so much like me. I met sweet children who entered my heart and became my little brothers and sisters. I enjoyed teaching, speaking, singing and dancing with them. I met people of all ages, each having a deep love for Israel. They are genuinely interested in what is going on in Israel, as if they too are Israelis.

Shaarei Shomayim families, Netivot HaTorah families, Bnei Akiva, UJA Federation- it was a pleasure.

Todah Rabah. (Come visit me in Israel, eh?)

WALERSTEIN SCHOLAR PROGRAM AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

DR. HAREL ARNON

SHABBAT ACHAREI MOT

MAY 4, 2019

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Dr. Harel Arnon is the Walerstein Scholar at Shaarei Shomayim for May 2019. He was admitted to the Israel Bar Association in 2001 after receiving his LL.B. and M.A. from Bar-Ilan University. He clerked for Chief Justice Aharon Barak of the Supreme Court of Israel in 2000-2001. Dr. Arnon completed his doctoral studies at Harvard Law School. His book, *A Theory of Direct Legislation*, was published in 2008. His second book, *Land Law and International Law in Judea and Samaria* (ed. with Dr. Chagai Vinitzky) was published in Israel in 2013.

Dr. Arnon gained corporate experience as an associate attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York City, and litigation experience as an associate attorney at Dr. A. Klagsbald & Co. in Israel. He has extensive experience in litigating complex commercial disputes and administrative procedures for some of Israel's largest corporations and business people.

Dr. Arnon teaches in several law schools, and is a member of the Israel Bar Association and the New York Bar.

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SHABBAT SHIRA WITH THE Y-STUDS

From the Y-Studs: What a weekend! Thank you Shaarei Shomayim Congregation of Toronto for giving us the opportunity to sing together on Shabbat Shira! What began with a visit from our cute fans at the Netivot school, continued into a beautiful Shabbat together with Chazzan Josh Orzech. Before returning home, we capped off with an inspiring Saturday night Kumzitz alongside Assistant Rabbi and former Y-Stud, Rabbi Jesse Shore. Time well spent, EH??

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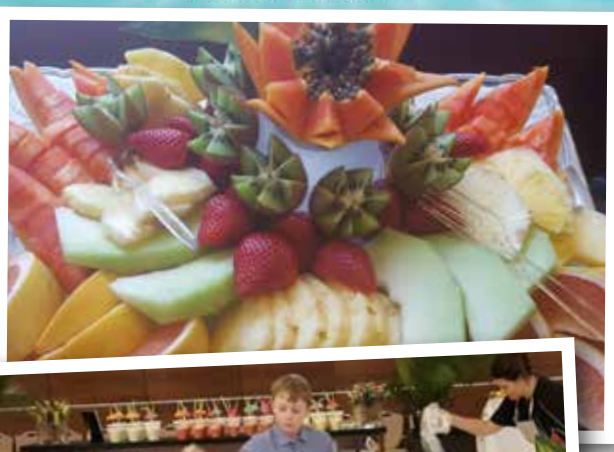

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YOM HASHOAH V'HAGVURAH COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION

WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 7:00PM AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

Yom HaShoah V'Hagvurah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is designated by the State of Israel on the Hebrew date of 27 Nisan, which begins on the evening of May 1 and continues through the day of May 2. The entire community is invited to join together in the annual memorial (Yizkor) service.

The 2019 program will commemorate the Shoah through film, music, and readings from the *Megillat HaShoah* (the Shoah Scroll) and will feature participation from Holocaust survivors and descendants, community members, leaders, and students. A performance from the Canadian-made album "Yiddish Glory: The Lost Songs of World War II" will also be presented.

Note: Mincha Services precede the program at 6:45pm.

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Shabbat, May 25, 2019

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Eli will be speaking about his lifesaving mission in Israel and the story and impact of United Hatzalah in the community.

Eli is the President & Founder of United Hatzalah of Israel. In twenty-five years the organization has grown to more than 3,500 volunteers, and helps save over 265,000 people per year in Israel. Eli has received various recognitions and awards: Social Entrepreneur of the Year in Israel, Israel President Prize by President Shimon Peres for innovation and volunteering, and the Victor J. Goldberg IIE Prize for Peace in the Middle East. Eli resides in Israel with his wife, Gitty, and four children who are also EMT volunteers.

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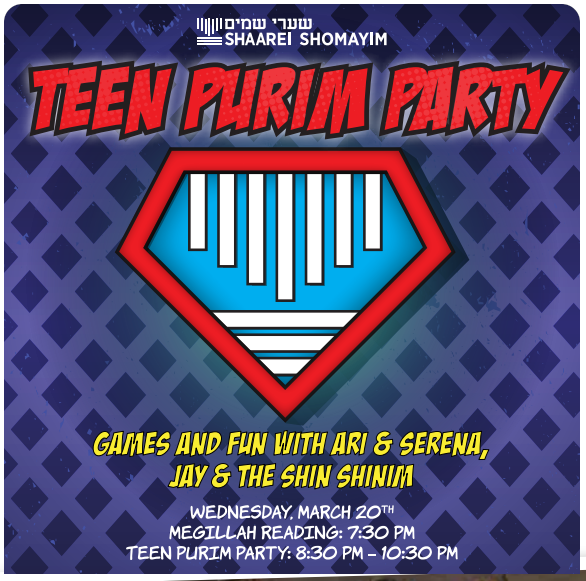
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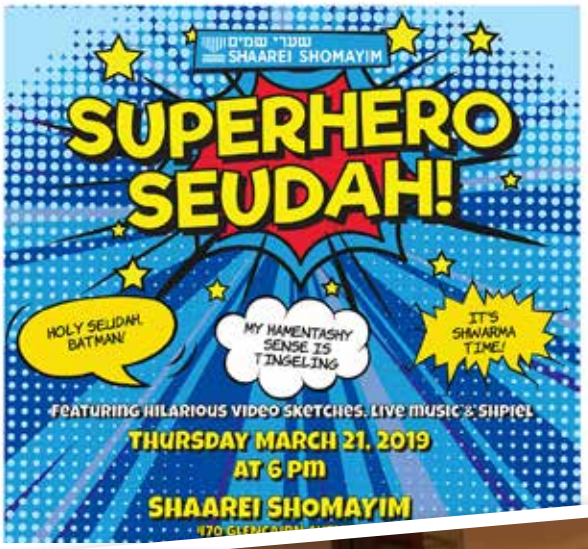
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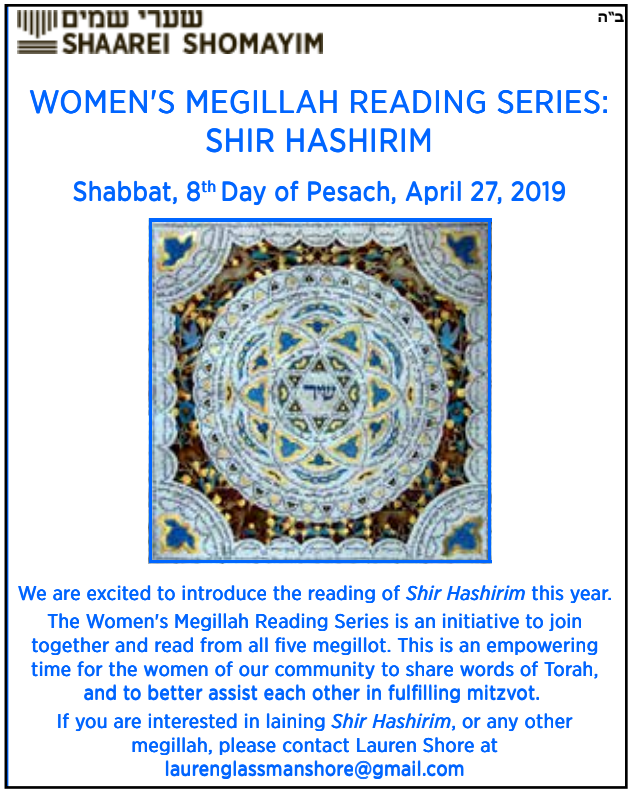
Shaarei Shomayim has been proud to host a Women's Megillah Reading for Esther the last several years. In the last year, it has begun to grow and expand, providing women with the opportunity to read from the other Megillot. This spring, the Women's Megillah Reading Series is hosting its first *Shir Hashirim* reading, on the last day of Passover, and its second *Megillat Ruth* reading, on the second day of Shavuot. It has been a great opportunity for experienced leiners, new readers, and to mark a Bat Mitzvah. To learn more, please contact Lauren Shore at laurenglassmanshore@gmail.com.



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WOMEN'S MEGILLAH READING SERIES: SHIR HASHIRIM

Shabbat, 8th Day of Pesach, April 27, 2019

We are excited to introduce the reading of *Shir Hashirim* this year. The Women's Megillah Reading Series is an initiative to join together and read from all five megillot. This is an empowering time for the women of our community to share words of Torah, and to better assist each other in fulfilling mitzvot.

If you are interested in laining *Shir Hashirim*, or any other megillah, please contact Lauren Shore at laurenglassmanshore@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

We would like to recognize Raquel and Irving Benmergui for all their hard work building our community over the years. Raquel had led the youth for many years and Irving served as Gabbai. Both Raquel and Irving served on the board of governors, and also served on the executive. יישר כחכם!

YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

Dear Friends,

We are now in the planning stages for our 2019/5779 Yizkor Memorial Book. Shaarei Shomayim's Yizkor Book has been an important part of our community's remembrance of loved ones and observance of the Yizkor prayer for a few decades. Published every Shavuot, the book contains the prayers recited during memorial and remembrance services, and the names of the departed in whose memories we recite Yizkor. This year, the Yizkor Book will be available for use by the congregation at the following services:

2nd Day Shavuot	June 10, 2019
Yom Kippur	October 9, 2019
Shemini Atzeret	October 21, 2019
8th Day of Pesach	April 16, 2020

On the next page is our *Yizkor Book Inclusion Form*. If you would like a loved one to be remembered in the Yizkor book, please complete the information and return it to our office.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 416-789-3213 or email: coordinator@shomayim.org. You will also notice various sponsorship opportunities which will, of course, be recognized in the Yizkor Book.

We invite the entire congregation to be part of this important annual project. Your support is vital to the continuation of this very worthy endeavor.

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FROM DECEMBER 1, 2018 TO MARCH 16, 2019

BIRTHS

KAYLA and JOSHUA BERNICK on the Simchat Bat of their daughter, SADIE RAYMONDE (Frieda Ramo). Elated big brother is JACKSON. Proud grandparents are FRANCINE and MICHAEL GOLDRICH and Laurie and Mark Bernick. Honoured great-grandparents are PEARL GOLDRICH, David Alloul and Irving Koven. Excited aunts and uncles are LANA and YECHIEL BOBROWSKY, TAMARA and YAAKOV GOLDRICH, Alana Bernick and SHIMON GOLDRICH. Excited cousins are NAOMI, ARI and MAX BOBROWSKY.

MATT PARADISGARTEN and ZAHAVA STADLER on the birth of a daughter, ELIORA KEREN. Proud grandparents are Sam Paradisgarten and Polina Kholov and Harry and Mimi Stadler.

TALI and JOSH DISENHOUSE on the birth of a daughter, LIA. Proud grandparents are SHELDON and LORI DISENHOUSE and Henry and Iris Silberman. Thrilled great-grandparents are Malka Nachumovitch and Richard and Dora Silberman.

ELFRIEDA VALE on the birth of a great-grandson, Daniel Dor, in Jerusalem, son of Ariel and Avigail Vale. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Richard and Devorah Vale. Excited big brother is Noach Leib.

LYDIA and JEFF GOLDFARB on the birth of a grandson, Yirachmiel Ezra Goldfarb. Proud parents are Jonathan and Rivky Goldfarb. Excited big sister is Temara Necha Goldfarb. Proud great-grandparents are ELFRIEDA VALE and Sue and Stan Goldfarb, and uncles are Mike Goldfarb and Eric Goldfarb.

STEVEN and SHOSHANA STERN and Freda & Barnes Reeveswhit on the birth of a granddaughter, Alexandra Haia, daughter of Ariel and Danielle Stern. Excited brother is Rafael.

SUSAN and BRUCE BATIST and Sherri and David Taras on the birth of a granddaughter, Micah Orlee, born to Jill Taras and Jacob Batist. Thrilled great-grandparents are ROSLYN BERGER, Gert and Phil Batist, Judy and Eli Cohen, and Elca Taras. Excited uncles and aunt are Noah, Judah, and Aiden Batist, and Adam and Jennifer Taras.

YAAKOV and GAVRIELLA FREEDMAN on the birth of a son, Yehudah. Proud grandparents are Allan and Greta Reiss and David and Ellen Freedman. Great-grandparents are Lilly z"l and IRVING REISS, and Lorraine z"l and Larry Nathanson z"l.

ZACH and LEEDAN MAMMON on the birth of a girl, ZOE REBECCA. Proud grandparents are Michael and Ruthie Mammon and Randy and Esti Cohen. Thrilled great-grandparents are Shoshana Mammon, Joe and Rebecca Mammon, and Marvin and Frieda Cohen.

STEPHEN and HESHY ALTBAUM and George Schmidt and Vida Schmidt on the birth of a grandson, Moshe, son of Peter and Katherine Altbaum. Thrilled uncles and aunts are SHANE and SHELBY ALTBAUM and ROBERT ALTBAUM. Excited siblings are Shlomo and Esther, and cousin NOAM.

ROBBIE and BRIAN SCHWARTZ and Ofra Svorai and Zev Nadel on the birth of a granddaughter, Binah Rivka, daughter of Maya and Moshe Schwartz. Excited sisters are Sari, Hadas and Noa. Thrilled great-grandmother is Lyla Schwartz.

RISA and LOUIS VANDERSLUIS on the birth of a granddaughter, Sadie, born to Maddie and Avi Vandersluis. Proud big brother is Noah. Delighted grandparents and great-grandmothers are Karen Fox and David Vowles, Marshall Loomer and Laura Agensky, Helen Parker, and Shirley Jones. Excited uncles, aunts, and cousins are Daniel, Stacey and Leora Vandersluis, Jonathan Vandersluis, Eli Vandersluis, and Yona and Adam Solomon.

RABBI ELLIOTT and ROCHELLE DIAMOND and Rabbi David and Chavi Kestenbaum on the birth of a grandson, Efraim, born to Amiel and Ahuva Diamond. Proud great-grandparents are Rabbi Shneur and Malka Weinberg, Betty Kestenbaum and Adele Meister. Excited siblings are Menashe Hillel and Yitzchak Meir.

JERRY and TAMMY BALITSKY and Steve and Fern Kirshenblatt on the birth of a granddaughter, Ivy Rose (Shoshana Roiza), born to Benji and Kiera Kirshenblatt. Excited siblings are Lily and Leo. Proud great-grandmother is Esther Kirshenblatt.

JOEY and LINDA FRIED and George and Muriel Klein on the birth of a grandson, Simcha Aryeh, born to Yitzi and Meira Fried. Excited siblings are Baila, Yehoshua, Rachel and Yehuda.

CYNTHIA GASNER on the birth of a great-grandson, Elisha Yisrael, born to Orly and Nathaniel Gibson of Israel. Excited siblings are Aryeh, Maya and Gavriel. Proud grandparents are Nava Rosen Gibson, Stephen Gibson, and Robert and Julea Gasner. Elated great-grandmother is Ruth Resnick. Thrilled aunts and uncles are Orpaz Gibson, Kayla and Eitan Rapps and Elisheva Gasner; and great aunts and uncles are MYRA MECHANIC, BRENDA and BRIAN LASS and Jon and Elise Gasner.

WARREN and ELLEN GROSSMAN on the birth of a grandson, Ezekiel Benjamin, born to Lelah Grossman-Miller and Avi Miller of New York. Overjoyed grandparents are Carrie Grossman of Jerusalem, and Rivka and Yoel Miller of Teaneck.

CAROL KRAVETSKY on the birth of a great-grandson, Shraga Feivel, born to Atara and Yakov Anhang. Excited siblings are twins Betzalel and Tova. Proud grandparents are Sheri Kravetsky and John Anhang. Mazal Tov to the families in Canada and in Israel.

BAR / BAT MITZVAH

REBECCA and YISSY LAUTERPACHT and Audra Russell on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, AKIVA. Excited siblings are TEHILA, ASHER, YAEL, ATARA, and NOAM. Proud grandparents are Jack and Ruth Lauterpacht, Shelly and Sharon Klein and Yakov and Beatrice Herzog.

SAM and MICKI MIZRAHI on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, EDEN. Excited brother is ETHAN. Proud grandparents are Naomi and Allan Cracower and Ziba and Sami Mizrahi. Thrilled great-grandmother is Mamani.

JAMIE GOLOMBEK and TALI HAREL GOLOMBEK on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, JAKE. Excited siblings are SARAH and ISAAC. Proud grandparents are HARVEY and LISA GOLOMBEK and Hana and Gavriel Harel. Thrilled great-grandmother is Mali Hersh.

Jonathan and Lisa Hemi on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam. Excited siblings are Samantha and Jordan. Proud grandparents are Joe and Kate Hemi and Larry and Fern Melnick. Thrilled great-grandmother is Sophie Melnick.

RABBI CHAIM and AVITAL STRAUCHLER on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, ATARA. Excited siblings are ADIR, TEHILLA, ZVI and FREDA. Proud grandparents are Yitzchak and Roberta Strauchler, and Sheldon and Drora Waltuch.

ADINA and JEFF SOMER on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, EVAN. Excited brother is SETH. Delighted grandparents are JUDITH and PAUL BLOOM and Rhonda and Jerry Somer.

MARK LICHTBLAU and ANITA SCHMIDEG-LICHTBLAU on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, JACOB. Excited siblings are ELI, SAMUEL and EZRA. Proud grandmother is Fela Lichtblau.

ZEV and SOPHIA SPIRO on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, MIA. Excited siblings are AURELIA and OLIVER. Proud grandparents are Michael and Betty Spiro, Terrian Rabbenou, and Yonah Rabbenou. Proud great-grandparents are David and Edith Spiro.

ENGAGEMENTS

JEFF and NICOLE TOLEDANO on the engagement of their second daughter, EVE, to YISROEL MILLER, son of Sam and Anita Miller. Thrilled siblings are Ashley (Jeremy) and Jacob Toledano, Yechiel and Noa, Yitzy and Devorah, Devorah and Leah Miller.

IRVING and RAQUEL BENMERGUI on the engagement of their daughter, NAOMI, to ABRAHAM ELMALEH, son of Moses and Mercedes Elmaleh. Proud grandmother is Zitta Milgrom. Delighted siblings are AUDREY and LIORA BENMERGUI, Rabbi David and Miriam Elmaleh, Rabbi Amram and Noemie Elmaleh, Simy and Joseph Bitton, Esther and Daniel Hazan, and Yaakob Elmaleh.

ALBERT and SYLVIA BENZAQUEN on the engagement of their daughter, CAMILLA, to ARI EIDELSHTEIN, son of Eli and Feiga Eidelshtein. Excited siblings are ADAM BENZAQUEN, and Miriam, Joshua and Joseph Eidelshtein. Proud grandmothers are Chana Eidelshtein and Rachel Sivak.

ATTA and HENRY ZIELENIEC on the engagement of their granddaughter, Elisheva Rosenblum, daughter of Naomi and Zev Rosenblum, to Avi Krokotsky.

RICHARD and IRINA KAY and Jewel and Ted Edelman on the engagement of their children, JEFFREY KAY and ANDREA EDELMAN. Excited siblings are Greg, Deena and their son Benji Kay, ARI and SERENA RUBIN, Dayna and Jason Edelman. Grandparents are Trina Cleeman and Julia Edelman.

MARRIAGES

MOSHE and BRENDA BESSIN on the marriage of their son, Avi, to Chaya Sarah DuBrow, daughter of Rabbi Meilech and Yehudis DuBrow of Los Angeles. Excited siblings are HYIM BESSIN, MIRIAM BESSIN, Aura and Eli Woznica; Shoshi DuBrow, Ramy and Jaz DuBrow, and Boruch Noam and Sheina DuBrow. Proud grandmother is Corrine DuBrow.

NATHAN and ELAINE DISENHOUSE on the wedding of their daughter, TARA, to EDWARD MCCLOSKEY, son of Gillian McCloskey, Ron McCloskey and Faryl Hausman. Excited siblings are BOBBY, Justin, and Devin and Madison. Proud grandparents are Karen and Larry Hausman.

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STEWART and DANIELLE TURK and Rachel and Michael Harari on the marriage of their children, SARAH TURK to BARUCH HARARI. Excited siblings are Sean, Jamie and Jacqui, Emily; and Yechiel and Racheli, Shmuel Aaron, Sarah, Rivka and Estee. Proud grandparents are Shirley and Joseph Benatar, Clara Turk, Zipora Harari and Pauline Posner.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

JERRY GENESOVE on his 88th birthday.

JANICE HALPERN on her special birthday.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov to PROF. DAVID NOVAK who was honoured with academic presentations on his thought by PhD candidates whom he has mentored, including one by DR. YONATAN MILEVSKY, at a conference of Jewish Studies academics in Boston.

Mazal Tov to RABBI STRAUCHLER on being appointed an associate editor of *Tradition: Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought*, the quarterly journal of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Mazal Tov to the participants in this year's Bat Mitzvah program and their families: MIA BERGEL, ELLA BLINICK, ZOEY BLOOM, NAOMI BOBROWSKY, ZOHARA FREUDENSTEIN, GILA GRAUER, MIA JAKUBOVIC, ALIYA KATZMAN, LUCY LAPOWICH, KAYLA LEVINSON, CHARLEY LEVY, LYLA MACKLIN, HANNAH MANSELL, EDEN MIZRAHI, CHLOE PERLIS, EMILY SILVER, MIA SPIRO, DANIELLA WEINBERG, and SHIRA WISE.

CONDOLENCES TO

LORNE and YAFFA FACTOR, Ken and Susie Factor, Marc and Michelle Factor, Linda and Stephen Offenheim and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, ROSE FACTOR z"l.

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John and Arlene Anthony, Debra Anthony and David Shindman, Marilyn Anthony and Willy Halpert, Karen Anthony and Steven Liss and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, LOTTE ANTHONY z"l.

Elan Sober and Deborah Berzan, Reva Sober and families, on the loss of their father, father-in-law and grandfather, Dr. Stanley Sober z"l.

Bruria and Danny Frances and family and RELY and MURRAY WALSH and family, on the loss of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather, ANSHEL BUXBAUM z"l.

Gady Meir and Donna Friedman Meir, Avi Meir and Rachel Silber, GILI and HAROLD ROSEN and families, on the loss of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, Amram Meir z"l.

TRUDY FEINMAN, SAYA VICTOR FEINMAN, Ellen Feinman, JOYCE and ZION SASSON, Rena and David Siegel and families, on the loss of their husband, brother, father, grandfather and uncle, DAVID FEINMAN z"l.

Fred and Rena Winegust, Sam Grad and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rachel Winegust z"l.

ARNOLD and PAULA DUBROW, Seymour and Marlene Dubrow, Faigie and Mechel Hershcovich, Adam Kosky and families, on the loss of their brother, brother-in-law and father, Eric Kosky z"l.

Judy and John Freedman, ELI KLEIN and MIRIAM ERLICHMAN and families, on the loss of their mother, grandmother, mother-in-law and Charlotte Klein's z"l mother, Chana Kawalek z"l.

Michael and Anita Greenstein, Joel Greenstein and families, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, JEAN GREENSTEIN z"l.

Family of HAYA GOLDBERG z"l.

BARBIE COHEN, Esther Etigson, Uri and Dina Etigson, Shoshana and Sheldon Hauer, Melissa and Josh Sobel, Melanie and David Green and 11 great-grandchildren, on the loss of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, RALPH ETIGSON z"l.

Mitch and Cheryl Parker, Parker O'Brian and Laine Dalby, CAROLE and BRIAN CANTOR, JONATHAN PARKER and RINA GOLDBERG and families, on the loss of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, William (Bill) Louis Parker z"l.

JONATHAN and AIMEE HASS, Daniel Hass and families, on the loss of their father, father-in-law and grandfather, Charles Hass z"l.

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ENDOWMENTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APR 19	Taanit Bechorot / Erev Pesach
APR 20	I Pesach
APR 21	II Pesach
APR 22 - 25	Chol Hamoed Pesach
APR 26	VII Pesach
APR 27	VIII Pesach
MAY 1	Yom HaShoah V'Hagvurah Community Commemoration
MAY 2	Yom HaShoah
MAY 2, 9, 16, 30	Mystical Meaning of the Hebrew Alphabet: Shaarei Shomayim & Jews for Judaism Program
MAY 4	Walerstein Scholar: Dr. Harel Arnon
MAY 8	Yom HaZikaron
MAY 9	Yom HaAtzmaut
MAY 10 - 11	Singles Shabbaton
MAY 13	Legal Ethics: Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner
MAY 18	March of the Living Shabbat
MAY 19 - 26	Peace of Mind Program
MAY 24	Peace of Mind Shabbat Dinner
MAY 25	Post-Mussaf Presentation: Eli Beer
MAY 29	General Member Meeting
JUNE 8 - 9	Tikkun Layl Shavuot
JUNE 9 - 10	Shavuot
JUNE 15	Graduation and Youth Leadership Shabbat
JUNE 15	Kiddush*FEST*
JUNE 15	Pray & Learn: Dr. Elliott Malamet
JUNE 20	Catch the Spirit: Larry Gaum
JULY 10 - AUG. 14	Summer History Series: Gerald Ziedenberg
AUGUST 11	Tisha B'Av
SEPTEMBER 21	Layl Slichot
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1	Rosh HaShana
OCTOBER 9	Yom Kippur