

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, June 6

8:38 pm Candle Lighting
(earliest 7:21 pm)

7:00 pm Mincha and Kabbalat
Shabbat (Sanctuary)

Shabbat, June 7

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan - Beit Midrash
8:10 am Chumash Rashi Shiur with Melech
Halberstadt (Room 106)

9:00 am Shacharit - Sanctuary: Rabbi Taylor
9:00 am Shacharit - Sisterhood: Rabbi Diamond
9:30 am Shacharit - Beit Midrash
9:45 am Youth Programs
9:45 am Teen Minyan and Kiddush - LLSH A
10:30 am Girls Parsha Chat with Yeela - Youth Lounge
Kiddush* in the Banquet Hall
Shiur with Prof. David Novak - 15 minutes after
Kiddush starts

12:15 pm Teen Boys learning with Hyim Bessin
7:40 pm Pre-Mincha Shiur by Rabbi Dr Hillel
Rapp: "The Hard Problem of Jewish
Education: Critical Analysis and
Communal Continuity" (Sanctuary)

8:25 pm Mincha (Sanctuary)
8:45 pm Seudah Shlishit** with a Dvar Torah by
Gale Borison-Socken (Sisterhood Hall)
9:44 pm Shabbat Ends

*Meat, catered by Menchens
**Pareve from meat kitchen

Torah Reading:
Nasso
Bamidbar 4:21 - 7:89
Hertz p. 586
Stone p. 748

Haftorah:
Shoftim 13:2-25
Hertz p. 602
Stone p. 1181

MAZEL TOV

- **Chaim Bell & Sharon Chodirker** on the Aufruf of their son Zev, and the upcoming wedding of Zev to Annie Rosenblum, daughter of T.K. & Yossi Rosenblum. Mazel Tov to grandparents Bill Chodirker, Diane & Barry Kirschenbaum and Rochelle & Moishe Rosenblum. Excited siblings are Samara, Talia, and Galit Bell, Emme & Zev Wasserman, Mia & Micha'el Sher, and Jack Rosenblum.
- **Daniel Gofine**, son of **Robin & Tim Gofine**, on his upcoming marriage to Jessica Reich, daughter of Jodi Kashkin Reich. Excited siblings are Miriam Gofine & Roe Ramot, Naomi Gofine, Dani & Zach Felder, and Ali Reich. Delighted nieces and nephews are Sarit Ramot, and Atara, Gavriel, and Maayan Felder. Special Mazel tov to Jessica's grandmother, Betty Kashkin.
- **David & Bernice Walerstein** on the engagement of their daughter **Adina** to Moshe Zieleniec. Proud parents are Simmy & Aviva Zieleniec. Proud grandparents are Henry & Atta Zieleniec and Frank & Florence Dimant.



Mazel Tov to our graduate degree recipients:

- Joshua Holtzman
- Talia Holtzman

On Shabbat, June 14, Rabbi Diamond will be giving a drasha: *There Are No Shadows Without Light - Reflections on Visiting Poland* after Musaf in the Main Sanctuary.

TODAH RABBAH TO OUR SPONSORS:

KIDDUSH

Chaim Bell & Sharon Chodirker in honour of Zev Bell's Aufruf and the upcoming wedding of Zev to Annie Rosenblum

9:30 MINYAN

Erez Rubinstein & Goldie Schlaff Rubinstein

SEUDAH SHLISHIT

Gale Borison-Socken & David Socken in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Gale's father, Alec Borison z"l

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Louis & Risa Vandersluis in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Louis' father, Elias (Eddy) Vandersluis z"l

CHUMASH

Stephen Freedhoff in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his wife, Helen Freedhoff z"l

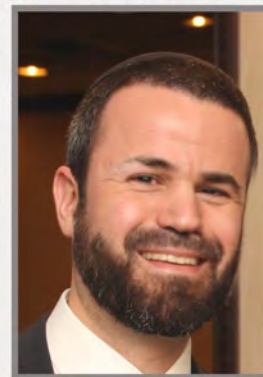
Yahrzeit Commemoration

Liora & Ariel Burton and Jonathan Zion in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Liora & Jonathan's father, David Zion z"l

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*Shacharit will begin at 8:30 AM,
followed by breakfast & shiur by Rabbi Torczyner*

Dedication opportunities available, contact: bmzd.donations@torontotorah.com

TORAH MATTERS:

Sunday, June 8 / 12 Sivan	8:30 am Shacharit 7:10 pm Mincha/Maariv	7:45 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Yevamot (in-person and Zoom)
Monday, June 9 / 13 Sivan	7:10 am Shacharit 7:10 pm Mincha/Maariv	6:25 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Yevamot (in-person and Zoom) 9:30 am Rabbi Taylor's Mishlei Shiur on zoom
Tuesday, June 10 / 14 Sivan	7:15 am Shacharit 7:10 pm Mincha/Maariv	6:30 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Yevamot (in-person and Zoom) 8:00 pm Rabbi Diamond's Parsha Shiur (Zoom)
Wednesday, June 11 / 15 Sivan	7:15 am Shacharit 7:10 pm Mincha/Maariv	6:30 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Yevamot (in-person and Zoom)
Thursday, June 12 / 16 Sivan	7:10 am Shacharit 7:10 pm Mincha/Maariv	6:25 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Yevamot (in-person and Zoom)
Friday, June 13 / 17 Sivan	7:15 am Shacharit 7:24 pm Earliest Candles 8:42 pm Candle Lighting 7:10 pm Mincha (Sanctuary)	6:30 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Yevamot (in-person and Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated again after 9:51 pm this week.

PARSHA MATTERS by RABBI SAM TAYLOR

Nasso finishes by informing us of the special gifts and sacrifices brought by the nesi'im, the leaders of the twelve tribes, to celebrate the inauguration of the Mishkan. The Torah refers to the nesi'im here as "nesi'ei hamatot", "leaders of the tribes", and Rashi associates this expression with the other meaning of the word "matot", rods. Rashi writes that these men were among the foremen who were appointed by the Egyptians to supervise the slaves and ensure they completed their labor. The Torah relates that after Pharaoh's decree to force the slaves to fetch straw with which to produce bricks, making it exceedingly difficult for the slaves to meet their daily quota of bricks, the foremen were beaten by the Egyptian taskmasters. The foremen had compassion on the overworked slaves and refused to whip them and force them to meet their quotas, preferring to suffer beatings themselves rather than inflict pain on their fellow Israelites. These men were later named to leadership positions, and Rashi comments that the twelve nesi'im were among this group of selfless individuals. They are therefore called "nesi'ei hamatot," alluding to the "rods" with which they were beaten in Egypt in order to alleviate their brethren's suffering.

It has been noted that this background becomes especially pertinent, and meaningful, when we consider the gift presented by the nesi'im on the occasion of the Mishkan's inauguration. In addition to the sacrifices offered by each nasi, they all collectively donated six wagons, each harnessed to two oxen, to be used by the Levi'im in transporting the Mishkan during travel. As the Torah tells the wagons were given to the Levite families of Gershon and Merari, who used them for carrying the portions of the Mishkan assigned to them. The third family, Kehat, did not receive wagons, because they were assigned the sacred articles (the ark, the menorah, the shulchan, and the two altars), which needed to be transported by hand, with poles.

Significantly, these nesi'im, who displayed extraordinary self sacrifice for the sake of the people, donated to the Mishkan wagons to ease the burden of the Levi'im. Although the nesi'im held themselves to an especially strict standard of self sacrifice, they did not demand that this standard be followed by others. Rather than expect the Levi'im to endure the hardship of carrying the materials of the Mishkan on their backs and shoulders, the nesi'im volunteered to help make the Levi'im's job easier by donating wagons. They showed that although we must all strive for the highest standards of self sacrifice and be prepared to work very hard and invest immense effort in performing mitzvot, when it comes to others we should be seeking ways to help ease their burden as much as possible, rather than demand of others the high standards to which we should be seek to adhere.

YOUTH AND TEEN MATTERS

BLUE JAYS DAY

Sunday June 22nd - Join us for this annual event. Giveaways and raffles for all participants. Open to Everyone Adults, Kids, Teens, Families. Register today at www.shomayim.org/form/bluejaysday2025

Save the date - Youth & Family - SHABBAT - Fun In the Park!

June 21st 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Cortleigh Park - 375 Cortleigh Blvd.
Games - Friends - Fun - Freezies! BYOS - Bring your own snacks!

A special thank you and Yasher koach to all our amazing Shabbat morning Youth Leaders:

Trudy Allen, Galit Bell, Kaylee Chai, Ella David, Josh Holtzman, Tuv Jakubovic, Shira Kellerstein, Ariella Korman, Ora Korman, Lucy Lapowich, Maxine Le, Samuel Lichtblau, Hannah Mansell, Josh Markus, Naomi Ross, Joseph Samson, Tali Travis, and Gabby Treitel.



Yahrzeits			
Shabbat, June 7	11 Sivan	Alec Borison, Father of Gale Borison-Socken Sarah Grosbein, Mother of Sheila Stelnick Alexander Khozin, Husband of Nina Khozin Abraham Milech, Father of Blima Dreezer	Max Neuburger, Father of Judy Sturm Jack Tepperman, Father of Sharon Knopman Sientje Van Zuiden, Mother of Annemie Vlessing David Zion, Father of Jonathan Zion, Liora Burton
Sunday, June 8	12 Sivan	Miriam Baker, Mother of Estelle Tennen Morton Friedman, Father of Ronitte Friedman Perlman Sybil Ruvinsky, Mother of Esther Tabacznik	Samuel Sugarman, Father of Alan Sugarman Elias (Eddy) Vandersluis, Father of Louis Vandersluis
Monday, June 9	13 Sivan	Harry Pollock, Brother of Dorothy Tratner	Fela Shapiro, Mother of Marilyn Maierovitz
Tuesday, June 10	14 Sivan	Vida Benzaquen, Mother of Albert Benzaquen Miriam Leah Coven, Mother of Robin Gofine	Ben Morris, Father of Brian Morris Louis Weingust, Father of Jack Weingust
Wednesday, June 11	15 Sivan		
Thursday, June 12	16 Sivan	Helen Freedhoff, Wife of Stephen Freedhoff Michael Fromowitz, Husband of Marli Fromowitz	Mary Mincovitch, Mother of Henney Black
Friday, June 13	17 Sivan	Beverly Bronfman, Mother of David Bronfman Yehuda Lipsitz, Father of Jeffrey Lipsitz	Helena Neuhaus, Mother of Shirley Schildkraut Julius Podeswa, Husband of Ruth Podeswa

Yahrzeit Commemoration

- Blima & Stephen Dreezer in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Blima's father, Abraham Milech ^{z"l}
- Esther & Harold Tabacznik in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Esther's mother, Sybil Ruvinsky ^{z"l}
- Jeffrey Lipsitz & Judy Laxer in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jeffrey's father, Yehuda Lipsitz ^{z"l}

Sharp Scholarship: The Sharp Family started a fund in memory of Max & Lena Sharp to support our young adults who go to Israel for a year of study. Grants are provided to Members and Friends of Shaarei Shomayim. Applications must be submitted by June 14 at www.shomayim.org/study-israel

Community Matters

- Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 PM: **Bikur Cholim** presents a **Medical Symposium Series for Women: Understanding Anxious Teenagers and Mind-Body Strategies for Anxiety**. New location: Clanton Park Shul. RSVP to: 416-783-7983
- Wednesday, June 11 at 8:00 PM: **The Nova Exhibit and StandWithUs Canada** present **Natasha Hausdorff: The Laws of War, Truth, and Misinformation Around Israel's War Against Hamas**. Buy tickets at: www.standwithuscanada.crowdchange.ca/112619
- The **Canadian Zionist Federation**, sponsored by the **Hebrew Culture Organization of Canada**, offers the **CZF-Kronitz Memorial Scholarship** to support Canadian high school grads studying in Israel in 2025. Application deadline: June 15, 2025. Apply and learn more at: www.czf.ca
- Monday, June 16, 2025 from 7:00–9:00 PM: **JF&CS** is hosting a **Zoom session: High Conflict Divorce**, offering strategies to disengage from conflict, including tools for managing the impact on children and more. Register at: www.jfandcs.com
- Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 PM: **Book launch of Ayekha by Dr. Ted Rosenberg**, a memoir exploring antisemitism, anti-Zionism, and the Western response to October 7. Co-sponsored by **DARA**. Admission is free; registration required. Go to www.caef.ca for more information.
- **Allied Voices for Israel** presents the **High School Ambassador Program**. Early Bird Registration ends June 30, 2025. For more info, visit: www.alliedvoicesforisrael.org/highschool

Refuah Shleimah

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To add a name to the *refuah shleima* list, please go to: shomayim.org/form/refuah5785

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