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RABBI LIPNER'S D'VAR TORAH

Dear rochel,

In this week's parsha we read about the reunion of Eisav and Yaakov after many years of separation. Eisav responded to the generous gifts that Yaakov sent to him, by saying "**I have much.**"

My brother, keep what is yours.” [Bereshis 33:9] Yaakov, on the other hand, answered Eisav, “Please take the gift I have given you, for G-d has been gracious with me and **I have everything.**” [33:11]

The Chofetz Chaim explained that this short dialogue summed up the different approaches to the world of Eisav and Yaakov. A person who says “I have much” is often expressing that while they have much, there is still so much out there in the world to acquire, and even though obviously no one person will ever acquire it all, this type of person stays unsatisfied and spends their life pursuing more. Our sages teach “Every person passes from this world without achieving even half of his desires” [Medrash Rabbah Koheles]. Therefore, someone who is focused on what he does not have will never have enough.

On the other hand, a person who says, “I have everything that there is to need” is much more likely to live a content and happy life. Physically, he realizes that he does not have everything in the world, but he knows that he has all that he needs to have. And if he believes he has all that he needs to have, he truly has everything.

This is so relevant in an age of immense consumerism, where often people's self worth, especially children's, is determined by what they have, not who they are. We would all do well to remember the lesson of Yaakov Avinu, and appreciate that we really have everything we need.

All this boils down to the well known Mishna in Pirkei Avot – “Who is rich? He who is happy with their lot.”

May we all be blessed with “everything”...we need!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Lipner

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

EREV SHABBAT | FRIDAY NIGHT

MINCHA/MAARIV	4:30 PM
CANDLE LIGHTING	4:25 PM

SHABBAT DAY

MORNING SERVICES	9:00 AM
MINCHA/MAARIV followed by Seudat Shelishit & Shiur	4:15 PM
HAVDALAH	5:29 PM

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

SHACHARIT	8:15 AM
MINCHA/MAARIV	4:30 PM

MONDAY—FRIDAY

SHACHARIT	7:00 AM
MINCHA/MAARIV	4:30 PM

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZEL TOV TO:

Sheila Shore on the birth of a great grandson. Grandson to **Sari & Bruce Gilboord.**

Welcome!

Shaarei Tefillah welcomes special guest

The Honourable Michael Kerzner
MPP for York Centre and Solicitor General for Ontario

He will be addressing our congregation after davening about the rise in antisemitism on the streets of Toronto, his experiences as the only kippah wearing MPP, and what he is working on behind the scenes

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**The Sylvia Spiegel z"l
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We greatly appreciate donations of yarn for our various mitzvah projects both local and abroad. Thank you to those who have already done so.

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UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS



Join us for a new **STC Shabbat Breakout Class**
for and by our community!

Tefillah Tidbits:

Nourish Your Neshama with the Amida Sandwich!!
with **Jack Lipinsky**

Shabbat Morning - 10:20-10:35 AM
(Special 3-Part Series)

Each week a different member of our STC Mishpocha will explore another Tefillah/prayer to help understand its deeper meaning and strengthen our connection when saying it.

Upcoming Schedule

- 7 December:** Top Slice “Being Able to converse with Hashem”
- 14 December:** The Filling “Shabbat at Sinai and Now”
- 21 December:** Bottom Slice “Keeping Communication Open”



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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 15 | 9:45 AM
|Shaarei Tefillah Congregation| 3600 Bathurst Street, Toronto

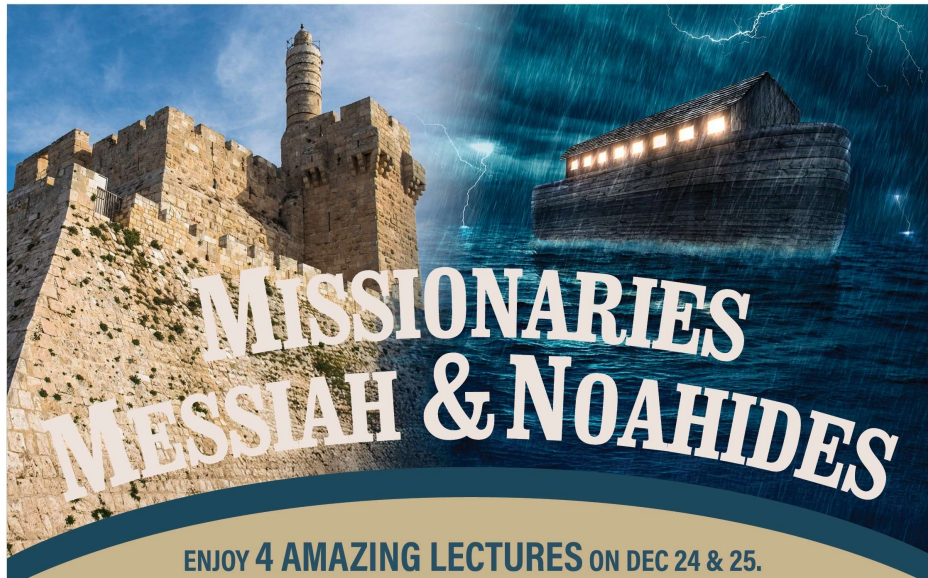
CHANUKA IN A DAY

A Morning of Illumination

A morning of 3 enlightening session for chanuka
Light refreshments will be served

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ENJOY 4 AMAZING LECTURES ON DEC 24 & 25.
 Come and explore who the Messiah is not, who the Mashiach will be and Judaism's Path to the Almighty for Gentiles, with two amazing teachers.

December 24

8:00 – 10:30 PM ET
Rabbi Michael Skobac

Part 1: 20/20 Biblical Clarity: How to Avoid Missionary Misreading of the Bible

Part 2: Hype or Home Run: Fact-Checking the Missionary Claim of 300 Biblical Prophecies for Jesus

December 25

1:00 pm – 3:30 PM ET
Efraim Palvanov

Part 1: The Anointed One: A Jewish Exploration of the Messianic Concept

Part 2: Beyond Seven: Unveiling the 30 Noahide Laws in Jewish Tradition



SHAAREI TEFILLAH CONGREGATION, 3600 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO

Admission is FREE - Registration required www.jewsforjudaism.ca/messiah24

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STC YOUTH



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR CHILDREN ON SHABBAT!

Children's programs are taking place downstairs.
For the safety of all children, we ask they attend the program provided
downstairs or be with their families in the Sanctuary.

Please don't let your children wander in the hallways.

Disclaimer: please note that the structured program in the nursery room
(e.g. circle time) will start around 11:00.
Prior to 11:00 you are welcome to drop off or one parent may remain with
the child for supervised free play.

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WEEKLY YAHRZEITS

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member Name	Yahrzeit
Yitzchak Samson	Father	Jules Samson	15 Kislev
Alex Arkin	husband	Dr. Irene Arkin	17 Kislev
Mary Rose Cohen	Mother	Stephen Cohen	18 Kislev
Mary Rose Cohen	Mother	Farley Cohen	18 Kislev
Mary Rose Cohen	Mother	Naomi Cooper	18 Kislev

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As our STC family continues to grow, we would love to welcome you into the mishpocha! To become a member and both benefit from and help build this wonderful community, click the link below for a membership application.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Rabbi Lipner at rabbilipner@shaareitefillah.com or Nechama at office@shaareitefillah.com

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