

SHABBAT MATTERS

Friday, August 28

7:00 pm Mincha and
Kabbalat Shabbat
7:42 pm Candle Lighting
Earliest 6:37 pm

Shabbat, August 29

7:30 am Hashkama Minyan: Beit Midrash
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: Classrooms
9:57 am Latest time to say Shema
Kiddush* in the Banquet Hall
Shiur with Prof. David Novak 15 minutes
after Kiddush starts

Security Committee Q & A after Kiddush
in the Sisterhood Hall
12:15 pm Teen Learning with Hyim Bessin
6:45 pm Pre-Mincha Shiur: Max Greenberg
7:30 pm Mincha: Sanctuary
7:50 pm Seudah Shlishit**
8:44 pm Shabbat Ends

*Meat **Parve from Meat Kitchen

Torah Reading

Devarim 26:1-29:8
Hertz P. 859
Stone P. 1068

Haftorah

Yeshayahu 60:1-22
Hertz P. 874
Stone P. 1201

MAZEL TOV

- David Bronfman on the marriage of his daughter Shannah, to Aaron Stern of Sydney, Australia
- Stuart & Gina Lapowich on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel Lapowich. Proud sisters are Lucy and Kaitlyn. Honoured grandparents are Donald & Arlene Lapowich and Charles Markin.
- Yaacov & Chaya Feldman on the birth of a grandson, Shmuel Eliezer, son of Sefi & Chagit Sternthal.
- Dodo Cohen on the engagement of her great-grandson, Joey Zelig (Teaneck) to Leetal Perry (Englewood). Mazel Tov to Joey's parents Rena & Josh Zelig and grandparents, Zev & Shaindy Goldstein
- Ala Gamulka on the birth of a great-granddaughter. Delighted parents are Lara Rodin and Jonah Levitt. Ecstatic grandparents are Andria Rodin of Calgary, Beth Gamulka and Wally Levitt. Happy great grandmother is Margaret Felberg Levitt of Montreal. A first niece for Isaac, Ben, and Talia.
- Brenda Lass on her 70th birthday
- Rabbi Sam Taylor on being elected to the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Security Committee Q&A: Join us after kiddush in the Sisterhood Hall for a Q&A session with members of our Security Committee. They'll address questions about security for the upcoming High Holidays, our updated camera system, the Committee's work, and other security-related questions or concerns.

TODAH RABAH TO OUR SPONSORS:

KIDDUSH

Gold

Brian Lass, Melissa & Ross Linker, Jordan & Sara Lass, and Shira Lass in honour of Brenda's 70th birthday

Silver

David Bronfman in honour of the marriage of his daughter Shannah to Aaron Stern

Bronze

Naomi Roskies & Alex Neuman in celebration of the recent birth of their grandson, Eitan Gedalia

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Jeffrey & Elaine Hertz and Robbie & Brian Schwartz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Jeffrey & Robbie's mother, Sara Hertz z"l

EMMA'S MEANINGFUL MOMENTS - August 28

Robbie & Brian Schwartz and Jeffrey & Elaine Hertz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Robbie & Jeffrey's mother, Sara Hertz z"l

Brona Rosen in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father, Jacob Isaac Kraminer z"l

RABBI'S CHARITY FUND

Stephen & Carole Title in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Stephen's mother, Molly Title z"l

Alex Neuman & Naomi Roskies in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Alex's father, Geza Neuman z"l

Rosalie & Harold Schwartz in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Rosalie's mother, Annetta Leighton z"l

MACHZOR

Rena Levy & Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Rena's mother, Jeanette Train z"l

Need to renew your membership or pick up your tickets?

Extended Office Hours this week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

- Help Make the High Holidays Meaningful:** As we prepare to welcome the Yamim Noraim, we invite you to help create the warm, caring, and uplifting atmosphere that defines our Shaarei Shomayim community. A friendly smile, a warm greeting, or a helping hand can make all the difference to someone walking through our doors.
- We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters and ushers:** Please contact the Shul Office to volunteer and help make this year's High Holidays a meaningful experience for everyone.
- Our Refuah Shleima list will be renewed right before Rosh Hashana. Please make sure to confirm any choleh's name you would like included: shomayim.org/form/refuah5787
- We are thrilled to reintroduce **Kol David**, a program that reinsures that those who cannot come to Shul on Rosh Hashana, can fulfill the mitzvah and hear the shofar. **Kol David** is named in memory of our member *David Brown* z"l, who was our beloved Baal Tokea for many years. If you would like someone to come to your home to blow shofar, please call the Shul office. If you can volunteer to blow shofar, please also call the office. Please reply by Tuesday September 8th. We will do our best to accommodate you.
- If you can commit to attending the **Later Selichot** next Motzei Shabbat at 1:15 am, please contact Hyim Bessin.

TORAH MATTERS:

Sunday, August 30 / 17 Elul	8:30 am Shacharit 7:40 pm Mincha/Maariv	7:45 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Berachot (Beit Midrash & Zoom)
Monday, August 31 / 18 Elul	7:10 am Shacharit 7:40 pm Mincha/Maariv	6:30 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Berachot (Beit Midrash & Zoom)
Tuesday, September 1 / 19 Elul	7:15 am Shacharit 7:40 pm Mincha/Maariv	6:30 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Berachot (Beit Midrash & Zoom)
Wednesday, September 2 / 20 Elul	7:15 am Shacharit 7:40 pm Mincha/Maariv	6:30 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Berachot (Beit Midrash & Zoom)
Thursday, September 3 / 21 Elul	7:10 am Shacharit 7:40 pm Mincha/Maariv	6:30 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Berachot (Beit Midrash & Zoom)
Friday, September 4 / 22 Elul	7:15 am Shacharit 7:00 pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:29 pm Candle Lighting (earliest - 6:27 pm)	6:30 am Daily Gemara Shiur - Berachot (Beit Midrash & Zoom)

Kriyat Shema should be repeated again after 8:51 pm this week.

PARSHA MATTERS by RABBI SAM TAYLOR

There is a small phrase tucked into this week's Torah reading that carries an astonishing amount of Jewish history within it. "Arami oved avi", meaning "My father was a wandering Aramean." These were the words recited by someone bringing the first fruits to the Beit HaMikdash. Before giving thanks for the land and its abundance, they first remembered where they had come from. They began not with prosperity, but with wandering. My father was homeless. My father was vulnerable. My father had nothing. Why begin there? Because gratitude is deepest when it remembers the journey that made the blessing possible.

The Chatam Sofer offers a beautiful image to explain this idea. He compares Jewish history to a launderer cleansing a treasured garment. Before the fabric emerges bright and pure, it is first soaked with water and covered in ash, appearing dirtier than before. Yet the launderer never mistakes that stage for the final result. They see the whole process and know what the garment will become. So too with "Arami oved avi." The wandering, the exile, and the hardship were never meaningless detours. They were part of a larger story of refinement and redemption, one whose purpose could only be appreciated in hindsight.

That is why these words continue to resonate, whether in the declaration of the first fruits or at the Pesach Seder. They are far more than a remembrance of suffering; they are the opening lines of a story sustained by Hashem's enduring love and faithful care. The harvest was never only about the fruit itself, but about every step that led to it. Every trial, every rescue, every promise fulfilled became part of the offering. Before rejoicing in what we have, the Torah teaches us to remember where we began, and to give thanks for the Hand that guided us, with unwavering faithfulness, all the way home.

YOUTH AND TEEN MATTERS

Schedule

9:45 am: Youth Groups
10:30 am: Davening, Kiddush and Parsha (Grades 1-6)
11:00 am: Circle Time - Stay N Play & JK/SK
11:30 am: Youth Groups Conclude

Rooms

Stay N Play..... 101
JK/SK 102
Grades 1-3 Boys..... 103
Grades 1-3 Girls..... 105
Grades 4-6 Boys 106
Grades 4-6 Girls (Parsha Chat)..... Youth Lounge

We are celebrating Orli Berliner's birthday this week.
Happy Birthday, Orli!

The annual 'Welcome Back BBQ' is just a couple of weeks away. We have very exciting new games arranged for the kids this year. I'll provide more details next week.

The High Holidays are approaching fast. This year the youth programming is set to be outstanding (if I may say so myself). We can't wait!

Shabbat Shalom!
Sora



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A Taste of Shabbos!

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Friday, September 4, 2026

6:15pm - 45 Minutes
Before Kabbalat Shabbat
Lobby

Kids are welcome!



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בס"ד

Shaarei Shomayim's Annual Welcome Back BBQ



Monday, September 7, 2026

Labour Day
4:30 pm

KIDS
INFLATABLES,
GAMES,
MUSIC

BBQ, DRINKS
AND DESSERT

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TEEN MINYAN

KICKOFF SHABBAT NEXT WEEK

September 5 at 9:45 am
Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech
Lower Level Social Hall A

MEAT KIDDUSH TO FOLLOW!

Open to all teens

Tishrei IN A NIGHT

An inspiring evening
as we prepare for the
Yamim Noraim

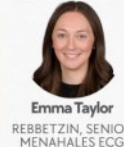
Our Featured Speakers



Rabbi Yehuda Mann
ROSH BEIT MIDRASH
ZICHRON DOV



Rabbi Ami Yunger
COO,
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Emma Taylor
REBBETZIN, SENIOR
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Aviya Ezra
SHLICHA,
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Tuesday, September 8

| 8:00 PM |

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RABBI DR. JOSH JOSEPH

Shabbat, September 4-5, 2026 Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

Rabbi Dr. Josh Joseph serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Orthodox Union, where he oversees the organization's programs and operations. Previously, he spent 16 years in senior leadership at Yeshiva University, ultimately serving as Senior Vice President. A native of Montreal, Rabbi Dr. Joseph received semichah from RIETS, a master's degree in Jewish Philosophy from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. He has also held leadership roles in the Jewish communal and nonprofit sectors, including as a community rabbi and executive director of the Orthodox Caucus. Rabbi Dr. Joseph and his wife, Julie, and three children reside in Lawrence, New York.

Shabbat Morning Drasha

*"What is Hashem Asking You:
A Call to Action for the New Year"*

Pre Mincha Shiur:

*"The State of the Orthodox Jewish World"
with open Q&A*

Seudah Shlishit:

"The 4 Most Important Words in Davening"

Pre Selichot Drasha:

"The Spirituality of Imperfection"

Leil Selichot סליחות

Motzei Shabbat
September 5, 2026 - 10:00 pm



Featuring an
address from
Weinbaum Family
Scholar-in-Residence
Rabbi Dr. Josh Joseph

Followed by
Musical Selichot

led by

Chazzan

Chaim Freund

accompanied by

Chayim Rubin

and the Zemer

Orchestra



Sponsored by Charlene & George Arje
in commemoration of the
31st Yahrzeit of Charlene's father,
Myer Samuels z"l


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Ring in a Sweet New Year!

Sisterhood Challah Bake

Learn to make and braid
a round challah with
a honey dipping center

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
7:30 PM - 9 PM

Shaarei Shomayim
 470 Glencairn Ave

MEMBERS \$36
NON-MEMBERS \$46

Open to Women and Men
 Limited Space Available

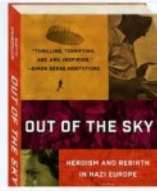
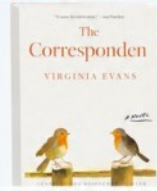
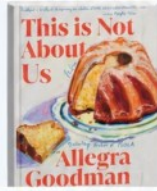
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Presented by Sisterhood Committee: Rachael Straus, Dara Dishy, Kayla Bernick


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Book Club 2026-2027

Meetups at 2:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16		Out of the Sky by Matti Friedman Reviewed by Ralph Wintrob shomayim.org/event/bcsept2026
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20		The Correspondent by Virginia Evans Reviewed by Tina Urman shomayim.org/event/bcoct2026
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24		This is Not About Us by Allegra Goodman Reviewed by Dr. Janna Nadler shomayim.org/event/bcnov2026
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5		Happy New Years by Maya Arad Reviewed by Dr. Sara Horowitz shomayim.org/event/bcmay2027

Cost per session: Member \$15/person | Non-member \$20/person


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PRE-ROSH HASHANA MEET & GREET

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | FROM 8:00 AM
LOWER LEVEL SOCIAL HALL

Shaarei Shomayim welcomes parents and families
 of students from Netivot South for refreshments
 after drop off and a chance to speak to Rabbi Taylor
 and our President Brian Lass about the upcoming
 year at our shul.


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LUNCH & LEARN

"I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE JEWISH!"

Discover the stories behind many of
 Canada's notable Jewish musicians


David Eisenstadt

David Eisenstadt is a recognized
 Canadian public relations
 consultant who co-founded tcgPR
 (The Communications Group Inc.) in
 Toronto in 1973. He has authored
 five music history books. Signed
 copies will be available for sale.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 12 pm
 \$20 Members | \$27 Non-Members
shomayim.org/event/canadianjewishmusic

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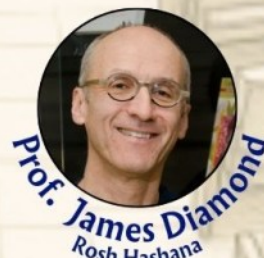
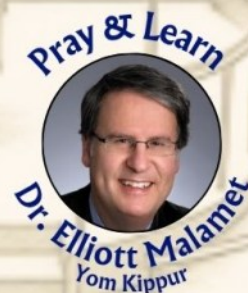
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HIGH HOLIDAYS
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September 12-13 | September 21

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Rosh Hashana | Day 1
September 12, 10:00 am
Lower Level Social Hall A
Sponsored by Mihal Tylman in memory of her mother Matana Itzchaik "r1

Yom Kippur
September 21, 4:20 pm
Lower Level Social Hall A
Sponsored by Tyler & Dinah Pertman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Tyler's mother, Sharon Pertman "r1

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ROSH HASHANA
SEPTEMBER 12-13

YOM KIPPUR
SEPTEMBER 20-21

YOUTH PROGRAMMING!

Food Art

Bingo

Coach Steve

Contests

Shofar

Escape Room

Juggling Show

Where Youth matters

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Yom Kippur 5787
September 20-21, 2026

Pray & Learn with Dr. Elliott Malamet

Kol Nidrei Night
7:10pm | Room 106
"Making and Keeping Promises"

Yom Kippur Day
10:00 am - 1:00 pm | Room 106

Al Het Explaining the Vidui	To Whom Do We Confess in Our Lives?	The Meaning of Sacrifice
Isaiah 58 (The Haftarah) Ethics is More Important than Religion	What is Atonement and How Do We Come Clean?	

Pray & Learn is a service that combines explanatory prayer, meditation, study, group exercises and question and answer. Led by Dr. Elliott Malamet, you will know what you are praying and why and how to apply it in your daily life. You will feel refreshed and transformed.

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Rabbi Sam Taylor




Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 7:30pm
(Mincha at 7:10PM and Maariv Following)

Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue
3600 Bathurst Street
Open to men and women of all ages

6 Amazing Rabbis
6 Amazing 10 minute talks
1 Amazing night of unity

RSVP required - Suggested minimum gift \$18 <https://www.shaareitefillah.com/form/inspire2026>

Proceeds will go to Bet Binyamin in Tzfat
Born from loss and built on love, Bet Binyamin is a national healing home in the heart of Tzfat, created by Jen and Rob in memory of their son Binyamin Airley z"l who was killed during the war shortly after October 7th. It offers soldiers, bereaved families, reservists' families, survivors and others affected by war a place to pause, rest and begin to recover, physically, emotionally and spiritually. This is not a memorial. It is a living declaration of hope, unity and renewal and is healing Am Yisrael, one retreat at a time.










UNVEILING

The unveiling for **Kayla Adams** ^{z"l} will be Sunday, August 30 at 11:00 am at McCowan Road Cemetery.

Yahrzeits

Shabbat, August 29	16 Elul	Bernard Fromstein, Brother of Judy Neinstein Jacob Isaac Kraminer, Father of Brona Rosen	Matana Itzchaik, Mother of Mihal Tylman
Sunday, August 30	17 Elul	Jeffrey Goldman, Brother of Barry Goldman	
Monday, August 31	18 Elul	Jeanette Train, Mother of Rena Levy Julius Sonny Wise, Father of Kenneth Wise Ruth Samson, Mother of Elijah Samson	Samuel Mendelsohn, Father of Simha Mendelsohn Sara Hertz, Mother of Jeffrey Hertz & Robbie Schwartz
Tuesday, September 1	19 Elul	Gertrude Dollinger, Mother of Marlene Goldbach Jack Wisebrod, Father of Miriam Allman Lorraine David, Mother of Cris David	Morris Kaye, Father of Glory Goldman Murray Midanik, Father of Gail Midanik Rita Mink, Mother of Sheila Grupp
Wednesday, September 2	20 Elul	Annie Togman, Mother of Rose Heilbronn Edith Monson, Mother of Joel Monson Michael Segal, Brother of Helen Brown	Molly Title, Mother of Stephen Title Samuel Morris Green, Brother of Dorothy Shiff
Thursday, September 3	21 Elul	Annetta Leighton, Mother of Rosalie Schwartz Geza Neuman, Father of Alex Neuman & Andrew Neuman	Darlene Throop, Mother of Joel Friedman Jeanne Closner, Mother of Arnie Closner
Friday, September 4	22 Elul	Karl Spiler, Father of Frances Shoor	Sarah Hollinger, Mother of Allan Hollinger

Yahrzeit Commemorations

Helen Brown & Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her brother, Michael Segal ^{z"l}

Community Matters

- **September 2, 7:30 pm:** [Bike4Chai: bike4chai.com/Static/toronto-registration](https://bike4chai.com/Static/toronto-registration). If you are interested in joining a Shaarei Shomayim team, contact Mark Lichtblau at m_lichtblau@mac.com.
- **September 8 at 12:30pm:** [Is There a Fountain of Youth? What Science Says About Living Longer – and Better](#) Join Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University and Prof. Haim Cohen for a fascinating look at scientific breakthroughs in slowing aging and what they could mean for living longer and healthier lives. [Webinar Link](#)
- **September 8, 6:30–8:30pm:** [Toronto Mayoral Forum on Jewish Community Issues](#) Join the Jewish Lawyers of Canada for a public forum with Toronto mayoral candidates discussing antisemitism, public safety, and issues affecting the Jewish community. jewishlawyers.ca/rsvp-1
- **September 10 at 7:00–9:00pm** - [Emanah's Annual Rosh Hashana Bake Sale](#). Shop baked goods and featured vendors while supporting Emanah. Location: Home of Laura Davidovits, 8 Sunbeam Avenue. emunahcanada.org/bake
- **September 16:** [UJA Campaign Launch](#). Info TBA
- **October 15 at 7:00 pm:** [Negev Nights 2026](#) Join YYZ-TLV and Shaare Zedek Medical Center for an evening of community, connection, and purpose supporting mental health care and trauma programs for young victims of terror in Israel. General ticket sales open in September.

Rabbi's Charity Fund: Many families struggle to make ends meet and have turned to us for help. As we approach the High Holidays, we ask you, from the bottom of our hearts, to give generously and contribute to the Rabbi's Charity Fund. Every penny will bring relief to people in dire need, and the more that we collect, the more people we can help. Visit: shomayim.org/form/chessed

Refuah Shleimah

Sarah Rivka bat Mazal Yehudit, Elana bat Chana, Adi bat Francis, Malka Beila bat Golda, Ilona bat Chana, Luba bat Neshama, Esther Raizel bat Chaja Ita, Yehuda Yoseif ben Miriam Yocheved, Eliana Tzofia bat Miryam Tziporrah, Bracha bat Malka, Rivka bat Tzipporah, Minah Tzurel bat Ita, Tzvi Hirsch Leib ben Yetta, Zisel Leah bat Perel, Eliyahu Yom Tov ben Leah, Yosef ben Chava, Shaindel Rivka bat Tzippora, Shimon ben Dina, Tova bat Gittel, Avraham ben Frieda, Sharon bat Shayna Laya, Miriam Chai Esther bat Sarah, Mordechai ben Sarah Rachel, Baruch Pesach ben Rivka, Chaim Pinchas ben Rut Chana, G'dalyah Shlomo ben Shayndl Sarah, Pnina bat Mindel Esther, Dovid ben Chaysia, Shira Ahuva bat Zissel, Moshe Yakov ben Sara, Gershon ben Rochel, Rachel Leah bat Pnina, Chaya Malka bat Leah, Mayer Shmuel ben Esther, Yitzhak ben Chana, Dina Batia Chaya Esther bat Miriam, Aharon Tzvi Rafael ben Razel, Tzvi Kalman ben Shaina Leah, David Ori Ben Hadar Chen, Leah Bat Gita, Bracha Bat Malka, Sarah Rivkah Bat Mazal Yehudit, Arie Ben Yuliana

To add a name to the *refuah shleima* list, please go to: shomayim.org/form/refuah5787

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