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<b>Aish Thornhill Community Shul</b> <b>Shabbat Bulletin: Nitzavim-Vayeilach</b>		
<b>September 15/16, 2017 25 Elul 5777</b>		
<b>Candle Lighting: Not Before: 6:09 pm - Not After: 7:09 pm</b>		
<b>Shabbat Ends: 8:09 pm</b>		
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<i>The Ongoing Mission of the <b>Aish Thornhill Community Shul</b> is to Create a Family-Friendly Community where Jews of All Backgrounds can Experience Meaningful Jewish Living and Heritage in an Inspiring, Educational and Welcoming Environment.</i>		
<b>FRIDAY EVENING</b>		
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv	Sanctuary	6:00 pm
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv	Library	7:15 pm
D'var Torah	Sanctuary	
Oneg Shabbat with Lori Palatnik	Sanctuary	9:00 pm
<b>SHABBAT MORNING IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY</b>		
Midrash Class	Rabbi Avram Rothman	8:30 am
Shacharis		9:00 am
<b>Torah Service: Nitzavim - Vayeilach</b> <b>Pg: 1086</b> <b>Haftorah pg: 1202</b>		9:45 am
Rabbi's Drasha	Rabbi Avram Rothman	10:10 am
Mussaf		10:30 am
Announcements / Adon Olam	Stuart Haber	11:20 am
<b>SHABBAT MORNING THROUGHOUT THE SHUL</b>		
Hashkama Minyan	Library	7:30 am
Kiddush & Class with Rabbi Yeres <i>Training Our Traits: Kavod and Nedivut (Honour and Generosity)</i>	Jerusalem Hall	9:20 am
Library Minyan	Library	9:30 am
This Week's D'var Torah	Rabbi Avram Rothman	
Kiddush	Jerusalem Hall	~12:30 pm
<b>SHABBAT AFTERNOON /GINZBURG LEARNING CENTRE</b>		
Ginzburg Learning Centre	Sanctuary	5:50 pm
Mincha	Sanctuary	6:50 pm
Shalosh Seuda	Jerusalem Hall	7:20 pm
Maariv - Tzaitz HaCochavim ('Night fall' or 3 stars)	Sanctuary	8:09 pm
Hadalah		
Pre Selichot Lecture with Rabbi Ziring	Sanctuary	12:15 am
<b>MAZAL TOV</b>		
Ralph & Shana Ginzburg on the birth of a grandson born to Gila & Moshe Ainbinder		
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Dr. Alex & Sandy Pister on the birth granddaughter born to Batya & Eli Perl		

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Last week was sponsored by Bill Herman

**SHALOSH SEUDA SPONSORED BY****CLASSES DURING MUSSAF BEGIN ~ 10:30 AM**

**ALL CLASSROOM ARE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

GIRLS GROUP GR 4 +	Davening, Parsha , Games and Kiddush	Carmel Room		10:00 am
BACKSTAGE PASS	Behind the Ethical Teachings of Judaism	Conference Rm	Ephriam Silver	10:30 am
THE PARSHA PERSPECTIVE	Understanding the Weekly Torah Portion, with Focus on Personal Development	Moriah Room	Dr. Michael Kirzner	10:30 am

**GINZBURG LEARNING CENTRE: POST MUSSAF CLASSES BEGIN ~ 11:20 AM**

**CLASSES END ~ 12:15 PM**

PARSHA	Using the Subtle Torah Messages on How to	Moriah Room	Dr. Rothman	11:20 am
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**PLEASE NOTE - All Post Mussaf Classes are cancelled this week in order for us to welcome**

***Rebbetzin Lori Palatnik***

***Founder of the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project***

THE CHABURA	Class for teen boys	Jerusalem Hall	Darren Meisels	11:20 am
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**This Motzei Shabbat @ 12:15 am**

Annual Pre-Selichot Lecture Featuring:

**Rabbi Jonathan Ziring**

S'Gan Rosh Beit Midrash Yeshiva University Kollel,  
entitled

**"Selichot; the Midnight Song"**

## Weekday Davening Times: Sun September 17 – Fri September 22, 2017

<b>Shacharit</b> : Sunday		8:00 am
<b>Shacharit/ Selichot</b> : Monday - Wednesday <b>THURSDAY/ FRIDAY</b>	SEE HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	6:20 am
<b>Mincha/Maariv</b> : Sunday -Tuesday <b>WEDNESDAY- FRIDAY</b>	SEE HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	7:15 pm
<b>Next Shabbos</b>	<b>Ha'azinu – Shabbat Tshuvah</b>	
Friday-Mincha / Kaballat Shabbat / Maariv	Sanctuary	SEE HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Friday September 22: Candle Lighting	Not Before: Not After	5:58 pm 6:56 pm
Shabbat September 23	Shabbat Ends:	7:56 pm

### Weekday Classes

Sunday : Library	8:45 AM		Rabbi Rothman
Thurs: Library	6:00 AM	Halacha	Rabbi Mordechai Cohen
	7:30 AM	Rambam's Mishna Torah	Rabbi S. Schwartz
Wed: Conference Room	10:00 AM	Women's Parsha class	<b>Hiatus</b>

### Weekday Evening Classes

<b>Sundays</b> Home Group @ 6:30PM	Shabbos Kitchen	Rabbi David Ostriker <a href="mailto:david.ostriker@gmail.com">david.ostriker@gmail.com</a>
<b>Monday</b> Zion Room @ 8:00 pm  Conference Room @7:30 pm	<b>NEW</b> <i>Deriving Halacha, Developing Skills</i>  Halacha	Rabbi Rothman  Rabbi Cohen

<b>Tuesday</b> Conference Room – 7:00 PM		Reb. Avraham Kleiman
<b>Wednesday Night</b> Home Group @ 6:30 pm	<i>Can The Modern State of Israel Be The Beginning Of Redemption? Questions &amp; Answers in Halacha</i>	Rabbi David Ostriker <a href="mailto:david.ostriker@gmail.com">david.ostriker@gmail.com</a>

**NOTICE:** For everyone who has renewed their membership or purchased High Holiday tickets- The tickets have been mailed out- If you don't receive your tickets by Tuesday morning PLEASE contact the office ASAP

*If you have not renewed or have not purchased tickets please do so ASAP  
The office will be open Sunday September 17 from 10 am – 11:30 am  
for your convenience*

## **Sholosh Seudot “You Gotta be Kiddin’ Me” Halacha Discussion**

A Family of five stopped a taxicab on the street. When they tried to all pile into the cab, the cabdriver stopped them. “Sorry, I can’t take so many passengers. I’ll get a ticket for it.”

“Don’t worry,” said the father. “If you get ticket, I’ll pay for it.”

The cab driver protested, but the father continued to pressure him until he finally agreed. As they travelled on the highway, the cabdriver was caught by radar for speeding far above the speed limit. The police pulled him over to write out the ticket for speeding. As the policeman began writing out the ticket, he noticed how many people were in the backseat. “Here is one ticket for speeding, and another one for traveling with too many passengers,” the policeman said.

“You see what you did!” said the angry cabdriver to the father. “Because of you I got another ticket. Now you better pay for it like you promised.”

“Not so fast,” said the father. “It’s your own fault for speeding. Had you been driving within the speed limit, you never would have been caught for carrying too many passengers. You have no one to blame for it but yourself. I don’t have to pay you anything.”

Their question was brought to R’Aharon Leib Shteinman *shlita* to decide

What is the answer? Find out with Rabbi Rothman during Shalosh Seuda



## Profiles

This week we continue our PROFILES feature designed to help us get to know our fellow shul members in a (hopefully) fun and non-invasive manner. This week we feature Kathy Laszlo and her organization DANI.

Our objective this week is slightly different from the one we normally strive to achieve. We are hoping that our readers learn more about DANI and more importantly how each of us can contribute to this wonderful concept.

**TCS:** Let's begin with the story behind the formation of DANI.

**Kathy:** My son Danny was part of the first group of students with a developmental disability who were fully integrated into the regular school system. I wanted that to continue for

Danny so I looked around not just in Toronto but around the world.

I was very friendly with Gavin and Ilana Oper who talked about all these great places and resources in South Africa to deal with what I was struggling with. In Cape Town I found a great organization that trained adults and what was especially appealing was that their model generated funds rather than being completely reliant on donations. I should note that I am still in touch with the Astra Centre in Cape Town. I even visited them in 2011 and they reciprocated by coming to the DANI Centre's grand opening in 2013.

**TCS:** So you copied their model?

**Kathy:** A seed was planted in my head. I naively thought I would find a similar organization locally and just borrow from the Cape Town model and add to an already existing infrastructure.

**TCS:** I assume that you were not able to find such a match.

**Kathy:** We approached Reena but they were not able to make it happen. They suggested that we do it ourselves but I don't think they really believed we would.

**TCS:** So you started DANI yourself and the rest is history?

**Kathy:** It was not so simple. In the summer of 2006, I brought up the idea of starting something with 7 families all of whom I knew from having kids at Reena. The idea was favourably received and we decided to start with a one week summer camp.

**TCS:** So you started Camp WonderLaszlo?

**Kathy:** We had no funds, no location and really no idea of how to operate, but, we co-ordinated a set of activities with significant community involvement. We did things like swim at David & Honey Levy's place, and watch planes at the airport. It went quite well.

**TCS:** What happened next?

**Kathy:** From there we put together social programs like holiday programs. It was very much community based. Our next step was to apply for charitable status. That would allow us to collect donations and fund bigger things.

**TCS:** So you incorporated?

**Kathy:** Yes. We were still only doing social things. After Danny graduated high school he was home for a few months. That was bad but then I enrolled him in a government program and that was even worse. So it was time to start a day program.

**TCS:** How did you get that off the ground?

**Kathy:** We found a split level home next to a Sephardic shul near Bathurst and Sheppard in 2009. We started with only 8 kids and 2 workers. The limited space and the structure made it difficult to manage the kids. Word spread and we soon found that we had outgrown the house. So we started looking for a bigger location. That was challenging as no one wanted to rent to a non-profit organization.

**TCS:** This is when you found your current location?

**Kathy:** Yes. It was previously a daycare but it was empty for a year. The process took 9 months (like a good pregnancy...) with lots of government red tape. Renovation was costly but we got a Trillium (government) grant to help with renovation. We also were awarded a large \$150,000 grant when we won SixPoints contest subsidized by a small group of young entrepreneurs.

**TCS:** When did the catering start?

**Kathy:** We got COR status when we were in our first home and then did small catering jobs. So our catering on a smaller scale began there. When we moved in to our current location in May 2013 we went from 1,500 square feet to over 8,200. At first, we thought about subletting. But then we started to think about bigger things. Hosting events was never part of the plan but customers asked for it and we realized we could make efficient use of our space and increase revenue.

**TCS:** What else do you offer to the public?

**Kathy:** We have a gift store. I worked with Heather at AISh and when she retired I asked her to do my books which she did in addition to becoming the volunteer office manager. The gift store was Heather's idea. She called all her South African friends who made amazing cookies and wrapped beautiful baskets. The gift store was established in 2014. There is now a year round gift store but especially for the holidays. You can see what is offered either online through our website or by walk-in. It constitutes a big part of our fundraising.

Aside from the catering, either hosting events at our location or off-site we also offer pop up lunches. We pre-book office locations and bring the food court to your office. It is a great deal with no obligation on the host other than providing a place and sending out an e-mail to the employees.

**TCS:** But DANI is a non-profit so where do the funds go?

**Kathy:** All the funds support programming. The participants are involved in the business but they also have programming throughout the day.

**TCS:** Aside from visiting the Café and allowing DANI to host an event or simcha how else can TCS members get involved?

**Kathy:** We are always looking for volunteers. Volunteering depends on what people want to do as well as what skills and availability they have. But we can also find ways for members to help.

Think about our catering when you host in your home or have a business meeting. Ask us to bring the Pop up lunch to your office, order a gift, a donation card or use our tzadakkah box. Most of all help to spread the word about us, it will provide DANI with greater exposure in the community. Once people see how much our participants are capable of achieving they will be self-motivated to get involved and help in any way possible including donating funds.

**TCS:** Can you give a specific example of how Ploni Ironi can help?

**Kathy:** I know Mr. Ironi and he is special, certainly not a Ploni. This is a simple way people can help DANI and it will not even feel like performing a charitable act. Have your company agree to a Pop Up lunch. As I mentioned there is no financial commitment. When your colleagues see the participants working and capably functioning at a job their perceptions will change.

**TCS:** And that leads nicely to your motto.

**Kathy:** Exactly. A hand up, not a hand out.

**TCS:** Switching gears. Danny is a special part of TCS and having grown up there many people are very comfortable interacting with him. However, for folks who are newer to the shul or even members confronted with meeting someone else with similar challenges to Danny, what advice can you provide to people with respect to how to behave around him.

**Kathy:** When you interact with somebody, who has a disability talk to him/her like you would talk to anyone. It doesn't matter whether he understands or whether she can answer. Assume he or she does understand.

Danny loves to shake hands and get his back rub but often that is not the case with others. So for others avoid the physical touch.

**TCS:** And Danny in particular?

**Kathy:** Danny has limited verbal skills, but he understands everything. He is extremely bright. He speaks, reads and writes in 4 languages.

**TCS:** Clearly you are passionate about Danny and DANI. How do you keep going?

**Kathy:** I work very hard and have always been that way. I am thankful for Shabbos as it allows me to recharge. I am also very blessed to have fantastic children. I have a set of twins, Mikey and Sarah, who are 23. They used to run the kids program at AISH. They are fantastic kids who are extremely supportive.

**TCS:** And has TCS been supportive?

**Kathy:** We have always been comfortable at AISH. The shul has always been good to us as a family and to DANI as an organization. And when I say Shul I mean both TCS and its members.

**TCS:** Next mountain to climb?

**Kathy:** Finding housing is the next project. We have put in a lot of blood, sweat and tears to overcome many challenges. What is coming will an even bigger challenge.

**TCS:** Stuart will have to find a way to be around this week. Clearly you have no spare time to take on the TCS presidency for the week.

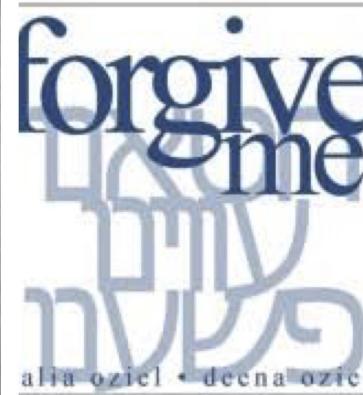
**TCS:** Thank you so much for your time and sharing your story.

**Kathy:** It has been my pleasure.

And the website link is [www.dani-toronto.com](http://www.dani-toronto.com)

## SHABBAT TSHUVAH LECTURE SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup>

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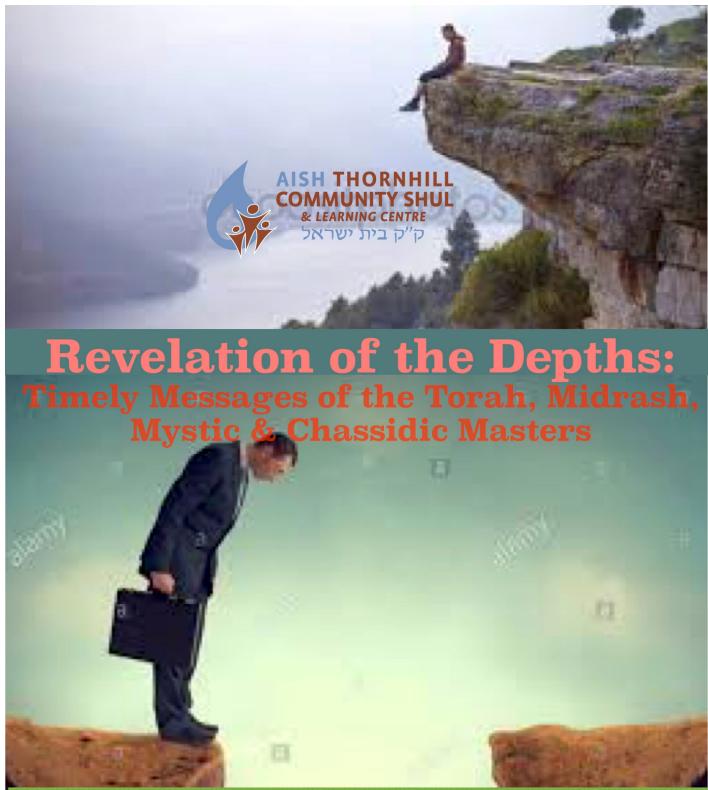
***“I am sorry that I but you have to forgive me”:***  
**How, Why & the Mechanics of Forgiveness for  
hurting someone before Yom Kippur**

Rabbi Avram Rothman's Shabbat Teshuva Drasha

Shabbat, September 23, 5:30 PM, Main Sanctuary  
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