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**Aish Thornhill Community Shul**  
**Shabbat Chanukah Bulletin: Mikeitz**  
**December 15/16, 2017 27 Kislev**  
**Candle Lighting: Not After: 4:22 pm**  
**Shabbat Ends: 5:27 pm**

*The ongoing mission of the Aish Thornhill Community Shul 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.*

**FRIDAY EVENING**

Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv	Brian Callan	4:25 pm
D'var Torah	Rabbi Max Kalles	

**SHABBAT MORNING IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY**

Midrash	<b>CANCELLED THIS WEEK</b>	8:30 am
Shacharis	Haskell Bahar	9:00 am
<b>Torah Service: Miketz pg: 222 Maftir pg: 768 Haftorah pg: 1212</b>		9:55 am
Rabbi's Drasha	<b>Rabbi Mark Zelunka</b>	<b>10:40 am</b>
Mussaf	Stuart Haber	10:55 am
Announcements / Adon Olam	Stuart Haber	11:25 am

**SHABBAT MORNING THROUGHOUT THE SHUL**

Hashkama Minyan	Library	7:30 am
Kiddush & Class with Rabbi Yeres <i>Do I Need to Light Chanukah Candles if I went to a Public Menorah Lighting?</i>	Jerusalem Hall	9:20 am
Library Minyan		9:30 am
This Week's D'var Torah	Adam Myerowitz	
Kiddush	Jerusalem Hall	~12:20 pm
<b>** Early Mincha</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>

**SHABBAT AFTERNOON /GINZBURG LEARNING CENTRE**

<b>Ginzburg Learning Centre – RETURNS IN THE SPRING</b>		
Mincha	Sanctuary	4:00 pm
Shalosh Seuda with Dr. Michael Kirzner	Jerusalem Hall	4:30 pm
Maariv - Tzaitz HaCochavim ('Night fall' or 3 stars)	Sanctuary	5:27 pm
Havdalah		

**HAPPY CHANUKAH**

**KIDDUSH SPONSORED BY****HASHKAMA KIDDUSH SPONSORED***Matthew Robertson in honour of those who welcomed him at the ATCS and Hashkamah Minyan***SHALOSH SEUDA SPONSORED BY**

Adam Myerowitz &amp; Max Kalles on celebration for the completion of mesechta Rosh Hashana

**CLASSES DURING MUSSAF BEGIN ~ 10:30 AM****ALL CLASSROOM ARE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

<b>GIRL'S GROUP GR 4 +</b>	Davening, Parsha, Games and Kiddush	Carmel Room	Rebecca & Meira	10:00 am
<b>BACKSTAGE PASS</b>	Behind the Ethical Teachings of Judaism	Conference Rm	Ephraim Silver	10:30 am

**GINZBURG LEARNING CENTRE: POST MUSSAF CLASSES BEGIN ~ 11:30 AM****CLASSES END ~ 12:20 PM**

<b>PARSHA PARENTING</b>	Using the subtle Torah messages on How to Parent in 2017	Moriah Room	Dr. Rothman	11:30 am
<b>INTRODUCTION TO HALACHA</b>	Stepping into Tur/Shulchan Aruch, The Laws of Havdalah (Hebrew text-based).	Jerusalem Hall	Jonathan Sherrington	11:30 am
<b>RABBI'S CLASS</b>	Cancelled this week			11:30 am

<b>GUY'S THING WITH THE RABBI</b>	Controversial Issues discussed Weekly	Jerusalem Hall	Dr. Kirzner & Rabbi Mandel	11:30 am
<b>PARSHA CLASS</b>	<b>RESUMES Jan 13</b>	Zion Room		11:30 am
<b>THE TALMUD</b>	Advanced Text based	Jerusalem Hall	Dr. Alex Pister	11:30 am
<b>MESSAGES OF TORAH</b>	Revelation of the Depths	Conference Room	Dr. Martin Levin	11:30 am
<b>THE JEWISH QUESTION</b>	What You Thought You Knew: Parsha	Library	Rabbi Stuart Haber	11:20 am
<b>ISN'T TIME TO COMPREHEND MISHNA?</b>	Acquiring Skills in the Study of Mishna	Jerusalem Hall	Ian Liebenthal	11:30 am
<b>THE CHABURA</b>	Class for teen boys	Jerusalem Hall	Daniel Meisels	11:30 am

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

<b>Shacharit:</b> Sunday		8:00 am
<b>Shacharit:</b> Monday / Wed/Thursday/ Friday Tuesday – Rosh Chodesh Tevet		6:45 am 6:30 am
<b>Mincha/Maariv :</b> Sunday -Thursday		4:30 pm
<b>Next Shabbos</b>	<b>Vayigash</b>	
Friday–Mincha / Kaballat Shabbat / Maariv	Sanctuary	4:30 pm
Friday Dec 22: Candle Lighting	Not After	4:25 pm
Shabbat Dec 23	Shabbat Ends:	5:30 pm

### Weekday Classes

<b>Sunday: Library</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>The Mitzvah of Kiddush HaShem</b>	<b>With RABBI MORDECAHI BECHER</b>
<b>Sunday: Sanctuary</b>	<b>AFTER MA'ARiV</b>	<b>Haftorah Clinic – Main Sanctuary</b>	<b>Jonathan Sherrington</b>

#### ***Live from Israel with Rabbi Yair Spitz – From Zion to the Zion Room***

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Spitz will return to ATCS to conduct a weekly class exploring the Midrashim in the Torah. The classes will be run live via teleconference and allow the audience to interact with Rabbi Spitz in real time. The class will run **Sundays at 4:00 pm in the Zion room**, and will last for approximately 1 hour.

**The cost is \$50 for the series of 10 classes.** Payment can be provided when arriving. For anyone who finds payment difficult, please simply email Rabbi Rothman discreetly at: [theshul@aish.com](mailto:theshul@aish.com).

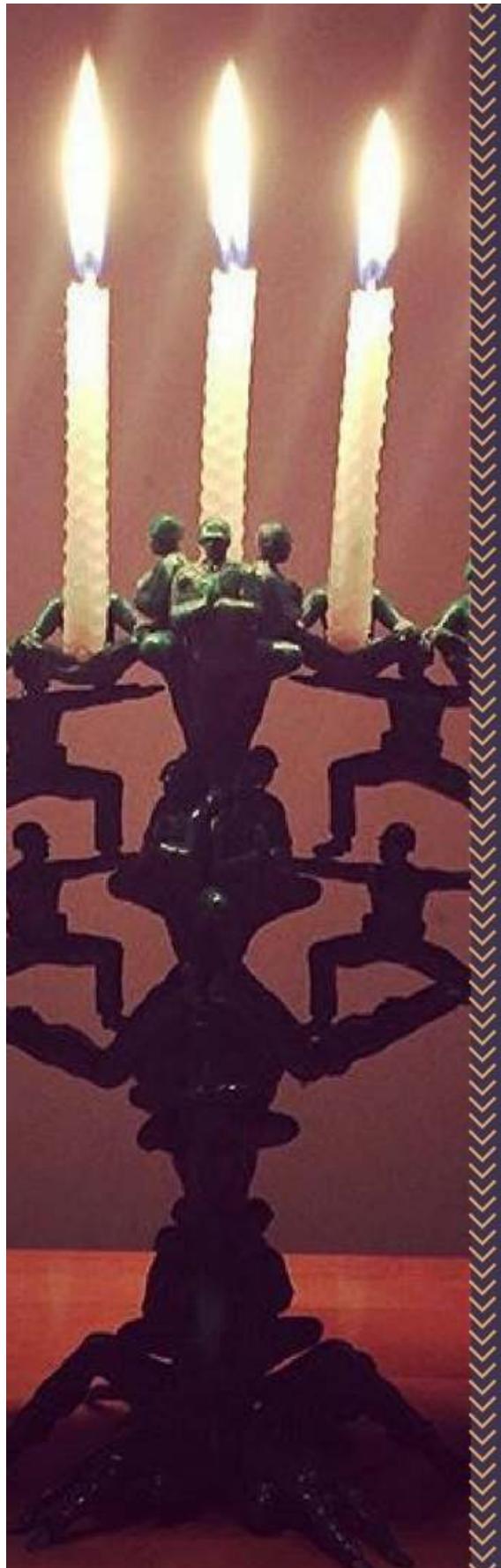
#### We welcome everyone's participation

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

### Weekday Evening Classes

<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

**This Friday evening**



## **LEIL LIMMUD**

*Please join us for an intimate evening  
of learning in honour of the first  
yahrtzeit of George Friedmann zl.*

*Friday night, Shabbat Chanukah  
December 15 @ 8pm*

**5 SPEAKERS. 5 LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM**

Hadassah Hoffer

"We Band of Brothers: The Macabees War  
for the Jewish People"

Grabel Residence - 23 Finlayson Cr

Fred Silver

"Experience Kaddish"

Ginzburg Residence - 6 Millcroft Way

Daniel Meisels

"Is G-d Amongst Us or Not?"

Meisel Residence - 90 Hetherington Cres

Adam Friedmann

"The Miracle You Thought You Knew - A Hidden  
Message in the Menorah Story"

Rothman Residence - 167 Esther Cres

Dr. Jeff Bernholtz

"The Kabbalist View of Chanukah, Atheism  
and Harvey Weinstein?"

Haber Residence - 537 Spring Gate Blvd

*Adults only*

## Ongoing Classes

**Women's Talmud & Contemporary Halacha Class**

Join Ora Ziring to study original Talmud and Jewish law and apply it to life in 2017.

**Tuesdays at 8PM**

Aish Thornhill Community Shul  
979 Clark Ave. W

Ora Ziring is an accomplished teacher and Yentzotet in Toronto. Her background in Talmud, Jewish Law and philosophy gives her a unique ability to explore Jewish text with and for women.

**ATCS HAFTORAH CLINIC**

Brush up on your Maftir and Haftorah Brochot and make the Prophets proud. ATCS will be happy to arrange an expert to read your Shabbat Haftorah portion to perfection, and you can take all the credit.

Or, learn/re-learn the 'trop' and how to read your own Haftorah for special occasions, or just because you want to.

**Sunday Evenings after Maariv at the Shul**

**All Men Welcome**

For information contact Jonathan Sherrington at [aishtorngabbai@gmail.com](mailto:aishtorngabbai@gmail.com)

**WOMEN'S TORAH 2.0**

COME JOIN US FOR DINNER, SMALL GROUP LEARNING AND SOCIALIZING - FREE!

Starting Monday November 13th 8:15PM

For more info. and to RSVP Tara Bloom [tararblom@gmail.com](mailto:tararblom@gmail.com)

**PARSHA PERSPECTIVES:**  
**LIVING LIFE THROUGH THE WISDOM OF THE WEEKLY PARSHA AS TAUGHT BY RABBI AVRAM ROTHMAN**

a weekly class for women filled with insights on how to apply the Torah's parsha to our lives in 2017/8!

Join Rabbi Rothman as he explores the practical application of the Torah to our life today. **All Women Welcome!**

**WEEKLY: WEDNESDAYS, 10:00AM**

**AT THE AISH THORNHILL COMMUNITY SHUL**

BROADCAST LIVE ON FACEBOOK THROUGH THE ATCS FACEBOOK PAGE!

## Profiles



This week we continue our new feature in the bulletin with another instalment of PROFILES

Each week, we profile a different family or group in a (hopefully) fun and non-invasive manner to help us get to know our fellow shul members. This week we are spotlighting the Progressive Dinner Committee (PDC) comprising Jeff Bernholtz, Beth Bernholtz, Steve and Shoshana Beker.

**TCS:** Before we begin is there any chance we can score some free tickets to the PROG?

**PDC:** Not a chance.

**TCS:** What is the goal of the event?

**PDC:** The Progressive Dinner is designed to help break down cliques and allow members of the community to get to know each other better. You can give all the speeches in the world about being friendly but there is nothing more effective in creating warmth in the community by spending time with each other.

**TCS:** Have you been successful in achieving your goal?

**PDC:** We would like to think so but we are of course biased. You would have to ask past attendees for an objective answer. But we have had a few stories of people becoming good friends after first meeting at a PROG. It is pretty cool to be attending a simcha of a family that you met through the PROG.

**TCS:** How does it work?

**PDC:** Basically, everyone gathers at one home for appetizers. During this initial stage guests are given their main course hosts and location and then we wrap up with desserts and entertainment at a 3<sup>rd</sup> location.

**TCS:** So you eat appetizers and dessert and then head for the main course.

**PDC:** No, you go from appetizers to the main course.

**TCS Editor:** So there is no dessert.

**PDC:** No the dessert is right after the main course.

**TCS:** So no appetizers.

**PDC:** Really it's quite simple, appetizers, main course and then, dessert.

**TCS Editor:** What if you prefer dessert and want to go straight for the dessert.

**PDC:** You can't do that. That is not the way it works. Dessert comes after main course which follows the appetizers?

**TCS:** How do we know where to go for the main course after dessert?

**PDC:** You don't go to the main course after dessert.

**TCS Editor:** So there is no main course.

**TCS:** Maybe he means the dessert is like a main course.

**TCS Editor:** So what happened to the appetizers?

**TCS:** This is really confusing.

**PDC:** It is not bloody confusing at all, Appetizers, main course, dessert!!!

**TCS:** Isn't that a lot for one home to prepare?

**PDC:** It is not at one home. Oh my gosh. 3 homes, 3 courses.

**TCS:** When do we choose which of the 3 homes we go to?

**TCS Editor:** I can tell you now that I want to go to the home serving dessert.

**PDC:** You morons. You don't choose which home you go to.

**TCS:** So we might be stuck going to the appetizers home? That does not seem like fun. I would much rather be at the dessert home than an appetizer home that might be serving asparagus.

**PDC:** Let us try this one more time. Everyone gets to go to the appetizers, then everyone has the main course and finally everyone gets to go to dessert.

**TCS:** So the home serving the main course has a huge job to serve everyone the biggest part of the meal.

**PDC:** It is not just one host for the main course.

**TCS:** But you said there are 3 homes for 3 courses.

**PDC:** Each person goes to 3 homes for 3 courses.

**TCS Editor:** So if 50 people sign up for the event, then you have 150 homes. That's a lot of hosts.

**PDC:** Oy gevalt.

**TCS:** And when will you tell us what is the order between the appetizers, dessert and main course.

**PDC:** We give up. We recommend that anyone still confused come speak to one of the Progressive Dinner Committee members or check the flyers which illustrate how the event works.

**TCS:** Who came up with this brilliant idea?

**PDC:** The Progressive Dinner dates back to the middle ages. Of course, people were much poorer and people basically wandered from hut to hut looking for any scraps of food they could find. Needless to say it was not very Progressive at that point in time.

**Steve:** I learned the concept in Stamford, CT where I had the unique opportunity to experience for several years an extremely well run event that had been perfected over a period of 10 years. It was an honor to bring the concept to TCS.

**TCS:** What is the cost?

**PDC:** \$25 per person but there are weekly half price raffles and if cost really is an issue we will not turn anyone away. The event does raise funds for the shul but we purposely make it a bargain considering that you are getting a 3 course dinner.

**TCS:** What is your target audience?

**PDC:** Anyone with a pulse basically. Ideally we are capturing all the ages and demographics. When the event is really humming you have young people mixing with the elderly, black hatters schmoozing with suedes, Hab fans hanging with Leaf and non-hockey fans and most importantly people meeting others whom they never would have previously talked to.

**TCS:** How do you sign up?

**PDC:** Call the office or just track down anyone of us on the PROG Committee and let us know. Simple as that.

**TCS:** What types of foods are served?

**PDC:** We let the hosts determine what they want to serve which makes for a wide variety of foods and a lot of creativity. We make sure that dietary restrictions and allergies are carefully matched so for instance we can guarantee that if you are lactose intolerant then you will not be placed in a home serving dairy.

**TCS:** What is the theme for this year's event?

**PDC:** This year's them is superheroes and villains. Come dressed as your favourite crime fighter, Justice League representative or plain old bad guy or woman.

**TCS:** How has the event evolved over the years?

**PDC:** Cindy Fine a Thornhill resident got her certification in Stamford and brought the concept to Thornhill Woods and she has been a great person to share ideas with.

**Steve:** I credit Cindy with the idea to add special themes each year. Otherwise, the changes are more subtle involving logistics and making sure everything runs smoothly.

**TCS:** What are some of the more memorable moments from past Progressive Dinners?

**PDC:** We have seen some truly great costumes and so many rave reviews over the meals served. Though Steve's voice is on par with nails scratching a chalkboard it was quite the rendition to hear Hey Stu sung to the Beatles Hey Jude.

**TCS:** Where there any forgettable moments from past Progressive Dinners?

**PDC:** For the most part no serious issues in the TCS version of the PROG. Back in South Africa there is the legendary story of Bubby Shmautz unfortunately being seated with Gertrude Dornhoffer which led to the scuffle at the main course and continued into dessert. Gertrude had always suspected that Bubby had eyes for her husband and when Bubby offered to share her flanken bone with Gertrude's husband Gerty as she was known just lost it.

Again, no such problems in Thornhill but we have our eyes open.

**TCS:** Any improvements in the program that we can expect this year?

**PDC:** We are working to make sure the groupings of people and host assignments are more effective in placing people with those they don't already know. Also, the dessert portion will be greatly enhanced by having the warmer ambience of a home rather than the shul. Most importantly we will not be subjecting participants to Steve Beker's singing. That alone makes the event way, way better.

**TCS:** Why did you decide to form a committee this year?

**Steve:** Last year I put in literally hundreds of hours in preparation and I knew that was not sustainable. Furthermore, I was concerned that even though I was constantly asking for input and very open to ideas and criticism, ultimately I was making too many decisions and too close to operations and therefore running the risk of not being objective and losing touch with what members want. The real wake-up call was shortly after the event our president Stuart convened a committee of 4 very able volunteers to organize the Purim Seudah. I realized it was nuts for me to continue running an equally if not more complex event by myself.

**TCS:** Tell us about your committee.

**Steve:** My daughter Shoshana, along with her friend, Taya were extremely helpful last year with invitations, name tags, decorations and a host of other jobs. Shoshana wanted to take over but of course she is not licensed. After this year's event she will be able to take her Progressive Dinner Leadership exam to qualify for certification. Having the "I pay your rent" leverage made Shoshana's addition risk free in terms of her co-operation.

But if I was going to add anyone else then I wanted to make sure that any additional 'cooks in the kitchen' would add enough creativity, common sense and vision to make it worthwhile. And so I targeted the best there is in Bernholtz and Bernholtz productions. Well known in the community for their neverending chessed and unparalleled hosting abilities Jeff and Beth possess a g-d given talent in putting together uniquely creative and superbly organized events. I could not be happier with our team.

**TCS:** Stuart is busy this week perfecting his latke recipe as well as working out at the gym to counter the impact of the latkes. You are president for the week so what changes might we expect to see at TCS?

**PDC:** A new set of profile writers and editors. Your elevators clearly don't go to the top floor.



IT'S BAAACK !!

**SATURDAY  
NIGHTLIVE**

Hosted by  
**David Toledano**

Saturday Night Learning program  
with David Toledano & *the Zone*

Don't Miss the Fun, the Learning, the Prizes & the Pizza!!!

**Saturday Nights now at 7:00 pm**

Aish Thornhill Community Shul  
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Thanks to each and every one of you for making Wednesday night such a big success on every level! Especially Alissa Kondogiannis and K.C. Coleman-Benudiz as well as all the extra helpers for set up and clean up.

This Monday Night



## LATKES, LAUGHTER & LEGO

ROSH CHODESH TEVET-WOMEN'S  
CHANUKAH GET TOGETHER  
WITH MINI AUCTION

MONDAY  
DECEMBER  
18  
7:30 PM

Hosted  
by  
Claire Sacks  
104 Thornbury  
Circle

## Thank you for your support in 2017

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported Aish Thornhill Community Shul this past year.

We would like to remind you that any donations you would like to make for 2017 year end can be made by calling Hadassah at the Shul office [905-764-1891 Ext 210](tel:905-764-1891) OR on line via our website <https://www.thornhillshul.com/payment>

Please note the Shul office will closed from **12 Noon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of December** and no 2017 donations can be taken after this time

Thank you once again for your support

### **Parental Supervision of Children & Related Policies**

*While the policies below have been in place since the Shul's inception, shul members have requested a reminder. Our shul has invested a significant amount of money in both its upkeep and in its Youth Department, ensuring an ongoing enlightening and educational experience for our children. Below is a clear articulation of a number of policies which will engender a quality and safe experience for all patrons of our Shul.*

- 1. Decorum in the Building:** Youth Programs enable children to enjoy an enhanced shul experience and ensure an overall decorum throughout the building.
  - Children (13 and under) must be either in a program or with their parents at all times.
  - This policy is applicable from 7:30am Shabbat morning until Kiddush when Youth Programs terminate.
  - Children must be supervised by their parents during Kiddush and thereafter.
  - In the event that there are no Youth Programs operating (e.g., Friday night), Children must be with their parents.
- 2. Admittance to Building:** Children are welcome in the building and to participate in Youth Programs **only if there is at least 1 parent or legal guardian on the TCS campus**. Children without at least 1 parent or legal guardian cannot be supervised within the Synagogue.
- 3. Damage to Shul Property:** Unfortunately there has been an increase in damage to the Synagogue and its contents. Parents are respectfully reminded that they are responsible for damage caused by their children
- 4. Restricted facilities:** Children are not allowed to have access to the main floor kitchenette and its contents (including Milk, Tea, Coffee, etc.) for a variety of safety and other considerations. All consumables are for the use of adults only. NOTE: the Youth Program provides drinks and snacks throughout its operations.

Shul Greeters and Board Members have been instructed to find parents and ask them to intervene should their children not comply with the above. We hope parents will respond favourably to these requests.

If you have any questions feel free to speak directly with Stuart Haber, President, ATCS Board, or with any Board Member

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

# PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2018



Call the office at 905-764-1891 to reserve now and be entered in our weekly half price raffle (last week's winner [The Paskovatyis](#))

**This Year's Theme:  
COME AS YOUR FAVOURITE  
SUPERHERO! or Villian!**

