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## Aish Thornhill Community Shul

### Bulletin: Parshat Shemot

January 17 /18, 2020 – 21 Tevet

Candle Lighting: 4:50 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	Betzalel Wisebrod	4:55 pm
D'var Torah	Rabbi Avram Rothman	

### SHABBAT MORNING IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY

<b>Prayer Class:</b> Connecting to the Eternal: Delving into our Shabbat Teffilot	Rabbi Avram Rothman	8:30 am
Shacharit	Dr. David Nussbaum	9:00 am
<b>Torah Service:</b> Shemot page:292 Haftorah page:1147	Dr. Jeff Bernholtz Dani Meisels	9:55 am
Rabbi's Drasha	Rabbi Avram Rothman	10:40 am
Mussaf	R. Haskell Bahar	10:55 am
Announcements	Rabbi Stuart Haber	11:25 am

### SHABBAT MORNING THROUGHOUT THE SHUL

Hashkama Minyan		7:30 am
Kiddush & Class with Rabbi Yeres <i>Hard Rock Calf (Law of Eglah Arufah)</i>		9:20 am
Library Minyan		9:30 am
This Week's D'var Torah		9:30 am
Kiddush	Jerusalem Hall	~12:30 pm
<b>EARLY MINCHA</b>	not before	<b>12:55 pm</b>

### SHABBAT AFTERNOON /GINZBURG LEARNING CENTRE

Ginzburg Learning Centre	Resumes in the Spring	
Mincha	Sanctuary	4:25 pm
Shalosh Seudos	Jerusalem Hall	4:55 pm
Shabbat Ends		5:55 pm

### MOTZEI SHABBAT LEARNING CONTINUES @ 7:00 PM

### LIFE CYCLE

Mazal Tov Ashley & Kari Silver on the upcoming wedding of their daughter  
Michal to Pinchas Sivak of Toronto

Condolences to Sharon (& David) Orgel on the loss of her  
uncle, Larry Singal of Detroit. Brother of Maurice (& Anne) Singal.

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*If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush or 3<sup>rd</sup> meal  
Contact Hadassah at ext. 210. Deadline for Kiddush order is Tuesday at 6pm.*

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

<b>BACKSTAGE PASS</b>	Behind the Ethical Teachings of Judaism	Conference Rm	Ephraim Silver	10:30 am
<b>THE PARSHA PERSPECTIVE</b>	Understanding the Weekly Torah Portion, with Focus on Personal Development	Moriah Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	Dr. Michael Kirzner	10:30 am

**POST MUSSAF CLASSES BEGIN**

<b>TEEN BOYS GROUP (14 – 18 YEARS OLD)</b>	Discussion group for young men	Rabbi Josh Stein	Young Men's Lounge	11:15 am
<b>WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP</b>	Parenting Perspectives	Lounge- 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	All Women Welcome	11:15 am
<b>PARSHA PARENTING IN 2019</b>	Using the subtle Torah messages on How to Parent in 2019	Dr. M. Rothman	Library	11:30 am
<b>RABBINIC WISDOM</b>	Care for the Elderly and the Mitzvah of Kibbutz Av Va'Em	Rabbi Rothman	Sanctuary	11:30 am
<b>PARDES HATORAH</b>	A critical interpretation of Jewish text	David Levy	Zion Room	
<b>TIME FOR A CHANGE</b>	Underneath the Collar; A hands on shatnes presentation	Rabbi Yosef Dovid Rothbart	Moriah Room	11:30 am
<b>MESSAGES OF TORAH</b>	Revelation of the Depths	Dr. Martin Levin	Conference Room	11:30 am
<b>GENTLEMEN'S THING</b>	Controversial Issues discussed Weekly:	Rabbi Stuart Haber	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
<b>INTRODUCTION TO HALACHA</b>	Stepping into Tur/Shulchan Aruch, The Laws of preparing for Shabbos	Jonathan Sherrington	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
<b>THE TALMUD</b>	Advanced Text based	Dr. Alex Pister	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
<b>ISN'T TIME TO COMPREHEND MISHNA?</b>	Acquiring Skills in the Study of Mishna	Ian Liebenthal	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
<b>THE CHABURA</b>	Class boys	Daniel Meisels	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
<b>RAMBAM REVIEW</b>	Ever wanted to understand the Rambam and his unique views on everything, here is your chance	Lev Mirlas	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am

## Weekday Davening Times: Sunday January 19 – Friday January 24, 2020

<b>Shacharit: Sunday</b>		8:00 am
<b>Shacharit: Monday- Friday</b>		6:45 am
<b>Mincha:</b> Sunday – Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday		5:00 pm 5:05 pm
<b>Next Shabbat:</b> January 24/25, 2020	<b>VA'EIRA</b>	
<b>Candle Lighting:</b> Friday January 24, 2020		4:59 pm
<b>Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv</b>		5:05 pm
<b>Shabbat Ends:</b> January 25, 2020		6:03 pm

<b>Weekday Classes</b>			
Sunday: Library	8:45 AM	Positive Mitzvah's Applicable Today!	
<b>Weekday Mornings</b>			
Tue –Thurs	7:30 am	Rambam's Mishna Torah	Rabbi S. Schwartz
Wed: Conference Room	10:00 am	Women's Parsha Class	Rabbi Rothman

<b>Weekday Evenings</b>			
Monday - Conference Room	@7:30 pm		
Tuesday	CHOCOLATE CHIP TUESDAYS	Build your own Chumash Rashi skills with a mentor	
Thursday Library @ 8 pm	POPCORN, PEOPLE & TORAH	1-to-1 Chavrusa Learning for all levels. We will set you up. See the flyer below	

### COAT RACKS

In addition to the coat racks in the second-floor lobby and the main floor coatroom, we now have an additional coatroom in the lower level. It can be found just across the hall from the previous lower level room used for coats.

Please feel free to use any of the coat rooms when you are in the Shul on Shabbat or for a program.

### **Message from the Rabbi**

Last Shabbat in both my drashot, I discussed the increase in anti-Semitism world-wide. We reviewed how the incidents are not only increasing in scope and frequency but are also occurring in our own neighbourhood. We discussed the importance of our combatting this through increased security, everyone's awareness of our surroundings and whom is in the building, but also the importance of increasing our "Gemillut Chasadim" - acts of kindness.

We know the treating each other with respect and making a point to go out of our way to help each other is the fulcrum that HaShem uses to judge our community. In a time like this, we need the merit of unity and the positive relationships we create with each other.

At that time, I requested that members and friends of the Shul spend some time to think of programs, challenges, contests or events that we can organize here in the ATCS to encourage people to go out of their way for others.

On that basis, I am requesting that our membership and friends take some time to write me and let me know of any ideas you may have that will assist us in building unity and doing acts of kindness and, with Hashem's assistance, we will be able to make a difference in the difficult times we are in.

Feel free to think out of the box, no suggestions will be ignored. While I hope to receive several ideas, I know we cannot do them all, but you can make a difference.

Please be in touch with me with your ideas and suggestions.

You can make a difference.

Rabbi J. Avram Rothman

### **Two New Special & Important Additions to our Shul (With Your Help)**

Interest has been raised among some members of starting either both or either of the following for the Shul. If you are interested in either or both, please let the rabbi know as soon as possible:

Daily Daf Yomi: Take an hour each day to learn that day's daf of Talmud. We plan to hold a daily class either in the morning or evening. If you are interested in making this important investment, please let Rabbi Rothman know.

Daily morning Minyan at 7:30 AM. We now have a daily minyan at 6:45 AM. If you are interested in being a part of a later (7:30 AM) Minyan, and are prepared to make a commitment to attend, please let Rabbi Rothman know.

Both of these are important additions to our Shul which we would very much like to have. If you are interested, please let the Rabbi know. Rabbi Rothman can be reached at: 416-876-0691 or [TCSRABBI@ROGERS.COM](mailto:TCSRABBI@ROGERS.COM)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Meal Question**

Reuven was in desperate need of a kidney transplant to save his life. As he waited for a matching donor to become available, he was kept alive by dialysis machines.

He had heard that many other Israelis had flown to China for kidney operations, with successful results. He investigated the matter and was told that China follows all the standard medical and ethical procedures for transplants that are practiced by the top hospitals in the western world. The Chinese claimed that the organs were taken after death from willing donors who filled out an organ donor cards in their lifetime.

However, when he continued to ask around, he heard distressing reports to the contrary. Rumours circulated of secret prison cells in the basement of Chinese hospitals, where death-row convicts were kept having their organs harvested for transplant. The convicts were tested for compatibility, and their organs were taken as needed, leaving the convicts to die in the operation. Some said that such harvesting operations were widespread, operating in as many as thirty-five different Chinese hospitals. A doctor who fled from China claimed to have been involved in these transplants himself.

One the one hand, China seemed to be his only hope for a compatible kidney transplant. On the other hand, he was scared to be an accomplice to murder. Could he rely on the official claim of the Chinese government that the organs were taken only from an accident victim and the like, and leave the burden of guilt on their shoulders if they were lying? Or was it his ethical responsibility to suspect that the rumours to the contrary be true?

Even if the rumours were true, perhaps it was not his problem. The convicts had been sentenced to death by Chinese courts, and “*dina d’malchusa dina*” – the law of the land is the law.” He did not make or enforce Chinese law, and the convict would be killed in any case, through no fault of his. On the other hand, perhaps by going for the transplant, he hastened the convict’s death even by a few days, and was thus partner to murder

What should he do? Find out this week at 3<sup>rd</sup> meal with Rabbi Rothman

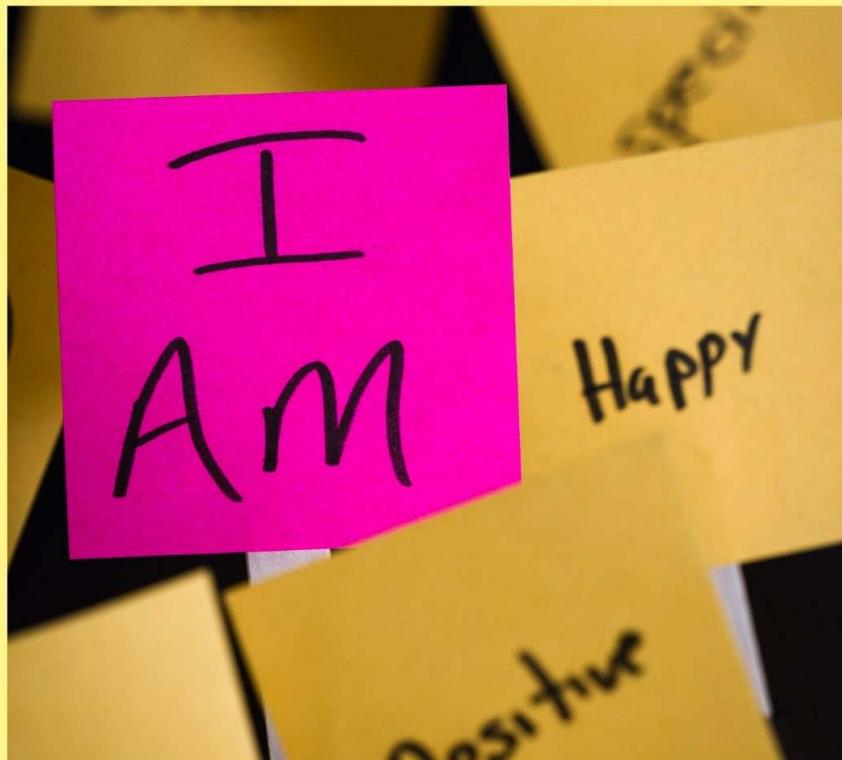
Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh

# OUR TORAH

THROUGH THE EYES OF WOMEN

ROSH CHODESH SH'VAT

**SHABBAT JANUARY 25 AT 11:30 AM**



**KNOW THYSELF: A JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY  
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With  
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Yocheved bas Yitzchak Meyer &  
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# TORONTO BOYS SHABBZONE



JANUARY 31 -  
FEBRUARY 1  
AT AISH THORNHILL  
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6:05 PM  
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## February Family Fun

JOIN THE ATCS FOR A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON OF BOWLING

Sunday February 9, 2020  
from 3:00-4:30 pm

at

World Bowl  
9 East Wilmot St, Richmond Hill

\$15 per person to Max \$70 / family (includes shoe rental)  
Register online to [www.thornhillshul.com/form/bowling](http://www.thornhillshul.com/form/bowling)



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