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Aish Thornhill Community Shul Bulletin: Parshat Shabbat Mevarchim/ Parshat Shekalim /Mishpatim February 20/21, 2020 – 27 Sh'vat 5780 Candle Lighting: 5:37 pm ~ <i>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.</i>		
FRIDAY EVENING		
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv		5:40 pm
D'var Torah		
SHABBAT MORNING IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY		
Prayer Class: Connecting to the Eternal: Delving into our Shabbat Teffilot	Rabbi Avram Rothman	8:30 am
Shacharit	R. Haskell Bahar	9:00 am
Torah Service: Mishpatim page: 416 Maftir: 484 Haftarah page: 1213	Dr. Jeff Bernholtz	9:55 am
Rabbi's Drasha	Rabbi Avram Rothman	10:40 am
Mussaf	Kalman Weber	10:55 am
Announcements	Rabbi Mitch Mandel	11:25 am
SHABBAT MORNING THROUGHOUT THE SHUL		
Hashkama Minyan	Library	7:30 am
Kiddush & Class with Rabbi Yeres <i>Could Someone Observe 4 Purims in One Year?</i>	Jerusalem Hall	9:20 am
Library Minyan		9:30 am
This Week's D'var Torah		9:30 am
Kiddush	Jerusalem Hall	~12:30 pm
EARLY MINCHA		1:00 pm
SHABBAT AFTERNOON /GINZBURG LEARNING CENTRE		
<i>Ginzburg Learning Centre</i>	<i>Resumes in the Spring</i>	
Mincha	Sanctuary	5:15 pm
Shalosh Seudos	Jerusalem Hall	5:35 pm
Shabbat Ends		6:39 pm
LIFECYCLE		
Condolences to Sanchia Fenster on the loss of her husband Julius		

KIDDUSH SPONSORED BY				
Alex Axelrod in memory of his father Zalman ben Meir				
HASHKAMA KIDDUSH SPONSORED BY				
Rabbi Moshe and Esty Yeres, in memory of Rabbi Yeres' father – Rabbi Yitzchak Yeres Harav Yitzchak Chaim ben Moshe Yosef Halevi z"l				
SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORED BY				
<i>If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush or 3rd meal Contact Hadassah at ext. 210. Deadline for Kiddush order is Tuesday at 6pm.</i>				
CLASSES DURING MUSSAF BEGIN ~ 10:30 AM				
<i>ALL CLASSROOM ARE ON THE 2ND FLOOR UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED</i>				
BACKSTAGE PASS	Behind the Ethical Teachings of Judaism	Conference Rm	Ephraim Silver	10:30 am
THE PARSHA PERSPECTIVE	Understanding the Weekly Torah Portion, with Focus on Personal Development	Moriah Room 2 nd floor	Dr. Michael Kirzner	10:30 am
POST MUSSAF CLASSES BEGIN				
TEEN BOYS GROUP (14 – 18 YEARS OLD)	Discussion group for young men	Rabbi Josh Stein	Young Men's Lounge	11:15 am
WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP	Parenting Perspectives	Lounge- 2 nd floor	All Women Welcome	11:15 am
PARSHA PARENTING IN 2020	Using the subtle Torah messages on How to Parent in 2019	Dr. M. Rothman	Library	11:30 am
RABBINIC WISDOM	When Your Robot Goes Rogue: Who is responsible when your Roomba eats someone's wig? How about when your Tesla runs into a house? Or the robot in the factory breaks your set of china dinnerware? The Torah's View!	Rabbi Avram Rothman	Sanctuary	11:30 am
PARDES HATORAH	A critical interpretation of Jewish text	David Levy	Zion Room	11:30 am
TIME FOR A CHANGE	Nefesh Shimshon Gates of Emunah, Principles of Faith	Dr. Michael Kirzner	Moriah Room	11:30 am
MESSAGES OF TORAH	Revelation of the Depths	Dr. Martin Levin	Conference Room	11:30 am
GENTLEMEN'S THING	Controversial Issues discussed Weekly:	Rabbi Stuart Haber	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
INTRODUCTION TO HALACHA	Stepping into Tur/Shulchan Aruch, The Laws of preparing for Shabbos	Jonathan Sherrington	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
THE TALMUD	Advanced Text based	Dr. Alex Pister	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
ISN'T TIME TO COMPREHEND MISHNA?	Acquiring Skills in the Study of Mishna	Ian Liebenenthal	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
THE CHABURA	Class boys	Dani Meisels	Jerusalem Hall	11:30 am
RAMBAM REVIEW	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 February 23 – Friday February 28, 2020

Shacharit: Sunday		8:00 am
Shacharit: Monday Tuesday & Wednesday Rosh Chodesh Adar Thursday & Friday		6:45 am 6:30 am 6:45 am
Mincha: Sunday –Tuesday Wednesday /Thursday		5:45 pm 5:50 pm
Next Shabbat: February 28 / 29, 2020	TERUMAH	
Candle Lighting: Friday February 28, 2020		5:46 pm
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv		5:50 pm
Shabbat Ends: February 29, 2020		6:52 pm

Weekday Classes			
Sunday: Library	8:45 AM	Positive Mitzvah's Applicable Today!	Rabbi Rothman
Weekday Mornings			
Mon – Thurs	6:10 am	Mishna Yomi	Rabbi Cohen
Mon – Fri	7:30 am	Rambam's Mishna Torah	Rabbi S. Schwartz
Wed: Conference Room	10:00 am	Women's Parsha Class	Rabbi Rothman

Weekday Evenings		
Monday - Conference Room @7:30 pm	Rabbi Cohen	
Tuesday Library @ 8 pm followed by Maariv at 9 pm Thursday Library @ 8 pm followed by Maariv at 9 pm	CHOCOLATE CHIP TUESDAYS POPCORN, PEOPLE & TORAH	Build your own Chumash Rashi skills with a mentor 1-to-1 Chavrusa Learning for all levels. We will set you up. See the flyer below

[Important Notice to Members](#)

The UJA / Toronto Federation has issued a warning regarding a scam that has been attempted against an area Synagogue. Members and staff received an email supposedly from the Rabbi asking them to purchase some gift cards for the Rabbi to use for people in need. They are instructed to send the code numbers of the card to a specific email address belonging to the Rabbi. The Rabbi has NO knowledge of this!

These are SCAMMERS using a cloned email, that appears to have been sent from the Rabbi.

It should be known to all, the Rabbi and leadership of the ATCS will NOT directly email members, staff or friends of the Shul to ask them to purchase gift cards for the Shul. Please do not allow yourself to be tricked by these scammers.

3rd Meal Question

A taxi driver was stopped by a respectable – looking person in Tel Aviv, who asked for a ride to Tiveryah for an important business meeting. It would be a long ride and it was a hot summer day, and after a short while the passenger asked the driver to stop off at a gas station so he could buy a drink. The passenger got out and came back a few minutes later with two cans of cola, one for himself and one for the driver.

"I brought you one too," he said. "You must also be thirsty on such a hot day." The truth is that he was thirsty, but he was embarrassed to accept the gift.

"Don't feel bad," said the passenger. "Look, I already opened it for you. If you don't drink it, it will go to waste."

The driver thanked him and took a drink. It was the last thing he remembered before he woke up with his cab parked in a dark forest, and all the money in his possession gone. The passenger had put a knock – out drop in his cola, drove the car to a secluded location, and then robbed him and ran off. The thief must have had his eye on him, since he had just that day withdrawn a large sum of money to buy an apartment for his daughter who was a *kallah*.

"I have no doubt that the thief will get his just desserts, either in this world or the next," said the taxi driver. "I am also sure that my own loss – as painful as it was – was really Hashem's kindness."

Then he quoted the Alshich's commentary on the verse, "*I saw something like an affliction to me,*" meaning that some harsh decree had been passed regarding my bodily health, but Hashem had mercy and transferred that decree "*on the house*" instead.

What bothered the taxi driver was rather the question of whether he should recite a *beracha achronah* on the cola he drank, since he was indeed thirsty when he drank it, and now felt satisfied. On the other hand, since the drink damaged him and caused him such great loss, and he would never have drunk it had he known what it contained – perhaps he should not recite a *beracha achronah*

What is the answer? Discover this week at Shalosh Seudos with Rabbi Rothman



AISH THORNHILL COMMUNITY SHUL

**Motzei Shabbat Learning
Continues**

**WITH DAVID TOLEDANO
FOR PARENTS AND KIDS**

Join the Club!
**Motzei Shabbat- Learning, Stories,
Nosh & Prizes**

Saturday Night @

Note new start time → **7:30 pm**

Library @ 949 Clark Ave W

To sponsor Pizza contact David
at davidtoley@gmail.com

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AISH THORNHILL
COMMUNITY SHUL
A LEARNING CENTRE
תורת משה ב"ד

A message from ATCS President Stuart Haber and Rabbi Avram Rothman

In the past few years it has become quite evident that society is changing. While just a short while ago it was hard to believe that Synagogues in Toronto would need security, now it is clear that it is irresponsible for any Jewish or religious institution in North America to not incorporate security measures to protect its members and guests.

On that basis, the ATCS Board created a Security Committee to evaluate and institute security measures to safeguard ATCS members and guests over Shabbat & Yom Tov.

A number of strategies to increase security have been implemented and there are a number of forthcoming initiatives including a secure gate for the southwest fence, security film for the windows, cameras and panic alarms.

The Security Team has met with Vaughan Police Services, the UJA Toronto Security Committee, B'nai Brith Security Leadership and private security companies. Based on professional feedback and the personal positions of many, the acquisition of an off duty armed police constable during religious services on Shabbat and Yom Tov is a reasonable though costly requirement to ensure the security that our community requires.

To date, the ATCS has been able to finance the various security updates and improvements through the Shul's budget, fundraising and an extremely modest government grant. The Board and the security committee have worked diligently to improve security without any direct cost to the membership.

However, this will be forced to change if the ATCS retains the services of an armed constable.

The cost of an off-duty armed Police Constable (on Shabbat & holidays) over the course of a year will exceed tens of thousands of dollars.

On this basis, the Board turns to you, our membership, to invest in the next level of security by contributing, annually, a tax receiptable \$200 per member unit (couple or family) and \$100 per single member, for police services.

The ATCS cannot afford to take this next step without the universal participation of its congregants. This is a one-time cost we would levy annually to ensure we have the necessary funds to commit to an annual armed presence outside our Shul.

This decision is an important one and, in this case, member financial commitments will determine whether the ATCS can concretize this new strategy or not.

The above letter was distributed to the membership of the Shul this past Saturday evening. To date, we have forty families committed to partnering financially in acquiring an armed guard for Shabbat & holidays. As noted in the letter, we need about one hundred and twenty families to be a part of this effort for it to work.

Please respond as noted in the letter if you are willing to join the partnership enabling the Board to acquire the armed guard.

Your participation will make a difference.

We believe this to be a prudent decision, providing the needed security to our members and guests. Kindly respond as soon as is possible.

THE AISH THORNHILL COMMUNITY SHUL INCLUSION COMMITTEE
PRESENTS

A Mental Health Awareness Panel

AS PART OF JDAIM
JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS
AND INCLUSION MONTH -

Sunday February 23 at 7:00 pm

Aish Thornhill Community Shul
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MEET OUR PANEL

Dr. Michael Kirzner MD: Attending Physician at Baycrest Hospital Psychiatry Unit

Diana Petrini: Life and Leadership coach

Neilia Sherman MSW: Clinical Social Worker and Counsellor.

Light refreshments will be available

For information, email Brian Waterman
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Aish Thornhill Community Shul presents our Monthly Discussion Group for Women by Women



Our Torah

***Through the Eyes
of Women***

The Essence of Purim

What's Love Got to Do With It?

***with Jewish Educator
Jody Berkel***



**Rosh Chodesh Adar
Shabbat February 29
at 11:30 am**

**Sponsorship available - Contact Hadassah at
hoffer@aish.com**





THE AISH THORNHILL COMMUNITY
SHUL (ATCS) PRESENTS:

A Journey Through Megillat Esther

**JOIN SHAUNA WALKER FOR A 5-PART
WOMEN'S TEXT-BASED SERIES
DIGGING DEEP INTO MEGILLAT ESTHER**

**5 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 8PM,
STARTING FEB 5 - NO COST**

WHEN: Wed, Feb 5, Wed, Feb 12, Wed,
Feb 19, Wed, Feb 26, Wed, March 4,
at Aish Thornhill Community Shul



Shauna Walker is a longtime teacher and mentor in the Toronto Jewish community, educating in philosophy, Chumash, holidays, personal growth and others, helping women gain a fuller understanding of classical Jewish texts.

AISH THORNHILL COMMUNITY SHUL BEIT MIDRASH TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS

BEGINNING OCTOBER 29, 2019

CHOCOLATE CHIP TUESDAYS @ the ATCS

**A MENTOR - GUIDED, STUDY OF
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Learn one-on-one or in a small group
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Receive Popcorn Points for every hour learned -
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Thursday Evenings at 8 pm

All Men Welcome

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