## THE WESTMOUNT WEEKLY Shul Schedule: Leil Shabbos Dec. 10th:

4:22 PM	Mincha / Candle Lighting						
5:30 PM	Repeat Shema						
Shabbos Dec. 11th:							
8:00 AM	Shiur for men / women with the Rav						
8:45 AM	Main Sanctuary Service						
8:45 AM	Sefardi Minyan						
9:00 AM	Men's Class in Moriah Room with Rabbi Farkas						
9:30 AM	Moriah Room Minyan followed with a class with Ilan Serman						
10:30 AM	Rebbetzin's Class in the lounge						
10:30 AM	Children's program (until 11:15)						
11:15 AM	Sit down Kiddush / luncheon for men & women with Dvar Torah from the Rav						
11:15 AM	Parents & Children's Kiddush / Program with Rabbi Farkas in the Sefardi Room						
4:00 PM	Mincha						
4:30 PM	Shalosh Seudos for men / women						
5:31 PM	Maariv / Havdalah						
6:10 PM	Nach Yomi Review Perakim 16 -20 Sefer Melachim II in the Shul & ZOOM						

Davening & Learning Times Dec. 12 - 17<sup>th</sup>
FAST OF TENTH OF TAMUZ BEGINS @ 6:10 AM ON TUESDAY & ENDS @ 5:30 PM

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Earliest Talis		6:44:58	6:45:41	6:46:23	6:47:03	6:47:41
Shacharis	8:00	6:15	6:00 SLICHOS	6:30	6:15	6:30
7:25 - 7:55		TALMUD	TALMUD	TALMUD	TALMUD	HISBODEDUS
2 <sup>ND</sup> SHACHARIS		8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
1:25 - 1:55		HISBODEDUS	HISBODEDUS	HISBODEDUS	HISBODEDUS	
MINCHA		2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	
Mincha / Maariv	4:25					4:22
8:00 - 9:15			PARSHAS HASHAVUA	PARSHA LITE	SCP CLASS	
MAARIV		9:15	9:15	9:15	9:15	
9:30 - 10:00	RAMBAM 5:15	RAMBAM	RAMBAM	RAMBAM		

All classes are live in the Shul & can be accessed via ZOOM ID 905-881-7485; password 728960 PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE IS OPEN MON. - THUR. 12:30 - 3:30 PM

DAD'S KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY ILAN SERMAN & BY THE DANIELS FAMILY ON THE YAHRZEITS OF KEN'S MOTHER MINDEL BAS YONAH a"h & ROBIN'S GRANDFATHER BINYAMIN BEN KALMAN a"h SHALOSH SEUDOS IS SPONSORED BY SHMUEL SCHEINBACH ON HIS SIYUM ON TA'ANIS & FOR A REFUAH

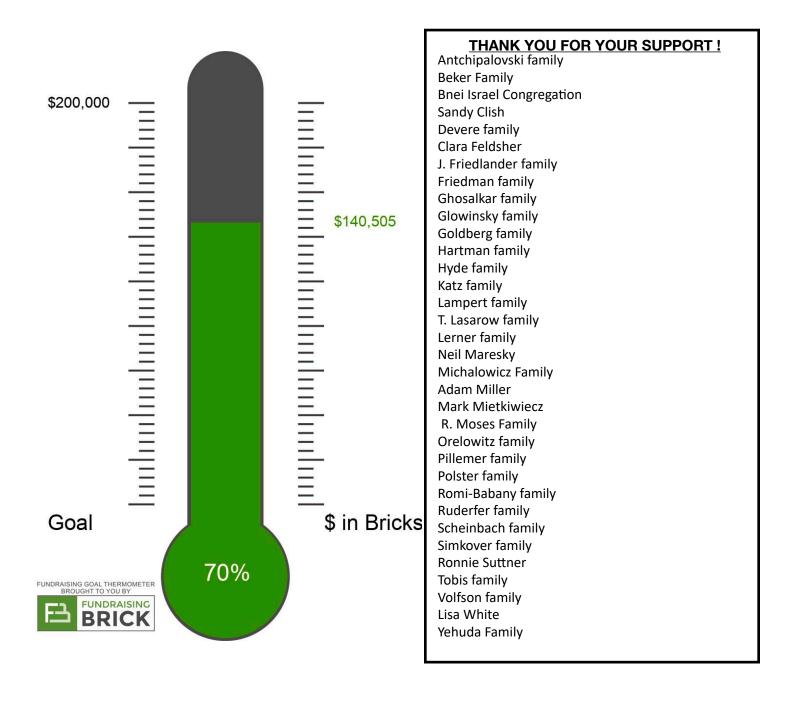
SHELEIMA FOR HIS GRANDSON REFOEL DOVID BEN ANAT ALIZA

THE RABBI'S TALMUD CLASS ON 9 TEVES IS SPONSORED BY TONY & PHYLLIS LASAROW ON THE YAHRZEIT OF TONY'S FATHER YITZCHAK AVRAHAM BEN NOCHAM a"h

THE RABBI'S TALMUD CLASS ON 10 TEVES IS ANONYMOUSLY SPONSORED IN APPRECIATION OF ALL THAT THE RABBI & REBBETZIN DOES FOR THE SHUL

#### **SIMCHAS TORAH FUNDRAISER UPDATE:**

We thank the **34** families who have made their pledges / donations to help the Shul reach their fundraising goal for the year 5782. We still have along way to go. Please remember that your membership dues do not even cover 50% of the Shul's operating costs. Therefore we turn to those who are capable of helping us meet the annual shortfall. Please note that we only need to know now what you are pledging for the year, and that you need not contribute the entire pledge now. Please contact <a href="mailto:rabbimichalowicz@gmail.com">rabbimichalowicz@gmail.com</a> with your pledge amount.





#### **ARE YOU LOOKING TO DAVEN IN A MIKDASH ME'AT?**

If you are already coming to Shul, don't you want HasHem to hear your Tefilos?

"YOUR TEFILOS ARE BLOCKED FROM ASCENDING TO SHOMAYIM
BY THE MOUTHS OF PEOPLE SPEAKING OF MUNDANE MATTERS
IN SHUL DURING DAVENING" (Ya'aros Devash 1,4)

## DOESN'T IT MAKE SENSE TO DAVEN IN A SHUL THAT ADHERES TO PROMOTING KEDUSHAS BEIS HAKNESSES BY ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO:

- Enter the Shul with awe of Hashem's presence
- Say "Ma Tovu" when entering the Shul, and go directly to your seat
- Refrain from entering with your coat / outerwear
- Refrain from entering with your cell phone or any secular reading materials
- Refrain from sleeping or eating
- Refrain from behaving in a light hearted manner and avoid speaking idly or joking around
- Refrain from walking in with snow or mud on your footwear
- Refrain from participating in "Kiddush Clubs" during services
- Talk a lot in Shul, but only to Hashem!
- ONE WHO WISHES HIS PRAYERS TO BE ACCEPTED MUST STAND IN SHUL WITH REVERENCE LIKE A MAN STANDING BEFORE A KING (Sefer Mikdash Me'at pg. 147)
- ONE WHO HAS "YAHRZEIT" & DAVENS BY THE AMUD WILL NOT ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING FOR THE SOULS OF HIS PARENTS IF OTHERS DO NOT RESPOND PROPERLY (Ibid pg.31)

WE HEREBY INFORM EVERYONE THAT THE FOLLOWING SHULS ARE MAKING GREAT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THIS HOLY ATMOSPHERE:

#### Westmount Shul - Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DAVENING TIMES: www.westmountshul.com

For more information and to find out how to get your Shul on this Kiddush Hashem list, contact rabbimichalowicz@gmail.com

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#### **WINTER SCHEDULE UPDATE:**

Dear Chevra,

With life moving more into a post COVID routine, we can start thinking about how the Shul wants to go forward on Shabbos. Additionally, with the clocks turning back, we now face very long Friday nights and very short Shabbos days. Everyone enjoys a restful Friday night, a leisurely meal with family and friends, and a chance to catch up on their sleep. The downside is that the spiritual growth for Shabbos day in the winter is very compressed, as opposed to the summer. By the time one gets back from shul in the morning and has their Seuda at home, those who Daven mincha / eat shalosh seudos in shul (which is B"H growing number) , find themselves pressured to rush back and eat a Mitzva meal the they are not hungry for. I have been thinking a lot about this issue , and have been receiving mixed feedback from people about this. My goal is not to impose new regulations in Shul, but rather be attentive to all the diverse post COVID needs, and provide an increased quality of shabbos for as many members as possible.

- There are many people who feel that the Friday nights are way too long, and that the morning davening should start earlier, so that there is more time in the day and not feel rushed.
- There are many people who have no interest in coming back to Shul in the afternoon, and / or do not want their relaxed Shabbos mornings compromised.
- There are many who want to hear the Rabbi give a long drush, as shabbos is an ideal time to study Torah; and there are many who do not feel that way.

There clearly are Polaric extremes on this issue, and it is impossible to make everyone happy. I would like to suggest that we try out, **starting this Shabbos Nov. 13, for the next month,** the following adjusted winter schedule, to balance out our desire to enjoy the long Friday nights while enjoying the Shabbos day:

- 8:00 8:45 AM: Rabbi's class for men & women over a hot cup of coffee /tea (this satisfies those
  who want to start & end early & who want to learn on Shabbos morning)
- 8:45 11:15 AM: Shacharis for Main Minyan & Sfardi Minyan (no change no one his forced to get up early or stay late)
- 10:30 11:15 AM: Rebbetzin's class in the lounge (as in the pre-covid days)
- 10:30 12:00 AM: Youth programs & kiddush sorry we are not yet able to accommodate children at the Main Shul Kiddush. The program enables parents to either daven or learn undisturbed, and enjoy kiddush with their children in the Sfardi room.
- 11:15: Kiddush for men & women with zemiros and Dvar Torah from the Rabbi.
- Moriah Room minyan has no change to their regular schedule, but are certainly welcome to join the Shul at the main kiddush.
- 4:00 PM: Mincha followed by Shalosh Seudos

Over the last year ,we have successfully experimented with sit down kiddushes, which is a more civilized and halachikly acceptable way of eating and socializing.

- We will start kiddush at 11:15, and volunteer waiters will be serving food to everyone once they are seated. We will be providing bilkas and enough food (3-4 course) for people who wish to have their entire Seudos Shabbos in shul if they so choose.
- People will have lots of time to socialize and eat during the Kiddush.
- Pirkei Avos tells us of the virtues of saying words of Torah when one eats, and the vice of eating without words of Torah. Therefore, I will say a Dvar Torah (replacing the usual Drush) during the middle of the kiddush. (remember, that I still send out an Erev shabbos Drush)
- We will sing a couple of Zemiros to uplift the atmosphere.
- The Rebbetzin & myself will also eat our Shabbos Seuda in the Shul, so people will have ample opportunity to socialize with us.

In effect, everyone can choose what they prefer:

- Experience a bonafide shabbos morning lunch in shul & not need to prepare a shabbos lunch, which will end around NOON.
- Have a guick bite, shmooz, and then go home closer to 11:30 11:45
- Not stay for kiddush at all, and leave right after davening.

Of course, there is no charge for this, and we are grateful for those who wish to sponsor all or part of these Kiddushes. Details on prices to follow.

With Torah Blessings & a love for Shabbos, Rabbi Yossi & Gail Michalowicz

#### **SALLY MOSES SCHOLARCHIP FUND:**

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of the **David & Issi Moses** families, we are happy to announce the establishment of the Sally Moses Scholarship fund for Sfardi studies, in honor of their mother Sally, who passed away this past year.

The Moses family are no strangers to philanthropic causes for our Shul. They have previously donated the Yahrzeit board which hangs in the Main Shul and have helped with the building of the Sfardi minyan room. Not to forget their generosity in helping endow the Shul when we were behind the beer store.

This particular cause is very special, as it will be awarded yearly to a high school graduate, who has shown promise, and wishes to grow in their Judaism by spending a year in a Yeshiva or Seminary in Eretz Yisroel. With the yearly commitment from the Moses family, we have the resources to help ensure the continuity of the Sfardi community in Toronto.

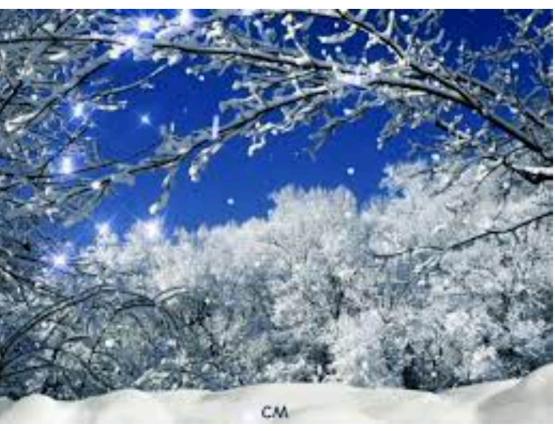
We encourage everyone to consider donating towards this fund in order to enable us to send as many graduates as possible every year.

We are pleased that the award for 5782 is going to **Raviv Talkar**, who has chosen to spend a second year in the Ohr Samayech "Derech" program in Jerusalem. Mazel Tov to his parents Shlomo & Esther. We hope to send you updates from Raviv during the course of the year. May Sally Moses have an Aliyas Neshama from Raviv's Torah study and spiritual growth. Amen.



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# WESTMOUNT SHUL WEEKLY WINTER KIDDUSH @ 11:15

### **KIDDUSH MENU:**

- STARTER: HOMMOUS W' CRACKERS
- FIRST COURSE: SALMON SCHMALTZ, FISH BALLS W'TARTAR SAUCE
- SECOND COURSE: FLEISHIG CHULENT, POTATO KUGEL, MANDARIN SALAD
- FLEISHIG COURSE: SHWARMA & WRAPS
- DESSERT: TIRAMISU CAKE, FRESH CUT UP FRUITS
- ROLLS AVAILABLE TO WASH & HAVE YOUR SHABBOS SEUDA

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- CHECK OUT NEIGHBOURHOODS TO LIVE IN
- MUCH, MUCH MORE
- PRICE: TBD

Due to the complexity of the trip, there are still details that need to be finalized. If you have a preliminary interest in joining please block out these dates & contact

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