THE WESTMOUNT WEEKLY

Friday, October 16 – Friday, October 23, 2026

Parshas Noach 5787 • Peace of Mind Shabbos

FRIDAY MORNING | OCTOBER 16

6:40:55 AM	Earliest time for tallis and tefillin (10.2°)
6:30 AM	First Shacharis
7:25 AM	Kitzur Shulchan Aruch class
8:00 AM	Second Shacharis

Erev Shabbos Drush: An Olive Leaf in an Uncertain World
Visit the class page for the transcript and TorahAnytime recording.

FRIDAY NIGHT | OCTOBER 16

5:49 PM	Shir HaShirim
6:14 PM	Mincha / Kabolas Shabbos / Maariv • Candle lighting

SHABBOS NOACH | OCTOBER 17

8:00 AM	**Morning class: Noach and the Faith That Moves Us to Act** Based on Rav Pinkus. Full class and three-page Hebrew–English sources online.
8:45 AM	**Main Shul and Moriah Room Shacharis — together**
8:45 AM	**Sephardi Shacharis** — separately in the Sephardi Shul Room
8:50 AM	**Shabbos morning class**
10:30 AM	**Felicia Gopin and Friends of Peace of Mind** Class during Musaf. Ladies and men are welcome.
11:15 AM	**Peace of Mind Kiddush luncheon — welcome our visiting soldiers** Rav's drash: **Who Is There When the Battle Ends?**
5:46 PM	Mincha
6:16 PM	**Shalosh Seudos: What Is Waiting for Me Here?**
7:21 PM	**Shabbos ends / Havdalah**

Saturday sunset: 6:30:47 PM. Shabbos ends 50 minutes later, rounded up to 7:21 PM. Shalosh Seudos is 65 minutes before Shabbos ends; Mincha is 30 minutes before Shalosh Seudos. Toronto zmanim: MyZmanim.

Five Noach teachings, transcripts and recordings: westmountshul.com/noach-5787.

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DAVENING & LEARNING

Sunday, October 18 – Friday, October 23, 2026

	SUN 18	MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THU 22	FRI 23
Earliest tallis & tefillin	6:43:16	6:44:27	6:45:37	6:46:48	6:47:59	6:49:10
First Shacharis	8:00	6:15	6:30	6:30	6:15	6:30
Kitzur class	—	7:25	7:25	7:25	7:25	7:25
Second Shacharis	—	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
Madreigas HaAdam	—	1:25	1:25	1:25	1:25	—
Mincha	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	6:03 PM
Maariv	9:15	9:15	9:15	9:15	9:15	—
Sefer Chareidim	8:45	9:30	9:30	9:30	—	—

Shacharis, tallis/tefillin and Kitzur times are AM. All other class and service times are PM.
Earliest times: MyZmanim, Toronto — tallis and tefillin 10.2° below the horizon.

EVENING CLASSES | OCTOBER 18–23

SUN 8:45 PM · Sefer Chareidim
MON 8:00 PM - Lech Lecha: The Courage to Be a Jew - Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz
MON 8:30 PM · Mishnah Berurah — Mordy Michalowicz
TUE 8:15 PM · Talmud: Maseches Megillah — Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz
TUE 8:30 PM · Mishnah Berurah — Mordy Michalowicz
THU 8:00 PM · Semichas Chaver: hafrashas challah and terumos u'maasros
THU 9:30 PM · Chassidus on the Parsha — Rabbi Tsvi Heber

EREV SHABBOS LECH LECHA | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:38 PM	Shir HaShirim
6:03 PM	Mincha / Kabolas Shabbos / Maariv • Candle lighting

Peace of Mind guests are with us through Sunday, October 18. Thank you to our host families and sponsors for making their visit warm and welcoming.

LECH LECHA - CLASSES & SHABBOS DRASH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 - 8:00 PM | PARSHA CLASS
Lech Lecha: The Courage to Be a Jew
westmountshul.com/lech-lecha-5787#monday-night-class

SHABBOS MORNING, OCTOBER 24 | DRASH
Who Measures Our Greatness?
westmountshul.com/lech-lecha-5787#main-shabbos-drash

SHALOSH SEUDOS, OCTOBER 24 | CLASS
People Waiting Along Our Way
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TORAH AT WESTMOUNT

Parshas Noach · Presented by Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz

Five teachings for a week of faith, steadiness and connection.
All public PDFs: westmountshul.com/noach-5787. If you plan to attend a Shabbos teaching, please save its text until after you hear the Rav in shul.

Monday, October 12 · 8:00 PM
Finding Menuchah in a World of Turmoil
Full class, with 20 numbered Hebrew–English sources.
Class page: westmountshul.com/noach-5787#monday-night-class
Erev Shabbos, October 16
An Olive Leaf in an Uncertain World
What the dove was really telling Noach. The full explanation and story.
Class page: westmountshul.com/noach-5787#erev-shabbos-drush
Shabbos morning, October 17 · 8:00 AM
Noach and the Faith That Moves Us to Act
Based on Rav Pinkus. Separate Hebrew–English source sheet: three pages.
Class page: westmountshul.com/noach-5787#shabbos-morning-class
Peace of Mind Shabbos · Kiddush at 11:15 AM
Who Is There When the Battle Ends?
A place to speak honestly, with people who listen and show respect.
Class page: westmountshul.com/noach-5787#main-shabbos-drash
Shalosh Seudos, October 17 · 6:16 PM
What Is Waiting for Me Here?
The full Baal Shem Tov story, with subheadings and call-outs.
Class page: westmountshul.com/noach-5787#shalosh-seudos
More Noach from the archives: 26 TLC recordings, pasuk by pasuk, and two Bible Building Blocks classes. Listen and download source sheets online.

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Russell Gottschalk on the birth of a grandson, a son to Jacob and Joelle. May the family enjoy much nachas and merit to raise him to Torah, chuppah and maasim tovim.

Peace of Mind: our visiting IDF veterans will be here from October 11 through October 18. Join the special October 17 Kiddush luncheon at 11:15 AM and help make their visit warm and welcoming.

Looking ahead: How to Help Someone Choose Jewish Burial — Saturday, November 14, 8:00 PM. Free workshop with Yael Davidowitz, sponsored by Ron and Carla Becker. Register here by Monday, November 9 at 11:59 PM (Toronto time).

TORAH LEARNING SPONSORSHIP

Arthur Lampert

A day of learning - Sunday, October 18, 2026

In honour of his brother Marc Lampert’s yahrtzeit.

PEACE OF MIND

Shabbos, October 17, 2026 · Kiddush luncheon at 11:15 AM

Welcome our visiting IDF veterans. Join us for a Shabbos of warmth, connection and community.

8:45 AM	Main Shul and Moriah Room Shacharis - together. Sephardi Shacharis at 8:45 AM, separately in the Sephardi Shul Room.
10:30 AM	Felicia Gopin and Friends of Peace of Mind Class during Musaf. Ladies and men are welcome.
11:15 AM	Peace of Mind Kiddush luncheon Everyone is encouraged to join us in honour of our visiting soldiers.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOST FAMILIES

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Baruch Hashem, we reached our goal. Thank you for your generosity!

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In honour of their aunt and uncle, Rina & Benzion Solomon, visiting from Israel, and the Israeli soldiers visiting our shul this Shabbat; with gratitude to Hashem for everything He has done for their family.

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In memory of her grandmother, Rivka bas Michoel, on her 27th yahrzeit.

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In honour of Shareen's mother's yahrzeit.

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In honour of and to welcome Rina and Benzion Solomon from Israel, and all our visiting soldiers.

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THURSDAY NIGHTS · 8:00 PM

Write a Note From the Heart

Join Ameinu4Israel in sending love and strength from Canada

Please write a personal note to an Israeli soldier or to a mother who has just given birth.

Since October 7, 2023, Ameinu4Israel volunteers have lovingly made hats, neck warmers and kipot for our heroes in Israel. We also make baby blankets and handcrafted toys for mothers whose husbands are serving or have passed away. Every gift is sent with a personalized note, and thousands of handmade items have already reached Israel.

Need an idea? Here are a few examples:

- *Thank you, dear soldier, for looking after us. We love you. Your family in Canada.*
- *Keep strong, dear soldier, and thank you for everything you are doing for us. We love you. Your family in Canada.*
- *We love you very much and thank you for everything you are doing for us. Lots of love, your family in Canada.*
- *Mazel tov on the birth of your baby. Sending warmest wishes from Canada.*

These are only suggestions - please write from your heart.

Please place your notes together in an envelope or package and drop them off at:

Rebbetzin Michalowicz | 452 Springate Blvd
Mailbox in the enclosure

Kathy Vertesi | 255 Rosedale Heights Drive, Thornhill
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A relative. A neighbour. A longtime friend.
Someone you know may be considering cremation.
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LEAVE WITH TOOLS TO START THE CONVERSATION

- Begin a sensitive conversation with warmth and respect.
- Respond to concerns about cost, convenience and the environment.
- Explain why Jewish burial matters—and help someone take the next step.

Workshop led by

Yael Davidowitz

Director of Outreach & Project Last Kindness, NASCK

A Columbia University-trained nurse and experienced Chevra Kadisha volunteer, Yael helps Jews of every background understand the meaning of Jewish burial.

Motzaei Shabbos • November 14, 2026 • 8:00 PM

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Please treat this newsletter with proper respect.

Please do not read during *davening* or *Krias HaTorah*.

Is "Lenient" a Bad Word?

I invited a friend from yeshivah to my family's house for an off-Shabbos. His father is a *rav* in another community. After the *seudah* on Friday night, we were getting ready to learn together and we wanted to put some snacks on the table. We were looking in the pantry to see what my mother had bought, and my friend saw a big bag of jalapeno potato chips. I said, "Oh, no, we forgot to open them before Shabbos. Let's take something else." He told me that his father says it's no problem to rip the bag. "Yeah, but the *Mishnah Berurah* says that even though it's technically OK, it's proper to open things before Shabbos," I told him. He answered that his father doesn't always go for the strictest opinion.

Is that loshon hora about his father?

—Reuven

What's the *Psak?*

Do you know the halachah?

A No.
Maybe his father relies on another major *posek*.

B Yes.
It insinuates that his father is not particular about halachah.

C It depends
why his father does not keep those stringencies.

What Does This Say About Him?

It is loshon hora to say that someone does not keep *mitzvos*.[1] Furthermore, it is loshon hora to say that someone doesn't do more than the halachah requires him to do, because it can make him appear lax in the eyes of the listener.[2]

When Reuven hears that his friend's father dismisses the recommendations of the *Mishnah Berurah*, he surely will think less of him. Therefore, the comment is forbidden.

Answer: The halachah is **B**.

1 *Sefer Chofetz Chaim, Hilchos Loshon Hora* 4:1-2. **2** *Rambam, De'os* 7:5

Reviewed by **Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Lowy**

Rav Pam, *zt"l*, advised great caution when presenting halachic scenarios to the public, as each situation is unique.
This *shailah* is for discussion only; actual halachic decisions should be made by a *rav* or halachic expert on a case-by-case basis.
The Shmiras Haloshon Shailah Hotline: 718-951-3696 2-3PM / 9-10:30 PM

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Be the good
Pursue Peace

If They Could Forgive, Who Can't?

Rabbi Ari Neuwirth sat in the *beis medrash* of Camp Romimu, greeting parents on Visiting Day. In walked an entire family: a camper along with his father, mother, and sisters.

The father introduced himself and his son. "He wants to tell you a story," he said.

The boy had been among the 250 thirteen-year-olds who, a few days earlier, had heard Rabbi Neuwirth's *Shivah Asar b'Tammuz* speech about *machlokes* and shalom.

"After your speech, I called my father. I told him that I know it's not my place to give him advice, but I know he has been in a business *machlokes* for two years. I told him the story about Charlotte that you told us, and I asked him to make peace as a *zechus* for her."

The story of Charlotte was a tragedy that occurred in June, just before *Shivah Asar b'Tammuz*, when eight-year-old Charlotte Herzberg was fatally hit by a car while biking in front of her house. Realizing that no one was at fault, Charlotte's parents went straight to the driver of the car—Yudi Herzberg's neighbor and *chavrusa*—to forgive and forge a path forward. The two men went public, creating the Shalom for Charlotte campaign, which has already inspired tens of thousands of Jews to make shalom as a *zechus* for her *neshamah*.

This boy's father was moved, but $35,000 was at stake. He thought about it, spoke to his wife, and before Shabbos, texted the other party in the dispute, "I'm *mochel* the $35,000." Two years of *machlokes*—finished. And throughout Klal Yisrael, Jews have gotten the message: What are we fighting about? Is it that important? Two bereaved parents rose above their pain, and in the *zechus* of their daughter, are moving the world to Geulah.

See the good
What's the Real Story?

This Kid Just Won't Go Away!

"Support *talmidei chachamim* in Eretz Yisrael," a man called out, just loudly enough to be heard. He was one of about a dozen men collecting *tzedakah* at Asher's shul that morning.

They all accepted credit cards, and Asher tried to give a donation of a dollar or two to everyone who asked. He handed this man his card and glanced at his face. "Hey, you look familiar!"

"Wait ... I know you too! Asher! How are you?" the man replied with a big, friendly smile. It was Yosef Chaim, whom Asher remembered from his time learning at the Mir in Yerushalayim fifteen years earlier. Soon, the two were deep in conversation, catching up after all those years.

Meanwhile, twelve-year-old Shaul hung around near the two men, holding an envelope and a thick wad of dollar bills. He was collecting for his yeshivah and wanted a donation from Asher. But the men just kept talking. Finally, Asher noticed Shaul and gave him a dollar. Shaul went away.

A few minutes later, Shaul was back shifting impatiently from foot to foot and trying to get Asher's attention.

"What does this kid want now?" Asher thought. "I already gave him a dollar. He should know not to interrupt adults!" Asher ignored him and kept talking to Yosef Chaim.

Then, Shaul reached out and lightly tugged the back of Asher's coat. Really? Why wouldn't this boy leave Asher alone? What did he want to tell him?

Submitted by an **Aderaba participant**

Can you Crack the case?

"What can I do for you?" Asher asked, with much more patience than he felt.

"Everyone who gives a dollar gets a scratch-off lottery ticket," Shaul explained, holding it out. "I just wanted to tell you—you won!"

DEDICATIONS

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