THE WESTMOUNT WEEKLY

Leil Shabbos May 17th:

- 6:10 PM Shir Hashirim
- 6:30 PM Mincha/ Kabolas Shabbos / Maariv
- 7:06 PM Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:21 PM Latest Candle Lighting

May 18th:

- 8:00 AM Shiur for men / women with the Rav
- 8:45 AM Main Sanctuary Service
- 8:45 AM Sefardi Minyan
- 8:50 AM Shiur for men / women with the Rav
- 9:30 AM Moriah Room Minyan followed by class with David Fihrer
- 10:30 AM Ladies Class with the Rebbetzin in the lounge
- 10:30 AM Children's program
- 11:15 AM Sit down Kiddush / Luncheon / Drush with the Rav: "What Do Chayalim & Yeshiva Bachurim Have in Common ?"
- 6:00 PM Review of SCP Laws of Mayim Acharonim
- 7:00 PM Class for men & women with the Rav : Tehilim 130
- 8:00 PM Mincha
- 8:30 PM Shalosh Seudos for men / women
- 9:30 PM Ma'ariv / Havdalah / Tehillim

Davening & Learning Times May 19 - 26

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shacharis	8:00	6:15	6:30	6:30	6:15	6:30
7:25 AM		MEGILAS RUS	MEGILAS RUS	MEGILAS RUS	MEGILAS RUS	MEGILAS RUS
2 ND Shacharis *		8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
1:25 PM		WHAT IS ZIONISM ?	WHAT IS ZIONISM ?	WHAT IS ZIONISM ?	WHAT IS ZIONISM ?	
MINCHA		2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	
MINCHA/MAARIV	8:25					6:30
8:00 PM		PARSHA	TALMUD		SCP	
MAARIV		9:15	9:15	9:15	9:15	
RAMBAM	9:10	9:30	9:30	9:30		

* E-MAIL DANIEL DEVERE AT <u>devere.daniel@gmail.com</u> FOR UPDATES ON THE STATUS OF THE MINYAN CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED, IN PART, BY JAYKEE & SHAREEN ROMI-BABANY ON THEIR 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

DAD'S KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY GARY HYDE ON THE YAHRZEIT OF HIS FATHER TZVI BEN SHMUEL a"h

SHALOSH SEUDOS IS SPONSORED BY THE NAOR FAMILY ON THE YAHRZEIT OF NATALIE'S FATHER ASHER LEV BEN CHAIM MOSHE HALEVI a"h & ON THE SHLOSHIM OF MOSHE BEN YAAKOV a"h & BY SHMUEL SCHEINBACH ON THE YAHRZEIT OF HIS MOTHER DORIT BAS SHMUEL a"h & BY SARAH GLOWINSKY ON THE YAHRZEITS OF HER PARENTS YITZCHAK AARON BEN ZVI HIRSH a"h & RAISEL BAS HERSH LEIB a"h & BROTHER YECHIEL BEN YITZCHAK AARON a"h

NEED HELP WALKING TO SHUL ON SHABBOS ? CONTACT STEVE SCUTARU AT <u>scutarus@gmail.com</u> HE CAN SET YOU UP WITH A SHABBOS COMPLIANT SCOOTER 2 OF THE SCOOTERS HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY DONATED BY THE FIHRER FAMILY LE'ILUY NISHMAS GABRIELLA'S FATHER YITZCHAK BEN ZUSMAN HAKOHEN a"h

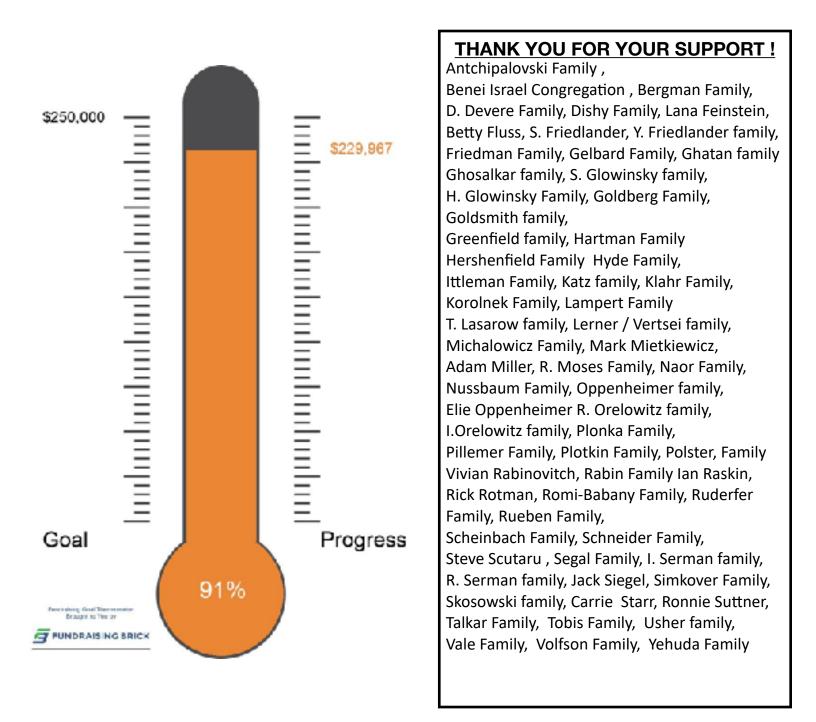
PRAYER FOR THE WELFARE ON OUR MEMBERS' CHILDREN IN ISRAEL:

The Vizhnitzer Rebbe of Bnei Brak, Rav Yisroel Hager, recited a special mi shebeirach on Shabbos at the Vizhnitzer Beis Midrash in Bnei Brak for the Israeli soldiers, the sick, and the hostages, using the tefillah composed by Rav Menachem Mendel Gefner. The mi shebeirach was written 75 years ago and was recited by the Tchebiner Rov and Rav Isser Zalman Meltzer: The Rabbi has made a few adaptations to it including the names of members children fighting the physical and spiritual war.

מי שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב, הוא יברך וישמור ויעזור ויגן ויושיע לכל אחינו בית ישראל, העומדים במערכה צבאית ורוחנית מול שונאי ישראל,ובפרט **צבי אליעזר בן בתיה,** שלמה אהרן בן שרה, סימה אסתר בת שרה, טוביה שמואל בן אסתר חייקא ,שירה מלכה בת לאה,אהרן צבי בן יהודית אביגיל, משה דוד בן חנה, אילון בן צילה ,עדינה לאורה חנה בת חיה מלכה, יהושע נתן בן שושנה רחל, אהרן יוסף בן שושנה רחל, משה יעקב בן געלא לאה, מנחם יהושע בן געלא לאה, מלכה בת גילה, דוד בן שרון, חנה פעשא בת נעמי,שרה בת שרון, יקירה טובה בת לאה, יחיאל בן דבורה ,משפחת ברטונסקי, משפחת כליש, משפחת גולדברג, משפחת הורוביץ, משפחת זוהר, משפחת לואיס, משפחת סטיין, משפחת דביר, משפחת סקס, ומשפחת מישאן בעבור שכל הקהל מברכים אותם ומתפללים בעדם. בשכר זה הקב"ה ישמרם ויצילם מכל רע, וידבר עמים תחתם, ורדפו מהם חמשה מאה ומאה מהם רבבה ירדופו, ובכל אשר יפנו יצליחו, ונפלו אויבינו לפניהם לחרב, וישובו לשלום לאהליהם. להחלימם, לרפאותם, להחזיקם ולהחיותם, וישלח להם רפואה שלמה מן השמים לכל איבריהם וגידיהם בתוך שאר חולי ישראל, רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף, השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב ונאמר אמן. ומי מהם שנפל בשבי, הקב"ה ימלא רחמים עליהם ויתנם לרחמים לפני שוביהם, ויוציא ממסגר אסיר, ויקרא לשבויים דרור ולאסורים יפקח קוח. וישיבם לבתיהם בשלום במהרה, אמן

He who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, he will bless and safeguard and help and shield and save all our brothers of the House of Israel, who are standing in the military and spiritual battle against the haters of Israel; especially Ariella & Ryan Berman, Salomon Friedlander, Moshe Froom, Samuel Glowinsky, Stefanie Glowinsky, Shira Goodman, Aaron Greenfield, Adina Hershenfield, Aylon Kushnir, Josh Lasarow, Aaron Lasarow, Lori Maresky, Moshe Michalowicz, Menachem & Malka Michalowicz, David & Chana Romi-Babany, Sarah Romi-Babany, Yakira Serman, and Yechiel Sussman, Maayan Volfson, Eliav & Adva Yehuda, the Zohar, Bartkunsky, Clish, Devere, Goldberg, Horovitz, Lewis, Sass, Stein, Mishan, Sonenberg, and Sacks families for the sake of which the whole congregation blesses them and prays for them. In this merit, the Almighty will protect them and save them from all evil, and will speak to the nations under them, and five of them will pursue one hundred of them, and a hundred of them will pursue ten thousand of them, and wherever they turn, they will succeed, and our enemies will fall to the sword before them, and they will return to their homes in peace. To heal them, to sustain them and to revive them, and send them complete healing from heaven for all their limbs and sinews among the rest of the sick of Israel, the healing of the soul and the healing of the body, now, speedily, in a short time, and let us say Amen. And those of them who fell into captivity, the Almighty will have mercy on them and will give them to mercy before their captors, and will take a prisoner out of prison, and will call the captives freedom and the prisoners a strong guard, and will return them to their homes in peace soon, Amen

We thank the **67** families who have made their pledges / donations to help the Shul reach their fundraising goal for the year 5784. We still have a long 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 <u>rabbimichalowicz@gmail.com</u> with your pledge amount.





The Westmount Shul is proud to take part in the OU's B'Yachad LaNetzach project which aims to commemorate every IDF chayal who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the aftermath of the October 7th attacks.

When you enter the Shul, you will see a plaque that features a photo and a short bio of **Kfir Yitzchak Franco**.

Please click on the link below to hear more about the program:<u>https://www.ou.org/lanetzach/?</u> <u>utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Preparing%20for%20the%20Yo</u> <u>ms%20(1)&utm_content=&spMailingID=35462956&spUserID=MjgxNDAzMDE4NjgS1&spJobID=266</u> <u>3 2 9 2 3 7 0 & s p R e p o r t I d = M j Y 2 M z I 5 M j M 3 M A S 2 ?</u> <u>utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Preparing%20for%20the%20Yo</u> <u>ms%20(1)&utm_content=&spMailingID=35462956&spUserID=MjgxNDA</u>

Here more information about Kfir hy"d from a Jerusalem Post article written by Liat Collins: 'Everything you're feeling is normal," I've found myself reassuring people recently. Or maybe I'm trying to reassure myself.

But what can be considered normal? It's not the normal order of things for parents to bury their children, yet last week when Captain Kfir Yitzchak Franco, a platoon commander in the Armored Corps, fell in Gaza, I rushed to his home. The next day, I was present as his parents, maternal grandparents, and two sisters parted from him at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl Military Cemetery.

It was not natural that his fiancee, Naama, should abandon their wedding plans and eulogize him and their powerful love. It was extraordinary that there, by the grave, she should pledge that she would nonetheless "one day raise a family in Israel," a tribute to Kfir's strong Zionism as much as her own courage.

Kfir was – will always be – the son of my friends, Muriel and Haim; the child from across the road who played with marbles, toy cars, and plastic soldiers together with my son on my living-room floor. I watched him grow from a cute kid into an officer and a gentleman. As is customary in the IDF, he was promoted posthumously. How I wish he could have remained a lieutenant for longer, rather than remaining forever 22 years and one week old.

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Hundreds of people lined the street holding flags and singing "Am Yisrael Chai" as the family made their way from their home to the cemetery. "Am Yisrael Chai!," his father shouted. The People of Israel lives! The echo reached the heavens and will forever reverberate in Jerusalem's hills and beyond.

Thousands came to pay their last respects at Mount Herzl, those who knew Kfir in his too-brief lifetime, and those who only heard of him after his death – a brave soldier who suddenly became the son of all of us.

It was surreal – not normal – to lean on my reservist son at the funeral and to watch him the next day pick up his gun after a brief shiva visit and head back to his own unit. Kfir's grave is located close to that of the much-loved Rabbi Naaran Eshchar, from my son's yeshiva. The 33-year-old father donated a kidney in the summer, and his family donated more organs after he was killed in the line of duty last month.



NAAMA, THE FIANCIÉE of Cpt. Klir Yitzchak Franco (inset), surrounded by their families and friends, salutes him at his funeral at Jerusalem's Mount Herolmilitary cemetery on November 16

Those of you who understand Hebrew will appreciate the following two links: <u>https://</u>www.israelhayom.co.il/news/local/article/14831093 and

