

SHABBOS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY NIGHT - AUGUST 28

6:00 PM

Shir Hashirim followed by Tehillim Psalm 107

6:25 PM

Mincha / Kabolas Shabbos / Maariv / Candle Lighting

6:36 PM

Earliest Candle Lighting

7:42 PM

Latest Candle Lighting

SHABBOS - AUGUST 29

8:00 AM

Men's / women's shiur with the Rav: **"I Did Everything That You Commanded"**

8:45 AM

Main Sanctuary & Sfardi Room services

8:50 AM

Men's / women's shiur with the Rav: **"I Did Everything That You Commanded"**

9:30 AM

Moriah Room service; class with **Ian Durbach**

10:30 AM

Ladies Class with **Dvora Sussman**

10:30 AM

Children's program

11:15 AM

Luncheon & Rav's Drush: **"The Confession We Forget to Make"**

6:00 PM

Pirkei Avos with Rav: **"Where Must a Jew Say Dai?"**

7:00 PM

Mincha

7:30 PM

Shalosh Seudos

8:48 PM

Maariv / Havdallah

DAVENING & LEARNING - AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 4

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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
2ND SHACHARIS		8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
MADREIGAS HA'ADAM		1:25	CANCELLED	1:25	1:25	
MINCHA	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	6:20
MAARIV	9:15	9:15	9:15	9:15		
SEFER CHAREIDIM	8:45	9:30	9:30	9:30		

COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Congregational Kiddush is sponsored by **Yefet & Rena Isaac** in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Avishai**.

MAZEL TOV

Yefet & Rena Isaac: Bar Mitzvah of grandson **Avishai**. Parents: Asaf & Adina Shira Isaac; grandmother Carol Gruss; great-grandmother Diana Talkar.
David & Gavriellah Fihrer: son **Meir** engaged to **Shana Newmark**.
Larry & Natalie Froom: grandson born to **Moshe & Yitti Froom**. **Shalom Zachor** Friday night, 50 Faye Ct.

GEMATRIA OF THE WEEK

ELUL = BINAH = 67. Elul asks us not only to notice our actions, but to understand the patterns beneath them - and choose a wiser path for the coming year.

להתראות

L'HITRAOT - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

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SHABBOS SHUVAH - SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



For 30 years, Tony and Marylin Simkover have been cherished members of the Westmount Shul family. For the past five years, they have divided their time between Toronto and Israel. Following Sukkos, they will make Ramat Beit Shemesh their permanent home and return each year to visit.

Our congregational Kiddush on Shabbos Shuvah will be held in their honour as we wish them brachah and hatzlachah upon their permanent Aliyah.

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LET US COME TOGETHER TO SAY L'HITRAOT!

A FIRST LOOK AT ARE YOU "ONLY HUMAN"?

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Dear Westmount Family,

Baruch Hashem, after many intense weeks of learning, writing, editing, and preparation, our new sefer, Are You "Only Human"?, has been completed. We are delighted to share the next important milestone: the sefer has now gone public and is available worldwide through Amazon.

This sefer is being printed as a zechus for the complete refuah sheleimah of my beloved wife, Rebbetzin Gail Michalowicz, Gela Leah bas Gittel. We hope that every chapter learned and every practical avodah undertaken through this sefer will add to that zechus.

We therefore invite you not merely to read the sefer, but to learn it seriously and allow its teachings to shape your daily avodah. That would be a deeply meaningful zechus for the Rebbetzin.

Every Westmount Shul member family will receive one complimentary copy shortly before Rosh Hashanah. The sefer has been designed to be read and learned throughout the Aseres Yemei Teshuvah, with each day devoted to another middah and its practical avodah.

If your family would like a second copy, we will be very happy to provide one. Please send your request to Shareen in the shul office at office@westmountshul.com.

We offer our sincere thanks to Shelly Glowinsky, who is overseeing the distribution of the sefarim. Anyone who would like to assist with distribution is invited to contact Shelly at 416-671-1716.

Now we invite you to help carry this Torah beyond Westmount. Please share the Amazon listing with relatives, friends, students, shuls, and anyone seeking meaningful preparation for Aseres Yemei Teshuvah. By directing others to Amazon.ca or Amazon.com, you can help Torah developed within our kehillah reach Jews throughout the world.

The sefer will soon be in your hands. Until then, please help us spread the word that a project born within our Westmount family is now available to the wider Jewish world.

Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz



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**TEN DAYS. TEN GATES.
ONE PATH HOME.**

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ROSH HASHANAH

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Customary to fast until 1:13 PM

6:00 PM

Mincha / Dvar Torah / Maariv

6:16 PM

Earliest Candle Lighting

7:17 PM

Latest Candle Lighting

FIRST DAY - SHABBOS, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM Shacharis in Shul & Sfardi Minyan

8:45 AM Shacharis in Moriah Room

10:30 AM Youth Programs until 12:30 PM

10:30 AM Main Shul Kiddush, sponsored by the **Glowinsky family** on the yahrzeit of Shelly's grandmother, Bina bas Hershel Tzvi a"h

11:00 AM Moriah Kiddush, sponsored by the **Izsak family** in memory of Rob's father, Tibor a"h

12:00 PM Class in the **LOUNGE**

EAT SHALOSH SEUDOS AT HOME

7:00 PM Mincha / Class / Maariv

8:23 PM Earliest Candle Lighting from a pre-existing flame and Yom Tov preparations

SECOND DAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 AM Shacharis in Shul & Sfardi Minyan

8:45 AM Shacharis in Moriah Room

10:30 AM Youth Programs until 12:30 PM

10:30 AM Main Shul Kiddush, sponsored by **Robert Volfson** in honour of Robbie, Sivan & Meital's birthdays

11:00 AM Moriah Kiddush, sponsored by **Kathy Vertesi** on the yahrzeit of her mother, Malka bas Elisha a"h

12:00 PM Class in the **LOUNGE**

7:00 PM Mincha / Class / Maariv

8:21 PM Havdallah

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

YOM KIPPUR

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KOL NIDREI - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 1:10 PM** Halachic Midday - preferred earliest time for men to go to the Mikveh
- 3:00 PM** Mincha in the Main Shul for all options
- 6:02 PM** Earliest Candle Lighting
- 7:00 PM** Latest Candle Lighting

**PLEASE LIGHT AT HOME BEFORE
COMING TO SHUL**

- 7:00 PM** Kol Nidrei for all minyanim
- 8:15 PM** Class in the **LOUNGE**

YOM KIPPUR - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 8:00 AM** Shacharis in the Sfardi Minyan
- 8:00 AM** Shacharis in the Main Shul
- 8:45 AM** Shacharis in the Moriah Room
- 10:30 AM** YIZKOR (approximately)
- 10:30 AM** Youth Programs until 12:30 PM
- 12:00 PM** Class in the **LOUNGE**

*Special afternoon class with Rabbi
Michalowicz after Musaf in the Main Shul*

AFTERNOON / EVENING

- 5:00 PM** Mincha / Neilah - Main Shul
- 5:30 PM** Mincha / Neilah - Moriah Room & Sfardi Minyan
- 8:07 PM** Shofar Blast for all minyanim, followed by Maariv

BREAKING THE FAST: Sponsored by the Goldberg family on the yahrzeit of Arlene's father, Shalom ben Avraham a"h, and by Sharon Millstein on the yahrzeit of her husband, Larry a"h.



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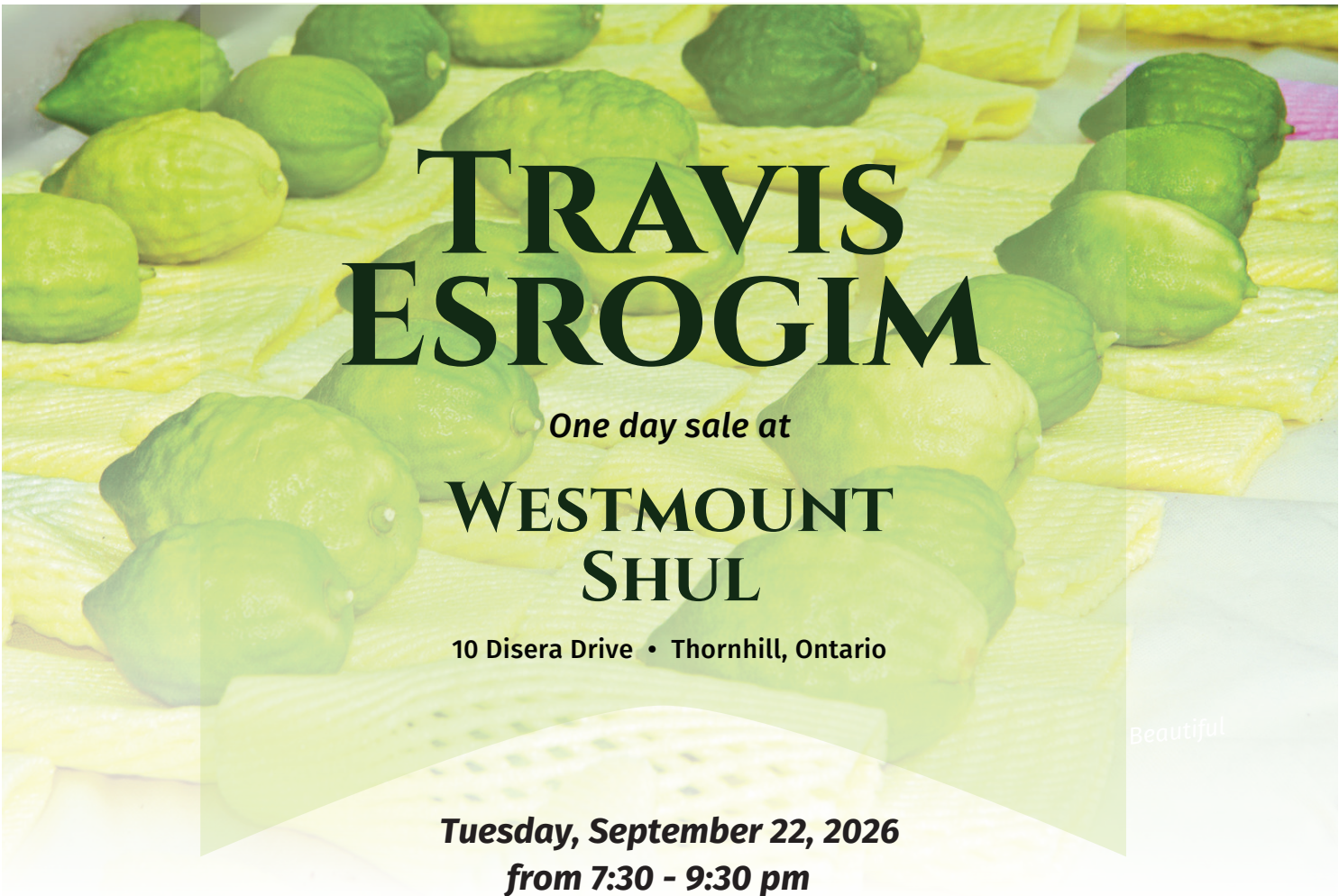
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SHABBOS PARSHAS KI SAVO 5786

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Please do not read during davening or Krias HaTorah.

Bent out of Shape over Bashed-Up Boxes

I run a business that sells machine parts. One of the strengths of my business is customer service, and my delivery operations are a big part of that. For several years, I've been using Reliable Deliveries to package and deliver the parts to my customers. Dovid, the owner, gave me the best price for the service, but it seems that his boxes are of low quality. My customers often complain that the box arrives looking like it's been through



an accident, and the parts are sometimes damaged as a result. I told this to Dovid several times, but he hasn't upgraded his boxes. That's why I decided to change delivery services.

I just signed a contract with Lightspeed Deliveries. The owner, Kalman, knows I was using Reliable, and I want to tell him why I changed so that he will understand that the quality of the boxes is important to me. Can I tell him about the issue with Reliable Deliveries?

—Yanky

What's the Psak?

Do you know the halachah?

A No.

It's loshon hora to speak negatively about Reliable Deliveries.

B Yes.

It's a *to'eles* for Yanky so that he can avoid the same problem.

C Yes.

It's already obvious that Yanky has had some issue with Reliable Deliveries.

No Need to Mention It

One of the rules of *to'eles* is that we are only allowed to report negative information that is necessary for a constructive purpose. If we can achieve the same goal without saying the negative information, we may not say it.¹

Yanky has a constructive purpose, which is to make sure Kalman uses strong boxes—otherwise Yanky will have the same problem he had with Reliable. However, he can simply tell Kalman directly that this is what he wants. He doesn't have to compare Lightspeed's boxes with Reliable's to get the point across. This is a key rule of *to'eles*—**we may not speak negatively about someone else unless there is no other way of achieving the constructive purpose.** This is particularly important when speaking to someone about that person's competitor, because it is likely that the listener will use that information to further discredit him.² For instance, Kalman might tell a prospective customer, "I'm a little more expensive than Reliable, but my boxes are much stronger. People tell me Reliable's boxes arrive all bashed up."

Answer: The halachah is A.

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.

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It was the greatest news! The letter that the Alter of Novardok held in his hand was the answer to many heartfelt prayers. As the head of the Novardok network of yeshivos, the Alter was in constant need of money. But money was hard to raise—most Jews lived in poverty. So, the Alter spent much of his time fundraising.

But now, a wealthy German Jew had passed away, leaving his magnificent home to the yeshivah! With the money that would come from the sale of that house, new Novardok yeshivos could be opened.

He Stayed 900 Miles Away from Machlokes



Existing ones would receive money for heat, food, repairs—everything they were lacking.

The Alter needed to travel to Germany to complete the transaction. There were papers to be signed, a house to be sold—much to do. He packed up and set out on the trip, a 900-mile journey by train.

He had gone a great distance already when a message reached him. A representative of another yeshivah was also on his way

to claim this very house that had been bequeathed to Novardok!

“What could the explanation be?” he wondered. Perhaps the benefactor had asked for the proceeds of the house sale to be divided between the two yeshivos? Or was there some kind of mix-up?

Whatever the reason, the Alter made a firm decision, right in the middle of his trip. He got off the train and headed back to Novardok. No matter what he stood to gain, it would undoubtedly come to him only through a conflict—perhaps a *beis din* or perhaps a *machlokes*.

To the Alter, that completely erased the value of the house. Money won through *machlokes* would never truly bring about benefit, but by being *mevater*, he was certain he could not lose.

Adapted from
the Hebrew
sefer *Aderaba*,
by Rabbi Yaakov
Yisrael Posen

See the
good
What's the
Real
Story?



Many years ago, Zaidy Hill had an extensive *sefarim* library. That made him the go-to address for *talmidei chachamim* who needed any *sefer* that was hard to find.

One day, Zaidy told his grandson Yisroel Meir about a special *sefer* that he owned—about an *eiruv* in Odessa. It was a fascinating collection of opinions from many of the legendary Torah figures of the past generation.

Yisroel Meir wanted to see the *sefer*, but one of the community's leading

dayanim had borrowed it. Some time passed, and Yisroel Meir asked Zaidy Hill again, “Could I see that *sefer* about the Odessa *eiruv*?”

“It seems to be lost,” Zaidy replied.

“The *dayan* called to ask if he could borrow it again, and I told him that I thought he still had it. He said he

had returned it to me a while ago, and I trust him. But I don't have it, and I didn't lend it to anyone else, so I'm stumped.”

Did the *dayan* lose the book?

Things Don't Just Disappear!



Can you **Crack** the case?

A couple of years later, Yisroel Meir thought about that *sefer* again and asked Zaidy if it had been found.

“It's a story,” he told his grandson.

“Someone from Eretz Yisrael who had stayed in our house had borrowed a *sefer* on tefillin and was looking for a way to send it back.

We arranged for someone to bring it back, and when I got it, I saw that the *sefer* on the Odessa *eiruv* was actually bound together with the *sefer* on tefillin as a single volume. I just didn't realize it was in there. So I did loan it out again. I just didn't know it.”

Zaidy was glad he had trusted the *dayan*'s word. The whole thing didn't make sense...until it did.

Submitted by
**Aderaba
participant**
Yisroel Meir
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