

## ROSH HASHANAH SCHEDULE

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## EREV ROSH HASHANAH - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Customary to fast until 1:13 PM

**6:00 PM MINCHA / DVAR TORAH / MAARIV**  
**HOW DOES JUDGMENT BECOME SWEET?**

6:16 PM Earliest CL

7:17 PM Latest CL

A SPECIAL ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE FROM REBBETZIN GAIL  
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## FIRST DAY - SHABBOS, SEPTEMBER 12

**8:00 AM** Shacharis in Shul & Sfardi Minyan

**9:00 AM** Shacharis in Moriah Room

**10:30 AM** Youth Programs until 12:30 PM

**10:30 AM** Main Shul Kiddush - **Glowinsky family**  
**in memory of Bina bas Hershel Tzvi a"h**  
**DRUSH: FROM ZAHAV TO PAZ**  
**Making a Golden Year**

**11:00 AM** Moriah Kiddush - **Izsak family**  
**in memory of Tibor a"h**  
**DRUSH: FROM ZAHAV TO PAZ**  
**Making a Golden Year**

**12:00 PM** LADIES' CLASS IN THE LOUNGE  
 (after U'nesaneh Tokef)  
**THE SHOFAR REMINDS US WHO**  
**WE REALLY ARE**

**EAT SHALOSH SEUDOS AT HOME**

**7:00 PM** Mincha / Class / Maariv  
**THE SHOFAR WE DID NOT BLOW**  
**Avraham's Command, Yitzchak's Mesorah**

**8:23 PM** Earliest candle lighting from a  
 pre-existing flame; Yom Tov preparations

## SECOND DAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**8:00 AM** Shacharis in Shul & Sfardi Minyan

**9:00 AM** Shacharis in Moriah Room

**10:30 AM** Youth Programs until 12:30 PM

**10:30 AM** Main Shul Kiddush - **Robert Volson**  
**in honour of the birthdays of**  
**Robbie, Sivan, and Meital**  
**DRUSH: THE STORM BEFORE THE SHOFAR**

**11:00 AM** Moriah Kiddush - **Kathy Vertesi**  
**in memory of Malka bas Elisha a"h**  
**DRUSH: THE STORM BEFORE THE SHOFAR**

**12:00 PM** LADIES' CLASS IN THE LOUNGE  
 (after U'nesaneh Tokef)  
**THE MITZVAH WOMEN REFUSE TO MISS**  
**You Heard the Shofar - Now What?**

**7:00 PM** Mincha / Class / Maariv  
**WHEN THE JUDGE TURNS HIS FACE**  
**TOWARD US**  
**The Ten Days That Contain an Entire Year**

**8:21 PM** Havdallah

**SFARDI KIDDUSH ON ROSH HASHANAH**

Sponsored by Hannoch & Edna Yehuda

## WEEKDAY DAVENING &amp; LEARNING - SEPTEMBER 14-18

**MONDAY IS TZOM GEDALIAH - SELICHOS AND TORAH READING WILL LENGTHEN SHACHARIS**  
**FAST BEGINS 5:43 AM | FAST ENDS 8:20 PM**

| SCHEDULE                          | MON     | TUE     | WED     | THU     | FRI     |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| EARLIEST TALLIS / TEFILLIN BRACHA | 5:55:34 | 5:56:48 | 5:58:02 | 5:59:16 | 6:00:29 |
| SELICHOS / SHACHARIS              | 6:00    | 6:10    | 6:10    | 6:00    | 6:10    |
| SECOND MINYAN                     | 7:40    | 7:40    | 7:40    | 7:40    | 7:40    |
| KITZUR CLASS                      | 7:30    | 7:30    | 7:30    | 7:30    | 7:30    |
| MADREIGAS HA'ADAM                 | 1:25    | 1:25    | 1:25    | 1:25    | -       |
| MINCHA                            | 2:00    | 2:00    | 2:00    | 2:00    | 6:00    |
| MAARIV                            | 8:00    | 9:15    | 9:15    | 9:15    | -       |
| SEFER CHAREIDIM                   | 7:30    | 9:30    | 9:30    | -       | -       |

**ADDITIONAL CLASSES**

MON 7:30 PM / TUE 8:30 PM - Mordy Michalowicz - Mishnah Berurah  
 THU - 9:30 PM: Rabbi Tsvi Heber - Chassidus on the Parsha

**SPONSORSHIP**

THURSDAY, 28 ELUL - Kitzur class sponsored by the Lasarow family  
 on the yahrzeit of Tony's brother, Reuven ben Yosef.

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**KIDDUSH ON BOTH DAYS**

After the Torah reading is completed on both days, a light Kiddush will be served - before Musaf on Shabbos and before the shofar on Sunday. Warm potato bourekas, assorted rugelach, coffee boxes and bottled water will help everyone refresh and continue with strength and focus.

**SEVEN CONNECTED TEACHINGS**

From Friday evening through Sunday evening, Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz will guide us through seven connected teachings about sweetening judgment, making 5787 a golden year, hearing who we truly are, receiving the mesorah, and entering the Ten Days with courage, joy and purpose.

**MAZEL TOV!**

Mazel Tov to Robert and Dvora Volson on the birth of two grandchildren - a grandson born to Corey and Amanda Volson, and a granddaughter born to Chilly and Yehudis Sussman. Mazel Tov to the entire family!

**TWO SECURITY GUARDS HAVE BEEN HIRED FOR ROSH HASHANAH**

Please remain attentive and follow any instructions given at the entrance.

**RAIN? HEAT? A SIMCHA SOMEWHERE ELSE?**

# MISS PART OF ROSH HASHANAH? READ WHAT YOU WILL MISS.

Seven drashos and classes will be delivered throughout Yom Tov. Read or print any teaching you cannot hear in person.



**RAIN KEPT YOU HOME?**

**TOO HOT TO COME OUT?**

**AWAY FOR A SIMCHA?**

**MISSING ALL - OR PART?**

## SEVEN ROSH HASHANAH DRASHOS & CLASSES

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

**SHABBOS MAIN DRUSH**

**SHABBOS LADIES' CLASS**

**SHABBOS 7 PM CLASS**

**SUNDAY MAIN DRUSH**

**SUNDAY LADIES' CLASS**

**SUNDAY 7 PM CLASS**

**READ WHAT YOU WILL MISS - AND EXPERIENCE THE FULL ROSH HASHANAH JOURNEY.**

### COMING TO ONE OF THEM?

Please save that teaching for the live experience - some questions are better before you know the answer. Read and enjoy any of the teachings you will miss.

**READ WHAT YOU WILL MISS  
SEVEN ROSH HASHANAH TEACHINGS**

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L'HITRAOT - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

TAKE PART IN THE

## BON VOYAGE KIDDUSH

HONOURING TONY & MARYLIN SIMKOVER

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!

THE BOOK IS IN YOUR HANDS. NOW LET IT GUIDE THE DAYS.

# NOW YOU HAVE THE BOOK. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT?

## BEFORE ROSH HASHANAH

Read the Introduction and the opening story, It Began with Two Missing Beds. If time is short, read the story first and return to the Introduction later.

### START DAY ONE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Read shortly before Rosh Hashanah or on the first night. Each following evening, read the chapter for the Jewish day that is beginning.



## TEN DAYS. TEN MIDDOS. ONE DAILY AVODAH.

### DAY 1 MALCHUS

SHABBOS, SEPT. 12

### DAY 6 GEVURAH

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

### DAY 2 YESOD

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

### DAY 7 CHESED

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

### DAY 3 HOD

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

### DAY 8 BINAH

SHABBOS, SEPT. 19

### DAY 4 NETZACH

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

### DAY 9 CHOCHMAH

EREV YOM KIPPUR, SEPT. 20

### DAY 5 TIFERES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

### DAY 10 KESSER - PARTS I & II

YOM KIPPUR, SEPT. 21

### YOM KIPPUR IS DAY TEN - BUT THE SEFER STILL HAS TWO CONCLUDING READINGS

1. Motzaei Yom Kippur: The Holiness of the Hour
2. During the four days before Sukkos: Are You Prepared for the Final Exam?

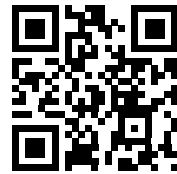
**Each day: choose one concrete way to live that middah. The goal is avodah, not merely finishing pages.**

WE ARE LEARNING TOGETHER AS A ZECHUS FOR REBBETZIN GAIL - GELA LEAH BAS GITTEL

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## HOLIDAY KIDDUSH & LUNCHEON GUIDE

A clear guide to when a full sit-down Kiddush is - and is not - being served.

### NO LUNCH

#### ROSH HASHANAH - SEPTEMBER 12-13

No formal sit-down Kiddush or luncheon. Refreshments before Musaf both days and before shofar on Sunday.

### KIDDUSH

#### SHABBOS SHUVA - SEPTEMBER 19

Regular Kiddush, including our farewell tribute to Tony & Marilyn Simkover.

### NO LUNCH

#### SUKKOS - SEPTEMBER 26-27

No Kiddush or luncheon; the shul does not have a sukkah.

### BOTH DAYS

#### SHEMINI ATZERES & SIMCHAS TORAH - OCTOBER 3-4

Kiddush will be served on both days.

Please keep this guide handy throughout the Yom Tov season.

## YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE

**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  
**FAST BEGINS**

**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

**9:00 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  
**FAST ENDS**

**BREAKING THE FAST**

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and by Sharon Millstein in memory of her husband, Larry a"h.



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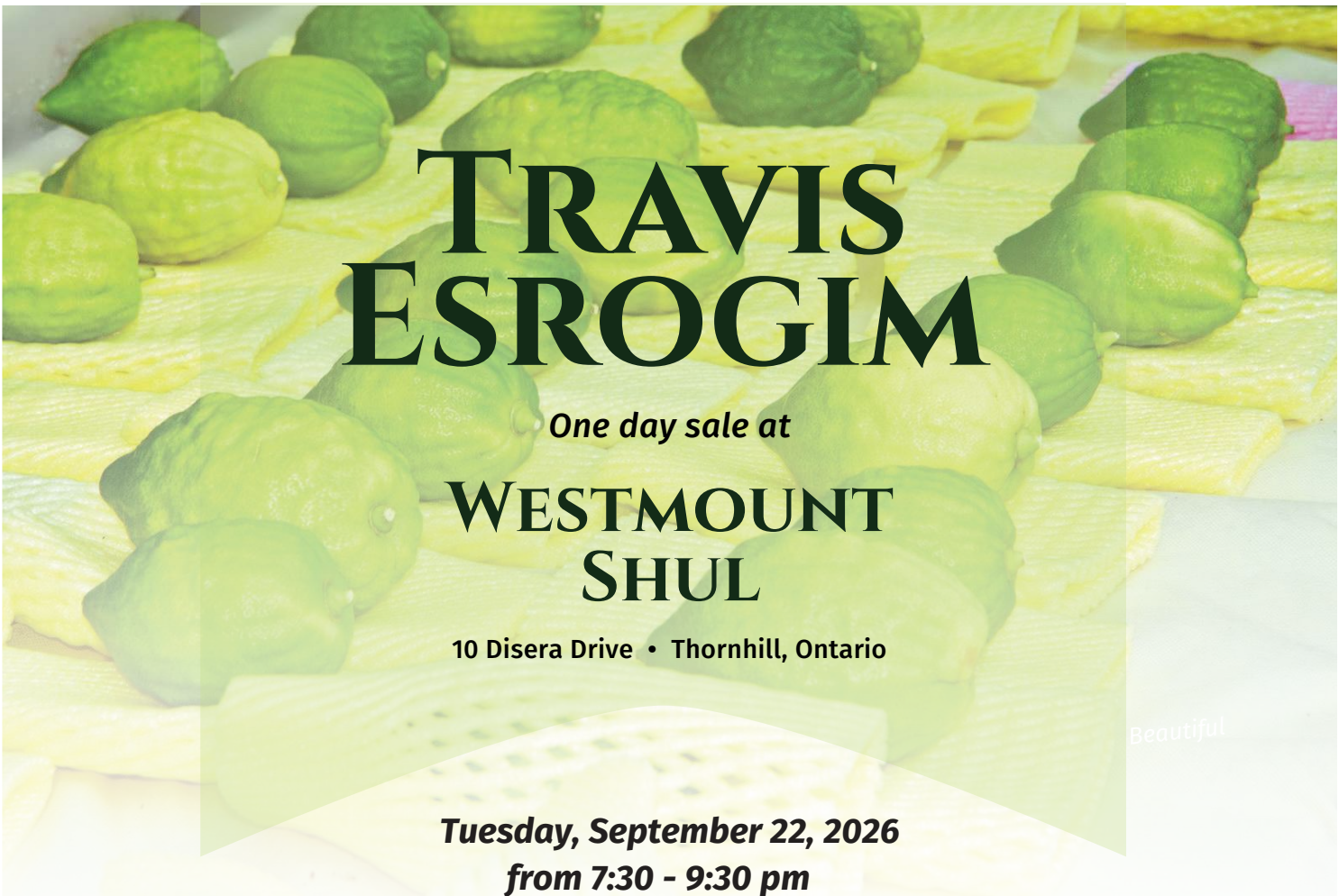
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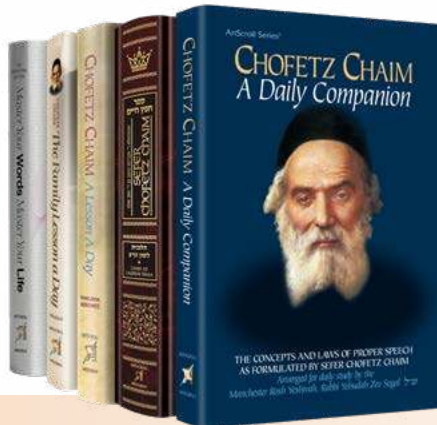
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## We Both Need to Make This Kabbalah

I have a close friend, Yehudah, whom I've known since kindergarten.

We're in yeshivah together and learn together during night seder, and we're part of the same circle of friends. That means we have lots of opportunities to shmooze.

Sometimes we get into pretty deep conversations, and one thing we've been talking about is trying to really



grow in Torah and *middos* this coming year. We decided to ask our rebbi about choosing a good *kabbalah*. We discussed learning *hilchos Shabbos* or a *sefer* on *tefillah*. But then I said, "Maybe we should learn *hilchos loshon hora*. We're definitely not as careful as we should be." After I said this, I thought, *Maybe I shouldn't have included Yehudah in my statement*. Was what I said okay?

—Yoni

### What's the Psak?

Do you know the halachah?

**A Yes.**

The result will not harm Yehudah; it will help him improve.

**B No.**

It's *loshon hora* about Yehudah.

**C Yes.**

What Yoni said wasn't so bad.

## Keep it Neutral

It's great that Yehudah and Yoni see the new year as an opportunity to grow! But, in his choosing of the *kabbalah*, Yoni made a common mistake. People think that since their relatives and close friends are so much a part of them, they can speak about them negatively.<sup>1</sup> It's as if there's no difference between saying "My allergies annoy me," and "My brother annoys me."

Not only is this a mistake, it is the opposite of the truth. Those who mean the most to us are the ones we should be most careful not to hurt.

Yoni also may have thought that including himself in the statement makes it kosher. This is also not true. It's okay for Yoni to tell his rebbi that *he* has a challenge regarding *loshon hora*, but he cannot include Yehudah in that admission.<sup>2</sup> Instead,

he should have said something like, "How about working on *loshon hora*? That's something we all need *chizuk* in."

However, Yoni is on the right track in his suggestion to learn the halachos, because that will help him avoid these and other mistakes in the future. And the best, most effective way to ingrain these halachos into our minds and hearts is to join Shmiras Haloshon Yomi and learn the halachos every day—a *kabbalah* that will fill this new year with positivity and peace.

**Answer:** The halachah is B.

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

1 Sefer Chofetz Chaim, Hilchos Loshon Hora 8:1  
2 Sefer Chofetz Chaim, Hilchos Loshon Hora 1:9

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**A**mazing news—the *gadol* *hador* was coming to Kings Gardens! Gedaliah Roth had made up his mind: he would host him! He tracked down the *gabbai* and hounded him until he agreed that the *gadol* would eat a Shabbos *seudah* in Gedaliah's home.

The Roths pulled out all the stops. Great food, a house cleaned from top to bottom, dressed in their finest—they sat down to the meal, awestruck in the presence of the *gadol* *hador*.

And then the strangest thing happened.

As soon as they started the meal, the family began talking to each other—in French! For two hours, the Roths spoke to each other in French while the *gadol* sat there not

understanding a word.

As he sat there, he wondered:  
*They begged me to come and*

*went to so much trouble to prepare for me—and then made me feel completely unwelcome. Why would I ever want*

*to come back?*

## Is This Any Way to Treat a Guest?

## What's the Message?

**Every week, we invite Shabbos as our honored guest.** We put so much effort into preparing—but how does Shabbos feel when our table is filled with negative or cynical words?

This year, with Rosh Hashanah falling on Shabbos, we're missing the powerful *shemirah* that comes with the blowing of the shofar. **That makes the *shemirah* of Shabbos all the more vital on this Yom HaDin.** As Rav Yitzchak Isaac of Kamarna reveals, when "brothers and friends sit together"—especially at a *seudas* *Shabbos*—it brings down *parnasah* and all the good in the world, **on the condition that one guards his mouth, not speaking negatively about any Jew.**

**This year, it's more important than ever to strengthen our Shabbosos. And what better way than by making our Shabbos table a place of positive, meaningful conversation.** To all those already using Aderaba at their Shabbos tables—keep it going! And if you haven't started yet, this is the perfect year to begin.

See the  
good  
What's the  
Real  
Story?



**I**t was a quiet Shabbos afternoon in Yerushalayim. Inside the Rosenbergs' apartment, Nachman Rosenberg sat at the dining room table, learning. His wife, Aliza, was resting while their older children watched the younger ones.

Suddenly, the quiet was shattered by—what was that? Loud music was blasting through the air.

Aliza  
jumped  
up

## A Shabbos Radio?

and ran to the living room window, where Nachman was already standing.

Up and down the block, people were doing the same.

And what they saw shocked them! The music

was coming from the Leffler's van, which had pulled out of its parking space with the

windows wide open, the radio cranked up to top volume, and with Moishy Leffler, *shtreimel* atop his head, in the driver's seat. He raced down the street, startling neighbors as he flew by.

Okay, Nachman thought, *maybe they had an emergency. But a radio? At full blast? On Shabbos?*

## Can you Crack the case?

On Friday afternoon, the Lefflers' twenty-year-old son, Gershon, had borrowed the car to pick up a cousin at the airport. The two boys had enjoyed their ride home along the highway with the music blasting and the windows wide open.

When Gershon arrived home, it was already close to Shabbos. In his rush, he forgot to roll up the windows and turn off the radio. The next day, his mother went into labor, and his parents rushed off to the hospital. Since it was Shabbos and they could not do any unnecessary *melachah*, the music had to stay on and the windows had to stay down.

Submitted by  
an Aderaba  
participant



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