# The Shaar BULLETIN



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# Remembering Rabbi Dr. Wilfred Shuchat zt"

#### **UPCOMING HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS**

Purim Celebrations for All Ages
Passover Seder and Pop-up Restaurant
All-Night Shavuot Learning

#### SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Multimedia Concert Celebrating Leonard Bernstein
Tuesday Night Learning
Helen and Sam Steinberg Lecture



## Sponsorship Opportunity: We Invite You To Partner With Us

# A Multimedia Concert Celebrating the Life of Leonard Bernstein Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 7:30 PM

Shaar Hashomayim Music & Arts (SH'MA) presents a celebration of legendary composer and conductor, Leonard Bernstein. Join Cantor Gideon Zelermyer, Music Director Roï Azoulay, Maestro Boris Brott, the McGill Chamber Orchestra, and special guests for this unforgettable musical event.

The evening will include a special tribute to Shaar member and community leader, Marvin Corber, for his passion, enthusiasm, and ongoing commitment to ensuring a vibrant future for the Shaar.

Your sponsorship will support the production of this concert and provide resources for Shaar Hashomayim Music & Arts to continue its curriculum of musical excellence for which it is renowned and beloved.

#### **Sponsorship Levels:**

- \$25,000 6 tickets
- \$5,000 4 tickets
- \$18,000 6 tickets
- \$3,600 2 tickets
- \$10,000 6 tickets
- \$1,800 2 tickets

#### All sponsorships include:

- · Complimentary premiere seating
- · Exclusive cocktail dînatoire
- Valet parking
- Tax receipt
- Recognition in the playbill and on digital signage

See back cover for information on general admission tickets and premier seating.



# THE LEGACY OF RABBI SHUCHAT ZT"L

This bulletin is the first to be published since the passing of Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, zt"l, on 20 Tevet 5779. I imagine that there will soon be many similar realizations, as we note first events, holidays, milestones, without Rabbi Shuchat's presence, warmth, and wisdom.

Rabbi Shuchat stood at the helm – and the pulpit – of our congregation since 1946. Even in retirement, his devotion to the Shaar community remained unparalleled. He was the first at minyan in the morning. He was there, in his front row seat, for every holiday and for thousands of Shabbat morning services at the Shaar. If he were planning to spend a weekend in Loon Lake with his family, he would report his absence in advance, both so that we wouldn't worry about his absence, and so that we would know in advance that we might be one short for a minyan.

He continued to maintain a rigid schedule of scholarship until his final hospitalization. When I visited him, a few weeks prior to his passing, his only complaint was his inability to study Torah in the hospital room. We are currently planning the book launch event of Rabbi Shuchat's final volume of Midrash commentary, to be held in conjunction with a memorial event in his honour.

I was on vacation in Israel, together with my family, when I heard about Rabbi Shuchat's passing. I flew back to Montreal for the Rabbi's funeral, and then returned to Israel to rejoin my family. A few days later, we found ourselves in Tiberias. There are two sites in that Northern city that I'll visit any chance I have: My favorite restaurant in Israel (Decks) and the tomb of Maimonides.

Maimonides' tomb is a very special site, even as scholars maintain that it is unlikely to be the actual burial site of the great sage, who died over 800 years ago. I recall visiting the site on my first trip to Israel – a NCSY trip when I was 15 years old – and have returned, many, many times. I stood there thinking about Rabbi Shuchat. I thought about the tradition of rational Judaism, of thoughtful scholars who integrate so many different parts of life into one service of God.



Caught up in these thoughts, it took me a few moments to read the sign in front of me. When I did, I gasped. There, in large letters, was Maimonides' date of death, posted on the wall near the tomb: 20 Tevet. I realized, in that moment, that Rabbi Shuchat had passed away on Maimonides' yahrzeit. The connection between two spiritual giants left me deeply moved.

Our synagogue will not be the same. We will miss our beloved Rabbi Shuchat – he was such a strong and inspiring presence, even decades after he retired from the active rabbinate. He represented the unbroken connection to the distant history of our congregation, the historian and scholar for a great generation of Montrealers. Rabbi Shuchat was the *Mara d'Atra, Abba,* and then *Sabba* of a synagogue family to whom he was wholly devoted, and who loved him very much.

One of the great lessons of bereavement is that life goes on. It must. Rabbi Shuchat helped so many in our community understand this truth, both through his own personal losses and his guidance for so many during their difficult hours. We embrace that lesson as our congregation moves forward. We will continue to honour his memory, and we will continue to be grateful to have learned from an extraordinary mensch who we were blessed to call our Rabbi for more than seventy years. *Yehi Zichro Baruch*.

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# IN MEMORIAM

#### **RABBI DR. WILFRED SHUCHAT**

Eulogy delivered by Rabbi Adam Scheier on December 30, 2018 Edited for length

Rabbi Shuchat passed away on 20 Tevet 5779, in his ninety-ninth year, due to a brief illness. Husband of the late Miriam (née Sochet). Beloved father and father-in-law of Margola Shuchat, the late Elizabeth Schwartz and her husband Rabbi Yakov Schwartz, Bernard Raphael Shuchat, Bryna and Joshua Landes. Cherished grandfather of Ayalah Schwartz; Arielle, Eli and Daniel Landes. Dear brother and brother-in-law of Rita and the late Colonel Bernard J. Finestone, Charles and Muriel Shuchat, the late Seymour and the late Joan Shuchat; and brother-in-law of Mary and the late Marvin Sochet, and the late Bernard Sochet.

We gather in this sacred space, where our beloved Rabbi Shuchat led, inspired, prayed, and conducted a spiritual life of dignity and devotion for over 70 years. We mourn the passing of our spiritual leader, of a man wholly devoted to his family, of a Jew of deep faith and profound integrity, of a gentle and kind man whose presence will be missed by our bereaved Shaar Hashomayim community, by his family, and by those who, as the rabbi would say, suffer today from the pangs of bereavement.

I share a memory of a birthday party in honour of a member of our congregation who had achieved a very advanced age. Rabbi Shuchat, at the time 96 years old and long acquainted with this individual, offered a toast. He said that the reason for that particular celebration was not because of age; rather, he said, we celebrate all that person had accomplished in those years. "We're not celebrating how old you are," he said, "We're celebrating you!"

Rabbi Shuchat was blessed with a long life; we were all blessed to have him in our lives for so many years. And, as he said, the blessing of his longevity was not simply living; it was living his life of such great impact, one that was a credit to the faith that was so important to him.

It would take hours to enumerate the ways in which he grew and impacted this community. He offered stability for this congregation in times of uncertainty. I often think of his role in his first years as leader of this prominent congregation when he was a young rabbi during the War of Independence and the establishment of the State of Israel. People regularly recall his encouraging words and his optimistic faith during the Six Day War, the Yom Kippur War, times of local political instability; whenever people looked to this pulpit for comfort and meaning, Rabbi Shuchat's powerful voice, gentle manner, and unflinching stability anchored this community.

And while we remember his role in shaping and growing this community, so too do we remember a man of great kindness and humility, a decent and outstanding person, whose soul found solace in sanctity. He reveled in sitting and learning, in writing and praying, in being in shul, surrounded by friends and family. Even in retirement, he came to minyan every single day, often the first to arrive and the last to leave. Prayer was his lifeline, the words of the siddur were his oxygen.

But Rabbi Shuchat never took himself too seriously. He had a wonderful and often self-deprecating sense of humour. In the last few years, when someone would ask him how he was doing, he would say, with a smile, "It's better to be 21." He was so kind and loving with children: Rabbi Shuchat was once seated in a wheelchair, near me and my two-year-old daughter,

and Rabbi Shuchat said to her, "I'll bet your stroller is nicer than mine!" In the backroom at Paperman's awaiting the start of a funeral, Rabbi Shuchat would tell us that the letters



He was pure kindness, he was deeply sensitive. We saw this sensitivity as he cared for his beloved Miriam in her years of illness; we saw this as he would be moved to tears by the prayers and the music that meant so much to him; and his sensitivity was present in the countless hours he spent caring for the spiritual and emotional needs of this congregation.

It was on his last Shabbat that we read of the final days and the death of our patriarch Yaakov. We read as Jacob blessed his family and gave a special blessing to his grandchildren. This parasha, vayechi, also was Eli's Bar Mitzvah parasha five years ago, as Rabbi Shuchat stood here and blessed the next generations of his family.

And as the Rabbi loved Midrash, the midrash (PDE 52) that teaches that prior to Jacob's time, people would simply live their lives, maintain perfect health until the very end, and then pass away without warning.

עד שבא יעקב אבינו ובקש רחמים על זאת ואמר לפני הב״ה, רבונו של עולם אל תקח את נפשי ממני עד אשר אני מצוה את בני ובני ביתי.

This was, the Midrash says, until Jacob, our forefather, prayed for a period of declining health. He said, Master of the Universe, don't take my soul until I have time to offer instruction, and to bless my children and grandchildren. Give me time, give me warning, so that I can pass on these values.

During the years in which I was privileged to be in Rabbi Shuchat's presence, to pray next to him, to consult with him, every interaction was a learning opportunity. What a blessing to learn from such a leader; from a man of authentic devotion to the principles of Judaism, from a scholar who was so kind and decent; from a rabbi who brought so much dignity to his profession and to his community.

**Lech b'shalom**, rest in peace, dear Rabbi Shuchat. As you taught us so many times, **lo alecha ha'mlacha ligmor**, the work is not yours to complete; **v'lo ata ben chorin l'hibatel mimenah**, and you did not, for one moment, desist from the holy mission that was your life's pursuit. Your family – and your Shaar family – will miss you greatly.

I will simply close with words that were so meaningful to Rabbi Shuchat, and so meaningful to the many who were comforted as he would recite these words of *Adon Olam*:

B'yado afkid ruchi – Into his hand I commit my spirit
B'eit Ishan v'a'ira – When I sleep the sleep of death and
rise up to eternal life

V'im ruchi g'vi'ati – And with my spirit, my body also Adonai li v'lo ira – The Lord is with me, and I shall not fear.
Amen

# **DISCOVER THE SHAAR**

A recent Pew study showed that regularly engaging with your religious community really does make you happier! This could suggest that religious activity inspires higher levels of communal involvement, which when combined promotes happiness. Or it could mean that happy people who are highly involved in their communities also turn to religion as an outlet. As a regular shul attendee and being deeply committed to volunteering, I would have to agree on both counts. Over the many years of my involvement at the Shaar, I continue to marvel at the energy and passion that is visible every day within the walls of our synagogue. There are so many people who choose to get engaged in the projects that speak so powerfully to them, and who in turn, make it a special experience for so many others. I commend and thank our phenomenal Board and Officers group for their dedication and leadership as they work tirelessly to set goals and deliver their very best for our beloved congregation.

I salute all the unsung volunteers who touch so many in our community by their many acts of kindness and outreach ensuring that everyone feels valued and at home.

Sans ce groupe de bénévoles extrêmement talentueux, le Shaar ne serait pas le centre d'autant de projets stimulants et des maintes expériences si émouvantes. Collectively we make up the strength of the Shaar family and work towards ensuring the continuity of the Shaar community for years to come.

This spring we will take another step in ensuring that future generations similarly benefit from the enriching experiences that we are privileged to participate in today. We are proud that Shaar Hashomayim has earned world wide recognition as a center of Jewish musical excellence with our award winning musical professionals. On May 29, we will feature our Leonard Bernstein gala concert and the launch of the Legacy and Planned Giving initiative. This year's fundraising tribute concert will give us the opportunity to honour Marvin Corber for his ongoing tireless support

and devotion as a driving force for two capital campaigns and multiple concerts over the last 18 years. Je suis certaine que ce concert de gala dépassera toutes nos attentes. À ne pas manquer!

On December 28, 2018, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and the Montreal Jewish community lost our spiritual leader Rabbi Dr. Wilfred Shuchat zt"l, who for generations of Shaar members was what our congregation was all about. Rabbi Shuchat was my rabbi from preschool years at Foundation school to my wedding. The rabbi of my formative years, he touched me as he did so many, with his humility, his love of Judaism and communal leadership. The congregation will be honouring his legacy at our S'lichot evening program on September 21, 2019 with tributes and the launch of his last book *Abraham and the Challenge of Faith According to the Midrash Rabbah*.

The Shaar's Choral S'lichot service has become one of the highlights in our Montreal community calendar and it is most fitting that we dedicate this special evening to his memory.

I invite you to get involved, participate or come and enjoy the many events and opportunities that your Shaar Hashomayim offers you. Let's enjoy the happiness benefit together.

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# Components of Happiness

The love of learning The power to praise

The capacity to change The ability to love (+ to teach)

The gift of enjoyment (The enjoyment of gifts)

The competence to speak (+ hear)
The competence to sing, dance (+ listen)

The wonder of understanding + being understood The love of learning

The joy of gratitude

Leonard Bernstein, November 1989

Leonard Bernstein wrote these revealing words less than a year before he died. They offer a glimpse at the inner workings of a remarkable human being: an instrumental virtuoso, a ground-breaking composer, a peerless intellect, a deeply introspective soul.



#### Multimedia Concert Celebrating Leonard Bernstein on May 29, 2019

Enter the world of Leonard Bernstein when a West Side Story will become a Westmount Story. Experience the playing of the McGill Chamber Orchestra, the singing of choirs and soloists, the firsthand testimony of Boris Brott, Bernstein's former assistant with the New York Philharmonic. These elements, combined with a spectacular audio-visual presentation, will take you inside the artistic world of this uniquely talented maestro as SH'MA (Shaar Hashomayim Music & Arts) presents a multimedia concert celebrating the life of Leonard Bernstein.

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#### **Upcoming Musical Service**

#### CHORAL S'FIRAT HA'OMER COUNTING OF THE OMER THURSDAY, APRIL 25 – 6:45 PM

A special Ma'ariv service for the 6th night of Passover featuring the music of Samuel Alman. Between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot, the Omer is counted each evening, signifying our preparation for the receiving of the Torah on the holiday of Shavuot.



#### **Changing the Tides**

First, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our Shaar Family for assisting whenever we needed help with Minyan. So many of you stepped up to the plate and did so with a sense of pride. Thank you!

This winter has proven to be a cold one, and with it came its challenges. Driving to Shul one February morning seeing the temperature reading at -17°C ... without the wind chill factor, the weather forecast is not looking rosy either. I couldn't help but to want "veh'na'ha'foh'choo" - a desire for change. When will the tide change and the warmer weather arrive? When will the streets no longer be covered with snow and ice, and the trees no longer barren? When will the early drive to Shul be filled with the warm, glowing morning sun?

Purim is around the corner and it is known as a time for "veh'na'ha'foh'choo"; a time for change, a time for the "exact opposite". I can't think of a more appropriate theme for this season than that of Purim.

Well, change IS just around the corner. We can feel and smell it in the air, and none too soon! Change is a constant in life. Nothing stays the same. Change is what makes the world go 'round. And so too at the Shaar.

To all those who will be returning in the upcoming months, we look forward to welcoming you back. We are planning many great events and exciting programs, but we need YOU to make these events that much more special with your participation!

In the meantime, stay bundled and warm. But know that soon you'll be shedding that winter coat, swapping the boots for sandals, replacing the sweaters with short sleeves, the toque and gloves and g-d willing, a golf cap and glove, and we will all enjoy the warmer months.

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#### **MINI PURIM PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20** 

#### Ages 6 and under

**5:00 - 7:00 PM** Bouncy houses, magic show, balloon artist, crafts.

\$8 per child / includes light dinner for kids

Free for accompanying adults and children under age 1. Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue. All are welcome to stay for the Megillah reading at 7:30 PM in the Main Sanctuary.

# READING OF MEGILLAT ESTHER

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 7:30 PM** (approx) in the Main Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 7:15 AM in the Chapel

**WOMEN'S READING** 

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 8:00 AM in the Main Sanctuary



#### MISHLOACHMANOT PURIM PROJECT

Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and dedication.

Drivers are still needed to deliver baskets on Thursday, March 21. Community service hours provided for teen volunteers.

If you will not be home to accept your package on March 21, please let us know. We would be happy to drop it off at another address or deliver your basket to a person in need.

Wishing everyone a Chag Purim Samei'ach!

Contact Pamela 514.937.9475, purim@theshaar.org

#### **Purim Service Times**

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 EREV PURIM, FAST OF ESTHER

Fast begins 5:41 AM
Shacharit 7:30 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Megillah 6:45 PM
Fast ends 7:36 PM

# THURSDAY, MARCH 21 PURIM

Shacharit/Megillah	7:15 AM
Women's Megillah Reading	8:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM



# BEAT STREET PURIM PARTY

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20** 

**7:30 PM** (approx) **MEGILLAH READING** in Main Sanctuary

**8:15 PM** (approx)

#### **BREAKDANCING PERFORMANCE**

by top street troop in Montreal, personalized graffiti art, prizes for the funkiest sneakers. Buffet dinner and dessert.

All are welcome. Fnter at 120 Cote St Antoine.

#### REGISTRATION APPRECIATED

Adults \$10; Family \$40 max (not incl. grandparents); Free for children under age 6

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#### **Passover Service Times**

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 19 EREV PASSOVER

Shacharit		7:15	ΑM
Eating chametz	no later than	10:07	AM
Burning of chametz		12:29	PM
Mincha/Kabbalat Yor	n Tov	7:25	РМ
Candle Lighting		7:27	РМ

#### SHABBAT, APRIL 20 PASSOVER DAY 1

Shacharit	8:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 PM
Candle Lighting	after 8:32 PM

# SUNDAY, APRIL 21 PASSOVER DAY 2

Shacharit	8:45 AM
Mincha/ Ma'ariv	7:30 PM
Havdalah	approx. 8:35 PM

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 25 CHOL HAMO'ED PASSOVER DAY 6

Shacharit	7:15 AM
Mincha/Kabbalat Yom Tov	6:45 PM
Candle Lighting	approx. 7:35 PM

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 26 PASSOVER DAY 7

Shacharit	8:45 AM
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7:35 PM
Candle Lighting	7:36 PM

# SHABBAT, APRIL 27 PASSOVER DAY 8

Shacharit	8:45 AM
Yizkor	10:15 AM
Mincha/ Ma'ariv	7:40 PM
Havdalah	8:41 PM

# HELPING THOSE IN NEED AT PASSOVER MAOT CHITTIN

Dear Friends,

I invite you to participate in one of our tradition's wonderful opportunities to help others. A number of times on the Jewish calendar, our tradition calls upon us to offer support and help to those in financial need. Each year, I am reminded of this need, as individuals and organizations approach our synagogue for support. The complex life stories, the unfortunate turns in mazal, and the need for legitimate Jewish chesed are parts of the everyday experiences of many in our community.

In this vein, please consider donating to the **Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Passover Fund**. With your participation, we are able to help many in our own community experience the warmth, the spirit, and the fulfillment that every Jew deserves, regardless of their financial standing. Best wishes for a chaq kasher v'samei'ach.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Adam Scheier

Contact 514.937.9474 ext. 165, shaarhashomayim.org/donate



#### **SELLING OF THE CHAMETZ**

Forms available at the synagogue office or online at shaarhashomayim.org/festivals

#### BURNING OF THE CHAMETZ FRIDAY, APRIL 19 - UNTIL 12:29 PM

in the Deitcher Courtyard (adjacent to 425 Metcalfe Avenue)



# PASSOVER CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – FOLLOWING SERVICES

Sponsored by the Pearl and David Tobias Community Engagement Programme



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#### **CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER**

Seder led by Rabbi Adam Scheier and Yosi Even-Hen

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 (FIRST NIGHT) following 7:25 PM services

#### **RESERVATIONS until Friday, April 12**

Adults \$90; Children (4-12) \$45; Ages 3 and under free

#### As of Monday, April 13

Adults \$100; Children (4-12) \$50; Ages 3 and under free

Cancellation Fee of \$20 per person as of Monday, April 15

**Catering by the Shaar** 

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#### MIMOUNA AT THE SHAAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 9:30 PM Last day of Passover

Break Passover the Moroccan way! Featuring traditional Moroccan sweet table, music, decor, and lots of fun!

#### Reservations required.

Limited tickets available at the door. Adults \$18, Children (12 and under) \$10 Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue

A 'TENT'
on your own or
with friends.
\$1500 (tax receiptable).
Everyone is
welcome to host!

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# **TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8 - Services at 8:35 PM** 

Congregational dinner and program to follow. Free and open to all.

11:30 PM - All-Night Learning Marathon

Dinner and program presented by the Pearl and David Tobias Community Engagement Programme



#### **Shavuot Service Times**

#### SHABBAT, JUNE 8 EREV SHAVUOT PARASHAT BAMIDBAR

Shacharit 8:45 AM Mincha/Kabbalat Yom Tov 8:35 PM Candles after 9:39 PM

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 9 SHAVUOT – FIRST DAY

Shacharit 8:45 AM Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:40 PM Candle Lighting after 9:40 PM

#### MONDAY, JUNE 10 SHAVUOT – SECOND DAY

Shacharit 8:45 AM
Sermon and Yizkor 10:15 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:40 PM
Havdalah 9:40 PM



# NCSY TEEN ALL-NIGHT LEARNING SATURDAY, JUNE 8 – 9:30 PM

#### **GRADES 7-11**

Teens are invited to a special evening of learning, sports, activities and ice cream! Congregational dinner included. Free admission.

#### **Registration required**

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# SUPER SHAVUOT FOR KIDS MONDAY, JUNE 10 - 10:30 AM

#### GRADES 1 - 6

A fun day of learning, activites and ice cream! Free and open to all. Drop-off available.

#### **Registration required**

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What brought you to the Shaar? Over the years, I have heard stories of those whose greatgrandparents sat in our pews; those who moved to Canada and found their own spiritual home; those who had no Jewish upbringing and searched for a connection to community; those who found a path that was different from that of their parents. We are one synagogue community, but we have many stories.

There are many pathways to Jewish life. As the people of Israel marched through the Red Sea on dry land, they were moving toward their national mission, which they would receive at Sinai. The Midrash paints a picture of not one path through the sea, but twelve separate paths for twelve tribes. As a nation, we had a single destination, but many pathways through which to reach it.

At the Shaar, we strive to honour this Jewish diversity. We know that some connect with our tradition through Shabbat and holiday celebrations, others through text study and learning, others through life cycle moments, and still others through beautiful liturgical music. I am especially inspired when a Shaar member shares with me their surprise at how a new Jewish experience touched them. It might be someone who did not previously connect with prayer, but feels the power of prayer through the experience of saying Kaddish. It could be a family who encounters Jewish learning for the first time through our Netivot afterschool program, or a young professional who finds likeminded friends at a Shabbat dinner.

I encourage you to step off your own usual path to Judaism and try a 'road less traveled'. Continue to find new paths through the sea toward your own Sinai, new ways to connect with our rich tradition.

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#### **Upcoming events**

MINI PURIM AGES 6 & UNDER WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 5:00 - 7:00 PM

BEAT STREET PURIM PARTY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 5:00 - 7:00 PM FOR ALL AGES

#### SHAAR SLEEPOVER

BOYS NIGHT - SATURDAY, MARCH 30 GIRLS NIGHT - SATURDAY, APRIL 6 8:30 PM GRADES 4-6

**NETIVOT SHABBAT** SHABBAT, APRIL 13 – 8:45 AM

MIMOUNA FAMILY BRUNCH SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

YOUTH SHABBAT SHABBAT, MAY 11 - 8:45 AM

SUPER SHAVUOT MONDAY, JUNE 10 – 10:30 AM

SHABBAT IN THE PARK FRIDAY, JUNE 14 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

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## SHAARTOTS' SHABBAT WITH DEBRA BERKE

**FOR BABIES 6 - 18 MONTHS** 

Free play, sandbox, arts and crafts, songs and stories. Maharat Rachel will lead a short Shabbat 'service' with challah and traditional Shabbat snacks. There will be a trip to the small sanctuary to sing Shabbat songs and hold the plush Torahs.

Fridays 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM February 22 - June 7, 2019

To register contact Pamela Lecker **S** 514-937-9475 **Image** foundation@theshaar.org

#### **PROJECT ARK**

(Acts of Random Kindness) A new initiative especially for families

Are you looking for family-friendly volunteer opportunities where you can meet other families while giving back to the community? Join one of our "mitzvah" groups! Have a great time doing good while teaching your children life-long lessons.

- Contact us so we can match you with families with children of similar ages.
- Participate in hand-on projects, catered to your interests.
- Activities include baking for Meals-on-Wheels, packaging food, visits to those in need.
- Grandparents and other family members welcome.

Register by March 8 / Project kick-off Spring 2019.

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**Pathways to Jewish Learning** An afterschool program for Kindergarten - Grade 6 Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 PM



#### NETIVOT AND THE SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

"Our son Mosie has been really enjoying going to Netivot every Wednesday. He looks forward to it all week, and we especially like walking home from the Shaar, when we get to talk about what he learned that week. What has really made the experience special so far were two things: One was the Shabbat box, which allowed Mosie to bring home all the things he learned at Netivot. Second, was the Shaar's Youth Shabbat, when Mosie and I got to go up to open the ark. This was an honour that was given to me many times when I used to attend shul with my father as a child, and it was a wonderful and moving experience to get to share it with Mosie."

- David, father of Netivot student

#### Sari Weisenthal-Shore, Director

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# **LEISURE INSTITUTE**

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#### **OPEN GATE 'GAME DAY' GALA**

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 - 11:00 AM

#### **DELICIOUS BUFFET LUNCHEON**

followed by BRIDGE, MAHJONGG, and CANASTA

Buffet luncheon, raffles, door prizes, give-aways, free valet parking, partial tax receipt. Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue

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MAY 19 - 12:00 PM

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#### **SAVE THE DATES**

July 28 - 12:00 PM August 18 - 12:00 PM

# **SISTERHOOD**

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#### **Upcoming events**

STORYTELLING EVENING

with Stéphanie Bénéteau

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 7:30 PM

GUIDED MUSEUM TOUR: THIERRY MUGLER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 10:30 PM

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT SHABBAT, MAY 4 8:45 AM

BOOKS AND TEA THURSDAY, MAY 9 12:30 PM

FILM PRESENTATION MONDAY, MAY 13 7:30 PM

CLOSING LUNCHEON THURSDAY, JUNE 13 12:00 PM

# SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

SHABBAT, MAY 4 - Services at 8:45 AM

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S VOICES IN OUR SYNAGOGUE

Join the women of our Sisterhood for an inspirational and heartfelt service followed by a Congregational Kiddush.

Chair: Esther Marovitch

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Advisors: Maharat Rachel Kohl Finegold and Rabba Abby Brown Scheier

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FRIDAY, MARCH 8 – 8:30 AM
Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21 – 12:00 PM**Purim – Megillah Reading
Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue

**SHABBAT, APRIL 6**No Service

**SUNDAY, MAY 5 – 9:30 AM**Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4 – 8:45 AM**Congregation Shaar Hashomayim

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#### Calendrier des évènements

**KRAV MAGA AU MASCULIN DIMANCHE LE 17 MARS - 19H00** 

SOIRÉE CRÊPES ET KARAOKÉ **DE POURIM** 

LE DIMANCHE 24 MARS - 15H00

#### En préparation, pour les prochains mois:

- Cours de Talmud
- Conférence de Jean François Bensalel sur le thème des Juifs de France
- Pique nique au Mont Royal en juillet

#### INFO AND REGISTRATION

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#### **COURS DE KRAV MAGA POUR FEMMES**

#### JUSQU'AU 19 MARS - 19H - 20H30

Femmes et jeunes filles de 16 ans minimum. Les cours seront donnés par un professeur expérimenté. Réservation requise; \$25 par cours. A

#### **PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE** MARCH 7 - APRIL 11 - 7:30 PM

Topics include: The Jewish Wedding; Building A Jewish Home; Financial Education and Planning; Genetic Diseases; Understanding the Mikveh; Keeping Your Marriage Strong; Jewish Sexual Ethics. INFO: Maharat Rachel Kohl Finegold 514.937.9474 ext.174





# TUESDAY NIGHT LEARNING

#### 7:30 PM

MARCH 19 - Rachel Kadish, Author of "The Weight of Ink"

MARCH 26 - Alexandra Silber. Author of "After Anatevka" and memoir "White Hot Grief Parade", in conversation with Lisa Rubin

APRIL 2 - Tova Hartman, "The Challenge of a Shared Society in Israel"

APRIL 9 - Francine Klagsburn, Author of "Lioness: Golda Meir and The Nation of Israel"

#### SISTERHOOD STORYTELLING **EVENING**

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12 - 7:30 PM

with renowned storyteller Stéphanie Bénéteau





#### **GUIDED MUSEUM TOUR:** THIERRY MUGLER





#### SHAAR SLEEPOVER

**BOYS NIGHT - SATURDAY, MARCH 30 GIRLS NIGHT - SATURDAY, APRIL 6** 

8:30PM - Drop-off at the Shaar

9:00AM - Pick-up

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Slumber party in the youth lounge. Join your friends and Shaar youth staff for fun activities, late night snacks and delicious breakfast.



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Last day of Passover

Break Passover the Moroccan way! Featuring traditional Moroccan sweet table. music, decor, and lots of fun! Reservations required. Limited tickets available at the door. Adults \$18, Children (12 and under) \$10 Enter at 425 Metcalfe Avenue

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#### MIMOUNA FAMILY BRUNCH **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bring the kids for a yummy post-Passover brunch! Enjoy all those foods you've been craving: pancakes, waffles, bagels, and more.





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6:15 PM Services, 7:30 PM Dinner Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by a festive dinner. Enjoy classic Mexican fare: guacamole, tacos, margaritas and more. \$25 per person; Enter at 120 Cote-St. Antoine Road. Reservations shaarhashomayim.org/ event/cincoshabbat2019 @



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MAY 4 - 8:45 AM

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#### SISTERHOOD BOOKS AND TEA THURSDAY, MAY 9 - 12:30 PM

"Go, Went, Gone" by Jenny Erpenbeck, reviewed by Larry Weller. The story of a retired classics professor who lives in Berlin and one day visits the shelter of African refugees, an experience that transforms him and his view of the European refugee crisis. \$20 (A) (S)

#### SISTERHOOD FILM **PRESENTATION**

MONDAY, MAY 13 - 7:30 PM

Film by Ina Fichman





#### SUNDAYS AT THE SHAAR MAY 19 - 12:00 PM **LIONEL PEREZ**

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#### LEONARD BERNSTEIN CONCERT WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 - 7:30 PM

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#### **OPEN GATE GAME DAY GALA** TUESDAY, JUNE 4 - 11:00 AM

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#### SISTERHOOD CLOSING LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 - 12:00 PM





#### SHABBAT IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM A PRE-SHABBAT PICNIC FOR THE WHOLE

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# **B'NEI MITZVAH**

#### ARIELLE BENDAYAN, May 10, 2019, Kabbalat Shabbat

Daughter of Elana Gorbatyuk and Michel Bendayan. Sharing in her simcha are her sister Noémie, grandparents, Valentin and Ella Gorbatyuk, and David and Mercedes Bendayan and great-grandmother, Simmy Ohayon. Sadly missed are great grandparents, Fanya and Semyon Shifris, Esther and Michel Bendayan and Jacob Ohayon. Arielle attends Marie-de-France High School and is a proud polyglot, learning many different languages. We like to say, "Arielle bakes everything better" because she is incredibly kind-hearted and empathetic but also because she's a very talented baker and pastry maker. Arielle is an elegant figure skater and skier. She enjoys travelling and learning about cultures.





#### SOPHIE OSTREGA, May 17, 2019, Kabbalat Shabbat

Daughter of Chelsea and Joshua Ostrega. Sharing in this simcha are her sister Marlee, her grandparents Layne and Andrew Morris, Allan Ostrega, and her great-grandmother Florence Kaspin, as well as her aunts, uncles and many cousins. Sophie is in grade 6 at LCC. She is a serious student who works very hard. Sophie is so much fun to be around. She has a hysterical sense of humour and she makes us laugh all the time. She loves her summers away at camp, playing basketball, dancing, singing, making slime, and hanging out with her many close friends. Every Friday night at our Shabbat dinners, Sophie leads the prayers. She has the most beautiful voice and she loves this tradition. Sophie is very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and can't wait to celebrate with all of her family and friends. We couldn't be prouder of our little girl. A true beauty on the inside and the outside.

#### LILAH ROSE GOODMAN, May 25, 2019

Daughter of Dana and Jonathan Goodman. Sharing in her simcha are her older brother Noah, younger sister Orly, grandparents Judy and Mark Caplan, Lillian and Morris Goodman, and great-grandmother Betty Scott, along with her aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Sadly missed at this time are her Granny Rosalind Goodman, and great-grandparents Phyllis Kanigsberg, and Nathan Scott, all of blessed memory. Lilah will graduate from the Akiva School this spring and is excited to continue her studies at Herzliah High School in the fall. She infuses creativity and passion into everything she does, from her ballet, jazz, tap, and contemporary dance classes, gymnastics and public speaking, to her incredible slime-making techniques. Lilah's innate kind nature is evident in her love of helping others, and she has enjoyed participating in the annual Friendship Circle Walk with her Bubbie to help children with special needs. Her gentle nature, tenacity and intelligence distinguish her and will serve her well as she enters Jewish adulthood.





#### MAX ARNOVITZ, June 1, 2019, Bechukotai

Son of Andrew Arnovitz and Marie-Hélène Laramée, and Nicole Fortin-Salhani and Charles Nudo. Inspired and joyful to be celebrating with Max are his siblings, and his grandparents Barbara and Paul Arnovitz, and Fernand Salhani and the late Carmen Fortin. Max is a Solomon Schechter Academy alumnus and will attend Collège Sainte-Anne in the fall in the sports concentration program. He is an avid basketball, football and soccer player and looks forward to spending his summers at CBB Ottawa.

#### **SAMUEL ROSNER BRONFMAN,** June 15, 2019, Parashat Naso

Son of Claudine and Stephen Bronfman. Celebrating together are his proud sisters Alexandra, Olivia and Isabella, grandparents Barbara Bronfman, Rita and Charles Bronfman, and Vivina Blondin, along with aunts, uncles and extended family and friends. Samuel attends the Selwyn House School and is enjoying his first year very much after spending his elementary school years at École Bussonièrre. Samuel is a fine athlete, playing football and basketball for his school along with being on the freestyle ski team at Mont Tremblant. Samuel has also been studying piano for five years along with his sisters. Samuel has been studying Hebrew and Jewish traditions with Rabba Abby Brown Scheier for years and is enjoying learning his Parasha with Cantor Zelermyer. We are all looking forward to this most meaningful moment in Samuel's life.





#### RONEN FRIEDMAN, August 15, 2019, Parashat Vaetchanan

Son of Elana Soldin and Hadar Friedman. Ronen is looking forward to sharing his simcha with his brother Nadav, sister Yael, and his grandparents Nira Friedman and Larry Kleiman, Tzilla Friedman, and Steven Soldin. Sadly missed are his grandparents Jerry Friedman and Merle Soldin. Ronen is in grade 7 at Bialik High School. He is an avid hockey player and sports enthusiast. He prides himself on his perseverance and strong work ethic. He enjoyed doing his community service at the Jewish General Hospital this year.

#### SABRINA STOLLER, August 23, 2019, Kabbalat Shabbat

Daughter of Alyssa Yufe and Bobby Stoller. Her sister, Jaclyn and her grandparents, Arlene and Boris Yufe and Thora Yufe are very excited to share in the simcha. Sadly missed at this time are her grandparents Leonard and Elaine Stoller. Sabrina absolutely adores her grade 6 class at the Priory School and is excited to be starting high school in the fall. Sabrina loves music (flute, trombone, melodica, guitar, and piano), dance and art. Sabrina is really enjoying the group Bat Mitzvah program and her time with Rabba Abby Brown Scheier. As part of Sabrina's volunteer commitments this year, she is focused on hospital visits (*Bikur Cholim*) and is making and distributing care packages for the homeless.





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Be part of this international youth group at the Shaar. Fun activities, thoughtful discussions, and leadership development with our Shinshinim (Israeli volunteers). Dinner included. Grades 9-11 can join the Shaar Chapter Board! Shaar membership not required.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NCSY YEAR-END BBQ
SUNDAY, MAY 19 - 5:00 PM

NCSY TEEN ALL-NIGHT SHAVUOT SATURDAY, JUNE 8 - 9:00 PM



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#### **BAR MITZVAH**

Riva and Carl Gelber on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Brandon Ryan Gelber, son of Jodi and Dr. Stephen Gelber, and grandson of Eileen and David Goldsmith, on October 6, 2018 in Toronto.

Lillian and Lionel Arveh Leib Schwartz on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson Joshua Schwartz, son of Dawna and Andrew Schwartz, on October 13, 2018.

Francine Sternthal and Doug Wiseman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son James Wiseman on October 27, 2018.

Deanna and David Mendelson on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Zane Mendelson, son of Debi Pomerantz and Michael Mendelson, on November 3, 2018 in Los Angeles.

Stephanie Raby and Clifford Naimer, Alice and Joel Raby, and Sharon and Gerald Naimer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson Samuel Naimer on November 3, 2018.

Angela Lehrer and Michael Vineberg, Alice and Harold Lehrer and Reisa and Bruce Vineberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson Jacob Vineberg on November 17, 2018.

Kelly and Marc Choran on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jackson Choran on December 9, 2018.

Jackie and Dan Wolfensohn on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Asher David Wolfensohn on December 15, 2018.

Martin Schwartz and Colette Chomski on the Lazarus, Ron Robins and Arlene Blumer, Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson Zachary Max Chomski on January 26, 2019.

Julie Matlin and Daniel Koffler, and Carol Koffler on the Bar Mitzvah of their son and grandson Jacob Koffler on February 2, 2019.

#### **BAT MITZVAH**

Heather Michelin and Jeffrey Chankowsky on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Kaitlin Chankowsky on September 21, 2018.

Bonnie Levine and Darren Yaphe on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jenna Hope Yaphe on October 19, 2018.

Dr. Deborah Vineberg Jacob and Dr. Gregg Jacob, Rhoda and Robert Vineberg and Diane and Dr. Jerry Jacob on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter and granddaughter, Daniella Gilli Jacob, on November 10, 2018 in Short Hills, New Jersey.

#### **BIRTHS**

Ilona and Murray Pinsky on the birth of their grandson, Charles Ezra Pinsky, son of Tamara and Daniel Pinsky, grandson of Shari Kuczer and the late Peter Kuczer, on August 1, 2018.

Gillian and Joshua Oboler. Stephanie and Ron **Oboler and Julia and Stephen Reitman** on the birth of their son and grandson Benjamin Oboler, on August 5, 2018.

Debra and Jonathan Chomski, Sondra and Lindsay and Phil Dubrovsky, Jodi and Cookie Elaine and Richard Dubrovsky, and Sheldon **Taiger** on the birth of their son, grandson and great-grandson Simon Maddox Dubrovsky, on September 20, 2018.

> Diana and Nathaniel Schachter and **Evelyn Bloomfield Schachter and Raphael** Schachter on the birth of their son and grandson Miro Schachter, on September. 25, 2018, in New York City. Always missed are the late Neri Loewy Bloomfield and the late Bernard Bloomfield.

> Rosemary and Mel Hoppenheim on the birth of their grandson Noah Pekofsky, son of Jenny Hoppenheim and Matthew Pekofsky, and brother of David and Ilan, on October 3, 2018.

> Joan Benson and Mark Friedman on the birth of their grandson Hudson Diacou, son of Allison Friedman and Andrew Diacou, on October 23, 2018, in Atlanta.

> **Ellen Yarrow and David Abrams** on the birth of their grandson Rowen Jay Stanbridge, son of Valerie Lefebvre and William Stanbridge, on November 3, 2018.

> Joanna Rubin Whitefield and Daniel Whitefield and Sarah and Allen Rubin on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter Bea Elizabeth Whitefield, on November 2, 2018 in Toronto.

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May the Almighty grant His divine comfort to the bereaved in their sorrow. We extend condolences to the families of the following who have passed away since the previous bulletin.

Our member **Felicia Aaron**, mother of our member Linda Aaron Thompson.

**Boruch Chomski**, father-in-law of our members Colette Chomski, grandfather and grandfather-in-law of our members Jonathan Chomski and Debra Schwartz.

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Our member **Victor Eichenwald**, husband of Marlene Brownstein.

Our member **Haïm Elkaïm**, father and fatherin-law of our members Laurent Elkaïm and Guilda Benhamou.

Our member **Simone Elkaïm**, mother and mother-in-law of our members Laurent Elkaïm and Guilda Benhamou.

**Howard Freed**, friend of the Shaar community.

Our member **Paul Golbert**, husband of Rachel Golbert.

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**Freda Goldberg**, mother of our member Gerald (Gerry) Goldberg.

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Our esteemed **Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Wilfred Shuchat**, spiritual leader of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim from 1946 to 1993, and Rabbi Emeritus for the past 25 years.

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MARCH 19



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Carel Cillians outbox of "In a Different Voice"

- Carol Gilligan, author of "In a Different Voice"

MARCH 26





# Author of "After Anatevka" and memoir "White Hot Grief Parade" ALEXANDRA SILBER

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"After Anatevka does Fiddler on the Roof proud. It's no secret that Alexandra Silber is one of our theater's finest singing actors. But who knew she was a thrilling novelist as well?"

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**APRIL 2** 



# The Challenge of a Shared Society in Israel TOVA HARTMAN

Scholar and founder of Jerusalem- based Congregation Kehillat Shira Hadasha, Tova Hartman is the Dean of Humanities at the Kiryat Ono Academic College. Her book "Feminism Encounters Traditional Judaism" was the winner of the National Jewish Book Award in 2008. She most recently authored "Are You Not a Man of God? Devotion, Betrayal and Social Criticism in Jewish Tradition". She is the daughter of the late Rabbi David Hartman.

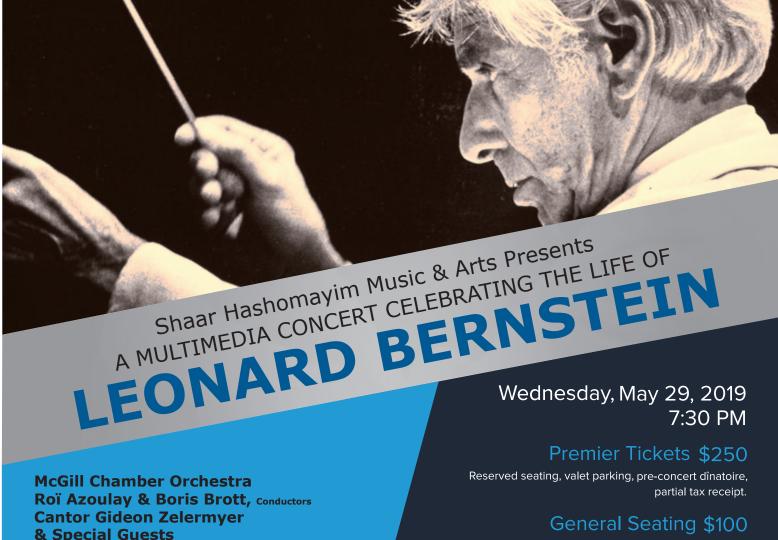
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