

CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM



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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2026

Well everyone, we did it.

We replaced the roof and we raised the funds for new eavestroughs and facia. The Man's Lunch is over and a success.

I'm tired, Chris is tired, Katerina is tired, Howard is tired. No rest for any of the loyal volunteers and my son, Micah, re-did his Bar Mitzvah Maftir and Haftorah.

Wow, what a month. We all need a break. Well, not going to happen. The Windsor Jewish War Veterans Memorial is on Sunday, November 8th, 2026 at the WJCC. This is what an active Shaar looks like and on Thursday, December 10th, 2026, Jessica Adler and Jonathan Bruneau, are bringing us, not snow, not reindeer; DRUM ROLL please…Potato Latkes.

For those of you who love pinball, that great Jewish institution, Marvellous Marvin's, is back at its new location, Orchard Lake and Maple. Go and have a good old time and support a wonderful Jewish establishment.

On a more serious note, we need MEN, not a lot of MEN, but a few good MEN for Sunday morning Minyan, as we no longer are making ten. Eight, Nine, Nine, Eight every week. We need support and winter is coming.

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BE Well.
Bill

B. Mechanic

Bill Mechanic
President of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim

MEETINGS

meeting

CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM

The next Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Board of Directors Meeting will be held on:

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

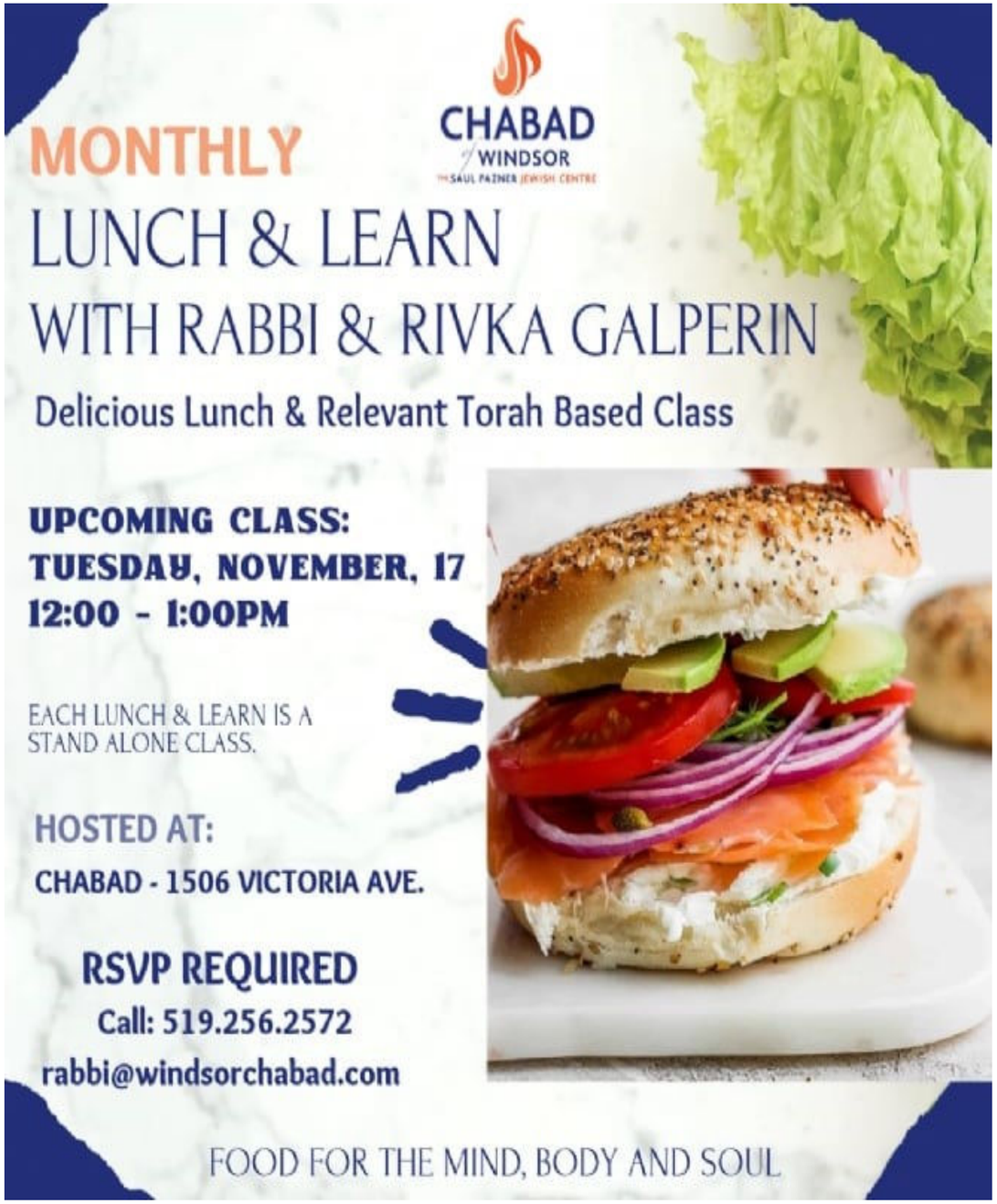
If you would like a digital copy of our Year-End Financial Statements (June 30, 2025) for the Shaar, please email your request to the Shaar Office at shaar@mnsi.net

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for the Shaar Chanukah Party in the Social Hall on Thursday, December 10th, 2026. Details to follow.



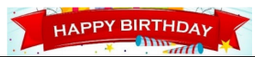




EVENTS / HOLIDAYS

▪ Jewish War Veterans Memorial at the WJCC	Sun Nov 8, 2026 11:00 am
▪ Lunch & Learn at Chabad	Tues Nov 17, 2026
▪ Holocaust Education Month: Free Online Film Screening	Wed Nov 18 & Thurs Nov 19, 2026
▪ Chanukah	Fri Dec 4 to Fri Dec 11, 2026
▪ Ice Skating at Lanspeary Park	Sun Dec 6, 2026
▪ Shaar Chanukah Party	Thurs Dec 10, 2026
▪ Tu B'Shevat	Sat Jan 23, 2027
▪ Family Day	Mon Feb 15, 2027
▪ Purim	Tues Mar 23, 2027
▪ First Seder	Wed Apr 21, 2027
▪ 1st Day of Passover	Thurs Apr 22, 2027

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Edwin Blumberg	Thursday	November	5
Evelyn Volynsky	Saturday	November	7
Sarina Abraham	Sunday	November	8
Rivka Galperin	Tuesday	November	10
Rabbi Sholom Galperin	Thursday	November	12
Gary Katz	Wednesday	November	18
Julieth Aguado	Monday	November	23
Bruce Elman	Wednesday	December	2
Moses Brachfeld	Sunday	December	6
Howard Spinner	Saturday	December	12
Natalie Slopen	Monday	December	14
Jerry Udell	Thursday	December	17
Fran Enkin	Friday	December	18
Sharon Strosberg	Sunday	December	20
Esther Schwartz	Thursday	December	24
Max Abraham	Friday	December	25
Richard Manson	Friday	December	25
Chani Galperin	Saturday	December	26
Dr. Sheldon Lewis	Tuesday	December	29
Jack Blaine	Tuesday	December	29
Moshe Yitzchak Galperin	Tuesday	December	29
Mary Lazarus	Thursday	December	31

PRAYER FOR THE SICK



During the Torah reading, prayers are offered for those seeking recovery from illness (*misheberach*).
The congregants tell the *Gabbai* the sick person's name and mother's name, preferably in Hebrew, i.e., Rivka bat Sara.
An interesting item to note: Prayers for the sick reference the sick person's mother's name and prayers for someone who is receiving an *aliyah* reference the person's father's name. According to Jewish law, a father's name is like a surname, used only for the purpose of identification. A mother, however, is associated with life and the soul. To request a prayer, please visit: http://www.shaarwindsor.org/request-a-prayer
If you or anyone you know requires a Misheberach, please call the Shaar Office at 519-256-3123 before 12:00 pm on Friday and let us know the Hebrew name and mother's Hebrew name.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Dr. Jerry Kopstein on the passing of beloved sister, **Elaine Center (AH)**. The graveside funeral service was held on Monday, November 2nd, 2026 at the Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery. Rabbi Sholom Galperin officiated.

Condolences to Dana and Larry Horwitz and family on the passing of beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Carole Kolotkin (AH)**. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Florida.

May Their Memories Forever be a Blessing.

UPCOMING UNVEILINGS

- **Stephanie Abramson (AH)**
  Sunday, November 8th, 2026 at 10:00 am

- **Tamara Davidovich (AH)**
  Sunday, November 15th, 2026 at 1:00 pm
  After Tamara's (AH) unveiling, everyone is invited to a luncheon at 5055 Riverside Dr. E., 2nd Floor Gathering Room.

PRE-PLAN YOUR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS – FOR PEACE OF MIND –

Addressing one's mortality can be sobering. Pre-planning provides a way to move beyond anxiety, towards clear, thoughtful decision making. It makes sense for families to have a plan in place.

Call the Windsor Jewish Funeral Services phone number at 519-564-6788 and one of our Funeral Directors can answer all of your questions, such as:

- What type of service, location
- Picking your plot location
- Who you want as pall bearers
- Who you would like to deliver the eulogy
- Halachic Guidelines
- Prices
- Special requests

Your wishes will be recorded, saved and kept confidential.

Pre-planning a funeral is one of the most important things you will do and feel good once it's done.

Make the call today.

THE CEMETERY GATES ARE OPEN:

MAY - OCTOBER	M-F 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM SUN 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
NOVEMBER-APRIL	BY APPOINTMENT ONLY PLEASE CALL THE NUMBERS BELOW

CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND JEWISH HOLIDAYS

NO PETS ALLOWED

THE WINDSOR JEWISH COMMUNITY FUNERAL SERVICES PHONE NUMBER IS

519-566-8039 or 519-564-6788

UNVEILINGS & FUNERALS

Dear Community Members:
We kindly request you to advise the Shaar office of any Funeral and Unveiling date. The Shaar office will attempt to announce the unveiling in advance if so desired. If an unveiling is private, please inform the Shaar office in order that we may advise the Shaar Cemetery caretaker to make the necessary preparations at the cemetery. Phone: 519-256-3123 ● E-mail: shaar@mnsi.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our community is currently seeking volunteers to perform Taharas, the sacred and meaningful mitzvah of preparing the deceased for burial. Both men and women are needed and training and guidance are provided.

Our community is also seeking Shomers. After a Jewish person passes away, it is customary for someone to stay with the body at all times until burial. If needed, several people take shifts. One who provides this honour, and who often recites Psalms as part of the sacred task, is known as a Shomer. Call 519-564-6788 if interested in either position.

FUNERAL SERVICE PHONE

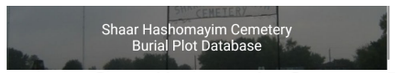
The phone number for the Windsor Jewish Community Funeral Services is **519-564-6788**

MORNING MINYAN AT THE SHAAR

To request a morning minyan for the observance of yahrzeit, or for the mourners' Kaddish to be said in memory of a loved one, please contact the Shaar office at 519-256-3123 or shaar@mnsi.net

Subject: Tombstone
A tombstone contains the Jewish names of the deceased in Hebrew, preceded by the letters פ"נ, which is an acronym for פה נטמן ("here lies"). Generally, Ashkenazim also include the father's name, and Sephardim include the mother's name, and it is not uncommon to include both. If the deceased was a Kohen or Levite, the father's name is used. The Jewish date of passing should also be included.
It is traditional to write on the bottom ת.נ.צ.ב.ה., which stands for תהא נפשו/ה צרורה בצרור החיים, "may his/her soul be bound in the bond of life." Avoid writing excessive or inaccurate praise of the deceased.

SHAAR HASHOMAYIM CEMETERY BURIAL PLOT DATABASE



To search the Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery Burial Plot Database, please use the following link:

https://shaarwindsor.org/burial-plot-database/

and

Find a Grave

https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2251858/shaar-hashomayim-cemetery

"THE WISHING WELL"

The Congregation Shaar Hashomayim "Wish List" at this time is as follows:

- **New Siddurs**
- **New Carpet for Sanctuary**

If you wish to donate towards the above, please contact the Shaar Hashomayim office at 519-256-3123 or email: shaar@mnsi.net

KOSHER PRODUCTS IN WINDSOR

Please support the following grocery stores that carry Kosher products in Windsor:

metro

Metro: 11729 Tecumseh Rd. E. & Banwell Rd.

REAL CANADIAN SUPERSTORE

Real Canadian Superstore: 2430 Dougall Ave.

KOSHER CATERER



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UPCOMING WJCC EVENT



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Congregation Shaar Hashomayim welcomes our newest members:

- Ira Cohen & May Tsui-Cohen
- Carol Cantor



BINGOS

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim is a proud member of the Paradise Charitable Gaming Centre Association.

Bingos are held at Paradise Bingo, 2340 Dougall Avenue. If you or any of your friends are bingo players, please be sure to use this venue as your preferred location.

Thank you, to the following Bingo Volunteers who have worked the Bingos during the month of **October 2026**:

- Alicia Frenkel
- Nir Frenkel
- Tamir Frenkel
- Heather Rudover
- Lindie Rudover

If you would like to volunteer for a couple hours, please call the Shaar office at 519-256-3123 or email shaar@mnsi.net

LIFE & LEGACY PROGRAM

LIFE & LEGACY
Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS

How will you assure Jewish *tomorrow's*, Windsor? By leaving a legacy *today*.
Contact your Shaar team for more information at 519-256-3123 or email shaar@mnsi.net with your name and phone number and the Shaar team will get in touch with you.

PLANNED GIVING



Tax Planning-Planned Giving
Plan now to save taxes later.

Let's consider David, who owns $100,000.00 of bank stock which he bought decades ago at $40,000.00. He also had $250,000.00 remaining in his RRIF. Without any planning, his tax bill for the year of death would be approximately $15,000 of capital gains tax on the bank stock and up to $134,000 of tax on the RRIF, depending on his other income in the year of death.

If David decides to leave the $100,000 bank stock to a charity in his will, he will save the $15,000 in capital gains tax upon death, and get a donation receipt for $100,000 which can save him approximately $50,000 in tax when applied against the tax owing on the RRIF.

The Charity gets $100,000.00 and the estate has saved $65,000.00 in tax.
As with any tax-planned giving, be sure to consult with your tax advisor and lawyer to ensure these strategies make sense in the context of your entire estate plan.

CANDLES FOR SALE IN THE SHAAR OFFICE



Shabbat Box of 12	$	5.00
Yahrzeit Tin Candles	$	1.00
Chanukah Candles	$	2.00

YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

Members	$	200.00
Non-Members	$	250.00

KIDDUSH SPONSORS



Saturday, November 7th, 2026
In memory of beloved brother and uncle, **Nathan Mechanic (AH)**. Sponsored by the Mechanic Family.



Saturday, November 28th, 2026
In memory of beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, **Max Gumprich (AH)**. Sponsored by Terry Peretz.



Saturday, December 26th, 2026
In memory of beloved parents, **Peter and Elena Tcherkezov (AH)**. Sponsored by Nona Tcherkezova.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush, please call or email the Shaar Office to schedule: 519-256-3123 / shaar@mnsi.net

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST



Sunday, November 8th, 2026
In memory of beloved brother and uncle, **Nathan Mechanic (AH)**. Sponsored by the Mechanic Family.

CONDOLENCE CARDS



"MAY G-D COMFORT YOU AMONG OTHER MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM"

To: **Roz & Mel Muroff & Family**
In memory of beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Elaine Center (AH)**.
By: Dave & Donna Abraham & Family

To: **Dr. Jerry Kopstein & Family**
In memory of beloved sister, **Elaine Center (AH)**.
By: Dave & Donna Abraham & Family
- ❖ Alan Berger
- ❖ Herb & Ellen Brudner
- ❖ Frances & Jerry Goldberg
- ❖ Laura & Gary Katz
- ❖ Jerry & Lynda Lev
- ❖ Irene Schen

To: **Dana & Larry Horwitz & Family**
In memory of beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother,**Carole Kolotkin (AH)**.
By: Terry Peretz
- ❖ Dave & Donna Abraham & Family

To: **Shoshana Lange**
In memory of beloved mother and grandmother, **Tamara Davidovich (AH)**.
By: Terry Peretz

GOOD HEALTH WISHES

To: **Howard Spinner**
Get well soon.
By: Dave & Donna Abraham & Family

To: **David Lazarus**
Get well soon.
By: Dave & Donna Abraham & Family

MAZEL TOV

To: **Mindi & Emma Vajda**
Mazel Tov on Emma's engagement to Greg.
By: Dave & Donna Abraham & Family

To: **Rivka & Rabbi Sholom Galperin & Family**
Mazel Tov on the engagement of your daughter, Chani, to Mendel.
By: Dave & Donna Abraham & Family
- ❖ Rafael & Alla Sionov

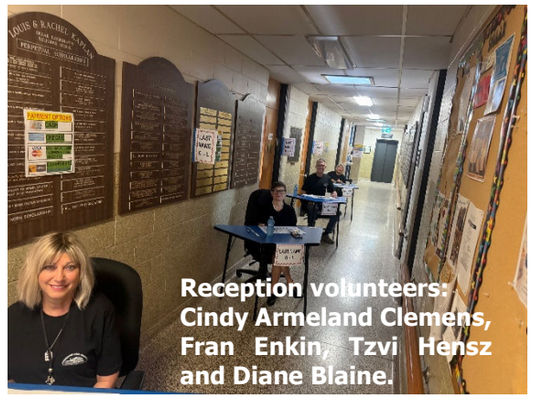
MISC. ITEMS AVAILABLE

Chumash (ArtScroll)	$	75.00
Sigal 'Tree of Life' Inscribed Leaf:		
Members	$	118.00
Non-Members	$	144.00
Sigal Tree of Life Inscribed Stone	$	1,000.00
Card Donations (Minimum)	$	12.00
Kiddush Sponsorship:		
Members	$	100.00
Non-Members	$	150.00
Sunday Morning Minyan Breakfast:		
Members	$	75.00
Non-Members	$	100.00

DONATION FUNDS

To assist you in designating where you wish your contributions/donations to be applied, the following are general and specific funds available:
- Cemetery Beautification Fund
- Sanctuary Repair Fund
- Torah Restoration

MEMORIES FROM THE MAN'S LUNCH #9
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026



Reception volunteers: Cindy Armeland Clemens, Fran Enkin, Tzvi Hensz and Diane Blaine.



Bar Volunteers: Brian Lazarus, Jessica Adler and Josh Lazarus.



Deli Crew: From left-to-right: Stephen Kamen, Sam Mossman, Chris Dearing (Staff), Howard Spinner, Mark Abraham, Brian Schwab, Arnie Blaine, Bill Mechanic, Rob Katzman, Jonathan Bruneau, Steve Meretsky, Steve Adler.



Guest Speaker: Bernie Smilovitz.



Bill Mechanic with Guest Speaker: Bernie Smilovitz.



The Crowd.

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1 21 cheshvan **Daylight Saving Time Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour** Service 8:30 am Hebrew School	2 22 cheshvan	3 23 cheshvan	4 24 cheshvan	5 25 cheshvan	6 26 cheshvan Candles 5:01 pm	7 27 cheshvan Service 9:00 am Havdalah 6:02 pm ***Chayei Sarah***
8 28 cheshvan Service 8:30 am Jewish War Veteran Memorial at the WJCC 11:00 am No School	9 29 cheshvan **SIGD**	10 30 cheshvan **ROSH CHODESH**	11 kislev CANADIAN REMEMBERANCE DAY VETERANS DAY **ROSH CHODESH**	12 2 kislev	13 3 kislev Candles 4:54 pm	14 4 kislev Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:55 pm ***Toldot***
15 5 kislev Service 8:30 am Hebrew School	16 6 kislev	17 7 kislev Lunch & Learn at Chabad 12pm-1pm CHABAD OF WINDSOR	18 8 kislev	19 9 kislev	20 10 kislev Candles 4:48 pm	21 11 kislev Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:51 pm ***Vayetzei***
22 12 kislev Service 8:30 am Hebrew School	23 13 kislev	24 14 kislev	25 15 kislev	26 16 kislev THANKSGIVING	27 17 kislev Candles 4:44 pm	28 18 kislev Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:47 pm ***Vayishlach***
29 19 kislev Service 8:30 am Hebrew School	30 20 kislev	**OCTOBER** S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	**DECEMBER** S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			

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6 26 kislev Service 8:30 am Hebrew School Ice Skating at Lanspeary Park 2pm-3pm 3rd Candle of Chanukah	7 27 kislev 4th Candle of Chanukah	8 28 kislev 5th Candle of Chanukah	9 29 kislev 6th Candle of Chanukah	10 30 kislev ROSH CHODESH 7th Candle of Chanukah	11 1 tevet Candles 4:42 pm ROSH CHODESH 8th Candle of Chanukah	12 2 tevet Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:47 pm ***Miketz*** HANUKKAH
13 3 tevet Service 8:30 am Hebrew School	14 4 tevet	15 5 tevet	16 6 tevet	17 7 tevet	18 8 tevet Candles 4:43 pm	19 9 tevet Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:49 pm ***Vayigash***
20 10 tevet Service 8:30 am No School **FAST OF THE 10TH OF TEVET**	21 11 tevet WINTER BEGINS	22 12 tevet	23 13 tevet	24 14 tevet Office Open 9am-12pm office closing early	25 15 tevet **OFFICE CLOSED** Candles 4:47 pm CHRISTMAS DAY	26 16 tevet Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:53 pm BOXING DAY ***Vayechi***
27 17 tevet Service 8:30 am No School	28 18 tevet **OFFICE CLOSED**	29 19 tevet	30 20 tevet	31 21 tevet Office Open 9am-12pm office closing early		