

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY KOLLEL

PROGRAM GUIDE

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ABOUT THE KOLLEL

The Forest Hill Community Kollel is a vibrant and welcoming Torah learning centre where Jews of all ages and backgrounds can discover, explore, and engage with their Judaism.

Our scholars form the core of the Kollel. Seven bright, talented, and enthusiastic young men dedicate their mornings and afternoons to high-level Talmudic studies, guided by the Rosh Kollel. They attend intensive weekly lectures, prepare and deliver their own presentations on the Talmudic topics being studied, and participate in Mussar Va'adim, interactive group sessions on personal and religious development.

Walk into the FHJC anytime of the day and you'll be greeted by the energetic and animated sounds of our Kollel scholars learning, debating, and arguing as they delve into the Talmud together.

In the evenings, the Kollel becomes a centre for communal learning. Every night, our Kollel scholars are available for one-on-one and small group learning. We have Torah study partners of all ages and backgrounds studying a variety of topics together, from Bible to Talmud, Jewish thought to Mishna, and more.

Every other Monday night, the Kollel hosts a special learning program that has quickly become the highlight of our week. Everyone learns the same prepared material, guided by our Kollel scholars, on fundamental and fascinating subjects in Jewish thought. There's nothing like the sound of a packed Beis Medresh, and with nearly forty people in attendance, the Kollel is rocking.

Thursday nights are also a special event at the Kollel. The evening begins with Think Tank, a program for High-school boys led by Rabbi Bernie Goldberg. An awesome group of intelligent and curious boys from CHAT meet weekly to discuss big topics in Jewish thought and expand their Torah knowledge. The Kollel is then open for community learning, followed by Beer & Cholent. With singing, Divrei Torah, and the occasional musical guest, Thursday nights at the Kollel is a great way to end the week and prepare for Shabbos.

In addition, the Kollel hosts a number of weekly classes, open to both men and women. On Sunday and Tuesday, Rabbi Goodman teaches two of the most profound works of Jewish thought and mysticism – the Maharal's Tiferes Yisroel, and the Ramchal's Derech Hashem. On Wednesday nights, Rabbi YY Green uncovers deep ideas in the weekly Parsha. And a brand-new Medical Ethics Chabura with Rabbi Goodman explores the intersection between Jewish law and modern medicine.

We just opened our doors in August 2023, and there's already so much going on at the Kollel. The support from you – the FHJC community – has been amazing. Please help us continue our mission to teach and learn real, sincere, and impactful Torah.

See you at the Kollel!

OUR TEAM

LEADERSHIP



Rabbi Meir Goodman / ROSH KOLLEL

Rabbi Goodman grew up in the Forest Hill Jewish Centre, back when it was above the Starbucks. He studied at Yeshivas Bircas HaTorah in the Old City of Jerusalem, received a BA in Jewish History from Yeshiva University, and Rabbinic Ordination from YU's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS). He was also a member of the prestigious Kollel Elyon for Advanced Talmudic Studies. Rabbi Goodman is the author of three volumes of Talmudic insights entitled Shoshanas HaAmakim.



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Rabbi Elie Karfunkel / RABBI OF THE FHJC

Rabbi Karfunkel was born in Staten Island, New York. He learned at Neveh Zion in Israel and received Rabbinic Ordination under the guidance of Rabbi Berel Wein, dean of Yeshivas Shaarei Torah of Monsey, New York. He also completed a Masters degree in Education. Exuberant, infectious, and a people person, Rabbi Elie has served as the Rabbi of the FHJC for over 20 years.



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Rabbi Eli Kuhnreich / OUTREACH DIRECTOR

Rabbi Kuhnreich was born and raised in Toronto. He studied at Rabbi Bordsky's Yeshiva, the Mir Yeshiva in Jerusalem, and BMG in Lakewood. Rabbi Kuhnreich lived in Maalot Dafna, Jerusalem with his family for nearly 10 years and was involved in many community initiatives, including spearheading charity campaigns and assisting in the building of a new shul. He has also worked as a certified personal trainer.



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Rabbi Teddy Lubimzev / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rabbi Lubimzev is currently the Executive Director of Canadian Friends of Ohr Somayach and the Forest Hill Community Kollel. He graduated with a BA in Philosophy from York University, studied in Yeshivas Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem, and received Rabbinic ordination from Yeshivas Pirchei Shoshanim in Lakewood. He works part time as a prison chaplain. Rabbi Lubimzev was previously the Operations Director of Chai Lifeline Canada.



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KOLLEL SCHOLARS



**Rabbi Maxwell
Charlat**

Maxwell grew up in Toronto, attended TanenbaumCHAT, and received a BA from Yeshivas University before starting medical school in upstate New York. The FHJC played a critical role in Maxwell and his family's life, and he and his wife are excited to be part of the community for the next year.



**Rabbi Tzvi
Cohen**

Tzvi grew up in Thornhill, attended Yeshivas Darchei Torah, and spent three years learning at Yeshivas Mercaz HaTorah in Jerusalem. He received a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics from Landers College in Queens, NY. Most recently, Tzvi was a member of Kollel Ohalei Yom Tov.



**Rabbi Moshe
Fordsham**

Moshe grew up in Toronto, attended Yeshivas Darchei Torah, and spent most of the past 9 years learning at Mercaz HaTorah and the Mir Yeshiva in Jerusalem. He is currently pursuing an MSW degree alongside his studies at the Kollel.



**Rabbi Bernie
Goldberg**

Bernie grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. He studied in Derech Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem, received a BA in Marketing from Yeshiva University, and continued his Torah studies in the Yeshiva of Greater Washington and Kollel Ohalei Yom Tov. Bernie has worked and volunteered for multiple Jewish youth and outreach organisations, including NCSY.



**Rabbi YY
Green**

YY Geen was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He learned in the Derech Program at Ohr Somayach Jerusalem and studied psychology at Touro University. He has worked for OHEL as a Job Coach for individuals with developmental disabilities. YY recently completed Ohr Somayach's Ohr LaGolah Rabbinic Ordination Program before moving to Toronto.



**Rabbi Aaron
Krongold**

Rabbi Krongold is a native Torontonian. He received a BA from University of Toronto, attended Yeshivas Aish HaTorah in the Old City of Jerusalem, and was a member of Kollel Ohalei Yom Tov for more than a decade. Rabbi Krongold has taught at many schools in Toronto, and is currently on the staff of Tiferes Bais Yaakov High School. He also serves as Director of NCSY Alumni Canada alongside his wife Racheli.



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Community Learning *With the Kollel*

FOR MEN

COME AND JOIN US IN THE EVENING

Sunday through
Thursday

8:00-9:30 pm

1 on 1 learning

Many exciting topics to choose from!

Whatever your background, come
and learn with one of our Kollel members!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Rabbi Meir Goodman at rabbigoodman@foresthillkollel.ca or
Rabbi Eli Kuhnreich at rabbikuhnreich@foresthillkollel.ca

THURSDAY NIGHT CHOLENT & BEER

AT THE KOLLEL

8:00 PM / LEARNING

9:00 PM / CHOLENT & BEER

9:45 PM / MAARIV

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Looking forward
to seeing
you there!



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MONDAY NIGHT LEARNING WITH THE KOLLEL

**Guided by our Kollel scholars!
Learn with your friends!
No commitments!
Just show up!**

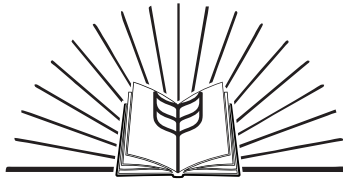
EVERY OTHER
MONDAY
8:30-9:30 pm

**A NEW TOPIC
EVERY WEEK**

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Women's *Partners in Torah*

Bringing Together Women of Forest Hill
Through Their Heritage



Personalized learning anytime, anywhere, anything!

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Medical Ethics Chaburah

*with
Rabbi Goodman*



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FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

*Study reponsa from
contemporary Rabbis
on cutting-edge issues!
Explore the intersection
between Jewish law
and modern medicine!*



**If you're interested in joining, please contact Rabbi Goodman at
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DATES AND TIMES TO BE DETERMINED TOGETHER.



Maharal in the Morning

WITH RABBI GOODMAN

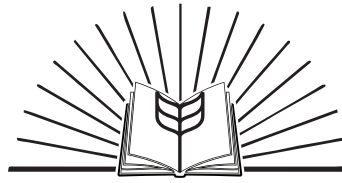
Sunday Mornings at 8:45 AM
In the H. Wayne Tanenbaum Study - 3rd floor

The Maharal's mystical and philosophical teachings come alive in his classic work, Tiferes Yisrael. Delve deep into the world of one of Judaism's most creative and brilliant Torah scholars!



**Bubby's Bagel
Breakfast
will be served!**

**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT RABBI MEIR GOODMAN AT
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Explore the foundations of Jewish thought
with Rabbi Goodman as we study
Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato's

DERECH HASHEM

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1 – 2 PM
IN THE H. WAYNE TANENBAUM STUDY - 3RD FLOOR

Demystify some of the most important topics in Judaism. This year we will be learning about Divine Providence, Israel and the Nations, Reward and Punishment, Divine Justice and Mercy, Reincarnation, and much more!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT rabbigoodman@foresthillkolel.ca



Weekly Wisdom WITH YY

Get a deep understanding
of the parsha with practical life lessons.

Wednesday night
IN THE KOLLEL

8:30-9:30 PM



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THINK TANK

Jewish Learning for High School Boys
(Grades 9-12)

IS THERE
FREE WILL?

WHAT'S SO
SPECIAL
ABOUT
SHABBAT?

WHAT IS
TEFILLIN
ALL ABOUT?

WHY IS
PRAYER
SO LONG?



Join Rabbi Bernie Goldberg for an open conversation - ask YOUR questions, find answers that speak to YOU, develop a relationship with YOUR Judaism.

THURSDAY NIGHTS, 7:30 - 8:30 PM - STARTING NOVEMBER 17

BUFFET AND BEVERAGES!



BIG INCENTIVES!



*Earn a certificate in
Jewish thought from the
Forest Hill Kollel*



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WEEKLY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAILY	Daf Yomi with R' Yaakov Kaplan	SUN: 7:00 AM MON TO FRI: 6:00 AM
SUNDAY	Maharal Breakfast and Learn with Rabbi Meir Goodman	8:45 - 9:30 AM
	Community Night Learning	8:00 - 9:30 PM
MONDAY	Community Night Learning	8:00 - 9:30 PM
	Special Monday Night Learning Every Other Week	8:30 - 9:30 PM
TUESDAY	Derech Hashem with Rabbi Meir Goodman	1:00 - 2:00 PM
	Community Night Learning	8:00 - 9:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Community Night Learning	8:00 - 9:30 PM
	Parsha Class with Rabbi YY Green	8:30 - 9:30 PM
THURSDAY	Think Tank with Rabbi Bernie Goldberg	7:30 - 8:30 PM
	Community Night Learning	8:00 - 9:00 PM
	Cholent and Beer	9:00 - 9:45 PM

DAVENING WITH THE KOLLEL

Mincha: Sun-Thurs 2:45 PM / **Maariv:** Sun-Wed 9:30 PM Thurs 9:45 PM

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider helping the Forest Hill Community Kollel learn and teach Torah in our community. Your donation gives us the opportunity to provide our programming and classes, and support our Kollel scholars' Torah studies. Sponsoring Torah learning can be a great merit for a loved one on the occasion of a Yartzheit, or in honour of a special event.

SPONSOR A SHIUR
\$100

THURSDAY NIGHT
BEER AND CHOLENT
\$180

MONDAY NIGHT LEARNING
\$360

SPONSOR A
DAY OF LEARNING
\$500

SPONSOR A
WEEK OF LEARNING
\$1800

SPONSOR A
MONTH OF LEARNING
\$5000

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Or contact our Executive Director, Rabbi Teddy Lubimzev at rabbiteddy@foresthillkollel.ca

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