



A Message From Rachael

As the summer begins and our year together winds down, I am looking forward to exciting things that will be happening at Rachael's Centre next year.

I am thrilled to announce that we have been given a wonderful opportunity to grow and, as of this coming Fall, all our classes will be held at Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook Avenue.

We are grateful to Rabbi Yossi Sapirman and the Beth Torah community for their generosity, and we look forward to creating the familiar Rachael's Centre environment in our new location. While our study venue has moved, we will maintain our home office at 488 Champagne Drive.

These exciting changes will truly allow Rachael's Centre to branch out into the community, and to provide further growth and possibilities where Torah, Mussar and Ethics can be shared. Please take a moment to review the class descriptions and tuition for next year. You will notice that full-year tuition has not changed and that you now have the option to register for individual terms.

To assist in planning for our upcoming year, please send us your registration by Friday, August 19. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give our administrator, Danya, a call.

We are looking forward to these great changes and are excited for you to be a part of it.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer.

Dr. Rachael Turkienicz
Executive Director



***WE ARE GROWING AND MOVING OUR CLASSES TO AN
EXCITING NEW LOCATION!!!***

In September 2011 all Rachael's Centre **classes** will be held at
Beth Torah Congregation
47 Glenbrook Avenue
North York, ON M6B 2L7



Our **Home Office** remains at:
488 Champagne Drive
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Curriculum for Fall 2011 **(September 12 – December 15)**

TORAH TEXTS

Monday morning: 10:00 – 12:00 pm

GENESIS: BEGINNING AT THE BEGINNING OF IT ALL!

We will go through the text carefully to examine the process, design and interdependent relationships placed into the world. Our study will include text that addresses the nature of God, humanity, families, life purpose and many more crucial concepts.

Whether it is sibling rivalry that leads to death, towers that reach to the sky, floods, warfare or true love – Genesis is the text that sets everything else in motion.

We are ready to begin our study of the Matriarchs and Patriarchs – join us!

(No previous Jewish education required)

TORAH TEXT

Tuesday morning: 10:00 - 12:00 pm

LEVITICUS: FROM THE MUNDANE TO THE HOLY!

While Israel is learning how to build a functioning and just society, they must also learn how to include spirituality into daily living. We no longer offer sacrifices but the concepts and expressions remain the same even today. We will study the text that speaks of error and forgiveness, obligation toward each other in both expecting ethical behaviour and moving forward past the moments when we hurt each other.

Beyond it all lays Leviticus' description of attaining holiness in our day-to-day. It is not about dedicating ourselves to God so much as it is about dedicating ourselves to recognizing the power we all possess to elevate every moment.

We will be examining the 'Holiness Code' and the overall structure of the big – Yes there is method to this madness.

MUSSAR

Thursday morning: 10:00 - 12:00 pm

This course is an ongoing study of the *Mussar* methodology and practicality within our lives. Based on the *Mussar* schools of Europe, we learn a Jewish system of inner transformation that expresses into the world with ethical actions.

Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, is the goal of *Mussar* and along the way it reveals a beautiful world of personal choice, empowerment and growth. As subtle changes are brought into our daily lives each person experiences a change in their perspective and a reduction in their stress and anxiety levels.

The study structure of this class consists of 1 hour of text study and 1 hour of personal sharing of *Mussar* techniques.

(No previous *Mussar* study necessary)



Our Vision

Throughout Jewish history, each new voice has added an invaluable link to the chain of Jewish dialogue. The time has come to add ours.

Rachael's Centre for Torah, Mussar & Ethics is dedicated to bringing the perspective of women into the pluralistic dialogue of Jewish learning, and creating a community that encourages meaningful opportunities for study, interactive discourse, and Jewish exploration.

Our vision culminates in recognizing and expanding the range of ethical choices within daily life, and expressing those choices into the world (Tikkun Olam).

Our Values

Torah study at Rachael's Centre seeks to empower women to engage with their Jewish learning and Jewish voice, to bring their unique perspective to each other, to their families and to their communities. As a welcoming spiritual home for active Jewish learning, Rachael's Centre explores unique moments to broaden that learning through inter-faith and inter-generational programmes.

The community of Rachael's Centre, and every experience it provides, requires its students, staff, and volunteers to express mutual respect and consideration in all their interactions.

Rachael's Centre is committed to remaining unaffiliated with any one stream of Judaic practice and, in that way, will continue to build a distinctive, pluralistic community that equally values the many Jewish voices we hear. We are committed to grounding our concepts within ancient Jewish texts and situating our learning within the tradition of discourse.



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APPLICATION FORM

Fall 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

I give permission to share my email contact information with the participants of Rachael's Centre

COURSES: (Please select the course(s) you are registering for)

Genesis: Beginning At The Beginning Of It All! Monday 10 am - 12 pm

Leviticus: From The Mundane To The Holy! Tuesday 10 am - 12 pm

Mussar Thursday 10 am - 12 pm

*Registering for **two** or **more** classes? Take advantage of these discounts.*

• **50% off the 2nd class**

• **75% off the 3rd class**

* All classes require a minimum enrollment of 10 students

* Courses are recorded and may be used for sales and promotions

* Rachael's Centre is a kosher facility. Please respect this when bringing food or drinks into the Centre



TUITION

(Please select the term(s) you are registering for)

FALL / WINTER / SPRING 2011-2012 \$1500 + (HST)

****NEW! PAY PER TERM**

FALL \$700 + (HST)

WINTER \$600 + (HST)

SPRING \$450 + (HST)

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PAYMENT

Debit

Cheque or money order enclosed (payable to Rachael's Centre)

Credit Card ○ VISA ○ MasterCard

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

CARDHOLDER'S NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

I give my permission to keep my credit card information on file.

* If you require a payment plan schedule, please contact us at 416-630-6488 or info@rachaelscentre.org

* The Tyrus Reiman Education Fund is available to assist with tuition fees. If interested, please inquire with Danya. Privacy and confidentiality are respected and no questions are asked.

* Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) does not permit the issuance of tax receipts for adult education. Rachael's Centre and rachaelscentre.org's courses are classified as adult education.



FALL 2011 DATE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER CLASS DATES

Monday: 12, 19, 26

Tuesday: 13, 20, 27

Thursday: 15, 22

OCTOBER CLASS DATES

Monday: 3, 24, 31

Tuesday: 4, 11, 25

Thursday: 6, 27

NOVEMBER CLASS DATES

Monday: 7, 14, 21, 28

Tuesday: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Thursday: 3, 10, 17, 24

DECEMBER CLASS DATES

Monday: 5, 12

Tuesday: 6, 13

Thursday: 1, 8, 15

TZEDAKAH INITIATIVES

“Choose Your Zero”

All participants at Rachael’s Centre also participate in our *tzedakah* initiative with an \$18.00 donation. We encourage those who can, to ‘choose your zero’ and add it to your donation amount.

Please accept my **tax-deductible** gift of:

\$18 \$180 \$1,800 \$18,000 Other: _____

“Reaching Out”

Please consider donating to expand the reach of the programmes at Rachael’s Centre. Your contribution provides an important source of funding to operate Rachael’s Centre programming on a balanced budget. Your gift goes directly to the creation, design, development, production and promotion of the unique programmes at Rachael’s Centre.

Please accept my **tax-deductible** gift of:

\$540 \$360 \$180 \$108 \$54 Other: _____

Tyrus Reiman Education Fund

This fund has been established to assist those who may be experiencing economic challenges and ensures their participation in Rachael’s Centre programming. As we learn from *Hillel*, regardless of financial circumstances, no person shall be denied access to studying Torah. Please consider partaking in this *mitzvah*, by contributing to the Education Fund.

Please accept my **tax-deductible** gift of:

\$540 \$360 \$180 \$108 \$54 Other: _____

Tzedakah Echoes

The commandment to give *tzedakah* applies to us all, including those who receive *tzedakah*. With this in mind, when you donate to Rachael's Centre, we will make a further donation in your honour. In this way, the *mitzvah* you initiate continues to create *tzedakah* ripples within our community and beyond. We have chosen to honour you with a donation of water to Israel through JNF. As women, our connection to both water and the land of Israel is woven throughout our texts and we are fortunate to be able to sustain Israel in this way.

May we all continue to move from strength to strength.

TZEDAKAH INITIATIVES PAYMENT

Please process my *tzedakah* initiatives payment of: _____

Debit

Cheque or money order enclosed (payable to Rachael's Centre)

Credit Card VISA MasterCard

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

CARDHOLDER'S NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Rachael's Centre for Torah Mussar & Ethics is a registered Canadian Charity
Charitable Registration Number 80744 7016 RR 0001

Policies

General Refund & Credit Policy

In the event of a student withdrawal from a course, **prior** to its start date, a refund or credit will be issued for the full amount of the course fee, minus a \$50.00 administration fee. If a student withdraws **after** the first class, a full refund or credit will be issued minus a \$100.00 administration fee. Following the second class, refunds or credits will not be issued; with the exception of significant personal or family circumstances. In these cases, a refund or credit will be issued on a pro rata basis minus a \$100.00 administration fee.

Web Access and CD Borrowing Policy

Class recordings of currently offered courses will be available, at www.learningwithrachael.com. Participants will receive online access as part of the tuition for the classes and terms that the participant is registered for. The complete library of class recordings will be available throughout the course duration and for 3 weeks following the date of the final class in June. We will continue to make CDs available for borrowing on a limited basis.

Cancelled Class Policy

In the unlikely event that Rachael's Centre cancels a class, every attempt will be made to schedule a make-up class. If you are unable to attend the make-up class, a CD will be available for borrowing.

Privacy Policy

Rachael's Centre for Torah Mussar & Ethics respects the privacy of any personal information provided by you and protects it through its Privacy Policy. Rachael's Centre reserves the right to disclose any information provided by you as it deems necessary to satisfy any applicable law, regulation, legal process, government request, to protect the Services or the rights of Rachael's Centre, or as otherwise required or permitted by law. Rachael's Centre may use information provided by you in order to identify or resolve technical problems concerning the Services, to tailor its Services to you, to facilitate your use of the Services and to communicate with you.

Information that is acquired by Rachael's Centre is for communications and internal use and is not shared with any other person(s) or organization(s).

Signature

Date