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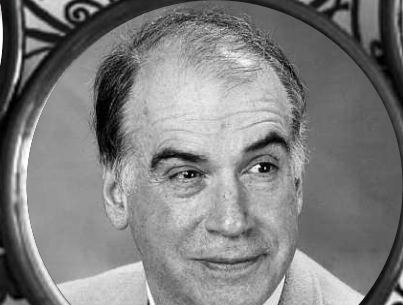
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THE KIDS FROM

# BROOKLYN

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# Narrative, Memory and What is Yet to Come



**RABBI FRYDMAN-KOHL** is teaching classes as part of Monday Night Learning. See details on p. 18.

We have a responsibility to share the experience of our own story, remaining loyal to the narrative of our people and celebrating our accomplishments.

**FOR ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE GREAT JEWISH THINKERS** to develop a systematic exposition of Jewish beliefs, Judaism is primarily defined by narrative theology, the telling of a sacred story that gives meaning to our past and momentum to our future. Each morning during prayers we retell a précis of our sacred saga. And on Passover, we devote significant attention to the Telling.

In *The White Album*, Joan Didion captured the importance of narrative when she wrote, “We tell ourselves stories in order to live... We... [impose] a narrative line upon disparate images... the shifting phantasmagoria which is our actual experience.” In his illustrations for a haggadah with commentary by Elie Wiesel, Mark Podwal imagines the pyramids of Egypt as the matzah that we consume, providing a visual and gustable theology that joins the ancient to what is yet to come.

In a recent interview, Dara Horn, the author of the new novel, *A Guide for the Perplexed*, similarly reminds us that the past is “a sequence of events that, once it’s gone, can’t be objectively accessed and can only be retold, in countless ways—and the way we choose to tell that story becomes our identity. People who lived through the same experience can understand it in wildly different ways, and that difference is what distinguishes one person’s soul from another’s. There’s a double helix of free will and fate that defines our lives—the circumstances we find ourselves in, and how we decide to remember those experiences.”

Her novel offers a contemporary recasting of the biblical story of Joseph and his brothers (featuring sisters), in which a new technology, named Geniza, enables people to archive their lives. Of course, the ancient *geniza* in Egypt was a repository of “sacred trash” that became sacred treasure (including a letter signed by Maimonides) when discovered by two British spinsters and exhumed by Solomon Schechter in 1896. It is noteworthy that

Maimonides and Schechter also had significant sibling relationships. In Horn’s novel, one of the 21<sup>st</sup> century sisters, Josie, is captured during the recent revolution in Egypt, while the other, Judith, both deceives and defends her imprisoned sibling. As readers, we are led to reflect on what to save and what to shed, how these judgments affect our perspectives on people and the past, and how “selective memory [is] absolutely necessary in families and in all relationships.”

The importance of narrative and memory is the subject of two recent National Jewish Book Award winners: Yossi Klein Halevi’s *Like Dreamers* and Ari Shavit’s *My Promised Land*. Halevi follows seven paratroopers who were involved in the liberation of Jerusalem in 1967 as a means to explore the divergence of contemporary political views in Israel. While these soldiers had shared an intense and personally significant experience, their post-war perspectives led to divergent visions for the future of Israel. One dreamt of spiritual renewal through a renewed national spirit that would be inspired by the religious Zionist West Bank settlement movement, while a former kibbutznik planned the unilateral withdrawal from Gaza and was part of the growth of Israel’s entrepreneurial economy. A survivor’s son gave practical direction to the settlement movement, while another kibbutznik gave music and voice to a generation adrift. One remained committed to socialist ideals and became a leader in Peace Now, while another became part of a Syrian spy system. Halevi describes how they each looked back at the Six Day War, but with discordant narratives, exposing the Israeli soul and contemporary civic culture.

Shavit’s book is more controversial and personal. He tells the story of his family and emphasizes the practical decisions that early Zionists and later Israeli leaders made to create a thriving, dynamic state. Using



individual stories, Shavit describes the Zionist purchase of land and the cultivation of orange groves, the development of the Masada myth and the upheaval of the war of 1948, the Holocaust survivors whose children became leaders in the new State and the engineer responsible for the Israeli nuclear program, the religious Zionists who became part of the post Yom Kippur War settler movement along with the high tech entrepreneurs of the “startup nation”, the Tel Aviv clubbers and the military and security personnel responsible for their safety.

Along with his awareness of the facticity and accomplishments of Israel, Shavit also recognizes its precarious fragility and the counter-narrative of Palestinian Arabs. This darker chronicle exists with the celebratory one, just as the Exodus story lives with the acknowledgement that many Egyptians suffered for our ancestors to gain liberation from bondage.

After Passover, we turn to the three days which are the most significant on the calendar of Israeli civic life, representing the Jewish narrative of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. For many Jews, these are the equivalent of the spiritual Days of Awe. Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah), Israeli Memorial Day (Yom Hazikaron), and Israeli Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzmaut) will be marked at Beth Tzedec in special ways. We shall be chanting the Holocaust Scroll (*Megillat Hashoah*) on Sunday evening, April 27; hosting the communal memorial gathering for those killed in the defence of Israel on May 4; and offering special prayers and sharing an evening of celebration on May 5 to mark the 66<sup>th</sup> year of Israeli independence.

As I helped to lead the multi-faith Path of Abraham study mission in March, I could not help but be aware of dueling narratives. The faith traditions of Muslims and Christians offer different understandings of sacred events. The Palestinian perspective is a reverse image of the one we are most familiar with from Israel. We have the capacity to listen to the competing voices and learn from them. But we also have a responsibility to respond, sharing the experience of our own story, remaining loyal to the narrative of our people and celebrating our accomplishments. That too is part of the miracle and remains a central *mitzvah* of Passover.



Rachel Gordan of the University of Toronto conducted the interview with Dara Horn:  
<http://religionandpolitics.org/2014/02/25/technology-memory-and-jewish-history-an-interview-with-novelist-dara-horn/#sthash.9wbVVcay.dpuf>

Dara Horn, *A Guide for the Perplexed*.

Yossi Klein Halevi, *Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*.

Ari Shavit, *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Modern Israel*.

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# Connecting to Israel and the Jewish People



PLEASE PARTICIPATE

in our upcoming Israel Engagement Survey—watch for the link or contact the office to obtain a hard copy.

In January, I was privileged to help select next year's *Shinshinim* in Israel.

**WITH THE WINTER WEATHER CONTINUING, PURIM JUST** behind us and Pesah sneaking up, I hope you are keeping warm and looking forward to the eventual arrival of spring.

## Another Incredible Visit to Israel

Last year at this time, I wrote about our meaningful family trip to Israel, my first visit there after 20 years. I was recently privileged to return to Israel to participate in the selection of next year's *Shinshinim* on behalf of Beth Tzedec. The *Shinshinim* program has taken hold in Toronto in a unique and special way. This year, a group of more than 50 from our community travelled to Israel as part of the annual UJA Israel Engagement trip. Our primary mission was to select 22 Israeli high school seniors who will spend a gap year in Toronto, sharing their love and appreciation of their country with us and our children, and making meaningful connections which will undoubtedly continue long past their time spent here.

There were two main things that struck me about my Israel experience. First, each of the trip participants—who included Rabbis, Day School Principals and Senior Educators, Camp Directors, Youth Directors and committed volunteers from all of the participating organizations—demonstrated strength, diversity, depth and commitment to a common vision of innovating to help the people and institutions of Jewish Toronto find more personal, complex, contemporary and active connections with Israelis and Israeli society. Second, the group of Israeli young adults who applied to be *Shinshinim* in Toronto (through the Jewish Agency for Israel) were extremely impressive. They embody commitment to Israel and the Jewish people. The spirit of volunteerism is deeply ingrained in them, along with a passion for leadership and practical experience as youth leading youth. Toronto is so fortunate to have these young Israelis join our community.

I was so pleased to share this experience with Aily Leibtag and Rav Adam Cutler, who were our professional Beth Tzedec representatives (Rav Adam luckily having

planned to be in Jerusalem to study at the Shalom Hartman Institute around the same time), and with Claire Sumerlus (Head of School) and Sylvia Eilath (Principal) of Robbins Hebrew Academy, our partner institution in Israel Engagement. Currently, we are the only partners whose *Shinshinim* work in the same building—a convenience for them and a real benefit to us, as it allows us all to experience them more frequently.

The well-organized trip was coordinated by UJA Federation's Israel Engagement Committee, including our members Adam Joseph (incoming chair of that committee) and Lianne Leboff (chair of the *Shinshinim* Committee). One of the core themes of the trip was building Israel Engagement through partnerships. We not only worked with our direct partner, RHA, to choose a dynamic team of *Shinshinim*, but we also used our time to explore ways for Beth Tzedec to work with other Toronto organizations to develop new types of Israel-related programming and activities, leveraging our *Shinshinim*. In addition, we were introduced to various Israeli institutions and were challenged to find meaningful ways to partner with them.

After choosing our two fantastic *Shinshinim* for 2014/15 (see page 25 to learn about Or Klein and Ofir Hoory and your opportunities to host them), we enjoyed a reunion dinner with past *Shinshinim*. Nine out of 10 of these alumni from our Congregation joined us, and many participated in interview day, coaching the candidates (and our team) through the process. As we came together in Jerusalem, it was especially meaningful to have them all around one table with us and to hear about the impact that their year in Canada has had on their lives long after their return to Israel. Other highlights included the time we spent in Toronto's partnership region of Eilat/Eilot where we met with a group of "Diller Teen Fellows" who are involved in a UJA-sponsored high school leadership training program in partnership with Toronto students (including Beth Tzedec members in Grades 10 and 11), and a hands-on gardening outing at an elementary school where we worked alongside Israeli



**LEFT** Top (l-r): Ori Unterman, Danielle Rosenberg, Alon Reichman, Rav Adam Cutler, Yarden Gruber; Bottom (l-r): Inbar Erez, Ido Moshe, Shira Kuperberg, Aily Leibtag; Our past *Shinshinim* missing from photo: Moran Dinur, Gal Perlman, Eytan Chamovitz **TOP RIGHT** (l-r): Eytan Chamovitz, Lianne Leboff, Yarden Gruber **BOTTOM RIGHT** (l-r): Aily Leibtag, Inbar Erez, Adam Joseph, Alon Reichman



children who greeted us warmly, waving Canadian flags. As the short week rushed to a close, we spent Shabbat with our newly-selected *Shinshinim* and met their families, concluding with a spirited Havdalah.

Thanks to the continuing generosity of the Weisdorf family, Or and Ofir will soon be the seventh pair of warm, energetic and engaging Israeli Young Emissaries to come to Beth Tzedec. We are very fortunate to have been involved in this program almost since its inception. Our current *Shinshinim*, Barak Tal and Maya Schwartz, are with us until June. In addition to working with our children in our Congregational School, Bar/Bat Mitzvah program and Youth and Family activities, they continue to offer the popular bi-weekly *Hadashot* program for our teens (where, like many Israelis do, they simply meet at Aroma to discuss Israeli current events) and adult educational programs, such as the upcoming “Israel Is Real” course and ongoing Israeli movie/TV nights. If you haven’t already done so, please take the opportunity to experience Israel today through Maya and Barak.

#### **Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

In anticipation of Beth Tzedec celebrating its Jubilee in 2015, marking 60 years since our magnificent Sanctuary was dedicated, I’m pleased to announce that the Board recently struck a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, to be chaired by two enthusiastic Past Presidents of our Congregation: Marvin Miller and Paul Rothstein.

Paul and Marvin will soon be assembling a team of volunteers to plan for this auspicious occasion, honouring our past and celebrating our future. If you would like to offer your help, please be in touch with the Synagogue office.

#### **Connecting With You**

Thanks to those of you who came to the recent Town Halls to hear about our plans for the renewal of our building. We appreciated your questions and input, which will inform our ongoing planning. If you missed these sessions and would like to hear more, please be in touch with me at [president@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:president@beth-tzedec.org). And on the subject of being in touch, be sure you are receiving our new weekly E-Newsletter, *The Week Ahead*. **If your email address is not on file with us, please remedy that by sending a note to [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).** Last but not least, we are about to launch a survey to help us understand how you engage with Israel, and how we can broaden and deepen Israel’s role in our synagogue programming. A link will be provided in an upcoming edition of *The Week Ahead*; if you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please contact the office. We hope you will take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us.

Wishing you a speedy end to winter, a mild and sunny spring, and a *Hag Pesah kasher v’sameah*.



# Milestones and celebrations

## Births

**Leo**, son of MARK & RAVIT REDINGER, grandson of BARBARA & DAVID REDINGER and GEULAH & SHLOMO KADOSH of Tel Aviv, born September 6.

**Stella Ann**, daughter of TAMAR & ELI COHL, granddaughter of LORRAINE & MORRIS ROTBARD and LORI MCGORAN & MICHAEL COHL, great-granddaughter of ADELE COHL and MARY MCGORAN, born October 21.

**Jax Rylan**, son of MICHAEL OSTFIELD & DR. PAULA FISHMAN, grandson of ERIC & ELAINE OSTFIELD and ALLAN & HELENE FISHMAN of Calgary, great-grandson of HANNAH KATZ, born December 2.

**Jonah Adam**, son of DANIEL BORTS & TRISHA FORTIS, grandson of DAVID & HELENE BORTS, BRENDA ADLER and JULIUS & SHARON FORTIS, great-grandson of BELLA BORTS, born December 18.

**Evan Daniel**, son of RAYNA SHIENFIELD CHENKIN & JORDAN CHENKIN, grandson of LEON & VICKI SHIENFIELD and JERRY & JACKIE CHENKIN, great-grandson of ANN SHIENFIELD, the late BILL WINSTON, EVELYN CHENKIN of Israel and JOYCE BECKMAN of Salt Spring Island, BC, born December 19.

**Charlotte Hope**, daughter of MARA & JAY SILBER, granddaughter of GAIL NISKER, ARTHUR COLE and HINDA & ALLAN SILBER, great-granddaughter of MAC & FAYE NISKER and the late MINNIE NISKER and JUDY & the late ALLEN COLE, born December 27.

**Jamie Nathan**, son of DEANNA & YANIV HART, grandson of RAYNA & RICHARD BIELAWSKI and MALI HART and ZORIK OTCHOCKOVSKI, great-grandson of MANIA BIELAWSKI, born January 8.

**Samara Hazel**, daughter of BRIAN & RACHEL JACOBS, granddaughter of DR. RONALD & GLORIA JACOBS and ERNIE & BONNIE SINGER, great-granddaughter of DOROTHY GERSOWITZ and HARVEY JACOBS, born January 13.

**Avery Ben**, son of JILLIAN GREENSPAN-TISHMAN & LEE TISHMAN, grandson of DOREEN & JERROLD GREENSPAN and MARTHA & the late HOWARD TISHMAN, great-grandson of HARRY & RUTHE GREENSPAN, born January 18.

**Samantha Victoria**, daughter of MARNI & ADAM ALLEN, granddaughter of JOE & JUDY PERNICA, LORI & PAUL CHADWICK and AVI & MARLENE ALLEN, great-granddaughter of RENEE TOPPER, born February 14.

## Weddings

**Lindsey Athias**, daughter of SUSAN & LEE ATHIAS, and **Jeffrey Malc**, son of ANNE & JACK MALC, who were married February 14.

**Lesley Mann**, daughter of LAWRIE & ELLEN MANN, and **Reuben Kochman**, son of MARK & LOLA KOCHMAN, who were married February 23.

**Aaron Posluns**, son of FELICIA & DAVID POSLUNS, and **Justine Grossman**, daughter of KITTY & GEORGE GROSSMAN, who were married March 23 in Florida.

**Jason Brenzel**, son of SHERRI & SANDY BRENZEL, and **Natalie Shenkar**, daughter of MICHELLE & the late ARIE SHENKAR, who will be married April 14.

**Matthew Zegman**, son of MARLA & JOEY ZEGMAN, and **Natalie Berens**, daughter of PEARL & MARK BERENS, who will be married May 18.

**Shifra Zisman**, daughter of the late HELEN & DAVID ZISMAN, and **David Brenner**, son of the late REBECCA & PERCY BRENNER, who will be married May 27.



We can't share your good news unless you tell us about it. Send an email to [thumphries@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:thumphries@beth-tzedec.org), or call us at 416-781-3514 ext. 212.

**Deadline for the next Bulletin covering May, June and July is April 25.**

**Will Menkes**, son of ANDREW & BARBARA MENKES, grandson of DOROTHY MENKES GARFINKEL & the late WILLIAM MENKES, and **Laura Holder**, daughter of JILL & JOHN HOLDER of Atlanta, GA, who will be married May 10 in Sea Island, GA.

## Congratulations to

**Irving Abella**, who was made a Member of the Order of Ontario in recognition of his work as a historian specializing in the experience of Jewish Canadians and his commitment to the principles of social justice and tolerance.

**Arthur & Carole Andrews**, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 22.

**Helen Glazer**, who will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 8.

**Norman Gottlieb**, who celebrated his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 9.

**Harry Grossman**, who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 21.

**Hon. Justice Jack Grossman**, who will celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 4.

**Abbey Gwartzman**, son of MARILYN & the late SAMUEL W. GWARTZMAN, and **Jennifer Alami**, daughter of ETTY & the late EDWIN ALAMI, on their engagement.

Joseph Kerzner, who will receive the Pioneer Award from the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University on March 30.

Phillip & Fauna Lidsky, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 26.

Aaron Nash, who will be representing Robbins Hebrew Academy in the National Bible Contest on May 11.

Toby Tanenbaum, who was made a member of the Order of Ontario in recognition of her remarkable philanthropy and volunteerism.

### Many Thanks to

Joe Rosenthal, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on January 25 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of Shirley White.

Howard & Halle Cohen, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on February 22 in honour of Jill Gaffe and Jared Gaffe reading the Torah and in honour of Howard's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Gerald & Sherna Posner, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on February 22 in honour of Gerald's second birthday in Toronto.

Neil Zworth and family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on March 22 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of Ann Zworth.

Brian & Amanda Cepler, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on March 29 in honour of the B'nei Mitzvah of their sons Evan and Joshua.

Mark & Laurie Naimer, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 5 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jillian.

Robert Garmaise & Shira Liguornik, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 26 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jonah.

Alan Kideckel & Gayle Dropkin, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on April 26 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Gillian.

James and Sari Diamond, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 3 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Bram.

Michael Hartt, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 3 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter Kyla.

Michael & Shari Nepom, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 10 in honour of the B'nei Mitzvah of their sons Daniel and Jacob.

Les & Lisa Aaron, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 24 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Talia.

Matthew Cockburn & Susan Valencia, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 31 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Megan.

Monty Robbins & Ali York, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on May 31 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ashtyn.

## Board of Governors Meetings

Members are welcome to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Governors. To accommodate the need for sensitive items to be discussed in private, each meeting will include an *in camera* portion, allowing the Board to deliberate confidentially without any guests.

Upcoming meeting dates: **Tuesdays, April 8** and **May 13** at 7:30 PM\*

\* Meeting dates are subject to change. Please check with the office to confirm dates before attending.

## Annual General Meeting

All members are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, May 28** at 7:30 PM



Would you be interested in joining  
Rav Baruch Frydman-Kohl for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Tour to  
Israel in December 2014?

To learn more, contact Lynn Levy at 416-781-3514 ext. 227 or [llevy@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:llevy@beth-tzedec.org).



# May Your Roof Be Well Thatched...

And Those Inside Well Matched



**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**  
about Beth Tzedec? Email Randy  
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**A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO**, I hired a delightful woman, born and raised in Ireland. She always wore a smile and her work ethic was positively motivating. Though not Jewish, she remarked on how similar the Jewish people were to the Irish in our attitudes towards family and the significance of life. We traded stories about grandparents, family gatherings (there was always food involved) and even religious struggle. She told stories of her father and how he had a *makom kavuah*, a regular place, in the town square, where he sat; greeting those who strolled by, offering his wisdom to those who were interested. In her community, as in ours, there was a feeling of family and a comfort in the consistency of seeing and being seen by a “regular”. It is also reminiscent of the feeling of coming to minyan and seeing the regulars, who unofficially check-up and check-in with members and friends.

When Audrey retired, she gave me her *brakhah*, the “Irish proverb” that headlines this article. These few words capture, so eloquently and simply, how important it is to nurture and cherish the human relationships in our lives. We spend so much time working together, or learning or praying together, that when things are right, we become connected through a shared purpose. In our homes or our workplaces, when we are “well matched”, there can be *shalom* in the house and our relationships and our achievements can reach gold medal status. Our Jewish values guide the way we live our lives and contribute to finding the state of *shalom*, of peace. Audrey’s Irish proverb reminds me to look at what I do and with whom I do it and to strive to embrace each person for the individual that they are. Of course, we all have our foibles, our “pimples and clay feet”, as my old friend Rupert Shriar<sup>21</sup> used to say, but we all have the spark of *Hashem* and the inherent potential to do good by each other.

When I came to Beth Tzedec three years ago, I challenged myself to create a personal ‘mission statement’

to guide me and our staff in our work. I read the history of our two congregations, how various personalities came together, how the community and then the synagogue merged and migrated up the Bathurst corridor. I reread stories that I knew about from my USY years—about the unique professional and lay personalities who shaped the congregation and who have had an impact on the entire Toronto community. From B’nei Yisrael to Am Yisrael—like the “children of Israel”, who grew to become the “nation of Israel”, the Beth Tzedec story is a history of the lives and experiences of the people who make up the congregation. Then as now, it is the lives of the people, who connect through the shul. We come to this holy place where we gather, pray, eat, cry, laugh, sing and learn. It is where “I” as an individual come, grow and become the “we” that makes up a congregation.

While our “house”, the physical plant, demands daily attention, it must be our mission to embrace our people, who make this their second home. When the big arms of Beth Tzedec, as represented by the leadership, membership, *klei kodesh* and staff, can embrace our people, wherever they are, for whatever they may need, then we continue to be a *kehillah kedoshah*, a sacred congregation, just as our ancestors dreamed we would be.

**Embracing Our People** remains my mission statement and has been adopted by many in our office. It feels right in its message, reminding us that, at home or at shul, no matter what we look like on the outside, it is who we are on the inside and how we deal with each other that defines who we really are.

So while I spend so much of my time practically ensuring that our roof is “well thatched”, what is most important and the thing that drives me every day, is to do what I can do to ensure that the people inside are “well matched”. To make a gift that will strengthen our Synagogue, please contact me at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or [rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org).



# Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR  
BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) March 29

**Evan Benjamin Cepler**

son of Brian &

Amanda Cepler

יחזקאל בנימין בן אברהם וחווה



April 5

**Jilly Naimer**

daughter of Mark &  
Laurie Naimer

אריאלה ברכה בת מנחם ברוך  
ובתיה אסתר



(IN ISRAEL) April 24

**Aleksandra Plotkin**

daughter of Leo &  
Karen Plotkin

ציפא יוספה בת לייב  
וחיה מחלה



April 24

**Gillian Kideckel**

daughter of Alan Kideckel  
& Gayle Dropkin

גילת בת צבי יצחק הלוי  
וגיטל



April 26

**Jonah Aaron Garmaise**

son of Robert Garmaise  
& Shira Liquornik

יונה אהרן בן רפאל ושירה



May 3

**Bram Diamond**

son of James &  
Sari Diamond

אריה אברהם בן יעקב  
ושושנה

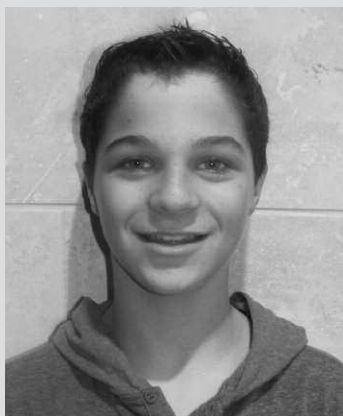


May 10

**Jacob Evan Nepom**

son of Michael &  
Shari Nepom

יעקב יחיאל בן מרדכי שמעון  
וחיה רבקה



May 10

**Daniel Spencer Nepom**

son of Michael &  
Shari Nepom

דניאל שמחה בן מרדכי שמעון  
וחיה רבקה



May 24

**Talia Shira Aaron**

daughter of Les &  
Lisa Aaron

שרה בנימינה בת  
אלי חיים הכהן וצפורה





(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) **March 29**

**Joshua Logan Cepler**

son of Brian &  
Amanda Cepler

לב יהושע בן אברהם וחיה

# Youth Shabbat

**Shabbat morning, March 29  
8:45 AM in the Sanctuary**

Join us to participate in Services in your own way. Youth members will lead the Service from the Torah reading to the Sermon. A special Kiddush follows.



Beth Tzedec Men's Club

*The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is proud to support our youth programming and to enhance the Kiddush on this Youth Shabbat.*



**May 1**

**Kyla Morgan Hartt**

daughter of Michael Hartt  
and Heather Hartt

קלילה מלכה בת משה יעקב  
וחנה לאה

## VOICES OF TOMORROW BETH TZEDEC CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children ages 7 and up who enjoy singing are invited to be a part of our Children's Choir which sings with the Beth Tzedec Singers at synagogue services and community events throughout the year.

**For information or to register**, please  
contact Marlene Laba at 416-781-3514 ext. 234  
or [mlaba@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:mlaba@beth-tzedec.org) or Cantor Simon Spiro  
at ext. 223 or [cantorsimon@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:cantorsimon@beth-tzedec.org).



**May 31**

**Megan Rachel Cockburn**

daughter of Matt Cockburn  
& Sue Valencia

מיה רחל בת מרדכי ושרון

**Registration for the 2014-2015  
Hebrew School Program opens on May 1.**

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**HEBREW**  
CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL ON YOUR TIME

For registration information, call the school office  
at 416-781-3514 ext. 230.

The Great Annual

# Chocolate Seder

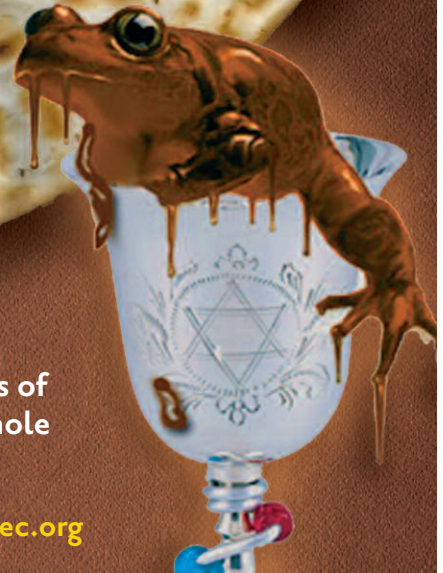
for Nitzanim & Kokhavim

Sunday, April 6

12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM

Prepare for Pesah by experiencing the exodus from Egypt with lots of chocolate! Go through the order of the seder while enjoying a whole variety of chocolate activities. Cost: \$5

RSVP to Aily Leibtag at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or [aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org)



Pre-Pesah Rockin' Moroccan

FRIDAY  
NIGHT  
LIVE!

Friday Night, April 11

Service at 6:30 PM; Dinner at 7:30 PM

Leave the cooking to us. Relax, sing along and enjoy the oriental flavour of a Moroccan-themed Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring Cantors Simon Spiro and Sidney Ezer, the Beth Tzedec Singers and the Voices of Tomorrow, followed by a sumptuous Shabbat dinner, more singing and fun!

Cost: \$40 for adults; \$18 for children ages 6 to 14; \$6 for children ages 1 to 5. Dinner by advance reservation only. Call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 by Monday, April 7.



# Brooklyn: Birthplace of Musical Dreams

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 21.



Join Cantor Spiro for *The Kids from Brooklyn* Concert on May 21. See p. 2.

**NEW YORK CITY IS** an amazing place. Commuting from England, I stayed on the Upper West Side of Manhattan for many years. Aliza lived there for 18. We actually lived around the corner from each other for over a decade without ever knowing it!

Like many of you, we try to get back to New York as often as possible. There's an energy there that is difficult to describe. It's a pace, a rhythm, a spirit, a tension and excitement that is unlike any other city I know.

People who live in Manhattan tend to have strong feelings when it comes to the outer boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island (and let's not even discuss New Jersey and Long Island—different planets to a real Manhattanite). When Aliza and I lived there, we were no different. Manhattan was the place, the only place to be.

My two stepdaughters Ariel and Talia are now both living in Brooklyn as Manhattan has become entirely unaffordable for the average 20-something. So on our most recent trip to New York, we found ourselves making that rare journey to Brooklyn, the Distant Land across the River.

Well, as they say, the times they are a-changin'. Just as 80 is the new 60, evidently Brooklyn is the new Manhattan: Young, vibrant, exciting, with a pulse that I don't remember ever experiencing there. And if I had any doubt of this, the rents that my kids and their friends pay for their Brooklyn

apartments removes that doubt.

But Brooklyn used to be Brooklyn. Just Brooklyn. The place where my father-in-law grew up. Today, the simple Brooklyn of old seems almost fictitious, conjuring hazy, romantic images of Coney Island, stickball in the streets, Yiddish everywhere and immigrants struggling to become successful and achieve the American dream, if not for themselves, then for their children. One can almost smell the pickles and knishes when thinking about them.

The stories of Brooklyn Jews are fascinating. Every one of them is unique, of course, but there is a beautiful commonality, a thread tying parallel lives together. These days I'm spending a lot of time thinking about Brooklyn and the glorious personalities that have emerged from there.

I'm currently in pre-production and rehearsal-planning for my May concert, *The Kids From Brooklyn*, featuring the songs of Neil Sedaka, Neil Diamond, Carole King and Barry Manilow. The idea for this show came last year when working on *The Great American Jewish Songbook* concert. That's when I discovered how many classic songwriters from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century came from New York. Those Tin Pan Alley, Broadway and Jazz musicians gave my wife the music of her childhood (due to her taste, not her age). I, on the other hand, listened to pop music, so the songs of these four music personalities from Brooklyn provided much of the soundtrack and

underscore to my childhood, and I would venture to say, your childhood as well.

These are songs that everyone knows, reflecting the feel-good spirit from the late 1950s until today. The music is catchy, the lyrics are innocent and the feeling is uplifting and heartwarming. These four kids from Brooklyn, who all started writing as teenagers, changed the face of popular music forever. The evening is going to be simply sensational! The band is fantastic, the storyline compelling, the singers onstage with me (the "Manhat-tones") will have you rockin' in the aisle, and we have an added special appearance by Toronto's leading *a cappella* group *Cadence*. There will also be cameos from our very own *Voices of Tomorrow* children's choir, plus added surprises throughout the evening.

I hope that you're marking your calendar for Wednesday night, May 21 to join me at the George Weston Recital Hall. Our concerts in the past have sold out well in advance, so this concert will offer Early Bird tickets, available through the Synagogue office before they go on sale to the general public. I hope you'll take advantage of this and get your tickets early to this one-night-only event.

Bring your friends and family, and share an unforgettable and very happy evening with me and the Kids from Brooklyn!

B'shalom,  
Cantor Simon



ANNUAL PUBLIC READING OF

# *Megillat Hashoah:* The Shoah Scroll

A community-wide commemorative service  
at Beth Tzedec Congregation

Sunday, April 27 at 7:30 PM

Public *leining* of the Shoah Scroll with Toronto's leading Cantors, special new music, *Voices of Tomorrow*, Toronto's Children's Choirs and the Beth Tzedec Singers. Candle-lighting by survivors and meaningful readings by grandchildren of survivors.

Co-sponsored by Beth Tzedec, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and the Rabbinical Assembly



## HAVUROT WITH RAV ADAM CUTLER

Beth Tzedec is now seeding new *havurot* (learning circles) that meet monthly to discuss contemporary Jewish issues and books. If you are interested in joining or creating a *havurah*, please contact Rav Adam at 416-781-3514 ext. 219 or [ravadam@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:ravadam@beth-tzedec.org).

SAVE  
THE DATE!

## Annual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Tuesday evening, June 3 with our guest **Benjamin J. Segal**, rabbi, educator, lecturer and acclaimed author, who will be speaking on the topic of *Sinai and Psalms*.



## The Beth Tzedec and Phyllis & Ab Flatt Camp Ramah in Canada

**Incentive Program Family Fund** is open to Beth Tzedec members with a child who will be attending Camp Ramah in Canada for the first time.

For more information on all summer camping opportunities, please contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or [dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org).

# Embracing Fearful Change



Tradition is a default; change is a choice.

## WHILE ROBERT FROST ENCOUNTERS TWO EQUALLY

trodden paths in the forest and knowingly accepts that one day he'll lie about choosing the one less traveled, many of us, throughout our lives, repeatedly encounter unequal paths and always choose the more obvious, and arguably easier, route.

How often, if ever, did we take risks? How frequently did we not follow the direction set out by those who raised us? All of us to one degree or another are fearful of change, of diverting from the set path. We are hardwired to be fearful of the potential losses that change necessarily requires.

Ron Heifetz, who teaches at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, understands resistance to change as stemming from feared losses, particularly the fear of disloyalty, isolation and incompetence. The Palestinian, holding fast to his self-declared right of return despite political reality, fears disloyalty to his late grandfather who made him swear to forever struggle to find his way back to their ancestral village, while giving him the rusted key to his own parents' home. The Haredi Jew, who internally questions received tradition, fears isolation from the only community he has ever known if he is to change his own practices. The mid-level manager fears real or imagined incompetence in trying to change the way her department has always functioned.

The Talmud tries to understand the mentality of someone who has made certain strides toward changing misbehaviour, but who still holds on to something unhelpful from his past.

R. Adda b. Ahava said: One who has sinned and confesses his sin but does not repent may be compared to a man holding a dead reptile in his hand, for although he may immerse himself in all the waters of the world, his

immersion is of no avail to him; but if he throws it away from his hand then as soon as he immerses himself in forty *se'avs* of water (i.e. a kosher *mikvah*), immediately his immersion becomes effective. (B. Ta'anit 16a)

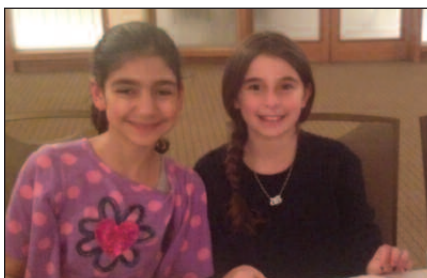
This man seeks ritual purification through immersion in a *mikvah*. He seemingly wants to change. Yet, he holds onto a *sheretz*, a dead creepy crawly creature, which is a conveyor of impurity. So long as the *sheretz* remains in his hand, he can never become purified. Why doesn't he just throw the *sheretz* away?

Is his head directing him to immersion, while his heart forces him to hold tight? Has this dead creature been with him so long that he is afraid of what discarding it will do to him? Is this whole immersion a charade for family or friends while all the while this individual never truly intends on changing? Does he even know that the *sheretz*, perhaps once alive and valuable, is now nothing but a source of pollution, now nothing more than a destructive influence?

We cannot know for sure why the individual in R. Adda b. Ahava's analogy acted as he did. Certainly, however, we can be confident that each of us has our own *sheretz*—something that we cling to that hinders growth.

Our religion values tradition, but not at all costs. Indeed, the unofficial motto of Conservative Judaism for most of its existence was Tradition and Change. Tradition is a default. Change is a choice, one that many of us, consciously or not, fight vociferously. Yet, in order to better ourselves and the institutions that we cherish, to live in new worlds rather than to dream about them, we must surely find a way to change.

*This column is excerpted and modified from a Shabbat sermon delivered at Beth Tzedec on Parashat Pekudei 5774.*



## Girls Sleepover

On Saturday night, March 1, girls in grades 5 and 6 joined Youth Director Aily Leibtag and Israeli *shinshinit* Maya Schwartz for an exclusive girls sleepover party with chick flicks, nail painting, cookie baking and more.

Mira Greenberg (l) and Lily Sherman (r) bake cookies at the Girls Sleepover.



You're invited to an afternoon of  
*Denim & Diamonds*

Beth Tzedec's Sixth Annual  
**CHAI TEA & FASHION SHOW**

Surround yourself with good friends, a lovely high tea menu, exciting games, wonderful raffles and a fabulous fashion show courtesy of



**Sunday, May 11**

Doors open at 2:30 PM

Event begins promptly at 3:00 PM

Adults: \$45

Young Adults 13 & Under: \$28

To make your reservation and place your ad in our **WOMAN OF HONOUR BOOKLET** contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511

With support from Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Beth Tzedec Men's Club

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BETH TZEDEC'S OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM**





# How to Make your Seders Child-Centric



The entire seder night is designed to keep kids interested.

**IS PASSOVER YOUR FAVOURITE** Jewish holiday? If you're in charge of the cooking, the cleaning or making a seder, the answer is probably no; but if you're a child or teenager, you might say yes. (By the way, if you are a child or teenager reading this column, I'm very impressed!) I believe that Pesah is our most child-focussed holiday. There's lots of singing, many ways to help out, and during the seders at least, we're not yet sick of matzah.

The rabbis who created the Pesah seder understood this, creating an evening—or for those of us outside of Israel, two evenings—that is not just child-friendly, but child-centric. The entire seder night is designed to keep kids interested. We change the order of rituals from a regular Shabbat or holiday meal, we eat different and unique foods, we remove and add things to our table, and we close the long night with songs, an incentive for children to make it to the end.

It is easy to recognize how the seder creates a child-centric atmosphere; it is more challenging to take advantage of it and to figure out how to actually create moments, activities and tasks for children. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Involve kids with the seder preparations.** They can help set the table, assist with simple cooking tasks—like tearing up parsley for *karpas* or pressing the on/off switch on a food processor full of *haroset* ingredients—and help decide who will sit where.

- **Nap time is key.** If you want to try and get to the end of the seder and have your kids awake when you get there, fitting in an afternoon nap is essential. Even kids who have outgrown regular daytime naps will benefit from an afternoon rest, giving them the energy to make it to the fun stuff at the very end. I remember being seven or eight years old and fighting with my mother when she insisted I take a nap before the seder; but, as a result, I always managed to stay awake and engaged until the wee hours of the morning.

- **Encourage children to prepare something for the seder.** They might want to share something that they learned at school, show an art project to everyone, or even impress the room with their Hebrew reading—you can select a short passage of text from the Haggadah that they can practice in advance.

- **Give kids meaningful roles at the seder.** There are lots of things to be done around the table. There are wine cups to refill, matzah to be broken in half and covered or uncovered, hand washing to facilitate and much more. Take advantage of children wanting to play active roles in the evening.

- **Ask children questions.** The main purpose of the seder is to teach our children about the Exodus story. By asking kids to tell the story or by asking them what they think about certain parts of the seder, like why do we eat maror, why are we learning about four sons, was it right to punish

the Egyptians with ten plagues, does matzah taste good or bad and so on, they remain engaged in the evening and begin to appreciate our history.

- **Create child-centric activities... for everyone.** We know the moments of the seder that are tailor-made for kids: the Four Questions, the plagues, singing *Dayeinu*, searching for the Afikoman, opening the door for Elijah and so on. But how much more fun and fulfilling would these moments be if we joined our children in them? What if all youngest kids of any age sang the Four Questions together? What if kids and adults alike dramatized the plagues? What if there are two Afikomans, one for adults to hide and kids to find and another for kids to hide and adults to find? And if your custom is to give gifts to the Afikoman-finders, have kids think in advance about what gift they might want to give to the adult who finds the adult Afikoman.

There are many more tips, tricks and activities online, and I encourage you to explore different resources. Of course, I am happy to share more ideas too. Feel free to call and I would be thrilled to brainstorm with you.

The best Jewish experiences are those that are most natural and organic, both for adults and for children. I hope that your seders this year are meaningful, relevant, fun and full of warmth and love.

Rachel and I wish the whole congregation a *חג כשר ושמח*, a happy, uplifting and fulfilling Passover.

## MONDAY NIGHT LEARNING

# The Many Faces of Avraham

with **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**

Mondays 7:15 to 8:15 PM Continues May 5 to June 16 (no class May 19)

In modern thought, Avraham is identified as an existential “knight of faith” and a Zionist. Throughout these sessions, we will study sources from all periods of Jewish history, as well as Christian and Islamic perspectives, on this important Biblical figure.

For information or to register, contact Marlene Laba at 416-781-3514 ext. 234 or [mlaba@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:mlaba@beth-tzedec.org).

# Better Brain Health

A three-part series on brain health featuring expert medical professionals from Baycrest. No charge.



**Tuesday, March 25 at 1:30 PM**  
(at Beth Tzedec Congregation)

**Brain Food: Are You Really What You Eat?**  
with **Dr. Carol Greenwood**

Uncover how your dietary choices impact the way your brain ages.

*Sponsored by Terraces of Baycrest Retirement Residence and the Reuben Cipin Healthy Living Community*

**Tuesday, April 29 at 1:30 PM**  
(at Holy Blossom Temple)

**Maximum Memory**  
with **Dr. Angie Troyer**

Learn what memory changes are part of normal aging and those that could indicate the start of a mild cognitive impairment.

*Presented jointly with*



**Monday, May 5 at 1:30 PM**  
(at Beth Tzedec Congregation)

**How to Prevent Alzheimers**

with **Dr. Morris Freedman**

Discover the causes and risk factors of Alzheimers, and the effect of bilingualism and spirituality in preventing cognitive impairment.

*Sponsored by Premier Health Care Services*

For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [zglassman@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:zglassman@beth-tzedec.org).

# God Brought Us from Egypt to the Land of Milk, Honey and Arts & Crafts



The Passover seder is all about engaging children to ask questions and helping everyone at the seder table re-live the story of *Yetziat Mitzraim* (leaving Egypt). Here are some fun crafts that you can do with your kids in advance of the seder to get them excited for Passover and help make the seder special for them.

## 10 Plague Finger Puppets

### What you'll need:

Felt; Scissors; Glue

### Directions:

1. Cut a long, thin finger shape from a sheet of felt, making the top rounded like a finger. The piece should be about 1 inch wide and 2 inches tall. Repeat the process until you have 20 cut-outs.
2. Place two pieces on top of each other and glue them together along three of the sides, leaving one of the 1-inch sides open. Let them dry, so you have an envelope of felt that can slip over your finger. Repeat to make 10 finger puppets.
3. Find an image representing each of the plagues. Look in books, magazines and on the computer. Try to find images that are about 1 inch by 1 inch.
4. Have your children cut out the pictures (and colour them in).
5. Glue one image to the top of each of the felt finger puppets.

Source: [www.ehow.com](http://www.ehow.com)

## Hieroglyphics Place Cards

### What you'll need:

Brown or cream coloured cardboard or construction paper; Scissors; Black Sharpie

### Directions:

1. Cut your paper to the desired size and fold it in half lengthwise so that it stands up on its own.
2. Print off a hieroglyphic cheat sheet from [www.kidzone.ws/cultures/egypt/hieroglyph.htm](http://www.kidzone.ws/cultures/egypt/hieroglyph.htm), or visit [www.eyelid.co.uk/hieroglyphic-typewriter.html](http://www.eyelid.co.uk/hieroglyphic-typewriter.html) and type in your name to see it pop up in hieroglyphics!
3. Write each name in hieroglyphics on the place cards (you may want to write the person's name in English on the back of each place card in case your guests are not well-versed in hieroglyphics!)

Source: [www.challahcrumbs.com](http://www.challahcrumbs.com)

## Elijah's Cup

### What You'll Need:

Wool string in several colours; Paint brush; Plastic wine glass or goblet (find a BPA-free one at the dollar store!); White glue; Gems or sequins for decorations; Scissors; A water bowl to clean sticky hands!

### Directions:

1. Starting at the top of the glass, paint a thick stripe of glue all the way around the cup.
2. Carefully wrap your first colour of string around the top. You can

- secure the end by overlapping a length of string. Don't worry too much about loose ends. If you can't get the end to hold, dab an extra bit of glue onto the end and hold for ten seconds or until it is secure. Wrap the string around and around, descending with each lap until you have created a stripe in the width you desire.
3. Cut off your string and hold it for ten seconds before you start with your next colour.
  4. Repeat with the new colour. Continue to make your way down the glass.
  5. Keep wrapping more stripes of colour. As you get to the curve of your glass, it might be easier to turn the glass upside down.
  6. Coil your string around and around until you reach the outside of the base. Tuck your end under and apply another dollop of glue. Hold for ten seconds to secure.
  7. Decorate with sequins and gems.
  8. Let the cup dry for at least 1 hour.

**Note on Cleaning:** If you fill this cup with wine at the seder, you will need to rinse it very carefully—best to use a damp cloth to wipe it out, rather than putting it under running water. Or use as a decorative, symbolic Elijah's cup.

Source: [www.theshiksa.com](http://www.theshiksa.com)



**NEW!**

# TEEN AND PARENT **FILM CLUB**

FOR TEENS IN GRADES  
8 TO 12 WITH A PARENT

**A parent-teen experience to share!** This session includes a film screening and an engaging discussion facilitated by the dynamic Leora Schaefer, Toronto Director of the organization *Facing History and Ourselves*. **No charge.**

## ***I'm Still Here: Real Diaries of Young People Who Lived During The Holocaust***

**Wednesday, April 2 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM**

This MTV documentary weaves together excerpts from the diaries of young writers between 1937 and 1944. Through an emotional montage of archival footage, personal photos and text from the diaries, the film celebrates a group of brave young writers—first-hand witnesses to the horrors of the Holocaust—who refused to quietly disappear.



Leora Schaefer

*Facing History and Ourselves* is an international educational organization whose mission is to engage students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice and anti-semitism in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry. To learn more, visit [www.facinghistory.org](http://www.facinghistory.org).



# Israeli TV Night



**Tuesday, May 20  
7:30 PM**

Our Israeli *shinshinim*, Barak and Maya, invite ADULTS to the continuing **Israeli TV Night** series. View a variety of Israeli television shows, followed by facilitated conversations about the issues presented. No charge.

Visit [www.beth-tzedec.org](http://www.beth-tzedec.org) for further details.

For more information, contact Aily Leibtag at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or [aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org).

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# Change in Reserved Seating Policy for the High Holy Days



**WHEN OUR CONGREGATION WAS FOUNDED, A CONSCIOUS** decision was made to be equitable in our High Holy Day seating policy. Once the doors to the synagogue were opened, members could choose which service they wished to attend and where they wished to sit. Over the years, while we have maintained the equality when it came to service choice, our seating policy has been less successful and the time has now come for it to be revamped.

In the past, responding to requests from members to address and accommodate those with particular special needs, a limited number of seats were held specifically for them, as well as for those who volunteer to assist in the smooth and safe running of our services. Unfortunately, this accommodation has led to numerous complaints each year about reserved seats (i) going unused, (ii) sitting empty until late in the service, (iii) being occupied by those who do not *appear* to have any specific needs, and (iv) being assigned in a manner that sometimes displaces congregants who regularly sit in a specific seat (and arrive at services early in order to do so). Our volunteer ushers regularly report very negative feedback from members during our most important and sacred days. Concerns and complaints about reserved seating rank near the top in feedback received by synagogue leadership at post High Holy Day town halls and other forums.

To address these many concerns, following consultation with the Ushering Committee and staff, the Board of Governors recently adopted a policy that will return to the founding principles of fair and equitable seating for all members: **No reserved seats.**

In the future, for those who have mobility issues, a section at the cross aisle, near to (but not blocking) an exit will be held as “handicapped reserved”. These seats will not be pre-assigned, but their availability will ensure that

those requiring special seating will be accommodated. For our senior members who have preferred seats, they or their family members are encouraged to come early to secure those seats—as many members already do for themselves and their relatives. We are confident that, with the ushers’ help, all members will be able to find appropriate seating. Given the desire for fairness, those who in the past have had reserved seats for non-health-related reasons (e.g. doctors, ushers, etc.) will also no longer be assigned designated reserved seats.

To help ensure that we have proper coverage and to keep our services running with dignity, the following arrangements will be implemented:

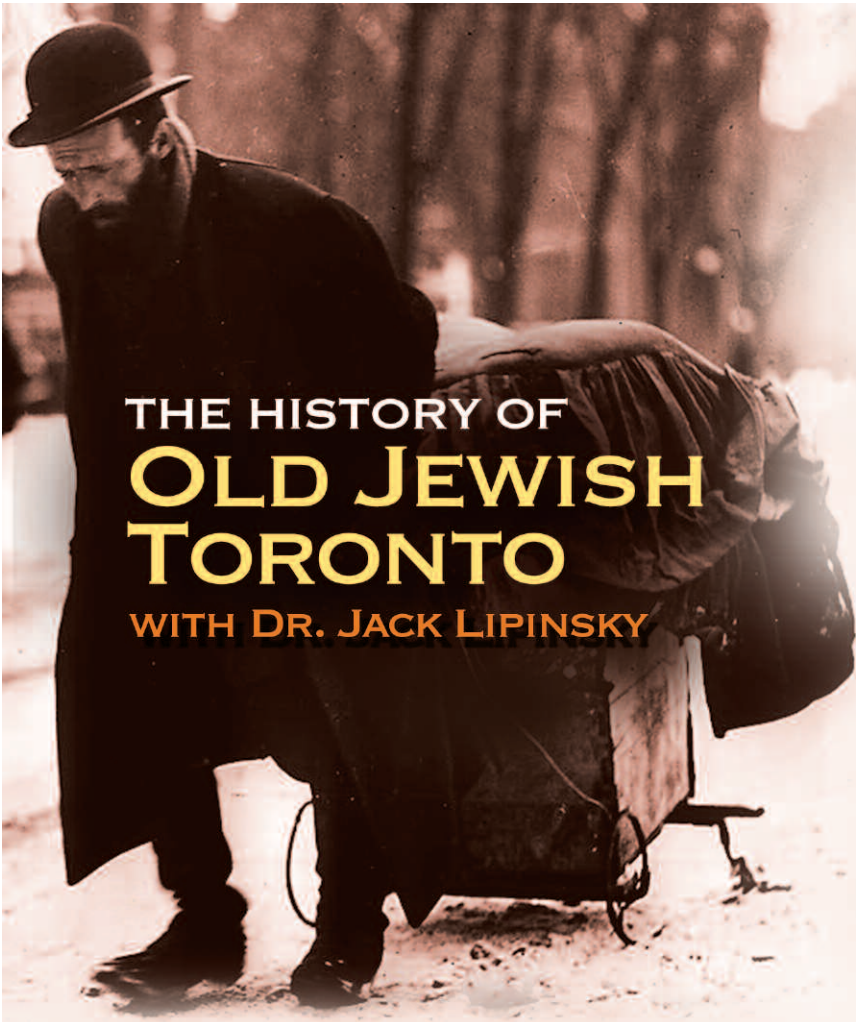
1. Those with Bimah honours will be given cards saying “I am up on the Bimah” to put on their seat only while they are required to be away. These cards will not entitle the honouree to a reserved seat before the start of the service.
2. There will be a limited number of generically labelled “Usher Seats” located in designated spots near aisles and doors to allow the ushers to do their work in managing flow and emergency procedures.
3. There will continue to be designated seating for Clergy spouses to ensure that those leading our services can sit with their family when not on the Bimah.

As a synagogue community, the Board is sensitive to both the needs and the wishes of all our members. While we know that we cannot possibly achieve a solution that is unanimously satisfying to everyone, we hope and trust that you will understand the Board’s sincere desire to reach the best compromise. As always, we look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions after the High Holy Days.

—Dena Libman  
*Chair of the Board of Governors*

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

Beth Tzedec is proud to present **A Conversation with Chancellor Arnold Eisen** of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS)  
Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 PM



THE HISTORY OF  
**OLD JEWISH  
TORONTO**  
WITH DR. JACK LIPINSKY

This series, presented by author and educator Dr. Jack Lipinsky of Robbins Hebrew Academy, provides a broad overview of Toronto's Jewish history and some of the old neighbourhoods once inhabited by a significant Jewish population from Yonge and Richmond to Bathurst and Eglinton.

**MONDAY,  
MARCH 24**  
**AT 7:30 PM**

**Weaving Unity from  
Diversity—Leaving  
Some Victims on the  
Side of the Road**

*Tzedakah* vs. Scientific Charity, untrained volunteers with big hearts vs. professional fundraisers, and many more deep rifts in communal organization were woven together—or forced together—depending on whose story you believe. Learn about the winners, the losers and why we should care.

**SUNDAY,  
MAY 4**  
**AT 10:00 AM**

The series ends with a dynamic multi-generational walking tour of old Jewish Toronto. Cost: \$5 per person or \$10 per family. For information or to reserve, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

**Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration**  
**Monday, May 5 at 5:30 PM**

Celebrate Israel's birthday on the streets of Jerusalem, on the beach in Tel Aviv, in the fresh air of the Galil or on the hiking trails of the Negev, all without stepping on a plane. No charge. Food available for purchase.

*Sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club*





# Shabbat Shirah at Beth Tzedec

On Saturday, January 11, Cantors Simon Spiro, Steve Stoehr, Aaron Bensoussan and Sidney Ezer wowed the crowd with an evening of Sephardic, Jazz, Israeli and World Music at our annual Shabbat Shirah Community Concert.



**LEFT:** Cantor Simon Spiro serenades musical scholar-in residence Cantor Steve Stoehr **RIGHT:** Cantor Bensoussan is accompanied by the *Voices of Tomorrow* and the Beth Tzedec Singers.

## Another Fabulous Family Fun Day



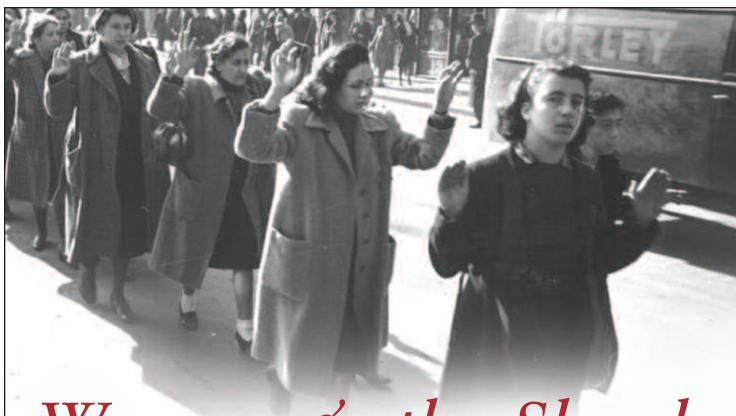
The city was a mess. Trees were down everywhere. Tens of thousands still had no power. The temperature had dropped and homeowners were worried about pipes freezing. For families without a place to go, and with most entertainment venues closed on December 25, a long, cold and unenjoyable day awaited.

Thankfully, however, the power was on at Beth Tzedec, and our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Family Fun Day was a go. With over 275 people coming through the doors, this year's event took on a different character. Instead of serving families who were looking for ways to entertain their children, we found

ourselves providing families with heat, power to charge their cell phones and a sense of community. Everyone had a great time, as they always do, but more importantly, the day showed how powerful community support can be during difficult circumstances.

Immense thanks go out to all the vendors, volunteers and supporters who helped make Family Fun Day such a success. A big thank you is also in order for all of our attendees who bounced, played, danced and ate their way through a wonderful day.

We hope to see you back next year!



## *Women & the Shoah* with Professor Sara Horowitz

Mondays, April 28 and May 5 & 26  
7:30 PM

A three-part lecture series with Sara Horowitz, Professor in the Departments of Humanities and of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, and former Director, Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies at York University. Professor Horowitz writes on anti-semitism and memory, testimony, narratives and trauma related to the Holocaust, particularly from the perspective of female survivors and victims. She is a member of the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

### April 28

#### **The Tenderest Torture: Mothers and Daughters in the Holocaust**

The Shoah created circumstances that had a powerful impact on women in their roles as mothers and as daughters. Examine the implications as described through memoirs and testimonies.

### May 5

#### **Sarah Kofman and the Ambiguity of Mothers**

Sarah Kofman survived the Shoah as a child in Paris, taken in by a French Catholic woman. Her father was a Polish-born rabbi who was deported from Paris and died in Auschwitz. Kofman went on to become a renowned philosopher and prolific writer. However, only during the last days of her life did she write her own story and reflect upon her father's terrible death.

### May 26

#### **Unspeakable Loss: Childbirth and Death During the Shoah**

One of the most painful experiences to emerge in Holocaust memoirs and testimonies is the memory of parental helplessness. Explore the impact of these memories on fatherhood and motherhood.

The Canadian Branch of the World Federation of the Israel Medical Association  
and Beth Tzedec Congregation invite you to a special evening of learning

## **Physician-Assisted Suicide:** **JEWISH PERSPECTIVES**

Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 PM

#### **Special guest speakers:**

**Dr. David Ludwin,**

*Professor of Medicine Emeritus,  
McMaster University*

**Rabbi Dan Selsberg,**

*Beth Jacob Synagogue, Hamilton*

#### **Panel discussion with**

**Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**

*The Anne and Max Tanenbaum  
Senior Rabbinic Chair, Beth Tzedec*

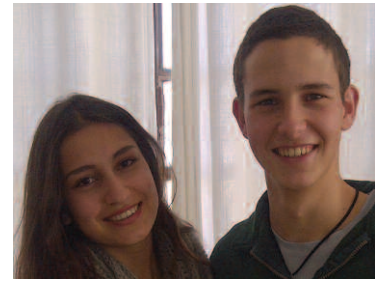
**Dr. Harvey Schipper**

*Professor of Medicine in Oncology*

RSVP to Janine Russo at 416-315-8062 or [janinerusso@hotmail.com](mailto:janinerusso@hotmail.com) by April 15



# Our *Shinshinim* for Next Year



Being a host family is a remarkable volunteer experience.

**WE'VE BEEN BLESSED IN THE PAST (THIS YEAR INCLUDED!)** with outstanding *shinshinim*, and next year will be no exception. Our 2014-2015 *shinshinim* are Ofir Hoory (l) and Or Klein (r).

Ofir grew up in the small and strong community of Moshav Olesh. In school, she is majoring in Biology and History. She is very involved in her student council, debate team and school political team. Ofir loves theatre, singing and making music. She has attended Theatre School in Netanya and Tel Aviv, and she represented Israel in the 2013 Maccabbi Games and Artfest as part of a partnership between Kfar Yona and Orange County, California. Ofir is excited to experience life in Toronto's vibrant Jewish community, and she is

looking forward to sharing her passion for Israel through culture, music and the arts.

Or lives in Nazareth Illit, a town in the Galilee. He is the chair of his student council and is studying Math, Physics, English, Computers and Theatre. Or loves sports, particularly basketball and swimming, and he plays the guitar. He is a trainee in the *Follow Me (Aharay Le'zahal)* program which prepares high school students for army service through physical and mental training. He spent two summers at Camp Tamarack in Michigan as part of the Central Galilee-Michigan partnership leadership program. Or is looking forward to his year in Toronto and to 'bringing' Israel to the people abroad.



We are looking for host families for our new *shinshinim*, Ofir Hoory (female) and Or Klein (male). Our two enthusiastic young Israelis can't wait to get to know the Beth Tzedec family and spend time with you and your children. Can you make a three-month commitment to welcome Ofir or Or into your home? To learn more about the opportunity to be a host family, please contact **Todd Beallor** at [tbeallor@sympatico.ca](mailto:tbeallor@sympatico.ca).

Join those in our community who have had the privilege of making this special live connection to Israel, a once in a lifetime gift for your entire family.



## Shabbat Pulpit Presentation with Rabbi Asher Ostrin

Shabbat, April 26  
Service begins at 8:45 AM

Join us as special guest Asher Ostrin speaks on *Out of the Ashes: A European Jewish Renewal*. Discussion continues at Kiddush following Services.

For more information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).





# The many creative ways we experience Shabbat

**Kabbalat Shabbat Services** *Every Friday night.* Check the weekly e-newsletter (*The Week Ahead*), our website and the monthly calendars for service and candle lighting times.

**Sanctuary Services** 8:45 AM, *every Shabbat.* For everyone. Our musical Sanctuary Service offers a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience. Cantor Simon Spiro and the Beth Tzedec Singers lead *Shaharit* and *Musaf*, with varied music each week, including new arrangements of traditional pieces, as well as beloved singable melodies. Rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl and Adam Cutler offer insights into our Torah and tradition. Lorne Hanick and Cantor Sidney Ezer lead the preliminary service and are joined by a cadre of Torah Readers/*Ba'alei Keriyah* to chant the weekly Torah portions. Lift your soul in prayer as you sing along, or close your eyes in meditation and be carried away by the magnificent harmonic sounds of our inspirational Shabbat morning service.

**Little Minyan Services** 9:30 AM, *every Shabbat (now through June).* For those looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience, we offer a traditional service in a welcoming, relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. Participants lead portions of the service, read Torah and Haftarah, study the Torah portion of the week and join together in singing various prayers. A song tape of Little Minyan tunes is available on request. Contact Cantor Sidney Ezer or Lorne Hanick to arrange to learn and lead parts of the service. Torah readers, *daveners* and those wishing to give a *D'var Torah* are always welcome and are offered support and teaching. Come and experience an exceptional Shabbat morning service full of song, spirit and warmth.

**Monthly Family Services** 10:30 AM, *Shabbat mornings, April 5, May 3 and June 7.* For children, parents and grandparents, these participatory services are led by Daniel Silverman, together with Aily Leibtag, and the families and children who attend, with a monthly birthday blessing from Rav Adam and an *aliyah* for all birthday celebrants. Held in the Kimel Family Gym and followed by a complimentary luncheon in the L'Chaim Hall.

**Youth Services** see page 28 for further details:

**Junior Congregation** (Ages 10 to 12) at 10:30 AM Provides the opportunity for youth to connect with Shabbat and develop their prayer skills and knowledge.

**SMP—Shabbat Morning Program** (Ages 6 to 9) at 10:30 AM Gives children the chance to engage in fun Shabbat activities, challenge themselves and spend time learning with Maya and Barak, our Israeli *shinshinim*.

**Torah Tots and Nursery Program** (Ages 3 to 5) at 10:15 AM Children enjoy Shabbat stories, songs and snacks (leaving parents free to attend services in the Sanctuary or the Little Minyan).

**Young Shamashim** following Services on March 29, April 12, 19 and 26, May 10, 17, 24 and 31 and June 21 An engaging program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving their Shabbat *davening* skills. Meet for a *nosh*, *z'mirot* and learning.

Can't Get Enough Torah?  
Here's more!



**Weekly Torah study with Professor Arnold** Ages 9:30 to 10:30 AM every Shabbat. Traditional and modern interpretations of the weekly Torah reading.

**Lively Learning with Cantor Simon Spiro** Following Services on March 29, April 26 and May 24 Enjoy your Kiddush and study the weekly *parashah* with our Cantor. Explore fascinating commentaries of Rashi and other great sages, all presented with passion and knowledge by our amusing *Hazzan*.

**Torah Next Dor with Rabbi Adam Cutler** 11:00 AM on April 19, May 17 and June 21 Join Young Professionals@BT in Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's study, as we eat, drink and examine pressing topics from sources both ancient and modern.

**Jewish Meditation with Michelle Katz** 10:00 to 11:15 AM on April 5 and June 7. See page 46 for further details.

DATES	TORAH AND HAFTARAH READINGS		PAGE NUMBERS refer to the <i>Etz Hayim Humash</i>
<b>March 29</b>	27 Adar II	<b>Tazria Shabbat HaChodesh</b>	1st Torah: Leviticus Chapters 12-13 2nd Torah: Exodus 12:1-20 Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 649-659 380-385 1290-1294
<b>April 5</b>	5 Nisan	<b>Metzora</b>	Leviticus Chapters 14-15 2 Kings 4:42-5:19 660-670 675-678
<b>April 12</b>	12 Nisan	<b>Aharei-Mot Shabbat Hagadol</b>	Leviticus Chapters 16-18 Malakhi 3:4-24 679-692 1295-1298
<b>April 15</b>	15 Nisan	<b>Pesah, First Day</b>	1st Torah: Exodus 12:21-51 2nd Torah: Numbers 28:16-25 Joshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 6:27 385-390 931-932 1299-1302
<b>April 16</b>	16 Nisan	<b>Pesah, Second Day</b>	1st Torah: Leviticus 22:26-23:44 2nd Torah: Numbers 28:16-25 2 Kings 23:1-9, 21-25 723-730 931-932 1303-1306
<b>April 19</b>	19 Nisan	<b>Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah</b>	1st Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26 2nd Torah: Numbers 28:19-25 Ezekiel 37:1-14 538-544 932 1307-1309
<b>April 21</b>	21 Nisan	<b>Pesah, Seventh Day</b>	1st Torah: Exodus 13:17-15:26 2nd Torah: Numbers 28:19-25 2 Samuel 22:1-51 399-414 932 1310-1314
<b>April 22</b>	22 Nisan	<b>Pesah, Eighth Day Yizkor</b>	1st Torah: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17 2nd Torah: Numbers 28:19-25 Isaiah 10:32-12:6 1080-1084 932 1315-1319
<b>April 26</b>	26 Nisan	<b>Kedoshim Shabbat Mevarkhim</b>	Leviticus Chapters 19-20 Amos 9:7-15 693-704 705-708
<b>May 3</b>	3 Iyar	<b>Emor</b>	Leviticus Chapters 21-24 Ezekiel 44:15-31 717-733 734-737
<b>May 10</b>	10 Iyar	<b>Behar</b>	Leviticus 25:1-26:2 Jeremiah 32:6-27 738-746 759-761
<b>May 17</b>	17 Iyar	<b>Behukotai</b>	Leviticus 26:3-27:34 Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 747-757 763-765
<b>May 24</b>	24 Iyar	<b>Bemidbar Shabbat Mevarkhim</b>	Numbers 1:1-4:20 Hosea 2:1-22 768-785 786-790
<b>May 31</b>	2 Sivan	<b>Naso</b>	Numbers 4:21-7:89 Judges 13:2-25 791-811 812-815

See the Calendar of Events for service times. Call Lorne Hanick at 416-781-3514 ext. 240 if you would like an *aliyah* on Shabbat or a holiday.

## Hag Pesah Kasher v'Sameah

from the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood!





**DON'T MISS:** Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration on Monday, May 5

## Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

### Family Service & Lunch

April 5, May 3 and June 7  
10:30 AM

For children, parents and grandparents, our participatory service is led by Daniel Silverman and Aily Leibtag and the families and children who attend, with a monthly birthday blessing from Rav Adam and an *aliyah* for all birthday celebrants. Held in the Kimel Family Gym, followed by a complimentary luncheon in the L'Chaim Hall.

### Junior Congregation Youth Service (ages 10 to 12)

10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Every Shabbat and Yom Tov (except when there is a Family Service). This service provides the opportunity for youth to connect with Shabbat and develop their prayer skills and knowledge.

### SMP—Shabbat Morning Program (ages 6 to 9)

10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Every Shabbat and Yom Tov (except when there is a Family Service). This program gives children the chance to engage in fun Shabbat activities, challenge themselves and spend time learning with Maya and Barak, our Israeli *shinshinim*.

### Torah Tots and Nursery (ages 3 to 5)

10:15 AM to 12:00 NOON

Every Shabbat and Yom Tov. Children enjoy Shabbat stories, songs and snacks (leaving parents free to attend services in the Sanctuary or the Little Minyan).

### Young Shamashim

Following Services on March 29, April 12, 19 and 26 and May 10, 17, 24 and 31

An intensive program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving their *davening*—an essential Jewish skill. Following services (except when there is a Family Service), meet for a *nosh, z'mirot* and learning. This year focuses on learning to lead weekday services.

### Shabbat Floor Hockey

April 5 and 26, May 10 and 31  
2:30 to 4:00 PM

For children in Grades 1 to 6, organized by high school students Alex and Daniel.

### Shabbat Games

April 12, May 3 and 24  
2:30 to 4:00 PM

For children in Grades 1 to 6, join our *shinshinim* Maya and Barak for an afternoon of games.

For Children in SK to Grade 2 (*Nitzanim*) and Children in Grades 3 to 5 (*Kokhavim*)

### Chocolate Seder

Sunday, April 6  
12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM

Prepare for Pesah by experiencing the exodus from Egypt with lots of chocolate! Go through the seder and enjoy a variety of chocolate activities. Separate programs for *Nitzanim* and *Kokhavim*. Cost: \$5

For Children in SK to Grade 2 (*Nitzanim*)

### Cook & Shook

Tuesdays, April 8 and May 13  
4:00 to 5:30 PM

Join Maya and Barak for cooking and *shooking!* Learn how to make amazing new recipes and take home treats. While your food is in the oven, enjoy bits of Israeli culture from the *Shook*, the Israeli marketplace. Get to know Israel with our amazing Israeli *shinshinim!* Cost: \$5

For Children Grades 3 to 5 (*Kokhavim*)

### Cook & Shook

Tuesday, March 25 and May 27  
4:00 to 5:30 PM

Join Maya and Barak for cooking and *shooking!* Learn how to make amazing new recipes to take home. While your food is in the oven, enjoy bits of Israeli culture from the *Shook*, the Israeli marketplace. Get to know Israel with our amazing Israeli *shinshinim!* Cost: \$5

### Shavuot Sleepover

(Grades 2 to 5)

Tuesday, June 3  
8:00 PM to 8:00 AM Wednesday

Stay up late and take part in a scavenger hunt and other exciting activities. Help us celebrate this fun holiday! Cost: \$10 (includes snacks and dairy breakfast)

To register, or for more information about any of our Youth and Family Programs, contact Aily Leibtag, Youth Director, at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or [aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org).



**For Children in Grades 6 to 8 (Kesher)**

**TOPs (Tikkun Olam Projects)**

Sundays, April 6 and 27  
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Join us for our special Middle School *Tikkun Olam* activity (TOPs) group. We will discuss *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and do hands-on projects to put this *mitzvah* into action! Cost: \$5

**For Children in Grades 9 to 12 (BTTeens)**

**Hadashot**

Thursday, March 27 and Wednesday, May 21  
7:30 PM

Meet our *shinshinim*, Maya and Barak, at Aroma Café in Spadina Village and discuss the latest *hadashot* (news) from Israel. This informal setting is a great way to start the conversation about current events in Israel.

**Teen and Parent Film Club**

(Grades 7 to 12)

Wednesday, April 2  
7:30 to 9:00 PM

A parent-teen experience to share! This session includes a film screening of *I'm Still Here: Real Diaries of Young People Who Lived During the Holocaust* followed by a discussion facilitated by the dynamic Leora Schaefer, Toronto Director of *Facing History and Ourselves*. No charge.

**For Families**

**Tikkun Olam Family Program**

Sunday, March 23  
4:00 PM and 5:00 PM

Bring the family for a special *mitzvah* project for the National Council of Jewish Women where we will pack food boxes for the annual Passover Food Drive. Two one-hour shifts available. There are only 25 spots per shift, so reserve early.

**PJ Library Story Time  
(For children ages 6 months to 6 years)**

Sunday, May 4  
11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Come out for a cozy morning of stories, songs, games and other activities around the PJ Library book of the month.

**Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration**

Monday, May 5  
5:30 to 7:30 PM

Calling all families: Let's bring Israel to us and celebrate like we are on the streets of Jerusalem, on the beach in Tel Aviv, in the fresh air of the Galil, or on the hiking trails of the Negev. For one day only, we will land in Israel without ever stepping on a plane. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Israel's birthday! We will also do a hands-on *tikkun olam* project. Free admission. Food available for purchase.

**Shabbat in the Park**

Shabbat, June 7  
2:30 to 4:30 PM

Join us for a Shabbat family afternoon at Glen Cedar Park. Kids will enjoy sports, games and snacks with our *shinshinim* Maya and Barak, while teens participate in activities with Youth Director Aily Leibtag, and adults engage in dialogue with Director of Education Daniel Silverman.

**Shinshinim Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, June 13  
6:30 PM

Join us as we bid farewell to our departing *shinshinim*, Barak Tal and Maya Schwartz, and show our appreciation for their year of dedication and hard work. The evening begins with a Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious dinner and special program honouring Barak and Maya. Cost: \$36 for adults; \$18 for children ages 6 to 14; \$6 for children ages 1 to 5. Dinner by advance registration only. To reserve, call 416-781-3511 by Monday, June 9.

**PJ Library Story Time**

*(For children ages 6 months to 6 years and their families)*



**Sunday, May 4 11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON**

**Grab your favourite sippy cup and join us for a cozy morning of stories, songs, games and other activities suggested by the PJ Library book of the month.**

PJ Library is an award-winning Jewish family engagement program, mailing free, high-quality Jewish children's books and music each month. It is funded locally by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Centre for Jewish Education's WOW! Initiative and generous community philanthropists.



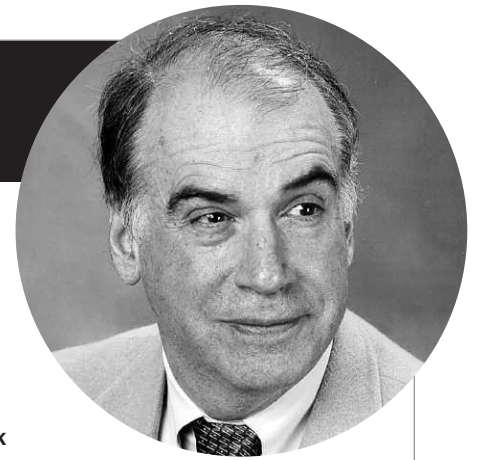
No charge. RSVP to Aily Leibtag at 416-781-3511 ext. 239 or aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org.

## THE SAM & SARAH KERZNER HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL INSTITUTE GUEST SCHOLAR WEEKEND

Beth Tzedec Congregation proudly welcomes  
back the dynamic and inspirational

# Professor Stephen Berk

The Henry and Sally Schaffer Professor of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College, New York



## The Great War, Canada and the Jews

**Friday, May 23** Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Dinner and lecture following: **WWI and Canada**

Cost: \$36 Adults; \$18 Children (ages 6-14); \$6 Children (ages 1-5). Dinner by advance registration only. To register, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org) by Tuesday, May 20.

**Shabbat, May 24** *Shaharit* 8:45 AM

Pulpit address: **WWI and the Transformation of Jewish Life**

This talk will continue with a question and answer session at Kiddush following Services.

**Sunday, May 25** Breakfast 9:30 AM Lecture 10:00 AM

**WWI and the Formation of the Modern Middle East**

Breakfast co-sponsored by Beth Tzedec Men's Club and Sisterhood. Members of Men's Club and Sisterhood will be guaranteed a reserved seat if they call ahead and provide their names with the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

# H.A.V.E.R.I.M.

## PROGRAMS

Haverim meets one Monday each month at 1:30 PM  
Dessert, coffee and tea will be served

**April 7**

**RAY AND MARMEY RAWLINGS**

entertain with a retrospective on the incredible Jack Benny, with a particular focus on the Jewish content of Benny's movie *To Be or Not to Be*.

**May 5**

**DR. MORRIS FREEDMAN**

Head of Neurology at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, talks about *How to Prevent Alzheimer's: Cognitive Impairment, Causes, Risk Factors and Effects of Bilingualism and Spirituality*.

# Lucia Pizarro Wehlen, our Tanenbaum Fellow for 5774 (2014)



**THIS YEAR, THE ANNE AND MAX TANENBAUM FELLOW** will be Lucia Pizarro Wehlen. She is currently pursuing rabbinical studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

Lucia was born in Mexico City where she completed her BA in Law. She also holds an MA and a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Essex (UK). In 2004, she made *aliyah* and was accepted at the Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Center at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to carry out her post-doctoral research on Franz Rosenzweig. Lucia followed her academic passion for Jewish thought with four years in Jerusalem working for peace and social justice in Israel.

The Tanenbaum Fellow was established by Anne Tanenbaum<sup>z"l</sup> to provide support for the training of

Conservative rabbis from Canada for North American congregations and for Masorti rabbis for Israel. The Fellowship provides a significant bursary for one year of study at the Schechter Institute (for Israelis) or the Jewish Theological Seminary (for Canadians). Tanenbaum Fellows come to Beth Tzedec for two weeks of intensive training under the guidance of our rabbinic staff. They also spend two weeks at Camp Ramah Canada living with our campers and sharing their knowledge with young people from Canada and the United States.

Lucia will be in training at Beth Tzedec from May 27 through June 9. During that time, she will “shadow” our rabbis, participate in various programs and teach on Shabbat and in our daily minyan.

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## Students from Germany and Poland Tour Beth Tzedec



**EACH YEAR, MORE THAN 30 STUDENT AND TOUR GROUPS** include Beth Tzedec as part of their itinerary. When they visit, they experience the totality of our synagogue, with a special focus on the unique works displayed in our world-renowned Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum. Our guests have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of our Museum Curator, Dorion Liebgott, as well as members of our Clergy.

Recently, Rav Baruch and Rav Adam welcomed students from Germany and Poland who visited Beth Tzedec as part of the “Learning from the Past, Teaching for the Future” program, an initiative jointly sponsored by The Centre for Jewish Studies and The Canadian Centre for German and European Studies at York University.

The project, which began in 2001, brings together Canadian university students and fellow students from Germany and Poland to explore how best to counter racism—including anti-Semitism—through teaching about the Holocaust. It has been sustained by the generosity of Mark and Gail Appel of Toronto.

Project coordinator Sara Horowitz wrote to Rav Baruch expressing her appreciation for the graciousness and warmth with which the students were greeted. Sara also shared that both the Canadians and the Europeans found their Beth Tzedec visit to be a profound experience, as they were struck powerfully by the vitality of Jewish life at Beth Tzedec, the strong links with the Jewish past and the blooming of the Jewish future.



This year, when you  
**Celebrate • Honour • Commemorate**  
Choose 'Treasures of Beth Tzedec' Tribute Cards

Our Passover cards feature a seder plate from the *Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum* collection. These beautiful cards are available in two ways:

1. Purchase a package of 6 cards for \$50, or \$10 for an individual card, and personalize and send them out yourself; or
2. Call us to order cards at a cost of \$18 each and we'll inscribe and send them out for you.

All contributions are fully tax-receiptable. For more information or to order, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or [info@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:info@beth-tzedec.org).



## Around the World in Two Nights

**with Cantor Sidney Ezer**

An interactive musical survey of diverse Passover seder melodies from various Jewish world communities

**Tuesdays, April 1 and 8  
7:30 to 9:00 PM**

The first session features melodies for *Ha Lah Ma*, *Ma Nishtanah*, *Dayeinu*, as well as numerous selections for Hallel.

The second session covers the end of the Haggadah, exploring traditional and lesser-known tunes for *Adir Hu*, *Ehad Mi Yodea*, *Ki Lo Na-eh (Adir Bimlukha)* and *Had Gadyah*.

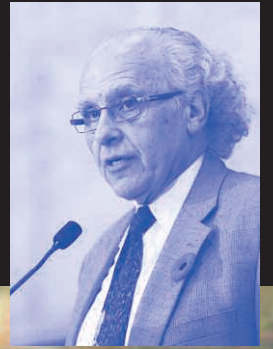
Free for Beth Tzedec members  
For non-members: \$10 per session /  
\$18 for both



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# Judaism as History and Memory

with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Harvey Meirovich  
Monday, March 31 to Sunday, April 6



**Monday, March 31 at 7:30 PM—*Jewish History Through the Lens of the Haggadah (Part I)***

Based on Israeli scholar Yisrael Yuval's controversial book *Two Nations in Your Womb*—Unravel the highly provocative idea that Judaism and Christianity are like twin brothers engaged in a sibling rivalry run wild. Not only has Judaism influenced the formation of Christianity, but Christianity has influenced the formation of Judaism, as detected in our very own Passover *Haggadah*.

**Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 PM—*Jewish History Through the Lens of the Haggadah (Part II)***

The truth of the maxim “a picture is worth a thousand words” comes alive through our examination of pictures in Passover *Haggadot* from the beginnings of Hebrew printing to the present day, illustrating how our ancestors confronted the vexing challenge of how to forge a positive and creative Jewish identity.

**Shabbat, April 5 at Services and continuing at Kiddush—*The Exodus from Egypt: History or Memory?***

Did the Exodus really happen? Did hundreds of thousands of our ancestors exit Egypt on their way to the Promised Land? If so, why is there no external evidence of the Exodus other than in the Bible itself? If the Exodus is a figment of the imagination of our Israelite ancestors, how does this impact on Jewish belief and practice?

**Sunday, April 6 at 10:00 AM—*Reconstruction Out of the Ashes: Five Voices of the Bible***

Learn about Rabbi Meirovich's research in progress which claims that the various *Megillot* of the *Song of Songs*, *Ruth*, *Lamentations*, *Ecclesiastes* and *Esther*, represent a radically different view of religion, seriously at odds with the dominant beliefs and practices detailed in the five books of the Torah.

**For more information or to register, call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511  
or email [mlaba@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:mlaba@beth-tzedec.org).**

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# Prof. Daniel Lasker

## Looking at Ourselves and Others

Thursday, May 8 to Shabbat, May 10

**Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 PM**

### Jews and Muslims: What's the Big Deal?

#### For Young Professionals—Wine & Cheese

Jewish-Muslim relations today are characterized by antagonism, distrust and enmity. There is a long history, though, of productive interaction between the two groups. Why did the Jews and Muslims get along in the past and why can't they get along together now? No charge. RSVPs requested. Everyone is welcome.

**Friday, May 9 at 6:30 PM**

### Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Dinner and Lecture

#### Are the Jews Special?

Many Jews think that Jews are special. But what is so special about us? Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat services at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner and an engaging presentation.

**Shabbat, May 10 Pulpit Address**

### This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land

The Torah reading, Behar, outlines the special and obligatory laws pertaining to the Land of Israel: the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. In light of today's conflict for control of the Land of Israel, what lessons can we learn from the Torah?

#### Kiddush following Services

### What's New in Jewish-Christian Relations?

There is a long history of Jewish-Christian antagonism going back to the New Testament through to the Holocaust. How has that relationship changed following World War II?

*Daniel J. Lasker is the Norbert Blechner Professor of Jewish Values in the Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.*

Dinner by advance registration only. Cost: \$36 Adults; \$18 Youth (ages 6-12); \$6 Children (ages 1-5). To register, contact the Synagogue Office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org by Tuesday, May 6.



## Out of the Cold

It is hard to believe that the 12<sup>th</sup> season of Out of the Cold has almost come to an end. This volunteer initiative consists of participants from faith groups, community members and advocates who provide safe refuge, hospitality and emergency shelter to the homeless community throughout the City of Toronto. Our joint partnership with Beth Sholom has been very successful and we now run one of the largest temporary shelters in the city.

This winter was exceptionally cold, and we saw capacity crowds on many Tuesday evenings throughout the 12-week program. We served a delicious and hearty meal prepared by Hartmans Fine Kosher Foods for 175 people each week, and we also offered guests much-needed warm winter clothing, boots and sundry items. Each week, 55 guests slept over at the synagogue and were treated to a delicious breakfast prepared by our gracious volunteers who arrive at 5:00 AM. Each guest left with a subway token and a bagged lunch prepared by our dedicated afternoon volunteers.

The art component of our program, under the direction of Melanie Cheskes, offered many guests the opportunity to produce creative and beautiful pieces of art, which will be on display and available for purchase at our fifth annual art show beginning on Sunday, April 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Beth Sholom, during regular synagogue hours. Everyone is welcome to attend, and the admission fee is a suggested \$5 donation.

The Out of the Cold program is an enormous undertaking that could not be accomplished without our extremely devoted and wonderful team of 150 volunteers. Our high-school student volunteers, who receive community service hours, help with shopping for food supplies, preparing bagged lunches, setting up and serving dinner, and maintaining and distributing our supply of donated clothing on a weekly basis. Most importantly, our guests are always assured of being welcomed into a clean and safe environment, filled with volunteers who care about their needs. Aily Leibtag has been instrumental in increasing awareness of the Out of the Cold program by bringing groups of Beth Tzedec Bar/Bat Mitzvah-aged children, teenagers and young adults to participate in the *mitzvah* of helping those who are less fortunate.

Thank you to all our volunteers who so graciously gave their time and energy to help out in this most personally enriching *mitzvah* and particularly to Rabbi Frydman-Kohl who has

participated in the breakfast program for years and regularly brings in new volunteers. I also acknowledge the enthusiastic support of the members of the Mosaic Lodge of the Masons, as well as the wonderful office staff at both Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom, who are never too busy to help out. We couldn't do what we do without the tireless efforts of Elizabeth, John, Marco and Daniel from Beth Sholom.

Out of the Cold is a self-funded program, and we rely on donations from members of the community and corporations, including The Bargains Group, Michael Purkis of Caulfield Apparel Group Ltd., Colgate-Palmolive, Country Queen Foods, Norine Goodman, Hermes Bakery, Isaac's Bakery, Gamble Produce, F.G. Lister & Company, Dominion Citrus, Hartmans Fine Kosher Foods, Tri-Quality Packaging, Bass Pro Shops (Outdoor World), McGregor Socks, Perram House Hospice, Pusateris Fine Foods, Metro Foods (Lawrence Plaza), Shoppers Drug Mart (Eglinton and Chaplin), Town Shoes, Susan Shilling of Tastes Like More, Ve'Ahavta, Reliable Hosiery and the Salvation Army.

The cost of running the program is high, and I hope you will consider making a donation to Out of the Cold through the synagogue office. It is an opportunity to make a truly meaningful contribution to this wonderful *hesed* project.

## Visits to Shut-Ins

Our program of visiting or calling the elderly members of Beth Tzedec has provided much joy to members of our congregation who are confined to home or retirement facilities. It is a very gratifying experience that does not require a lot of time. We could certainly use more volunteers to either visit or simply make phone calls to shut-ins. No experience is required...just compassion and kindness. If you are interested, call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 and leave a message for me.

## Games Afternoon

We are organizing a weekly social activity program to enable participants to enjoy a friendly game of Scrabble, Mahjong, Rummikub, Bridge or cards, and to meet and mingle with others. If you are interested in participating or in leading a game, call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 and leave a message for me.

—Maureen Tanz  
Co-Chair, *Hesed* Committee

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**Mondays—Dessert 1:00 PM, Reviews 1:30 PM—\$20 for each session at the door**



**MARCH 31**  
**The People of Forever  
 are Not Afraid**

Dr. Harriet Morris discusses  
 Shani Boianjiu's novel.

This book follows three young female  
 friends before, during and after their service in the  
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**APRIL 28**  
**The Street Sweeper**

Cathy Tile explores  
 Elliot Perlman's book.

This wonderful tale tells how  
 individual people matter in history  
 and how unexpected meetings can change lives.  
 The book addresses our capacity for memory, heroism,  
 racism and unexpected kindness.

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 JEWISH HISTORY**

With educator and lecturer  
**HANA WERNER**

**WEDNESDAYS:**

**1:30 PM Refreshments 2:00 PM Lecture**

**5 sessions: \$35**

**\$10 each at the door**



**The Prophetic Message to  
 People of Fate and Faith**

**April 30**

**Ezekiel: Empowering the Judeans**

A mission of a 'Valley of Dry Bones'. We will  
 explore how his words and ideas empowered  
 the nation.

**May 7**

**Deborah: A Woman of Valor**

What would God do? How does Deborah view  
 her mission as leader of the nation?

**May 14**

**Jonah: An Example of a Struggle**

How does the theme of forgiveness determine  
 Jonah's mission?

**May 21**

**Jeremiah: A Prophet of Gloom and Doom**

How do his powerful words awaken the nation,  
 and what is his message for today?

**May 28**

**Ezra the Scribe: The Architect of a Nation**

According to the Sages, if Moses had not  
 received the Torah, Ezra would be deserving  
 of this honour. What were his momentous  
 decisions?

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# JEWES IN FILM

WITH SHLOMO SCHWARTZBERG  
FILM CRITIC, TEACHER AND ARTS JOURNALIST

All programs:

**Wednesdays, Dessert 1:30 PM, Lecture 2:00 PM**

## **Part 2: *The Exciting and Provocative Cinema of Israel***

**Wednesday, March 26**

A discussion of the complex social themes and various groups representing Modern Israel, as reflected in Israeli cinema. Film clips will provide a window into the lives of Israeli immigrants and sabras, straights and gays, the religious divide and Israeli /Arab relations.

## **Parts 3 and 4: *International Jewish Cinema***

**Wednesday April 2 and April 9**

Examine how Jewish issues, societies and conflicts are portrayed in films from Canada, Europe, South America and other parts of the world.

Cost: \$10 per session at the door

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### **Jewish Road Show and Silent Auction**

Sunday, June 8 beginning at 10:00 AM

Judaica expert Jonathan Greenstein of New York returns to Beth Tzedec to appraise Judaic items in front of a live audience. There will also be a silent auction of items, including decommissioned art works from the Museum collection. Appraisals must be arranged in advance—limited appointments available. For information or to book an appraisal, contact Dorion Liebgott at 416-781-3514 ext. 232 or [dliebgott@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:dliebgott@beth-tzedec.org).





Friday, June 13  
King's Riding Golf Club  
14700 Bathurst St., King City, Ontario

**\$350 Golfer / \$1,400 Foursome**

6:30 AM Registration  
7:00 AM Breakfast  
7:45 AM Shotgun Start  
1:00 PM Lunch

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

**Call 416-781-3511 to register or learn more**

Chance to win fabulous prizes! Registration deadline: Friday, June 6  
Kashrut (dietary laws) observed. Women are welcome!!

With your support, the Beth Tzedec Men's Club provides seed and sustaining funding for more than 22 programs and projects every year.



# Men's Club Makes a Difference

## Sunnybrook Shabbat

Once again, the Men's Club will be conducting services for the Jewish War Veterans and other permanent residents of Sunnybrook Hospital. Our final service for this year will be held on Shabbat, May 3 in Sunnybrook's Chapel. Abbreviated services commence at 10:00 AM and will finish around 12:00 NOON with a Kiddush following. Parking is FREE for those attending services. Come and participate in an intimate and meaningful service and perform a pleasant *mitzvah* at the same time. For information, contact Jerry Grammer at 905-889-8769 or [jgrammer@rogers.com](mailto:jgrammer@rogers.com).

## The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighbourhood Interfaith Group Speaker Event – Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 PM

featuring an interfaith panel discussion on scriptural texts with Susan Kennell Harrison (Christianity), Dr. Nevin Reda (Islam) and Dr. Shari Goldberg (Judaism), and musical entertainment. A Kosher vegetarian dinner will be served. At Noor Cultural Centre (formerly Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre), 123 Wynford Drive, Don Mills. Tickets: \$25 per person. Contact Marlene Laba at 416-781-3514 ext. 234 or [mlaba@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:mlaba@beth-tzedec.org).

## Rabbi Friedberg Retrospective

Men's Club has produced a 15-part video series featuring recollections of Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg discussing a number of never-before revealed thoughts that became an integral part of his time as our spiritual leader. A new episode will be released each week on Youtube. (On the searchline, enter Rabbi Friedberg Beth Tzedec.)

You can also view Prof. Stephen Berk's speech at Beth Tzedec from May 2013 on YouTube. (Search for "Stephen Berk Yom Kippur War".)



Beth Tzedec Men's Club

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club is pleased to sponsor our longstanding scholarship program to assist students who are pursuing post-secondary programs relating to higher Jewish education, special education, Cantorial studies, as well as those studying fine arts.

This program is open to all potential students regardless of the program they will pursue, their current synagogue or school affiliation. We use the following criteria to evaluate the applicants:

- The financial need of the candidate;
- The program of study for which the funds will be used;
- The career goals of the candidate;
- The benefit that may be brought to the Jewish community; and
- The overall quality of the submitted application.

Applications for 2014 scholarships may be obtained from the Synagogue office by contacting Avital at 416-781-3511 or Hersh Rosenthal at [hershr@rogers.com](mailto:hershr@rogers.com). Deadline for submissions is **April 14, 2014**.



# countdown to Pesah

## Friday, April 11 / 11 Nisan

- 7:30am *Shaharit*
- 6:30pm Pre-Passover Rockin' Moroccan Friday Night Live & Shabbat Dinner
- 6:30pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- 7:37pm Candle lighting

## Saturday, April 12 / 12 Nisan

- 8:45am *Shaharit/Shabbat Hagadol/Aharei Mot*
- 7:20pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv / Seudah Shlisheet*
- 8:41pm Havdalah

## Sunday, April 13 / 13 Nisan

- 8:45am *Shaharit*
- 6:00pm All forms for the sale of *hametz* must be received
- 7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- After dark Search for *hametz*

## Monday, April 14 / 14 Nisan

- Erev Pesah**
- No matzah may be eaten on erev Pesah**
- Fast of the Firstborn /siyyum** (completion of study) followed by breakfast
- 7:15am *Shaharit*
- 9:00-11:00am **Bring your *hametz* to Beth Tzedec for burning**
- By 11:00am Burn/dispose of all *hametz*
- 6:00pm *Minhah-Festival Ma'ariv*

**Prior to candle lighting**, light a 24-hour candle to use to kindle *Yom Tov* candles on Tuesday night

- 7:41pm Candle lighting
- After nightfall Begin first seder

## Tuesday, April 15 / 15 Nisan

### 1st Day of Pesah

- 8:45am *Pesah Yom Tov* services with *Hallel* and prayer for *Tal/Dew*
- 8:00pm Festival *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- After 8:44pm Candle lighting from an existing flame
- After nightfall Begin second seder

## Wednesday, April 16 / 16 Nisan

### 2nd Day of Pesah

- 8:45am *Pesah Yom Tov* services with *Hallel*
- 8:00pm Festival *Minhah-Hol Hamoed Ma'ariv*
- 8:45pm *Yom Tov* concludes

## Thursday, April 17 / 17 Nisan

### Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 7:15am *Shaharit*
- 7:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*

## Friday, April 18 / 18 Nisan

### Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 8:30am *Shaharit*
- 6:30pm *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- 7:46pm Candle lighting

## Saturday, April 19 / 19 Nisan

### Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 8:45am Shabbat *Hol Hamoed Pesah* services
- 7:00pm Song of Songs
- 7:25pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv / Seudah Shlisheet*
- 8:49pm Havdalah

## Sunday, April 20 / 20 Nisan

### Hol Hamoed Pesah

- 8:30am *Shaharit*
- 7:00pm *Minhah-Festival Ma'ariv*
- Prior to Candle Lighting**, light a 24-hour candle to use to kindle *Yom Tov* candles on Monday night
- 7:51pm Candle lighting

## Monday, April 21 / 21 Nisan

### 7th Day of Pesah

- 8:45am *Pesah Yom Tov* services with *Hallel*
- 8:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- After
- 8:53pm Candle lighting from an existing flame

**Kindle a *yizkor* candle** from an existing flame after lighting *Yom Tov* candles

## Tuesday, April 22 / 22 Nisan

### 8th Day of Pesah

- 8:45am *Pesah Yom Tov* services with *Hallel* and *Yizkor*
- 8:00pm *Minhah-Ma'ariv*
- 8:53pm *Pesah* concludes

**Wait until 9:15pm** to consume *hametz* sold with Beth Tzedec as the agent.





# Your Guide to Pesah Observance

The master narrative of a religion or nation lies at the core of a community's history and ritual. The master story of Judaism is the Exodus of a people from Egypt, the national journey to Mt. Sinai and the long trek to the Promised Land. As Rabbi Elliot Dorff has observed, "This is very different from the staunch individualism at the heart of the liberalism that has forged most Western countries."

The sacred story of our Covenant, our connection to each other and God, gives Judaism its mission and infuses Passover with deep meaning. We re-enact the Exodus through story and song, through recounting and ritual. We restrict our diet, clean our homes and prepare our souls to reinforce the message of the Exodus. This Guide to Observance is intended to help you reach back in time and to project forward in imagination. "By doing the finite, we perceive the infinite" (Heschel).

## Background

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *ḥametz* (leavened grain or its derivative) during Pesah. Therefore, we either destroy or arrange for the sale of the *ḥametz* to a non-Jew. The transfer, *mekhirat ḥametz*, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. If ownership of the *ḥametz* is not transferred before the holiday, the use of this *ḥametz* is prohibited after the holiday as well.


Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *ḥametz* during Pesah, and since many common foods contain some mixture of *ḥametz*, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesah.

During the eight days of Pesah, *ḥametz* cannot lose its identity in a

mixture. Therefore, even a minute amount of *ḥametz* renders the whole mixture *ḥametz* and its use on Pesah is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, *ḥametz* follows the normal rules of mixture, i.e., it loses its identity in a mixture of one part *ḥametz* and sixty parts of non-*ḥametz* (*batel be-shishim*). This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesah.

## Practical

What follows is only a general guideline. Rabbi Frydman-Kohl or Rabbi Cutler should be consulted when any doubt arises. "Kosher le-Pesah" labels that do not bear the name of COR or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting one of our rabbis.



**Erev Pesah—*ḥametz* burning**  
**Monday, April 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM**

**Please join us in fulfilling the pre-Pesah *mitzvah* of the public burning of your final pieces of *ḥametz*.**

Beth Tzedec parking lot, rain or shine.

**Needed:** Left-over bits of bread or other leaven from your 'search' at home the night before, to throw into our fire.

# Pesah Guide continued

## Prohibited Foods

Foods derived from wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye. These include leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, pasta, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, whiskeys and all liquids containing ingredients or flavours made from grain alcohol. Ashkenazi Jews also avoid *kitniyot* such as: rice, corn, millet and legumes (beans, soy and peas). String beans are permitted. COR now labels some products as Kosher for Passover for Sefardim. Many Israeli products contain *kitniyot*. If you have Ashkenazic roots, those products are **NOT** for you.

## Permitted Foods

**1. If purchased prior to Pesah** the following foods **do not require a kosher le-Pesah label**: unopened packages or containers of unflavoured natural ground coffee (**not** decaf) without cereal additives; sugar; pure tea (not herbal tea); salt (**not** iodized); pepper; natural spices; unshelled nuts, whole raw nuts, quinoa (with **nothing** added); frozen fruit juices with no additives; milk; butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese; frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda; extra virgin olive oil.

**2. If purchased before or during Pesah**, the following products **do not require a kosher le-Pesah label**: fresh fruits and vegetables (not legumes, see above); eggs; fresh fish and fresh kosher meat; frozen fish (without additives); bottled water; unflavoured dental floss.

**3. If purchased before or during Pesah**, the following foods **require a kosher le-Pesah label**: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned

or bottled fruit juices (juices are often clarified with *kitniyot*); decaf coffee; herbal teas; canned tuna; wine; vinegar; liquor; oils; ketchup; dried fruits; candy; chocolate flavoured milk; ice cream; yogurt and soda.

**4. If purchased during Pesah**, the following foods **require a kosher le-Pesah label**: all processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen); milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea and fish, as well as all foods listed in Category 3.

**5.** Consult Rabbi Frydman-Kohl or Rabbi Cutler regarding infant formula, lactose-free milk, soy or rice milk.

## Non-Food Items

The following products **do not require a kosher le-Pesah label**: Isopropyl alcohol, oven cleaner, kosher powdered and liquid detergents, candles, plastic cutlery, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, paper plates (with no starch).

## Medicine

Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills and corn syrup in liquid medication, the following guidelines should be followed:

If the medicine is **required for life sustaining therapy**, it may be used on Pesah.

If it is not for life sustaining therapy, consult one of our rabbis.

In **all cases**, capsules are preferable to pills and non-chewable medication is preferable to liquid or chewable medications.

## Pet Food

Use non-grain food or, if your pet is sold along with your *hametz*, keep this food away from the kitchen and wash utensils away from the kitchen.

## Kashering of Utensils

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to *halakhah*, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (*ke-volto kakh polto*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

**Earthenware** (china, pottery, etc.) **cannot** be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be kashered. Speak with one of our rabbis.

## Glassware

**Glasses for drinking**—to kasher, soak in water for 3 days, changing the water every 24 hours.

**Glass Cookware or bakeware** **cannot** be kashered.

## All metal utensils

**Utensils used in fire** (spit, broiler) Speak with our rabbis for guidance.

**Utensils used for cooking or eating** (all-metal, silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of **at least 24 hours** between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water.

**Utensils used for baking** **cannot** be kashered.

**Plastics** such as tablecloths, cutlery, spatulas and storage containers **cannot** be made kosher for Passover. Some heavy duty plastics may be kashered. Consult our rabbis.

## Hametz and non-Passover utensils:

Non-Passover dishes, pots and *hametz* whose ownership has been transferred prior to Pesah, should be separated, locked up or covered and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

**Ovens and ranges:** Every part that comes in contact with food (including walls, top and bottom of oven) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for 30 minutes. If there is a broil setting, use it.

**Self-cleaning ovens** should be scrubbed, cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle.

**Continuous-clean ovens** must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.

**Ceramic ranges.** First, clean the top thoroughly. Turn the burners on high. After the burners have been on for 30 minutes, boiling water should be poured carefully over and around the top of the ceramic range. **Be very careful to avoid scalding.**

**Microwave ovens,** which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned and left unused for at least 24 hours, after which a cup of water should be vapourized inside. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesah.

**Refrigerators** must be thoroughly washed and cleaned. Liners are **not** necessary.

**Dishwasher:** Clean the drainage trap, filter and run a cycle with detergent. Wait 24 hours, then run another cycle with detergent.

**Electrical appliances:** If the parts that come into contact with *hametz* are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned. If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered.

**Tables, closets and counters:** If used with *hametz* they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered; then they may be used.

**Kitchen sink:** A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned **and a sink rack used.** If dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a **dish basin must be used.**

# Sale of *hametz*

**There are four ways we fulfil the Biblical *mitzvah* of ridding ourselves of *hametz* before Pesah:**

- we clean our homes
- we burn any remaining crumbs
- we verbally declare that any *hametz* in our possession is worthless and no longer owned by us
- to ensure that there is no question about our intent to remove *hametz* from our possession, we sell our *hametz* to non-Jews who may own leavened products on Passover

You have to do the cleaning, burning and nullification yourselves, but we can assist you in the sale of your *hametz*. **Rabbis Frydman-Kohl and Cutler and Reverend Hanick will be available following morning services and at various times throughout the day in the week prior to Passover to enable those who wish to sell their *hametz* to delegate to them that authority.**

If you are unable to arrange personally to sell your *hametz*, please fax or send this form to the Synagogue office no later than **6:00 PM on Sunday, April 13, 2014.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(acting on behalf of and with the authorization of my entire family)  
transfer authority to sell all *hametz*, including all mixtures and objects containing *hametz*, to Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl or:

\_\_\_\_\_  
of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto, Ontario. As my agent, he should arrange for this sale prior to 11:00 AM on Monday, April 14, 2014, by which time I will have placed my *hametz*, and mixtures and objects containing *hametz*, in specially designated storage areas within my home, which is at:

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# *New Horizons for Seniors*

with Ruth Cohen



**Mondays 1:30 to 3:00 PM**

March 24, May 26 and June 9 and 23

Join Ruth Cohen for engaging and lively discussions, and the chance to learn from each other as we face life's challenges. A great opportunity to share and nourish the mind and soul.



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**Children ages 1 to 3 with a parent,  
grandparent or caregiver**

# **Mishpacha**

**Toddlers, Tunes and Treats**

**with Tobie Seligman  
9:30 to 11:00 AM in Room 200**

**Wednesdays and Fridays**

We welcome drop-ins into our classes where space permits. Per session fee: \$15 members; \$18 non-members.

If you would like to attend a session,  
call Jo Swartz at 416-781-3514 ext. 230.

**Bar/Bat  
Mitzvah**

**CLUB**



## **Beth Tzedec Congregation continues the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club, a program for children with difficulty in social situations.**

We are looking for students with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 2014/2015 who are seeking to prepare for this experience with peers in a program suited to their needs. This program is tailored for students who have:

- difficulty with social situations in comparison to their same-aged peers (such as children with social anxiety, gifted learning disabilities, non-verbal learning disabilities and Asperger Syndrome);
- challenges that can be re-directed with support; and
- an understanding, appreciation or knowledge of their own interpersonal challenges.

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club is spearheaded by a cadre of educators, clergy and committed congregants, together with a team of skilled, highly trained experts in various fields, including group facilitators with many years of experience working with kids with special needs.

The program will consist of nine evening sessions with dinner. A valuable and voluntary parent group will run concurrently with the children's sessions. The highly subsidized cost of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club is \$700.

For information, contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or [dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org).

***This program has been made possible thanks to the  
Elizabeth Rose Herman Education Bursary of Beth Tzedec Congregation***

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**UJA Federation  
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### **Annual General Fund**

Murray and Marjorie Collis, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Maurice Collis**.

Rabbi Adam and Debra Cutler.

Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Chaim and Rochel Friedberg**.

Al Gelfant and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Julia Gelfant**.

Arlene Goldberg-Levine and Nelson and Andrea Levine, acknowledging **Yedessa Hendeles** in memory of **Dorothy Hendeles**.

Ruth Isaac, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fred Isaac**.

Arlene Jube.

Henrietta Kostman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Leon Kostman**.

Harold Lepofsky and family, wishing **Shep Gangbar** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Irving Matlow, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Archie Matlow**.

Rochelle Miller, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Samuel Izenberg**.

Helene Shomair, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Percy Zaifman**.

Beatryce Spiegel, honouring the clergy and staff of **Beth Tzedec**.

Dr. Brian Steinhart and Valerie Rakow, and Phyllis and Alan Rackow, honouring **Bob and Sandy Cohen** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Michael Thorek, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Celia Thorek, Nathan Thorek** and **Noah Thorek**.

### **Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund**

Howard and Halle Cohen, honouring **Ab Flatt** on his birthday.

Howard and Halle Cohen, honouring **Paul Gaffe** on his birthday.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing **Florence Bendelac** a *refuah sheleimah*.

### **Daily Minyan Breakfast Fund**

Norm Abrams, marking the conclusion of *Shloshim*.

Gabriel Beck and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Marlene Beck**.

Stephen Bernhut, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **William Bernhut**.

Caroline Bokar, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Bob Bokar**.

Susan Born, Bonnie Singer and Freida Sherman and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Salcman**.

Morley Brown and Glennie Lindenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Rose Brown**.

Charles and Morley Cadesky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Celia Cadesky**.

Charles and Morley Cadesky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Cadesky**.

The Cappe Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Cappe**.

Brian and Amanda Cepler and family, honouring the B'nei Mitzvah of their sons, **Joshua** and **Evan**.

Dr. Perry Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mervin Cooper**.

Dr. Perry Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hyman Cooper**.

Ellen and Rick Cosman and Stephen Johnson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Anne Johnson**.

Ellen and Rick Cosman and Stephen Johnson, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leonard Johnson**.

Harry Enchin and Susan Friedrich, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Norman Enchin**.

Nancy Ezer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sonia Arbuck**.

Robert and Caren Freedman, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Shawn**.

The Friedlich Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Steven Friedlich**.

Al Gelfant and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Julia Gelfant**.

The Glazer Family, honouring **Helen Glazer** on her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Goldbach Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Fanny Goldbach**.

Dr. Eudice Goldberg and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Richard Goldberg**.

Gerold and Rosylin Goldlist, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Shaindel (Charlotte) Goldlist**.

The Gordon Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Robert Gordon**.

Sen. Jerry S. Grafstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Simcha Grafstein**.

Michael Gross and Marsha Hurwitz, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harold Gross**.

Esther Hussman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dov Hussman**.

Brian and Rachel Jacobs, honouring the birth of their daughter **Samara Hazel**.

Jacob and Sheryl Jesin, honouring the birth of their daughter.

Norman and Jackie Kahn and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Allan Simon**.

Howard Kirshenbaum, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Betty Kirshenbaum**.

The Kirshenblatt and Quitt Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gordon Quitt**.

Jan and Mark Lapedus and Andrew and Julie Freedman and families, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Jack Freedman** and **Chovie Freedman**.

Ruthann Lubin, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Leo Cutler**.

Saul and Ann Mimran, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Esther Mimran**.

Susan Pasternak and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jack Pasternak**.

Barry Phillips, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Arnold Phillips**.

Edith Pollock and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Pollock**.

Stuart and Michele Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Nancy Pollock**.

Joe Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Diane Rosenthal**.

Joe Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sam Rosenthal**.

Arnold and Barbara Shell, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Kayla Shell**.

Louise Shogilev and Earl Consky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Consky**.

Eric Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Meyer Samuel Fine**.

Eric Sobel and Ricky Goldenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Philip Hornick**.

The Sobel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ethel Sobel**.

Dr. Mel and Ruth Steinhart and Allan Siegel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Zisman**.

Beverly Stern, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morton Stern**.

# Jewish Meditation

with Michelle Katz



Shabbat, April 5 and June 7  
10:00 to 11:15 AM

For men and women, centred on texts from our tradition, eliciting response and deep listening—a doorway to enhanced prayer.

*Michelle Katz is an educator in English and Special Education. She provides workshops, retreats, and group classes in Jewish Meditation, Jewish Spiritual Direction and Torah yoga.*

For more information, please contact Marlene Laba at 416-781-3514 ext. 234 or [mlaba@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:mlaba@beth-tzedec.org)

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## Condolences

The Congregation extends heartfelt condolences to the families of the late:

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Joseph Betel                  | Ruth Koblin               |
| Mildred Dinaberg<br>Bluestein | Froim (Ephraim) Merkur    |
| Jeannette Anne Cohen          | Max Olanow                |
| Marilyn Delevante             | Hon. Sydney Lewis Robins  |
| Shirley Drucker               | Pearl Rosen               |
| Helen Eisen                   | Meri Saguy                |
| Ruth Fremes                   | Bess Stuart               |
| Barbara Goldberger            | Yadja (Yetta) Wajgensberg |
| Esther Goldstein              | Pearl Waxman              |
| Eva Moldovan                  | William (Bill) Winston    |
| Holdengraber                  |                           |

*"May the God of mercy sustain and strengthen them in their sorrow."*

## Memorial Plaques

Plaques in honour of the following individuals will be installed in the Sanctuary:

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| Ruth Lillian Gertner | Belle (Billie) Samuels |
| Samuel Lazar Gertner | Irving Shnier          |
| Harry Giddens        |                        |

If you wish to honour the memory of a dear one, a fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a memorial plaque and lamp. Each memorial plaque, bearing the name and yahtzeit date, is mounted on a bronze tablet in the Sanctuary. The lamp is lit on the Shabbat of the week of the yahtzeit, on the day of the yahtzeit, and on the four festivals during the year when Yizkor is recited. To order a memorial plaque, contact Maya Vasserman at 416-781-3514 ext. 216 or [mvasserman@beth-tzedec.org](mailto:mvasserman@beth-tzedec.org).

## Everything we do Today is for Tomorrow

Beth Tzedec has a number of opportunities for members wishing to support our *tzedakah* initiatives. Honour the memory of a loved one by making a contribution to one of our funds or sponsoring breakfast on a yahtzeit. For a complete list of Synagogue funds, please call the office at 416-781-3511.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy for the Congregation to name a special project, youth program or adult education seminar, we would be pleased to help you plan today for tomorrow. Contact our Executive Director, Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 to discuss these opportunities in confidence.

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Harry Stilman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Stilman**.

Dr. Stephen Tanny, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Tanny**.

The Weiss Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Grace Weiss**.

Randolph Weisz and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isidor Weisz**.

Louis Whitehouse, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Hermina Weiszhaus**.

Harold and Carole Wolfe and Phyllis and Ab Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Wolfe**.

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Tempo**.

Rochelle Zabitsky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Haskell Zabitsky**.

#### **Daily Minyan Fund**

Jack and Judy Weisdorf, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Rose Weisdorf** and **Ethel Silver**.

#### **Hesed Fund**

Frances Ackerman and Henry Einstoss, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Einstoss**.

Muriel and John Brunner, honouring **Judy Shiff** on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Bleema Climans** and family in memory of the **Hon. Jack Climans**.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging **Helen Lester** in memory of **Jeannette Anne Cohen**.

Helen Glazer, honouring **Bib Soles** on her special birthday.

Helen Glazer, wishing **Florence Bendelac** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Helen Glazer, wishing **Lyon Wexler** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Judith and Aubrey Golden, honouring **Rabbi Baruch** and **Josette Frydman-Kohl** on the birth of their grandson **Amichai Menashe**.

Gloria Houser, honouring **Rabbi Baruch** and **Josette Frydman-Kohl** on the birth of their grandson **Amichai Menashe**.

Marsha Joseph, honouring **Judy Shiff**.

Arthur and Doreen Kaminker, honouring **Howard Cohen** on his special birthday.

Anita and Leon Lapidus, honouring **Howard Cohen** on his special birthday.

Malki Lazar, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Yitzhak Irving Lazar**.

John and Molly Pollock, honouring **Rabbi Baruch** and **Josette Frydman-Kohl** on the birth of their grandson **Amichai Menashe**.

David and Shirley Promislow, honouring **Judy Shiff**.

Rose Sobel, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gussie Sobel**.

Dr. Mel and Ruth Steinhart, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Steinhart**.

Dr. Mel and Ruth Steinhart, honouring **Rabbi Baruch** and **Josette Frydman-Kohl** on the birth of their grandson **Amichai Menashe**.

Dr. Mel and Ruth Steinhart, honouring **Judy Shiff**.

Bari Zittell, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Stanley Stern**.

#### **Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund**

Hon. Jack and Sandi Grossman, honouring the **Hon. Sidney Linden** on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal, commemorating the memory of **Lily Katzenell**.

Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal, commemorating the memory of **Morris Levenson**.

#### **Jewish Family Living Fund**

Sally Gallinger, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Herschel** and **Edith Rubenstein**.

Ruby Herman Green, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Elizabeth Rose Herman**.

#### **Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund**

Eric and Judy Moncik, honouring **Norman** and **Jackie Kahn**.

#### **Jules and Pearl Surdin Memorial Fund**

Sheila and Howard Einstoss and family, acknowledging **Syd** and **Sharon Cohen** in memory of **Dorothy Cohen**.

Cathy Surdin, Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging **Estrella Schiff** in memory of **Luna Gozlan**.

#### **Jules Surdin Yom Hashoah Candle Fund**

Gayle and Morty Eisenberg and family, acknowledging **Syd** and **Sharon Cohen** in memory of **Dorothy Cohen**.

Cathy Surdin, Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging **Syd** and **Sharon Cohen** in memory of **Dorothy Cohen**.

#### **Kosher Food Bank**

Stan and Genia Elkind, wishing **Dr. John Trachtenberg** a *refuah sheleimah*.

#### **Library Books**

Phyllis and Ab Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Max Wolfe**.

Leah Liguornik, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Philip** and **Ida Turowicz**.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Philip Pollock**.

#### **Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library**

Joshua and Rhonda Charlat, honouring **Stephen** and **Ilene Flatt** on their anniversary.

Donna Friedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Bohnen**.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sidney Philip Pollock**.

Michael and Sharon Pupko, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mark Pupko**.

Eva Weisbrod.

#### **Music Fund**

Esther Abrams, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Morris Gebien**.

Howard and Halle Cohen, honouring **Renee Topper** on the birth of her great-granddaughter **Samantha Victoria**.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging the family of **Dr. Harold Grammer**<sup>z"l</sup> in memory of **Dr. Harold Grammer**.

Shirley Krem, honouring **Dr. Jordan Cheskes**.

Shirley Krem, wishing **Dr. Andrea Kirsh** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Gary and Marcie Mansfield, wishing **Bob Cohen** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Rosette Rutman, Stephen and Tamara Abrams, acknowledging **Dr. Howard Snow** in memory of **S. Milton (Mickey) Snow**.

David Shindman and Debra Anthony, honouring Cantor **Simon and Aliza Spiro**.

Jason Stein, acknowledging **Sharon Black** in memory of **Ronnie Black**.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Bob Cohen** a *refuah sheleimah*.

#### **Out-of-the-Cold Fund**

Lil Brown, commemorating the yahrtzeit of her beloved daughter **Arlene**.

Paul and Rochelle Citron, acknowledging **Ruth Merkur** in memory of **Froim (Ephraim) Merkur**.

Perry and Shirley Cooper, commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> yahrtzeit of **Nathan Korzenstein**.

Faye Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Firestone**.

Adele and Erwin Gelfand, honouring **Howard Cohen** on his special birthday.

The Glassman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Morris Glassman**.

Shirley Grossman, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Sam Berman** and **Esther Berman**.

Ronald Landsberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Harry Landsberg**.

Anne & Mitch Max, acknowledging **Carol Burke** in memory of **Anna Szpirglas**.

Anne and Mitch Max, honouring **Sheila Bacher** on her special birthday.

Anne and Mitch Max, honouring **Susie and Ben Zarnett** on the birth of their grandson.

Ruth Nichols, acknowledging the **Pollock Family** in memory of **Ricky Pollock**.

Tania Pardo, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Isaac Liscovitch**.

Tania Pardo, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Joseph Pardo**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging **Dr. Cindy Miller** in memory of **Sonnu Miller**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging the **Singer Family** in memory of **Pearl Singer**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, honouring **Queenie Teichman** on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, honouring **Oscar Zimmerman and Anna Day** on the marriage of their son **Daniel to Shira**.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, wishing **Lyon Wexler** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, wishing **Dr. Paul Max** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Skip and Lynn Sigel, honouring **Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl** on the birth of their grandson **Amichai Menashe**.

Sylvia Singer and family, acknowledging **Daniel Danzig and family** in memory of **Michael Danzig**.

Rose Sobel, acknowledging **Shaynka Farber** in memory of the **Hon. Sydney Lewis Robins**.

Rose Sobel, acknowledging **Evelyn Wolfe** in memory of **Max Olanow**.

Bea Spiegel and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Barry Nelson Spiegel**.

Joseph and Elaine Steiner, honouring **Alan and Lorraine Sandler** on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Terry and Nadine Walman and Samara and Raquel, acknowledging **Dr. Helene Griesman** in memory of **Jack Westreich**.

Manley and Barbra Walters, acknowledging **Jerry Grammer** in memory of **Harold Grammer**.

Lyon Wexler, honouring **Patti Rotman** on her birthday.

#### **Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications—Daily or Shabbat**

Barry Greenberg and Susan Laufer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Jay Greenberg**.

Gloria Houser, acknowledging **Diane Novack** in memory of **David Shanoff**.

The Singer Grandchildren, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Jonah and Rachel Singer**.

Sylvia Singer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Chaya Kot**.

Sylvia Singer and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Mirel Kot**.

#### **Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications—Humash**

Elaine Marcus, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Vicki Marcus**.

#### **Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum Fund**

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club, honouring **Dorion Liebgott**.

#### **Victims of Terror Fund**

Mariana Grinblat, honouring **Cantor Sidney Ezer** on his birthday.

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, wishing **Lyon Wexler** a *refuah sheleimah*.

Susan Pasternak, wishing **Jason Stein** a *refuah sheleimah*.



## **The City Limit: Small Jewish Communities in Ontario**

A joint photographic exhibition of the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum and the Ontario Jewish Archives to celebrate **Ontario Jewish Heritage Month**.

Early photographic images of settlement, farming and small business-building paint a more complete picture of the specific challenges and often exceptional rewards of seeking opportunity outside the city limits.

From May 1 to August 31, 2014 on the main floor gallery outside the Museum.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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## **YOM HAZIKARON**

MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR THE FALLEN SOLDIERS AND VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM**  
(Doors open at 6:15 PM to begin security check)

**BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION**  
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Registration for Fall sports being held at Beth Tzedec will open **July 28, 2014**. Stay tuned to the |sport website for more info!





**Deadline for orders is  
Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 12pm**

## Happy Passover from Applause Catering

### Kosher for Passover Menu

#### APPETIZERS & SOUPS

*(1lb serves approx. 4 people)*

Savoury or Sweet Gelfilte Fish Roulade .....	\$20.00 per lb
Chopped Liver with Matzah Crackers .....	\$15.00 per lb
Wild Mushroom Crepes .....	\$5.00 per piece
Traditional Chicken Soup .....	\$10.00 per litre
Matzah Balls .....	\$1.75 per piece
Butternut Squash and Pear Soup .....	\$10.00 per litre
Tomato Bisque .....	\$10.00 per litre

#### MAINS

##### Chicken & Turkey

Pan Seared Chicken Supreme .....	\$15.00 per piece
Matzah Breaded Chicken Roulade .....	\$18.00 per piece
Stuffed Chicken Supreme .....	\$18.00 per piece
Chicken Fingers .....	\$20.00 per lb
Chicken Wings .....	\$16.00 per lb
Traditional Turkey Meatloaf .....	\$48.00 per loaf
Stuffed Cornish Hen .....	\$24.00 per hen

##### Beef

Slow Roasted Beef Brisket .....	\$15.00 per 6 oz
Herb Roasted Ribeye .....	\$16.50 per 6 oz
Slow Cooked Beef Short Ribs .....	\$27.50 per piece

##### Fish

Cranberry Apricot Herb Matzah Crusted Salmon Filet .....	\$15.00 per 6 oz
Pan Seared Tilapia Filet .....	\$12.50 per 5-6 oz

##### Vegetarian

Wild Mushroom Beggar Purse .....	\$10.00 per piece
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#### SALADS

*(1lb serves approx. 4 people)*

Italian Salad .....	\$4.50 per serving
French Country Salad .....	\$4.50 per serving
Cucumber Salad .....	\$8.00 per lb
Creamy Coleslaw .....	\$8.00 per lb
Red Cabbage Slaw .....	\$8.00 per lb

#### SIDE DISHES

*(1lb serves approx. 4 people)*

Oven Roasted Herbed Potatoes .....	\$20.00 per lb
Roasted Herbed Yams .....	\$20.00 per lb
Seasonal Vegetable Sauté .....	\$25.00 per lb
Honey Balsamic Root Vegetables .....	\$25.00 per lb
Egg Noodles .....	\$12.00 per lb

#### EXTRAS

Seder Plate .....	\$8.00 per plate
Charoset .....	\$6.00 per 1/2 lb
Potato Kugel Au Gratin .....	\$30.00 per pan
Apple Kugel .....	\$31.00 per pan
Sweet Potato & Zucchini Kugel .....	\$30.00 per pan

#### DESSERT

*(Each cake serves 12 to 14)*

Strawberry Shortcake .....	\$50.00 per cake
Frozen Lemon Meringue Torte .....	\$55.00 per cake
Flourless Chocolate Cake .....	\$50.00 per cake
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1700 Bathurst St.,  
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Monday April 14th,  
10am – 3pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>20 NISAN</p> <p><b>HOL HAMOED PESAH</b></p> <p><b>4th Intermediate Day</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 5</b></p> <p>8:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:51pm Candle Lighting: Light a 24-hr candle before Yom Tov candles</p>	<p>21 NISAN</p> <p><b>PESAH DAY 7</b></p> <p><b>Hallel</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 6</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 8:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 8:53pm Candle Lighting from an existing flame</p>	<p>22 NISAN</p> <p><b>PESAH DAY 8</b></p> <p><b>Hallel/Vizkor</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 7</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 8:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 8:53pm Yom Tov concludes</p>	<p>23 NISAN</p> <p><b>Omer Day 8</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Physician-Assisted Suicide Lecture</p>	<p>24 NISAN</p> <p><b>Omer Day 9</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>25 NISAN</p> <p><b>Omer Day 10</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:54pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>26 NISAN</p> <p><b>SHABBAT MEVARKHIM</b></p> <p><b>Kedoshim</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 11</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit/Rav Ostrin 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 12:00pm Lively Learning 7:40pm Minhah-Ma'ariv/SS 8:57pm Havdalah</p>
<p>27 NISAN</p> <p><b>Omer Day 12</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 4:00pm Kasher TOP's Pgm 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Megilat Hashoah: The Shoah Scroll</p>	<p>28 NISAN</p> <p><b>YOM HASHOAH</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 13</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Book &amp; Film Club 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Women &amp; the Shoah</p>	<p>29 NISAN</p> <p><b>Omer Day 14</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Better Brain Health: Dr. Toyer (at Holy Blossom) 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>30 NISAN</p> <p><b>ROSH HODESH-IVAR</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 15</b></p> <p>7:15am Shoharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Ezekiel 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>1 IVAR</p> <p><b>ROSH HODESH-IVAR</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 16</b></p> <p>7:15am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>2 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 17</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:02pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>3 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 18</b></p> <p><b>Emor</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 9:30am LM/Prof. Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am Family Service 2:30pm Shabbat Games 7:45pm Minhah-Ma'ariv/SS 9:05pm Havdalah</p>
<p>4 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 19</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 10:00am Old Jewish Toronto Walking Tour 11:00am Pj Library Story Time 7:00pm Community-wide Yom Hazikaron Pgm 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>5 IVAR</p> <p><b>YOM HAZIKARON-ISRAEL REMEMBRANCE DAY</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 20</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Haverim/Better Brain Health: Dr. Freedman 5:30pm Yom Ha atzmat Celebration 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Women &amp; the Shoah</p>	<p>6 IVAR</p> <p><b>YOM HA'ATZMAUT</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 21</b></p> <p>7:15am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>7 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 22</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Deborah 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>8 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 23</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm YP/Daniel Lasker Pgm</p>	<p>9 IVAR</p> <p><b>GUEST SCHOLAR WEEKEND WITH PROF. DANIEL LASKER</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 24</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat &amp; Daniel Lasker Dinner/Lecture 8:10pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>10 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 25</b></p> <p><b>Behar</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit/Prof. Lasker 9:30am LM/Prof. Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 2:30pm Shabbat Floor Hockey 7:50pm Minhah-Ma'ariv/SS 9:13pm Havdalah</p>
<p>11 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 26</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 2:30pm Mother's Day Chai Tea &amp; Fashion Show 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>12 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 27</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Book &amp; Film Club 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK-Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:15pm Many Faces of Avraham</p>	<p>13 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 28</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 4:00pm <i>Nitzanim</i> Cook &amp; Shook 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>14 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 29</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Jonah 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>15 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 30</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>16 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 31</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:18pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>17 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 32</b></p> <p><b>Behukotai</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 9:30am LM/Prof. Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 11:00am Torah Next Dor 8:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv/SS 9:21pm Havdalah</p>
<p>18 IVAR</p> <p><b>LAG BA'OMER</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 33</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>19 IVAR</p> <p><b>VICTORIA DAY</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 34</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>20 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 35</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Israeli TV Night</p>	<p>21 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 36</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 1:30pm Hana Werner Series: Jeremiah 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv 7:30pm Kids from Brooklyn Concert 7:30pm <i>BTTeens</i> Hadashot</p>	<p>22 IVAR</p> <p><b>Omer Day 37</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 7:00pm Minhah-Ma'ariv</p>	<p>23 IVAR</p> <p><b>GUEST SCHOLAR WEEKEND WITH PROF. STEPHEN BERK</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 38</b></p> <p>7:30am Shoharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm Friday Night Live Dinner/Lecture with Prof. Stephen Berk 8:25pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>24 IVAR</p> <p><b>SHABBAT MEVARKHIM</b></p> <p><b>Omer Day 39</b></p> <p><b>Bemidbar</b></p> <p>8:45am Shoharit/Prof. Berk 9:30am LM/Prof. Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 12:00pm Lively Learning 8:10pm Minhah-Ma'ariv/SS 9:28pm Havdalah</p>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>21 ADAR II <b>23</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 4:00pm Family <i>Tikkun Olam</i> Program 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>22 ADAR II <b>24</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm New Horizons 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:30pm Lipinsky/History of Old Jewish Toronto</p>	<p>23 ADAR II <b>25</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Better Brain Health: Dr. Greenwood 4:00pm <i>Kokhavim</i> Cook &amp; Shook 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm Israeli TV Night</p>	<p>24 ADAR II <b>26</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Jews in Film 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>25 ADAR II <b>27</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm <i>B'Teens</i> Hadashot</p>	<p>26 ADAR II <b>28</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program Dinner 7:21pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>27 ADAR II <b>29</b></p> <p> <b>Tazria</b> <b>SHABBAT HAHODESH</b> <b>SHABBAT MEVARKHIM</b> 8:45am Shaharit/Youth Shabbat 9:30am LM/Prof. Ages 10:15am I/C/SMP/Torah Tot's 12:00pm Lively Learning 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv/SS 8:24pm Havdalah</p>
<p>28 ADAR II <b>30</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 12:30pm <i>B'Teens</i>: Pay It Forward Zumba and Hockey Program 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>29 ADAR II <b>31</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Book &amp; Film Club 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program 7:30pm Rabbi Meirovich/Judaism as History and Memory</p>	<p>April</p> <p>1 NISAN <b>1</b></p> <p><b>ROSH HODESH NISAN</b> 7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Around the World in Two Nights</p>		<p>2 NISAN <b>2</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Jews in Film 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Teen &amp; Parent Film Club</p>	<p>3 NISAN <b>3</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Rabbi Meirovich/Judaism as History and Memory</p>	<p>4 NISAN <b>4</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:29pm Candle Lighting</p>
<p>6 NISAN <b>6</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 10:00am Rabbi Meirovich Breakfast Lecture 12:00pm <i>Nitzanim &amp; Koh'avim</i> Chocolate Seder 4:00pm Keshet-TOPS Pgm 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>7 NISAN <b>7</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Haverim: Ray &amp; Marney Rawlings 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:15pm ASK: Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Program</p>	<p>8 NISAN <b>8</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 4:00pm <i>Nitzanim</i> Cook &amp; Shook 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:30pm Around the World in Two Nights</p>	<p>9 NISAN <b>9</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 1:30pm Jews in Film 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>10 NISAN <b>10</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>11 NISAN <b>11</b></p> <p>7:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm Pre-Pesah Rockin' Moroccan FNL Service &amp; Dinner 7:37pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>12 NISAN <b>12</b></p> <p> <b>Aharei Mot</b> <b>SHABBAT HAGDOL</b> 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof. Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 2:30pm Shabbat Games 7:20pm Minhah–Ma'ariv/SS 8:41pm Havdalah</p>
<p>13 NISAN <b>13</b></p> <p>8:45am Shaharit 6:00pm Sale of <i>hametz</i> forms due 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv <b>Search for hametz after dark</b></p>	<p>14 NISAN <b>14</b></p> <p><b>EREV PESAH/FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN</b> 7:15am Shaharit 9:00am Public <i>hametz</i> burning 12:00pm Sell/discard <i>hametz</i> 6:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 7:41pm Candle Lighting Light 24-hr candle before Yom Tov candles <b>First Seder after nightfall</b></p>	<p>15 NISAN <b>15</b></p> <p><b>PESAH DAY 1</b> 8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 8:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:44pm Candle Lighting from an existing flame <b>Second Seder after nightfall</b></p>	<p>16 NISAN <b>16</b></p> <p><b>PESAH DAY 2</b> 8:45am Shaharit 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 8:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv 8:45pm Yom Tov concludes</p>	<p>17 NISAN <b>17</b></p> <p><b>HOL HAMOED PESAH 1st Intermediate Day</b> 7:15am Shaharit 7:00pm Minhah–Ma'ariv</p>	<p>18 NISAN <b>18</b></p> <p><b>HOL HAMOED PESAH NATIONAL HOLIDAY 2nd Intermediate Day</b> 8:30am Shaharit 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:46pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>19 NISAN <b>19</b></p> <p><b>SHABBAT HOL HAMOED 3rd Intermediate Day</b> 8:45am Shaharit 9:30am LM/Prof. Ages 10:15am Torah Tot's 10:30am SMP &amp; Jr. Cong'n 11:00am Torah Next Dor 7:00pm Song of Songs 7:25pm Minhah–Ma'ariv/SS 8:45pm Havdalah</p>