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Shavuot and Choice

Where are we on our life path and where might we go?



The gift of Torah, which we re-enact and celebrate on Shavuot, is linked by custom to the scroll of Ruth. Her story is associated with Shavuot for three reasons:

- The narrative is set at the time of the spring harvest which took place in late May/early June.
- A major theme of the narrative is *hesed* by and for Ruth. Loving-kindness is understood as the essential value of Torah and a means for personal and national transformation.
- The book tells of Ruth's acceptance of the God of the Israelite people as her God and the nation of Israel as her own. Her personal act reflects the national acceptance of Torah by the Jewish people.

Ruth appears to make a sudden decision, similar to Abraham's response to God's call in Genesis. In contrast, the rabbis of the Talmud portray Avraham as gradually becoming more aware of the singularity of the Divine. David Brooks, the columnist for the *NY Times*, describes this as the difference between the Summoned Life and the Well-planned Life.

These two approaches reflect our own experiences of moving to major insights and decisions. Where are we on our life path and where we might go? Have you been called to see the world in a startlingly different way? Or have you been part of a process of a gradual unfolding, one that takes time to descern?

Juan had begun a process to become a monk when his grandfather recalled men who gathering in darkened corners "put towels on their heads and read from strange books that they never showed to anyone." A few years later, Juan travelled from Columbia to Israel. "From the very first moment I felt a deep connection...to the language, the food, the religion...I felt a sense of missed opportunity, and anger at my family. For 500 years their ancestors had preserved Jewish tradition, and then in the last generation they had broken with it. I felt that I needed to fix things, to make a tikkun, and to convert." Juan Mejia was ordained as a rabbi in the same class as our Ray Adam.

In Suddenly Jewish, Barbara Kessel asks, "What is it like to find out you are not who you thought you were?" Responses can range from rejection to embrace. Others take time to discern a path. While not everyone becomes a rabbi, many who come through the doors of a synagogue do decide to explore Judaism as an adult. Some are reciting kaddish. Others are in a relationship with a non-Jewish partner, considering conversion. As the non-Jewish partner grows, the Jewish partner also develops. Newly married couples use this time to explore what kind of a Jewish home they want to build. Parents of young children decide that they want something more substantive for their kids. University students often track away from the Jewish community or religious belief, but others look to sources of Jewish life to strengthen their identities and observance.

Some stories from Europe point to the challenge. Abe Foxman, the International Director of the Anti-Defamation League, was reclaimed from his Polish nanny who hid him successfully during the Holocaust. "I wore a crucifix. I went to church regularly...The first time my father took me to synagogue...I passed a church. I crossed myself, I greeted the priest, I kissed his hand, and my father understood...Little by little, he took off my cross and replaced it with tzitzis 'fringes'. I used to say prayers in Latin; he taught me to pray in Hebrew...Becoming Jewish was a growing process. My parents had wisdom beyond the normal. If my parents had perished, I would have been raised to be a priest. I'm convinced there are thousands of Jews who don't know they are Jewish, especially in Poland... There were more Jewish children at risk [there] and therefore there were more opportunities to save them."

Last year, I discovered Cholent, a group formed in Krakow for young people who come from mixed families in which a parent's Jewish background was hidden. Cholent is the Sabbath stew that is a mixture of long-simmering ingredients. While visiting Budapest, I became aware of the story of Csanad Szegedi, a rising star in the far-right Jobbik Party, notorious for his provocative

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comments about Jews. Then there was a revelation that he was Jewish. He was expelled from the Party. Adrift, he began to explore his Jewish heritage.

Paul Goldreich, a London psycho-analyst, has worked with many people adjusting to the recovery of one's heritage. He thinks that people who come back to Judaism do so because "they have a reservoir of memory" that enables them to pick up on clues. I was interviewed about this for a CBC documentary, "The Mystery of San Nicandro", which explores the search by southern Italians for long-forgotten Jewish origins. Rabbi Yehudah Halevi (Spain, 1075 – 1141) believed that there is an essential spark of Jewishness, hard-wired into the descendants of Avraham and Sarah. In contrast, Rambam (Maimonides, Spain and Africa, 1138-1204) contended that Jewish identity is determined through education, experience and exercise. It is only real when lived.

On Shavuot, we are reminded that even if we are called by God, we must decide whether to respond, as did the people of Israel ("We shall act and listen") or Ruth ("Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God"). In some way, God is always calling to each one of us, asking "Where are you?" For some, it is not a question we want to face. Divorce, death or disaster is something that we would rather not confront. Still, life happens and we are sent in a new direction. Some people are like Ruth—suddenly aware, the call is clear. Others struggle to discern direction. We are all pilgrims, in constant motion, seeking and searching. On Shavuot and during the summer with its opportunities to read and reflect, give some thought to where you are and where you want to be.



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Looking Back with Gratitude and Turning to the Future



We are not obligated to finish the work; neither are we free to desist from it. (Pirkei Avot)

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS SIX YEARS AGO WHEN I BEGAN MY my service to the Congregation on the Board, then as Chair of the Board of Governors for two years and as President for three. Throughout this time, I have been proud to work with my colleagues on the Board and its committees who shared similar concerns about the future of Beth Tzedec. Our common beliefs in the need to be faithful to our tradition while welcoming change, and our collective embrace of the need to innovate, have allowed us to become an engaging, enriching destination for Jewish life, with new relevance to the interests of Jews of various ages and stages.

Throughout my time serving as Chair of the Board, with Norman Kahn as President, and then as President myself, working closely with both Blake Teichman and Dena Libman in the role of Chair, we have emphasized that our objectives were to: (1) more fully engage the members of our community in the life of our shul; and (2) improve the operations of our Synagogue to ensure it would function as efficiently and fairly as possible. We have taken key steps toward accomplishing these objectives. I am proud that our successes in reinvigorating our shul programs and operations include minimizing the financial deficits we had faced for several years. I hope that future Boards will continue these efforts with sustained success.

A key focus for us this past year was to move the Renovation Project forward. With the help of my co-chair on that committee, Stephen Kauffman, we advanced our drawings and plans and began informal discussions with our City Councillor and the City Planning Department. In February, we held Town Hall meetings to present the drawings and proposed expansion areas to the membership, and we are now working to complete our submission in the hope that the expansion areas might be approved before substantial funds are spent on detailed designs for these areas. We have also created an Architect Selection Subcommittee to screen a selected group of suitable architects and ultimately make a recommendation to the Board. That process will continue into the summer.

In the meantime, our perennial challenge of

maintaining our aging building and its antiquated systems continues to place constraints on our ability to reduce operating expenditures. This year, monies collected from the Capital Levy have been applied to: (1) fixing the complicated boiler system that provides heat to our building; (2) completing the upgrade and replacement of our fire alarm system; and (3) constructing the new access ramp. We also gave the Hendeles Chapel a much needed facelift, which was funded, in part, from the proceeds of last year's Men's Club Golf Classic. Our House Committee, under the leadership of Bob Cohen and in collaboration with our Property Manager, Brian Dias, and his staff, deserves a great deal of thanks for the time they spend caring for our physical building.

Our building's ongoing physical deterioration has led the Board to decide to replace the ten year Capital Levy (whose last year was 2013/14) with an annual contribution to a new Building Reserve Fund. The percentage applied at each membership contribution level (10 or 20%) will remain unchanged. The Board believes that continuing to collect these funds is critical to enabling us to meet the inevitable ongoing needs to replace outdated operating systems and aging structural elements, like the 12 banks of 60-foot high windows in our Sanctuary and the roof that is leaking over the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall (just two examples of the issues that our staff and House Committee are currently working to address). Monies collected under the new Building Reserve Fund will be kept separate from our general operating funds, as the Capital Levy dollars were, to be used only for capital improvements, including repairs to our physical plant, and renovations.

We focused this year on planning for our future. We struck a Rabbinic Search Committee for a new Senior Rabbi, chaired by Norman Kahn and Dena Libman. Looking toward a significant date in 2015, we created a 60th Anniversary Committee to be led by Paul Rothstein and Marvin Miller. And most recently, we launched a committee, chaired by Sharon Bacal, charged with creating a new service option for the High Holy Days, with the goal of appealing to our members who are in their 20s to 30s.

Please keep an eye out in the future editions of the *Beth Tzedec Bulletin* and *The Week Ahead* e-newsletters for opportunities to contribute as members' input is sought by these committees. I am happy to advise that, in the next couple of weeks, you will finally be able to subscribe to the specific Beth Tzedec communications you wish to receive and to pay your membership contributions online, through new enhancements to our website, thanks to the efforts of our Communications Committee led by Debbie Rothstein and Ted Zittell.

We continued to strengthen our strategic and community partnerships this year. With the support of the WOW! funding received last year from UJA Federation, we mounted our first Jewish Service Network trip to New Jersey to help with Hurricane Sandy clean-up, and we launched improvements to our Congregational School curriculum. Daniel Silverman and Randy Spiegel also began our participation in Project ReFrame, under the leadership of the Jewish Theological Seminary, working with JTS and four other U.S. synagogues with congregational schools, to increase and improve the quality of experiential informal educational programming we offer. And a number of Board members and committee chairs were excited to participate, along with four other local shuls, in a new program for synagogue leaders put on by the fabulous Shalom Hartman Institute called "Creating a Values Based Community".

Highlights of this past year, for me personally, include experiencing the inspirational and thought-provoking Centennial conference of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in Baltimore last fall, which I attended along with our Board Chair, Dena Libman. I was also privileged to participate in the selection of next year's *Shinshinim* along with an energized group of synagogue leaders and professional educators from across the Greater Toronto Jewish community, (including our own Aily Leibtag and Rav Adam Cutler), led by our partners at UJA's Israel Engagement Committee. I was also thrilled to celebrate the B'nei Mitzvah of my twin nephews in the Little Minyan at the end of March—a wonderful and very special family experience.

The past five years have been exceptionally meaningful and fulfilling, and for that I must thank many people. I so appreciate the hard work and commitment of our *klei kodesh*: our senior rabbi, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Rabbi Adam Cutler, Cantor Simon Spiro, Cantor Sidney Ezer, and our Ritual Director, Lorne Hanick. I especially wish to thank Rabbi Frydman-Kohl for his collaboration and partnership, and the respect and kindness he has consistently shown me.

I have enjoyed working with our Executive Director, Randy Spiegel, over the past three years. His commitment to Beth Tzedec is evident in the endless hours he devotes to our shul and our members. We have often continued our work together (via email) late into the night. I truly appreciate his efforts to help Beth Tzedec evolve and improve. I thank our office staff with whom I've worked closely on almost a daily basis, especially before Randy's arrival, when they helped keep things moving forward; and, in particular, Terri Humphries with whom I've enjoyed a wonderful working relationship over the past five years. I am delighted that Terri recently assumed the role of Communications Coordinator, developing all of our communications materials with the talented support of Jason Pivovitsch, our gifted designer.

My colleagues on the Executive Committee, whom I only met five years ago, have become close supportive friends and valued collaborators. I am so grateful to each of them: Dena Libman, Ted Zittell, Norman Kahn, Geoff Brockman, Debbie Rothstein, Peter Weinstein and Alan Sless, as well as Blake Teichman and Sheldon Rotman and the others who served with me on the Executive in the past. I thank each of them for their candour, friendship, hard work and thoughtful insights. My deep thanks as well, to the entire Board, for their generous commitments of time and energy to the governance of Synagogue.

I truly appreciate the respectful way in which the Board of Governors has functioned over the past several years. Some decisions were easier than others, but even for the most difficult and important issues we faced, vigorous discussion and respectful debate usually resulted in the Board being able to reach productive consensus.

Our Synagogue could not function without the commitment and devotion shown by our committee chairs, committee members, and all the volunteers who have helped to plan and implement, and have attended, so many of the activities and programs at Beth Tzedec and to create and revisit the policies that guide our operations. And I thank all of the donors and sponsors who contributed to our fundraising efforts in so many ways and without whom many of our programs and events would not be possible.

It has been a privilege to serve Beth Tzedec, as an elected Governor, as Chair and as your President. My thanks go out to each of you, our members, for your confidence and support. In just a few days, I will transition to my new role as Immediate Past President—a role that my husband, Eliot, relishes, and one that confuses my sons Zachary and Dylan who can't really remember when I wasn't involved in the Synagogue on a day-to-day basis. As we read in *Pirkei Avot*, "We are not obligated to finish the work; neither are we free to desist from it." And there is much more work to do. I offer my congratulations and commitment to the new Executive Committee and the Board of Governors. I look forward to supporting them, as they supported me. Together with you, we will continue to build Beth Tzedec as a vibrant, relevant, successful Community Destination for Jewish Living for all of us, and for generations.

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.

Joseph Albert William, son of REBECCA & MICHAEL HERSHORN, grandson of ROBERT (BUTCH) MANDEL & MARLENE MANDEL and SANDRA & THE LATE WILLIAM HERSHORN, born March 6.

Jackson Harris, son of ALEXANDRA & RYAN MITZ, grandson of RAE & HARVEY MILBERG, RANDI MITZ and LEWIS MITZ & WENDY POSLUNS, great-grandson of HILDA MITZ, MARY WASSER, JOYCE POSLUNS and PEARL DWOSH, born March 23.

Isaac, son of NATALIE RUSKIN & MIKE COHEN, grandson of MARILYN & RON RUSKIN and MARSHA & RUSSELL COHEN, great-grandson of RITA RUSKIN and BRYNA ZAIDMAN, born March 23.

Bruce Edward, son of JILL MERRICK & MATTHEW EARLE, grandson of MARILYN & SAUL MERRICK and JASMINE & MICHAEL EARLE, born March 24.

Hannah Rose, daughter of ALYSSA & DAVID CATZMAN, granddaughter of DEBBIE & JAY WAKS and LYNN & THE LATE MARVIN CATZMAN, great-granddaughter of SHIRLEY & SIDNEY KAPLAN of Vancouver, born April 2.

Matthew Gideon, son of JOSH KAUFMAN & DANIELLA SAGUY, grandson of TERRY & RUTH KAUFMAN and AMBASSADOR GIDEON & MERI SAGUY^{z"}, born April 4.

Dylan Samuel, son of BEN & SONIA LEITH, grandson of LEONARD & CHERYL CAPPE and DRS. ERIC & DIANE LEITH, great-grandson of BEATRICE SOLOMONS, CLARA CAPPE and FAYE LEITH, born April 9.

Mira Shoshana, daughter of RACHEL HINDEL & DANIEL SILVERMAN, granddaughter of ESTHER SALVE-HINDEL & JOSEF HINDEL and MARGO & JUDAH SILVERMAN, born April 22.

Lily Skye, daughter of ALISON WAXMAN & AVI FEDERGREEN, granddaughter of JOAN & DR. MARVIN WAXMAN and ILANA & THE LATE BUDDY FEDERGREEN, born May 3.

Jake Joseph, son of TAMARA & DAVID LUBOTTA, grandson of ANN & SAUL MIMRAN and SHEILA & THE LATE MARTIN LUBOTTA, born May 4.

Weddings

Robbie Kaufman, son of CATHY & RON KAUFMAN, and Bailey Gutkin, daughter of JULIE & MARK GUTKIN, who were married May 11.

Julia Gurau, daughter of SUSAN & IRVING GURAU, and David Levin, son of MAXINE & MORRIS LEVIN, who were married May 25.

Abbey Gwartzman, son of MARILYN & THE LATE SAMUEL GWARTZMAN, and Jennifer Alami, daughter of ESTHER & THE LATE EDWIN ALAMI, who will be married June 1.

Zoe Mimran, daughter of ANN & SAUL MIMRAN, and **Ira Jelinek**, son of SIDNEY & ELLEN JELINEK, who will be married June 8.

Rachel Koziebrocki, daughter of CAROLYN & THE LATE IRWIN KOZIEBROCKI, and Charles Frankfurt, son of LORRIS & ROBERT FRANKFURT, who will be married July 6.

Jordana Levine, daughter of JILL & JEFFREY LEVINE, and Ross Fischhoff, son of SOPHIE & LESTER FISCHHOFF, who will be married August 31.

Kaylee Silver, daughter of RISA & JEFF SILVER, and Jonathon Born, son of SUSAN & ABE BORN, who will be married October 19.

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

Deadline for the next *Bulletin* covering September, October and November is August 15.

Congratulations

Dr. Stephen Abrams, on being awarded the Alpha Omega Humanitarian Services Award for his ongoing efforts to secure publiclyfunded dental programs for the disadvantaged.

Muriel Berger, who celebrated her 98th birthday on April 2.

Lily Blumenthal, daughter of WENDY & ARNOLD BLUMENTHAL, and Max Rosenberg, son of KAREN & THE LATE JONATHAN ROSENBERG, on their engagement.

Reagan Sydney Feld, daughter of DR. GARY & MELISSA FELD of Alexandria, Virginia, granddaughter of JUDY FELD CARR & DONALD CARR AND THE LATE DR. RONALD FELD, who marked her bat mitzvah on May 17.

Ari Grossman, who has been selected Manager of Communications for Canada for the 8th International University Sports Federation (FISU) Summer Games in Gwangju, South Korea in July 2015.

David Grossman, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Shavuot Bar Mitzvah on May 24.

David Hodgins, son of ROSS HODGINS & MONIQUE BENDAVID-HODGINS, and Dana Gold, daughter of RALF & DR. ILEANA GOLD, on their engagement.

Harvey & Carole Kerbel, who celebrated their 55th anniversary on May 31.

Harold Margles, who celebrated his 80th birthday on May 30.

Harold & Ruth Margles, who will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 21.

Tillie Oslender, who celebrated her 107th birthday on March 24.

Lauren Rotman, daughter of Patti & Sheldon Rotman, on her recent graduation from Case Western University, School of Medicine, and being accepted into the Neurosurgery residency program at the University of Alabama Medical Centre in Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Sheldon Rotman, who will celebrate his 60th birthday June 2.

Amy Simon, daughter of LYNNE & CHARLES SIMON, and Jared Kwart, son of JOYCE KWART AND SHAEL KWART, on their engagement.

Ann Sugarman, who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 24.

Many Thanks to

Norman & Sharon Gottlieb, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on March 15 in honour of their birthdays.

David & Felicia Posluns, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on March 15 in honour of the wedding of Aaron Posluns & Justine Grossman.

Robin Kachuck, Ellen Rosenbluth, Barbara Wilde, Marilyn Cohen and Sara Kachuck, who sponsored a Seudah Shlisheet on March 22 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of David Kachuck.

Susan Friedrich & Harry Enchin, who sponsored a Seudah Shlisheet on April 5 to commemorate the yahrtzeiten of Rozalia & Miksa Friedrich.

Phillip & Fauna Lidsky, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 12 in honour of their 50th anniversary.

Trudy, Debbie and Barry Shecter, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on April 12 to commemorate the vahrtzeit of Max Shecter.

The Tanenbaum Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on April 12 to commemorate the *yahrtzeiten* of Anne Tanenbaum and Harold Tanenbaum.

The Shier Family, who sponsored a *Seudah Shlisheet* on May 3 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of Shoshana Shier.

The Kerzner Family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on May 24 in honour of Prof. Stephen Berk.

Michael Kraft & Lesli Marcus, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 7 in honour of the Bar Mitzyah of their son Daniel.

Jay & Bonnie Lefton, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 14 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Hannah.

Dr. Joseph Milner & Alison Gerson, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 14 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Gabrielle. Ira Teich & Dr. Janet Star, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on June 21 in honour of the Bar Mitzyah of their son Avi.

Aaron & Dr. Nina Wine, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 13 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Shira.

Mark Boxer & Debra Baserman, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 20 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Matthew.

Dr. Trevor Glazman & Lara Propst, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on September 20 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Ethan.

Eleanor Dover, for her continued sponsorship of the *Life Lights* booklets, in memory of her late husband, Martin Dover^{2"}1.



We are looking for host families for our new *shinshinim*, Ofir Hoory (female) and Or Klein (male) who will arrive at the end of the summer. 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.

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.

Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



June I
Ashtyn Robbins
daughter of Monty Robbins and
Rochelle Robbins
חנה שרה בת מיכאל שלום



Daniel Harrison Kraft son of Michael Kraft & Leslie Marcus

אהרן חיים בן מנחם מנדל פינחס וחיה חוה



June 14
Hannah Shira Lefton
daughter of |ay &Bonnie Lefton

צביה שירה בת יוסף אריה וברכה לאה



(IN THE LITTLE MINYAN) **June 14 Gabrielle Molly Milner**daughter of Joseph Milner

& Allison Gerson

גבריאלה מלכה בת יוסף מרדכי הלוי וחנה פנינה



June 21
Avi Teich
son of Ira Teich &Dr. |anet Star

אברהם בן ישראל ושיינדעל

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 or Cantor Simon Spiro at ext. 223 or cantorsimon@beth-tzedec.org.







WATERMELON WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays, July 23

II:00 AM to I2:00 NOON

For children ages 0 to 5 and their parents:

Join us on alternating Wednesdays at Cedarvale Park (corner of Warwick and Glen Cedar) for fun in the park—games, activities, free play, snacks, singing and more! No charge.



KINDER KABBALAT SHABBAT

Fridays, July 18 and August 8

II:00 AM to I2:00 NOON

For young children and their parents:

Come get ready for Shabbat with songs, crafts and special Shabbat treats.

For more information, contact youth director Aily Leibtag at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or email aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org.

Blessings and memories

It's time to take stock.





Do you have questions about Beth Tzedec? Email Randy at rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org.

THE SNOW IS GONE, THE BROKEN TREES ARE BEGINNING to mend, my lawn is finally turning green and I'm getting

to mend, my lawn is finally turning green and I'm getting ready to plant my garden. Maybe THIS year, we'll have squash for Sukkot. Maybe.

The cloud of winter is finally lifting and, with it, an emotional blanket that has covered blessings too numerous to count. It's time to take stock: Amazing parents (I am blessed to have my super-mom gently (ahem) nudging me along), who struggled to raise me and my siblings with a strong Jewish identity that included four wondrous summers at Camp Ramah; a network of friends through USY that I am still close with today; and the opportunity to spend insightful years at universities in New York, Jerusalem, Los Angeles and Boston. I have an amazing spouse, four outstanding children—two of whom are married and a third who will be shortly—and by the time this article arrives in your homes I will, with God's help, enter the world of grandparenthood. My family has played leadership roles, and we have been part of the landscape of Toronto synagogue life from the Junction Shul on Mariah Street, up the Bathurst corridor, touching every movement and being part of many of our kehillot kedoshot, our sacred communities. I am blessed to be the Executive Director at one of the most dynamic congregations in the diaspora, following in the footsteps of fine and dedicated communal professionals. My life has been a basket of brakhot, of blessings, and most days I feel that I should wake up and be saying Shehechiyanu—"Thank you God, for bringing me to this day".

As a child, I remember that whenever something good would happen in our house, my mom would put money in the pushka. When my dad escaped injury in a car accident, when the weather was so bad that my parents were worried my brother would be stranded in the snow, but came home safe, my mother put money in the pushka; she gave a little *tzedakah* and said "thank you". Today, I have several *tzedakah* boxes in my house and in my office, where I can give a little *tzedekah*, put aside some of what I have to help others who have less, and say "thank you" for the blessings in my life.

In our fast-paced and hectic world, it is easy to miss or take blessings for granted. We zoom past the signposts that say "you made it!" or "you are okay". It is difficult to slow down or stop long enough to appreciate our good fortune.

We don't give ourselves the chance to reflect, to forge a memory, before moving the bar, skipping the joy and passing on the appreciation for the achievements and blessings.

Though we can travel great distances in very little time and overcome enormous technological challenges, our memories become a blur. Nowadays, it seems that the only place we have for memories is on external hard drives, outside of our brains. It is difficult to recall what life was like without a personal computer, a personal telephone and more personal identification numbers than fingers and toes. We are losing the memory and the appreciation for the sacrifices that were taken to bring us to today.

This summer, as we embrace each other around our picnic tables or BBQs, at weddings or other *smahot*, let's remember to keep our eyes wide open and recognize the blessings of our lives. Let's enjoy every ray of sunshine and every drop of rain. Let's enjoy being part of a community that surrounds us and will be here for us. Remember to hug the kids, the spouse and the friends, and to be kind to ourselves. Remember to honour our achievements and celebrate successes large or small. Give a little *tzedakah* and give thanks for where we are.

As Beth Tzedec approaches its 60th anniversary, let's enjoy each other and make wonderful memories here at shul and in our own homes. Let's celebrate a Shabbat dinner with friends and recognize the *brakhot* in our lives by taking pause, stepping back and really seeing what has and is going on. Stop, 'smell the roses' and be truly thankful for the rain.

Enjoy the privilege to make every day a celebration of life; *shehechiyanu*, *v'kiemanu*, *v'higianu lazman hazeh*! "Yesterday is but a memory, Tomorrow an uncharted course, So live today so it will be a memory without remorse." —Edgar Cayce.

To make a gift that will strengthen our Synagogue, please contact me at 416-781-3514 ext. 211 or rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org.



Nicky's Family

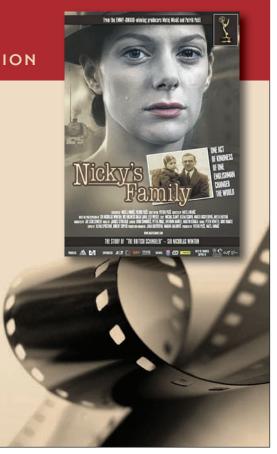
FILM SCREENING + QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Tuesday, June 17 at 7:30 PM

This documentary film, recently featured on CBS' 60 Minutes, tells the story of a young London stockbroker named Nicholas Winton who went to Prague in 1938 and ended up saving the lives of 669 children from the Nazis. This extraordinary tale illustrates how, in the midst of so much evil, good people were willing to risk their lives to help others.

The film's producer, Joe Schlesinger, is a former CBC journalist and one of the children saved by Nicholas Winton. Come see the film, meet Mr. Schlesinger, and learn how one act of kindness by one man changed the world. Dessert reception included. No charge.

For information, contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 or info@beth-tzedec.org.





Cost: \$5 at the door. Limited seating—arrive early.
For information, contact Rav Adam Cutler at 416-781-3514 ext. 219 or ravadam@beth-tzedec.org.

Making Memories

Life is for living. Don't wait. Go out and live it!





|oin Cantor Spiro for a Musical |ourney to England. See p. 28.

AS I WRITE THIS, ALIZA AND I ARE STILL

doing the switch from Pesah dishes to hametz dishes, even though Pesah ended more than just a day or two ago. True that it's a big job and we lead busy lives, but that's not the only reason it takes us so long. Our Pesah involves more than dishes—we have Egyptian bobble head dolls that we use for place cards; props for Had Gadya, the four sons, the ten plagues; Pharoah masks and headdresses; saltwater dishes made by the kids when they were little; a cross-stitched pillowcase with the full Mah Nishtana embroidered by my late mother; Haggadot of all shapes and sizes with meaningful extra inserts that we've collected over the years. In short, our Pesah is filled with colour and fun and ridiculous paraphernalia which help us create more memories with the people at our Seder. We cherish Pesah, the smells, the sounds, the tastes, the family and friends around us. We're not in a hurry for it to end.

One Pesah when I was seven years old, I was misbehaving at the Seder table. The hour was very late and my mother sent me up to bed before the Seder was finished. I lay in my bed listening to the guests downstairs singing *Adir Hu* and *Ki Lo Na'eh* and I cried myself to sleep, thinking how it would be an entire year before I got to hear again those wonderful songs

which were the glorious sounds of Pesah.

Aliza told me that in shul this year on the final morning of Pesah, when our Beth Tzedec Singers and I started singing *Adon Olam* to the tune of *Adir Hu*, she got a lump in her throat as she thought of having to wait another year for the return of Pesah.

Her sadness at the end of the festival, though, was different from mine at age seven. At this stage of our adult lives, the anticipation from year to year takes on a much more poignant tone. As I grow older, I realize how fragile we are and how quickly life passes us by. With each passing year and festival, I become devastatingly aware of how precious our time together is and how we must cherish opportunities to be with our loved ones.

I have a similar feeling each autumn as we put away our sukkah decorations (again, a week or two after Sukkot). Each decoration conjures a happy memory, and as we place things in storage boxes for safekeeping, these happy memories become bittersweet. I can't help but wonder who will still be with us in a year when I next unwrap these baubles.

Perhaps I'm deeply introspective about the value of life because we are now (as I write this) in the weeks of Yom Hashoah and Yom Hazikaron, two more events that further remind me of how fleeting life is. My own parents, both Holocaust survivors, are no longer with me, although I feel their spirit constantly and find myself talking about them so often that Aliza, who never met them, feels she knows them intimately. And as much as I enjoy making mother-in-law jokes, I'm actually very grateful to have in-laws such as mine, two people who personify the adage *Carpe Diem*, Seize the Day. They're currently away for a month of travelling, something they do as often as they can because, as they say, you have to live while you can.

They hope to join us this summer when we lead our Musical Journey to England. Interestingly, the trip was completely sold out, and suddenly within a blink of an eye, a couple of families cancelled for medical reasons. I pray for a *refuah sheleimah* for these would-be travelers, but their cancelling only further emphasizes my point and the motto of my parents-in-law. Life is for living and we have to live while we can.

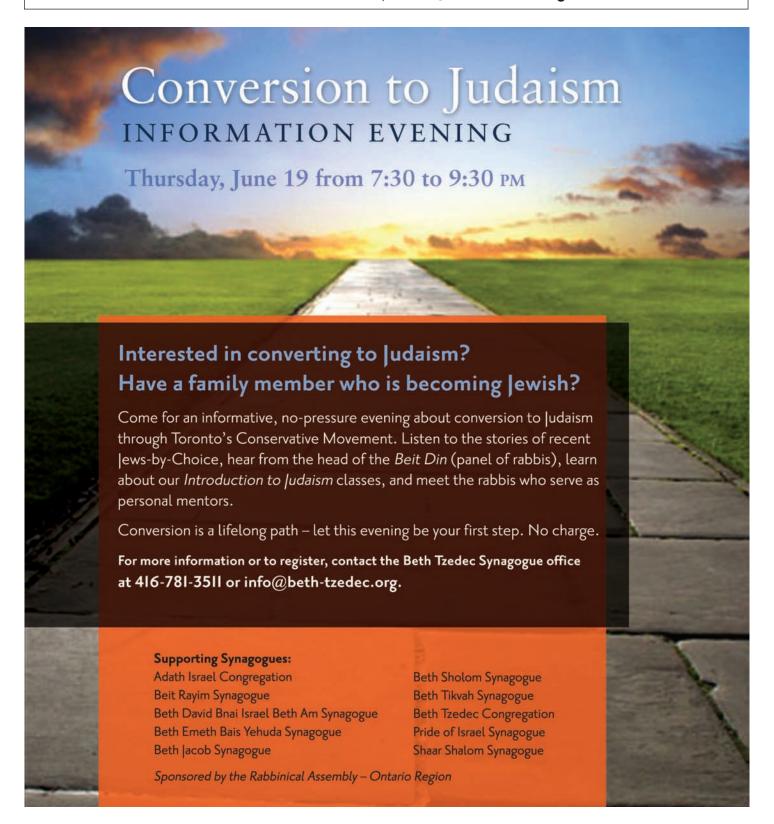
I hope some of you will join us on our trip. Even if you've been there before, you've never seen England like this! We have organized so many special moments, and if you ask anyone who's traveled with us in the past, you'll be told that it's laughter and tears with music throughout.

Life is for living. Don't wait. Go out and live it! Have a wonderful summer.

Register now for the 2014-2015 School Year

Beth Tzedec Congregational School

For registration information, contact the School Office at 416-781-3514 ext. 230 or jswartz@beth-tzedec.org.



Words and Black-Jewish Relations

In Judaism, we know the power of the spoken word.



Join Rav Adam Cutler at Sermon Slam. See p. 12.



WE WILL SHORTLY BE RECOGNIZING THE $\mathbf{50}^{\text{th}}$ anniversary of Mississippi Freedom Summer, the historic campaign to register as many African-American voters in Mississippi as possible. As was the case in many elements of the march for civil rights, Jews played a prominent role. As Cheryl Greenberg writes in Troubling the Waters: Black-Jewish Relations in the American Century, "It is significant that...a disproportionate number of white civil rights activists were [Jewish]... Jewish agencies engaged with their African-American counterparts in a more sustained and fundamental way than did other white groups largely because their constituents and their understanding of Jewish values and Iewish self-interest pushed them in that direction." In what was ultimately referred to as Mississippi Burning, during Mississippi Freedom Summer three civil rights workers, including James Chaney, a local Black activist, together with Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, two New York Jews, were murdered by Klansmen for their participation in the organizing efforts.

While there were certainly remarkable moments of Jewish opposition to slavery and many instances of historical solidarity, if one can speak of a high point for Black-Jewish relations, the period of the 1960s would certainly be that moment: freedom rides, voter registration drives, marches, the leadership of Abraham Joshua Heschel and the address of Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, at the 1963 March on Washington. While certainly there were also many Jews who opposed Jewish (and most often Northern) intervention in Southern affairs (often for practical rather than ideological reasons), this summer we can think back to a time when both individual Jews and the organized Jewish community often stood shoulder to shoulder with African-American friends and strangers, sometimes risking their own wellbeing in the process.

It is with this anniversary in mind that I was deeply troubled by the comments ascribed to Donald Sterling, who by the time this goes to print will likely be the former owner of the LA Clippers. As was widely reported in the press, Sterling, who is Jewish, was recorded making racist about African-Americans.

While I was appalled, I was not surprised. Though I think it is with lessening frequency, it is not uncommon in our own Jewish community to hear racially insensitive epithets. Sometimes we excuse the language on account of the age of the individual using the offensive term (although the issue is not limited to the older population) and sometimes we assume the term is used in jest and that deep down the individual is not bigoted. It may be true that our friends and family who use these terms don't in fact harbour prejudice. Yet, in Judaism, both from our history and our texts, we know the power of the spoken word. On the negative side, we know that our darkest moments began not with the raising of the sword, but with the utterance of words. More positively, we understand that words create worlds. It is with the speaking of words that God creates.

In one of my most memorable programs at Beth Tzedec, a few years ago, together with our youth director Andre Ivory, I brought a bus load of teens to the American South. One of the trip's themes was Black-Jewish relations. Led in conversation by Andre, who is African-American, our group was able to explore the sometimes wonderful and sometimes tragic relationship between these two communities. The conversation was difficult. However, it was clear to me that these kids understood that, despite differences, we must speak of the other with respect and without ever resorting to the kinds of names that when directed at us we reject. I can only hope that the rest of our community learns to speak in the same way.



Havurot with Rav Adam Cutler

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

Games Afternoons

The afternoon games club officially launched on Thursday, April 25. It has been very successful as I2 novice Mah-|ong players met and listened attentively as our instructor, Mona Moldaver, patiently began teaching us how to play. It has since become an ongoing weekly program, and we have also added Bridge as an activity offering. We have now also added Bridge as an activity offering as well.

This weekly social activity, meeting from 2:00 to 4:00 PM will continue until the end of June, and I hope that many more people will join. It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with others. If there is a particular game that interests you, please let me know and we will try to form a group together. For more information, contact me through the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

Out of the Cold Program

Another successful season of Out of the Cold has come to an end, but we always welcome donations of adult-sized winter clothing, sweatshirts, running shoes and winter boots, even through the summer months. If you are doing any spring-cleaning, please consider bringing these goods to either Beth Sholom or Beth Tzedec weekdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Donation bags should be labelled "OOTC".

A special thank you also goes out to the Men's Club, which has donated money every year to help fund this worthwhile endeavour.

Please consider making a donation to the Out of the Cold fund through the Synagogue office. It is an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to this *hesed* project.

Visits to Shut-Ins

If you would like to get involved in visiting or calling elderly members of our Congregation, please contact me through the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

Mother's Day Chai Tea and Fashion Show

The sixth annual Chai Tea and Fashion Show took place on Mother's Day, Sunday, May II and was an enormous success. A special thank you to the Chai Tea Committee, chaired by Patti Rotman, and the I6 enthusiastic, hard-working women who have over the past six years contributed approximately \$30,000 in support of the Out of the Cold program from the proceeds raised during this special afternoon. The donations are very much appreciated, considering that the number of homeless in our community continues to rise dramatically. Our Out of the Cold program is completely self-funded by both Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom synagogues, and all monetary donations received help to cover our costs.

—Maureen Tanz Co-Chair, Hesed Committee



For more information, call the Synagogiue office at 416-781-3511.

Beth Tzedec Capital Levy Replaced with Contributions to a new Beth Tzedec Building Reserve Fund

IN 2002/2003, BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION AND USDS

(now Robbins Hebrew Academy) undertook a joint initiative to renovate the aging facilities and reconfigure the space which we share. A joint USDS/Beth Tzedec planning committee was initiated, with a mandate to address the collective needs of both organizations, spearhead the planning process, and work together to raise the funds to make the major investments required. At that time, a "Capital Levy" was introduced: Beginning in December 2004, current and future synagogue members were expected to contribute annually an amount equal to 10-20% of their annual membership assessment (depending on assessment levels) for ten consecutive years. 2013/2014 marked the tenth year of this program.

Funds raised through the Capital Levy were to be used to fund repairs and renovations to our physical plant. In 2005, a building science engineering report identified certain areas of the synagogue as requiring essential repairs or replacement over the next ten years, including: structural repairs to outer walls; roof repairs, interior repairs to and refinishing of walls, floorings and ceilings; heating; air conditioning and ventilation replacement; and plumbing repairs and replacements. The kitchen and catering facilities were to be renovated as well.

Ultimately, the Joint Building Project with USDS did not go forward, and the decision was taken to separate the two organizations' fundraising initiatives.

Over the past ten years, just over \$4.5 million was raised through the Capital Levy, of which \$3.6 million has been spent. The funds received under the Capital Levy have been used for the purposes for which they were contributed, *i.e.* for repairs and renovations and the purchase of related capital items. See sidebar for some of the highlights.

Every year, in addition to our regular repairs and maintenance, we undertake capital improvements, investing in our infrastructure. Many of the developments, such as replacing the boilers, upgrading the electrical system and replacing the life safety and fire alarm systems, are invisible but necessary. Other improvements, such as replacing 3,000+ bricks to the east wall of the Sanctuary, supporting the construction of the Kimel Family Gym, the rebuilding and outfitting of our kitchen or the replacement of the stone columns that are interspersed along the west and south sides of our building, are more visible to the general public.

As much as possible, repairs conducted to the building infrastructure have incorporated items and systems that will have a continued future useful life, once further renovations are completed. Because a substantial portion of the improvements that are still needed require the replacement of many of the underpinnings of the Synagogue structure (such as ducts,

Repairs and renovations and related capital items purchased using funds raised through the Capital Levy over the last ten years:

Renovation of main kitchen, including transition from electricity to natural gas, replacement of original appliances, upgrades of commercial refrigeration units, and plumbing and electrical updates for that area: \$780,000

Plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning repairs and upgrades: **\$663,000**

Electrical upgrades: \$433,000

Beth Tzedec portion of the cost to convert the Youth Chapel to the Kimel Family Gym: \$361,000

New fire alarm system which brought us up to code: \$375,000

Brick replacement and cladding: \$217,000

Purchase of I,000 new chairs for the Banquet Hall and the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall (also used for High Holy Day seating) and replacement of bookholders in the Sanctuary and the Hendeles Chapel: \$196,000

Window and door replacements and locking upgrades: \$77,000

Painting, decorating and recarpeting the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall: \$50,000

Construction of the Access Ramp: \$38,000

Sound system upgrades in the Sanctuary and the Hendeles Chapel: **\$24,000**

Roof repairs: \$18,000

Exterior walkway repairs and improvements: \$18,000

pipes and wiring), the implementation of those required electrical, mechanical and structural improvements will necessitate the destruction and rebuilding of many of our spaces. The original building fund that was supported by the Capital Levy was never intended to cover this breadth of repairs, upgrades and renovations. The ten year Capital Levy allowed us to make some major repairs and renovations as the need arose, which was critical since, historically, the majority of these repairs were funded from regular membership contributions. The fact is that the needs continue, and therefore support of a Building Reserve Fund must continue as well.

Recently, the Board of Governors reviewed this matter in detail, and assessed our ongoing needs to replace aging building operating systems and structural elements. The decision was made that, in order to keep our house in order, a new segregated Building Reserve Fund is required, and the Board approved the introduction of that fund. The annual membership contribution statements will now include a Building Reserve Fund contribution line, in the same percentage and amount as the former Capital Levy program. As such, the total amount assessed for each membership level will not change. Monies collected for the new Building Reserve Fund will be kept separate from our general operation funds, as the Capital Levy dollars were, to be used only for capital improvements, and for the repair and renovation of our physical

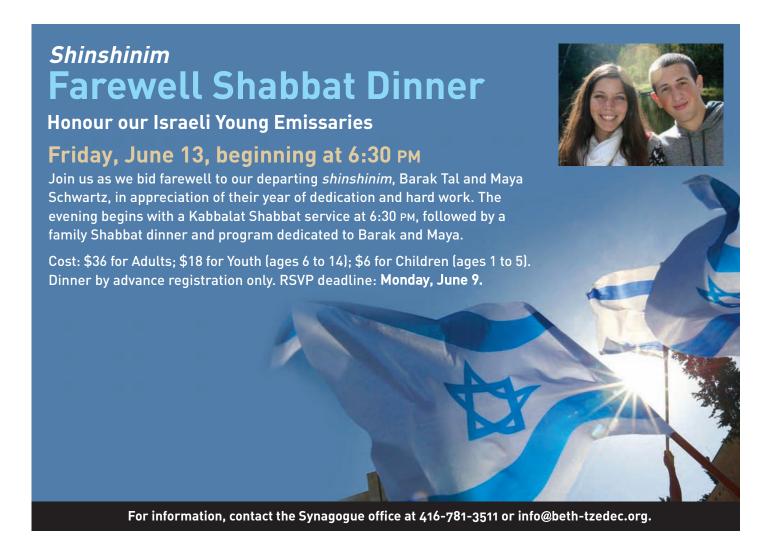
plant. The major operating systems and structural elements of our building that require improvement or replacement in the near future include the 12 banks of 60-foot high windows in the Sanctuary; the roof over the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall; the hot water system; security systems; chimneys; exterior stonework; and HVAC plumbing lines.

We invite you to share your questions concerning the new Building Reserve Fund by contacting any of the following:

President (president@beth-tzedec.org)

Chair of the Board (chair@beth-tzedec.org)

Executive Director (rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org)



Yom Hazikaron: Together we will remember them



BETH TZEDEC'S TOPS (TIKKUN OLAMPROJECTS)

is a group of students in Grades 6 to 8 who get together during the year to participate in various *tikkun olam* projects. For Yom Hazikaron, this group had a special idea. We wanted to find a way to commemorate Yom Hazikaron and to show Israelis that young Jewish people in the diaspora stand with Israel. The group believed that it was important to show Israelis that we support them both during the good times and the harder times.

We decided to design a pin that we would wear during our Yom Hazikaron ceremonies here in Toronto and that we would ask the students at both of our *shinshinim*'s siblings schools to wear as well. This pin would symbolize our collective support.

This creative project was very exciting. The group brainstormed images, words and themes that they wanted to get across in the pin. It was important and stressed over and over from the group that they wanted the work to feel respectful, considerate and supportive, and that they didn't want it to feel "Canadian". We threw around different words and phrases like together, support, remember, don't forget, Canada, Israel, Soldier, brother and generation. After much discussion and creative work, we settled on a saying that would work in both English and Hebrew (and would fit on a pin): 'Together' we will remember them. One of the key pieces here is the together. This is what we were trying to get across. In Canada we can have ceremonies and learn all about Yom

Hazikaron, but the big question was, what can we do to let the people in Israel know that we are supporting them? In Israel they do not always learn about what we are doing here, and the big goal of this project was to help let them see that, together with them, we are commemorating the fallen soldiers and victims of terror.

As young Jews, we learn to love Israel. It was important for us to show our love and support to the people who live in our homeland.

Projects like this one give our youth the opportunity to express themselves, to see how their actions can make an impact, and to connect to *Klal Yisrael*. Beth Tzedec's Youth continues to be an inspiration; they are filled with creative, heartwarming ideas that are so deeply rooted in their Judaism.

Membership Matters

AS THE LONGEST WINTER IN RECENT

memory finally draws to a close, we gratefully look forward to sunshine and warmer weather, and our House Committee breathes a sigh of relief after a busy season of helping our building weather the effects of the ice and blasting winds. Spring is also the time when our annual Beth Tzedec membership statements are sent out, signaling that the 2014/2015 membership year has begun.

Your membership contributions are essential to Beth Tzedec. They are the largest source of funds for our annual operating budget, covering the costs of keeping our shul open and available to our members and the community seven days a week, 365 days a year. Your contributions allow Beth Tzedec to provide prayer

services, programming for all ages, support and comfort in difficult times, and assistance and encouragement to help make the most out of your special lifecycle events. Membership contributions help ensure that Beth Tzedec remains a Community Destination for Jewish Living.

Your membership provides you with many benefits. In addition to receiving tickets for the High Holy Days, members are entitled to the services of our extraordinary Rabbis and Cantors at weddings, baby namings and bris; subsidized Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons, home and hospital visits during illness; the services of a fellow member to lead shiva services at home; access to our very fine library and museum; grants for first-time Ramah campers; preferred pricing for some programming events; and bragging

rights of being a member of the best Conservative synagogue community in the country.

Your membership at Beth Tzedec also makes an important statement of connection and commitment to the greater Jewish community here in Toronto, in Israel and around the world. Your support of our Beth Tzedec community is very much appreciated; we look forward to seeing you often.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership contribution, please call Sheri Federman in the membership office at 416-781-3514 ext. 220 by July 31. Confidential meetings can be arranged when necessary.

—Ilene Flatt and Sharon Yale Co-Chairs, Beth Tzedec Membership Committee

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 Shaḥarit 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

magnificent harmonic sounds of our inspirational Shabbat

your eyes in meditation and be carried away by the

morning service.

Little Minyan Services 9:30 AM, *every Shabbat (now through June 21)*. 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 morning*, *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 23 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 *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 June 21. 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 *Ḥazzan*.

Torah Next Dor with Rabbi Adam Cutler

II:00 AM on 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 June 7. See page 36 for further details.

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For information or to register, contact youth director Aily Leibtag at 416-781-3514 ext. 239 or aleibtag@beth-tzedec.org.



Join us for Watermelon Wednesdays, a new summer family program. See p.10 for details.

Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

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June 7 at 10:30 AM

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Torah Tots and Nursery (ages 3 to 5)

10:15 AM to 12:00 NOON

Every Shabbat and Yom Tov until June 21. 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 June 21

An intensive program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving their davening—an essential |ewish 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.

For Children 0 to 5 years and their Families

Watermelon Wednesdays

Wednesdays, June 5 and July 9 $\&\,23$ II:00 AM to I2:00 NOON

Join us for fun at Cedarvale Park (corner of Glen Cedar and Warwick) for games, activities, free play, snacks, singing and more. No charge.

For Children in Grades 2 to 5

Shabbat Afternoon at Cedarvale Park

Shabbat, June 7 2:30 to 4:30 PM Join us for a Shabbat family afternoon at Cedarvale 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 Farewell 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 I to 5). Dinner by advance registration only. To reserve, call 416-781-3511 by Monday, June 9.

Kinder Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays, July 18 and August 8 II:00 AM to I2:00 NOON

Come get ready for Shabbat with songs, crafts and special Shabbat treats. No charge.

Summer Family BBQ

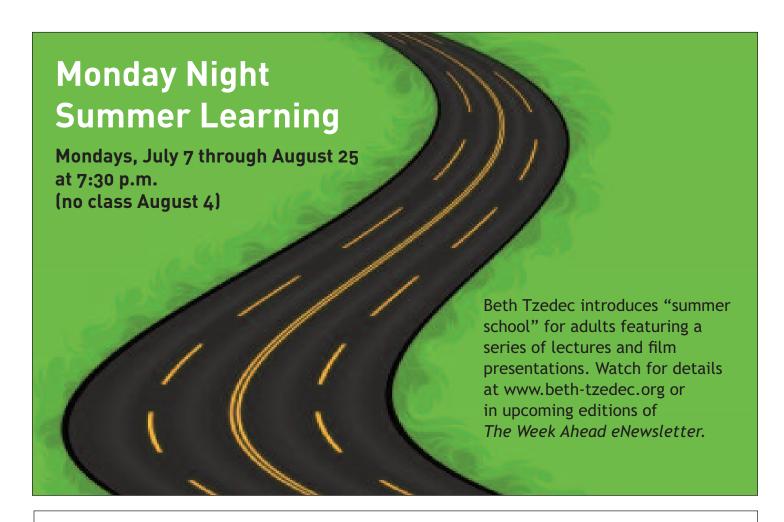
Tuesday, July 8 5:45 PM

Bring the family and celebrate summer at our kosher family barbecue with bouncy castles, music, raffles and lots more fun! Cost: \$10 per person. RSVPs requested by Friday, July 4.

High Holy Day Volunteers

Calling all 2014-2015 High School Students (Grades 9 to I2): Would you like to volunteer on the High Holy Days? We are looking for volunteers to help in the youth activity rooms and other places in the Synagogue. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Youth Director Aily Leibag by June 20! You will receive more information about volunteering and training sessions after you sign up.

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.



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



Toddlers, Tunes and Treats

with Tobie Seligman 9:30 to 11:00 AM in Room 200 at Beth Tzedec

Tuesdays • Wednesdays • Fridays

For registration fees and information, contact Jo Swartz at 416-781-3514 ext. 230 or jswartz@beth-tzedec.org.

A Farewell from Maya and Barak



We came with the goal to serve and to give, and we received and learned so much.

It is hard to believe how fast this year flew by and that we are already writing goodbye letters, concluding the most crazy, educational, fun and amazing year we have had in our lives. Even though it feels like we just got here, we've been through a lot, we got to know so many of you, we learned and we developed so much.

We would like to take you back a year and a half, to January 2013, when we learned we had been chosen to do a year of service in the Jewish community in Toronto, at Beth Tzedec Congregation (and RHA).

We didn't know the shul, we didn't know Toronto and we didn't even know each other. We were told it was a Conservative synagogue, the biggest congregation in North America and a really warm community. At the same time, it was hard for us to imagine and understand what that meant. In September when we arrived, Daniel Silverman gave us our first tour of the building. We started to understand the size of things and right in the first month, we understood—this is a big and amazing community that will become a home and a family for us this year.

We arrived just in time for the High Holy Days. We were amazed by the amount of people that were present in the building—a big difference from the synagogues that we are familiar with in Israel—the fancy dress code (in the kibbutz people don't wear a suit to shul), and also the amount and variety of activities we were part of.

We came with the goal of bringing Israel to the community and connecting the community to our homeland. We came with the goal to serve and to give, and through the year, we received so much and learned a lot.

Barak: For me, where I come from, shul is a place that you go to pray, and straight after the service, you go back home. I never thought that shul would be a part of my everyday life for many hours each day, where the prayers exist but aren't the main part: what is the main part are the people, the community, the youth and the environment, and this is something I would definitely be happy to add to my life when I go back to Israel.

Before coming here, my impression was that Jews living outside Israel could never feel the same connection as a person living in Israel. After a year in which I lived and experienced a Jewish community in the diaspora, I am more aware of the connection, the knowledge, the love and the

way that each and every one of you gives allow the continued existence of the State where I live. After a year, I understand that each and every one of you does a *shlihut* (a mission) for that small country in the Middle East.

Maya: For me, I was a bit concerned as a modern Orthodox person coming to a Conservative community. Would it be hard to understand my ways that are a bit different from Beth Tzedec's? I was thrilled to see that everyone accepted me with love as part of the Beth Tzedec family, and I got the opportunity to learn a lot about different ways of Judaism. In high school, we discussed what it meant to be a Zionist. My friend would always say that to be a Zionist, you have to live in Israel and for me it was always hard to explain why my Saba and Savta are Zionists even though they live in the U.S. When you grow up in Israel, Judaism and Zionism are part of your everyday life. After getting to know the community here, I was amazed to see how much the community is Zionist; how, even though it's easier to choose not to, people wake up every morning and make the decision to live a Jewish life and to support Israel.

We couldn't write a letter like this without thanking our amazing host families that welcomed us into their homes and lives, and made us feel part of their families and, of course, a part of this amazing community. It may have only been for three months, but for us, we each got to know three families that we will remember for the rest of our lives.

There is one person we must thank in particular for providing us with this amazing experience and for his caring and support throughout the year—Todd Beallor (our lay leader). We also want to thank the staff at Beth Tzedec for being there for us and making us feel at home, and especially Daniel and Aily for all they have done. You are the best co-workers we could ask for!

It is almost the end of our stay at Beth Tzedec, but it is just the beginning of our relationship with all of you. Please keep in touch and join us at our Farewell Shabbat Dinner on June 13.

See you all in Israel. Love, Maya & Barak Baraktal368@gmail.com—0542215617 Mayaschwartz2@gmail.com—050-5804755

Yizkor Memorial Booklet

It is now time to send in the information to include the names of your loved ones in the annual Yizkor Memorial Book used at Yizkor Services on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesaḥ and Shavuot for the year 5775. The cost is \$18.00 per memorialized name per household.

Yizkor Memorial Booklet Donation

Make cheques payable to: Beth Tzedec Congregation I700 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K3

Phone: 416-781-3511 Fax: 416-781-0150

 $\hbox{E-mail Florence Bendelac:} fbendelac@beth-tzedec.org$

Deadline: Please complete and return this form with your payment no later than 3:00 PM on July 31, 2014.

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Glitz and Glam on Mother's Day

MOTHER'S DAY AT BETH TZEDEC

is always a memorable event and this year was no exception!

DENIM & DIAMONDS, our 6th annual Mother's Day Chai Tea & Fashion Show, was a profound success. With 243 women of all ages in attendance, the Banquet Hall was transformed into an atmosphere of glitz and glam and the room buzzed with excitement.

Each guest left with a "diamond" compact mirror, "diamond"—shaped cookie, "Denim & Diamond" lip balm, "Denim & Diamond" reusable bag, dazzling discount coupons and a SMILE!

Applause's outstanding menu combined with the sounds of Del Vinyl Entertainment, a children's silent auction, raffle prizes galore and two wonderful games left the crowd wanting for more!

Thanks to our models: Esther Glazer, Judi and Hannah Greenspan, Jennifer and Lily Kaplan, Pearl Kazdan, Shirley Krem, Janice and Leora Nash, Felicia Posluns and Justine Grossman Posluns, Nadine and Raquel Walman, Fay and Marlee Wilks, Liza Cooperman Worth, Siobhan Mitchell Worth, Ava and Ella Worth, Riley and Tatum Worth,



Lisa Winston, and Becky and Sara Zagdanski. Thank you to the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Men's Club for their support of the event and to our office and custodial staff for their assistance every step of the way.

Many thanks to all those who placed ads in our *Women Of Honour* booklet, donated raffle/ silent auction prizes or gave items for our swag bag. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of our donors and look forward to their continued support of this remarkable "friendraiser".

As in previous years, we are pleased to contribute the proceeds of this event directly to Beth Tzedec's OUT OF THE COLD program to help defray the costs our Synagogue incurs to sustain this initiative.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Sunday, May 10, 2015—Beth Tzedec's 7th annual Mother's Day event!

—The DENIM & DIAMONDS 2014 Chai Tea & Fashion Show Committee



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.

Continues through August 31, 2014 on the main floor gallery outside the Museum.

Welcome to Rabbi Shalom Schachter



WE ARE PLEASE TO WELCOME RABBI SHALOM SCHACHTER

to our Beth Tzedec family as our Hesed Associate.

Rav Shalom moved to Toronto in 1979 from Winnipeg to pursue a legal career following his graduation from the University of Manitoba with a B.A. in Political Science and an LL.B. Much of his legal work has involved advocacy to improve the health care system as it relates to seniors. Rabbi Schachter is assisting our other clergy in visiting the sick. He is also mentoring people who are exploring Judaism and people who have chosen to become Jewish.

Rabbi Schachter began his rabbinic training in the Lubavitcher Yeshivot, first in Montreal and then in Kfar Chabad, Israel. He completed his training and was ordained through ALEPH, the Alliance for Jewish Renewal. Rav Shalom has served small Jewish communities in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, the latest as part-time Rabbi of Beth Israel in Peterborough from 2004 to 2011. For the High Holy Days in 5772 and 5773, he served as Rabbi of Congregation Beth El in the Town of Mount Royal, Quebec. This year, Rabbi Schachter is also the Social Justice Advocacy Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation Darchei Noam.

Rav Shalom is married to Marcia Gilbert, a long-time Jewish communal worker who now operates a consulting firm assisting not-for-profit organizations. They have two married sons, both of whom attended the Beth Tzedec campus of the United Synagogue Day School, one grandchild and another on the way!



Unsung Heroes

Our member reflects.



MY FATHER DIED SUDDENLY FOUR MONTHS AGO AND NOTHING

feels the same. Since his death, I have tried, to the best of my ability, to recite kaddish for him on a daily basis and to send his soul to heaven. I would never be able to perform this sacred obligation without the dedication of a small group who make up our daily minyan. To these unsung heroes, I wish to pay tribute.

In Judaism, a child mourns parents for eleven months, much longer than the required mourning period for a spouse, sibling or child. With such a lengthy interval, one becomes acutely aware of the passage of time and the changing seasons. As I live close to the Synagogue, I choose to walk there daily. The walk to morning prayers gives me the chance to search for my father in the early dawn.

He died in late summer when the skies were sultry and vividly blue. By December, the mornings are frosty and black, the moon and stars still aglow as I trudge on my way. The *minḥah* service is held ever earlier until mid-January when the cycle begins to reverse itself and the sun lingers with us a little longer.

My spirit shifts with the seasons. In the first weeks after shiva, I was stricken wild with grief, could not whisper the kaddish without a catch in my throat, could not walk the streets without sensing my father behind me. Over the months, a semblance of calm has returned. I owe this healing to the power of prayer and to the band of people who make that prayer possible. Who are they? Most of them are older than me, some of them also mourners but many of them not. Some are in poor health, some physically challenged, but none of that stops them from coming, even in the worst winter storms. There is davening to be done,

Torah to be read and mourners who need to say kaddish.

None of these people would consider themselves heroes. They come to shul as their fathers did before them, to praise the Almighty and to fulfil their obligations as Jews. Their tradition is marked with small acts of kindness, none of which is lost on the mourner. I observe the way in which they shake each other's hand and congratulate each other on their participation in the service. At service's end, they offer each other rides home, inquire about the health of family members and offer condolences to the newly bereaved.

The modest chapel is filled with both the living and the souls of their ancestors. Every day brings new worshippers who come to light a candle and observe yahrtzeit for a lost family member. Plaques bearing their names are fitted with tiny lights, switched to the mark the month of their passing. It becomes a room of love, memory and candlelight, as souls are recalled, hearts are mended, and the presence of God is reaffirmed.

Sadly, the unsung heroes are few in number. Frequently we hold our breath, anxiously counting and waiting for the tenth person. There are few young faces and in darker moments, we ask ourselves: "Will there be a minyan to say kaddish for me?"

I have stopped waiting for my father to return. Others like me are starting to smile again as we share a laugh and a coffee at breakfast after prayers. The empty space will never leave us but my unsung heroes have eased the sharpest pain of loss.

To them, I say "thank you".

—Bayla Cheskes

2014 March of the Living Participants

On Shabbat, May 31, Beth Tzedec's 2014 March of the Living participants reflected on and shared their moving experiences and stories of spending a week in Poland and a week in Israel. Beth Tzedec's March of the Living participants included:

Caitlin Abugov Jessica Abugov Michael Ambar Simone Brodsky Maddie Brown Noah Clark Matthew Cohn Samantha Fink Emma Friedman Jennifer Glied-Goldstein Ellie Godfrey Rebecca Grossman Jordan Halberstadt Lauren Kanee Jordana Kazdan Eden Kirshenblatt Danielle Leboff Rachel Levy Maxwell Librach Brooke Lindzon Aubrey Maltz Brett Masters Jenna Pasternak David Rabinovitch Noah Ross Emily Sanders

Sam Shiff

Hannah Shuster-Hyman Spencer Soberano Emma Spitz Miriam Teich Rachel Wine Malli Zworth

Book and Film Club Selections 2014-2015

Mondays—Lunch 1:00 PM; Reviews 1:30 PM

All six sessions: \$90 for members of Beth Tzedec Congregation, \$110 for non-members \$20 per session at the door.



SEPTEMBER 15

A Guide for the Perplexed

Professor Ruby Newman explores Dara Horn's latest novel.

This fast-paced thriller explores memory, fate and free will as evident through the unravelling of a kidnapping plot.

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Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence

OCTOBER 6

The Marrying of Chani Kaufman Cynthia Good reviews Eve Harris' novel.

This page-turner provides insight into the ultra-orthodox lewish world, as the secular and religious worlds collide for the heroes of the book.

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Terraces of Baycrest

NOVEMBER 3

Between Gods: A Memoir

Author Allison Pick discusses her own personal story of reclaiming her identity.

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Four Elms Retirement Residence

To register, please contact Zina Glassman at 416-781-3511 or zglassman@beth-tzedec.org

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MARCH 30

The Afterlife of Stars

Author Joe Kertes talks about his novel.

As the Russian tanks roll into Budapest in 1956 to crush the Hungarian Revolution, two young brothers struggle with sibling rivalry, family secrets and incalculable loss.

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Hazelton Place Retirement Residence

APRIL 20

The Golem and the Jinni Cathy Tile reviews Helene Wecker's magical novel.

A mix of historical fiction, fantasy and a fairy-tale romance, this book explores the philosophical questions of identity, emigration, place and time.

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Viva Thornhill Woods Retirement Residence

MAY II, 10:30 AM

Bethlehem

Shlomo Schwartzberg, film critic and educator, analyzes the movie after the screening.

In this award-winning film, director Yuval Adler brings to life the complex relationship between an Israeli Secret Service officer and his teenage Palestinian informant against the background of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Note: This program begins at 10:30 AM.

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Men's Club Makes a Difference



New Honour Roll Members

Dr. Barney Seetner and David Pullan are both long-time serving Men's Club board members whose names will be added to our Honour Roll. Barney, now in his 90s, continues to assist in providing members with updates of club activities. David Pullan has, for many years, served as chief coordinator for personal delivery of our yellow Yom Hashoah candles.

Sponsorships for Young Golfers

Do you have a young golfer in your family? The Men's Club is providing sponsorships for four young golfers (ages I2 to 30) to partner with registered golfers in the Second Annual Men's Club Golf Classic on Friday, June I3. For information, call the Synagogue office by June 6.

Men's Club Awards Breakfast – Sunday, June 8 at 9:30 AM

Congratulations to the following people who have been awarded Men's Club scholarships for their pursuit of higher |ewish education:

Michael Ferman: Michael will be undertaking a Master of Education and Graduate Diploma in Advanced Hebrew and Jewish Studies at York University. Upon completion he plans to work as an educator in the Jewish community.

Steve Zeidenberg – Sherman Fund Scholarship: Steve plans to study at the lewish Theological Seminary of America where he is working towards the goal of becoming a Cantor in the Conservative movement.

Jessica Thalmann: As an emerging artist, Jessica aspires to establish an artistic and research practice along with a career as an educator. She will be undertaking a program for a Master of Fine Arts in New York where she will build upon her research and document Holocaust survivors' stories.

Shayna Cohen: Shayna is studying education at York University and plans to teach in Jewish Day Schools.

Rachel Rosenbluth: Rachel is pursuing a rabbinic degree at Hebrew Union College. She is deeply committed to developing an approach to Judaism that would be meaningful to young adults.

Batsheva Weber: Batsheva plans to study at Bais Yaakov Machon Rays in Israel leading to a career as a social worker in the Jewish community.

Jordan Aharoni – Orenstein Fund Scholarship: Jordan will be studying science and theatre arts. He would like to teach both science and drama at Tanenbaum CHAT. He eventually would like to go on to a Master's degree and a PhD.

Sarah Livingston: Sarah will be taking Intensive Yiddish Study at Tel Aviv University. Her goal is to apply her education in Jewish history and food studies to the Toronto Jewish community to further develop the Jewish identities of young adults.

Chana Ita Perman: Chana will be studying for a post-secondary school teaching degree in Israel. She feels strongly that she can contribute to the community by teaching children about their lewish heritage.



MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS & PRIVILEGES

Men's Club is providing a new updated card for its members. A \$36 contribution provides members with:

- A plastic card that includes a three-year Jewish Holiday calendar
- Preferred seating at Men's Club sponsored events

Adam Kruger Youth Initiatives Fund

Harry and Shirley Grossman, honouring Sheila Dropkin on her granddaughter Gillian Kideckel's Bat Mitzvah.

Morton and Judith Hersh, honouring Dana Davis and Tal Davis on their grandaughter's participation in the Youth Shabbat service.

Mark and Loren Roth, honouring Les and Lisa Aaron on their daughter Talia's Bat Mitzvah.

Annual General Fund

Tamar Weiss, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Berta Kaplow.

Arthur and Carole Andrews, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Aleeza's Chicago friends, acknowledging the Lubin Family in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Flory and Bob Cohen, honouring Rabbi Adam Cutler.

Flory and Bob Cohen, honouring Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl.

Flory and Bob Cohen, honouring Lorne Hanick.

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

Colin and Catherine Cooper and family, acknowledging Carole and Bernie Starkman and Lawrie and Ruthann Lubin and families in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Rose Cooper, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin. Edith Fisher, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Ralph Fisher and

Rose Kruger.

Michael Friedman and Debbie Rothstein, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Shep and Lorraine Gangbar and family, honouring **Harry Grossman** on his special birthday.

Fran Giddens, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Lilly Giddens.

Ronna and Sam Hoffer, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Marsha Joseph acknowledging Lawrie

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Jackie and Norman Kahn, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin. Noah Karlin and family, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Eddie and Bonny Kirschner, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin and family in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin. Aubrey and Shelley Levine, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin. Steven Levitan, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Chonon Levitan.

Dena Libman, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Mark and Judy Libman, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Ruth Nichols, acknowledging Dr. Robert Farber and family in memory of Shavnka Farber.

The Family of Palisades Builders, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Jeff and Lynnda Pancer, acknowledging Lawrie and Ruthann Lubin and family in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Barry and Susan Phillips, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin. Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Minnie Ross, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Jacqueline Rother, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David McDonald**.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin. Marvin and Carole Sherkin,

acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Murray Silverberg and family, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Eric Sobel, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Elaine and Joseph Steiner, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin. Stan and Dorothy Tessis, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

The Tessis Family, honouring Rabbi Adam Cutler, Mark Lapedus, Cantor Sidney Ezer, Rabbi Shalom Schachter and Blake Teichman.

Allan, Kathy and Daniel Troster, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Felicia Valo, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Sheva Brandes.

The Valo Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Thomas Valo**.

Miriam Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Michael Wohl.

Lyon Wexler, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Philip and Eileen Wunch, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin. Sara Zimmerman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Helena Nagel.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin and family in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring **David Borts** on his 60th birthday.

Daily Minyan Breakfast Fund

Rosalee Berlin and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Belle Green Wax, Harold Albert Green and Abraham Greenberg.

Niki Bledin, commemorating the yahrtzeit **Zas Feitelson**.

Sherri and Sandy Brenzel, honouring the upcoming marriage of their son, **Jason** to **Natalie Shenkar**.

The Brockman Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Louis Brockman.

Marnie Burke and family, marking the conclusion of kaddish for **Pauline Burke**. Marnie Burke and family, commemorating

the 1st yahrtzeit of Pauline Burke.

Flory and Bob Cohen and Lee and Mel Diamond, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Bram Diamond**.

The Cummings Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sylvia Cummings**.

Elliott Eisen, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Selma Eisen**.

Harriet Fink, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Warsh**.

Bernice Finkelstein and Harvey Diamond, marking the conclusion of kaddish for Harry Diamond.

The Garmaise Family, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jonah**.

Al Gelfant, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Ephraim Shiman Gelfant.

Diane Grafstein and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Murray Grafstein.

The Greenberg Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dora Greenberg**.

Judith Hans, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Itta Zeisler.

Judy Hans, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Eliezer Zeisler.

Norman and Jackie Kahn, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Herbert Kahn.

The Kubes Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Zoltan Kubes**.

Ruth Leneman, marking the conclusion of *shloshim* for Hannah Malka Nusbaum.

Harold Lepofsky and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Norma Lepofsky.

The Lustig Family, commemorating the 1st yahrtzeit of Aliza Lustig.

Mitch and Anne Max and family, commemorating the 1st yahrtzeit of Shirley Max.

The Menkes Family, commemorating the 1st yahrtzeit of Murray Menkes.

Saul and Marilyn Merrick, honouring the birth of their grandson.

Nancy Posluns and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Jack Posluns.

Ian, Marlene and Mitchell Rattner, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Cyril Rattner.

Lori Rosenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Maxine Rosenberg.

Dr. Allan and Ellen Rosenbluth, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Samuel Rosenbluth.

Caren Ruby and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Gerry Ruby**.

The Shillinger Families, commemorating the 1st yahrtzeit of Lorraine Shillinger.

Judy Shostack, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Shostack**.

Jan Silverman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Richard Lewis.

Alan Sless, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Dr. Philip Sless**.

Elise Stern Gropper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Leo Stern.

Shelley Wexler-Friedman and Neil Friedman and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Pearl Molly Wexler.

Harold and Carole Wolfe and Ruth and Irving Aaron, honouring the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Talia.

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Srul Irving Glick**.

Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Annie Flatt**.

Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family, honouring David and Felicia Posluns on the marriage of their son Aaron to Justine Grossman.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt, honouring Randy and Deborah Spiegel on the engagement of their daughter Yael.

Rochelle and Michael Kerzner, acknowledging Ab and Phyllis Flatt in memory of Jeffrey Fruitman.

Rochelle and Michael Kerzner, acknowledging the Fruitman and Appleby Families in memory of Jeffrey Fruitman.

Philip and Eileen Wunch, acknowledging Ab and Phyllis Flatt in memory of Jeffrey Fruitman.

Hesed Fund

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

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin and family, honouring Helen Glazer on her 95th birthday.

Lynn Catzman, honouring Helen Glazer on her 95th birthday.

Jeffrey and Terry Cummings and family, honouring Helen Glazer on her 95th birthday. Marilyn and Shelley Fenton, honouring Blake Teichman.

Dorothy Garfinkel and Herb Epstein, honouring Rose Sobel and Duke Segel on their marriage.

Helen Glazer, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Helen Glazer, honouring the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood Ladies.

Helen Glazer, honouring Daniel Silverman and Rachel Hindel on the birth of their daughter.

Irving Gold, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Max Gold.

Marsha Joseph, honouring Helen Glazer on her 95th birthday. Marsha Joseph, honouring Shirlee

Nadler on her birthday.

Marsha Joseph, honouring Bernice Stern on her grandson's graduation.

Shirley Krem, wishing Jeffrey and Jill Levine a Happy Passover.

Marlene Laba, acknowledging Susan Fremes in memory Ruth Fremes.

Brenda Orser, honouring Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl.

John and Molly Pollock, honouring Rabbi Jack Reimer on his birthday.

Gerry Posner, honouring Lorne Hanick. David and Shirley Promislow, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Dr. William Prusin, acknowledging the Ladovsky Family in memory of Dora Ladovsky.

Lorraine Resnick, commemorating the vahrtzeit of Arthur Resnick.

Mary and Les Richmond and family, honouring Helen Glazer on her 95th birthday.

Alan and Lorraine Sandler, honouring Shoel and Eileen Silver on the engagement of their son Aaron to Alexandria.

Rose Sobel, acknowledging the Farber Family in memory of Shaynka Farber.
Rose Sobel and Duke Segal, acknowledging

Melissa Glazer in memory of Bernie Dorfman.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segel, acknowledging Sylvia Pullan in memory of Molly Marcus. Rose Sobel and Duke Segal, honouring Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl on the birth of their grandson Amichai Menashe.

Rose Sobel and Duke Segal, honouring Dorothy Garfinkel on the wedding of her grandson Will Menkes to Laura Holder.

Deborah Staiman, wishing Ruth and Harold Margles a Happy Passover.

Jill, Jack, Daniel and Cynthia Spitz, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Larry Sparckman and Eric Spitz.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing the Cappe Family a Happy Purim.

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Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Cantor Sidney Ezer a Happy Purim.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Ilene and Stephen Flatt and family a Happy Purim.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl and family a Happy Purim.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Lorne Hanick a Happy Purim.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Jackie and Norman Kahn and family a Happy Purim.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Vicci and Ellis Macmull and family a Happy Purim.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing the Melvin Family a Happy Purim.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family a Happy Purim.
Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Cantor Simon and Aliza Spiro and family a Happy Purim.

Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family, wishing Nina and Larry Wallach and family a Happy Purim.

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

David, Carol, Ari, Marissa and Yonit Grossman, acknowledging the family of the late Philip David Dunkelman. David, Carol, Ari, Marissa and Yonit

David, Carol, Ari, Marissa and Yonit Grossman, acknowledging the Garnick Family in memory of Nathan Garnick.

Cheryl and Hersh Rosenthal and family, honouring the **Hon. Jack Grossman** on his 70th birthday.

Jewish Family Living Fund

Gloria Houser, honouring Norman and Debbie Godfrey on the birth of their granddaughter.

Eliot and Carolyn Kolers, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory Ettie Lubin. Eliot and Carolyn Kolers, wishing Bob Cohen a *refuah sheleimah*.

Martin and Judi Rumack, honouring Leonard and Cheryl Cappe on the birth of their grandson Dylan.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, acknowledging Lawrence Todd and Janna Walters in memory of Rita Taylor.

Teddy and Bari Zittell, honouring Daniel Silverman and Rachel Hindel on the birth of their daughter.

Jules Surdin Yom Hashoah Candle Fund

Lynn Catzman.

Kosher Food Bank

Sandra Appel, Jerry Shuman and Mira and Naomi, wishing **Barry Appel** a Happy Passover.

Sandra Appel, Jerry Shuman and Mira and Naomi, wishing Linda and Alan Cohen a Happy Passover.

Sandra Appel, Jerry Shuman and Mira and Naomi, wishing **Maureen and Henry Molot** a Happy Passover.

Shelley Ball, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Ann Ball** and **Allen Ball**. Elaine and Albert Cheskes, honouring **Carole Sherkin** on her birthday.

Rose Cooper, acknowledging Dorothy Tessis in memory Yadja (Yetta) Wajgensberg. Rose Cooper, honouring Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl in honour of the birth of their grandson Amichai Menashe

Rose Cooper, honouring **Phillip and** Fauna Lidsky on their 50th anniversary. Rose Cooper, honouring **Judy Shiff** on her 80th birthday.

Fred and Jocelynn Engle, wishing Ronald Ennis continued good health. Ruth Nichols, acknowledging Helen Adler and family in memory of Sol Adler. Beverley Stern, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Ida Stern.

Library Books

Harry and Shirley Grossman, honouring Sheila Dropkin on her granddaughter Gillian Kideckel's Bat Mitzvah.

Morton and Judith Hersh, honouring Dana Davis and Tal Davis on their grandaughter's participation in the Youth Shabbat Service.

Mark and Loren Roth, honouring Les and Lisa Aaron on their daughter Talia's Bat Mitzvah.

Little Minyan Fund

Stephen and Ilene Flatt, acknowledging Allan Rosenbluth in memory Anette Rosenbluth.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, honouring Robert and Sharon Cherniak on the birth of their grandson.

Stephen and Ilene Flatt and family, honouring Shoel and Eileen Silver on the engagement of their son Aaron to Alexandria.

Jeffrey Mitz and Sephi Band, acknowledging Allan Rosenbluth in memory Anette Rosenbluth.

Murray Teitel and Linda Spiegel and children, acknowledging Judy Betel and Marvin Goldstein and family in memory of Joseph Betel.

Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library

Barbara Firestone, honouring Harold and Carole Wolfe on their granddaughter Talia's Bat Mitzvah.

Yvette Lerner, acknowledging Dr. Simon and Ruby Kreindler in memory of Sylvia Wolfe.

Thelma and Saul Shulman, acknowledging Ab and Phyllis Flatt in memory of Jeffrey Fruitman.

Men's Club Scholarships

Florence Glickman and Bob Yudin, honouring the **Hon. Jack Grossman** on his 70th birthday.

The Kirshenblatt Family, honouring Mark Lapedus.

Eddie and Bonny Kirschner, honouring Sylvia Singer on her birthday.

Sharon Singer Karlin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David Singer**.

Sylvia Singer and family, honouring Eddie Kirschner on his birthday.

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Shelley Ball, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Allen Ball and Ann Ball.

Lynn Catzman, honouring Lawrie Kaplan on his special birthday.

Shirley and Perry Cooper, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Betty Korzenstein.

Faye Firestone, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Bluma Rosenstock.

Anne Max, acknowledging Cheryl Appleby in memory of Jeffrey Fruitman.

Mitch and Anne Max, acknowledging the Ladovsky Family in memory of Dora Ladovsky.

Mitch and Anne Max, honouring Robert and Sharon Cherniak on the birth of their grandson.

Ruth Nichols, acknowledging Frances Forman and family in memory of Harry Forman.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman, acknowledging Dorothy Tessis in memory of Yadja (Yetta) Wajgensberg.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging Lawrie Lubin in memory of Ettie Lubin.

Patti, Sheldon, Shaun, Lauren, Jodi and Robin, honouring Carole and Art Andrews on their 50th anniversary.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, honouring Norman and Jackie Kahn on their new home.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging Peter Hill in memory of Jack Hill.

Sylvia Singer and family, acknowledging Dorothy and Stan Tessis and family in memory of Yadja (Yetta) Wajgensberg. Elaine and Joseph Steiner, acknowledging Susan Fremes in memory of Ruth Fremes. Nina Wallach, honouring Patti Rotman.

Prayer Book (Siddur) Dedications— Daily or Shabbat

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin and family, in memory of Max David Berlin.

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin and family, in memory of Belle Green Wax.

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin and family, in memory of Rose Berlin.

Seymour and Rosalee Berlin and family, in memory of Harold Albert Green.

Sophie Brockman and family, in memory of Louis Brockman.

Brian and Amanda Cepler and family, in memory of Lanette Cepler.

Allison Cepler and Michael Friedman, in memory of Lanette Cepler.

Allison Cepler and Michael Friedman, in memory of Frances Cepler.

Pearl Dennis, in memory of **Sam Ulster**. Pearl Dennis, in memory of **Rose Ulster**.

Pearl Dennis, in memory of

Dr. Harold Dennis.

Judy Feld Carr in memor

Judy Feld Carr, in memory of **Dr. Ronald Feld**.

Donnie Friedman, in memory of Miriam Bohnen.

Helen Glazer, honouring Daniel Silverman and Rachel Hindel.

Michelle Glied-Goldstein and Alan Goldstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Jordan Goldstein.

Hon. Jerry and Carole Grafstein, in memory of Harry and Molly Sniderman. Hon. Jerry and Carole Grafstein, in memory of Solomon and Helen Grafstein.

Carole Greenberg and Margaret Singer, in memory of Lucille and Arthur Warren.

The Durbin Family, in memory of Alex Devon.

The Durbin Family, in memory of Lillian and David Durbin.

Michael, Risa, Jeremy, Adam and Julia Kay, in honour of **Sheldon Kay's** 78th birthday.

Miriam, Lana, Sheldon and Angie Kerzner, in memory of Morris K. Kerzner. Jack and Florence Kimel and family, in memory of Lily and L.W. Rosen.

Jack and Florence Kimel and family, in memory of Rose and Isaac Kimel.

Eleanor and the late (Buddy) David Krangle and family, honouring **Geraldine Greenberg Malcoff** on her special birthday.

Eleanor Krangle and sons, Wayne and Howard, acknowledging the 91st birthday of David (Buddy) Krangle.

Eleanor Krangle and Geraldine Greenberg and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Fannie Greenberg.

Helen Marr and family, in memory of Gerald Marr.

Steven and Ofra Menkes and family, in memory of Murray Menkes.

Paul and Sharon Merrick, in memory of Esther and Hyman Merrick and Sophie and Jules Zeldin.

Dr. Phyllis Nemers, in memory of Pearl "Ted" Samuels Nemers.

Susan Pasternak and family, in memory of Jack Pasternak.

Nancy Prussky, in memory of Norman Benjamin Yack.

Sharon and Michael Pupko and family, in memory of Hershel Greenspan.

Ian and Marlene Rattner, honouring Mitchell Rattner on his graduation from Law School.

The Rother Family, honouring **Benjamin Rother** on his Bar Mitzvah.

Gella Rothstein, in memory of Tillie (Goldhar) Freeman.

Gella Rothstein, in memory of Marie (Goldhar) Rosefield.

Gella Rothstein, in memory of Beulah (Kamin) Berman.

Rabbi Shalom Schachter, acknowledging Melvyn Wolfond in memory of Esther Wolfond.

Jimmy and Sigal Shekarchi, in memory of Saleh Shalom Shekarchi.

Carol and Sheldon Silver and family, in memory of Albert and Beverley Levman.

Ilana, Josh, Jack and Cydney Silvertown, in memory of **Sidney Valo**.

Sylvia Singer and family, in memory of **David Singer**.

Ronald Steinberg, in memory of **Donna Steinberg**.

Ronald Steinberg, in memory of Freda and Max Steinberg.

Ronald Steinberg, in memory of Hartley Steinberg.

Beverley Stern and family, in memory of Morton Stern.

Carol and Gord Sussman and family, in memory of **Shirley Sussman**.

Carol and Gord Sussman and family, in memory of Arthur Sussman.

Dorothy and Stan Tessis and family, in memory of Zenek and Yadja Wajgensberg.

Dorothy and Stan Tessis and family, in memory of **Joseph and Dena Tessis**. The Wohl and Weinstein Families, in memory of **Michael Wohl**.

Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum Fund

Dorion and Bernie Liebgott, honouring **Ken Norwich** on his birthday.

Sheila Zeldin Memorial Fund

Dr. John Zeldin, honouring **Joseph** and Toby Tanenbaum on their 59th anniversary and on Toby's appointment to the Order of Ontario.

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

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Condolences

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

Sulamith Avram Mal
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Shaynka Farber Ann
Allen Feig Ben
David Grossman Evel
Mildred Rosalind Herman Iran Esther Jakubovicz Rita
Bertha Kerbel Hele
Ettie Lubin Rita
Molly (Malca) Marcus

Malca Muskin
Claire Palmer
Anette Rosenbluth
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Ben Shillinger
Evelyn Miriam Stone
Harry Jack Stuart
Rita Taylor
Helen Topp
Rita Vandermey
Esther Wolfond

"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:

Frances Lewis Axmith
Dr. Michael Berg
Jerome Stephen Cooper
Morris Einstoss
Nancy Rose Einstoss

Ethel Greenstone Louis Joshua Greenstone Morris K. Kerzner Pearl Narrol

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 yahrtzeit date, is mounted on a bronze tablet in the Sanctuary. The lamp is lit on the Shabbat of the week of the yahrtzeit, on the day of the yahrtzeit, 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.

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 yahrtzeit. 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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