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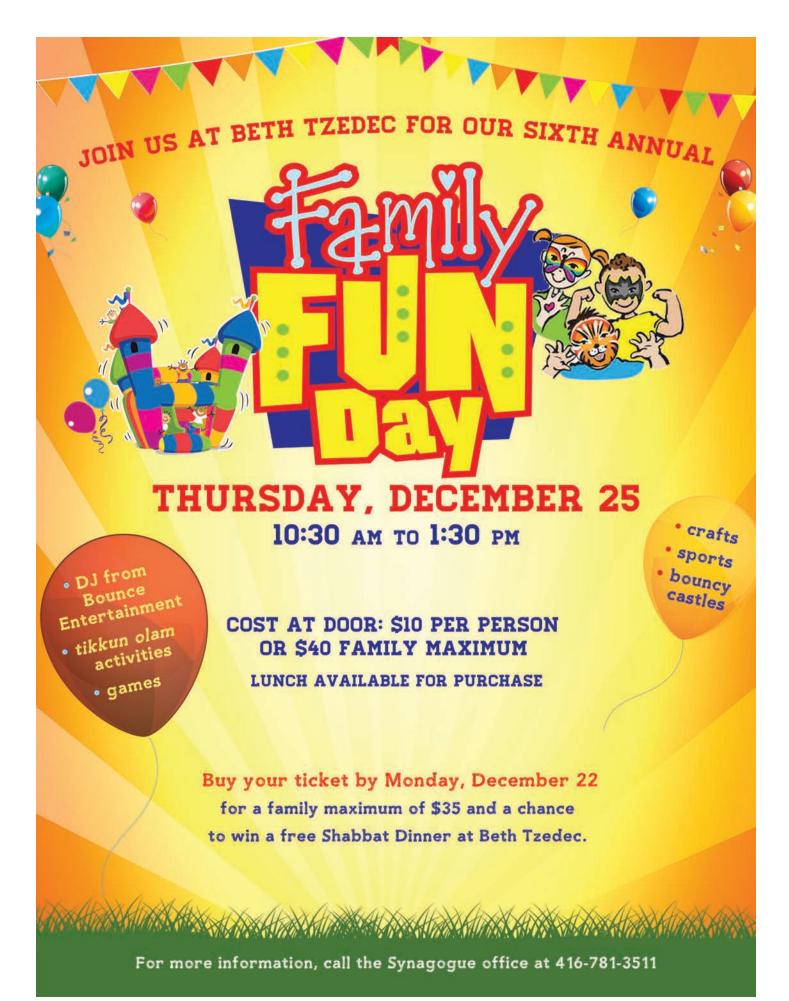
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History and *Halakhah*, Hanukkah and Hasidism



Take the opportunity to study and reflect on what we—as Conservative Jews—uniquely do.

A HALLMARK OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM HAS BEEN A FIDELITY

to Jewish law and observance combined with an awareness of the historic development of Judaism. In mid-19th century Europe, the forerunner of what came to be Conservative Judaism called itself *Positive-Historical Judaism*. "Positive" meant that (1) Judaism was structured by laws that oblige a specific action (*lex posita*) and (2) we had an affirmative attitude toward *halakhah* (in distinction from Reform Judaism). "Historical" meant that (1) to properly understand Judaism, it must be studied historically, and (2) Judaism was a religion that had been influenced by people and places in history (in distinction from Orthodox Judaism).

As a result of this twin commitment, Conservative Judaism retains a practice of *halakhah* which governs our congregational communities, schools, youth programs and professional organizations. Rabbis will often speak about Jewish law and will strongly advocate the relevance, significance and obligations of Jewish practice to individuals and families associated with our synagogues and for the broader Jewish community. Conservative Judaism finds itself most strongly associated with Orthodox Judaism in its commitment to Shabbat observance, kashrut, daily prayer and other aspects of Jewish ritual.

Our awareness of historical development leads Conservative Judaism to differ from Orthodoxy in our approach to Jewish law. We seek to preserve Jewish practice but are willing to review and restructure some elements of *halakhah*. Those changes are not made lightly and require careful legal justification. The role of women in ritual, the way electricity is used on Shabbat, some prayer practices, medical ethical concerns, approaches to conversion and new conceptions of gender are all areas where we have differentiated ourselves from Orthodoxy.

The recognition that *halakhah* has a history is what links us to Reform Judaism. We each teach about a Judaism that adapts and evolves over time in response to socio-economic factors and ethical-spiritual insights. Our awareness of historical development provides an intellectual-spiritual framework that stimulates careful examination of how Jewish life may have been influenced by the culture and communities in which we lived. We differ from

Reform in that our willingness to describe change is independent from a decision to prescribe change. We are more conservative and give primacy to communal practice and historic precedence over individual choice when determining what is authentically Jewish.

This year, we have planned two study opportunities that highlight new research into the history of Judaism. Each will challenge accepted "truths" about Judaism and highlight the polarity between a received tradition and what new historical insights might teach us. They provide an opportunity for you to become more knowledgable as Jews and to consider how you synthesize the different elements of history and *halakhah*.

From December 1 to 3, Professor Lee I. Levine of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will be the Ralph and Roslyn Halbert Lecturer at Beth Tzedec and the University of Toronto. He will join us just before Hanukkah for a series of presentations on Jews and Judaism in the ancient world. At the University on December 1, Dr. Levine will explore art and archeology to argue for a new paradigm of how classical Judaism came to be. At Beth Tzedec on December 2 and 3, he will explore "What Triggered the Maccabean Revolt?" and whether the Maccabees were "Religious Extremists or Prudent Politicians". Rabbi Levine's new conceptualization has implications for current issues in Israel and Jewish life. As Conservative Jews, your pattern of practice of Hanukkah may continue as in the past, but your understanding of "what Hanukkah is" will definitely be changed.

In the spring, after Pesah, we will welcome our Louis and Moshe Weisfeld Lecturer, Professor Moshe Rosman of Bar Ilan University. Dr. Rosman will articulate a revised understanding of the cultural, social, economic and political context of the "golden age" of Polish-Jewish history. In that context, Rabbi Rosman will also discuss the surprising role that Jewish women played in the culture of early modern Jewish life. As well, he will present a new history of Ḥasidism, based less on what Ḥasidism thought and more on his archival research into the life and times of Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer—known as the *Ba'al Shem Tov*—the 18th century mystic whose followers profoundly influenced the shape of modern Judaism.

FROM THE PRESIDENT S. Blake Teichman

Whether it is ancient Judaism or its early modern expression, we want you to have the opportunity to study and reflect on what we uniquely do (Jewish practice, *halakhah*) and how it developed by borrowing from and resisting the societies around it (history). This approach is characteristically found in rabbinical schools, synagogues and educational programs associated with Conservative Judaism. Rather than tell you what Judaism is, we want you to discover how various expressions of Judaism evolved. At Beth Tzedec, we are pleased to present all this to you without apologies or apologetics, encouraging you to develop your own synthesis that incorporates Jewish behaviour, belief and how it all came to be.

SOME SOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Elliot N. Dorff, Conservative Judaism: Our Ancestors to Our Descendants. (USY, 1996). See on-line excerpts at www.adath-shalom.ca/dorff20.htm

Lee I. Levine, Judaism and Hellenism in Antiquity: Conflict or Confluence? (Washington, 2008). www.archaeology.huji.ac.il/depart/classical/leel/leel.asp

Moshe J. Rosman, Founder of Hasidism: A Quest for the Historical Ba'al Shem Tov. (Littman, 2014). www.tinyurl.com/l7ucg66 or www.tinyurl.com/l7537tz

Thursday, November 27 at 7:30 PM at Temple Har Zion (7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill), the 2014 Rabbi Michael and Celia Stroh Lecture presents Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl speaking on Maimonides and Halevi: Covenant, Conversion and Who is a Jew.



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Building a Dynamic Institution



THANK YOU TO SO MANY OF YOU WHO SPOKE TO ME OVER the High Holidays wishing me well and encouraging many of our initiatives. Beth Tzedec continues to be at the forefront of Conservative Judaism.

On October 6, we hosted The Future of Jewish Life in the Diaspora with Chancellor Arnold Eisen of the Jewish Theological Seminary in dialogue with writer and film-maker David Bezmozgis and moderated by Rabbi Yael Splansky. That morning, David Bezmozgis' novel, The Betrayers, was shortlisted for the 2014 Scotiabank Giller Prize. Over 300 people attended this stimulating and thought-provoking event. We are grateful to our member, Lorna Kahn, for her generous sponsorship of the evening in memory of her late beloved husband, Asher Kahnz"l.

On October 20, Professor Marc Epstein, who holds the Shoshana Shier Visiting Distinguished Professorship in the Art Department at the University of Toronto, delivered this year's Shoshana Shier Memorial Lecture with the participation of the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum. His subject was Sermons in Wood: The Lost Synagogues of Poland. With his in-depth *halakhic* and art history analysis, he shared with us his insights into the hidden symbols and secrets of the now destroyed, painted wooden synagogues of Poland. It was a fascinating evening. We are grateful to the Shier family for its ongoing support of this annual lectureship.

Beth Tzedec is once again participating in the Shalom Hartman Institute Engaging Israel Seminar. The iEngage Project is designed for congregational leaders and clergy, and is committed to addressing core questions pertaining

to the necessity and significance of the Jewish national enterprise; how a Jewish State should exercise power; why a Jew who lives outside of Israel should care about Israel; and what the State of Israel can offer the world. Ten of our members are enrolled in this year's program which will explore relevant, contemporary approaches to the meaning and significance of the modern State of Israel for Jews in seven monthly seminars. I look forward to the inaugural session where Yossi Klein Halevi will be teaching. His topic will be Diaspora and Israel: Where Should the Relationship Be Headed? I hope to report further to you at the end of the program.

On December 7, I shall be attending the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's General Assembly of Kehillot. The responsibilities of the General Assembly include the election of USCJ's officers and directors, the approval of dues rates and assessments, consideration of resolutions on matters of interest to the General Assembly of Kehillot and discussions about issues of global Jewish concern. The USCJ Nomination Committee has nominated our members, Harold J. Wolfe and Norman Kahn, to become Directors as Beth Tzedec assumes a leadership role in USCJ.

On December 14, Beth Tzedec is hosting USCJ's program, Name Tags are Not Enough: Turning Relationships Into Community. The program will explore how relational Judaism can become part of our kehillah's culture. The goal is to better connect with individuals as they travel along on their personal journeys with Judaism.

It is indeed a privilege to lead our dynamic institution.

Board of Governors Meetings

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

Upcoming meeting dates:*

Thursdays, November 20, December 4 and January 8 at 7:00 PM

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

Milestones and celebrations

Births

Harper, daughter of ALLISON Eden Orbach, son of MARLA DALISAY & ADAM SHAPIRO, granddaughter of MARK SHAPIRO & GALY KOLENDER and ARLENE & LAZARO DALISAY, born July 29.

Lora Elizabeth, daughter of ELANA JACOBS COCHRAN & DANIEL COCHRAN, granddaughter of DONNA KOTZER JACOBS and JEFFREY JACOBS, born July 31.

Zelda Zittell, daughter of MIRIAM ZITTELL & IOHN HONEYMAN, granddaughter of BARI & TED ZITTELL and JANE FINLAYSON & SCOTT HONEYMAN, great-granddaughter of BARBARA ZITTELL, born August 22.

Shael Aiden, son of ASHLEY & LORNE BURGER, grandson of GAIL & RONNIE FAUST and Allan & the late suzanne BURGER, born September 18.

Elle Brooke, daughter of AMANDA & ADAM ROTHSCHILD, granddaughter of CAROL & SHELDON SILVER and SUSAN & JOHN ROTHSCHILD, greatgranddaughter of ANITA SILVER, HELEN FROME and SYBIL & MARVIN ROTHSCHILD, born October 1.

ZITTELL & JARED STEIN, grandson of BARI & TED ZITTELL and SIOBHAN & HARRIS STEIN, great-grandson of BARBARA ZITTELL. born October 3.

Weddings

& THE LATE IACOB ORBACH. and Christine Mason, daughter of MARY & GORDON of BARBARA & RICKY MASON, who were married October 26.

Alisa Minden, daughter of RUTH ROHN and JUSTICE TED MINDEN, and Mike Kaufman, Lianne & Bruce Leboff, on son of MELANIE & HOWARD KAUFMAN, who were married November 9.

Lindsay Cole, daughter of GAIL NISKER and ARTHUR COLE, and Michael Zeldin, son of Marlene & Robert ZELDIN, who will be married December 13.

Aaron Silver, son of SHOEL & EILEEN SILVER, and Alexandria Fanjoy, daughter Award at the 2014 International of WILLIAM FANJOY & MARG MCKILLOP, who will be married January 11.

Congratulations to

Irving Abella, who will be confirmed President of the Academy of the Arts and Humanities of the Royal Society of Canada on November 20 in Montreal.

Simon Barney, son of NAOMI Dr. Ted Feldman, who will celebrate his 95th birthday on December 19.

> Dr. Michael Geist, son of MARVIN & THE LATE TERRY GEIST, and Carrie Bregman, daughter of BARBARA BREGMAN and MICHAEL

Joseph Kerzner, who celebrated his 90th birthday on October 15.

Remi Kirshenblatt, daughter KIRSHENBLATT, and Jayme **Kruger**, son of SUSAN & LOREN KRUGER, on their engagement.

being named the 2014 Community Honourees by Ve'ahavta for its Tikkun Olam Awards.

Wendy Papernick, on being awarded the Sam Rotman Humanitarian Award for her volunteer work with Circle of Care.

Felicia Posluns, who received the Kipnis-Wilson Friedland Lion of Judah Conference in September in New York.

Paul & Gella Rothstein, who celebrated their 54th anniversary on September 6.

William & Bertha Savlov. who will celebrate their 70th anniversary on November 18.

Jaclyn Sud, daughter of WARREN SUD and BRUCYNE SUD, and Daniel Kideckel, son of MARSHALL & CARLA KIDECKEL, on their engagement.

Rachel Wallach, daughter of LARRY & NINA WALLACH, on her recent graduation from the University of Glasgow School of Veterinary BREGMAN, on their engagement. Medicine and her call to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (UK).

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 January, February and March is December 5.

Many Thanks to

Adam Shapiro & Allison Dalisay, who sponsored a Seudah Shlisheet on September 13 in honour of the naming of their daughter Harper.

Elaine Kay, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on September 20 in memory of Jimmy Kay.

Patti & Sheldon Rotman and family, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on September 20 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of Joseph Wolf Rotman.

Dr. Wendy Wolfman and Dr. Patricia Goldblatt, who sponsored a Seudah Shlisheet on September 27 to mark the conclusion of kaddish for Eve Wolfman.

Gella & Paul Rothstein, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 9 to commemorate the yahrtzeit of J. Barney Goldhar.

Dr. Abraham & Susan Born and Jeff & Risa Silver, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 11 in honour of the marriage of their children Ionathan Born & Kaylee Silver.

Jeremy & Jo-Anne Cole, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on October 25 in honour of the 30th anniversary of Jeremy's Bar Mitzvah.

David & Leanne Matlow, who sponsored a Seudah Shlisheet on October 25 to commemorate the yahrtzeit

of Jack Singer.

Mark Rash, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 1 in honour of the 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Ruth Rohn, Ted Minden and Melanie & Howard Kaufman, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 1 in honour of the marriage of their children Alisa Minden & Mike Kaufman.

Hon. Jerry & Carole Grafstein, who sponsored a Seudah Shlisheet on November 8 to commemorate the vahrtzeit of Helen Rose Grafstein.

Michael & Barbi Levitt, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 15 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jessica.

Isaac & Laura Soberano, who sponsored a Congregational Kiddush on November 15 in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Paige.

Dr. Lawrence & Cindy White, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on November 22 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Matthew.

The Feldman & Josse Families, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on December 13 in honour of Dr. Ted Feldman's 95th birthday.

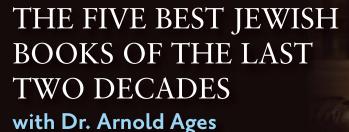
Phyllis and Ab Flatt, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on December 13 in honour of the 10th anniversary of Phyllis' Bat Mitzvah.

Caroline Grammer, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on January 10 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of her son Gabriel.

Gary Weinstein and Ola Weinstein, who will sponsor a Congregational Kiddush on January 17 in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jacob.

Rose Cooper, who donated the flower arrangements for the High Holy Days.

The Greenspan Family and Patricia & Stephen Johnson. who donated decorations for the Beth Tzedec Sukkah



Thursdays—November 20 & 27 and December 4 at 7:30 PM

November 20

American Post-**|udaism: Identity and** Renewal in a Postethnic Society

by Shaul Magid

With a background in *Hasidism* and classical lewish texts, Magid reflects on the way the freedom of North American society permits lews to re-define themselves.

November 27 The Origins of Self Hatred

by Paul Reiter

This essay examines the syndrome known as self-hate by filtering the phenomenon through three 19th century writers: Anton Kuh, Karl Kraus and Theodor Lessing.

December 4 lews and the Military

by Derek Penslar

This ground-breaking book surveys the history of Jewish participation in the military and the "legitimacy" of military service for devout lews who were conscripted.

Arnold Ages is the Distinguished Emeritus Professor of French Language and Literature, University of Waterloo, and Scholar-in-Residence at Beth Tzedec Congregation. He has published more than 3,000 book reviews in a wide range of scholarly journals and daily newspapers and magazines in Canada, the United States, France, Germany and Israel.



Mazal Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah

WHO HAVE COMPLETED OUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



Jessica Marnie Rose Levitt daughter of Michael &Barbi Levitt

פעסא שושנה בת מיכאל רפאל הלוי ויפה ברכה



Paige Soberano daughter of Isaac &Laura Soberano

שמחה בת יצחק ולאה מלכה



November 23 Matthew White son of Dr. Lawrence &Cindy White

משה יצחק בן יהודה וציריל

January 10 Gabriel Grammer son of Caroline Grammer

גבריאל בן פנינה



January 15

Jacob Tadeusz Weinstein son of Gary Weinstein and Ola Weinstein



Noah William Cohn son of Lorne Cohn & Miriam Blumstock נח מאיר בן אליעזר הכהן ומרים יעקב בן ישראל ורות



January 24 Annika Zworth daughter of Neil Zworth & Dr. Jennifer Wyman חנה ליאת בת נחמן וחביבה



Daniel Pollock son of Robert &Bonnie Pollock דניאל כן אברהם ובת־שבע



The Beth Tzedec and Phyllis & Ab Flatt Camp Ramah in Canada Incentive Program Family Fund is open to Beth Tzedec members with a child who will be attending Camp Ramah in Canada for the first time.

For more information on summer camping opportunities, please contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org, or call the lewish camp of your choice.



Sick is Not Weak:

Discussing Mental Illness with Michael Landsberg

Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 PM

TSN's Michael Landsberg has always been a polarizing broadcaster. People either enjoy his 'confidence' or dislike his 'arrogance'. That changed five years ago with his on-air announcement that he suffers from an anxiety disorder and depression. While people might still think he is pushy, they respect his honesty and candour in facing and discussing mental illness. Join us as Michael shares his experiences and offers a better understanding of this often misunderstood illness.

Michael Landsberg, a Canadian sports television personality, is host of TSN's Off The Record. Diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder and depression, he was featured in Vista Magazine discussing his illness and produced and hosted the candid and raw documentary "Darkness and Hope: Depression, Sports and Me" for CTV. Michael celebrated both his Bar Mitzvah and wedding at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood

Jury Duty? You Must be Kidding!



ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS AGO, I RECEIVED A SUMMONS TO

appear for Jury Duty. As they say, "when your number is up, it's up". I received lots of advice on being excused, and as the time drew near I had a legitimate excuse—my new grandson's *bris*! The Sheriff's office was only too happy to excuse me—and find an alternate date. Late October, after the rush of the holidays, I dutifully reported to pay my civic dues.

I accepted my social responsibility, having grown up surrounded by what we today call social activists. My late brother delivered blankets to the homeless in the middle of the winter long before Out of the Cold gained popularity. Mom ran the local UNICEF campaign in our town, and every year for days after the campaign, we would help her count, roll and deliver the money. My parents drove us to Toronto in the middle of the winter where we stood in Nathan Phillips Square, freezing with thousands of proud Jews to demonstrate against the repressive Soviet Union, chanting "Let Our People Go!" I wore a Prisoner of Zion bracelet until "my" refusenik was released.

Though it was my civic responsibility to dive into the jury pool, little did I expect that I would have to towel off and actually serve as a juror. It was a humbling experience, and I quickly understood the weight of carrying the scales of justice. It took about one minute in the actual courtroom, sitting in the jury box, to appreciate our legal system and how significantly a free society relies on each of us to become part of a team of strangers, to listen, think and be responsible for deciding the guilt or innocence of a person we do not, and will likely never, know.

In my ears I could hear, over and over, the words of our Torah "Tzedec tzedec tirdof...righteousness/justice, righteousness/justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20). This verse teaches us how honourable and meticulous judges must be in upholding the law. Our Rabbis teach that the repetition of the word "tzedec" underscores that it is not enough to be righteous, or just; we must be a rodef—a pursuer of righteousness/justice, and we must use just methods to bring justice.

Beth Tzedec—the House of Righteousness/Justice—champions the sacred task of acting righteously and providing opportunities to pursue righteousness and justice. Our Jewish Service Network trip is a social action project for our youth. Our *Eight Days of Tikkun*

Olam program that will take place during Ḥanukkah is your chance to do a righteous act and help others in our community and beyond. Our Ḥesed Committee steps up daily with food, toiletries, warm clothing and visits for those in need. Our Adult Education programs bring learning to life and teach us ways to act with righteousness to achieve righteous ends. We live what we say and that is truly beautiful.

As I sat, day after day, with strangers from different backgrounds, lifestyles and parts of the community, we got to know each other, how we thought and how we felt on more issues than we all might have imagined. We took our role seriously. We felt socially responsible, showing up on time, and keeping our deliberations on point to pursue a just result. We could not talk about the details to anyone, and we had to stay focused and keep only the evidence in the forefront of our minds. The days were quite tedious, though tempered by the knowledge that we were *rodfei tzedec*—pursuers of justice.

My jury duty immersed me in a world that demanded the application of the Jewish values of fairness and justice in a real life situation on a very different stage. It was a reminder that we are always challenged to recognize how Torah can be relevant in our day-to-day lives.

During the breaks and at night, while I was catching up on the affairs of the Congregation, making calls to staff, the Executive, the Board and to members at large, everyone understood the challenge, and this made my task that more *kadosh*. Everyone stepped up and picked up a little extra while I was away, and I want to say thank you—you all played a role in allowing me to do my part in pursuing justice, with justice.

When I started jury duty, the days were warm and there were still leaves on the trees. Only a few weeks later, the world has changed dramatically: Shabbat comes earlier and we spend more time indoors. Yet, if you look at our Beth Tzedec calendar, you will still see so many programs and exciting activities to enjoy. Take time for yourself and embrace the excitement of learning and social action here at 1700 Bathurst Street.

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



Shabbat Shirah—A Happening!

THE WORD IS OUT ON THE BETH TZEDEC SHABBAT SHIRAH weekend! Our Shabbat Shirah has grown into something that people look forward to with great anticipation.

Each year, we welcome a special musical Scholar-in-Residence to entertain us at the Erev Shabbat dinner, to teach us in a Sermon-in-Song on Shabbat morning and to add to the revelry of our Saturday night Community Concert. Past guests have included renowned cantors, singers, composers, artistic directors, publishers of Jewish music and more.

The Saturday night Community Concert is different from any other musical event of the year. Each year, Toronto's top vocalists and musicians join our Cantor Simon Spiro for an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

Don't miss Shabbat Shirah Weekend this year. Mark your calendars for January 30 and 31, when our special musical Scholar-in-Residence will be Professor Josh Jacobson, founder and artistic director of the famed Zamir Chorale.











Reflections and New Beginnings

THREE OF MY WIFE'S CLOSEST FRIENDS

have birthdays within days of hers. As a result, every year since 2008, we celebrate her birthday with these ladies and their husbands. At the dinner celebration this year each couple spoke about something significant that happened in their lives since the last birthday gathering. We see each other during the year, so the purpose of this wasn't to fill each other in, but rather to publicly acknowledge something which we found to be meaningful. The comments were varied—recovering from a health scare, completing a major home renovation, welcoming a first grandson.

This retrospection got me thinking. We have many markers throughout the year when we say Sheheheyanu and when we look forward to moving ahead—Rosh Hashanah, of course, and January 1, birthdays and anniversaries, too. But how often do we reflect back on something significant that happened to us in the previous 12 months? More than that, how often do we consider beginning a new significant project but talk ourselves out of it for any number of reasons? We're too old, we don't know if we'll be around to complete it, it would be much too time consuming given the rest of our responsibilities in our day-to-day lives.

I was fascinated to learn that my father-in-law, while a full-time rabbi with a wife and four young children, enrolled in science courses at the nearby university and started working toward another degree. It was a slow and arduous process, and his friends would constantly ask him, "Why would you want to do this? You'll be in your 40s by the time you finish." His optimistic response? "Well, I'll be

in my 40s anyway." In fact, he earned a PhD in molecular biology at the age of 42, which enabled him to work in Israel as a research scientist when he later took his rabbinical sabbatical.

In his 80s, Saul Goldstein^{zⁿ}, beloved father of our past president Roger Goldstein, took classes at the University of Toronto, earning his bachelor's degree in psychology at the age of 90. He received a standing ovation at graduation from the entire class.

And at the age of 99, Bel Kaufman, the granddaughter of Sholem Aleichem, began teaching a course on Jewish humour at her alma mater, New York's Hunter College. She turned 100 years old during her first semester of instruction.

There's a lot to be learned from these people. *Kol Hat'chalot Kashot* is translated as "All beginnings are difficult". It has another translation: All beginnings are questions. We can never know how something will turn out when we start, but we owe it to ourselves to begin it.

Anyone who has driven from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is familiar with the sight of the tree-covered hills surrounding the roads. One cannot help but marvel at these man-made forests, created by tens of thousands of people who planted every sapling by hand. Even here in Ontario, when we visit an apple orchard up north or the beautiful vineyards in Niagara-on-the-Lake, we should take note that we enjoy the fruits (literally) of the labours of people who had the vision to plant something long ago.

In 1969, a Jewish choral conductor named Josh Jacobson got together a group of volunteer choristers to perform Jewish music in Boston.



Now, 45 years later, Josh Jacobson's renowned Zamir Chorale is not only "still around" but it has become North America's foremost Jewish choral ensemble, with 21 recordings and numerous international tours to its credit, as well as serving as the subject of a documentary film. I am thrilled to announce that Josh Jacobson will be our Musical Scholar-in-Residence this year for Shabbat Shirah. He'll be speaking throughout the weekend, sharing unique insights to enthrall and anecdotes to entertain. Please make a point to join us for this magnificent Shabbat Shirah weekend.

Along those lines, I'm excited to invite you to join me in our newest musical venture: The Vinyl Chorus. This is for any and all Beth Tzedec members and their friends who like to sing. We'll be singing a wide variety of music and performing in concert with professional musicians at the end of the year. Don't let the name fool you; the music will be current as well as classic. The singers will guide the direction we take. I would love to have you join me in song! Please contact Marlene Laba at mlaba@beth-tzedec.org to enroll.

Entering 2015, decide on a new project and don't shy away from it. Take a class. Join a chorus. Write your memoir. Learn Torah. Plant a seed, or at least a metaphoric seed, and help it grow. Begin something without talking yourself out of it. In 12 months, celebrate as you look back and marvel at what you have been able to accomplish.

Beth Tzedec was once merely an idea shared by a small group of people and look where we are today, 60 years later! To new beginnings.

This optimistic response: wen, Thi be perform Jewish music in Boston.

The Ralph & Roslyn Halbert Visiting Scholar

PROFESSOR LEE LEVINE

Challenges Confronting the Jewish State: What We Learn from the Maccabean Experiment



Monday, December 1 to Wednesday, December 3

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Jews and Judaism in Palestine (70-640 CE): A New Historical Paradigm 4:00 PM at the University of Toronto (Jackman Humanities Bldg., Rm 100) Open to all. For more information on this session, call 416-978-1624.

Tuesday, December 2

What Triggered the Maccabean Revolt?

7:30 PM at Beth Tzedec

Did Alexander the Great's conquest of the East lead to Hellenization among the Jews, to their persecution, and finally to the Maccabean revolt?

Wednesday, December 3

Were the Maccabees Religious Extremists or Prudent Politicians? 7:30 PM at Beth Tzedec

What do we know about the religious compromises and political policies of the Maccabees? What was the mixture of accommodation and confrontation, diplomacy and aggression?



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COMMENTARY Rav Adam Cutler

To Sleep, Perchance to Sin

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AS I WRITE, SITTING AT HOME ON MY COUCH, I'M LISTENING to my two year old son singing in his crib, fighting sleep, as his mother and I desperately want him to nap. Especially in the first six months, Jacob was a poor sleeper. With another child on the way soon, sleep (or the future lack thereof) is very much on my mind.

The Book of Proverbs (6:9-10) castigates the lazy, assuming that he brings himself to impoverishment. "How long will you lie there you sluggard, when will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a thief, scarcity like an armed man."

Our tradition equally understands oversleeping as being detrimental to a life of Torah study. Indeed, a late great-uncle of mine was rumoured to sleep no more than three hours per night, waking himself up by sticking his feet in ice water, in order to spend more time immersed in our ancient texts. Fittingly, *Pirkei Avot* teaches that *miyyut shayna*, minimizing sleep, is one of the 48 attributes necessary for the acquisition of Torah. Moreover, in our tradition, sleep is regarded as 1/60 of death.

Despite its negative associations, sleep is something to which I look forward, for in the morning I get to say *Modeh Ani*. Upon awakening, I get to thank God for

returning my soul to me, enabling me to live another day. Sleep gives us an appreciation for life. I sometimes think of the biblical Adam and how our *midrashim* imagine his emotional state when he went to sleep for the first time. He must have been terrified, not knowing that sleep was only a temporary departure from this world. Choosing to let go of active consciousness is taking a leap of faith.

I also love the night time ritual with Jacob—putting on his pyjamas, brushing his teeth, reading stories and singing the Bedtime *Sh'ma*. Before we go to sleep we affirm our faith through the recitation of the *Sh'ma*. We sing the blessing recited by the biblical Jacob to his grandchildren Ephraim and Menashe. "*HaMalakh HaGoel Oti* —The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads. May my name live on in them and the names of my forefathers Abraham and Isaac. And may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

While we are commanded to take care of our bodies, pointing toward a Jewish requirement for sufficient healthful sleep, we must always be aware of what we may miss when we oversleep. When we open our eyes in the morning, let us always be thankful for the new day ahead.

Update: Naptime failed. More time for Jacob to play.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner for Young Professionals



Our Jewish Responsibility to Help: The Challenges Facing Native Canadians

Friday, November 28 / 6:00 PM at Holy Blossom Temple

What can we do to support First Nations individuals in our community? As Canadian Jews and young professionals, we are aware of our obligation to assist others in society. Join us for *davening*, dinner and a panel discussion with Native Canadians featuring activities illustrating the challenges facing the Aboriginal community and hope for the future. Cost: \$25, including kosher chicken dinner.

Register online at tinyurl.com/nefyrax or call Elana Fehler at Holy Blossom Temple at 416-789-3291 ext. 221.

Sponsored by Annex Shul, Beth Tzedec Congregation, Holy Blossom Temple, Temple Sinai and Ve'ahavta.





That Home-y Feeling

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I WRITE THIS ARTICLE WHILE TAKING A

most welcome break from unpacking. Rachel, Mira and I have just moved into our new house. We feel very fortunate that we are able to stay in the Beth Tzedec neighbourhood, and we look forward to sharing our home with the community.

After we bought our house, but before we moved in, we started talking and thinking about room layouts. Our home has an open concept living and dining room, and the bulk of the conversations revolved around which of these two spaces should be situated at the front of the house. We even downloaded an interior design app, measured the rooms and our furniture and started playing around with different possibilities.

We both knew that the conventional layout would dictate having the living room at the front, yet we kept coming back to the idea of putting our dining room there. We talked about how we wanted that first room of our house to be a statement about who we are

as a family. We wanted people to walk into our home and see our dining room table where we gather with family and friends on Shabbat and holidays. We wanted guests to see how important Jewish practice and ritual are to us by coming face to face with our Shabbat candlesticks, kiddush cups and hallah board. We wanted to show how much of our family life revolves around the moments and memories that have already taken place at that table and the plans we have for more gatherings and celebrations in the future.

There is no more powerful tool in passing on Jewish rituals and traditions than one's home. It is more effective than formal Jewish schooling and Jewish summer camp. Think about memories you may have from child-hood that relate to Judaism, and I guarantee that the majority of them are set in your childhood home, your grandparents' home or the house of another relative; and I have no doubt that many of the Jewish rituals you

partake in today are either copies or adaptations of rituals and practices inherited from the homes of family and friends.

For all that we and our children can learn in Jewish educational settings—be they day school, supplementary or congregational school, summer camp, Israel trips, adult learning classes and so on—it has the potential to be for naught if not reinforced at home. For that, we at Beth Tzedec are here to help. We can assist you in taking on new rituals, learning the meaning behind rituals you may already be performing and adding new rituals to your repertoire.

We are approaching the season where we spend a lot more time in our homes. As we retreat inside for the winter, I hope that each of us makes our home a space of love, of caring, of meaning and of Jewish connection. And as for which room is in the front of our house, just ask to come over and have a look.

Havurat HaSefer Contemporary Jewish Philosophy Reading Group

Wednesdays—November 26, December 10, January 14, February 4 & 25, March 11, April 15, May 6 & 27 and June 17

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Ḥavurat HaSefer is Beth Tzedec's newest book club. Join us as we study and discuss contemporary and accessible books of Jewish philosophy. Limited spaces available. RSVPs required. No charge.

For information or to RSVP, please contact Rav Adam Cutler at 416-781-3514 ext. 219 or ravadam@beth-tzedec.org.

Making Hanukkah Count

You can make these eight days more meaningful and memorable with your children.

HANUKKAH IS THE HOLIDAY WHEN WE

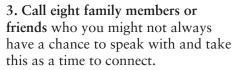
commemorate the miracle of the tiny oil jug that lit the menorah for eight days, when everyone thought it would only last for one. Today we celebrate by lighting candles and eating delicious oily foods. Have you ever thought about enhancing your celebration or adding to your wonderful traditions?

Hanukkah is the only holiday that lasts eight days and doesn't have the restrictions of Yom Tov or Pesah. This means that we have lots of potential and opportunity to make it more meaningful.

Below are eight suggestions for how you can make Hanukkah extraspecial this year:

1. Eight days of Tikkun Olam: Sit down with your family and see how you can contribute to Beth Tzedec's Eight Days of Tikkun Olam project, where we collect various items for

2. Hanukkah around the world: Research how Hanukkah is celebrated around the world and celebrate a little differently with your family for at least one night.



- 4. Get messy in the kitchen: Pick a traditional latke recipe and a new recipe with a twist and do a family taste test. Which do you prefer? Try these apple cinnamon sweet potato latkes: www.ca.momtastic.com/food/ 372659-cinnamon-sweet-potatoapple-latkes-recipe.
- 5. Miracles like the tiny oil jug that burned for eight days: Talk with your family about what you're thankful for. What are the "miracles" in your family? Of course, make sure you light the candles commemorating that little jug of oil!

6. One special night: Assign each family member to be in charge of making one night of Hanukkah special. They might pick a special story to read, a game to play, a new food to eat, a tzedakah idea to do, etc. Who knows? You may come up with a new family Hanukkah tradition.

7. Honour the Hanukkah heroes: Do you know the stories of Judah HaMacabi, Judith and Hannah? Talk with your family about these figures and your personal heroes.

8. Arts and crafts: There are lots of hands-on ways to make Hanukkah more special in your home. A great way to start is with how your house looks. Since we are celebrating for eight days, let's make everything feel festive. Here is a link to 51 ideas for Hanukkah crafts: www.everythingmom.com/activities/51hanukkah-craft-ideas.







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



donation.



Friday, February 20 at 4:30 pm

Join us for a special Tot Shabbat dinner with games, activities and a puppet show for your tots! Cost: \$36 adults; \$18 youth (ages 5 to 14); \$6 children (ages 1 to 4). Dinner by advance reservation only by Monday, February 16.

Shabbat @ Beth Tzedec

Youth Shabbat

December 6, beginning at 8:45 AM
Children and teens take over the Sanctuary
Service for a special Youth Shabbat.
Everyone—young and old—is welcome to
attend! At II:00 AM, parents can bring
younger children for Tot Shabbat with
exciting activities aprovided by Jewnior

Games. A special Kiddush will follow.

Family Shabbat

January 17, beginning at 10:00 AM

The Little Minyan Family Service offers a lively and engaging prayer service with participation from youth, teens and families. It incorporates singing and familiar tunes, marks upcoming birthdays with a special aliyah, includes a full Torah reading and offers many ways for participants to connect. From II:00 to II:40 AM, participants can join Daniel Silverman for **Shabbat Learning** and an innovative look at the week's parashah and other relevant topics before rejoining the service for Musaf. From II:00 AM to 12:00 NOON, kids ages 6 to 12 meet for **Junior Congregation** and enjoy a Family Shabbat extravaganza with games, prizes and fun, while younger children and their parents participate in **Tot Shabbat** with exciting activities and fun games provided by Jewnior Games. We conclude every Family Shabbat with a delicious Family Lunch in the L'Chaim Lower Hall. Eat, drink and schmooze with friends both old and new.

Torah Tots

(ages 3 to 5)

10:15 AM to 12:00 NOON

Every Shabbat and Yom Tov (except when their is a Family Shabbat and during the

December school break). Drop your children off or join them for singing, stories, free play and a snack.

Junior Congregation

(ages 6 to 12)

10:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Every Shabbat and Yom Tov except during the December school break (II:00 AM on Family Shabbat). A dynamic program with activities, games, engaging and creative prayer, unique looks at the *parashah* and holidays, and quality time with our *shinshinim*. Junior Congregation is divided into two groups based on age and will often regroup for exciting programs together.

Young Shamashim

Following Services on November 22 & 29, December 20 and January IO & I7

An intensive program for B'nei Mitzvah candidates interested in improving their davening—an essential |ewish skill. Following services, meet for a nosh, zemirot and learning.

Teen Shabbat Lunch

Shabbat, November 29 I2:00 NOON to I:30 PM

Enjoy a Shabbat lunch get-together...and the opportunity to *schmooze* and discuss the latest hot topics with other teens.

For Children in Grades I to 3

Camp Party Night at Beth Tzedec Saturday, November 29

6:30 to 8:30 PM

Join us for an evening of camp activities! Enjoy games, food and fun with friends old and new. Pizza and snacks will be served. Advance reservation required by Monday, November 24.

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For Children in Grades I to 5

Shabbat Sports & Games

Every Shabbat 2:30 to 4:00 PM

Programming alternates weekly between games with our *shinshinim* Ofir and Or and hockey organized by high school students Aaron, Max and Sam. There is no better way to spend a Shabbat afternoon.

For Children in SK to Grade 5 (Nitzanim & Kokhavim)

Cook & Shook for Kokhavim

(for Grades 3 to 5)

Tuesdays, November 18 and December 16 4:00 to 5:30 PM

Cook & Shook for Nitzanim

(for SK to Grade 2)

Tuesdays, December 9 and |anuary I3 4:00 to 5:00 PM

Join Ofir and Or and learn to make amazing new recipes and take-home treats. While your food is cooking, enjoy bits of Israeli culture from the *shook*, the Israeli marketplace! Cost: \$5

Lights, Camera, Latkes!

Sunday, December 7 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Come make latkes and *sufganiyot* with our *shinshinim* and take part in the making of a fun shul video. Cost: \$5

For Children in Grades 5 and 6

Israeli Movie Night

Saturday, December 6 6:15 to 9:15 PM

Enjoy popcorn, candy and drinks, and get cozy for a movie night with Ofir and Or. Cost: \$5

For Children in Grades 7 and 8

Girls Night with Ofir

Saturday, December I3 7:00 to I0:00 PM

Hey Girls: Join Ofir for a night of food, games and hanging out. Cost: \$5

Boys Night with Or

Saturday, December I3 7:00 to I0:00 PM

Hey Guys: Join Or for a night of sports, snacks and hanging out. Cost: \$5 SPONSORED BY BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

For Children in Grade 8

Grade 8 Hadashot

Monday, December I5 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Join Ofir and Or at Aroma Café as we discuss what is going on in our homeland. Whether you are confident in your understanding of Israeli current events or interested in learning more, this is an informal atmosphere for conversation.

For Teens in Grades 9 to 12 (BTTeens)

Holla for Ḥallah

Thursday, November 20 6:30 to 7:00 PM

A great chance to come together, bake delicious ḥallah for Shabbat and engage in interesting discussions with friends.
Advance registration required by Tuesday, November 18.

Charity Dodgeball Tournament

Sunday, November 30 I:00 to 3:00 PM

Duck, dodge and dive in our third annual Charity Dodgeball Tournament. Make a team of six players and register. Guys and girls are encouraged to sign up. All proceeds benefit *Right to Play*. Volunteer hours available. Winning team will receive a gift certificate to Aroma Café. Minimum contribution: \$10. Team registration required by Wednesday, November 26.

Hadashot for **BTTeens**

Wednesday, December 10 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Meet Ofir and Or at Aroma Café to discuss the latest *hadashot* (news) from Israel.

Tikkun Olam Project for BTTeens and Seniors

Sunday, |anuary 18 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Teens and seniors can learn a lot from one another. Come together for a *mitzvah* project making lunches for Youth Without Shelter while getting to know members of another generation. Cost: \$5

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.

For Families

Eight Days of *Tikkun Olam* Kick-Off: A Family Ḥanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 14 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Help us kick off this annual *mitzvah* project and participate in eight fun stations that will get you in the holiday spirit. Fun for families of all ages. No charge.

Family Fun Day

Thursday, December 25 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Looking for something exciting to do with your family on December 25? Join us for our sixth annual Family Fun Day! Three hours of activities and programs for children of all ages including crafts, bouncy castles, DJ Bounce Entertainment, sports, games, tikkun olam opportunities and more. Cost: \$10 per person; \$40 per family. Pay by Monday, December 22 for discounted admission. Lunch available at an additional cost.

Sponsored by the beth tzedec men's club

Havdalah and Skating @ RINX

Saturday, January 17 6:15 to 8:00 PM

Bring your skates and helmets and join us for a havdalah sing-along and skating @ RINX (65 Orfus Road). Fun for the whole family. Some might say this is Beth Tzedec's version of *Frozen!* No charge. Pizza and snacks served after skating. Advance registration required by Tuesday, January 13.

B) Hibrary Story Time



Sundays—November 30, March 22, April 19 and May 31 11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Come out for a cozy morning of stories, songs, games and other activities that revolve around the PJ Library book of the month. No charge.





The many creative ways we experience Shabbat

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

Sanctuary Services 8:45 AM, every Shabbat.

For everyone. Our musical Sanctuary Service offers a complete spiritual and liturgical Shabbat experience.

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

Little Minyan Services 9:30 AM, *every Shabbat except when there is a Family Shabbat*. For those looking to be more actively involved in the worship experience, the Little Minyan offers 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 Shabbat beginning at 10:00 AM, Shabbat mornings, January 17 and February 7. Youth, teens and families join the Little Minyan for an engaging prayer service. At 11:00 AM, enjoy Shabbat Learning with Daniel Silverman while kids ages 6 to 12 meet for Junior Congregation and younger children and their parents participate in Tot Shabbat. Everyone rejoins the service for concluding prayers before the Family Shabbat lunch.

Youth Services *See* pages 20 and 21 for further details.

Junior Congregation (Ages 6 to 12) at 10:30 AM every Shabbat (11:00 AM on Family Shabbat) except during the December school break. A dynamic program with activities, games, engaging and creative prayer, unique looks at the parashah and holidays, and quality time with our shinshinim.

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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

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 November 22, December 20 and January 17. Enjoy your Kiddush and study the weekly *parashah* with our Cantor. Explore fascinating commentaries of Rashi and other great sages, all presented with passion and knowledge by our amusing *Hazzan*.

Torah Next Dor with Rabbi Adam Cutler

II:00 AM on December 20 and January I7. Join Young Professionals@BT in Rabbi Frydman-Kohl's study, as we eat, drink and examine pressing topics from sources both ancient and modern.

Iewish Meditation with Michelle Katz

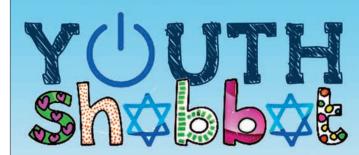
10:00 to 11:15 AM on November 29 and December 20. See page 42 for further details.

| YOUR GUIDE TO Torah and Haftarah Readings | | | | | |
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| November 22 | 29 Ḥeshvan | Toldot Shabbat Mevarkhim | Genesis 25:19-28:9 I Samuel 20:18-42 | 146-161 1215-1218 | |
| November 29 | 7 Kislev | Vayeitzei | Genesis 28:10-32:3 Hosea 12:13-14:10 | 166-187 188-193 | |
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| December 27 | 5 Tevet | Vayigash | Genesis: 44:18-47:27 Ezekiel 37:15-28 | 274-289 290-292 | |
| January 3 | I2 Tevet | Vayeḥi | Genesis 47:28-50:26 I Kings 2:1-12 | 293-311 312-314 | |
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Page numbers refer to the Etz Ḥayim Ḥumash. See the Calendar of Events for service times. Call Lorne Hanick at 416-781-3514 ext. 240 if you would like an aliyah on Shabbat or a holiday.

Exodus 6:2-9:35

Ezekiel 28:25-29:21



26 Tevet

Va'eira

Shabbat Mevarkhim

January 17

Shabbat morning, December 6 beginning at 8:45 AM

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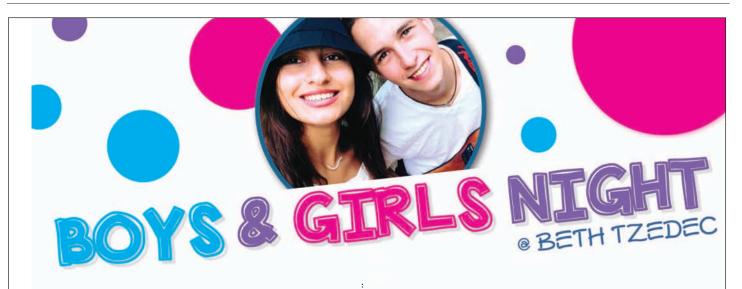
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Josh Flaster, a Yale graduate who made aliyah in 2006, will speak about his experiences in the IDF and the founding of the Lone Soldier Centre.

Junior Congregation participants join the Youth Shabbat service, and younger children and parents can enjoy Tot Shabbat from 11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON.

For information or to request an aliyah or role in service, please contact Daniel Silverman at 416-781-3514 ext. 231 or dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org.



Girls Night @ Beth Tzedec

for girls in Grades 7 and 8

Saturday, December 13 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Hey Ladies: Join Ofir for a night of food, games and hanging out. Cost: \$5

Boys Night @ Beth Tzedec for boys in Grades 7 and 8

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BEYOND THE CHUPPAH BECOMING A COUPLE

A marriage preparation group for couples who are going to be married in the next year.

Topics include: Changing roles and expectations, finances, conflict negotiation and resolution, communication, and |ewish home and family life. This program is offered by |ewish Family & Child in partnership with the Rabbinical Assembly-Ontario Region.

5 Thursdays, beginning January 29 through February 26 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Beth Tzedec

Participants can register online at www.jfandcs.com by selecting Life Skills from Jewish Family Life Education Programs menu or calling 416-638-7800



Strategic Planning Update

If you will it, it is no dream! But if you build it, will they come?

Beth Tzedec's 60th Anniversary next year, we are reviving our strategic planning process. Our task is to make recommendations to the Board

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING

planning process. Our task is to make recommendations to the Board about where we are headed as we plan for the future of Beth Tzedec as a Community Destination for Jewish Living.

To accomplish that, our Committee intends to examine how Beth Tzedec currently operates; evaluate our strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities; identify the values and goals that are important to the future of our community; and set out the principles and priorities that will guide us as we move forward.

Continuing the work that was begun over the last several years, we have reviewed past Strategic Plans; examined our existing physical plant and the proposed renovation plans; spoken with clergy, staff, committee chairs and lay volunteers; and reviewed our current programming.

In addition, we have identified a number of leading North American synagogues and are studying, both using the Internet and in person where possible (but at no cost to Beth Tzedec), the changes they have implemented, the reasons why, the challenges they have faced and the successes they have achieved, with a view to considering whether any such programs and initiatives might be appropriate for our community.

We hope you will participate in this process, whether by attending future town hall meetings, participating in small discussion groups, or sending us your thoughts by email to stratplanning@beth-tzedec.org. (And please send us an email if you would like to be notified when the town hall meeting dates are set.) You can also leave a phone message for us at the Synagogue office (416-781-3511)

and we will return your call and make ourselves available to talk or meet with you to listen to what you have to say.

We want—and need—your input on the direction that our Congregation should take, and we hope you will share with us your frank views and opinions about the kinds of changes you would (and would not) like to see at Beth Tzedec. Please be in touch.

With your help, we will create a plan for our future that is filled with the optimism, excitement and practicality that guided the merger that created Beth Tzedec Congregation almost 60 years ago.

> —Carolyn Kolers and Larry Wallach Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs





Sunday, January 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Teens and seniors can learn a lot from one another. Come together for a *mitzvah* project making lunches for Youth Without Shelter while getting to know members of another generation. Cost: \$5

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



Out of the Cold 2015

The I6th season of Out of the Cold runs on Tuesday nights, from January 6 through March 24. The program is run jointly with Beth Sholom out of their premises. Last year, each week, we fed close to 200 guests and provided sleeping accommodations and breakfast for 55 people. We are always looking for new volunteers of any age to join our team. Visit the Beth Tzedec website for volunteer registration information. Shifts are approximately two hours in length, and volunteers can sign up for the dinner set-up, dinner service, distribution of warm clothing/art program, overnight shifts and breakfast preparation on Wednesday morning. This program is also an excellent bar/bat mitzvah project, and community service hours are provided to high school students. It is a wonderful opportunity to participate in *tzedakah* and help those who are less fortunate in our community.

Out of the Cold is completely self-funded, relying on donations from members of the Congregation and the community at large. We are always in need of new or gently used adult clothing, specifically down coats and ski jackets, boots, running shoes, sweatpants and sweatshirts, as well as new or gently used sleeping bags and warm blankets. Hotel-size toiletries are always welcome. Donations should be bagged, labeled and dropped off at Beth Sholom, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. There is also a bin in the main hallway of Beth Tzedec for donations of personal care items.

Any large donations of NEW items, such as t-shirts, underwear, sweatpants, sweatshirts, toiletries, as well as items including coffee, tea, tuna, paper products (plates, cutlery, and cups), industrial size garbage bags and latex gloves will be eligible for a tax receipt for the value of the goods.

Driving the Elderly to Synagogue

Volunteers are needed to drive members to and from Synagogue on an occasional basis. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Synagogue office.

Visiting or Chatting with the Elderly

Our program of matching volunteers to either call or visit those living in seniors' residences has been very successful. We are always looking for more volunteers who are interested in visiting the elderly at their residence or retirement home, or just becoming a phone pal. Many people are lonely and are very appreciative when someone takes the time to make them feel special. It is a flexible opportunity as you can choose how much time you can offer. It is also a wonderful opportunity for bar/bat mitzvah-age students to participate in with their parents or grandparents.

Hesed Fund Occasion Cards

Hesed cards are available for purchase through the Synagogue office for all your family occasions. Contributions help support a variety of Hesed projects throughout the year.

Thursday Games Afternoon—A Huge Success

The Games Afternoon program, which began in April, is held every Thursday starting at 2:00 PM (I:30 PM for Bridge). This social activity has become very successful, and we now have over 35 participants each week, most of whom play Mahjong, with a small but dedicated group who enjoy Bridge. We recently began a second four-week session of *Mahj* instruction, offered by Mona Moldaver. New players are always welcome. There have been numerous requests for weekly Chess matches. If you would like to join, or if you would be interested in volunteering to provide instruction to beginner Chess players, please contact me.

If anyone has a spare Bridge table and/or a Mahjong set that they would like to donate to our program, it would be greatly appreciated.

Canasta Lessons

We will be offering Canasta lessons in the spring. If you are intested in signing up for this tutorial program, call the Synagogue office.

—Maureen Tanz Chair, Hesed Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

Computers and You: A Skills Development Workshop

Mondays, March 23 to May 4 from I:30 to 3:30 PM. A six-part series to help you improve your computer skills. Watch for details.

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 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| January 13 to June 9 (21 classes) | January 14 to June 10 (20 classes) | January 16 to June 12 (20 classes) |
| Members \$295 | Members \$280 | Members \$280 |
| Non-Members \$395 | Non-Members \$375 | Non-Members \$375 |

Drop-ins welcome where space permits. Please call before coming. Fees for individual classes: \$15 Members / \$18 Non-Members. For registration, space availability or program information, contact Jo Swartz at 416-781-3514 ext. 230 or jswartz@beth-tzedec.org.

Planning a Party?

Applause Catering is the exclusive caterer at Beth Tzedec Congregation. We provide our clients with customized, creative and delectable menu selections, in addition to assisting with theme, décor, rentals, staffing and entertainment.

For your next simcha, our extraordinary team will deliver a flawless event and create lasting memories for you and your guests.

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Happy Hanukkah



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We warmly welcome our newest members

Every member is an integral part of the Beth Tzedec community. We encourage you to take part in the many spiritual, educational and social programs we offer, and we look forward to your presence and involvement!

Suzanne Carson Vlad Pletnev & Carly Chalom Alla Pletneva Cecil Cramer Mark Poznansky & Matthew & Suzanne Farb Ilona Feldman Phyllis Fien Galina Psavka David Finkelstein & Rachel Urowitz Herbert & Janet Goldberg Donald Smith Hirsch Goodman Lauren Tatner James Greenspan & Alvse Wasserman Mariana Mantilla Ionathan Hausman & Scott Winnick David Winter & Stacy Rosen Jay Heller & Anita Herczeg Natalie Berens Jason Hendeles Bruno Hevmann & Cynthia Killner (children of members) Adam & Laura Hirsh Donald Hoffer Tamara Abrams Sonita Horvitch

Adam & Rebecca Paul Anton & Ilana Rabie Arnold & Barbara Shell Michelle Fleishman Matthew Zegman &

New 18 Year Old Members

David Beallor Maddie Beallor Deborah Benhamu Lauryn Berliner Will Biderman Iamie Blustein Benjamin Carson **Jacob Carson** Mara Carson

Shavna Chalom Tiphaera Ziner Cohen Tasha Eisen Noah Flatt Samantha Fogel Philip Givens Alexander Good Alexander Griff Lucas Gwartz Cole Halbert Samantha Hussman Shira Karney Adam Kirshenblatt Marlon Kubes Zachary Leranbaum Sloane Lester Hannah Lidsky Savannah Liss Raquel Almeida Margulies Samantha Matti

Becca Moss Joshua Nash Carly Newton Arielle Opler Matthew Pollock William Promislow Laura Radzinski Ofir Rosen **Iustin Rother** Hanna Schacter

Brooke Schiff Eden Shaul Harrison Shillinger Alexander Sigel Bram Silver Daniel Shade Silver Danielle Silver Seth Silver **Julia Simon** Madeleine Slatt Kimberly Snow Jocelyn Speyer Jamie Spiegel Samuel Springer Courtney Steinhart Charlie Stone Noah Suissa Adam Sussman Charlotte Tyber Corey Urback Ioshua Walters Aaron Weiss **Iames Weiss** Svdnev Wilson Billie Zidel

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Tammy Kerbel

Ayla Lefkowitz

Marie Mandel

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Eric & Judy Moncik

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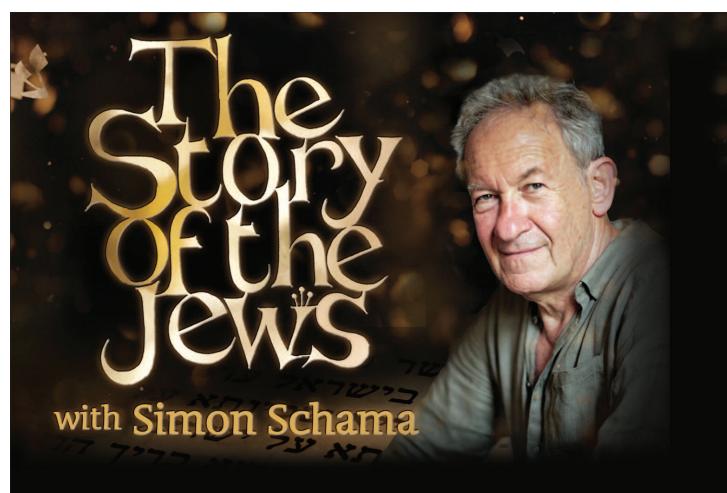
Christine Mason

Sara Lerner

Elle Brooke Rothschild born October I. 2014.

Beth Tzedec is always excited to invite the newest and cutest family members into our community, and now we are doing so in style! All newborns will receive Beth Tzedec onesies to proudly show their affiliation with our Synagogue. In supporting parents who are welcoming new life into the world, we are already beginning to think about future *smahot*. The onesies feature a design that says "Beth Tzedec Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class of 2027". Over the next couple of months, and as these children begin to grow, we look forward to seeing them around Beth Tzedec, especially when wearing their onesies. We also look forward to ordering next year's line of clothing and welcoming our 2028 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class to our community.

If you would like to learn more about this initiative, request a onesie for a new member of the Beth Tzedec community or offer your support to this project, please contact Jo Swartz at jswartz@beth-tzedec.org or 416-781-3514 ext. 230.



Sundays, January 18 & 25, February 8, 15 & 22 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Following morning services and breakfast, join us to view this five-episode PBS series in which award-winning author Simon Schama looks at 3,000 years of Jewish history and examines the impact Jews have had on the world amidst the drama of suffering, resilience and rebirth. No charge.

Breakfast and program sponsored by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club



Mark Your Calendars:

The 3rd Annual Beth Tzedec Men's Club Golf Classic tees off on Thursday, May 28 at Kings Riding Golf Club. The day begins with registration at I2:00 NOON, followed by a barbecue lunch and shotgun start at I:30 PM. The day concludes at the I9th hole with an hors d'oeuvres reception.

Men's Club Makes a Difference

Sunnybrook Shabbat

By the time you have read this *Bulletin*, we will have celebrated our first Sunnybrook Shabbat, which was held on November I. Our thanks to all those who attended and helped lead the services. Due to a conflict in dates, we have changed the date for our next Sunnybrook Shabbat. It will now be held on May 30 from I0:00 AM to I2:00 NOON with a Kiddush following. Please contact Jerry Grammer at 905-889-8769 or jaygee1937@gmail.com for more information.



Each year, the Men's Club provides scholarships to deserving candidates pursuing higher |ewish education or cantorial studies, teaching students with disabilities and studying the arts. For information about the 2015 scholarship program, email Hersh Rosenthal at hershr@rogers.com.

Jules & Pearl Surdin Memorial Fund

Help give teens with emotional and developmental challenges a Jewish camp experience by making a contribution to *The Jules and Pearl Surdin*



Pictured are Yael Splansky, Senior Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple and panel moderator, together with panelists Arnold Eisen (RIGHT), Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and award-winning writer David Bezmozgis (CENTRE). Rabbi Baruch Frydman Kohl welcomed the guests and panelists.

Memorial Fund. Make a gift that will enlighten the life of a Tikvah camper at Camp Ramah in Canada. To contribute, please contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

lewish Life in the Diaspora

The Men's Club has produced a video of the Future of Jewish Life in the Diaspora, from the community event held here on October 6. To view the video, log on to YouTube and enter the title.

Men's Club Membership Cards

Renewal stickers will be mailed to all those who have renewed their Men's Club membership. All new male Beth Tzedec members will receive a complimentary card and one year membership. Membership cards qualify you for promotions offered throughout the year.



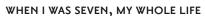
MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS & PRIVILEGES

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

My Bar Mitzvah at Camp Ramah

Benjamin Alberga share his experience of becoming bar mitzvah.



changed. I walked off the bus and arrived at camp. I would not know then that I would spend the next ten years of my life (maybe more) going to Camp Ramah in Canada for two months every year. After my first few days spent at camp, I knew that this would be a very important part of my life. But I did not know that I would experience one of the most important milestones in a Jewish boy or girl's life—a bar mitzvah—at camp. All the summers leading up to this one were great. I made lots of friends and had a ton of fun. But never was a summer so inspiring for me. After this summer, many changes occurred to my Jewish life. Before camp, I ate non-kosher food out of

the house, did not enjoy prayers so much and never really thought about my Jewish identity. After my bar mitzvah at camp, I became kosher out of the house, I enjoy praying and am very proud of my Jewish identity.

When my family and I first decided that I was having my bar mitzvah at camp, we knew it was not going to be easy. Unlike at Beth Tzedec, I did not know what to expect. I was not sure what the service would be like or which rabbi would officiate. But Cantor Ezer prepared me very well to lead the *Shaḥarit* service and read my Torah portion.

In June when it was time for me to leave home and go to camp, I was extremely nervous. I was fortunate that my older brother was on staff



portion and service for the three weeks leading up to my bar mitzvah. I had meetings with Ron Polster, the camp director, and talked with the Rabbi (Mitch Cohen) before the simhah. I became less and less nervous and more and more excited. When the day finally arrived, I

and helped me practice my Torah

when the day finally arrived, I was very happy. It was a bright and sunny day. The location at camp for my bar mitzvah was the *Bamah*, an outdoor meeting place. It looks out on Skeleton Lake and is surrounded by beautiful trees. The service went smoothly with my brother by my side and my family and friends all around me. My bar mitzvah was finished, it was perfect and I was happy to be a man.



Thank you and yasher koah to Gella Rothstein who decorated the Beth Tzedec Sukkah this year. She created a beautifully festive environment for us all to celebrate Sukkot.



|udaica expert |onathan Greenstein examined and appraised participants' personal treasures at our *Antique* |ewish Road Show and Silent Auction on October 26.

Where Do You Think You Are?

On October 6, Beth Tzedec hosted A Dialogue About the Future of Jewish Life in the Diaspora with JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen, author/filmmaker David Bezmozgis and moderator Rabbi Yael Splansky

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO JEWS IN THE DIASPORA? WILL JEWS

survive intermarriage? What role will Israel, the Holocaust and the Hebrew language play? Was Theodor Herzl, father of modern political Zionism, correct when he predicted the collapse of the Diaspora? These hotbutton questions and many others were part of a recent discussion at Beth Tzedec between The Jewish Theological Seminary's Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen, one of the world's foremost authorities on American Judaism, and award-winning author and filmmaker David Bezmozgis (*Natasha and Other Stories*, *The Betrayers*). "Where Do You Think You Are? A Dialogue About The Future of Jewish Life in the Diaspora" was moderated by Rabbi Yael Splansky, Senior Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, and the speakers were introduced by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl.

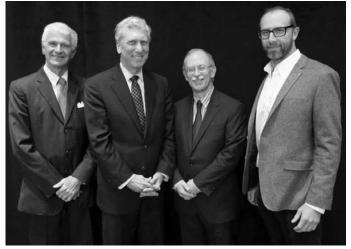
David Bezmozgis, who was born in Riga, Latvia and grew up in Canada, said that shtetl-based Judaism is, for all intents and purposes, gone. He believes that Israel represents the future, Eastern Europe and denominational divisions the past, and North America an experiment that may or may not work. "We should be teaching Hebrew even to Jews who aren't religious...If I was in charge of North American Jewry, I'd say, 'Here's a bunch of money, let's put it toward teaching Hebrew.' I would give less to Holocaust education, which I don't think is the priority now, and less money to Israel."

Chancellor Eisen, who grew up in Philadelphia and studied in Israel, said that Jews must communicate across denominational lines and find creative ways to reach out to young people. "We haven't figured out a way, outside of Israel, to connect the religious piece with the larger cultural piece in a satisfactory way. This is one of the reasons I love JTS, because we try to take up this challenge. We take religion seriously, but we also take the rest of Jewish culture seriously...and we want to bring the two together."

While anti-Semitism and exclusion helped to make the North American Jewish community more cohesive, inclusion in the larger society has made the community less unified. Said Chancellor Eisen: "We have to figure out a model now that's going to appeal to Jews where we can say, 'Okay, be Jewish. Those of you who want to come to synagogue on Shabbat, this is great. But let's [also] find Sabbath activities that are not strictly 'religious' [for others who want them].' And that would be a really important thing for this generation of Jews to develop. If I were a Federation, I'd put money there."

Rav Baruch observed: "The dialogue highlighted some of the challenges for Diaspora Jews who are engaged in both Jewish and North American culture. Beyond religious identification, what will be sufficiently compelling for young Jews? It is noteworthy that this discussion occurred in a synagogue setting, following Yom Kippur. I believe that it is in contemporary Conservative and Reform congregations that one finds the blend of spiritual insight, religious practice, cultural activity and concern for peoplehood that will enable the Jewish community to survive and thrive."









Opportunity is Knocking

OFTENTIMES, WE ARE ASKED BY MEMBERS WHO WANT TO make a contribution to honour an achievement or the memory of a loved one, how we would use the money. In a diverse and exciting synagogue, there are many opportunities to put your *tzedakah* dollars to work. We would be pleased to work with you to help you plant a seed that will help our shul grow and flourish in the years to come. Here are some of the opportunities that you might consider:

If you have been to one of our many lectures or multisession programs or have applied for a scholarship, then you may know that these are sponsored all or in part from an **Endowment Fund** gift. Endowments have been created by members who make a significant gift to establish a named fund with a special purpose, and many choose to continue to add to it during their lifetimes. The capital is preserved and the interest earned annually is used to fund the program.

Testamentary or **Planned Gifts** are left to Beth Tzedec after a member passes away. These gifts are also used to establish endowments and fund programs, lectures or special capital projects. Often, these testamentary gifts can be funded by life insurance.

Our annual Friends Campaign allows you to make a gift at a variety of levels and to have a leaf inscribed and mounted on the wall outside the Hendeles Chapel. There are three levels of "Friends" with all donations used to fund our more than 200 programs and services each year.

You may also make a **Seat Dedication** and an inscribed plaque will be put on a seat of your choosing in the Sanctuary. Seats may be dedicated to honour or memorialize a member of your family or in recognition of an achievement or celebration. **Yartzheit Plaques** on our memorial boards are also available. Both may be ordered and mounted at any time. For more information, please call Sheri Federman at 416-781-3514 ext. 220.

For smaller contributions, we maintain various Synagogue Funds with the donations being used for special purposes such as siddur inscriptions, youth initiatives or *hesed* activities. You may make a contribution and have a card sent to recognize a *simḥah*, honour the memory of a loved one or celebrate a success in your life. Our new *siddurim* present the perfect opportunity to inscribe a memorial or honour someone special. You may also wish to sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or a Daily Minyan Breakfast to mark the yartzheit of a loved one. Contributions are recognized in our *Bulletin* as noted in the "Milestones and Celebrations" section and the "Tributes" section. To make a contribution to one of our Funds, please call the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511.

Our Capital Fund is vital to enabling us to upgrade and enhance our physical plant. As we approach our 60th year at 1700 Bathurst Street, our banquet halls, foyer, washrooms and much of our infrastructure need to be upgraded. There are many naming opportunities, from major projects such as the Banquet Hall to our new accessibility ramp and our memorial boards. The Talmud states, "As my father planted for me, so do I plant for those who come after me." Past generations built our building, and today is our opportunity to continue the process and rebuild our amazing home so we may welcome and entertain for generations to come. We would be pleased to work with you individually on opportunities to fund the upgrade of any part of the shul that has a personal meaning to you. Please contact Sheldon Rotman, Blake Teichman, Norman Bacal or Randy Spiegel to discuss giving opportunities.

Be a *tzedakah* partner, join hands with Beth Tzedec and help secure our financial and physical stability today and tomorrow

For more information on giving opportunities, contact Randy Spiegel at 416-781-3514 ext. 211, email rspiegel@beth-tzedec.org, or just 'knock' on his door.



by David Kaufman
Vessels of Song: Faces
of New Yiddish Music
December 15 through February 27

TRIBUTES Memory, yahrtzeit, appreciation, thanks and honours

Annual General Fund

Debbie Bank, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Shirley Gladstone.

Enid and Graham Berg, acknowledging Marsha Joseph in memory of "Tikey" Joan Lipton.

Marjorie and Murray Collis, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Max Collis.

Dr. Lewis Freedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Ita Freedman.

Dr. Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring Paul and Gella Rothstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Hannah. Dr. Maxine Gallander Wintre, honouring Alan and Lorraine Sandler on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Hannah. Ena and Gordon Garmaise, honouring Lorne Hanick.

Howard Kirshenbaum, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Izzy Kirshenbaum** and **Abraham Isaac ben Rav Yehoshua**.

Mildred Kriezman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Rose Glazier.

Mildred Kriezman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Max Kriezman.

Karen Leiter, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Abraham Engelbaum**. Steven Levitan, commemorating the

yahrtzeit of Judith Levitan.

Barbara Merkur, commemorating the yahrzteit of **Joseph Brown**.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Harry Tobenstein.

Cheryl and Neil Silverstein and family, honouring Bernie and Elise Gropper on their 25th anniversary.

Randy and Debbie Spiegel and family, honouring **Sandy Cohen** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Lyon Wexler, honouring Lorne Hanick. Lyon Wexler, honouring Randy and Debbie Spiegel on the marriage of their daughter Yael.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Randy and Debbie Spiegel a Shanah Tovah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale a Shanah Tovah.

Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Ab Flatt, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Moses Flatt.

Michael and Rochelle Kerzner and family, honouring **Joshua Weinstein** on his Bar Mitzvah.

Daily Minyan Breakfast Fund

Catherine Adam, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Elizabeth Szirt.

Earl Berger, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Dorothy Zeifman.

Susan Born, Bonnie Singer and Freida Sherman and families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Chana (Ann) Salcman.

Mark Boxer and Debra Baserman, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Matthew**.

Rhona and Ben Carniol, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Aida Phillips**.

Rhona and Ben Carniol, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Sydney Phillips**.

Gloria Chaim, commemorating the yahrzteit of Ruth Chaim.

The Cooper, Brenzel and Soberano Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Ruth Cooper**.

The Cummings Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of George Cummings.

Ilene Flatt and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of P. Theodore Magram.

Benjamin Freedman and Malka Freedman, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Murray Harvey Freedman.

Sydney and Anna Gangbar, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Israel Gangbar.

Al Gelfant, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of **Sarah Gelfant** and **Hendele Gelfant**.

Helen Glazer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Isaac Kroch.

Helen Glazer, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Melville Potash.

Sara Wunch Glick, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Moses Kamelgarn.

Nathan Greenberg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Allan Greene.

Leila and Gary Lax and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Bella Goldstein.

Leila and Gary Lax and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Irving Goldstein.

Ruthann Lubin and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Lillian Cutler and honouring the memory of Ernest Cutler. Helen Marr and family, commemorating

the yahrtzeit of Gerald Marr.
Sam Merson and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Lorraine Merson.

Peter and Rochelle Miller, commemorating the vahrtzeit of Yale Pilz.

Harvey Minuk, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Lola Minuk.

The Nemoy and Leibel Families, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Max B. Nemoy.

The family of the late **Gilbert Newman**, commemorating his 10th yahrtzeit.

Millie Pollock, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of Muriel Gorsky.

The Posluns Family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Leah Posluns, Wilfred Posluns, Louis Posluns, Alan Brown and Mildred Cohen.

Esterita Rajsky and Rochelle Zabitsky, commemorating the yahrtzeit of William David Chananie.

Joe Rosenthal, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **David White**.

Dr. Mark and Jacqueline Rother, honouring the Bar Mitzvah of their son Benjamin.

Arnold Shell, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Carole Cohen.

The Simpson Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of **Helen Simpson**.

Rose Sobel and the Chelin Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Benjamin Chelin.

The Sobel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Ben Sobel.

The Sobel Family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Eli Sobel.

Cantor Deborah Staiman, commemorating the first yahrtzeit of Shirley Jane Staiman. Lyon Wexler, wishing Rabbi J. Benjamin and Lola Friedberg a Shanah Tovah and refuah sheleimah.

Sharon Yale, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Bernard L. Yale.

Esther Bernick Memorial Fund

Sylvia Wortsman, acknowledging Henry Bernick in memory of Esther Bernick.

Hesed Fund

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, wishing **Allan Phillips** a Shanah Tovah and *Ḥag Sameah*.

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, wishing Lyon Wexler and family a Shanah Tovah.

Faye Firestone, acknowledging Elaine Kay in memory of Jummy Kay. Helen Glazer, acknowledging Terry Cummings in memory of Sharon Litvak.

Inscribing our new Siddurim

Our tradition teaches that *mitzvah goreth mitzvah*, one *mitzvah* leads to another. The members listed below have put this ideal into practice to mark a celebration, special occasion or achievement, or to honour the memory of loved ones. To inscribe a siddur, please contact the Synagogue office.

Robin, Earl, Stephanie, Alex and Matthew Altman

Stanley Axmith and family

Seymour & Rosalee Berlin and family Diane Betel and Michele Friedlich-Pollock

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood

Sophie Brockman and family

Judy Feld Carr

Lynn Catzman and family

Allison Cepler & Michael Friedman

Brian & Amanda Cepler and family

Dr. Perry & Shirley Cooper

Rose Cooper Pearl Dennis

Arnold & Judy Diamond

The Durbin Family

Donnie Friedman

Rabbi Baruch & Josette Frydman-Kohl

Helen Glazer

Lorne & Geraldine Gold

Carole Greenberg and Margaret Singer

David & Lucille Griff Mary Ellen Herman

Michael, Risa, Jeremy, Adam and Julia Kay

Miriam, Lana, Sheldon and Angie Kerzner Jack & Florence Kimel and family Esther Korn

Eleanor & the late (Buddy) David

Krangle and family
Shirley Krem and Carey Krem

Helen Lester and family

Ruthe Mann

Helen Marr and family

Steven & Ofra Menkes and family

Marilyn & Saul Merrick

Paul & Sharon Merrick

Peter & Rochelle Miller Ruth Milne

Dr. Phyllis Nemers

Brenda Orser

Susan Pasternak and family

Dr. David & Shirley Promislow

Nancy Prussky

Sharon & Michael Pupko and family

Ian & Marlene Rattner

Joe and Diane, Cheryl, David and Sam Rosenthal

Wendy & Coleman, Adira, Jason and Samara Rotstein and Dalia Rotstein & Joseph Heller The Rother Family Gella Rothstein

Marilyn Seigel

The Siegel Family—Joel and Tammy, Laurie and Tom, and Marcie and Marilyn

Jimmy & Sigal Shekarchi

Alan, Faye, Ira and Laura Shiner

Judith Shostack

Carol & Sheldon Silver and family

Ilana, Josh, Jack and Cydney Silvertown

Sylvia Singer and family

Adrienne & Joel Slan

Rose Sobel and family

Deborah Ruth Staiman Ronald Steinberg

Beverley Stern and family

Dorothy & the late Stanley Tessis and family

Dr. Harold Weizel

Jerry & Lynda White

Lisa, Howard, Brent, Cole and Chase Winston

The Wohl and Weinstein Families

Beatrice Wortsman

The Zittell Family

May they Go from Strength to Strength

FOR 70 YEARS, BERNARD AND CARYL SCHWARTZ HAVE BEEN proud members of the Beth Tzedec family. While one side came from Goel Tzedec, the other from Beit Midrash Hagadol, both sides of this esteemed family have claims as founding families to today's Beth Tzedec. Raised through the Synagogue, their children and their children's children have and continue to celebrate life cycle events including a *brit milah*, baby namings, bat and bar mitzvah ceremonies and weddings in our shul. Beth Tzedec has always been a spiritual and educational home for the family.

This year, Caryl and Bernie decided it was time to give back to their beloved congregation. After the High Holy Days, Bernie called the Synagogue with the dual goal of offering family support to thank the Congregation for all that they had received in the past, and to help it to continue to grow in the future. With gratitude, the names of Bernard and Caryl Schwartz and family will be inscribed on our Founders Wall and their gift will be directed to helping improve our physical plant, making the Orenstein Mezzanine Hall a much improved room for family and community *smaḥot*.

The leadership, staff and membership of Beth Tzedec thank the entire Schwartz family for their wonderful gift. We hope that their generosity will be an example for others and that many more will follow in their footsteps and make commitments today and tomorrow that will help us continue to serve as a *Community Destination for Jewish Living*.

Irving and Barbara Green, honouring Harold Margles on being named *Hattan Torah*, and honouring Harold and Ruth Margles on their 50th anniversary and the birth of their new grandson.

Shanah Tovah.

Irving and Barbara Green, honouring Ralph and Judy Shiff on becoming great-grandparents.

Mariana Grinblat, wishing Prof. Arnold and Shoshana Ages a Shanah Tovah.

Mariana Grinblat, wishing Donald Carr and Judy Feld Carr a Shanah Tovah.

Mariana Grinblat, wishing Laura

Vallejos a Shanah Tovah.

Nava Jakubovicz, wishing Mark Selick a refuah sheleimah.

Mark and Jan Lapedus, acknowledging Ted Zittell and family in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell.

Harold & Ruth Margles, honouring Sandy Cohen on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Leslie and Mary Richmond and family, acknowledging Ted Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, acknowledging Ted Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell.

Paul and Gella Rothstein, honouring Rhonda Burstyn on her 85th birthday. Patti and Sheldon Rotman, acknowledging Teddy Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman, honouring Teddy and Bari Zittell on the birth of their granddaughter.

Irving and Jeanne Salit, honouring **Harold Margles** on being named *Ḥattan Torah*.

Rabbi Shalom Schachter and Marcia Gilbert, acknowledging the Krangle Family in memory of Eleanor Bernice Krangle.

Rabbi Shalom Schachter and Marcia Gilbert and family, acknowledging Teddy Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell.

Ralph and Judy Shiff, honouring Harold Margles on being named *Ḥattan Torah*. Skip and Lynn Sigel and family, wishing Rabbi Adam & Debra Cutler and family a Shanah Tovah.

Skip and Lynn Sigel and family, wishing Cantor Sidney Ezer a Shanah Tovah.

Skip and Lynn Sigel and family, wishing Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl and family a Shanah Tovah.

Skip and Lynn Sigel and family, wishing Allan and Elaine Glassman and family a Shanah Tovah.

Skip and Lynn Sigel and family, wishing Lorne Hanick a Shanah Tovah.

Skip and Lynn Sigel and family, wishing Cantor Simon & Aliza Spiro and family a Shanah Tovah.

Skip and Lynn and Deenna and Michael Sigel, wishing **Murray and Faygie Buchman** a Shanah Tovah.

Rose Sobel and family, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Vernon Chelin and Harry Sobel.

Elaine and Joseph Steiner, acknowledging Joanne and Earl Schwebel in memory of Jack M. Fine.

Elaine and Joseph Steiner, acknowledging Ted Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell.

Deborah Steinhart, acknowledging the family of the late **Jack Brody** in his memory. Mel and Ruth Steinhart, acknowledging

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Lyon Wexler, acknowledging Marsha Joseph in memory of "Tikey" Joan Lipton. Lyon Wexler, acknowledging Teddy Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell. Lyon Wexler, honouring Denise Chriqui on her birthday.

Lyon Wexler, honouring Jeffrey and Jill Levine on their daughter Jordana's marriage to Ross.

Lyon Wexler, honouring Archie Richmond on his grandson's Bar Mitzvah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Rabbi Adam and Debra Cutler a Shanah Tovah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Rabbi Baruch & Josette Frydman-Kohl a Shanah Tovah. Lyon Wexler, wishing Lorne Hanick a Shanah Tovah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Moshe and Denise Chriqui a Shanah Tovah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Helen Glazer a Shanah Toyah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing **Dr. Daniel and Anya Schachter and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Rabbi Shalom Schachter and Marcia Gilbert a Shanah Toyah.

Howard (Hy) Cooper Trust Fund

David, Carol, Ari, Marissa and Yonit Grossman, acknowledging the family of the late **David Matyas** in his memory.

Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal, honouring **Dr. and Mrs. Ryan Shure** on the birth of their son **Noah Robert**.

Hersh and Cheryl Rosenthal, honouring Cantor and Mrs. Ben Silverberg on their marriage.

Israel Sydney & Pearl Wolfe Memorial Fund

Caryl and Bernie Schwartz and family, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Pearl Wolfe.

Jonathan Kahn Memorial Fund

Norman and Jackie Kahn and family, honouring Sharon and Robert Cherniak on the birth of their grandson Ronen Simcha. Norman and Jackie Kahn and family, honouring Brian Heller and Dr. Beverly Kupfert on the marriage of their son Daniel.

Norman and Jackie Kahn and family, honouring Mitch and Anne Max on the birth of their grandson Charley Solomon.

Jules Surdin Yom Hashoah Candle Fund

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Elaine and Joel Abrams and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Abraham and Susan Born and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing **Gary and Gail Brown** and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing **Howard and Sheila Einstoss** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Alex and Patty Guttman and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing David and Eva Hoffman and family a Shanah Toyah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Robbie and Katy Krofchick and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing **Sharon and Alan Lerman and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Ralph and Enid Orvitz and family a Shanah Tovah.

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Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Arnie and Barb Rabin and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing **Howard and Elaine Risen and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Arthur and Fern Shapero and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Francine Sherkin and Charles Wagman and Jerod a Shanah Tovah. Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Oron and Janis Sternhill and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Elaine Spears and family a Shanah Tovah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Cathy Surdin and Lawrence Schiff and Brooke a Shanah Toyah.

Gayle and Mort Eisenberg and family, wishing Morris and Heather Tushinshi and family a Shanah Tovah.

Cathy Surdin, Lawrence and Brooke Schiff, acknowledging **Arthur Sanders** in memory of **Judy Lester**.

Jules and Pearl Surdin Memorial Fund

Howard and Sheila Einstoss, acknowledging the White Family in memory of Murray White.

Kosher Food Bank

Donald Carr and Judy Feld Carr, acknowledging the Perlmutter Family in memory of Howard J. Perlmutter.

Honey and Jack Carr, wishing Dorothy Tessis and family a Shanah Tovah. Moshe and Denise Chriqui, wishing

Ab and Phyllis Flatt a Shanah Tovah.
Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Dr. Arnold

and Shoshana Ages and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Beatrice Barzilai a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Marlene and Howard Black and Adam and Aaron a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Moshe and Denise Chriqui a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Rabbi Adam, Debra and Jacob Gershon Reuben Cutler a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Cantor Sidney Ezer a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing **Rabbi Benjamin and Lola Friedberg** a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Rabbi Baruch and Josette Frydman-Kohl and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing **Zina Glassman** a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Lorne Hanick a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Norman and Jackie Kahn and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Carolyn and Eliot Kolers and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing **Dr. Ronald** and **Anna** Lee **Landsberg** a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Lynn Levy a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing **Dena Libman** a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing **Dr. Clifford and Judy Librach and family** a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Rabbi Harvey and Cheryl Meirovich and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Avital Narvey and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Patti and Sheldon Rotman and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Marilyn and Bill Sklar a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Debbie and Randy Spiegel and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Cantor Simon and Aliza Spiro and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Rabbi Roy and Loretta Tanenbaum and family a Shanah Tovah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Blake Teichman and Sharon Yale and family a Shanah Toyah.

Ab and Phyllis Flatt, wishing Esther Westelman a Shanah Tovah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing the Ezer Family a Shanah Tovah.

Library Books

Phyllis and Rene Lindzon, wishing **Ab** and Phyllis Flatt a Shanah Tovah.

Phyllis and Rene Lindzon, wishing Susan and Paul Lindzon a Shanah Tovah.

Little Minyan Fund

Gary and Jan Elman, acknowledging Ted Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell. The Gropper Family, acknowledging Ted Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell. Nava Jakubovicz, acknowledging Teddy Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell. Mark and Judy Libman, acknowledging Ted Zittell in memory of Ruth Rosalind Zittell.

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Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library Fund

Sharon & Michael Pupko, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Sarah Greenspan.

Men's Club Scholarships

Art and Carole Andrews, honouring Sandy Cohen on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Art and Carole Andrews, honouring **Harold Margles** on being named *Ḥattan Torah*.

Music Fund

Moshe and Denise Chriqui, wishing Cantor Simon and Aliza Spiro and family a Shanah Tovah.

Bob and Sandy Cohen, acknowledging Shelley Kumer in memory of Madelyn Gold.

Bob and Sandy Cohen, honouring **Harold Margles** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

Gail and Senator Irving Gerstein, honouring **Sandy Cohen** on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

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Roger and Rose Goldstein and family, acknowledging the family of the late Carol Epstein in her memory.

Hon. Jack and Sandi Grossman, wishing Bob and Sandy Cohen a Shanah Tovah. Hon. Jack and Sandi Grossman, wishing Cantor Simon and Aliza Spiro and family a Shanah Tovah.

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Carole and Michael Ogus and family, honouring **Barry Phillips** on his birthday. The Rosenberg Family, honouring **Cantor Simon Spiro**.

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Rosette Rutman, Stephen and Tamara Abrams, honouring **Harold Margles** on being named *Hattan Torah*.

Thelma and Saul Shulman, honouring Sandy Cohen on being named *Kallat Bereisheet*.

Thelma and Saul Shulman, honouring Karen Goldenberg on being named a member of the Order of Canada and being acknowledged by the UJA.

Albert Weinstein, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Harry Weinstein.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Cantor Simon and Aliza Spiro a Shanah Tovah and wishing Talia a *refuah sheleimah*.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Cantor Sidney Ezer a Shanah Tovah.

Lyon Wexler, wishing Cantor Simon and Aliza Spiro a Shanah Tovah.

Harold and Carole Wolfe, honouring Marilyn and Bill Sklar on the birth of their grandson.

Out-of-the-Cold Fund

Rosalee Berlin, acknowledging Marsha Joseph in memory of "Tikey" Joan Lipton.

Honey and Jack Carr, acknowledging Diane Ennis in memory of Edythe Blackstien. Rose Cooper, acknowledging Marsha Joseph in memory of "Tikey" Joan Lipton.

Cindy and Neil Feigelsohn, acknowledging Barbara Firestone in memory of Sheldon Lawrence Firestone.

Barbara Firestone, wishing Susan Margolese a *refuah sheleimah*.

Drs. Sandra and Owen Giddens, honouring Saul Schwartz on his 90th birthday.

Harvey and Carole Kerbel and family, wishing Sen. Jerry S. and Carole Grafstein a Shanah Tovah.

Shirley Krem, acknowledging the Carson Family in memory of Dr. Andrea Kirsh. Ronald Landbserg, commemorating the yahrtzeit of Harry Jolley.

Ellis and Vicci Macmull, acknowledging Ken Shapiro in memory of Louis Shapiro.

Ana Moskovits, commemorating the *yahrtzeiten* of Berta Berger and Arpad Moskovits.

Sherry and Arie Rogenstein and family, wishing Patti and Sheldon Rotman and family a Shanah Tovah.

Patti and Sheldon Rotman and Jodi Rotman, acknowledging Marty Goldhar in memory of Rose Goldhar.

Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, wishing Paula Segal a *refuah sheleimah*. Sheldon and Patti Rotman and family, acknowledging Brian Segal in memory of Shirley.

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Ken, Clare and Noah Shapiro, honouring

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Lyon Wexler, wishing Patti and Sheldon Rotman and family a Shanah Tovah. Lyon Wexler, wishing Max Wexler a Shanah Tovah.

Ted and Bari Zittell, acknowledging Marsha Joseph in memory of "Tikey" Joan Lipton.

Sheila Zeldin Memorial Fund

Dr. John Zeldin, honouring Pearl and Louis Litwin on their granddaughter's marriage.

Victims of Terror Fund

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Youth Initiatives Fund in memory of Adam Kruger

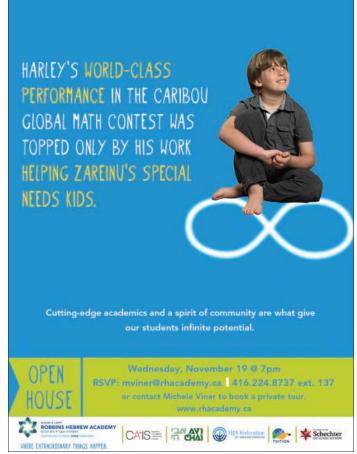
Lyon Wexler, honouring Alan and Lorraine Sandler on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Hannah.

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Make a donation, send a tribute card and include your listing here to honour your friends and loved ones.

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From 10:00 to 11:15 AM

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

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

Morris Diamond Frances (Fanny) Kay
Talila Goldman Samuel Kay
Rose Katz Barbara June Rosenberg

Seat Dedications

A plaque in honour of the following individuals will be installed in the Sanctuary:

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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

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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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